



Crossroads

The Monthly Newsletter of the Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross

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***In Preparation for our Annual Meeting:
Looking at the Budget***

***by Joe Brad,
Treasurer***

As we approach our upcoming annual Parish meeting, we want to give an overview of how we will be managing the Parish's finances. We will present the approach in greater detail at the Meeting. The basic framework comes from our annual budget. The budget will detail all the expenses we intend to incur throughout our fiscal year (March 1 to February 28). The budget represents our spending priorities, and what we are committed to fund. This structure is similar to what we have used in the past, but will provide expense categories in greater detail, allowing for greater transparency. What we are adding to this spending framework is our projected income that will be used to fund the budget categories. The projected income is based on stewardship pledges, regular giving outside of the stewardship pledges, and anticipated fundraising proceeds. This projected income is allocated to the budget categories, funding those categories.

There are several implications to using this approach:

- 1) All income effectively becomes "restricted" by being allocated to the various budget categories. The only way we would have "free income" to spend outside the budget categories, or in excess of a category, is if our giving / fundraising exceeds the total expense of our annual budget.
- 2) If income falls short of the budgeted expenses, it will be allocated to the highest priority categories, leaving lower priority categories unfunded. This means if there is no income allocated, no income will be spent (or reimbursed).
- 3) If the full amount of a budget category has been expended, no further spending will be done in that category.

We are implementing this approach to be better stewards of the income we are entrusted with and to become more focused in how we spend that income. Our budget reflects our priorities: we fund what we value. The budget also forces us to make sometimes difficult choices between various good options —sometimes a “no” is needed in one area to give a “yes” in another.

We realize this is a new approach, and are available to answer questions or concerns.

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“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”

Benjamin Franklin

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS:

Saturday, February 1: Community Luncheon — 9 AM

Sunday, February 9: St. Helena’s Guild Meeting, following the Liturgy

Saturday, February 15: Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 16: Parish Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 20: Parish Council Meeting—7:00

Friday, February 21: Family Fun Night / Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, February 22: Annual Memorial Divine Liturgy – 9 AM. (Fr. John maintains a list, please send me any additional names: email is a good way).

SOUPER SUNDAY — FEBRUARY 2: We’ll be collecting cans of soup and deposit them in a box in the Social Hall beginning on Sunday January 12 and ending with a special “Soup Sunday” on February 2. Your generous donations will go to the Community Luncheon Program and St. Vincent de Paul.

WOMAN2WOMAN: **Monday, February 3:** Monthly Meeting at Diana Pasca’s home (7:00-9:00 PM) /

Tuesday, February 18: Ladies’ Luncheon at La Femmina (Medford)

PARISH FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER: Saturday, February 15

Bring your family and friends—all are welcome!

By popular demand, there will be seatings at **4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Great Vespers will be at 3 PM).**

Dinner includes Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Iced Tea/Coffee

Cost: \$10 per person;

\$ 5 for children under 5 and seniors over 65.

Tickets will be on sale today through February 9 only, in the church hall (see Josh or Aidan Brad), or by e-mailing jessicasiragusa@hotmail.com.

Sponsored by our Across the Ages Committee and OCHC Teen Youth Group, all proceeds will benefit our youth group activities. (If you can’t attend, donations will be graciously accepted.) Transportation will be available for any seniors who need it.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23 – PRE-LENTEN LUNCHEON. As usual, our parish will supply the main food items and there will be a sign-up sheet for salads, casseroles, desserts, etc.

CPR CERTIFICATION: An introduction to CPR was offered recently, but our Parish Council would like to encourage community members to be officially trained and certified. Anyone interested should see Fr. John, Phyllis, or Diana Bisinger.

AMAZON SMILE:

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to our parish. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile smile.amazon.com, search for and select "Church of the Holy Cross." (link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3505878>) The selection will be remembered, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

COFFEE HOUR:

February 2: Genie Skuby / **February 9:** Ellie Kuzma / **February 16:** Marie Clifton
February 23: Pre-Lenten Luncheon

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CHURCH CALENDAR:

MARCH

Sunday, March 1:	Forgiveness Sunday
Monday, March 2:	Beginning of Great Lent
Sunday, March 8:	Sunday of Orthodoxy: Inreach/Outreach Meeting
Monday, March 9:	W2W Meeting at Diana Bisinger's home (7:00-9:00 PM)
Sunday, March 15:	St. Gregory Palamas
Wednesday, March 18:	Ladies' Luncheon at Franco's (Marlton)
Sunday, March 22:	Sunday of the Cross
Wednesday, March 25:	Annunciation
Friday, March 27:	Youth Group (?)
Saturday, March 28:	Visit of Archbishop Michael / Sunday, March 29: St. John Climacus / Visit of Archbishop Michael / probably Deanery Vespers



CROSSWALKS

The Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross Youth Ministry Newsletter
February 2020

Youth Group Bowling Night

OCHC youth had a great time bowling together Friday evening Jan 17



On Sunday, January 19, the **Temple Jazz Band** (which includes **Banks Sapnar** on trumpet) won the Jack Rudin Jazz Championship at Lincoln Center. The competition featured ten of the best college jazz bands in the country.

Here's Winton Marsalis at the Championship, sharing thoughts about jazz and answering student questions. Fr John has emailed a link to watch the video. At minute 43:00, Banks asks him about how to deal with and overcome performance anxiety and the anxieties which come with being a musician — his answer is valuable for all of us!

Friday, February 14 -- **Preparation for Teen/Seniors Spaghetti Dinner** 12:00 pm.
Setting up tables and decorating.

Saturday, February 15 -- **Joint Teen/Seniors Spaghetti Dinner** 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm. This event combines our Across the Ages Committee and the teens from our Youth Group. It's intention is to get out seniors out for a wonderful dinner and some social time. Our teens will be responsible for set up, cooking, serving and clean up! All proceeds from the event go to our Youth Group.

Friday, February 21 -- **Family Fun Night** All are welcome to join us for a fun night of games, food and treats! Not just for families. Anyone is welcome!

Friday, March 27 — **Youth Group Night**



Community Service Opportunities

Monthly Community Luncheon with Diana Pasca to help prepare food for a shelter in Mt. Holly, NJ. They are usually about 2 hours on a Saturday morning. All dates are listed in Crossroads on the church calendar.
(eligible for community service hours)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Community Luncheon — 9 AM Great Vespers — 5
2 DIVINE LITURGY – 10:00 Souper Sunday	3 W2W Meeting at the home of Diana Pasca (7:00-9:00 PM)	4	5	6	7	8 Great Vespers: 5
9 DIVINE LITURGY—10:00 St. Helena’s Guild Meeting Inreach/Outreach Meeting	10	11 Fr. John at Clergy Peer Group session in Salem, MA (Feb 11-13)	12	13	14	15 Great Vespers: 3 Spaghetti Dinner: Seatings at 4:00 and 6:00
16 DIVINE LITURGY -- 10:00 Parish Annual Meeting	17	18 Ladies’ Luncheon: Woman2Woman at La Femmina (Medford)	19	20 Parish Council Meeting — 7 PM	21 Family Fun Night (Everyone is Welcome!)	22 Memorial Liturgy – 9 AM Great Vespers: 5
23 DIVINE LITURGY –10:00 Pre-Lenten Luncheon	24	25	26	27	28	29 Great Vespers: 5

