



Faith and Light for All Generations

This pandemic has brought hardship to each of us. As Orthodox Christians, it is our priority to keep our parish alive. We want to continue to experience and share the mercy, forgiveness, and blessing of God. Church is an expression of God's love for us, it is our source of FAITH and LIGHT, holiness and power. Our Parish is our Treasure.

Current Situation

We are blessed with parishioners who continue to express their love, faith, and support for church through maintaining their stewardship commitment. Even so, we are still facing a deep impact due to the cancellation of our festival and reduction in our "other income" normally received through weekly in-church offerings, general donations, and small fundraisers.

Current health and safety regulations have restricted our ability to gather fully in church or host our traditional fund-raising events. We must adapt and take a different path to continue to provide ministry and support to one another, our parish, our community, and our Metropolis.

Careful effort has and will continue to be made to minimize costs where possible. Expenses have been cut in several areas and every step is being taken to spend as little as necessary to keep the church open.

Even with being very conscientious, the current projections indicate our General Fund will be exhausted by late October, early November.



Stewardship Impact

We are projected to cover about 45% of our operating expenses through stewardship, which is consistent with recent years.



Festival Impact

30% of our operating expenses are covered by our parish festival, which we have cancelled.



"Other Income" Impact

25% of our operating expenses are covered by weekly in-church offerings, general donations and smaller fundraisers, which are all coming in below normal.

Our Plan

We are embarking on an income generating plan to sustain our **FAITH and LIGHT for All Generations**. It focuses on 3 distinct elements that complement one another and will be anchored by a comprehensive communication approach.

FAITH AND LIGHT for All Generations



EIDL LOAN**

** If Approved

Our Goal

OUR GOAL = ~~\$125,000~~ **\$116,900**

Raised through **Donations & Pandemic Safe Fundraising**

\$100,000 festival income loss + \$25,000 "other income" loss (offset by savings)

Progress Targets

\$75,000 by December 1st

Remaining \$50,000 by May 1st



We have set a goal of raising **\$125,000** to bridge our gap and support our parish until next fall, when we are hoping to again host our annual festival.

We will focus on donations and pandemic-friendly fundraising to reach this goal. Additionally, stewardship will continue to be a foundational focus. Should we see growth in this area in 2021, we will adjust our campaign goal accordingly.

Our campaign efforts are getting underway with the aim of raising \$75,000 by December and an additional \$50,000 by May to buoy us through the summer.

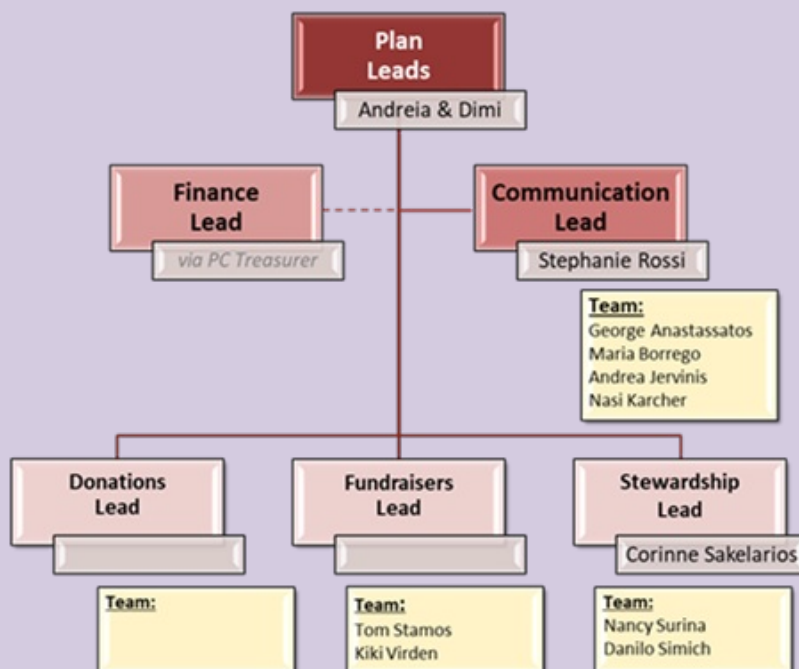
We are happy to share that by word of mouth through the Parish Council, over \$8,000 of loving donations already has been given. **This leaves us with \$116,900 left to raise.**

We are strongest when we are working together in unity!

We are putting together a team to support our campaign! Andreia Pop and Dimi Sakelarios are partnering to lead our overall effort. We are grateful for the parishioners who have already volunteered to get involved, however more help is needed as indicated in the chart below.

Please join our team by reaching out to Andreia, Dimi or the church office. All offers of time and talent are appreciated, no matter how big or small.

"For the body is not one member, but many." (1 Corinthians 12:14)



What's Next

- **Information Sharing** – A “Town Hall” Zoom call will be held on Wednesday, Sept 9th at 7p.m. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to learn more about our plan and approach, as well as ask questions and share ideas.
- **Special Parish Assembly Meeting** – This will be held in the coming weeks (date TBD) to discuss and approve a safety net option the Parish Council would like to pursue. This includes capitalizing on the advantageous loan opportunities being offered by the government and encouraged by the Metropolis.
- **Regular Progress Updates** – We will be sharing progress updates monthly to keep you informed of progress we are making towards our goal and upcoming activities.

How You Can Help

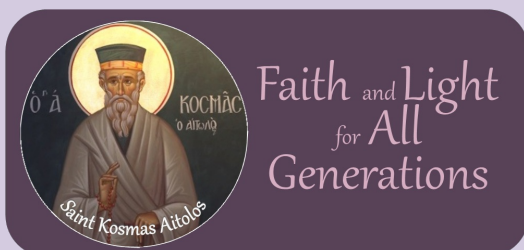
Get Involved

- Join us by supporting and becoming active in this wonderful ministry of light to our community!
- Please reach out to Andreia, Dimi or the Church office to get involved.

Donate

- Our Online Giving Portal has been updated to accept donations towards our goal. (link below)
- Check donations can be mailed or dropped off with the church office. Please be sure to write “Faith & Light” in the memo so we can attribute to our campaign and goal.
- If you are interested in donating stock, bonds, etc. please contact the church office for assistance.

Our Patron Saint Kosmas of Aitolos



Saint Kosmas Aitolos will guide as the Patron Saint for our Faith and Light campaign. Saint Kosmas received a patriarchal blessing to travel wherever needed to breathe life back into Christianity. He founded over 200 schools and numerous charities and established rural churches. When Saint Kosmas arrived to a

village, he would plant a large wooden cross in the village square, then he would mount a bench near the cross and preach to the people about the love of God and the Orthodox faith.

“Let us therefore (also) have love for God and for our brethren and then God will come and gladden us, and plant in our hearts eternal life. We then shall live well here on earth and we will go to Paradise to rejoice forever”.

Our Parish is Our Treasure

Recognizing the challenges brought on by the pandemic, it is our priority to keep our parish alive. We want to continue to experience and share the mercy, forgiveness, and blessing of God.

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“Put your hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Do good, be rich in good deeds, and be generous and willing to share. In this way you will lay up treasure for yourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age and take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6: 17-19).

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Text for Services



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