

Faith and Light Update February 2021

The all-praised and valorous one among the New Martyrs, and the God-inspired root of Aitolia, let us hymn Kosmas, crying out with one voice: Through your intercessions before the Compassionate One, guide the works of those who honor you.

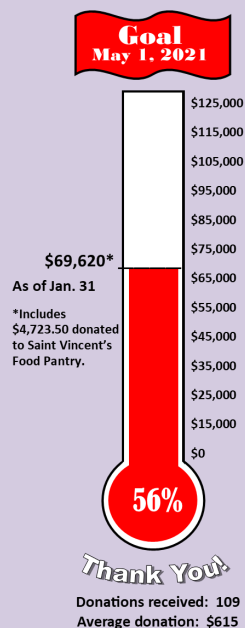
Faith and Light Fund Progress

Our Faith and Light Continues to Flourish and Shine!

The continuous sharing of love and support for our parish is inspiring. Over \$12,000 was raised in January, moving us past the halfway point to our goal! This support and generosity allow us to keep our attention, resources, and energy focused on worship, ministries, and our purpose as Orthodox Christians.

Did you know...

- Our parish has remained open for services without interruption since our initial shut down.
- A new live-streaming ministry has been created to extend worship services to those unable to join us in church.
- The Stewardship Team has been piloting an outreach program aimed at strengthening our connectivity and support of one another.
- Bible Study has been restarted virtually with great participation! Meetings are weekly on Thursdays at 11 a.m. All are welcome. Contact the church office to receive the Zoom information.

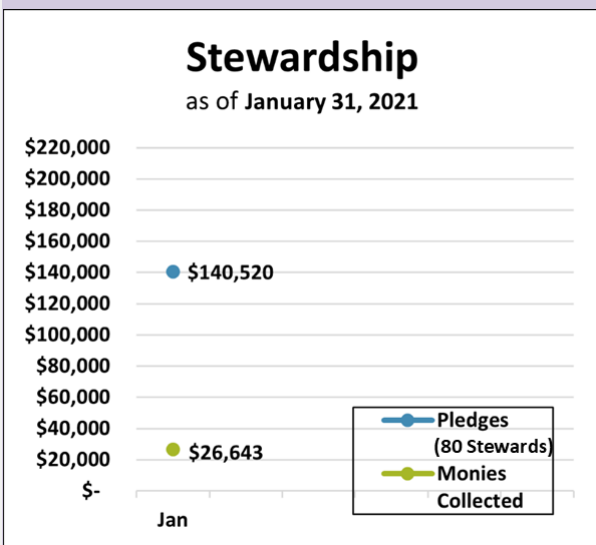


- The Fall Orthodoxy Class originally scheduled to end in November will continue through to the start of Lent at the request of participants. Sessions are weekly on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.. Contact the church office for more information.
- Our donation to Saint Vincent's Food Pantry made a direct impact in the life of a family with 3 children. (See Headlines and Highlight section to learn more).

These are just a few of the many ways our Faith and Light shows its beams of love, strength, and capacity to endure, even during this unprecedented time. This is a time when faith, worship and bringing people closer to God is needed most.

Stewardship 2021

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)



"...the greatest of these is love."

Our stewardship commitments for 2021 continue to reflect the abundance of love within our parish. These are beautiful expressions of faith and love in your offering of time, talent, and treasure to our parish.



Fundraising Committee

Initial planning is underway for a **golf tournament** later this year and optimism grows that we are close to a time when **food-to-go** events can become a reality!

The Fundraising Committee is exploring new, creative, pandemic-friendly activities. If you have an idea, please share it...or better yet, join the team to see how you can help.

The committee currently has a specific need for 1 to 2 strong organizers to assist in bringing our food-to-go aspirations to life. To learn more about this opportunity to lend your talent and help our parish, please contact the church office or speak to Dimi after church.

To put these ideas into action we will need the support of many!

Headlines and Happenings

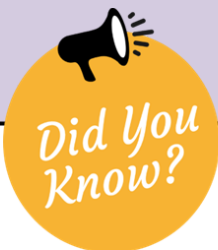
- **SAVE THE DATE for the Saint Anthony Golf Tournament!** Our second annual golf tournament will take place on Monday, June 7 at Hidden Valley Country Club. A big THANK YOU to Kiki Virden who will be chairing this event again this year. Mark your calendars and look for upcoming details.
- **2021 Stewardship Campaign Continues!** With much love, faith, and light, let's share gratitude for our 2021 stewards, and ask those who haven't yet had a chance, to prayerfully consider making a 2021 commitment. Useful stewardship links can be found below.
- **Making a Difference in Our Community.** Our parish received a touching thank-you letter from Saint Vincent's (Catholic Charities) for the Faith and Light holiday donation. The generosity of our parish had a direct impact on the life of a family with 3 children. To read the letter click on this link:

<https://www.bulletinbuilder.org/system/pdfs/CCThankYou-0.pdf?1613264849>

Please join us at Divine Liturgy!

Learn more about signing up for Sunday services by clicking on this link:

<http://www.saintanthonyreno.org/how-to-sign-up-for-sunday-services/>



We have been informed that The Cares Act allows individuals to write off up to \$300 of charitable donations on their 2020 federal income tax return, even though they take a standard deduction. The Economic Aid Act passed in late December, allows for this write-off in 2021 as well. (Please contact your tax professional to confirm this information and how it may apply to your specific circumstances).

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