

Faith and Light Update August 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.

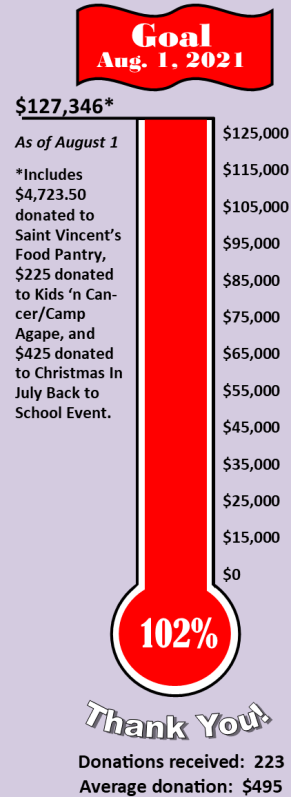
Faith and Light Fund Progress

Glory to God! Our Goal has Been Reached

Thank you to all who have shared their love and generosity in support of our Faith and Light Campaign! Our target goal has been reached! Glory to God for the love and grace that He continues to bestow upon us.

This effort was initiated to keep our Church doors open during an uncertain and challenging time and to prioritize efforts on raising funds to offset losses caused by the pandemic.

With faith and love, our Parish embraced God's plan which included learning through hardship, adapting to the unexpected, and gaining strength from the knowledge "that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28). Thanks to the gifts of many, our parish not only remains faithfully active, but thrives and strengthens our purpose and ministry while holding a strong foundation for the future.

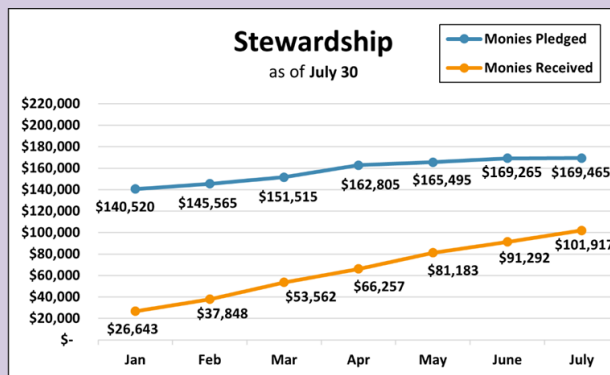


As our campaign draws to a close, the inspiration and obligation we carry as Orthodox Christians to keep our parish flourishing carries on. Let's look at this time of transition with a refreshed spirit and optimism in the legacy of Faith and Light--now and for generations to come.

Please join us Tuesday, August 24 at 9 a.m. for Divine Liturgy celebrating the **Feast Day of Saint Kosmas Aitolos**. As patron of our Faith and Light efforts, Saint Kosmas blessed us with his inspiration and heavenly help. Let us pray that he continues to guide us in our journey forward.

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

Thank you to all who supported the recent **Gyros-To-Go Event!** It was a fun day of fellowship and connection with our community. The earning outcome was positive and the experience will benefit the preparation efforts for our broader Food-To-Go Event next month.

Through the gratuity and love of those who participated in this event, a donation of \$425 was made to the Christmas in July--Back to School Event" which provides local students with backpacks, school supplies, and hygiene items as they prepare to start the new school year.

A special thank you to the **Faith and Light Fundraising Committee**, to those who played a key role in leading individual events, and to all the volunteers who helped make our fundraisers successful by raising a total of \$16,000.

Gyros to Go - Income Report

Event Date 7/31/21

Income

Gross Sales	\$ 3,806.00
Donations	\$ 220.40
Tips	\$ 474.67
Total	\$ 4,501.07

Expenses

Food	\$ 1,405.51
Supplies	\$ 81.30
Rental	\$ 105.40
Ordering Website Fee <i>(one month)</i>	\$ 50.00
Online Transaction Fees	\$ 131.36
Total	\$ 1,773.57

Net Income/Loss: → \$ 2,727.50

Includes \$475 donated to Christmas in July

Putting ideas into action takes the collective efforts of many!

Headlines and Happenings

- **Feast Day of St. Kosmas Aitolos** -- Tuesday, August 24, Orthros at 8 a.m., Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.
- **Donations to Faith and Light are still gratefully accepted.** Our goal has been met, but continued donations will be used to support the operating costs of our parish, allowing us to carry forward our purpose and ministry.
- **Our 2021 Stewardship Campaign continues!** With much love, faith, and light, let's share gratitude for our 2021 stewards. Our Stewardship Committee asks those who haven't yet had a chance, to prayerfully consider making a 2021 commitment. Useful stewardship links can be found below.

- Church is an expression of **GOD'S LOVE** for us – it is our source of **FAITH & LIGHT**
- Our giving is an expression of **GRATITUDE** and is a **SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT** in the age to come
- It is our **PRIVILEGE** and **OBLIGATION** as Orthodox Christians to keep our parish alive and flourishing

**Our Parish
is our
TREASURE!**



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