

# THE LIGHT

*"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." – John 8*

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### **Icon Screen: A Window into the Kingdom March & April newsletter**

With gratitude to God, our Holy Apostles community has now completed the icon screen—the iconostasis—in our church. This moment is not merely the completion of a beautiful work of craftsmanship; it is the completion of a theological statement expressed through sacred art. The iconostasis stands before us as a profound reminder of the mystery of the Church and the meeting of heaven and earth.

In Orthodox worship, the icon screen does not function as a barrier separating the people from the altar. Rather, it reveals the deeper reality of what takes place in the Divine Liturgy. Through the holy icons, the Church reminds us that we worship not alone, but together with the saints, the angels, and the entire communion of believers who stand before the throne of God.

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# Message from Fr. Thomas continued...

The roots of the icon screen reach back into the early centuries of the Church. Over time, the simple altar barrier developed into the full iconostasis we see today. Yet its purpose has always remained the same: to proclaim the mystery of the Incarnation. Because God became man in Jesus Christ, the invisible God can now be depicted and proclaimed through holy images.

At the center of the iconostasis are the Royal Doors, through which the Gospel and the Holy Gifts pass during the Divine Liturgy. These doors remind us that Christ Himself is the door through which we enter the Kingdom of God. On the icon screen we see icons of Christ, the Mother of God, and the saints—those who have become living witnesses to the transforming power of God’s grace.

Each icon teaches us that holiness is not distant or abstract. The saints whose images appear before us were real people who struggled, prayed, repented, and followed Christ. Their presence on the iconostasis invites us to join them in the same path toward the Kingdom.

The icon screen also reminds us that the altar represents heaven itself. During the Divine Liturgy, the curtain and the Royal Doors open and close, revealing the sacred actions that lead us into the mystery of God’s presence. What we glimpse through the iconostasis is a sign that heaven is not far away; it is already present in the worship of the Church.

Now that our icon screen is complete, we are called not only to admire its beauty but to deepen our understanding of what it represents. The iconostasis calls us to prayer, repentance, and communion with Christ. It invites us to see our parish as part of the great and eternal Church that stretches beyond time and space.

May this holy icon screen continue to teach us silently each time we enter the church. May it remind us that in every Divine Liturgy heaven opens before us, and that we are invited to stand among the saints in the presence of the living God.

I am very thankful to all who contributed and labored for the completion of this divine project. It is a testament to the love and dedication of our faithful to our Holy Apostles Church community. May the beauty of the icon screen always inspire and draw the faithful closer to the Lord.

To Him be glory, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Fr. Thomas



# Message from the Parish Council President



Dear Holy Apostles Family,

A blessed Lenten and Pascha season to you all! As we journey through Great Lent toward the joyous Resurrection of our Lord, I am continuously uplifted by the faith and fellowship of our beautiful community here in Chantilly. This is a profound time of reflection and renewal, and I pray this season brings peace and spiritual growth to you and your families.

We are blessed to have so many great church services occurring during the Lenten season. I encourage you to join us for our Wednesday Presanctified Liturgies, Open Confessions, and our Friday Salutations and Akathist services, followed by our wonderful Lenten dinners. We are especially looking forward to the deeply moving services of Holy Week, culminating in our glorious celebration of the Resurrection. Please be sure to join us for our annual Pascha Picnic and Egg Hunt on April 12th –it is always a joyous time to break the fast and celebrate together!

March and April have been bustling with wonderful activities for our youth and young adults. Recently, our Hope & Joy children had an amazing time touring St. Sophia in DC and visiting the National Zoo. Meanwhile, our GOYA teens enjoyed a fantastic get-together, and we had a great turnout for the NOVA & MD YAL Retreat. Looking ahead, we have our Holy Apostles Youth Retreat on April 10th, a GOYA Hike at Beaverdam Reservoir Park on April 19th, and GOYA prosfora baking with Presvytera Elizabeth on April 25th. Additionally, any girls ages 5-18 interested in serving as myrofores on Holy Friday evening should reach out to Marina to participate in this beautiful tradition.

We also have some outstanding accomplishments to celebrate! A massive congratulations to our incredible youth who represented Holy Apostles at the District Level of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival hosted at our parish on March 14th. Marianna Drapas earned 2nd place in the Senior Division, while Ben Joiner took 2nd place and Mark Wenzel took 3rd place in the Junior Division. We are exceedingly proud of your hard work and eloquence! I also want to thank the Festival Chairperson, Ashley Joiner, our judges, and our volunteers, who together put on an incredibly well-run event that will enable our parish to host similar events for the region in the future.

None of these events and ministries would be possible without the tireless efforts of our volunteers. We owe a huge thank you to the Wenzel family for graciously hosting the recent GOYA gathering at their home. Thank you as well to Maria Plevrakis and everyone volunteering on our Coffee Hour Committee, and to Dena Kozanas for her continued dedication as our Sunday School Director. We are also incredibly grateful to all the parishioners who have signed up to bring dishes for our post-service Lenten dinners and those helping organize the Pascha picnic. Your selfless giving is the backbone of our parish!

May the remainder of your Lenten journey be blessed, peaceful, and spiritually fruitful. I look forward to praying alongside you during Holy Week and celebrating the light of Pascha together.  
Kali Anastasi!

In Christ,  
Greg Joiner  
Parish Council President



## Holy Friday Luminary Lights

\$15 per luminary  
Order by Sunday, April 5  
in honor of a loved one

Luminaries will be labeled and placed along the path carrying the Kouvouklion for the Holy Friday evening service.

Order USING THE QR CODE or online at <https://square.link/u/IDStGu8Y>.

Proceeds will support AHEPA's educational initiatives and Holy Apostles.

**Order by Palm Sunday**



## HOLY APOSTLES PASCHA POTLUCK PICNIC AND EGG HUNT

*Join us for a special community event  
with lamb and an egg hunt for the kids*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12  
FOLLOWING THE 11:00AM  
AGAPE VESPERS UNTIL 2:00PM**

RSVP to bring a side dish or make a donation

<https://tinyurl.com/3xvcjjzu>

**EASTER  
EGG HUNT**

Meet at the Church Playground  
after the Agape Service



# Sunday of Orthodoxy: March 1, 2026





**HOLY APOSTLES**  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
**GREEK FESTIVAL**  
GREEKFESTIVALLOUDOUN.ORG

Saturday  
May 16  
11-8

Sunday  
May 17  
12-7

FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC,  
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Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church % 2026 Festival

25350 Poland Rd., Chantilly, VA 20152

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# Stewardship

Happy Spring!

We hope you are having a blessed Lenten Season and enjoying the beautiful services of Lent. We enjoy seeing so many new people every Sunday and seeing how many faithful followers we have every week. What a blessing. We love our new Church home, we use every inch of it on a weekly basis and it is bustling with life daily. We are currently working on our 2026 Stewardship Program and we currently have 79 Stewards which is an amazing number for so early in the year. We thank each and every one of you for your continued support and if you are not a steward... PLEASE sign up to be one today.

If you have not yet pledged for 2026, please either fill out a pledge card at church or just email [Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com](mailto:Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com) with your pledge for this year. Even if you are continuing with the same amount as 2025, we still need a confirmation of that from you for the new year.

As always, thank you for all your generosity!

In your service,  
Ron and Mina Baldinger  
HAGOC Stewardship Chairs



## Holy Apostles YAL (Young Adults League)

The Holy Apostles Young Adults League continues to grow and settle into its rhythm with regular meetings focused on community, discussion, and spiritual development for young adults. In addition to the meetings, several social gatherings have helped strengthen friendships within the group. We have also now been blessed to have St Nectarios as the patron saint for our group.

In Christ,  
Artem Koker



## 2026 PLEDGE CARD

## HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2026 Pledge: \_\_\_\_\_ per month / quarter / semi / year (circle one)

Once this card is submitted, you will receive an email with information on available payment options. Thank you for your support!!

If you would prefer to pledge or donate online, please visit:

<https://www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/donate>

Instead of filling out a pledge card, you can also just email your pledge and information to Ron Baldinger at [Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com](mailto:Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com)

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### A FEW PLEDGE FAQs

- **Does a stewardship pledge make me a Steward in Good Standing?**
  - YES, an annual pledge makes you a Steward in Good Standing
- **What benefits come with being a Steward in Good Standing?**
  - Eligible to vote at General Assemblies – have a voice in decisions
  - Participation in church sacraments
- **Is there a minimum pledge amount?**
  - There is no minimum, however a good guideline is the “3 Penny Rule” ... give 3 cents for each dollar of your take home income
- **Can I change my pledge during the year?**
  - Life brings new challenges and opportunities every day. If you want to decrease/increase your pledge, just let us know, no issue
- **What does my stewardship contribution fund?**
  - Stewardship allows us to have a parish priest and church, and many ministries available to you and all Orthodox Christians



Please print out this form and leave it by the church office, or email it to [Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com](mailto:Ron.Baldinger@gmail.com).

You can also pledge by emailing Ron directly, or go to our website at: [www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/stewardship](http://www.holyapostlesgreekorthodox.org/stewardship)



## PHILOPTOCHOS

On February 7, Philoptochos members gathered at the Bungalow Lakehouse in Sterling for a warm and welcoming evening of fellowship. We enjoyed delicious food, lively conversation, and wonderful camaraderie as we spent time together strengthening our community and friendship.

# **Register Now!**

## **VCC 2026**

**Music**  
**Crafts**  
**Lessons**  
**Games**



**Food**  
**Friendship**  
**Fun!**

### **“STEWARDS OF THE GARDEN”**

**June 22-26**

**9am-12pm**

**PreK-6th Gr.**

**\$100 per camper**

**Questions? Send to**  
**[mnchrist86@gmail.com](mailto:mnchrist86@gmail.com)**



## St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

On March 14th, right here at HAGOC, the District level competition for the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival was held and the participants from our parish did exceptionally well!

- Senior Division (grades 10-12): Marianna Drapas (2nd place)
- Junior Division (grades 7-9): Ben Joiner (2nd place); Mark Wenzel (3rd place)

HAGOC has in years' past excelled in this District competition, and 2026 was no exception! We are exceedingly proud of Marianna, Ben and Mark – and to have such recognition for our parish is truly exciting!

By earning 2nd Place in the Senior Division, Marianna will continue on to the next level of competition - Metropolis. Ben will also continue on to the Metropolis competition, having earned 2nd Place in the Junior Division. The Metropolis competition is scheduled for May 2nd at St. George in Bethesda, Maryland.

Congratulations again to Marianna, Ben and Mark – thank you for being such terrific representatives for our parish! And best wishes to Marianna and Mark at the Metropolis competition!

## GOYA Highlights (ages 13-18)

On February 22, GOYA gathered at Lucky Strike for an evening of friendly competition and fellowship. GOYANs (and some parents) enjoyed cheering each other on, sharing plenty of laughs, and strengthening friendships through a little healthy rivalry.

Alexis Wenzel, GOYA Advisor



# Hope and Joy

Blessed Lent to all. Our Hope/Joy youth group continues to meet monthly for various activities. Several of our Hope/Joy families were able to attend “Winter Family Camp” at Antiochian Village in January. It’s a wonderful weekend spent with family and friends old and new, as a time of rest, spiritual renewal, and recreation. It takes place every year over MLK weekend in January so mark your calendars now to join next year!

In February our children participated in an icon painting event in preparation for the Sunday of Orthodoxy. Each child painted their own glass icon, following step by step instructions. The kids did such an amazing job, their icons turned out beautiful. Thank you to all who participated!

Looking ahead, we have our Good Friday retreat on April 10th beginning at 1:00pm and concluding with the Unnailing Vespers at 3:00pm. The retreat includes lesson time, music, craft and recess. During Vespers, Father will call all the children to join him in helping to take Christ down from the cross. It is a beautiful way for the children to participate in a very special Holy Week service. We encourage all to attend!

Lastly, our Vacation Church Camp (VCC) is fast approaching! Our theme this year is “Stewards of the Garden” and we will be learning about various Orthodox Saints who have a special connection to animals. Camp is always a fun time with lessons, crafts, music, and recess. It takes place June 22-26 from 9am-12pm. Register today!

I pray everyone has a blessed Holy Week and Kalo Pascha.

With love in Christ,  
Marina Zagaris



# Men's Group: St. Andrew's Brotherhood

St. Andrew's Brotherhood continues to meet monthly and remains a strong source of fellowship, accountability, and spiritual encouragement for the men of the parish. The gatherings have continued to build consistency and brotherhood as members reflect on faith, family life, and practical ways to grow spiritually together.

In Christ,  
Artem Koker



# Feeding the Hungry Ministry

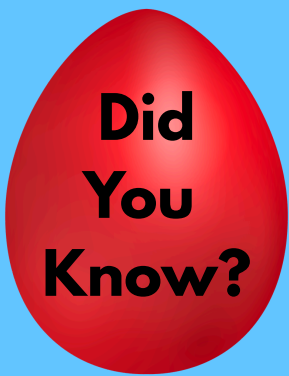


The Feeding the Hungry outreach continues to serve the community faithfully. Volunteers are now regularly serving meals both on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Monday at the shelter helping provide food and support to those in need. The ministry has maintained steady participation and continues to be a meaningful way for parish members to serve others.

In Christ,  
Artem Koker

## GREEK EASTER TRADITIONS: RED EGGS & THE CRACKING GAME

Greek Easter eggs are dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ and the promise of new life through the Resurrection. Traditionally, they are colored on Holy Thursday before Easter Sunday. The game, called tsougrisma, is played by tapping eggs together—each person tries to crack the other's egg without breaking their own, and the last uncracked egg is said to bring good luck.



# Financial Summaries and Building Fund Report

## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Budget vs. Actuals: FY26 Budget - FY26 Profit & Loss January - February 2026

|  | ACTUAL            | BUDGET             | % OF BUDGET   |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                |                   |                    |               |
| 41000 Church Donations                       | 59,567            | 403,000            | 14.78%        |
| 42000 Fundraising Event Revenues             | 2,500             | 106,000            | 2.36%         |
| 43000 Program Service Revenues               | 0                 | 9,500              | 0.00%         |
| 45200 Interest Checking                      | 245               | 500                |               |
| 46000 Facility Rental Revenue                | 18,100            | 108,000            |               |
| <b>Total Income</b>                          | <b>\$80,412</b>   | <b>\$627,000</b>   | <b>12.82%</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                              |                   |                    |               |
| 52000 Fundraising Event Expenses             | 283               | 59,025             | 0.48%         |
| 60000 Payroll                                | 29,477            | 182,750            | 16.13%        |
| 61000 Professional Services                  | 4,381             | 31,000             | 14.13%        |
| 64000 Church/Office Operating Expenses       | 5,252             | 44,900             | 11.70%        |
| 65000 Information Technology                 | 426               | 5,650              | 7.53%         |
| 66000 Occupancy Expenses                     | 67,145            | 458,355            | 14.65%        |
| 67000 Ministry Expenses                      | -1,302            | 11,700             | -11.13%       |
| 68000 Conferences and Meetings               | 191               | 5,000              | 3.83%         |
| 90000 Parish Obligations & Charitable Giving | 6,752             | 23,000             | 29.36%        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                        | <b>\$112,605</b>  | <b>\$821,380</b>   | <b>13.71%</b> |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                            | <b>(\$32,193)</b> | <b>(\$194,380)</b> |               |

### Building Fund Activity

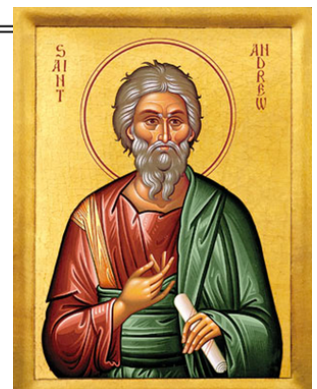
Jan - Feb 26

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                |                 |
| 41000 Church Donations       | 56,562.43       |
| 45100 Interest Building Fund | 3,386           |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | <b>\$59,948</b> |
| Repairs/Move Costs           | 5,837           |
|                              | <b>\$5,837</b>  |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>            | <b>\$54,111</b> |

### Bank Accounts

On  
2/27/26

|                                   |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Operating Accounts                | 486,805            |
| Escrow for Property Building Fund | 63,184             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$1,349,892</b> |
| <b>MORTGAGE BALANCE</b>           | <b>\$4,717,522</b> |



## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church Operating Budget - 2026

| Item No.                |  | 2026 Budget         | 2025 Budget         | As of 10/31/25      | % Change     |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b> |  |                     |                     |                     |              |
|                         | <b>Donations/Offerings</b>                         |                     |                     |                     |              |
| 1                       | Stewardship  | 340,000             | 279,000             | 247,132             | 22%          |
| 2                       | Candles and Trays                                  | 30,000              | 21,000              | 22,806              | 43%          |
| 3                       | Coffee Hour  | 3,000               | 0                   | 0                   |              |
| 4                       | Unspecified Donations                              | 20,000              | 10,000              | 15,025              | 100%         |
| 5                       | Other Donations (eg Memorials, Holidays)           | 10,000              | 12,500              | 5,578               | -20%         |
|                         | <i>Total Operating Revenue</i>                     | <b>\$ 403,000</b>   | <b>\$ 322,500</b>   | <b>\$ 290,341</b>   | <b>25%</b>   |
|                         | <b>Fundraising &amp; Programs Revenue:</b>         |                     |                     |                     |              |
| 6                       | Dinner/Dance                                       | 25,000              | 0                   | 22,950              | 100%         |
| 7                       | Festivals & Food Events                            | 78,000              | 0                   | 0                   | 100%         |
| 8                       | Other Fundraising Efforts (eg Christmas Card)      | 3,000               | 3,000               | 0                   | 0%           |
| 9                       | Daycare rental income                              | 108,000             | 58,500              | 33,000              | 85%          |
| 10                      | Hellenic Programs                                  | 6,500               | 4,500               | 374                 | 44%          |
| 11                      | Other Program Services/Ministries (eg VCC)         | 3,500               | 2,500               | 3,376               | 40%          |
|                         | <i>Total Fundraising &amp; Program Revenue</i>     | <b>\$ 224,000</b>   | <b>\$ 68,500</b>    | <b>\$ 59,700</b>    | <b>227%</b>  |
|                         | <b>Total Budgeted Revenue</b>                      | <b>\$ 627,000</b>   | <b>\$ 391,000</b>   | <b>\$ 350,040</b>   | <b>80%</b>   |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>         |  |                     |                     |                     |              |
|                         | <b>Fundraising:</b>                                |                     |                     |                     |              |
| 12                      | Dinner/Dance                                       | 25,000              | 0                   | 22,193              | 100%         |
| 13                      | Festivals, Food Events & Other                     | 34,025              | 2,000               | 926                 | 100%         |
|                         | <i>Total Fundraising Expense</i>                   | <b>\$ 59,025</b>    | <b>\$ 2,000</b>     | <b>\$ 23,119</b>    | <b>2851%</b> |
|                         | <b>Payroll:</b>                                    |                     |                     |                     |              |
| 14                      | Priest Compensation                                | 151,850             | \$ 138,100          | \$ 111,734          | 10%          |
| 15                      | Greek School Instructors                           | 5,400               | \$ 4,000            | \$ 3,049            | 35%          |
| 16                      | Office Manager                                     | 18,000              | \$ 16,500           | \$ 14,802           | 0%           |
| 17                      | Admin Support                                      | 7,500               | \$ 7,500            | \$ -                | 0%           |
|                         | <i>Total Payroll</i>                               | <b>\$ 182,750</b>   | <b>\$ 166,100</b>   | <b>\$ 129,584</b>   | <b>10%</b>   |
|                         | <b>Operating &amp; Occupancy Expense:</b>          |                     |                     |                     |              |
| 18                      | Facility Lease (Atlantic Blvd)                     | 0                   | \$ 62,500           | \$ 53,281           | -100%        |
| 19                      | Substitute Priest & Altar Assistance               | 3,400               | \$ 3,200            | \$ 2,745            | 0%           |
| 20                      | Payroll Accounting                                 | 3,000               | \$ 3,000            | \$ 2,500            | 0%           |
| 21                      | Cleaning Service/Janitor                           | 19,800              | \$ 13,890           | \$ 10,579           | 43%          |
| 22                      | Facility Manager                                   | 4,800               | \$ 3,800            | \$ 4,000            | 33%          |
| 23                      | Facility Maintenance & Repairs                     | 12,000              | \$ 5,000            | \$ 131              | 140%         |
| 24                      | Church Supplies (eg Candles)                       | 12,000              | \$ 10,000           | \$ 6,505            | 20%          |
| 25                      | Kitchen & Coffee Hour Supplies                     | 8,000               | \$ 2,000            | \$ 796              | 300%         |
| 26                      | Other Admin (Printing, Postage, Bank Service Fees) | 3,850               | \$ 1,950            | \$ 2,612            | 07%          |
| 27                      | Office Supplies                                    | 3,000               | \$ 3,000            | \$ 968              | 0%           |
| 28                      | Phone/Internet                                     | 6,050               | \$ 6,050            | \$ 4,438            | 0%           |
| 29                      | Copier Lease & Maintenance                         | 2,500               | \$ 2,000            | \$ 2,216            | 25%          |
| 30                      | Software Licenses (eg QuickBooks, Email Services)  | 3,150               | \$ 2,650            | \$ 2,690            | 10%          |
| 31                      | Utilities - Electric                               | 12,000              | \$ 7,000            | \$ 9,313            | 71%          |
| 32                      | Utilities - Gas                                    | 4,000               | \$ 2,240            | \$ 435              | 70%          |
| 33                      | Utilities - Water                                  | 3,800               | \$ 2,895            | \$ 1,262            | 41%          |
| 34                      | Storage Services                                   | 0                   | \$ 4,060            | \$ 5,448            | -100%        |
| 35                      | Insurance, Registrations & Permits                 | 12,000              | \$ 11,405           | \$ 7,878            | 5%           |
| 36                      | Trash Services                                     | 2,400               | \$ 1,750            | \$ 1,284            | 37%          |
| 37                      | Landscaping (Includes Snow Removal)                | 5,400               | \$ 4,820            | \$ 7,800            | 12%          |
| 38                      | Safety & Security (Fire, Alarm & Access systems)   | 13,800              | \$ 21,660           | \$ 4,236            | -36%         |
| 39                      | Allowances/Reserve                                 | 12,000              | \$ 5,850            | \$ -                | 105%         |
|                         | <i>Total Occupancy Expense</i>                     | <b>\$ 146,950</b>   | <b>\$ 180,320</b>   | <b>\$ 131,118</b>   | <b>-10%</b>  |
|                         | <b>Program Expense:</b>                            |                     |                     |                     |              |
| 40                      | Program Services (VCC, Education & Hellenic)       | 7,500               | \$ 3,500            | \$ 3,642            | 114%         |
| 41                      | Ministries (Includes Background Investigations)    | 4,200               | \$ 4,200            | \$ 419              | 0%           |
| 42                      | Conferences, Meetings & His Eminence Visits        | 7,500               | 7,250               | 5,043               | 3%           |
| 43                      | Archdiocese Clergy Pension Fund                    | 12,000              | 10,020              | 9,620               | 20%          |
| 44                      | Archdiocese National Ministry Commitment           | 5,000               | 4,550               | 4,457               | 10%          |
| 45                      | Charitable Giving (eg OCMC)                        | 3,500               | 3,500               | 1,180               | 0%           |
|                         | <i>Total Program Expense</i>                       | <b>\$ 39,700</b>    | <b>\$ 33,020</b>    | <b>\$ 24,361</b>    | <b>20%</b>   |
|                         | <b>Other Expense</b>                               |                     |                     |                     |              |
| 46                      | Mortgage (Poland Rd)                               | 392,955             | \$ 264,000          | \$ 175,673          | 40%          |
|                         | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                              | <b>\$ 821,380</b>   | <b>\$ 645,440</b>   | <b>\$ 483,855</b>   | <b>27%</b>   |
|                         | <b>TOTAL PROFIT/LOSS</b>                           | <b>\$ (194,380)</b> | <b>\$ (254,440)</b> | <b>\$ (133,815)</b> |              |

HOLY APOSTLES HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

† Saturday of Lazarus, April 4

- Divine Liturgy 9:30AM

† Palm Sunday, April 5

- Divine Liturgy 9:30AM
- 1st Bridegroom Service 6:00PM

† Holy Monday, April 6

- Presanctified Diving Liturgy 9:30AM
- 2nd Bridegroom Service 6:00PM

† Holy Tuesday, April 7

- Presanctified Divine Liturgy 9:30AM
- 3rd Bridegroom Service (Kassiani Hymn) 6:00PM

† Holy Wednesday, April 8

- Holy Unction 3:00PM
- Orthros of the Mystical Supper (unction offered) 6:00PM

† Holy Thursday, April 9

- Vespers Liturgy of Mystical Supper 9:30AM
- Orthros with 12 Gospels 6:00PM

† Holy Friday, April 10

- Royal Hours 9:30AM
- Vespers Unnailing of the Cross 3:00PM
- Orthros with the Epitaphios (Lamentations) 6:00PM

† Holy Saturday, April 11

- Vespers Liturgy (First Resurrection) 9:30AM
- Resurrection Service 11:30PM

† Holy Pascha, April 12

- Agape Vespers 11:00AM; Pascha Picnic to follow

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**CAMP GOOD SHEPHERD VIRGINIA**



**July 5-11, 2026**

Camp Piankatank

1586 Stammers Bay Rd, Hartfield, VA 23071

Ages: Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade - just graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Registration: \$600 Earlybird until May 31<sup>st</sup>

Regular price: \$650

**Register here!**



[www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd](http://www.nj.goarch.org/camp-good-shepherd)



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

*\*The schedule is subject to change Please check our website for any updates.*

APRIL

MAY

**See the Holy Week Schedule above;  
April 4 (Saturday of Lazarus) - April 12  
(Pascha Agape Vespers & picnic)**

17<sup>th</sup> - Bright Week Liturgy (Orthros 8:30am,  
Divine Liturgy 9:30am)

24<sup>th</sup> - St. Elizabeth (Orthros 8:30am, Divine  
Liturgy 9:30am)

6<sup>th</sup> - Mid-Pentecost (Orthros 8:30am,  
Divine Liturgy 9:30am)

20<sup>th</sup> - Apodosis Pascha

21<sup>st</sup> - Ascension (Orthros 8:30am,  
Divine Liturgy 9:30am)

30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday of Souls (Orthros  
8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am)

31<sup>st</sup> - Pentecost



# STEWARDSHIP



## The Three Pennies Challenge

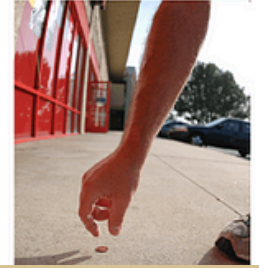
If you were walking down the street and saw 3 pennies on the ground, would you stop to pick them up?

Probably Not!...how much of a difference can 3 pennies make?

Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and find out!

We are asking our families to consider offering at least 3 Pennies out of every 1 dollar of their monthly income to support our Church. You keep 97 cents!...and you give just 3 Pennies to support your Church!

Click on the videos and information provided below to learn more, and take the 3 Pennies Challenge.



### How Do We Give?

Giving our First Fruits to God...not giving left-overs from our disposable income!

Trying to give God 10% back as it says in the Bible (see below)

Begin by trying to give at least 3%

That's just 3 Pennies out of every \$1...and that's the 3 Pennies Challenge!

TABLE OF MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME & PERCENTAGE OF STEWARDSHIP

| Monthly Income | 10%     | 9%      | 8%      | 7%      | 6%    | 5%    | 4%    | 3%    | 2%    | 1%    |
|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| \$1,000        | \$100   | \$90    | \$80    | \$70    | \$60  | \$50  | \$40  | \$30  | \$20  | \$10  |
| \$2,000        | \$200   | \$180   | \$160   | \$140   | \$120 | \$100 | \$80  | \$60  | \$40  | \$20  |
| \$3,000        | \$300   | \$270   | \$240   | \$210   | \$180 | \$150 | \$120 | \$90  | \$60  | \$30  |
| \$4,000        | \$400   | \$360   | \$320   | \$280   | \$240 | \$200 | \$160 | \$120 | \$80  | \$40  |
| \$5,000        | \$500   | \$450   | \$400   | \$350   | \$300 | \$250 | \$200 | \$150 | \$100 | \$50  |
| \$6,000        | \$600   | \$540   | \$480   | \$420   | \$360 | \$300 | \$240 | \$180 | \$120 | \$60  |
| \$6,500        | \$650   | \$585   | \$520   | \$455   | \$390 | \$325 | \$260 | \$195 | \$130 | \$65  |
| \$7,000        | \$700   | \$630   | \$560   | \$490   | \$420 | \$350 | \$280 | \$210 | \$140 | \$70  |
| \$7,500        | \$750   | \$675   | \$600   | \$525   | \$450 | \$375 | \$300 | \$225 | \$150 | \$75  |
| \$8,000        | \$800   | \$720   | \$640   | \$560   | \$480 | \$400 | \$320 | \$240 | \$160 | \$80  |
| \$8,500        | \$850   | \$765   | \$700   | \$595   | \$510 | \$425 | \$340 | \$255 | \$170 | \$85  |
| \$9,000        | \$900   | \$810   | \$720   | \$630   | \$540 | \$450 | \$360 | \$270 | \$180 | \$90  |
| \$9,500        | \$950   | \$855   | \$760   | \$665   | \$570 | \$475 | \$380 | \$285 | \$190 | \$95  |
| \$10,000       | \$1,000 | \$900   | \$800   | \$700   | \$600 | \$500 | \$400 | \$300 | \$200 | \$100 |
| \$11,000       | \$1,100 | \$990   | \$883   | \$770   | \$660 | \$550 | \$440 | \$330 | \$220 | \$110 |
| \$12,000       | \$1,200 | \$1,080 | \$964   | \$840   | \$720 | \$600 | \$480 | \$360 | \$240 | \$120 |
| \$13,000       | \$1,300 | \$1,170 | \$1,044 | \$910   | \$780 | \$650 | \$520 | \$390 | \$260 | \$130 |
| \$14,000       | \$1,400 | \$1,260 | \$1,125 | \$980   | \$840 | \$700 | \$560 | \$420 | \$280 | \$140 |
| \$15,000       | \$1,500 | \$1,350 | \$1,205 | \$1,050 | \$900 | \$750 | \$600 | \$450 | \$300 | \$150 |

### How do I take the challenge?...

- Keep an open mind and think about your role as Christ's steward.
- Don't decide on a random dollar amount and pay a "membership fee" or make an annual "donation" to the Church.
- Take the 3 Pennies Challenge and offer at least 3% of your household income to support your Church.
- If you have already made your pledge...Thank You! But it's still not too late to take the 3 Pennies Challenge!
- Please make your 2021 Stewardship pledge TODAY!

### STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE & PAYMENT

## 2026 Pledged Stewards

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THANK YOU  
TO OUR 2026  
STEWARDS!



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WILL REPAY  
HIM FOR HIS  
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