

PC UPDATE

September 2020

We are six months into the pandemic and three months since re-opening the church with a limited ability to fully worship and gather together, unfortunately. The Parish Council continues to look for ways to better serve the parish community and support the administration of the church.

Here's the latest:

- We will have a basket for collections in the hall for parishioners wanting to donate toward candles, etc. before services. We are not able to provide change.
- We are looking for possible candidates outside of the Parish Council to serve as the Finance Chair for the remainder of the year. The 2021 budget needs to be completed, and the role and expectations of the finance committee need to be established. Interested individuals should contact the church office.
- The Covid 19 Task Force (a new force of members) will look at new ideas for connection and activities for parishioners and our ministries at St. Nicholas, following the pandemic safety guidelines, and will provide recommendations to the Parish Council.
- We received a donation of five air purifiers that will be placed throughout the church to improve the air quality of the space during worship.
- Health walks (with masks and six feet of separation) will resume following Divine Liturgy on Sundays, weather permitting.
- A spanakopita fundraiser will be announced soon! Please be on the lookout.

Treasury

- Received a \$50,000 gift from the estate of Evangelos B. Nichols
- Our numbers overall are positive
- June, July, and August are typically negative
- The negative trend improves from June to August (not considering the \$50,000 gift)
- Stewardship is at 80% of budgeted revenue at 67% of the year complete
- Candles & trays receipts are at 24% of budgeted revenue at 67% of the year complete
- The PPP loan (\$22,000) helps offset candles & trays losses, though not completely
- The \$50,000 gift helps us cover losses in festival income and candles & trays

Stewardship *(see chart below for Aug 31 Goal Statement Summary)*

- Amount Pledged has decreased compared to last year
- Amount Collected is even with last year
- Fewer families participating than last year
- Average pledged and average paid is more than last year which means fewer families are compensating for others.

Goal Statement Summary

	August 31, 2020	August 31, 2019
Goal	\$198,000	\$180,000
Amount Pledged	\$173,682	\$179,666
Amount Paid	\$149,688	\$149,273
Number of families pledged	167	177
Number of families contributing	158	164
Average pledged / family pledging	\$1,046	\$1021
Average paid / family contributing	\$947	\$910
Percentage pledged toward goal	88%	100%
Percentage paid toward goal	76%	83%
Median	\$550-600	\$500-750

August Stewardship

