



SAINT ATHANASIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΟΣ ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΑΘΑΝΑΣΙΟΥ

REV. PROTOPRESBYTER ANARGYROS STAVROPOULOS
ΙΕΡΑΤΙΚΟΣ ΠΡΟΕΣΤΑΜΕΝΟΣ

February 11, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

We hope this letter finds everyone in good health and rising spirits. Thank you for being an active and faithful steward of our church community. Our parish of St. Athanasios is honored that you bless the church with your generosity. By giving to our church you are showing that our church has a meaningful place in your heart.

Even with the challenging events taken place in 2020 concerning the pandemic which has caused an enormous reduction in our fundraising income, St. Athanasios was able to fulfill all of its operating expenses.

We applied for the Payroll Protection Program loan under the Cares Act and successfully were forgiven the amount provided to us. This amount totaled \$41,052. In addition, we also applied and received other State & Municipal Emergency assistance grants totaling \$15,350. In October of 2020, we also applied for an exclusive COVID-19 aid payment offered by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America to various churches and St. Athanasios received \$5,000. Although these funds helped the church budget, one type of the monthly expense payments to the Archdiocese has fallen behind. We presently owe \$30,354 which is comprised of 6 payments.

In order to satisfy this amount owed, we are respectfully requesting each Family of Stewards to send a payment of \$100 each. There are 315 paid Stewards as of the end of last year who provided a stewardship pledge. If everyone only forwards this special gift, we will be able to satisfy this obligation.

You can send a check to the church office or use the church's website via PayPal. Please note on the check or on PayPal "Special Gift".

We cannot accomplish this without your support. Whether you give to the church on a regular basis, or just attend on occasion, we're asking you to consider contributing to this undertaking prayerfully. It is something we need our entire church community's help with.

Even if you can not make the anticipated gift, know that every little bit helps. It is more about coming together as a community united behind a common cause. We hope that you will consider making a donation towards this great step forward that we are making together.

Sincerely,

Rev. Protopresbyter Anargyros Stavropoulos
Ieratikos Proestamenos.

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