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# All Saints

## Russian Orthodox Church

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## General Assembly

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:25 PM with the singing of Oh Heavenly King.  
42 adults were in attendance.

Vladyka NIKOLAI welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. The agenda and financial report for January- June 2024 was distributed.

Father Dimitri gave a presentation with pictures and the history of our church, how it started and grew. Two years ago, the parish was able to support one more priest Hieromonk Felipe, who came for one year to help Vladyka. Now Father Dimitri is here permanently to assist. Our clergy has grown. We have ordained our own Deacon Thomas and have a good choir.

Father Dimitri stated that the parish has grown substantially and indeed the chapel is becoming very crowded. This year we have had 11 baptisms, 2 weddings and a few funerals, and many catechumens.  
Church attendance: 95 families on a regular basis, 660 people receive our emails.

Goal: Full time priest: Father Dimitri has his large family and working in three businesses to support them. He needs to be a full-time priest. The church would be open every day, more services will be provided, and more people can come searching for the Orthodox faith. Also, more classes for church school and home schooling in future.

Goal: new choir director on stipend. We are looking for a professional choir director with experience and skills in musical education.

Goals: new Temple: We have a rendering for the new church and land for the building. Now we need to find sponsors for this project.

Finances: We receive enough money to pay for the mortgage, utilities and other church expenses without any major fundraising. But we need to improve our giving if we are to meet these goals.  
We need more people to tithe (giving 10%) on a regular basis. Remember the expenses are constant so giving needs to be constant. Various ways to make payments: cash, checks, Zelle, PayPal, automatic electronic payments, food, wine, oil, etc.

Vladyka talked about stewardship with examples from Holy Scriptures and his own experience in tithing since this was presented by his priest when he was a youngster and mowed lawns in the summer and shoveled snow in the winter. He believes this has blessed him throughout his life.

**To give God back from what He gives us. First fruits, gratitude to God.**



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General discussion: We need to support our parish with more offering with time and money. Parishioners discussed how to tithe: Zelle (with no fees) is better than PayPal or Square. EFT, electronic funds transfer from your bank to church bank account. One suggestion to give \$100.00 per month per adult as a start.

Discussion about internet store – bookstore online. The idea was discussed but is very complicated and we aren't in a position to do this right now. It was suggested putting one item from the bookstore in the monthly newsletter.

Goal for Annual meeting: to put figures together for a full-time priest. The parish council will monitor this and present this for discussion and decision at the annual meeting in January or February.

Meeting closed at 1:35 PM  
Singing of It is Truly Meet  
And blessing from Vladyka