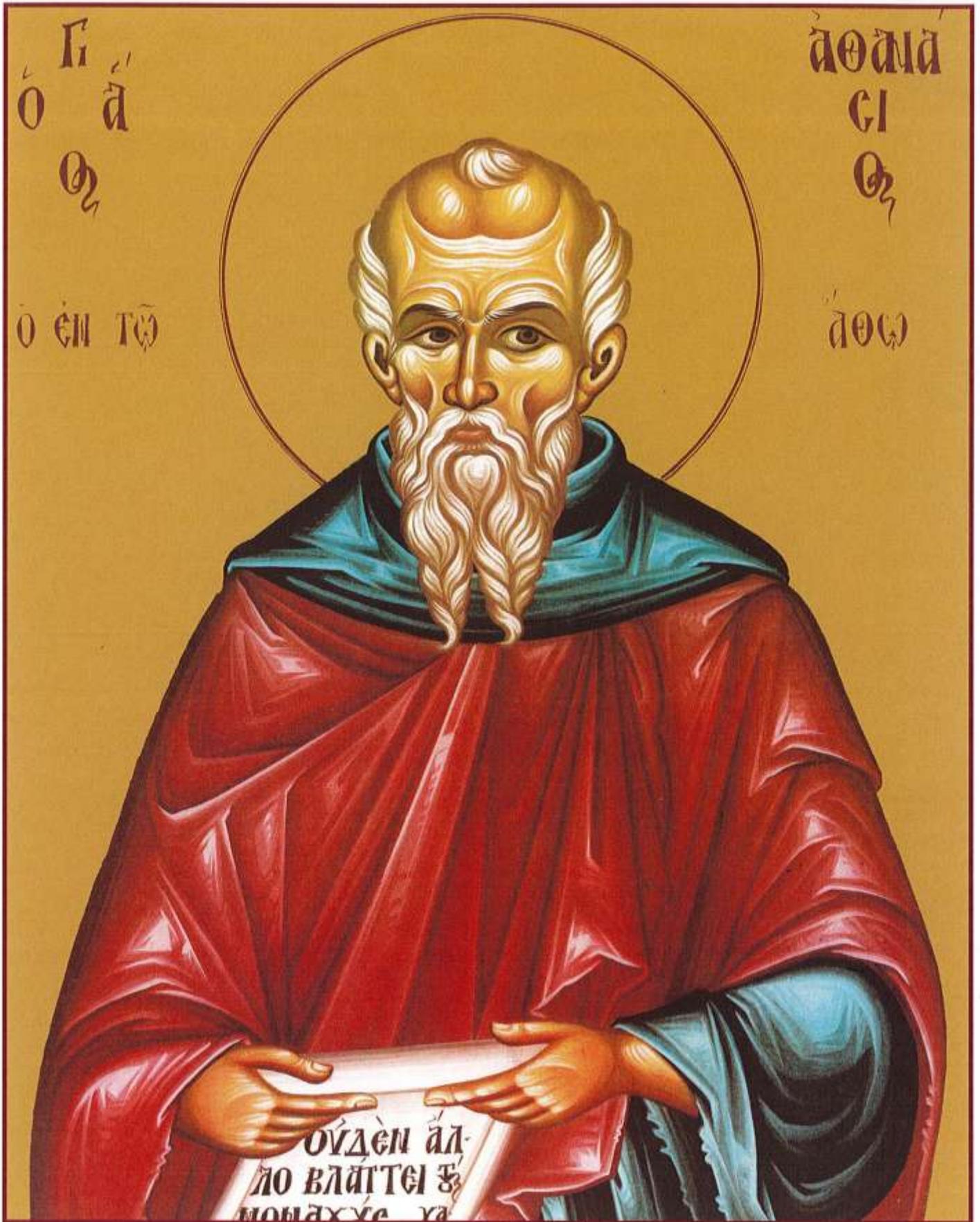


Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral



July 8, 2018



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Metropolis of Boston

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Saint Spyridon Cathedral in Worcester, Massachusetts. We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today. It is our hope that your visit here will bring you many blessings from God. Our Church Family worships the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and every Sunday, the Lord's Day, we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our mission is to live the Holy Gospel in accordance with the Orthodox Faith; towards sanctification through God's grace in worship, the Divine Liturgy and the Sacraments: glorifying God through all joys and struggles; and as a Church Community, in Christian love, we seek to do His will so that through His mercy, we may attain His Kingdom. We are blessed to have the slippers of St. Spyridon, which are located in a reliquary at the front-left of the Church; please be sure to venerate them. Also, please be reminded that one must be an Orthodox Christian in order to receive Holy Communion. Be sure to tell us if you are visiting or if you are new to our community. If you would like more information about embracing the Orthodox Faith, please see Father Dimitrios or Father Nicholas after the Divine Liturgy concludes. We pray you have a blessed day and that you visit with us again soon.

July 8, 2018 - 6th Sunday of Matthew

8 Ιουλίου, 2018 - ΣΤ' Κυριακή του Ματθαίου

MEMORIALS

Dennis "Nisi" Dionis - 40 days

Olga Kentros - 40 days

John Langas - 40 days

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUMMER HOURS:

Orthros 8:15am

Divine Liturgy 9:30am

SAINTS OF THE DAY

Prokopios the Great Martyr

Theophilos the Athonite

ΑΓΙΟΙ ΤΗΣ ΗΜΕΡΑΣ

Μεγαλομάρτυρος Προκόπιος

Θεόφιλος ὁ Ἀγιορείτης

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers are donated in loving memory of Olga Kentros by her family.

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Orthros 8:30am

Divine Liturgy 9:30am

HAPPY NAMEDAY

Prokopios

Euphemia the Great Martyr

Wednesday, July 11th

Εισοδικά

Απολυτίκιον

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Του Αγίου Προκοπίου

Ο Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τό στέφος εκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, ἔχων γάρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθείλεν, ἐθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση, αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἱκεσίαις Χριστέ, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Για τα Μνυμόσηνα

Μνήσθητι Κύριε ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτων, συγχώρησον, οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστάσι δούναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Του Αγίου Σπυρίδωνος

Τῆς Συνόδου τῆς πρώτης ἀνεδείχθης ὑπέρμαχος, καὶ θαυματουργὸς Θεοφόρε, Σπυρίδων Πατὴρ ἡμῶν, διό νεκρά σὺ ἐν τάφῳ προσφωνεῖς, καὶ ὄφιν εἰς χρυσοῦν μετέβαλες, καὶ ἐν τῷ μέλπειν τὰς ἀγίας σου εὐχὰς, Ἀγγέλους ἐσκες συλλειτουργοῦντας σοὶ ἱερώτατε, Δόξα τῷ σε δοξάσαντι, δόξα τῷ σε στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ἐνεργοῦντι διὰ σου πάσιν ἰάματα.

Κοντάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοὶ. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Entrance Hymns

Apolvtikion

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him that with the Father and the Spirit is co-beginningless God, Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; for He was pleased to mount the Cross in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

Saint Prokopios

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

For the Memorials

Keep Your servants in remembrance, O Lord, since You are good; and forgive every sin in this life; for no man is without sin, except for You Who are able to grant rest unto them who have departed from us.

Saint Spyridon

At the First Synod you were manifest as a champion, and a wonder-worker, our God-bearing Father Spyridon. Wherefore, you spoke to one dead in the tomb, and a serpent you changed into gold. And while chanting your sacred services, you had angels celebrating with you, O most holy one. Glory to Him who glorified you! Glory to Him who crowned you! Glory to Him who through you works healings for everyone.

Kontakion

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering: reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate: as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ
διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὁσῖος.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 12:6-14

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν, κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως· εἴτε διακονίαν, ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων, ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν, ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς, ἐν ἀπλότητι· ὁ προϊστάμενος, ἐν σπουδῇ· ὁ ἐλεῶν, ἐν ἰλαρότητι. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. Ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρόν, κολλώμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ. Τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι· τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι· τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί· τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες· τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες· τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες· τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες· τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες· ταῖς χρείαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες· τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας ὑμᾶς· εὐλογεῖτε, καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

THE EPISTLE

*You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.
Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man
has failed.*

Epistle to the Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:1-8

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδὸν προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδού τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γάρ ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σου αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας - τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἐγερθεὶς ἄρον σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Gospel According to Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

FASTING / ΝΗΣΤΕΙΑ

Standard fasting guidelines: abstain from all meat and dairy products on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Announcements

HOLY TRINITY NURSING HOME

REHAB AT HOLY TRINITY: A story of Courage and Persistence. Read how **Nijazi Sadiku** endured the loss of both of his feet, and with the help of the Holy Trinity Rehab team learned to walk again. Go to: <https://www.htnr.net/a-profile-in-courage-and-persistenc> to view a TV3 news report, and read the whole story. **DIVINE LITURGY** is celebrated every Wednesday morning at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome. Come and spend some time with the residents; they would really appreciate it!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our 20th Annual Golf Tournament planning is in full swing! The event will be held at Pleasant Valley Country Club on Monday, August 27th. Please mention this great event to anyone you know who may participate in or sponsor our tournament.

PROJECT MEXICO

Fr Dimitri and a team of our parishioners are in Mexico right now, building a home for a family in need. Please keep the team in your prayers as they carry out this mission work and truly live the Gospel in words and actions.

CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS

This past week our Archdiocese held the Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress in Boston to discuss the state of the Archdiocese and look ahead to any improvements. There were many meetings, educational workshops, and lots of time for fellowship among clergy, Philoptochos, and lay-parish leaders. Many of our parishioners were present along with Fr Dimitri for the 5-day event.



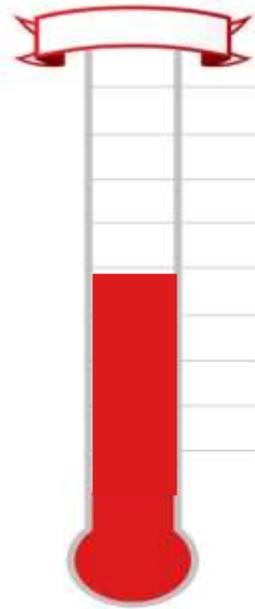


ST. SPYRIDON GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL BURN THE MORTGAGE CAMPAIGN

Family Center Renovation

Burn the Mortgage Committee

- Rev. Dr. Dimitrios Moraitis, *Dean*
 Demetrios Moschos, *Chairman*
 Georgia Parafestas, *Parish Council President & Co-Chair*
 Dr. Matthew Panagiotou, *Co-Chair*
 Janice Dionis
 Michael Dionis
 George Fotiades
 George Gourousis
 Celeste Moschos
 Nicholas Paleologos



\$1,450,000
Our goal

\$512,915.00
Pledged

\$311,341.00
Received

Thank You!

Burn the Mortgage Contribution Chart

3 Year Pledge Amount	Annually	Monthly
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$416
\$3,000	\$1,000	\$83
\$1,000	\$333	\$28

Total Cost of Family Center Renovation \$4,100,000
Total raised by our community during first fund drive \$2,650,000
Remaining Loan Balance to be paid \$937,075

**It's not too late to donate to the Burn the Mortgage Campaign!
 The Angel Board construction honoring those who have
 contributed to these efforts is in process and will be in
 place during Summer 2018!**

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK

Mount Athos has long been looked upon as a religious center of Orthodox monasticism. This spiritual beacon's light has shone brightly now for more than 1,000 years. Yet, its unlikely founder was not a dynamic bishop or patriarch, but rather a simple, humble monk best known for his meekness: ATHANASIOS THE ATHONITE.

Athanasios was born in Trebizond, and was left an orphan at an early age. He was adopted by a high-ranking army officer, who took him to live in Constantinople. Upon completion of his schooling, Athanasios was tonsured a monk and set off to live on Mt. Kyminas in Bithynia. Soon Athanasios desired to live a life of more severe asceticism, so he moved to Mt. Athos, which was nothing more than a rugged, desolate region at the time. Others, however, were also attracted to this secluded area, and Athanasios embarked upon the task of building a monastery. He was able to convince the Emperor Nikephoros to finance his efforts. The magnificent Holy Lavra, a classic example of Byzantine architecture, was dedicated to the Holy Virgin in 963 A.D. It would be the first of some 20 monasteries that would be constructed on the Holy Mountain. At its peak, it is said that about 50,000 monks lived there, spending their lives in prayer.

The life of Athanasios came to an untimely end in 1003 A.D. While inspecting the construction of his beloved monastery, a wall collapsed, killing the saintly monk in the process. Athanasios was buried "in" the monastery that was so important to him. From this humble monastic came wonderful works. Can we find it within ourselves to do the same?

The Orthodox Weekly Bulletin Vestal, Cliffwood, New Jersey Litho in U.S.A.

2018 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

WEEK	2018 TOTAL	PLEDGES RECEIVED	AVERAGE \$ PER PLEDGE	*GOAL STEWARDSHIP BUDGET
27	\$ 168,161.10	404	\$416	\$310,000.00

*Goal amount includes the 2018 Stewardship Budget Receipts of \$310,000.00.

Funds reflect all monies received in 2018.

We suggest you budget your Stewardship contribution as you would your monthly home expenses. Our Cathedral must meet the financial needs of its ministries and annual operating budget by way of our Christian Stewardship Program. It is everyone's responsibility to accept this honor and support our role as a Contributing Steward. Please pledge the Required Stewardship Contribution now, if you have not done so.

May God continue to bless the work of your hands.