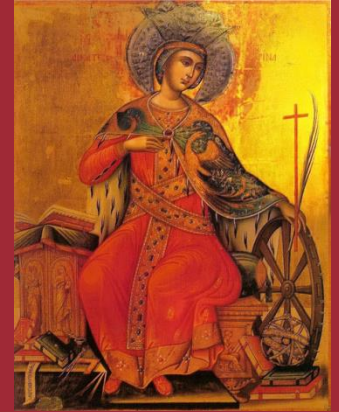


St. Katherine of Alexandria Orthodox Mission



Annual General Meeting

January 29, 2017

Agenda



- Opening Prayer
- Credentials (census, roll call)
- Approval of 2016 AGM minutes
- Rector's Report
- Internal Audit Report
- Treasurer's Report
- 2017 Fundraising Drive

- Ministry Summary Reports
 - Liturgical Music Ministry
 - Sisterhood
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 - Evangelism Ministry
 - Education Ministry
 - Outreach Ministry
 - Monastery Ministry
 - Land-Property Building Ministry
 - Social/Fellowship Ministry
 - Facilities Ministry
- New Opportunities to Serve
- Q&A
- Closing Prayer & Adjournment



Rector's Report



Internal Audit Report



St. Katherine Orthodox Church

Carlsbad, CA

Sunday January 29, 2017



2017 Annual financial Report

- Year Ending 2016 Results
- Year Ending 2017 Budget

2016 Fundraising Accomplishments



- The parish reached our 2016 fundraising goal of \$100,000! Thanks be to God!
- We had almost 100% parish participation – which is outstanding! Thank you to everyone for your giving.

-We also started indirect fundraising initiatives: Scrips & Amazon Smile. Donate while you shop, for groceries and online. Please ask Khan for more details.

2017 Fundraising Goals



- We are announcing a new **\$75K** matching grant for 2017 with the goal of raising a total of **\$150K** by Nativity 2017.
- This will give us a total of **\$250K** by the end of the year to put toward our own church building!*
- While our goal is 50% higher than last year, we have more than double the time to reach it.
- We already have \$5K pledged against our 2017 goal, which means we've already raised \$10K of \$150K in the first month.



Liturgical Music Ministry



- Choir sings between 135 and 140 services per year.
- 2016 marked by growth in choir personnel from 13 to 19 members.
- Plans, Needs and Challenges for 2017:
 - More men's voices (tenors and basses) needed
 - Assistant and substitute directors need to be trained
 - More consistent participation in all services (not just Sunday Liturgies)
 - Installation of reflective panels above choir area to improve acoustics
 - Search continues for Children's Choir director

Sisterhood Report



Spiritual growth and development:

- Participation in the Liturgical and Sacramental life of St. Katherine's
- Reading group meetings – met four times

Service - hospitality and care:

- Sunday Agape meals (*trapeza*) – all sisters (M. Elizabeth)
- Mid-week Holidays, after Liturgy meals – all sisters (Vicki)
- Parish Holiday, St. Katherine day, celebratory meal – all sisters (Katerina, Irina)
- Archbishop Benjamin visit, Mission's five year anniversary, reception and celebration – all sisters, with Brotherhood
- Series of *Kulich* cooking classes – Elena Borowski
- Meals delivery to new mothers – all sisters
- Organizing post-Baptism receptions – all sisters
- Church adornment (flowers, vestment change) – with Brotherhood
- Church cleaning – with Brotherhood (and more volunteers are needed!)

Brotherhood Report



The St. Katherine Brethren did some stuff

- 3 reading & discussion groups
- Establishment of church opener/closer teams for services
- Made a new sign for the church! (it was all Vlad)
- Brewed some beer (it was all Ken)
- BBQ'd a lot of meat (it was all Chris: a toast to the chef!)
- Ran Holy Myrrh-bearers coffee-hour successfully
- Parish beautification: narthex construction (it's not done yet)
- Altar storage expanded and liturgical supplies acquired
- Expanded shelving for bookstore & parish library
- Began development of parish security & safety plan
- Noticed, discussed, & expressed approval of new wall in Fr. A's office
- Realized how far behind the Sisterhood we are....in everything.

Evangelism Ministry



Vision: Present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the surrounding community

2016 Goals

- ✓ Bi-monthly meeting with non-Orthodox Groups
- ✓ Quarterly high profile lecture series
- ✓ Distribute church information to local organizations (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes, breweries)
- ✓ Provide literature for both Orthodox and non-Orthodox visitors
- ✓ Provide lunch to immediate neighbors (i.e., businesses in this complex)
- ✓ Equip parishioner with tools to spread the Gospel to people we know
- ✓ Invite people to pan-orthodox events (water blessing, walk-for life, St Katherine College)

2016 Accomplishments & Activities

- Constructed an area to display literature for newcomers to our church.
- Advertised and promoted Pan-Orthodox events throughout the year.
- Funded and created an official Church sign, so that our parish is more visible.

2017 Objectives

- Develop and distribute tools to help parishioners spread the Gospel.
- Start a program to distribute lunches to the businesses in our complex once a month.
- Construct materials to distribute to local organizations in San Diego.
- Plan a relevant lecture for each quarter this year.
- Continue to advertise and promote pan-Orthodox events in the San Diego area.
- Participate in the 40 Days for Life event; designate teams to pray outside abortion clinics during March and April.

Ministry Team: Ben Staff, Jason Trieweler, Elizabeth Cuneo, Chris Hetrick, Gaelan Gilbert, Donnie Carmichael, And Vlad Morosan.

Education Ministry



Vision:

To catechize our children in the Faith, learn the witness of the saints, and grow in the knowledge of Christ.

2016 Goals

- ✓ Have speakers come and talk to the community
- ✓ Develop an education youth ministry for both children ages 8-12 and teens
- ✓ Book/reading/study groups for Brotherhood & Sisterhood
- ✓ Sunday school on Sunday mornings
- ✓ Readers' class with Subdeacon Mark

2016 Accomplishments & Activities

- Fr. Andrew's inquirer classes in full swing
- Russian language class emerged!
- Brotherhood & Sisterhood reading groups
- Readers' class continues
- Fr. John Behr visited and gave a lecture
- Sunday school continues
- Litya bread baking lesson from Matushka

2017 Goals

- Continue welcoming visiting speakers: Dr. Wesley Smith may visit and give a lecture on Bioethics
- Continue Brotherhood & Sisterhood reading groups; perhaps pursue a joint-reading group for Lent
- Possible film series for Lent
- Continue Sunday school, Readers' class, and Inquirer's/Catechism class
- Develop teen ministry! And partition Sunday school into two age groups
- Involve more people: please come and talk with Reader Anthony if you have ideas

Ministry Team: Elena Borowski, Donnie Carmichael, Gaelan Gilbert (L), Megan Gilbert, Heather Hetrick, Alla Kisina, Yulia Klimova, Vladimir Morosan, etc.

Outreach Ministry



Vision:

Giving charity service to people who can benefit for the cause of sharing the love of Christ.

2016 Goals

- ✓ Identify other local agencies/churches with an established program and participate
- Serve at Elderly care centers
- ✓ Serve at Homeless shelters
- ✓ Serve Project Mexico

2016 Accomplishments & Activities

- Prepared brown bag lunches for homeless – 10 weeks
- Served meals at 2 shelters
- 2 Project Mexico trips
- St Nicholas Stocking Stuffers at Christmas (in support of the Social/Fellowship ministry)

2017 Goals

- Prepare brown bag lunches for homeless - every 3rd Saturday of the month
- Serve 6 meals at homeless shelters (1x every other month)
- St Nicholas Stocking Stuffer
- 2 Project Mexico Trips
- 1 food and/or clothing drive (Project Mexico , shelter, etc.)

Ministry Team: Jeff Vanderwielen (Lead); Brandon Davies; Jon Tarcon; Terri Tarcon; Gaelan Gilbert

Monastery Ministry



Vision: Visit, stay, work, contact Orthodox monasteries in the US and in Russia for the purposes of deepening spiritual growth.

2016 Goals

- Find and determine monastery in Russia for visit
- Support materially the work and programs of Russian monastery
- Work/retreat trips to monasteries in the US, at least twice a year
- Trial skete in the area for Russian monastics
- Invite speakers from monasteries

2016 Accomplishments & Activities

- Good support for Life-Giving Spring Monastery (fundraising attendance, and visit)
- One brave soul (Brandon) participated in pilgrimage to Russian monasteries, organized by Orthodox tours <http://orthodoxtours.com>
- Two brave souls (Gaelan & Fr Andrew) visited Mt Athos, group pilgrimage
- Annual parish St Paisius Monastery trip
- Connection with St Elizabeth Convent, Minsk

2017 Goals

- Continue maintaining connections with local monasteries
- Expanding opportunities for travel to monasteries abroad

Team: Fr. Andrew (Lead), Jon Tarcon, Brandon Davie, Yulia Klimova, Elizaveta, Irina Kotek, Alla Kisina, Ben Staff

Land-Property-Building Team



Vision Secure beautiful holy space to conduct services, offer hospitality and grow our community

2016

Tasks

What do we need?

What does that take?

What are we capable of?

Fund-raise!

Accomplishments

Created & Ranked Group Task List

Determined Preliminary Target Region

Networked with Other Like-Parishes

Procured Substantial Process Research

Nascent-phase Property Search

2017

Tasks Forward

Develop Property Requirements/Program

Begin Visiting Properties in Earnest

Research City Laws for Target Regions

Make Connections with Target City Gov'ts

Collate and Standardize Like-Parish Research

Network with People in Construction Industry

Cross-Reference Program & L-P Research

Grow Our Working Relationship with Father

Create and Delegate to Sub-Committees

Work with the Fundraising Team

Witness Reader Peter's Marriage to Ellen

Team Elena Borowski, Eileen Byrnes, Father Andrew, Christopher Hetrick, Helen Levenetz, Vlad Morosan, Margaret Nerison, Jeff Vanderwielen, Kevin Wang (L), John Weber

Social/Fellowship Ministry



Vision: To engage and strengthen our church community by facilitating activities for adults and children that enable us to share our everyday lives with each other, as well as with friends and family outside the church.

2016 Goals

- Establish a functioning facilitators committee to support all social events and work with other Ministries
- Create and execute multiple activities within the church environment. (Church social, family game night, picnic, festival, etc.)
- Facilitate and support multiple activities outside the church environment (Beer brewing, Surf camp, cook off, museums, etc.)

2016 Accomplishments & Activities

- Pascha Picnic
- Walk for Life
- St Nicholas Stockings
- Bishops Visit
- Blessing of the Waters @the beach
- St Katherine Feast Day
- The Brew-theren Beer Brewing
- Sisterhood: reading group

2017 Goals

- Pascha Picnic; Walk for Life; St Nicholas Stockings; Bishops Visit; Blessing of the Waters @the beach; St Katherine Feast Day; The Brew-theren Beer Brewing; Sisterhood: reading group; develop a social calendar

Team: Ken Talley (co-lead), Heather Hetrick (co-lead), Irina Koteck, Jon Tarcon, Donnie Carmichael, Vicki Wang, Jayson & Emily Trierweiler, Gaelan Gilbert



Facilities & Maintenance Ministry

New Opportunities to Serve!



- Teen Ministry
- Hospitality
- Greeter





Closing Prayer & Adjournment