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ANNUAL REPORT



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The mission of the Fund for Assistance is to support the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, specifically, the moral-spiritual education of youth, aid to its clergy and distribution of emergency relief to its missions.

PRIEST OLEG YAROVY:
"You gave me hope!"



How your compassion allowed a priest on a religious worker visa to pay for an urgent dental operation



At the end of last year we wrote to you asking to help Priest Oleg Yarovoy (Holy Royal Martyrs Church in Sparks, NV) pay for an urgent dental operation - and you were responded very generously!

Fr. Oleg was able to pay off his debt and wrote a letter thanking all who helped him at a difficult time.

As Fr. Oleg wrote, "It is of no secret that the majority of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia's clergymen are serving our Church for free or for a minute compensation, neither having any medical coverage nor bonuses of a civil employee. This is when the Fund For Assistance and its donors are stepping in with their helping hand in a seemingly hopeless situation."

If it hadn't been for your generosity, Fr. Oleg would have had a very difficult time. May the Lord reward you for your generosity!





GIVING TUESDAY UPDATE - OVERWHELMED BY YOUR GENEROSITY

We were hoping to raise an extra \$5K for our operations. But you didn't rest until we reached \$20K!

On December 2 we participated in our first #GivingTuesday - an online-only giving day. And you blew us away by your generosity!

November of 2014 was very painful for us at the FFA. I do not remember having ever received so many requests for help before. There was a priest on the brink of bankruptcy... a deacon who needed help moving his family across the country... young people who yearned to participate in youth conferences...

We wanted to help. But the sad thing is that we didn't have the money to help them. If we didn't replenish the general fund soon, we would have had to drastically cut our services.

That would have been a serious blow to all those who have come to depend on the FFA as their last resort. This would have hurt the Church even more than it hurt our hearts.

So we decided to hold a special fundraising campaign - so we could continue our work. We approached several extremely generous people we have been blessed to know, and they provided a matching grant. And we participated in the now global #GivingTuesday - a day of generosity, a counterpoint to Black Friday.

We were hoping to collect \$5,000. But that wasn't good enough for you. Thanks to you, we collected \$20,000! Not all of it was for our general fund, but it was an unbelievable success. Thanks to you, we can continue working for our Church. 2015 is brighter because you are there! Thank you.



How You Saved a Priest's family

For a month they feared for the life of their small daughter. When she was saved, they were facing bankruptcy. But then – you helped!

“We are tremendously grateful to all who have contributed to the FFA donors, and can say without a doubt that our lives would be totally different today without your generous support.”

When your child has a life-threatening accident, it's no time for financial considerations. Even if you struggle to make ends meet.

When Fr. Jonah Campbell's 8 year old daughter Ella fell off her bicycle and severely fractured her skull, the family didn't stop to think if they could afford her hospital bills.

For over a month, the whole family: Fr. Jonah, his matushka, and Ella's two brothers were sick with worry over the fate of their little girl.

They placed their hope in God and were confident that He would not ask more of them than they were able to withstand and, indeed, mercifully, He did not.

Thanks to God, there was no damage to the brain and Ella is now more or less back to her old self.

Fr. Jonah is a full-time priest in Wayne, WV. His parish is able to support him, so that he can dedicate all his time to his parishioners and pay his family's bills. Although at the time of the accident the family had

medical insurance through the FFA clergy health insurance fund*, Ella's hospital bills alone would have been too much for the family. Fr. Jonah was considering taking on a second full-time job, just to pay off the enormous debt.

But thanks to donors like you, instead of working to just pay off his debt, Fr. Jonah was able to devote all his time to the parish.

“You saved us from bankruptcy!” he said. “We are tremendously grateful to all who have contributed to the FFA donors, and can say without a doubt that our lives would be totally different today without your generous support.”

Fr. Jonah, his family, and his parishioners are so grateful for your kindness! You have not only saved the Campbell family, you have allowed the parish to have a full-time priest. And you can't put a price on that!

****The FFA clergy health insurance fund was discontinued due to lack of funding.***

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Subdeacon Daniel was not raised Orthodox. He converted as an adult and brought his whole family to the Holy Orthodox Church.

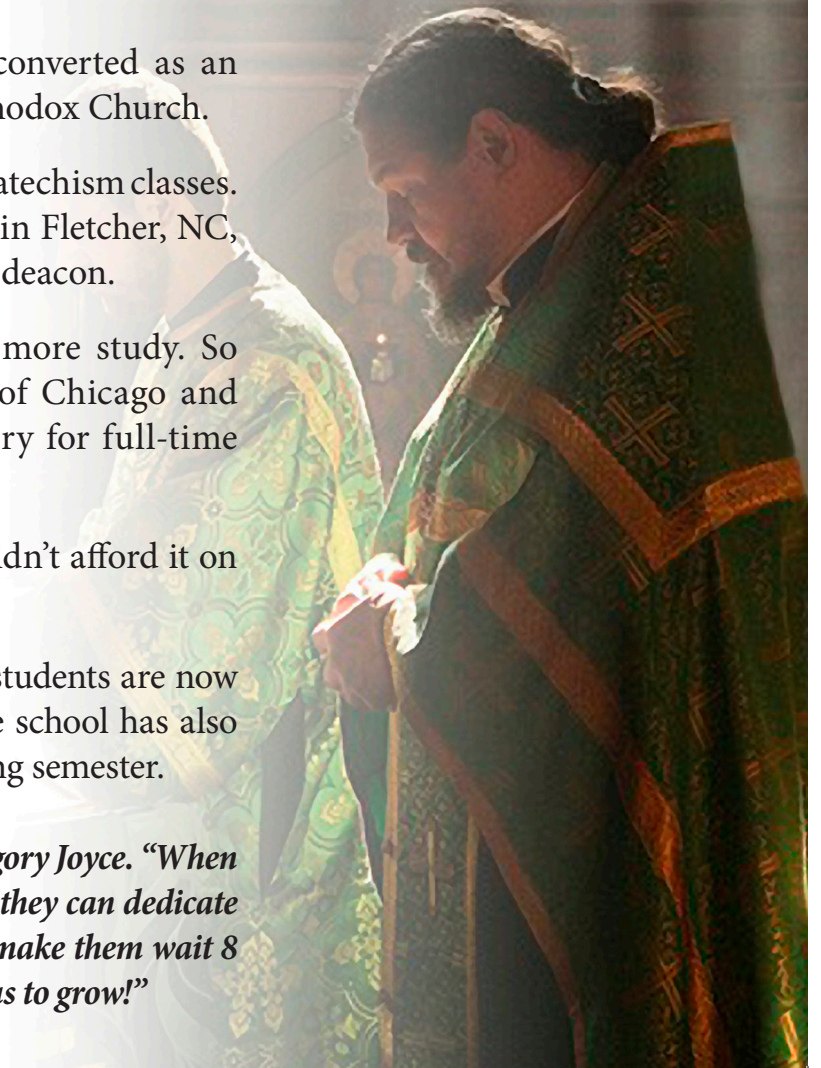
He is dedicated to his parish, tithing, and has taught catechism classes. After he served several years at St Nicholas Church in Fletcher, NC, his priest, Fr Stephen Webb, asked him to serve as a deacon.

Daniel took it to heart. But he knew he needed more study. So he applied to the Pastoral School of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America - the only distance-learning seminary for full-time employed students.

Although tuition is low, Subdeacon Daniel still couldn't afford it on his present salary as an electrician's apprentice.

But thanks to donors like you, he and several other students are now taking classes at the Pastoral School of Chicago. The school has also been able to start accepting new students for the spring semester.

“That was a big leap forward for us,” said Dean Rev. Gregory Joyce. “When someone feels called to take up a long course of study so they can dedicate more of their abilities to the Church, you don’t want to make them wait 8 months for the new school year. Thank you for allowing us to grow!”



2014 Financial Report

REVENUE	
TOTAL INCOME	\$491,416.32
Unrestricted Donations	158,478.41
Appeals - General, Calendar, Pasha, Emergency Relief, Christmas & for the Needy	157,510.92
Individual Donations, Wills & Estates	967.49
Mexican Monastery	69,078.23
Haiti Mission & HOFR Donations	67,431.47
Holy Trinity Monastery	57,596.74
Hermitage of the Holy Cross	51,151.91
Clergy Welfare Fund	31,672.60
Needy in Ukraine	22,052.03
Other Donations - Uganda, Education & Seminaries, Youth Ministry, REM, Costa Rica, Holy Land, Nepal, Pakistan, St. John Parish DC, Pastoral School, Serbian Flood Victims,	33,190.54
Insurance Refund	472.00
IRS Refund	105.00
Foreign Check Exchange	133.06
ADP Wages & Tax Reversal	54.33
BENEVOLENT DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$498,482.71
Benevolent Disbursements	386,704.47
Clergy Welfare Fund	93,012.48
Haiti Mission & HOFR Program	62,374.30
Holy Trinity Monastery	61,500.00
Hermitage of the Holy Cross	52,900.00
Youth Ministry	25,700.00
Mexican Monastery	35,000.00
Costa Rica	21,345.26
Needy in Ukraine	17,000.00
Other Needs - Uganda, St. John Parish DC, St. John Academy, Volunteers in Mission, Synodal Church, REM	17,872.43
Pakistan Mission, Education & Seminaries, Synodal Liturgical Music Commission	
Loans	11,600.00
Fundraising Appeals Expenses	27,677.98
Insurance	3,894.33
Web Site	500.00
Office Expenses	21,742.14
Petty Cash	1,930.38
Wages includes wages, taxes & payroll fees	39,654.45
Foreign check Exchange	91.72
Deposit Error	755.00
Returned Checks	579.00
Bank Fees & Adjustments	3,353.24
2014 INCOME (LOSS)*	\$(7,066.39)

FINANCIAL STATUS	
Income (Loss)*	\$(7,066.39)
Balance from 2013	394,395.59
Stopped Checks	2,807.83
Interest	\$1,433.64
AMOUNT FORWARD TO 1/1/15	\$391,570.67
In Checking Account	\$120,674.71
Money Market Accounts	302,719.99
Outstanding Checks	(31,824.03)
ON DEPOSIT AS OF 12/31/14	\$391,570.67
<i>NOTE: All specifically designasted donarions are given to the designated causes, sometimes done in the next fiscal year.</i>	
<i>*(LOSS) indicates that the funds from the 2013 balance were used.</i>	



Because you bought the parish a car, Fr. Ignacio can drive to the church in only 45 minutes!

None of these projects would have been possible without your help!

Thank you



Costa Rica:
Parish Life blossoms because of you

You bought a car for the priest and allowed the mission to grow in Christ



For over a year Fr. Ignacio Miranda has been travelling to the only Russian Orthodox church in Costa Rica – the Our Lady of Vladimir Church in Coronado - on two buses and a taxi. The trip took two hours each way.

Imagine how difficult it would be to wait at the bus stop in the tropical heat! Especially for a priest, who needs to give all of himself - his whole heart, soul, and energy - serving before God's altar.

After weekends like this, Fr. Ignacio went to his secular job physically exhausted... Who knows how long he could have withstood such a stressful routine. But then - you stepped in!

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, the ROCOR mission in Costa Rica bought the parish an almost new Toyota Yaris.

We have collected over \$20,000 for the mission, which allowed them to get a much better car than they initially hoped for.

According to matushka Elena Aragon, when Fr. Ignacio, saw the car, he couldn't believe anyone would care enough to buy this nice of a car for his use.

"Fr. Ignacio cried when he saw the car," she wrote to the FFA, "And I was crying when I saw his reaction."

For the first time in years the small ROCOR mission in Coronado now has regular Saturday night and weekday services. Fr. Ignacio comes to visit his parishioners during the week. And, thanks to you, his trips home in the new car take only 45 minutes, not 2.5 hours by two buses, as before. Thank you so very much for your incredible generosity! You didn't just give the mission a car. You gave them a vibrant liturgical life and your spiritual and moral support. Priceless!