

November 2016

Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church

Future Vision Plan and Strategic Objectives

Mission of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church - to embrace and faithfully fulfill the Mission of the Orthodox Church in America and the Diocese of the Midwest by giving glory to God through regular participation in the sacraments, a strong prayer life and traditional liturgical worship of the Orthodox Church

Vision - to enrich the Christian life of the faithful through common prayer and ministries of worship, outreach, education, fellowship and stewardship

Worship Vision – to maintain a consistent prayer life and to provide a full liturgical life, rooted in the Orthodox tradition and the moral vision of the Orthodox Church

Objective - to celebrate the Orthodox liturgical cycle as fully as practical

Objective - to live a life of worship and prayer established in the sacramental and liturgical tradition of the Church

Outreach Vision – to minister to the needs of parishioners and the community by meeting their spiritual, personal and physical needs.

Objective – welcome, in the spirit of Christian hospitality, our visitors, neighbors and any seeking God or seeking assistance

Objective – to assist the poor of our Parish and local community

Objective - to visit the shut-ins and infirmed in their homes, hospitals and care communities

Education Vision – to provide the tools and opportunity to learn the Orthodox faith and encourage the faithful through teaching, preaching and study

Objective – to establish both adult (including Catechism classes) and youth programs

Objective– to plan and encourage participation in book study groups, guest lectures and workshops that provide continuing education for the Parish

Fellowship Vision – to promote social interaction and to encourage fellowship among parishioners, other Orthodox churches and the local community

Objective – to encourage each other to a commitment to Christ and His Church through fellowship and ministry

Objective – to include the youth of our Parish in Church service and Parish activities

Stewardship Vision – to be responsible for our Parish resources, both physical and spiritual, through proper planning, management and use of all the resources of our Church and its members.

Objective - to encourage tithe giving and to develop other means to provide funding for the ongoing needs of the Parish and its programs and for the growth of the Orthodox faith in our community

Objective - to encourage all parishioners to contribute their time and talents to the work of the Parish

Objective – to maintain facilities and church property including the Parish Cemetery

Objective – to manage the finances of the Church by providing a balanced budget, providing funds for future needs through the Building Fund, and maintaining an Urgent Needs Fund for emergency use for people in need from within the Parish and its surrounding community

2017 Goals

Worship Goals

1. Establish 1 Holy Unction healing services this year in addition to the one during Lent
2. Establish a schedule for altar servers, readers and attendants (including training for each)

Outreach Goals

1. Maintain and re-communicate shut-in ministry
2. Serve at food bank in our area and FOCUS twice yearly as a parish (1 project/quarter)
3. Establish visitor list and send a note for coming and reconnecting with previous visitors to the Church

Education Goals

1. Continue adult education book studies (one in IL and one in MO) for 2017
2. Promote Vacation Church School next Summer (30 children is goal)
3. Establish Catechumen process

Fellowship Goals

1. Use golf tournament and trivia night as fellowship outreach for church to raise funds for outreach opportunities (min 10% from profits)
2. Revamp picnic to encourage participation and fun
3. Establish 2 joint youth activities (with other Churches) for coming 2016/2017 school year
4. Hold periodic Town Hall meetings on pertinent topics with a pot luck dinner

Stewardship Goals

1. Align budget with goals
2. Replace sidewalk around church and remove flagpole
3. Update service books

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 ANNUAL PARISH LONG TERM INVESTMENTS 1 JAN 16- 31 DEC 16

Overall Long Term Portfolio balances:

Jan 1 2016	\$303,479 Net gain for 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2016: \$30,633 (Overall 9.16% gain) \$18,646 +7.18% gain AXA Advisors \$11,987 + 16.11% gain St Louis Investment Advisors
Dec 31 2016	334,112

The Nativity's Long term Portfolios are managed by two investment advisors.

Father James Mckoul of AXA Advisors, LLC manages approximately 78 percent of the total long term investment portfolio. This portfolio is a well balanced portfolio with domestic and global equities, and income bonds a very good diversified balanced group. Currently, we are invested in six funds and their Year to Date : 1 Jan 2016 - 31 Dec 2016 performances are:

Mutual Fund	APR for 2016
Alliance Bernstein Large Cap Growth A	+4.5 %
Alliance Bernstein Discovery Value A	+26%
Alliance Bernstein Discovery Growth	+7%
Alliance High Income A	+16%
Oppenheimer Funds Global A	+.15%
Oppenheimer Funds Global Strategic Income	+6.5%

Doug Ramey of Saint Louis Investment Advisors manages approximately 22 percent of the total long term investments. This investment are equities in large blue chip paying dividend stocks and global ishares exposure.

Stock Holdings	Asset Percentage:
Abbvie	4.2
Aflac	9.4
Boeing	8.4
Capital One Financial Group	5.9
Caterpillar	6.2
Chevron	7.9
Cisco Systems	4.1
Conoco Phillips	6.7
General Electric	8.5
Halliburton	3.6
Metlife	7.3
Phillips 66	5.8
Principal Financial Group	7.8
The Mosiac Co	2.0
Verizon Communications	7.2
I Shrs Emerging Markets Div Index(DVYE)	1.4
I Shrs Tr/S&P Europe 350 Index Fd(IEV)	1.3

Respectfully submitted,

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Investment Committee

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Investment Committee

Financial Report for Myrrhbearing Women 2016

Cash in Checking 1/1/2016 **13,640.00**

Income

Perogi Sales	5,134.00
Bake Sale	357.50
Bookstore	743.10
Coffee Hour	263.00
Donations	58.00

Total Income **6,555.60**

Expenses

Perogi Supplies	967.33
Church Supplies	369.73
Bookstore	158.89
Charitable Donations	550.00
Dough Machine Motor	309.25
Annual Dinner Lunch	104.20

Total Expenses **2,459.40**

Net Income 2016 **4,096.20**

Checking Balance 1/13/2017 **17,736.20**