



ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

TREASURER'S REPORT
November 1, 2016

Your Eminence +Archbishop MICHAEL, Very Reverend & Reverend Clergy, Matushki, Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

As we approach 2017, we prepare to transition to proportional giving to fund the Diocese. As of January 1, 2016, we transitioned to this method for Diocesan funding of the Central Church. As we implement this transition within our Diocese to a spiritually based approach to stewardship, we may experience some challenges. The Diocesan Council and I are committed to working through all issues with every parish to be sure that a fair and reasonable result is reached. As our Archbishop has often said, strong parishes will strengthen the Diocese and the entire church. Also, we ask for your patience as we respond to the questions and work through the figures of the fifty something parishes and missions in our Diocese. This is a work in progress and we will continue to adjust the process as we learn what works better than not.

We are blessed by the generosity of the voluntary Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors contributions which continue to fund department programs at record levels. We thank all our donors and our dedicated volunteers who make these programs come alive and enrich our faithful.

We ask for your continued help with administrative efficiency by:

1. Submitting expense reimbursement requests with receipts, documentation and approval by your program coordinator or department chair to the Treasurer's Office, PO Box 325, Lake Hiawatha, NJ 07034-0325 or email to MatMaryB@gmail.com.
2. Calling or emailing me or Stephanie Burk stephanieburk@me.com if you are having any issues with your monthly mailings **or if you will be late with your remittance and how long the delay** might continue. **The diocese relies on a remittance from each parish each month.**
3. **Submitting a copy of your parish's annual financial statements to Archbishop Michael with the minutes of your parish annual meeting each year.**

I will respond to specific Diocesan financial questions by email or phone with as much detail as possible. I pray that our parishes will begin to grow as a most important step to help strengthen our Diocese and expand our ministry in the vineyard of New York & New Jersey. And thank you again to Stephanie Burk, the best assistant a treasurer could have.

With love in Christ,

Matushka Mary

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