



ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA
DIOCESE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

TREASURER'S REPORT
November 1, 2017

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

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

As we prepare to close 2017, we look back on a very busy year during which the parishes transitioned to proportional giving to fund the Diocese. Overall, the effort was a success. Treasurers and council members spent much time and energy to understand the charge to tithe and their parish's financial activity more clearly and come not only within the letter of the transition but also within the spirit of the transition. Thank you to the parishes whose tithes are less than the old per capita amounts and are phasing in the reductions over several years. This allowed the parishes whose tithes increased to phase in the increases over a period of years. I tried to respond to all inquiries and requests and I apologize for the delays some experienced. This continues to be a work in progress which we will refine as we learn.

We continue to rely on the generosity of the voluntary Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors contributions which fund department programs at record levels. We thank all our donors and our dedicated volunteers who make these programs possible and worthwhile.

As a reminder, here is contact information for your reference and use:

1. Submit 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. Call me (848) 333-7075 or email me or Stephanie Burk stephanieburk@me.com if you are having any issues with your monthly mailings **or if your tithe will be late, noting how long the delay** might continue. **The diocese relies on a remittance from each parish each month.**
3. **Submit a copy of your parish's annual financial statements to the Diocesan Chancery office with the minutes of your parish annual meeting each year.**

I will continue to answer your questions and address new situations as best as I can. Thank you for your patience. I pray our parishioners will experience joy and love towards each other and a renewed strength and purpose in carrying out Christ's work in vineyard of New York & New Jersey. And thank you especially to Stephanie Burk, who was invaluable during this transition year.

With love in Christ,

Matushka Mary

Matushka Mary Buletza Breton, Diocesan Treasurer