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September Council Highlights

- ✘ August's Operating Income was \$14,564.97, while Operating Expenses were \$19,177.93, resulting in a net operating deficit of **\$4,612.96.**
- ✘ Our parish has conveyed a total of \$50,000 to Ukrainian Relief.
- ✘ FOCA will host Tailgate Party on Sunday, October 30th.



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The Challenge of Change

The tenth chapter of the Book of Acts tells of changes and growth in the early Church.

As people with varied backgrounds joined the Church, those who were already members had to find ways of worshipping in harmony with these newcomers. Sometimes their ideas of what God wanted from them also had to change, as the apostle Peter would learn.



The tenth chapter begins with Peter's vision of a large sheet being lowered by its four corners from heaven. Animals, some considered unclean in Jewish law, are contained in the sheet: "all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air." A voice telling Peter to "kill and eat" is followed by his protest that he has never eaten anything profane or unclean.

But when the voice tells him that he must not call profane anything that God has made clean, Peter begins to realize that his understanding of God's will needs to change. He will soon say, "I truly under-

stand that God shows no partiality." So he preaches the Gospel to the Gentiles, people who were not raised as he was in the Jewish law.

Then comes another attitude-changing event: the Holy Spirit falls upon those listening to Peter. And "the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God." The faithful believers of Jewish background are shown that God's grace is for others as well as themselves.

It isn't an easy fact for them to take in. The first verses of the eleventh chapter of Acts describe the reaction of the apostles and believers in Judea, hearing of the Gentiles' acceptance of God's word. They criticize Peter: "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

The Church would face similar challenges many times again. In the third century, for example, the question arose of what

to do with those who had "lapsed" during the persecutions in the Roman Empire. How were they to be received back into the Church, if they were received at all? Many Christians at that time had lost eyes, limbs and health because they refused to deny their faith. How would they live in harmony with those who had escaped persecution by recanting? So serious was this question that Church leaders devised three categories of the lapsed: those who had actually sacrificed to the pagan gods, those who had offered incense, and those who had purchased certificates stating that they had complied with the Empire's demands. The penances were different for each group.

The present world confronts Orthodox Christians with the challenge to love each person while firmly upholding Church teachings that many persons have abandoned. It is no easy task, and the only way to do it is to cling to the assurance, in John 16:33 that Christ gives us: "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world."

Farewell Wishes for Bishop Daniel



Chuck Ullman, accompanied by his son, goes to receive oil from Fr. David (Bishop Daniel) 2010

Thank you, Your Grace Bishop Daniel, for going above and beyond in your years of service to Saints Peter and Paul parish. We are ever blessed for your kindness and welcome when my daughter and I moved across states and became parishioners. Your insightful sermons inspire joy in knowing "Christ is in our midst".

May God grant you many, many, many years,
Peggy and daughter Theresa Hecht



Bishop Daniel has been a pillar of inspiration for our family. He has deep insight and understanding of our Orthodox Christian faith, and is able to eloquently convey that during his homilies. He will be missed dearly.

Mara and Andy Contes & our children

We are grateful and blessed for having the opportunity to spend so much time with this man of God. He has prayed with us, and for us, in our most difficult times and has celebrated our most joyous times. We are better because of his guidance. Axios, Axios, Axios !!!

Love,
Osolinsky Family

Bishop Daniel,
You've been a great blessing to us, We thank God he sent you to our parish!

Mebrahtu Family

Bishop Daniel made our entire family feel so welcome as new parishioners in the most kind and blessed manner. He took personal interest in our stories while answering our questions making it a very easy decision to become members of Saints Peter and Paul. We will miss him deeply and are so very happy for the Midwest Diocese laity and those Bishop Daniel will serve.

In Christ,
Pat and Narmin Rolston

Bishop Daniel has been an inspiration in the short time since I have joined Sts. Peter and Paul. He is humble and full of compassion, embodying Christ's love in everything that he does. I am very thankful to have known him.

Nick Rolston



Dear Bishop Daniel,

I am so thankful to have served in the Altar with you. I will miss you!

Dylan George Arango

Bishop Daniel,

We are honored to have worshipped with you. We bid you farewell with gratitude for making our family feel so welcome when we arrived in Arizona. You are special to us and will be missed. May the Lord shower His blessings upon you.

Sandra and Robert Hoff



We consider the time spent in the company of Bishop Daniel to be inspiring and always enlightening. He has taught us so much. God's blessings to him in his Chicago adventure! We will miss him greatly.

Larry and Teddi Gardner

Bishop Daniel has helped strengthen our faith considerably. We always find his homilies inspiring. We will miss him and will always hold him in our hearts and prayers.

David & Sue Bieber



At the OCMC Walk with 21 parishioners

I give thanks to God for having His Grace as the shepherd of my family and our parish. To have had my children grow and mature physically and spiritually under his tutelage was invaluable. The Diocese of the Midwest has received a tremendous gift!

Katrina Delsante

Dear Vladyka,
We are very happy for you, but will miss you greatly!

Walter and Tania Booriakin

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Farewell Wishes for Bishop Daniel

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Bishop Daniel's steadfast, thoughtful and humble pastoring has encouraged us, as Anne entered the church in 2013, and we have baptized and raised our two children in the last 9 years. We are deeply grateful for his example of prayerful calm in the midst of a tumultuous world, and his faithful conviction for God's truth. God be with you Bishop Daniel!

Anne & Eli Ferbrache



Sunday of Orthodoxy 2013

Although I was married at Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, I was not Orthodox. I became Orthodox on April 27, 2007 when Father David Brum baptized me along with my three grandsons, Alexander Gala, Julian Melendrez and Samuel Melendrez.

Martha "Marty" Gala

Dear Bishop Daniel,

You have been a great strength to our Faith and our Family during the few years we have lived in Phoenix. Your personal correspondences to us, your sermons and pastoral letters have been an inspiration to us. We look forward to the devotional book we hope you will one day write. Most of all, we will miss you.

The Hix Family



Elizabeth Michel and Fr. David (Bishop Daniel) pinching pierogi. 2012

Bishop Daniel's 16 years here at SPP has been a Blessing of Encouragement, Love and Good Deeds to me. You will be missed but always in my heart.

Elizabeth Michel



We are so thankful for the insights, wisdom, and pastoral care Bishop Daniel has offered our family in this year of being at Sts Peter and Paul. We will miss him very much!

The Arauz Family

Thanks for everything Vladyka. Will miss you much!!

Subdeacon Michael



2017 Blessing of Students and Teachers

Our daughter-in-law Jackie, "Kaylee's mom," was on life support in the ICU, prognosis bleak. We called and Bp. Daniel was there in a flash. With prayers, love, and support he helped our daughter cross over and family to say goodbye! His humble and tender manner will never be forgotten! Chicago and its dioceses are indeed Blessed to have you as their Spiritual Father, You will be missed.

Thoughts and Prayers

Paul, Anna, Nick, & Kaylee



Bishop Daniel was instrumental in guiding me into the Orthodox faith, and for that I am forever grateful.

Payton Choate

Thank you Bishop Daniel for your loving grace towards us newcomers. Yours was the first voice we experienced during Divine Liturgy and your voice will forever resonate in our hearts. We are so grateful for your prayers as we find our way to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. You will remain in our prayers always.

Love,

Sarita, Arthur, JohnHenry and Jagger Rhodes

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Farewell Wishes for Bishop Daniel

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Bishop Daniel helped me convert to Orthodoxy. I met him toward the end of a long journey. I remain deeply encouraged by his gentle nature and kind attitude and feel honored to have met him.
Jeremy Trierweiler

Words cannot express how much your wisdom and patristic guidance have influenced our spiritual lives. The Lord has blessed us richly by your presence, and we know by your continued prayers. You have built a strong foundation in our parish - 2 Peter 3:18 "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever!"

Antonia Adams-Clement



Bishop Daniel thank you for your love and guidance.
John and Judy Bushko

Congratulations and best wishes for your new endeavor in the Midwest. Many blessed years. We'll see you soon.

Pat and Pete



Bishop Daniel has such a warm and welcoming presence. We are so appreciative of his influence and guidance as we entered the Orthodox Church. We will miss him dearly.

Hurd Family



Flashback to 2011

Bishop Daniel, I wish you the best in your new endeavor. I am confident that you will serve the Lord and the church with your greatest dedication. You truly have been an inspiration to all of us at St. Peter and Paul. Again, I pray that God is with you. May God Bless You and Grant You Many Years.

John Blischak

Vladyka, You have brought stability and growth to the parish which we were lacking until your arrival. You will be missed. Wishing you the best. Thank you again.

Andy Evans



FOCA sends "Priest starter Kits" to graduates of St. Herman's Seminary.

Vladyka,

You came at a time of great division in our parish. Under your guidance, we became a thriving, welcoming parish. How ironic that you will be going to Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago, where several of us used to call home. I'm sure Protodeacon Alexis is smiling.

Wishing you much success!

Dave and Stephanie Homyak



Thank you for your love and care of our family. May God bless this new chapter in your life. Eis Polla Eti Dhespota!

Pfeiffer Family



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Dear Your Grace,
Thank you for being the man of God that you are. You live by example. My family and I are blessed to have experienced your love, your support, and your prayers.

We love you,
Rdr. John, Lauren, Hailee, Sophie & Emma Rose



We were blessed to be in catechumenal teaching and Chrismation with (soon to be) Bishop Daniel in late 2014. As we worked our way through the many questions about Orthodoxy and the Divine Liturgy we found Bishop Daniel not only patient and understanding, but genuinely caring and abounding in Christ's love. Bishop Daniel continues to inspire us through his attention to detail in liturgical practice, depth of understanding of world events, and a unique ability to relate the Word of God and patristic wisdom to everyday life in his homilies. We hold Bishop Daniel in highest regard and pray God's blessings in his new office.

May God grant him many many years.

Seraphim and Macrina Matthews



Ok... so I'm supposed to say something nice because Bishop Daniel is leaving? Even though he owes me a commemorative coin? Ok. Well, here goes:

Master Bless,
Bishop Daniel, Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest:

I'm quite sure nobody else is starting off their messages with a long running inside riddle...just attempting to make it memorable. I'll be genuine and sincere in upcoming paragraphs. Besides, what else would you expect from me?

As you know, seven years ago (2015) Teresa and I were on a journey to Alaska. Our Lord and Savior guided us to Phoenix. We were on a nationwide journey but to be honest, we weren't sure what our spiritual journey would be like. Prior to our arrival in Phoenix, my spiritual journey, though never side tracked, lacked the time devotion due to my occupation. The joy of being guided to retirement was that Our Lord had a servant at his disposal and I had no excuse.

People are often guided to something but upon arrival may miss their usefulness. You were the beacon that showed



Flashback: Great and Holy Friday, 2011

the way. I have been around many parish priests and felt that you were always "THE parish priest". Even though you, 7 years ago, you were among the most junior of Bishops you never stopped tending to the flock at Sts. Peter and Paul. You we're not only my beacon, which shown brightly, you also shown that same light to others. Those others were attracted to this light we call Sts. Peter and Paul. Last year I wrote, in this newsletter, that at least 1/3 of the membership attending today has come in/come home in the past couple years. Most Commendable!

On behalf of my family, who started attending in 2016, "Thank-you" for your kindness, patience and thoughtfulness. Through their issues I often felt emotional and questioned, but not for long, these issues. Usually something from a sermon or from our conversation would pop into my head and a sense of sanity would quell those emotions. Prayers, forgiveness, uprightness...tough at times but with your mentoring these tenants helped immensely. Thank-you, again.

Chicago & the Midwest is receiving the best Archbishop in the OCA! Remember that while residing in the "Windy City" in January and it's 75 degrees in Phoenix. I have a snow shovel...if you need one. No, really!

I honestly feel that our parish is not only losing an outstanding "parish priest", but a long term friend, a spiritually guiding force and what so many of us needed, a good man (a shepherd) that was put, by Our Lord, where he was needed. I, for one, am grateful to you for your wisdom.

May God continue to bless you and your family, who will be separated from you. May God grant you many years as the Archbishop (leader of the flock) in Chicago and the Midwest.

Yours in Christ,
Nicholas Bock

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Farewell Wishes for Bishop Daniel

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Celebrating 30th Anniversary
in the Priesthood

My first visit to an Orthodox Church was on June 10, 2007. I returned mid-Sept and told Bishop Daniel (Fr David at the time.) I didn't want him to think I was crazy but I knew I was supposed to become Orthodox. He assured me that no, he would not think I was crazy.

I was Chrismated just before the feast of the Nativity and I cannot imagine any other way to worship God. He has heard my sins (in confession) several times a year for 15 yrs. He has prayed for me (and each of us by name) but most of all he has encouraged me in the middle of illness and ongoing family drama.

Barbara Peterson

I have known His Grace since the very beginning of his ministry for our parish. I would say that we were blessed to have him with us through times of joy and sorrow.

I am grateful to His Grace for the support for the people of Ukraine in their fight against Russian aggression.

Wishing to His Grace full success in his new assignment.

Alexander Dolotov



Dear Bishop Daniel.

You were inspiring with your kind words when you knew they were needed.

Rita Mudrenko



We are so thankful to Vladyka for welcoming us to SS Peter and Paul, as well as for his guidance these last few years. Though we will miss him immensely, we are excited for him as he begins this new chapter serving the faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest, and will keep him in our prayers.

The Zaremba Family



Flashback: Helping to roll out the
dough for nut rolls, 2013.

Around SS Peter & Paul

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 2 Walter & Vera Moschowsky
Brian Hix
4 Christi Sourk
8 Emma Hecht
10 John Adams-Clement
11 Susan Weiss
13 Alexander Gala
15 Eugenia (Gina) Mudrenko
Cassian Contes
17 Rosemarie Osolinsky
21 Svetlana & Arthur Fleenor
25 Olivia Weiss
Brad Christensen
30 Anthony Chilbert

**Many Years!
Mnogaya Leta!**

MEMORY ETERNAL!

With sadness and in hope of the resurrection, we announce that Rose Kurowski, a longtime parishioner at Saints Peter and Paul Church, has fallen asleep in Christ. May the Lord grant her rest with the Saints. May her memory be eternal!

Funeral services are as follows:

Tuesday, October 4 - Panikhida at AL Moore-Grimshaw Funeral Home, 6:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 5 - Funeral Service at Saints Peter and Paul Church, 10:00 am.

Burial at Phoenix Memorial Cemetery, at 11:30 am.



Marie Yevin and Rose Kurowski

PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers to all of our parishioners who are ill or unable to attend services:

*Monya Bock
Pam Bolton
Elizabeth Michel
Walter Booriakin
Elena Kerr
Jamie Arango
Antonia Adams-Clement
Tammy Horton*

The suffering people of Ukraine

May Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician of our souls and bodies, reach out his healing hand and bless these, His servants.

If you know anyone else in need of our prayers, please contact Bishop Daniel.

Bits and Pieces

THE NUT ROLL – AN EASTERN EUROPEAN HOLIDAY TREAT The holidays are full of many traditions, especially ones involving foods. In many Eastern European kitchens the nut roll (a sweet dough rolled out, filled with a nut or other filling mixture and then rolled up into a tube) is a traditional food for Christmas, Pascha, or for entertaining. Each year, the Myrrh Bearers Altar Society takes orders and bakes these rolls as our largest fundraiser. The money raised helps to buy and maintain the altar cloths, altar boy robes, maintain kitchen supplies, and much more throughout the year.

Once again three varieties of rolls will be sold for \$15 each: ground walnut, poppy seed, and apricot. Orders for the rolls will be accepted through October 9 and frozen rolls may be picked-up between November 20 and December 18. Frozen rolls can be shipped to loved ones, gifted as presents, taken to holiday parties/potlucks, or enjoyed year-round with a cup of coffee or tea. Frozen rolls can defrost within a couple of hours, which make them an easy treat to pull from the freezer and share when needed. Order forms are available in the church hall and payment can be provided when ordering or when picking the rolls up. Please note: If you do not order a roll we cannot guarantee one will be available for purchase later.

The Myrrh Bearers are also looking for volunteers (men and women) to help make the nut rolls each Saturday in October. Volunteers can help make the dough, roll out the dough, fill the rolls, roll-up/braid the dough, bake the rolls, or wrap the cooled rolls. If you would like to help, but are worried about experience, don't worry the ladies enjoy teaching new volunteers. Please see Mat. Elizabeth or one of the ladies to learn more about helping to make the nut rolls.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING Next month we will start our drive for donations/child adoptions for our annual Nativity Outreach program. We will again be working with Whittier Elementary school to identify their most needy students. Last year we provided gifts and food store gift cards for 45 students. Can we do better this year? Please be as generous as you have in the past.

David Bieber

FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA (FOCA) meets on the first Sunday of each month following Coffee Hour.

Come join us for the tailgate party on Sunday, October 30th. Be sure to wear your favorite team shirt and join in the fun.

Happy birthday to all celebrating this month.

THE BOOKSTORE has been restocked with prayer books. We sold through our first shipment quickly! It's a beautiful book for yourself or for someone you love. \$22

FROM THE CHURCH TREASURER The last quarter of the year is now upon us. Now is your chance to make sure your 2022 church pledges / donations / contributions are in and accounted for in this year. Please consider the church in your year-end financial planning, especially for tax purposes. Year-to-date donation statements will be available in early December.

If you haven't received a mid-year contributions statement via email, please provide the church office with your email address. With the present day costs going up, the church is looking for ways to better use the valuable contributions that we are blessed with.

THE DEEP CLEANING 'PARTY' on September 10th was a big success. We had 34 parishioners cleaning the church, kitchen, hall, patio, and the grounds. Thanks and blessings you to all who volunteered.

THE CHURCH BOARD has been very internally active in the negotiation process with the Diocese of the West with regard to our newly assigned priest's compensation package. A compensation proposal letter has been sent to our Dean with our documented offer. We are looking forward to welcoming Fr. Mikel Bock and Matushka Lisa to our church family.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS will be collecting donations for Hygiene Kits for homeless veterans.

Each Hygiene Kit will consist of:

- ✕ Full size bar of soap
- ✕ Toothpaste
- ✕ Toothbrush
- ✕ Socks
- ✕ Washcloth
- ✕ Razor
- ✕ Comb
- ✕ Bandages
- ✕ Gallon size Ziploc baggie

Students will be setting out labeled collection boxes in the hall later this month. Once the kits have been assembled, the Hygiene Kits will be delivered to Community Resource Referral Center for Veteran Affairs located near Thomas and 16th Street. Homeless veterans are allowed one Hygiene Kit per month.

FALL READING If you're looking for reading material as you sit and enjoy the cooler evenings, don't forget to visit our parish library. We have about 300 titles in various topics relating to the Orthodox Christian life.

ONLINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

<https://orthodoxpebbles.com/>

Their material is geared toward younger children, ranging in age from Preschool to lower Elementary. Their content includes background information, Bible references, icon explanation, storytelling resources, worksheets, crafts, games and other fun activity ideas.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>We welcome all of our guests and visitors. Please join us in the Cultural Center for coffee and fellowship.</p>						<p>I Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos Pskov-Protection Icon 8:30AM NUT ROLL BAKE 5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>2 Cyprian & Justina 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL FOCA MEETING</p>	3	4	<p>5 Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Moscow</p>	<p>6 Holy Apostle Thomas St. Innocent of Moscow, Apostle to the Americas</p>	7	<p>8 8:30AM NUT ROLL BAKE 5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>9 Holy Apostle James (Jacob) Son of Alphaeus St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL</p>	10	<p>11 6:00pm Council Meeting</p>	12	13	14	<p>15 8:30AM NUT ROLL BAKE 5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>16 Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL</p>	17	<p>18 Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke</p>	<p>19 20 21 Sunday, October 9, 2022 Last day to place orders for nut rolls Order form inside newsletter</p>		<p>22 Memorial (Demetrius) Saturday Kazan Icon NUT ROLL BAKE 4:00pm Panikhida 5:00pm Vespers</p>	
<p>23 Apostle James, Brother of the Lord 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL</p>	24	25	<p>26 Greatmartyr Demetrius</p>	27	<p>28 Repose of Ven. Job of Pochaev</p>	<p>29 8:30AM NUT ROLL BAKE 5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>30 Zenobius and Zenobia 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL TAILGATE PARTY HOSTED BY FOCA</p>	<p>31 Hieromartyr John Kochurov</p>	 <p>Tailgate Party Sunday, October 30, 2022 Wear your favorite team jersey!</p>				<p>5 5:00pm Vespers</p>
<p>6 St. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople 9:00am Divine Liturgy CHURCH SCHOOL FOCA MEETING</p>	7	<p>8 9 10 Sunday, November 6, 2022 Town Hall Meeting with Fr. Mikel During Coffee Hour</p>			11	<p>12 5:00pm Vespers</p>