



GREEK ORTHODOX
METROPOLIS OF
NEW JERSEY

SAINT ANDREW GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Rev. John Theodosion
Pastor

Dear Parishioners of St. Andrew:

We all remain concerned and prayerful for your health and well-being, and during these unprecedented times ask you to please consider your ongoing financial support of our blessed community.

As you are aware the Church has to follow the state and Metropolis recommendations to limit all our Church activities which includes the temporary suspension of Greek and Sunday schools and limits Church participation. This means our Church has never needed your financial assistance more than it does now during this crisis.

Every dollar that is normally collected during Sunday services has been eliminated for the foreseeable future. Our Faith, our Church, our Community needs to meet the challenge ahead of us. Therefore, we pray that you consider sending your Stewardship, and what you would have given at worship services for the collection basket and candles by mail, or by even better by contributing online now. Think of it as lighting a virtual candle. Even if we can't all worship and enjoy being together for the time being, we can still join together for the good of St. Andrew.

To add to the severity of the situation we have been forced to make the difficult decision to cancel our two major fundraisers, the Festival and the Car Raffle, which were scheduled for June. Due to the lead time and the uncertainty as to when we could gather in large groups again, it is not feasible to maintain these two fundraisers. This leaves us with an even larger financial burden, and we are asking you to consider donating to a special "Festival Fund". This is a special campaign looking for 200 families to donate \$1,000 extra. We realize that many are suffering with the economic effects of the Coronavirus and ask that if possible you fulfill your donation between now and June 30. Many Parish Council members have already contributed to this fund to show our commitment to St. Andrew.

This situation is serious and needs to be addressed with love and commitment to ensure the Church continues to be able to meet the needs of our community. We can use PayPal and ONLINE GIVING By WeShare to expedite our support for the Church. **The Church needs a commitment from all of us to fulfill our Stewardship, continue our normal weekly contributions and donate to this special Festival Fund.** The situation with the Coronavirus is very serious and it may get worse. It has the capability to affect many lives right here in our community. Know that you are in our prayers and please let us know if we can help you. Here are the links to give online at this time:

Pay Pal and WeShare are available on our
Saint Andrew Website: <https://www.standrewgonj.org>

God Bless each and every member of this amazing community.

Prayerfully in Christ,

The St. Andrew Parish Council