

## **St. Xenia Sisterhood annual report – 2023** **St. Vladimir's church, Ann Arbor, MI**

### **- Maintenance of the church building –**

Maintaining candle stands:

We have Lena Alvarez leading this effort and doing a good job! Thank you! We have some ladies who are owning stands and helping Lena to keep them clean. But we need more sisters to help. Anything new we need for this?

Sisters saved around \$5000 for church by cleaning the walls instead of repainting them by hired professionals. It was very well done and I am sure we will have to do that more. Good thing now we know how to do this, but we need a lot more hands to do it.

### **- Adornment of the church –**

Gardens: We need to have solid help with this. We have about 6 sisters who are working on them, but we could use more. Thank God we have Lori (Helen) Oesch who was keeping an eye on the outside appearance and open for guiding us.

Indoor holiday beautification: We have sisters who take certain feasts to decorate the icon frame. It works well, but if more sisters want to learn how and help it only would be better. We have our wonderful Kathrine Miller who knows what she is doing for church beautification, and has extensive experience. We could help her more and learn from her.

### **-Visiting sick -**

Marina Edwards and Helen Tkach-Gable are more involved in this, but usually it falls just on Fr. Gregory. What can we do better in this regard?

### **-Education-**

- We have Viktoria Grier who is helping in AAOCA. Thank you! We will need more help starting in the Fall. We need to think of the fundraising ideas for this project.

- We should have more sisters taking classes in Theology School online. It helps us to know more about our Faith and will help to catechize other women. I would love to organize the Catechism classes, but didn't have an ability last year. If anybody would like to help with this, please let me know.

### **-Church School-**

Thank you to Alexandra Pirozhenko for heading it so well. The curriculum is amazing!

We need to involve kids more in the cleaning of the candle stands, icons and teach them church specific maintenance as well. They are the ones who will take care of the church after us.

Matushka Lisa Joyce is hosting groups in her house.

Matushka Katie Bower started to have the Young Mother's Group and Teen Youth Group in her house. Do you need any help with that?

### **-Fundraisers-**

#### **Annual Festival**

We did it!!! We even made not a bad profit! We will need everybody to be on board. Consider vacation planning not around the dates of the festival. We need all hands on deck, because we lost some ladies who helped a lot.

#### **Maslenitsa Ball**

We would like more participation in this, we need a stable group to do this every year.

#### **Bake Sale**

It was the best one yet. Thank you everyone! Any improvements we should talk about?

### **-Charity-**

IOCC try to participate as much as possible. Leading this effort in our parish Euphemia Marsh, please assist her as much as you can.

A2OCA needs our support. We need to work with them to have more fundraising events.

We need to have more participation in the Alpha House project that Addy Lanterman leads.

We are restarting the Zoye for Life and started to work on ideas on how to help our young mothers, who are already blessed with more than one kid. Could we involve more of single Great Grandmothers, who don't have much to do and board at home.

### **-Prosphora Baking-**

We had a wonderful retreat/lesson for Prosphora bakers. We needed to unite in our process of making them. Thank you to everyone who participated and hopefully we will start to have more people to bake them.

### **-Having FUN- NO CHANGE!!!**

How can we do it? It was hard to get together. But when we had a sauerkraut making party we sure had a nice time. We can start a group who can sew or knit. We need to have more gatherings together. I want to start having cooking classes as well.

We want to have a Retreat. What should we do? How can we actually do it?!

### **Election of Sisterhood Officers**

#### Positions:

1. Head Sister - Leta (Xenia) Nikulshina (Lena Alvarez agreed to be a learning Assistant)
2. Assistant Head Sister - Zhanna Skalitzky/Paola Miranda
3. Assistant Head Sister - Natalia Veniaminova
4. Assistant Head Sister - Elizabeth Joyce
5. Treasurer - Shannon Harmon
6. Secretary - Snezhana Knysh
7. Kitchen supplier - Oksana (Xenia)Balayeva

### **Sisterhood financial report 2023**

#### **Income:**

Weekly Lunch	\$7,846(L.Y.\$7,432)
Monthly Dinner	\$7,290(L.Y. \$4,759)
Bake Sale	\$5,193(L.Y.\$4,700)
Kulich Sale	\$290(L.Y.\$425)
Donation	\$160
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$20,489(L.Y.\$18,316)</b>

#### **Expenses:**

Kitchen Supplies	\$687.43
Gifts for Clergy	\$945.87
Building Fund	\$7,290
Prosphora Stamps	\$309.1
Cleaning Supplies	\$130.08
Vestments	\$919.87
Flower stands	\$316
Support to Fr. Micah's fam.	\$3,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$14,098.35</b>

**Total profit: \$6,390.65**

**On 1/1/2024 in the account: \$9,707.48**