

St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

Ann Arbor, MI ~ Founded 1981

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Gregory Joyce,
Rector

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St. John of Kronstadt

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Dear Parish Family of St. Vladimir Church,

Mikhail Fisenkov,
Treasurer

We would like to thank all of you for your spiritual and material support of our St. Vladimir Church! With this letter we make our written Quarter 3, 2020 report out. We will have a meeting regarding this report on Sunday, November 22, 2020 during our parish meal. Please plan to join us, but please also feel free to ask a question outside of that meeting if that is more convenient for you. Email or call any of us, or use this link: <https://forms.gle/4fWqRy645KLcCmJx8> to ask a question anonymously. We sincerely want to hear from you! We want your ideas. We seek your feedback. We need your help. This parish is God's of course, but He has given us the responsibility to care for it. If we all take ownership and we all make a sincere effort, and we ask God's help, and we don't care who gets the credit for our success: we can do ANYTHING as a parish family.

Lauren (Maria)
Rogers,
Secretary

Ksenia Nikulshina,
Head of the Parish
Sisterhood

Konstantin
Poplavsky,
Head of the Parish
Brotherhood

Marina Edwards,
Trustee

Quarter 3 was a strong one from a financial perspective. And we are thankful for everyone who worked so hard to make this the case! Please see the attached Income & Expense Statement for more details. We have also included all information by quarter from 2019 plus the three quarters of this year so that you can compare this year and last year. As of the end of quarter 3 we have collected significantly more than we did in 2019, but due to the pandemic we have also spent more. These are essentially all unbudgeted expenses associated with the pandemic that could not have been anticipated in late 2019 when we were preparing our 2020 budget. We are incredibly thankful that our parish family has risen to meet the challenge the pandemic has given us by making it possible for us to do what it takes to keep our parish alive and vibrant during this challenging time!

Dmitri Knysch,
Trustee

Igor Obertas,
Trustee

Natalia
Veniaminova,
Trustee

And we would like to encourage you to keep striving in this regard! Even when we cannot come to the church the church must exist – and even thrive. Let us use our time, treasure, and talent that the Lord has freely given us to see to it that our parish continues to be strong even during these unprecedented times! Learn more about how to support the parish at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/donatestva2>.



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Please continue to pray for our parish, for those suffering in the pandemic, and for those who help the suffering. With God's help and your prayers we intend to continue to serve the Divine Services as often as we can during these days, and we ask you to join us on our live stream if you cannot come to the church – you can find more information on that here: <https://tinyurl.com/stvsocialmedia>. Please also find a short letter from one of our parish families about how they came to a decision and to peace about how to support our parish. We hope this contribution is helpful to all!

Дорогая приходская семья храма Св. Владимира,

Мы бы хотели поблагодарить вас за вашу духовную и материальную поддержку нашей Свято-Владимирской церкви! С этим письмом мы посылаем наш отчёт за 3-ий квартал 2020 года. У нас будет собрание, посвящённое этому отчёту, в воскресенье, 22-го ноября 2020г., во время приходского обеда. Пожалуйста, запланируйте присоединиться к нам. Если вам это не подходит, пожалуйста, присылайте вопросы по электронной почте или звоните используя эту ссылку: <https://forms.gle/4fWqRy645KLcCmJx8>. Вы можете задать вопрос анонимно. Мы очень бы хотели вас услышать! Нам нужны ваши идеи. Нам нужна с вами обратная связь. Нам нужна ваша помощь. Конечно, это Божий приход, но Он дал нам ответственность о нём заботиться. Если мы все будем рассматривать наш приход как собственность всех членов, и если мы все будем прилагать искренние усилия, все будем просить Бога помочь нам, и не будем беспокоиться о том, кто получит награду за наш успех, тогда мы сможем сделать всё что угодно как приходская семья.

Третий квартал был прочным с финансовой точки зрения. Мы благодарим всех, кто усиленно работал чтобы это произошло! Пожалуйста, просмотрите отчёт о приходе - расходе для более детального понимания. Мы включили также в отчёт всю информацию поквартально за 2019 год, плюс за три квартала этого года, для того, чтобы вы могли сравнить этот и прошлый год. На конец 3-го квартала этого года мы собрали значительно больше денег, чем в прошлом году, но, всвязи с эпидемиологической обстановкой, мы и потратили больше. Это, в основном, незапланированные в бюджете расходы, связанные с пандемией, которых мы не могли ожидать в конце 2019, когда мы планировали бюджет 2020. Мы очень благодарны за то, что наша приходская семья достойно встретила те вызовы, которые преподнесла нам пандемия и сделала всё возможное чтобы наш приход существовал и в таких проблематичных условиях.

Мы бы хотели чтобы вы продолжали прилагать усилия в этом направлении! Даже тогда, когда мы не можем придти в храм, церковь должна существовать - и даже процветать. Давайте использовать наше время, ценности и таланты, которые дал нам безвозмездно Господь для того, чтобы мы видели, что наш приход продолжает быть крепким даже в это беспрецедентное время! Узнать больше о том, как поддержать приход вы можете по этой ссылке: <https://tinyurl.com/donatestva2>.

Пожалуйста, продолжайте молиться за наш приход, за тех, кто страдает во время пандемии, и за тех, кто помогает страждущим. С Божией помощью и вашими молитвами, в нашей церкви будут продолжаться богослужения так часто, как мы сможем служить в эти дни, и мы просим вас присоединиться к нам в режиме прямой трансляции, если вы не можете быть в храме, - вы можете найти дополнительную информацию об этом здесь: <https://tinyurl.com/stvsocialmedia>.

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Stewardship Education Team,

С любовью о Господе Иисусе Христе,
Ваша группа по вопросам попечения,



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P.S. Enclosed here are:

- Quarter 3, 2020 Income & Expense Statement

P.S. Приложение:

- Отчет о доходах и расходах за III квартал 2020 года

Advice on Stewardship from a Fellow St. Vladimir's Parishioner

A church is the house of God; and a sincere donation from the heart is your voluntary contribution to keeping God's house in good repair. God's house is your second home, or perhaps even your first: a place of love and harmony, of help and understanding, of support and sympathy. Your contribution is your brick in the walls of the Church, where God and the Holy Spirit abide; and there is a part of you there as well. What an inspiration to know that there will be a place for you in the heavens! From the beginning, people gave what they could to build churches: they were Christians not just in word, but in deed as well. How much better to give rather than to receive! The Lord receives your gift with satisfaction because you give from the heart and for the welfare of His house where He lives with the Holy Spirit. How inspiring! After coming to America, I made a contribution to the rebuilding of the Church of Christ the Savior in Moscow and received a certificate. I treasure it knowing that my contribution is there, in those walls. I am touched; I want to embrace and to gaze on this beautiful church. Lord, turn not your face away from us and our unworthy prayers. Hear our petitions in our time of need. Glory be to God that we can give and not just receive.

Elena Alvarez

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Мнение об управлении члена прихода храма Св. Владимира

Я думаю что это важно, потому что церковь это дом Божий, искренняя помощь (от сердца) это твой добровольный вклад на благоустройство Божьего дома. Дом Божий это второй (а скорее это первый) твой дом, где любовь и гармония, где помощь и понимание, где поддержка и сочувствие. Твой вклад (твой кирпичик) в стенах Храма, где обитает Бог и Святой дух!!! И тебя частичка там!!! Это вдохновляет и даёт надежду что и там на небе для тебя будет место. Издавна Храмы строили все люди по своим возможностям, это христиане не только в сердце но и на деле. Это лучшее чувство когда отдаёшь, не только получаешь. Господь воспримет это пожертвование и наверное будет доволен, потому что ты отдаёшь с душой и во благо Его дома где Он будет обитать с Духом Святым. Это очень вдохновляет. Я когда ехала в Америку то пожертвовала на строительство Храма Христа Спасителя в Москве и мне дали даже грамоту. Я ее берегу и не могу поверить что мой вклад в этих стенах!!! Просто трогательно и хочется обнять и посмотреть на этот Храм, такой красоты Господь не оставь нас и наших недостойных молитв и услыши наши прошения и нужды. Слава Богу что мы можем не только брать но и отдавать!!!!

Елена Алварез

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Income & Expense Statement

	Quarter 3 2020	Q3 2020 Avg/month	Q3 2020 Avg/week*
ACTUAL			
Income			
OARS – Offering at Regular Services	\$45,312.34	\$15,104.11	\$3,485.56
WIND – What is not Diocesan Shared	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,307.69</u>
Total Income	\$75,312.34	\$25,104.11	\$5,793.26
Expenses (COB – Central Operating Bills)			
CORE – Clergy, Outreach, Regulatory, Episcopal	\$37,538.75	\$12,512.92	\$2,887.60
MUD – Maintenance, Utilities, Dwelling	\$6,160.01	\$2,053.34	\$473.85
SNAP – Supplies, 'Nsurance, Administrative, Professional	\$7,035.55	\$2,345.18	\$541.20
Transfers (to Building Fund & School)	<u>\$8,146.05</u>	<u>\$2,715.35</u>	<u>\$626.62</u>
Total Expenses	\$58,880.36	\$19,626.79	\$4,529.26
Variance ACTUAL vs. ACTUAL	\$16,431.98	\$5,477.33	\$1,264.00
BUDGET			
Income			
OARS – Offering at Regular Services	\$29,771.69	\$9,923.90	\$2,290.13
WIND – What is not Diocesan Shared	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,333.33</u>	<u>\$1,923.08</u>
Total Income	\$54,771.69	\$18,257.23	\$4,213.21
Variance ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Income	\$20,540.65	\$6,846.88	\$1,580.05
Expenses (COB – Central Operating Bills)			
CORE – Clergy, Outreach, Regulatory, Episcopal	\$38,899.95	\$12,966.65	\$2,992.30
MUD – Maintenance, Utilities, Dwelling	\$6,683.94	\$2,227.98	\$514.15
SNAP – Supplies, 'Nsurance, Administrative, Professional	<u>\$9,187.80</u>	<u>\$3,062.60</u>	<u>\$706.75</u>
Total Expenses	\$54,771.69	\$18,257.23	\$4,213.21
Variance ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Expense	-\$4,108.67	-\$1,369.56	-\$316.05

*13 weeks per quarter

Narrative Q1 2020

Actual Income vs. Expense	\$16,431.98	A
Actual Income vs. Budgeted Income	\$20,540.65	B
Actual Expense vs. Budgeted Expense	-\$4,108.67	C

A – What we actually collected vs. what we actually spent. This was very good during this third quarter. Our parish family stepped up during this time of the pandemic and we are very thankful to everyone for their generosity! We are tired of the pandemic now – but it is not tired. Let us continue to strive to support our parish family church during this time!

B – What we actually collected vs. what we planned to collect. Essentially the same note as “A” above. Incredible quarter!

C – What we actually spent vs. what we planned to spend. This one shows how well we managed our budget. In this quarter we had many unbudgeted expenses because we did not anticipate a pandemic in our budget! That being said, we make a very serious effort to keep our expenses low, and we very much encourage our parishioners to help us in this regard by giving us your good ideas. Please do share!

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Ann Arbor, MI
All 2020

Income & Expense Statement

	Quarter 1 2020	Quarter 2 2020	Quarter 3 2020	Quarter 4 2020	Full Year 2020
ACTUAL					
Income					
OARS – Offering at Regular Services	\$40,551.50	\$49,509.90	\$45,312.34		\$135,373.74
WIND – What is not Diocesan Shared	<u>\$31,558.54</u>	<u>\$20,128.58</u>	<u>\$41,489.69</u>		<u>\$93,176.81</u>
Total Income	\$72,110.04	\$69,638.48	\$86,802.03		\$228,550.55
Expenses (COB – Central Operating Bills)					
CORE – Clergy, Outreach, Regulatory, Episcopal	\$29,039.50	\$41,230.62	\$37,538.75		\$107,808.87
MUD – Maintenance, Utilities, Dwelling	\$14,011.75	\$4,663.63	\$6,160.01		\$24,835.39
SNAP – Supplies, 'Nsurance, Administrative, Professional	\$9,845.00	\$3,720.02	\$7,035.55		\$20,600.57
OTHER	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$7,568.00</u>	<u>\$8,146.05</u>		<u>\$15,714.05</u>
Total Expenses	\$52,896.25	\$57,182.27	\$58,880.36		\$168,958.88
Variance ACTUAL vs. ACTUAL	\$19,213.79	\$12,456.21	\$27,921.67		\$59,591.67
BUDGET					
Income					
OARS – Offering at Regular Services	\$29,771.69	\$29,771.69	\$29,771.69		\$89,315.07
WIND – What is not Diocesan Shared	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>		<u>\$75,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69		\$164,315.07
Variance ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Income	\$17,338.35	\$14,866.79	\$32,030.34		\$64,235.48
Expenses (COB – Central Operating Bills)					
CORE – Clergy, Outreach, Regulatory, Episcopal	\$38,899.95	\$38,899.95	\$38,899.95		\$116,699.85
MUD – Maintenance, Utilities, Dwelling	\$6,683.94	\$6,683.94	\$6,683.94		\$20,051.82
SNAP – Supplies, 'Nsurance, Administrative, Professional	<u>\$9,187.80</u>	<u>\$9,187.80</u>	<u>\$9,187.80</u>		<u>\$27,563.40</u>
Total Expenses	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69		\$164,315.07
Variance ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Expense	\$1,875.44	-\$2,410.58	-\$4,108.67		-\$4,643.81

Narrative 2020

Actual Income vs. Expense	\$59,591.67	A
Actual Income vs. Budgeted Income	\$64,235.48	B
Actual Expense vs. Budgeted Expense	-\$4,643.81	C

A – What we actually collected vs. what we actually spent. There is good news here – for the year we are in the black. Thank you to all who are donating generously to the parish to keep this number strong. This allows us to do the things that are important to our parish family, including executing the Divine Services during the pandemic! But many other things as well, of course. May the Lord continue to encourage you to be a thankful giver of your time, talent, and treasure as He has blessed you!

B – What we actually collected vs. what we planned to collect. Thank God – we did well here! Let us continue to strive for the place where each of our parish family is able to establish a recurring donation to support our parish! God willing we begin construction on our parish day school in November, and once that is finished, we are on to the new church project! In other words – your help is needed even though we are doing well here!

C – What we actually spent vs. what we planned to spend. Of course it is not good that we are in the red here. Fr. Gregory and the Parish Council need to, and will, continue to watch our expenses closely so we do not over-spend. It is not good that we over-spent. But to put the number in perspective we spent about 25 cents more per day per adult member than we had budgeted through the end of the third quarter. That is not nothing. But that 25 cents is well within our grasp to control by cutting expenses. We welcome your input in this regard! Please contact Fr. Gregory or any Parish Council member with ideas about how we can cut expenses!

Note: Other income and expenses, such as building fund are not reflected in this analysis. Historically this income covers operating shortfalls, although the goal is to increase collections to the point that all operating expenses are covered by these funds, allowing other income to be used for special projects and charity.

Note: it is important to understand that the parish continues to be able to meet its expenses monthly despite any shortfalls noted above. The Stewardship Education Team urges all our parishioners to consider their donations a part of their family budget and to make affirmative, personally challenging, decisions about the tithe that each family provides to the parish. In this vein, please see the educational information attached to this analysis. Questions are welcome and encouraged.

St. Vladimir Orthodox Church
Ann Arbor, MI
All 2019

Income & Expense Statement

	Quarter 1 2019	Quarter 2 2019	Quarter 3 2019	Quarter 4 2019	Full Year 2019
ACTUAL					
Income					
OARS – Offering at Regular Services	\$35,080.05	\$39,914.27	\$44,075.83	\$39,709.66	\$158,779.81
WIND – What is not Diocesan Shared	<u>\$30,563.98</u>	<u>\$5,897.22</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$66,461.20</u>
Total Income	\$65,644.03	\$45,811.49	\$59,075.83	\$54,709.66	\$225,241.01
Expenses (COB – Central Operating Bills)					
CORE – Clergy, Outreach, Regulatory, Episcopal	\$36,870.73	\$33,674.70	\$44,659.82	\$46,386.57	\$161,591.82
MUD – Maintenance, Utilities, Dwelling	\$6,038.17	\$11,506.84	\$9,121.93	\$4,672.20	\$31,339.14
SNAP – Supplies, 'Nsurance, Administrative, Professional	\$5,531.09	\$4,690.26	\$4,590.86	\$8,147.58	\$22,959.79
OTHER – Mostly Festival	<u>\$4,682.39</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,999.08</u>	<u>\$6,681.47</u>
Total Expenses	\$53,122.38	\$49,871.80	\$58,372.61	\$61,205.43	\$222,572.22
Variance ACTUAL vs. ACTUAL	\$12,521.65	-\$4,060.31	\$703.22	-\$6,495.77	\$2,668.79
BUDGET					
Income					
OARS – Offering at Regular Services	\$29,771.69	\$29,771.69	\$29,771.69	\$29,771.69	\$119,086.76
WIND – What is not Diocesan Shared	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$219,086.76
Variance ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Income	\$10,872.34	-\$8,960.20	\$4,304.14	-\$62.03	\$6,154.25
Expenses (COB – Central Operating Bills)					
CORE – Clergy, Outreach, Regulatory, Episcopal	\$38,899.95	\$38,899.95	\$38,899.95	\$38,899.95	\$155,599.80
MUD – Maintenance, Utilities, Dwelling	\$6,683.94	\$6,683.94	\$6,683.94	\$6,683.94	\$26,735.76
SNAP – Supplies, 'Nsurance, Administrative, Professional	<u>\$9,187.80</u>	<u>\$9,187.80</u>	<u>\$9,187.80</u>	<u>\$9,187.80</u>	<u>\$36,751.20</u>
Total Expenses	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$54,771.69	\$219,086.76
Variance ACTUAL vs. BUDGET Expense	\$1,649.31	-\$6,433.74	-\$3,600.92	-\$6,433.74	-\$3,485.46

Narrative 2019

Actual Income vs. Expense	\$2,668.79	A
Actual Income vs. Budgeted Income	\$6,154.25	B
Actual Expense vs. Budgeted Expense	-\$3,485.46	C

A – What we actually collected vs. what we actually spent. There is good news here – for the year we are in the black. But it is not all good news. We are relying on the festival to pay bills, rather than putting the festival income aside for the building fund or other good works. If we pull out the ~\$30K festival net profit this category would have been ~\$27K in the red. In 2019 we had about 150 members. If you split this debt over the 150 members it comes out to \$225 per member, or \$3.48 per member per week. If each of us increased our weekly donation by ONLY \$5 we could save all the festival income rather than spend it to pay bills. We can do this! Establish a recurring donation today. Pray about it. Talk to your spouse about it. Invest in your parish: time, talent, and treasure as the Lord has blessed you!

B – What we actually collected vs. what we planned to collect. Thank God – we did well here! But the same message holds true here as we find in the note above. If you pull out the festival proceeds we are in the red. Another important message: EVERYONE should be working hard at the festival! Without it we cannot pay our bills! Make this the year you begin to volunteer for the festival!

C – What we actually spent vs. what we planned to spend. Of course it is not good that we are in the red here. Fr. Gregory and the Parish Council need to, and will, continue to watch our expenses closely so we do not over-spend. It is not good that we over-spent. But to put the number in perspective we spent about \$10 more per day than we had budgeted. That is not nothing. But that \$10 is well within our grasp to control by cutting expenses. We welcome your input in this regard! Please contact Fr. Gregory or any Parish Council member with ideas about how we can cut expenses!

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