# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

## FEBRUARY 8, 2026

1. Nomination of Secretary
2. Review of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Report of the Rector (blue)
4. Report of the Senior Warden (peach)
5. Report of the Junior Warden (peach)
6. Report of the Treasurer (green)
7. Report of the Auditors (gold)
8. Report of the Choir Director (white)
9. Report of the Long Term Planning Committee (gold)
10. Proposed Financial Budget (pink)
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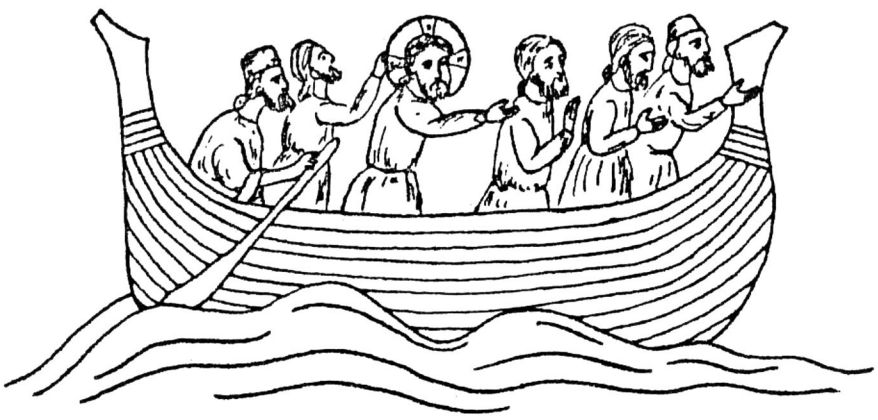
12. Old + New Business



# Christ the Savior Orthodox Church

**Annual Parish Meeting**
**Sunday January 26, 2025**

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Father John at 11:55 am.

**In Attendance:**

- Rector: Fr. John Parsells.
- Parish Members and Others: Father Joseph Oleynik, Ioana Davidson, Zach Davidson, Beth Dunbar, Joe Dunbar, Tom Mathews, Georgianne Mathews, Cheryl Kokkinos, Barbara Kaloroumakis, Justin DeArmitt, Edward Hill, Georgiana Wright, Marian Ridge, Cecelia Wyant, Vera Yevsukov, Chrissy Harris, Michael Prasalowicz, Marius Vlad Ghemis, David Hill, Raymond Sundland, Joanne Patrick, Lisa Wu, Andrew Wu, Gabriela Vlahovici-Jones, Kailyn and Matthew Harmon, Margret LoGerfo, Cami Milite, Pax Garcia, Daria Parsells, Rebecca Hill, Simone Singh, Valeria Babitskaya, Anastasia Bakie, Bill Parrish, Kathy Parrish, Daria Parsells, Nissa Nancy Hall, Will Wilkinson, Megan Wilkinson, Ginny Borodulia, Nick Borodulia, Alan Rodriguez, David Drobish, Anya Drobish, Andrew Hageman, Kelly Hageman, Alma Hageman, Nicholai Parsells, Mircea Tusca, Cristina Tusca, Alexandra Pefrea, Theodor Tusca, Perseo Tusca, Noah Tusca, Xelia Tusca, Iliuca Tusca, Bobbie Dobronz, Tatiana Dettbarn, Alexis DeArmitt, Ezra Harmon, Alexandra Petra, Alex Ortiz, Matthew Williams, Judy Williams, Elisabeth Parsells, Matushka Emily Parsells, Adrienne Slate, Carol Fravel, and Tatiana Kasimtseva.

**Agenda:**

- Nomination of Secretary
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- Report of the Rector (Blue)
- Report of the Senior Warden (Peach)
- Report of the Junior Warden (White)
- Report of the Treasurer (Pink)
- Report of the Auditors (White)
- Report of Long-Term Planning Committee (Yellow)
- Report of Choir Director (White)
- Proposed Financial Budget (Green)
- Parish Council Membership Nominations
- Old and New Business

**Nomination of Secretary**

- Father John requested a volunteer or nomination for Secretary for today's meeting. Vera volunteered to take minutes for the parish meeting

**Motion** to accept nomination: Beth
**Second:** Tatiana
**Vote**: All in favor

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**Review of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes**

- Father John invited the meeting participants to amend or approve the minutes of the annual parish council meeting distributed via email.

**Motion** to accept the minutes: Tom
**Second**: Ray
**Vote**: All in favor

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**Report of Rector**

Father John presented the Rector's Report (see Blue handout for details).

- Metrics presented: 9 Baptisms and 9 Chrismations (18 people). Father John notes that this is largest year of growth for our parish; 25 new people have joined the church. Last year we presented a census of 60 members to the Dioceses; this year was 80 members.
- Father John expresses the tremendous loss of Matushka Annice, but our loss is Heaven's gain: may her soul dwell among the righteous!
- Father John notes the significant number of activities related to fellowship and outreach this year; Father John thanks all for their efforts, especially the Outreach committee.
- Please note that the Parish Safety Guidelines (drafted by the Safety Guidelines Committee) have been posted on our website: we should all be attentive to these to keep all in our parish safe.
- Father expresses his thanks for our parish's tonsured readers: reader Nicholas Borodulia, and to our new readers: Paul Romanovky and David Drobish.
- The remaining amount needed to address off the multipurpose room renovation was recently paid off by an anonymous donor in the amount of $1,500.
- Father would like to draw attention to his family members: Matushka and their children, for their many efforts that do not go unnoticed; also thanking Father Joseph for his extensive service to the Church. Gratitude is also expressed to those coming off the parish council: Justin DeArmitt, Joe and Beth Dunbar, Barbara Kaloroumakis, and Thomas Mathews.
- A vision for 2025 with outlined bullets is presented. Father John emphasizing that growth of the church comes through personal interaction and becoming a spiritual magnet for others to bring them into the church.
- Father John thanking the Cami Milite and her family for donating the meal for today's meeting.

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**Report of Senior Warden**

- Senior Warden Georgianne welcoming all and presenting Senior Warden's report (see Peach handout). She encourages all to visit our website to see a summary of our church history over the past quarter of a century. She welcomes all members to all council meetings: your input is always valuable and sought for. She thanks all those who are coming off the parish council and is offering continued prayers for all those on the council.

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**Report of Junior Warden**

- Junior Warden Cheryl presenting Junior Warden's report (see White handout). Cheryl expresses her thanks to Cami Milite for her biweekly deep cleaning of the chapel. Thanking Justin DeArmitt for all his help in managing all maintenance projects in the church. Thanking Father John and his family for repairs inside the rectory.

- Cheryl also notes a number of repairs and replacements that will need to occur within the next year or two: see enumerated items on handout (e.g. dehumidifier leak, HVAC replacement, kitchen renovation, and more).

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**Report of the Treasurer**

- Ioana presented the Profit and Loss (see Pink handouts) sheet, as well as the Balance Sheet.

- Kathy posing a question regarding the contributions statement for 2024 offerings: why don't we have a line-by-line category for earmarked donations?
    - Father John answering that we switched our Quickbooks software from the desktop version to the online version; the online version does not have the capability of sorting donations into earmarked categories. At this time, this type of sorting would require many additional hours of work for the treasurer.

- Ginny asking why trash removal is a $5,000 expense? Can we get less pickups, or fewer dumpsters, to decrease this cost?
    - Father John stating that one dumpster is designated for recycling, the other is trash; they are on every other week pickup. With regards to this issue, Edward recently contacted waste management and got a reduction on our rate.
    - Edward called waste management and was able to obtain a reduction in our rate from $475/month to $318/month; the representative stated that every year the rate goes up, to call them back and renegotiate the rate. Many parish members thanking Edward for this effort.
    - Valeria stating that, in her experience, disposing of plastic bags or other non-recyclables in recyclable dumpsters may result in additional fees. Georgianne

suggests to provide a list of recyclable items in the hall to remind all to sort the trash properly.

**Motion** to accept the Report of Treasurer: Joe
**Second**: Anastasia
**Vote**: All in favor

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**Report of the Auditors (Ryan Harris, Chrissy Harris, Michael Prasalowicz)**

- Michael Prasalowicz presented the Audit for 2024 Parish Financial Statements (see White handout for details). Several minor issues (the majority of which were with regard to collection envelopes lacking one or both counters' signatures) are enumerated in the document; overall the auditors' report that they found the church's finances to be well-tracked and in good order.

- Ginny posed a clarifying question: do we pay the IRS? Is an external audit ever performed/required by the OCA?
    - Father John answering: as a church with nonprofit status, we are exempt from federal taxes; we do pay a county tax to service our drainage ditches. External audits would only occur if the internal audit would uncover something questionable. It is not required to have an external audit to maintain nonprofit status. Ioana adding that as a church, we follow a tax return differently from a typical nonprofit.

**Motion** to accept the Report of Auditors: Elisha
**Second**: Marion
**Vote**: All in favor

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**Long-Term Planning Committee Report**

- Presented by Father John (see Yellow handout for details). We have raised $35,000 in 2024 for the development of the site plan for a new temple on our property. A substantial portion of this sum was given in memory of Matushka Annice.

- Father asked for all to please submit the Building Survey that was distributed via email as soon as possible, since consultation with a designer (working with our surveyor) is coming within the next few weeks.
    - We are seeking a designer currently, who hopefully is an architect as well; LTPC has honed in on one candidate currently.
    - Anya stating that she has physical copies of the survey for those who would prefer this method.

- Father John giving an update regarding the $100k matching grant: we have raised almost $11,000 so far. Constructing a new temple is estimated to cost between $1.4-2.4 million.

Building a church used to be the most expensive undertaking. However, in our modern times, this amount is meager compared to some current schools, homes, office buildings, and stadiums. We are preparing conservatively, but funding of the temple is not as insurmountable as we might first think; especially as we anticipate continual parish growth and more members in the future.

- Father John encourages all parish members to help in this effort to build the church; the church will be built not just by money, but by bringing more people to the church; this new building must be filled with more parishioners.
- We need to raise more capital than $100k matching to obtain a mortgage that is reasonably within our range.

- Father John presenting projections regarding attendance and stewardship for upcoming years; these projections are conservative (linear) in nature.

- Reader David asking for clarification on whether we are moving towards actually breaking ground to build the church.
  - Tom stating we will keep moving forward with the county to lay the foundation for the project. We will not be able to break ground for some time, unless a substantial donation is made. Father John stating that this topic will be revisited at least quarterly; all of us little by little can make offerings, too.
  - Reader David asking whether we have reached out to sister parishes to ask for financial assistance? Father John stated yes that this is always an option; reaching out to Diocese for assistance is an option as well; and that the LTPC will do so.

- Andrew asking whether a cemetery would be feasible to have on these grounds.
  - Father John stating that water table is too high for a cemetery.

- Kathy asking about the projected occupancy of 225 people for the new temple; should we be aiming to accommodate more people for the space, given how we have grown and how much we are spending on this substantial project?
  - Father John stating that we have issues with wetlands – we are making 5,000 sq ft impact (building a 4,000 sq ft church), a number which we cannot surpass. We must also have sufficient parking for the church (1 parking space/ 3 occupants). 225 is a high number based on these two numbers; we are probably looking at a number around 175 occupants (from fire marshal), but 225 may be an estimate for feast days like Pascha. Father also reminds all of the importance of creating more mission/satellite churches to other regions of the shore.
  - Edward recounting an anecdote from the church of the Holy Theophany in Colorado Springs with their founding priest, Father Anthony Karbo. Soon after the construction of the first church, Father Anthony began planning for the founding of a second parish and temple; once you hit a goal, you start another church. Becky commenting on the value of smaller parishes with smaller worship spaces. Father John reiterating that a church can become too large, too crowded; and the burden on the priest too great to minister to a large flock. Studies on parish size have shown that: 153 was the “magic” number, which is also a biblical number (153 fish caught by the disciples after Jesus’s Resurrection. See John

12:11). Research has also shown that a cramped space may stunt growth and discourage more people from attending.

- Megan asking who are the designers for the new temple: are they local, Orthodox?
    - Tom answering: CJK Designs (California-based) is Orthodox and working with St. George's in Ocean City; licensed as a designer and an architect in MD. They are giving us the best breakdown start to finish. Others include: Andrew Gould (Orthodox and recently designed Holy Cross Hermitage, Holy Ascension in South Carolina), Bob Lasko (Orthodox), several non-Orthodox companies who have built Orthodox churches, Beers + Hoffman in PA (licensed in MD as an architect) and some others.
    - Megan asking follow-up: is the building survey determining who will design the church? Father John clarifying that this survey provides input by the parish for hopes and dreams for the new church; survey is geared to keep the design within traditional Orthodox parameters.

- Elisha asking when delineation was done; what is the timestamp for it?
    - Father John stating that it was done last year; the expiration date is not of much importance, as the site plan (staying within 5,000 sq ft) is the key to getting approval from the county.

- Valeria asking whether it would make more financial sense sell this property and move to another to bypass wetland restrictions? Perhaps this would allow for a larger space, allocation of a cemetery by the church, and income from selling this property?
    - Father John replying that we have not considered that option, but would likely see it as a step backwards, since we moved into this facility, restored and renovated it, built an archway.

- Reader David asking about how to best communicate ideas for additional fundraising (e.g. food festivals)?
    - Father stating the best way to communicate these ideas in a centralized fashion would be via the stewardship committee or quarterly parish council meetings (all are welcome).

- Valeria suggesting the idea of a fundraising banquet for the 25th anniversary. Georgianne encouraging to share more ideas with her later.

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**Report of the Choir Director**

- Alexis sharing her report (see White handout). She expresses her gratitude for all choir members and their efforts in learning new music and rehearsing in service to God. She is especially grateful for the support shown to her and her family after Matushka Annice's repose in the Lord; she thanks the entire parish, substitute choir directors, choir members and readers for their love.

- Father John thanking Alexis for the report and noting that the choir's growth and improvements are substantial and noticed by many visitors.

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**2025 Financial Budget presented by Father John**

- This is a working document that began with drafting by the Treasurer and Priest, then went to parish council for approval. The parish council is now submitting it to the parish body for approval. Upon adoption, we will submit to His Beatitude.
  - We have transferred the stewardship level amounts from last year; thus, we have not modified the income side of the budget.
  - We want to make sure that all contributors (parish members) have input into making the decision to raise stewardship levels. This will also allow for a conservative projection for the year to come.

- Ioana stating that in last council meeting we decided to have Alexis go on salary to become an employee of the church, as opposed to an independent contractor.
- Taylor asking whether we are budgeting for the bookstore in 2025.
  - Father John replying that no, we do not have a budget for this. We do have an educational budget to refill the stock of Orthodox literature in the back.

- Edward speaking on maintenance: there are many repairs and replacements on the horizon. Our lawnmower will need to be replaced; 2 HVAC units will need to be replaced; many appliances in the rectory kitchen need to be updated. We established a maintenance fund outside of the budget (not part of our operating expenses). To donate appropriately, you can give to this online or earmark your checks for "maintenance fund". We need to be prepared to make these repairs, and set aside money for them. Currently, there is is $14,000 in this account earmarked for the kitchen renovation.
  - Father Joseph reiterating that the largest cost is often maintenance. It never goes away, you never know what's going to happen. This property is our home and we should take care of it as such.

- Father John clarifying that we should give in tripartite way: give to stewardship; give to matching/building fund; and give to maintenance (we don't know that the expenses would be year to year, which is why we keep it separate from operating; working it into the budget is difficult).
  - Reader David asking if we should consider saving for major repairs (~20k). Father John agreeing that this is an ideal to work towards.

**Motion** to raise stewardship levels (by $12,057.97) to balance the budget and to approve the proposed 2025 Budget: Daria
**Second**: Rebecca.
**Vote**: All in favor

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**2025 Parish Council Members**

- Father John asks for nominations for Parish Council.
    - Cecilia nominating Anya Drobish. Ioana nominating Marius, Cecilia: second. Ioana also nominating Ryan, Chrissy, and Michael.
    - There is a 1-year membership requirement to serve on the council that has been historically waived if consensus of parish body is to welcome them.

**Motion** to submit names for new Parish Council members: Tom
**Second**: Elisha
**Vote:** All in favor.

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**Old Business and New Business**

- Kelly asking whether there will be a food collection and donations upcoming Superbowl, as we have had in years past.
    - Father John stating that yes, we will be collecting items this year: more to come via announcements.

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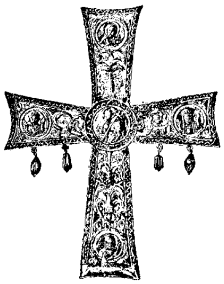
Andrew moved for adjournment, Justin second, approved. The meeting closed with a prayer at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Yevsukov, Secretary



# CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

## REPORT OF THE RECTOR
## TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8, 2026

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!**

### 1. METRICS FOR THE YEAR 2025

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| Baptisms: 13 | Marriages: 0 | Catechumens: 22 |
| Chrismations: 11 | Marriage Blessings: 0 | Funerals: 1 |

Official Census: Submitted to the Diocese on February 6, 2026: 100 members.

### 2. MAJOR EVENTS OF 2025

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| January | 5 | 100K Matching Donation Announced |
| | 12 | Rectory Blessing / Open House |
| | 18 | Baptism of Amelia Kate Tatiana and Chrismation of William Wilkinson |
| | 24 | March For Life @ Washington DC |
| | 26 | 2025 Annual Parish Meeting |
| February | 21 | Movie Night: St. Joseph the Hesychast |
| | 23 | Installation of Parish Council |
| March | 2/9 | Forgiveness Sunday / Sunday of Orthodoxy |
| | 23 | Baptism of Emmalin Pearl Marina Harmon |
| | 30 | Blessing of Candle-Makers / Cornhole Tournament |
| April | 6 | Baptism of Annice DeArmitt |
| | 8 | Funeral of Jimmy David Bendfeldt |
| | 12 | Lazarus Saturday / Chrismations of Kaleb Evans and Emily Tamosaitis |
| | 13-20 | Sunday / Great & Holy Week / Pascha |
| | 25 | Paschal Party / Open House @ DeArmitt's |
| | 26 | Women's Psalter Group Dinner @ Milite's |
| | 27 | Children's Egg Hunt / Basketball Game |
| May | 18 | Baptisms of Eva, Miliana Magdalena, and Maxim Michael |
| | 18 | Cross Dive / Pool Opening |
| | 31 | Choir Workshop |
| June | 8 | Holy Pentecost |
| | 15 | Prayer for Graduates |
| | 29-5 | St. Tikhon's Camp @ South Canaan, Pennsylvania |
| July | 5 | 1-Year Memorial for Matushka Annice Olevnik |
| | 14-18 | OCA All-American Council @ Phoenix, Arizona |
| | 20 | Blessing of Chariots |
| | 27 | Chrismations: Brad, Kaila, and Kirra Wright / Leave-taking of Samuel Olevnik |

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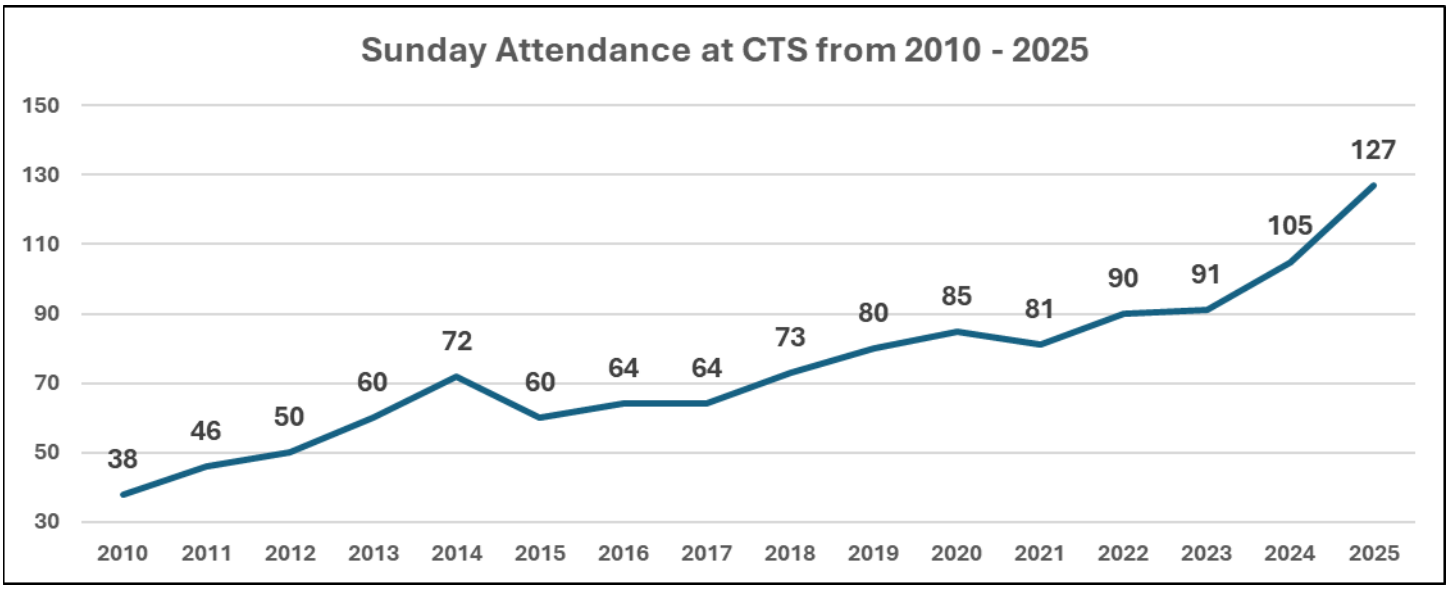
| | 27 | 100K Matching Donation Reached! / Greek Festival @ St. George's in Ocean City |
| August | 10 | Blessings for Iona Klimitchev and Samuel Doyle as They Begin Bootcamp |
| | 10 | Baptism of Bradley Allen Derrickson |
| | 23-24 | 25th Anniversary Celebrations with His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon |
| | 30 | Outing to Splash Mountain |
| | 31 | Blessing of Teachers/Students |
| September | 21 | Baptisms of Maya Mihaela, Damascene, Maximus and Marina |
| | 27 | Archdiocesan Assembly @ St. Mark's in Bethesda, Maryland |
| October | 5 | 75th Birthday of Archpriest Joseph Olevnik / Church Musician Sunday |
| | 19 | Baptisms of Thomas and Joseph Scruggs |
| November | 2 | Blessing of Healing Ministries / Special Parish Meeting and Building Update |
| | 8 | Parish Center Maintenance Day |
| | 9 | Leave-taking of Vera Yevsukov / St. Michael's Party & Parish Thanksgiving |
| | 14-15 | Teen Fall Retreat @ Camp Hebron Retreat Center in Halifax, PA |
| December | 25 | Nativity of Our Lord |

## 3. A Review of 2025

**Liturgy**

Appreciation is offered to our Liturgical Team: Clergy, Altar Servers, Choir Director/Members, Readers, Live-Streamers, Greeters, Cleaners, Ushers, Chapel Cleaners, Candle Makers, and Prosphora Bakers. May God bless them all!




**Education**

- Sermons/Homilies
- Bible Study
- Workshops
- Movie Nights
- Catechesis
- Church School
- Meetings with the Priest
- Orthodoxy 201

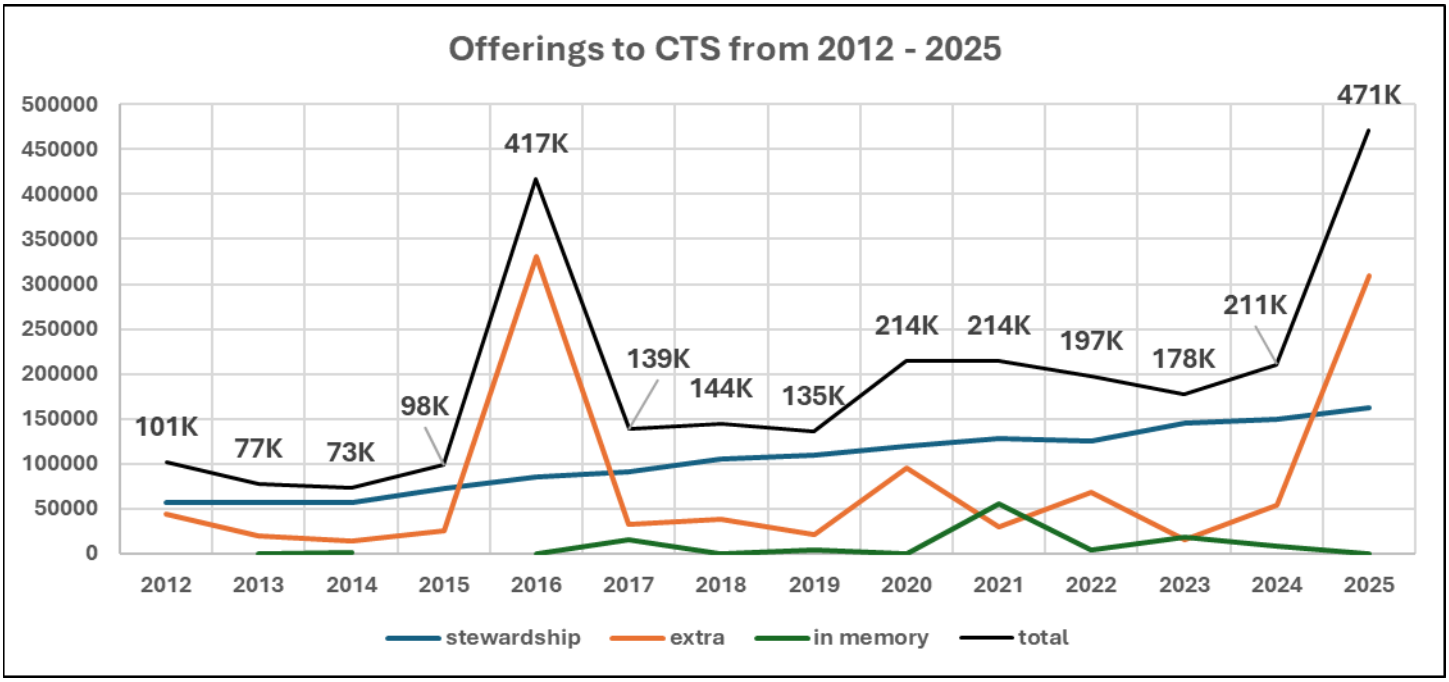
**Fellowship / Outreach**

- Coffee Hours (50+)
- Open Pool / Night Swims
- Knit Nights
- Men/Women/Youth/Waterpark Outings
- Parish Beach Days / Park Days
- Cornhole Tournament
- Firepit Nights
- Open Houses
- Women's Psalter Group Dinner
- Children's Egg Hunt / Basketball
- St. Michael's Day Party / Parish Thanksgiving
- St. Tikhon's Summer Camp / Teen Fall Retreat

Appreciation is expressed to the newly formed Kitchen Team, organizers, cooks, servers, cleaners, and attendees of the coffee hours, festal meals, men's and women's outings, beach days, festival meals, barbeques, birthday celebrations, and other such events which bind our community together through fellowship. May the Lord bless!

**Stewardship**

Thanks to the generous and sacrificial offerings of our donors, our general stewardship totaled some $162,042 and we were able to complete the year in the black with a surplus of approximately $7,188. Additionally, approximately $309,452 was given for various capital improvements, charitable initiatives, memorial offerings, and other earmarks, bringing total income to $471,494. Glory to God! Thank you for your strong support!




* Mortgage burning in 2016: $318K donation

**25th Anniversary Celebrations**

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the 25th Anniversary celebration of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church such a joyful and memorable occasion. Special appreciation is offered to Georgianne Mathews and the 25th Anniversary Committee for their dedicated planning, as well as to our clergy, choir, servers, and volunteers who labored with love in so many ways. The weekend was a beautiful expression of gratitude to God for His blessings over the past twenty-five years and a joyful witness to the unity and faith of our parish family. Glory to God!

**Building Fund & Matching Donations**

As our 25th anniversary year began, we were blessed with a generous gift to help kickstart our fundraising efforts for our new temple. A parishioner pledged to match every dollar donated to the Building Fund during the 2025 calendar year, up to $100,000, doubling the impact of each gift and encouraging broad participation across the parish.

By God's grace, this initial $100,000 matching challenge was met within the first seven months of the year. At our anniversary celebration, we announced that an anonymous donor had offered an additional $150,000 matching challenge. By year's end, we received $35,000 toward this new matching opportunity.

We are deeply grateful to all who have given so generously, faithfully, and sacrificially. Your support, prayers, and commitment are helping make the vision of our new temple a reality.

**Brokerage Fund & Investment Management**

CTS has established a parish brokerage account through Charles Schwab, in partnership with Montgomery Financial Services (MFS), to receive and manage funds designated for the construction of the new temple. The Parish Council has formally accepted the Investment Policy Statement (IPS), which provides clear guidelines for the responsible stewardship of parish funds. Both the $100,000 matching gift from our anonymous donor and the $100,000 raised by parishioners and friends have been transferred into the brokerage account. As a result, the account currently holds $200,000, plus accrued interest, and is being managed in accordance with the IPS.

**Special Parish Meeting – Sunday, November 2**
On Sunday, November 2, 2025, Christ the Savior Orthodox Church held a Special Parish Meeting following the Divine Liturgy. Fr. John thanked the Long-Term Planning Committee, chaired by Tom Mathews, for presenting a comprehensive update on the new temple project.

The committee reviewed the parish's growth since 2000, highlighting that average Sunday attendance has increased from 38 to approximately 130. Architectural plans prepared by CJK Design envision a traditional 4,000-square-foot Orthodox temple, including expanded parking and a covered walkway. Reflections during the meeting emphasized the importance of faith, clear communication, and teamwork as the parish continues to move forward together.

**75th Birthday of Archpriest Joseph Oleynik**
Many blessed years to Fr. Joseph! We extend our warm thanks to everyone who helped make his 75th birthday celebration such a joyful and meaningful occasion.

**Directory of Parishioners and Friends**
Our sincere thanks to Vera Yevsukov, Lisa Wu, and Elisabeth Parsells for their work on the parish directory. The directory will be available both online and in print.

**Church School Program**
Our Church School program serves children from Pre-K through high school, meeting each Sunday from October through May. Classes follow the Divine Liturgy and are designed to deepen our children's knowledge and love of Christ and His Church through prayer, Scripture, and participation in parish life. Teachers include Matushka Emily Parsells (Early Childhood), Kelly Hageman (Elementary), Cecilia Wyant (Upper Grades), Alexis DeArmitt (Choir), and Fr. John Parsells (Spiritual Guidance). Parents of children under 5 assist in class, with additional volunteers helping with crafts, music, and special events. May the Lord bless!

**Orthodoxy 201 – Adult Class**
This catechetical and apologetics series explored foundational questions of truth, philosophy, worldview, and culture, moving from ancient philosophy and modern ideologies to science, morality, and the challenges of the post-Christian West. The course also provided an in-depth study of Orthodox theology and Church history, including the Apostolic Age, the Ecumenical Councils, the Holy Trinity, Christology, salvation, and the major theological divisions within Christianity. Throughout the year, the class aimed not only to inform, but to form an Orthodox mind, showing how the Logos unites truth, reason, history, and revelation.

**Communication**
Connect via our email list (266), WhatsApp group (68), website updates (66), Facebook, YouTube, and Livestream.

**Archdiocese of Washington – Restructuring**
The Archdiocese of Washington is currently undergoing a restructuring process to incorporate the Stavropegial Institutions and Chaplains. As part of this transition, parishes and missions have been assigned a new Dean, Archpriest Gregory Safchuk of St. Mark's Church in Bethesda, Maryland. Additional information is forthcoming.

**Thank You to All: Fellow Clergy / Parish Council / Supporting Committees / "Unknowns"**
I would like to thank Mat. Emily, Ella, Alex, and Nicholai, together with Archpriest Joseph Oleynik, the parish council, and supporting committees, and all who served the Lord in so many ways. Likewise, gratitude is expressed to those coming off the council: Mirona Bendfeldt and Cheryl Kokkinos.

## 4. A VISION FOR 2026

This year the Rector and Parish Council will focus on:

1. Building the New Temple.
2. Increasing outreach and evangelism to the local community.
3. Securing the Parish's future through good stewardship and maintenance of infrastructure.
4. Learning, living, and loving our Orthodox Christian Faith.

Fr. John Parsells

Rector

**Report of the Senior Warden**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

My name is Georgianne Mathews, and I am the current Senior Warden at Christ the Savior. When I began my term just two years ago, an introduction would have been unnecessary as most everyone knew everyone else, and when someone new joined our parish family, it was pretty easy to sit down and chat and then reinforce the acquaintance during subsequent church gatherings. But God is doing a wonderful thing here, and our parish community is growing in leaps and bounds. Now, I look around and am amazed to realize that there are many of you I don't even know, and having those cozy get-acquainted chats is now a little more challenging. I'm glad to have this opportunity to welcome you to Christ the Savior, and I look forward to getting to know you better.

Whether you're new to CTS or have been around for awhile, I encourage you to get more involved and to share your skills and talents. I know that God has a use for them here! Although we are growing, we're still a small parish and greatly rely on many helping hands to make the practical aspects of our parish life run smoothly. There are volunteer opportunities that require only a modest commitment of time and effort. So, please grab me or anyone on the Parish Council to learn more about how you can get more plugged in.

Lastly, thanks so much to all of you for your prayers and love for Christ the Savior!

In Christ,

Georgianne Mathews

# Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
# Junior Warden Annual Maintenance Report (2025)

This report summarizes the maintenance work completed at the parish over the past year and highlights several major projects anticipated in the coming years. The primary focus has been on safety, essential repairs, and maintaining existing facilities, with generous volunteer support helping reduce overall costs.

## Maintenance and Repairs Completed

- Completed multiple safety and code-related improvements, including replacement of exit sign batteries, installation of fire extinguishers, and repairing of roof leaks.

- Repaired and preserved chapel spaces: supply closet mold remediation, ceiling and drywall repair and repainting, chapel door refinishing, and carpet cleaning.

- Completed roof valley mortar repairs at a total cost of $6,619, significantly under the original $10,000 estimate.

- Replaced the well pump and installed a new Combi boiler (approx. $10,350), resolving ongoing water and heating reliability issues.

- Addressed high iron content in the water, believed to be resolved per service provider.

- Conducted Parish Clean-Up Day and refinished outdoor tables and chairs.

- Numerous projects were completed or assisted by parish volunteers, resulting in meaningful savings and strengthened stewardship.

## Major Upcoming and Long-Term Projects

- HVAC Systems: Two of five systems were replaced in 2022. Remaining systems serving the chapel, hall, multipurpose room, and rectory will likely require repair or replacement in the coming years (estimated $12,000–$15,000).

- Parking Lot and Driveway: Last seal-coated in 2022. Seal-coating is typically required every 3–5 years, with portions needing asphalt replacement (estimated $15,000–$20,000).

- Rectory Kitchen: Most appliances are non-functional and cabinets are aging. Appliance replacement will require accompanying renovations (estimated $40,000–$50,000).

# Statement of Financial Position Comparison

## Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Inc.

As of December 31, 2025

| DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT | TOTAL | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 | AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 (PY) | $ CHANGE (PY) |
| Assets | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Bank Accounts | | | |
| Farmers Bank of Willards | 13,427.80 | 13,360.87 | 66.93 |
| PNC Bank | 107,385.89 | 74,612.42 | 32,773.47 |
| Taylor Bank - Building Fund Operating | 16,681.99 | | 16,681.99 |
| Truist Checking | 0.00 | 3,976.90 | -3,976.90 |
| Truist Money Market | 0.00 | 1,000.70 | -1,000.70 |
| **Total for Bank Accounts** | **$137,495.68** | **$92,950.89** | **$44,544.79** |
| Accounts Receivable | | | |
| Other Current Assets | | | |
| Schwab Brokerage Account | 201,695.70 | | 201,695.70 |
| **Total for Other Current Assets** | **$201,695.70** | | **$201,695.70** |
| **Total for Current Assets** | **$339,191.38** | **$92,950.89** | **$246,240.49** |
| Fixed Assets | | | |
| Building & Improvements | 548,600.00 | | 548,600.00 |
| Land | 186,100.00 | | 186,100.00 |
| **Total for Fixed Assets** | **$734,700.00** | | **$734,700.00** |
| Other Assets | | | |
| **Total for Assets** | **$1,073,891.38** | **$92,950.89** | **$980,940.49** |
| Liabilities and Equity | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Accounts Payable | | | |
| Credit Cards | | | |
| PNC Credit Card | 2,120.83 | 2,977.32 | -856.49 |
| **Total for Credit Cards** | **$2,120.83** | **$2,977.32** | **-$856.49** |
| Other Current Liabilities | | | |
| **Total for Current Liabilities** | **$2,120.83** | **$2,977.32** | **-$856.49** |
| Long-term Liabilities | | | |
| **Total for Liabilities** | **$2,120.83** | **$2,977.32** | **-$856.49** |
| Equity | | | |
| Retained Earnings | 14,266.97 | 40,607.59 | -26,340.62 |
| Net Income | 247,096.98 | 49,365.98 | 197,731.00 |
| 150k Match Fund | 32,413.60 | | 32,413.60 |
| Equity | 734,700.00 | | 734,700.00 |
| Kitchen Renovation Fund | 39,175.00 | | 39,175.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 3,618.00 | | 3,618.00 |
| Multipurpose Room Fund | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| **Total for Equity** | **$1,071,770.55** | **$89,973.57** | **$981,796.98** |
| **Total for Liabilities and Equity** | **$1,073,891.38** | **$92,950.89** | **$980,940.49** |

# Statement of Activity

## Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Inc.

January-December, 2025

| DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT | TOTAL |
|---|---|
| Income | |
| Stewardship | |
| Collection (Members) | 105,185.00 |
| Collection (Undesignated Cash) | 21,279.51 |
| Collection (Visitors) | 6,860.00 |
| Tithe.ly | 28,718.36 |
| **Total for Stewardship** | **$162,042.87** |
| **Total for Income** | **$162,042.87** |
| **Gross Profit** | **$162,042.87** |
| Expenses | |
| Accounting | |
| QuickBooks | 855.58 |
| **Total for Accounting** | **$855.58** |
| Choir | $200.00 |
| Choir Director | 6,752.25 |
| **Total for Choir** | **$6,952.25** |
| Communications | |
| Phone | 600.00 |
| Website | 300.00 |
| **Total for Communications** | **$900.00** |
| Education | $307.76 |
| Church School | 125.00 |
| **Total for Education** | **$432.76** |
| Feastdays | 1,249.37 |
| Fellowship | 878.23 |
| Insurance | 14,798.00 |
| Maintenance | |
| AED | 1,562.45 |
| Building/Repairs | 2,965.63 |
| HVAC | 1,316.00 |
| Landscaping | 218.53 |
| Security | 412.00 |
| Septic | 295.00 |
| Snow Removal | 500.00 |
| Trash Removal | 4,542.37 |
| **Total for Maintenance** | **$11,811.98** |
| OCA | |
| All American Council | 1,500.00 |
| Assessments | 9,165.96 |
| **Total for OCA** | **$10,665.96** |

# Statement of Activity

## Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Inc.

January-December, 2025

| DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT | TOTAL |
|---|---|
| Operations | |
| Legal | 384.50 |
| **Total for Operations** | **$384.50** |
| Pool | $66.26 |
| Lifeguard | 1,255.00 |
| Maintenance | 1,650.73 |
| **Total for Pool** | **$2,971.99** |
| Priest | |
| Insurance- Dental | 3,309.38 |
| Insurance - Health | 32,087.40 |
| IRA | 1,200.00 |
| Pension | 7,258.92 |
| Salary | 32,827.76 |
| Social Security | 2,511.32 |
| **Total for Priest** | **$79,194.78** |
| Supplies | |
| Altar | 728.79 |
| Bookstore | 292.60 |
| Candles | 2,529.24 |
| Choir | 66.78 |
| Envelopes | 153.96 |
| Office | 240.79 |
| Safety Equipment | 208.47 |
| Wine | 982.28 |
| **Total for Supplies** | **$5,202.91** |
| Supply Clergy | 250.00 |
| Taxes | |
| Worcester County Taxes | 115.64 |
| **Total for Taxes** | **$115.64** |
| Utilities | |
| Electric and Gas | 18,190.12 |
| **Total for Utilities** | **$18,190.12** |
| **Total for Expenses** | **$154,854.07** |
| **Net Operating Income** | **$7,188.80** |
| Other Income | |
| Charity Income | |
| Christmas Charity | 992.00 |
| Grace Center | 120.00 |
| **Total for Charity Income** | **$1,112.00** |

# Statement of Activity

## Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Inc.

January-December, 2025

| DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT | TOTAL |
|---|---|
| Earmarked Donation | |
| 25th Anniversary | $2,650.00 |
| Tithe.ly | 5,000.51 |
| **Total for 25th Anniversary** | **$7,650.51** |
| Building Fund | $116,766.00 |
| Schwab | 100,694.89 |
| Tithe.ly | 15,647.64 |
| **Total for Building Fund** | **$233,108.53** |
| Choir & Supply Clergy | 750.00 |
| Kitchen Renovation | $21,430.00 |
| Tithe.ly | 5,832.00 |
| **Total for Kitchen Renovation** | **$27,262.00** |
| Lawn Mower | 3,254.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | 5,276.00 |
| Multi-purpose Room Renovation | $670.00 |
| Tithe.ly | 1,592.00 |
| **Total for Multi-purpose Room Renovation** | **$2,262.00** |
| Parish Center Roof | 9,095.00 |
| Turkeys | 120.00 |
| **Total for Earmarked Donation** | **$288,778.04** |
| Other Income | |
| Bank Interest | 66.93 |
| Insurance Proceeds | 19,495.91 |
| **Total for Other Income** | **$19,562.84** |
| **Total for Other Income** | **$309,452.88** |
| Other Expenses | |
| Charity Expense | |
| Christmas Charity | 992.00 |
| Grace Center | 120.00 |
| Thanksgiving Food Drive | 120.00 |
| **Total for Charity Expense** | **$1,232.00** |
| Earmarked Expense | |
| 25th Anniversary Celebration | 7,612.71 |
| Building Fund Expense | 20,538.55 |
| Building Repairs | 19,165.67 |
| Gifts for Clergy and Choir | 750.00 |
| HVAC Combi Unit | 5,772.00 |
| Lawn Mower | 3,254.00 |
| Roof Maintenance | 6,618.81 |

# Statement of Activity

## Christ the Savior Orthodox Church, Inc.

January-December, 2025

| DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT | TOTAL |
|---|---|
| Well Pump | 4,579.19 |
| **Total for Earmarked Expense** | **$68,290.93** |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 21.77 |
| **Total for Other Expenses** | **$69,544.70** |
| **Net Other Income** | **$239,908.18** |
| **Net Income** | **$247,096.98** |

To: 2026 Annual Meeting of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church
From: Ryan Harris and Edward Hill
Date: February 1, 2026
Subject: Audit of the 2025 Parish Financial Statements

Dear Parish Members,

A review of the church's financial records was performed on January 24, 2026.

Christ the Savior PNC Operating Account xxxx4667
Christ the Savior Savings Account xxxx7067
Christ the Savior Tithe.ly Account banking@orthodoxdelmarva.org
Christ the Savior Farmer's Bank Certificate of Deposit xxxx0063
Christ the Savior Credit Card xxxx4937
Christ the Savior Credit Card xxxx5045
Christ the Savior Truist Checking xxxx8067
Christ the Savior Truist Savings xxxx8075

We reviewed bank statements, collection records, deposit receipts, checkbook, expense invoices and reimbursement. We also looked over the Profit and Loss, Budget and Balance Sheet.

Everything was well organized and seemed to be in good order. Overall, there were only a few very minor issues to make note of:

1. The duplicate checks have a security bar that covers the signatures making them difficult to verify. Also on some of the checks the ink on the copy was so faded that they were unreadable.

2. All expense reimbursement slips had signatures, but some did not have the required number of signatures (two signatures or three if reimbursing Fr. John).

3. Minor errors found on the counting sheets such as missing a counter's signature.

Overall, we found the church's finances to be in good order and well kept. The mistakes we found were minor in nature and no cause for concern.

Thank you,

Ryan Harris Edward Hill

**Report of the Choir Director**

February 2, 2026

Dear Christ the Savior Parish Family,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

What a blessing it has been for me to serve as Choir Director for nearly a fourth year.

Throughout 2025, the choir offered its service at the following liturgical celebrations:

- 66 Divine Liturgies
- 72 Great Vespers
- 8 Matins
- 5 Canons of St. Andrew
- 6 Presanctified Liturgies
- 3 Vesperal Liturgies
- 6 Baptisms
- 1 Funeral
- Unction, Nocturne, Matins, and the Paschal Liturgy
- The 25th Anniversary Hierarchical Liturgy, along with additional anniversary services

In addition, there were almost always choir members present for other services throughout the year, including memorials and Akathists. We have also been blessed with a wonderful beginning to the Christ the Savior Children's Choir, who have already joined us in singing during the Divine Liturgy.

Our choir has devoted an incredible amount of time, dedication, and hard work this year. In preparation for the parish anniversary, we participated in a several-hour choir

workshop. Over the course of the year, the choir held more than 30 official rehearsals, with many members also arriving early or staying late after services to refine specific pieces.

This year, we have seen remarkable growth within our choir. Rehearsals were opened to new and interested members, and these opportunities have been very successful. We have also welcomed at least three new committed singers who now regularly sing with us. I continue to be impressed and humbled by these singers who so faithfully help forge the connection between heaven and earth for our parish through their voices during our worship.

The choir and I are deeply grateful for the love and support shown to us by Father John and by our entire parish. Your words of encouragement are always shared with the choir and truly inspire us to continue offering our very best.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Joanne Patrick, Reader Nick, and Reader David, who each stepped in as directors to assist me this year, even sometimes at a moment's notice. Our parish, and I especially, are truly blessed to have a choir dedicated not only to growing in musical skill, but also to serving with willing and generous spirits.
I look forward with hope to what lies ahead and remain dedicated to creating a prayerful experience for our parish.

With love in Christ,

Alexis O. DeArmitt

**Report of the Long-Term Planning Committee**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Father John, Parish Council, and Congregation,

God is moving in unexpected ways and growing our parish body seemingly exponentially. The number of catechumens continues to grow each week, and we are seeing an increasing number of new visitors, young families, and individuals of all ages joining our community. It follows that our plans to build a new temple have taken on a feeling of urgency as we wait for God's direction.

Father John and the Long Term Planning Committee have been working diligently to follow through with CJK Design Group, the Maryland Department of the Environment, Wetland Delineator - Ken Reddinger, & Frank Lynch,JR. - Surveyor, to get approval for a Site Plan Permit from the state of Maryland. Once we receive this approval we can apply for a Building Site Permit from Worcester County.

Our Parish has begun planning for a fundraising campaign.

The LTPC has put CJK Design on hold until we hear back from the state of Maryland. We will need to hire the services of a Civil Engineer for Structural Steel and a Soil Engineer for areas impacted in and around the Building Site of the new Temple.

Please see an accounting for services rendered, and paid to date below. We have not received an Invoice from Ken Reddinger yet.

| Contractor: | Amount Paid to Date: |
|---|---|
| CJK Design and Architects | $ 16,248.55 |
| Frank Lynch, Jr. - Surveyor | 4,290.00 |
| | Total $ 20,538.55 |

In Christ,

Tom Mathews

# Christ the Savior
## 2026 Budget

| | 2022 Actual | 2023 Actual | 2024 Budget | 2024 Actual | 2025 Budget | 2025 Actual | 2026 Budget | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Ordinary Income/Expense** | | | | | | | | |
| **Income** | | | | | | | | |
| **Bookstore** | 144.00 | 100.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| **Misc.** | 190.32 | 33.87 | 33.87 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| **Stewardship** | | | | | | | | |
| **Cash** | 14,471.85 | 18,212.00 | 14,392.47 | 17,887.60 | 17,887.60 | 21,279.51 | 21,279.51 | |
| **Members** | 88,584.30 | 98,222.07 | 100,642.33 | 99,917.00 | 111,974.97 | 105,185.00 | 105,185.00 | |
| **Tithe.ly** | 20,999.70 | 27,381.22 | 25,062.92 | 24,570.23 | 24,570.23 | 28,718.36 | 28,718.36 | |
| **Visitors** | 1,621.00 | 900.00 | 1,527.09 | 6,768.00 | 6,768.00 | 6,810.00 | 6,810.00 | |
| **Total Stewardship** | 125,676.85 | 144,749.16 | 141,658.68 | 149,142.83 | 161,200.80 | 161,992.87 | 161,992.87 | |
| **Total Income** | 126,011.17 | 144,849.16 | 141,658.68 | 149,142.83 | 161,200.80 | 161,992.87 | 161,992.87 | |
| **Expense** | | | | | | | | |
| **Accounting** | 669.95 | 711.81 | 700.00 | 745.00 | 780.00 | 855.58 | 1,362.00 | QB + Payroll |
| **Bank Service Charges** | 0.00 | 72.00 | 100.00 | 36.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| **Choir** | | | | | | 200.00 | | |
| **Salary** | | | | | 6,346.80 | 6,346.80 | 6,524.51 | |
| **Payroll Taxes** | | | | | 405.45 | 405.45 | 499.13 | |
| **Total Choir** | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 | 6,192.00 | 6,392.00 | 6,752.25 | 6,952.25 | 7,023.64 | COLA 2.8% in 2026 |
| **Communications** | | | | | | | | |
| **Phone** | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| **Web Site** | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 396.00 | |
| **Total Communications** | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 900.00 | 996.00 | |
| **Education** | 158.00 | 175.93 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 382.76 | 200.00 | |
| **Feastdays** | 764.01 | 1,595.98 | 1,000.00 | 1,100.58 | 1,300.00 | 1,249.37 | 1,300.00 | |
| **Fellowship** | 344.97 | 984.53 | 1,000.00 | 472.12 | 500.00 | 878.23 | 1,000.00 | |
| **Insurance** | 8,655.00 | 9,640.00 | 10,000.00 | 11,950.00 | 11,950.00 | 14,798.00 | 15,500.00 | |
| **Legal** | - | - | - | - | - | 384.50 | 200.00 | filing fees |
| **Maintenance** | | | | | | | | |
| **Building / Repairs** | 5,648.59 | 6,517.73 | 7,000.00 | 2,371.55 | 7,000.00 | 2,965.63 | 5,000.00 | 10K in 2020 |
| **HVAC / Systems** | 2,124.50 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 | 3,033.75 | 3,500.00 | 2,878.45 | 3,500.00 | |
| **Lawn Care** | 380.76 | 433.48 | 500.00 | 563.19 | 500.00 | 218.53 | 500.00 | |
| **Savings** | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| **Security** | 427.20 | 284.20 | 300.00 | 446.00 | 421.00 | 412.00 | 412.00 | Nest cams |
| **Septic** | 0.00 | 0.00 | 210.00 | 0.00 | 210.00 | 295.00 | 300.00 | |
| **Snow Removal** | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | |
| **Supplies** | 0.00 | 260.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| **Trash Removal** | 3,896.05 | 3,987.83 | 4,000.00 | 4,975.04 | 3,826.68 | 4,542.37 | 5,000.00 | |
| **Total Maintenance** | 12,477.10 | 11,483.24 | 14,510.00 | 11,389.53 | 15,757.68 | 11,811.98 | 15,212.00 | |
| **OCA** | | | | | | | | |
| **All American Council** | 1,955.30 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.00 | next AAC in 2028 |
| **Assessments** | 7,627.00 | 8,525.97 | 8,277.00 | 8,277.00 | 9,166.00 | 9,165.96 | 14,073.00 | |
| **Total OCA** | 9,582.30 | 8,525.97 | 8,277.00 | 8,277.00 | 12,166.00 | 10,665.96 | 14,073.00 | |
| **Outreach** | | | | | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | |
| **Pool** | | | | | | | | |

# Christ the Savior
# 2026 Budget

| | 2022 Actual | 2023 Actual | 2024 Budget | 2024 Actual | 2025 Budget | 2025 Actual | 2026 Budget | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Lifeguard** | 900.00 | - | 900.00 | 1,275.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,255.00 | 1,300.00 | |
| **Maintenance** | 5,851.85 | - | 2,000.00 | 1,422.86 | 2,000.00 | 1,716.99 | 2,000.00 | |
| **Total Pool** | 6,751.85 | 3,060.44 | 2,900.00 | 2,697.86 | 3,300.00 | 2,971.99 | 3,300.00 | |
| **Priest** | | | | | | | | |
| **Insurance- Dental** | 1,735.44 | 3,128.55 | 3,228.66 | 2,695.04 | 3,309.38 | 3,309.38 | - | |
| **Insurance - Health** | 29,193.57 | 30,334.09 | 31,304.78 | 31,880.85 | 32,087.40 | 32,087.40 | 24,156.60 | |
| **HRA** | | | | | | | 12,000.00 | |
| **IRA** | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | - | |
| **Pension** | 5,502.18 | 6,426.68 | 7,146.83 | 7,091.03 | 7,258.92 | 7,258.92 | 7,982.19 | 14% housing+salary |
| **Salary** | 31,770.00 | 34,533.99 | 32,027.08 | 32,023.87 | 32,827.76 | 32,827.76 | 35,294.00 | |
| **Social Security** | 2,430.36 | 2,649.09 | 2,450.07 | 2,466.63 | 2,511.32 | 2,511.32 | 2,699.99 | 7.65% of salary |
| **Total Priest** | 71,831.55 | 78,272.40 | 77,357.42 | 77,357.42 | 79,194.78 | 79,194.78 | 82,132.78 | 2.8% in 2026 |
| **Seminary Support** | 1,290.00 | 1,253.36 | 1,425.00 | 1,492.09 | 1,492.09 | 1,619.93 | 1,619.93 | 1% of income |
| **Supplies** | | | | | | | | |
| **Altar** | 525.49 | 492.22 | 500.00 | 616.80 | 800.00 | 728.79 | 800.00 | |
| **Bookstore** | 671.87 | 437.92 | 500.00 | 222.60 | 300.00 | 292.60 | 300.00 | |
| **Candles** | 2,907.71 | 3,491.22 | 3,500.00 | 4,440.24 | 4,500.00 | 2,529.24 | 3,000.00 | |
| **Choir** | 0.00 | 393.10 | 400.00 | 508.65 | 300.00 | 66.78 | 300.00 | |
| **Envelopes** | 127.04 | 144.58 | 150.00 | 154.33 | 150.00 | 153.96 | 150.00 | |
| **Kitchen** | 107.68 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | |
| **Office** | 248.15 | 369.83 | 350.00 | 822.01 | 500.00 | 240.79 | 500.00 | |
| **Wine** | 418.50 | 436.40 | 600.00 | 856.44 | 700.00 | 982.28 | 900.00 | |
| **Total Supplies** | 5,006.44 | 5,765.27 | 5,500.00 | 7,621.07 | 7,400.00 | 4,994.44 | 6,100.00 | |
| **Safety** | 249.70 | | 250.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | 208.47 | 250.00 | |
| **Supply Clergy** | 900.00 | 375.00 | 750.00 | 1,000.00 | 750.00 | 250.00 | 750.00 | |
| **Taxes** | | | | | | | | |
| **Worcester County** | 108.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 | 115.64 | 110.00 | |
| **Total Taxes** | 108.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 | 108.00 | 115.64 | 110.00 | |
| **Utilities** | | | | | | | | |
| **Electric and Gas** | 13,298.41 | 15,750.74 | 16,000.00 | 16,659.14 | 18,000.00 | 18,190.12 | 21,000.00 | |
| **Total Utilities** | 13,298.14 | 15,750.74 | 16,000.00 | 16,659.14 | 18,000.00 | 18,190.12 | 21,000.00 | |
| **Total Expense** | 132,987.01 | 141,350.87 | 147,169.42 | 148,197.81 | 161,200.80 | 156,424.00 | 172,229.35 | |
| **Net Ordinary Income** | -9,564.43 | 3,498.29 | 0.00 | 945.02 | 0.00 | 5,568.87 | -10,236.48 | |

## 2026 PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

As per Parish By-Laws, to serve on the Parish Council, the following requirements must be met:

"A voting member of the Parish who has been a member for one year is eligible for election to the Parish Council. A voting member of the Parish who has been a member for two years is eligible for election as on officer of the Parish Council.

In addition to the technical qualification of one-year membership in the Parish, the Parish Meeting must elect to the Parish Council only those members of the Parish who are zealous for the Orthodox Faith, who are regular communicants at the Eucharist, who are active in the Parish, who are willing to work for the improvement, both spiritual and temporal, of the Parish, who are not contentious and rebellious against the authority of the Church, and who are not motivated to seek office out of pride, but only out of a strong desire to work for the Lord and the building up of His Church. Specifically, no one who fulfills only the minimum requirement of receiving the sacraments, who is known to be rebellious against the Church, the Diocese, the bishop, the rector or the priest-in-charge, who promotes divisions and factions among the membership, and who is not regular in his/her attendance at the church's services, should ever be elected to a position of leadership in the Parish.

Wives of clergymen assigned or attached to the Parish, widows excepted, are not eligible for membership in the Parish Council."

The 2025 Parish Council was as follows:

Officers
Georgianne Mathews, Senior Warden (term ends 2027)
Ryan Harris, Junior Warden (term ends 2028)
Ioana Davidson, Treasurer (term ends 2027)
Anya Drobish, Secretary (term ends 2028)

Members
Anastasia Bakie (term ends 2027)
Zach Davidson (term ends 2027)
Marius Vlad Ghemis (term ends 2028)
Chrissy Harris (term ends 2028)
Edward Hill (term ends 2027)
Michael Prasalowicz (term ends 2028)
Marian Ridge (term ends 2027)
Georgiana Wright (term ends 2027)
Cecilia Wyant (term ends 2027)

Coming off the council:
Mirona Bendfeldt and Cheryl Kokkinos

# The Ambassador Program

**A Parish Stewardship Initiative for the New Temple**

As our parish moves forward toward the construction of a new temple, we are introducing an **Ambassador Program** to help coordinate communication, stewardship, and participation across the parish in a thoughtful and pastoral way.

Building the House of God is both a spiritual calling and a shared responsibility. This program is intended to ensure that every household is personally included, clearly informed, and given the opportunity to participate prayerfully and freely.

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**What Is the Ambassador Program?**

The Ambassador Program is a **parish-wide outreach effort** centered on personal conversation rather than mass appeals.

- Ambassadors are fellow parishioners, not professional fundraisers
- The program emphasizes listening, relationship, and shared vision
- Every household is given personal attention and clear information
- All participation is voluntary and free of pressure

This is a ministry of stewardship and unity, not a transactional campaign.

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**How the Program Works**

- Parishioners will be contacted personally by an **Ambassador Team of two**
- These teams represent the parish community and leadership
- Meetings are arranged at a time and place convenient to the household
- The purpose of the visit is to:
    - Share the vision for the new temple
    - Answer questions clearly and honestly
    - Listen to concerns or hopes
    - Invite prayerful discernment about participation

Each household will receive the same printed materials so that information is consistent, transparent, and accessible.

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**Who Will Be Contacted?**

The program is intentionally inclusive and will reach a broad circle of supporters, including:

- Active parish members

- Seasonal parishioners and regular visitors
- Former members with continuing ties
- Family, friends, and local supporters who value the mission of the parish

Outreach will be done thoughtfully and with pastoral sensitivity.

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**Stewardship, Not Pressure**

A central principle of the Ambassador Program is **freedom**.

- Ambassadors do not ask for on-the-spot decisions
- There is no pressure to pledge or donate
- Households are encouraged to pray and discern in their own time

The goal is participation rooted in faith, love, and shared responsibility.

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**Confidentiality and Trust**

Financial privacy is treated with the highest care.

- Individual pledge or donation amounts are confidential
- Ambassadors do not see or track financial details
- Reporting is done only in anonymous, aggregate form

This protects trust and preserves peace within the parish.

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**Why We Are Doing This**

Through the Ambassador Program, we seek to:

- Personally include every household in the vision for the new temple
- Strengthen unity and shared ownership of the project
- Foster generosity rooted in Orthodox stewardship
- Ensure clarity, transparency, and pastoral care
- Faithfully meet the financial needs required to build

This is both a practical effort and a spiritual one, undertaken together as a parish family.

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**What Comes Next**

Following this Annual Parish Meeting:

- Ambassadors will receive training
- Visits will begin over the coming months
- The parish will receive regular progress updates

We ask for your prayers, your openness, and your support as we move forward together, trusting that God will provide what is needed for the work He has placed before us.

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**“Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity.” — 2 Corinthians 9:7**

**“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” — Matthew 6:21**