

He Who is not With Me is Against Me

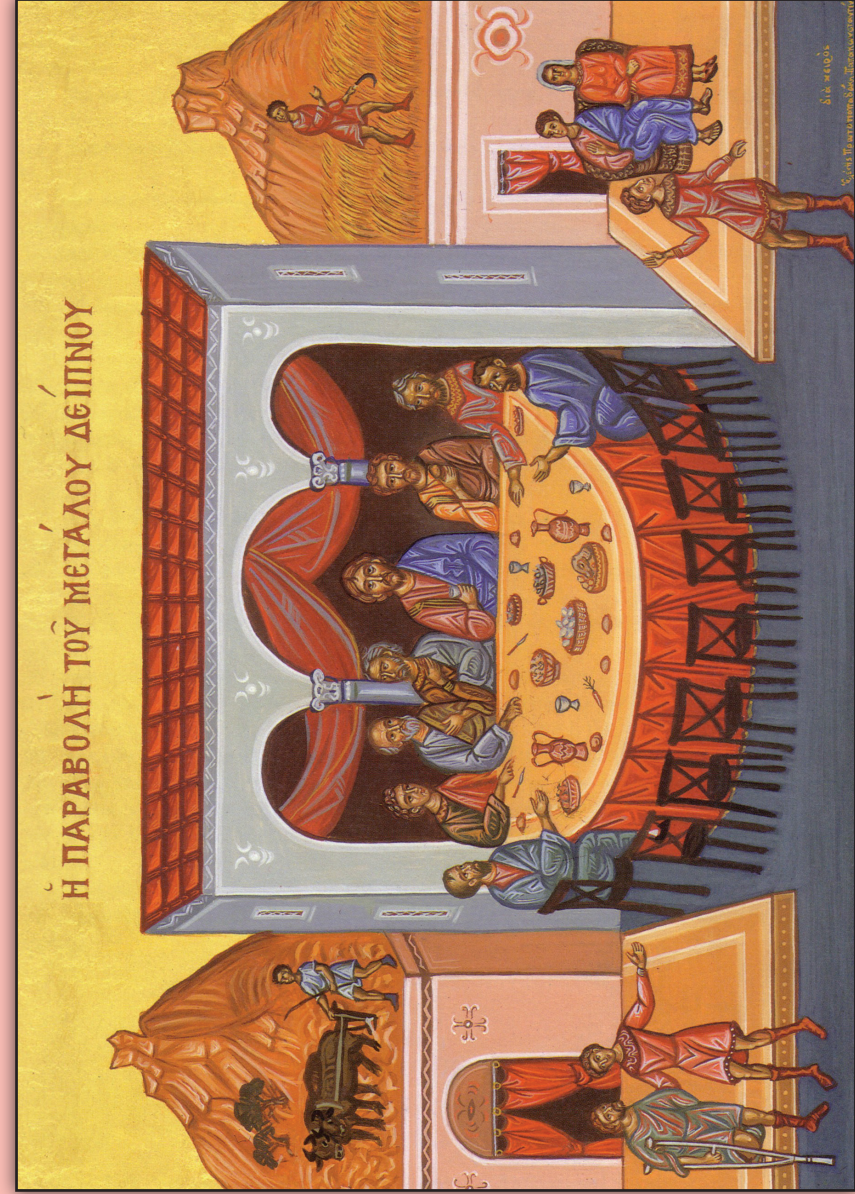
When our Lord spoke in parables, He often used allegory familiar to His listeners. In today's Gospel reading, the vineyard represents Israel; the vineyard owner represents God; and the managers (the tenants) of the vineyard represent the political and religious leaders of the time. Just as the responsibility of the vineyard managers was to produce a profit for the vineyard owner, so was it the responsibility of the religious leaders in the time of Jesus to bring God's people to fruitfulness in knowing, loving and serving God. But, they failed in this, just as the vineyard managers in the parable failed to bring a profit to the vineyard owner.

In response to this, the vineyard owner sent his servants to the vineyard, just as God sent the prophets into the world. However, like the

prophets, the servants in the parable were rejected, mistreated, ignored, even killed. Finally, the vineyard owner sent his son to reason with the managers, but they killed him out of jealousy. Jesus, too, was rejected and ultimately crucified at the hands of devious and jealous men.

Are we, at times, like the managers of the vineyard who rejected the Son? How often do we knowingly distance ourselves from God and His commandments? There is a pride in the human heart that urges us to take control of our own lives even if it means disobedience to all that we know to be right and true. Our Lord tells us that "he who is not for Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) When we act in such a way we really are no different from the tenant farmers in the parable.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Great Supper (Matthew 22:1-14)

ST. GEORGE ROMANIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

EPARCHY OF ST. GEORGE IN CANTON

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:30 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

Ann Fosnaught, Secretary 330-492-8413 or annf@rcdcanton.org

September 6, 2020

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday: Epistle 2 Cor 1:21-23, 2:1-4

Gospel Matt 22:2-14

Next Sunday: Epistle Gal 6:11-18

Gospel John 3:13-17

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday 9/7

6:30pm Vespers for Nativity of the Mother of God

Tuesday 9/8

10:00am Divine Liturgy: Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday 9/9

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Maria Marginean

Thursday 9/10

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Magdalene Florian by Family

Friday 9/11

8:30am Divine Liturgy: H/S Barbara and Bob Greavu

Saturday 9/12

No Divine Liturgy

Sunday 9/13

10:00am Divine Liturgy

Sunday 9/13

6:30pm Vespers for Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

Church Bulletin donated in September 2020 by ...

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at stgeorge.click2stream.com. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner. Also, we are every Sunday on St. George Cathedral Facebook.

All are invited to coffee hour in the small hall and outside provided by the Fr. Ovidiu Marginean Family in celebration of Fr. Ovi's birthday which was September 4th. Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!*

Sunday Collection: August 30, 2020

Loose	\$11.00
Sunday envelopes	\$1,680.00
Candles	<u>\$45.00</u>
Total	\$1,736.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+Husband Dan Cseak	Natalie Cseak
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
Special Intention for Family	Doru Jacobs
+Elisabeta Igna- birthday August 28	Doru Jacobs
Health and Salvation	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Mihai and Elena Florea
Special Intention	Suzie Dragos
H/S All Family	Suzie Dragos
+John, husband	Suzie Dragos
H/S Stella Lazar	Suzie Dragos
H/S Fr. and P-sa Radu Titonia	Suzie Dragos
H/S Barbara Greavu	Suzie Dragos
H/S Veronica Maier	Mom and Family
H/S Us	Earl and Amparo Adkins

Special Intention	Earl and Amparo Adkins
H/S Peggy Rowles	Harry Walsh
Special Intention	Earl and Amparo Adkins
H/S Fr. and P-sa Radu Titonia	Earl and Amparo Adkins
Special Intention	Anonymous
Special Intention	Anonymous
Special Intention	Anonymous
H/S Mary, Melani, Virgil	George and Maria Marcu
+Zorita and +Victor	George and Maria Marcu
H/S Stella Lazar and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Rita Cristea and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Liviu and Georgeta Barcutian and Family	Mircea Cristea
H/S Suzie Dragos and Family	Mircea Cristea

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Carol Hoge, Veronica Maier, Sr. Agnes Scalero, Earl Adkins, End to Corona Virus attack, Clore Family, Georgeta Barcutian, Grace Mary Fein, Barbara Greavu, Connie McAdams, Suzie Dragos, Doris Rotar, Virginia Rogers, Stella Lazar and all who need our prayers.

Sick and homebound: Magdalene Florian (Florida), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Ann Stimer (Home), Maria Poplacean (Canton Regency Rm.#256), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home) Natalie Cseak (St. Joseph, Louisville), Eugene Popa (St. Joseph, Louisville) and Irene Pontones (Chapel Hill Retirement Community)

For holy Baptism contact the parish office at least one month prior to the date requested.

For First Reconciliation contact the parish office when your child turns 7.

For Weddings contact the parish office at least six months prior to the date requested.

To guarantee announcements for the bulletin, they need to be given to the office by Wednesday prior to the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!

To facilitate **accurate counting**, please use separate checks/cash for the special collection, candle and Sunday collection envelopes. Thank you for your attention to this detail!

Please let the office know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can put you on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **the Craciun Family for the health of Mrs. Georgeta Barcutian and Mrs. Mary Cornea.**

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by **Maria Poplacean in honor of the living and in memory of the deceased persons that were born in the month of September: In honor of Vicky Unger, Connie Unger, Sharon Ernst, Jennifer Johnson, Ana Heim, Ana Ivanus. In memory of Bishop +Louis Puscas, +Opal Junka, +Sherry (Hank) Valentine.**

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated by ...

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for August 2020 is donated **Tony Orlando.**

If you would like to sponsor a candelabra for any month of the year in honor of a living member or in memory of any loved ones that have passed away, please get in touch with the Church office and Ann will be able to schedule it for you. Thank you for your continuous support of the Church!!!

Prescura for August 2020: Amparo Adkins, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Jacqui Oprean, Virginia Rogers, Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and Psa. Gabriela Marginean.

Announcements

For the sick and homebound, St. George Cathedral offers a **live stream** of the Divine Liturgy which can be found at the following website: **stgeorge.click2stream.com**. Please make sure that you turn on the sound at the bottom right hand corner of the screen.

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. Because of the pandemic, this year we were asked to change this collection to the day closest to the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, which is Sunday, September 13. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday. See the enclosed letter from Bishop John Michael. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice when you go to smile.amazon.com. As you are shopping online, you can go to choose the St. George Cathedral. Thank you for using smile.amazon.com!

Benefit Dinner for the nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery will be hosted on Saturday, November 7th, at a new location: Saint Elias Melkite Catholic Church in Cleveland. There is no cost to attend the dinner, but registration is required by October 26. Adults 21 and older may attend. Enjoy buffet dinner, entertainment and an evening with the nuns and their guests. Learn more about and support the nuns and their life of prayer and hospitality. Donations given at the event or designated ahead of time will be doubled by matching donors. If an in-person event is not possible, a live online event may be held. For more information and to register my please visit www.christthebridegroom.org or call 440-834-0290.

Parish events:

Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday, September 17 at 6:30pm. All parishioners are invited.

Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30pm.

To Tickle Your Funny Bone ☺

Adam was walking around the garden of Eden feeling very lonely, causing God to ask, "What's wrong with you, Adam?" Adam replied that he didn't have anyone to talk to. So, God announced that he was going to give him a companion - a woman.

"A woman?" Adam replied.

Then God described her, "She will be someone to cook for you and wash your clothes. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to care for them. This woman will not nag you and will always be the first to admit when she is wrong. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and compassion whenever you need it.

"What is she going to cost me, God?" Adam asks.

"An arm and a leg", God responded.

Adam thought a moment and asked, "What can I get for just a rib?"

The rest is history.

Word of Life

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Another Look at Abortion"

May the life of every human person,
from conception to natural death,
be protected in our laws
and cherished in our hearts;

Let us pray to the Lord, Lord have mercy.

Happy Birthday! *La mulți ani!!*

Maria Marginean – September 8th

Annie Collins – September 11th

Fr. Seoirse Murray – September 12th

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9am			Liturgy: H/S Maria Marginean 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Magdalene Florian by Family 8:30am - 9:30am	Liturgy: H/S Barbara and Bob Greavu 8:30am - 9:30am		
10am		Divine Liturgy: Holy Day of Obligation 10am - 11:30am					Divine Liturgy 10am - 11:30am
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12pm							Coffee: Mircea Cristea 11:30am - 12:30pm
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7pm	Great Vespers 6:30pm - 7:30pm						Great Vespers 6:30pm - 7:30pm

THE GOSPEL PARABLE READ at today's Divine Liturgy is actually two stories with two different, if complementary, points. The first concerns those invited to the banquet and those who finally came. The second is the issue of the so-called "wedding garment."

The Gospel of Matthew depicts Christ as encountering increasing opposition the closer He came to the center of the Jewish establishment, Jerusalem. In Mt 21:1-17, Jesus enters the Holy City, ejects the money-changers from the temple and confronts the chief priests. Then we read four vignettes, each criticizing the Jewish leadership in the harshest of terms.

The first such condemnation is the episode of the withered fig tree (Mt 21:18-22). Then, in Mt 21:28-32, we read about the two sons: one who professed obedience to his father, but in words only – a veiled criticism of the Pharisees, who claimed to know the will of God – and the second who actually did the father's will.

In the words of St Hilary of Poitiers, the religious leaders "...put their faith in the Law and despised repentance from sin, glorying instead in the noble prerogative that they had from Abraham (*Homily on Matthew* 21:13).

The second son recalls the sinners who repented at the preaching of John the Baptist: the tax collectors and harlots who enter the kingdom of God before "the righteous," because one can repent of greed and lust, but not for the denial of the need for repentance. Finally, in verses 33-46, we

read the parable of the wicked vinedressers, whose infidelity leads the owner of the vineyard to lease it to others. And, as the Gospel reminds us, "*When the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them*" (Mt 21:45).

The Royal Wedding

The story of the wedding banquet is in many ways an echo of the parable of the vinedressers. In each story, an important person reaches out to his people; he is rebuffed and finally turns to others. The vineyard owner in the first parable and the king in the second both represent God. The disdainful tenants and the invited guests signify the people of Israel. The new tenants of the first story and the new guests of the second represent the Gentiles, who would respond in faith.

It may be hard for us to imagine the reaction of the invited guests to the banquet. An invitation to such an occasion would be esteemed, even coveted. "*But,*" as the Gospel says, "*they made light of it and went their way: one to his own farm, another to his business*" (Mt 22:5). It is as if Matthew were describing our own day rather than his. This is the way that Many Christians – our own friends and relatives sadly among them – react to their invitation to the Eucharistic banquet week after week. But how could an invitation to a royal wedding be dismissed so easily?

Couching this parable in terms of a royal wedding is a way of saying that the initiative

of God in sending to Israel the prophets who announced the coming Messiah was at least as compelling as an invitation to a kingly gala. One after another, prophets came and were recognized in some way as foretelling what was to come. At last the Forerunner came and proclaimed, "Everything is ready – this is the Lamb of God" but was ignored by many who heard him. Those invited had so lost themselves in the concerns of the everyday world that they treated the king's invitation like junk mail.

Those Who Accept the Invitation

The messengers seek out – not the pillars of society at their farms and businesses – but the insignificant on the highways, representing the Gentiles. According to the Jewish opinion of the day, the Gentiles were inferior in God's eyes to the Chosen People. Nevertheless, they respond to the king's invitation while the "important people" did not.

Churchmen are often criticized for catering to the well-to-do: landowners, benefactors, etc. Pope Francis of Rome has repeatedly pushed Catholics to focus their efforts on the poor, without ignoring the leaders of society. In fact, he notes, what generally happens in our world is generally the opposite. "If investments in the banks fail, 'Oh, it's a tragedy.'" He said at a Pentecost vigil in Rome; "but if people die of hunger or don't have food or health, nothing happens. This is our crisis today." In the language of Matthew 22, Pope Francis might be called "the bishop of the highways."

The Wedding Garment

In the second part of this parable, the people from the highways have come to the banquet, but one is not wearing the appropriate “wedding garment.” In Jewish tradition, this meant *finery*, one’s best clothing. A Jewish parable tells of a king inviting people to a banquet. Some went home and prepared immediately. Others continued working and arrived still in their work clothes and so were not allowed in. In the Gospel, this theme of readiness is frequently found in Jesus’ teachings, particularly in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins (Mt 25:1-13).

Many Fathers interpreted “the appropriate garment” to mean a virtuous life. The Gentiles may have replaced the leadership of Israel in the People of God, but if they ignored the Gospel way of life, they too would be excluded. St Gregory the Dialogist saw the garment as woven out of love for God and love for others. “These are great precepts,” he wrote, “sublime precepts, and for many they are hard to fulfill; nevertheless, this is the wedding garment. And whoever sits down at the wedding feast without it, let him watch with fear: for when the King comes in, he shall be cast forth.”

The “Bridegroom Matins” of Holy Week uses this interpretation as the basis for its beloved exapostilarion, “I see Your bridal chamber adorned, O my Savior, but I not possess the right garment that I might enter therein. Brighten the robe of my soul, O Giver of light, and save me.” We must acknowledge our own spiritual emptiness (“I

have no garment”) and seek God’s grace (“Brighten the robe of my soul”) to be made worthy of a place at the banquet.

How shall I enter the splendor of Your holy place, for I am unworthy? If I dare to enter the bridal chamber, my clothing will accuse me, since it is not a wedding garment, and I shall be chained and cast out by the angels. O Lord, cleanse the stain of my soul and save me, for You are the Lover of mankind.

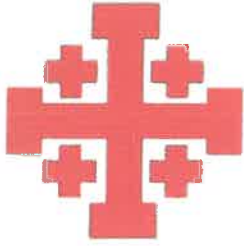
O Bridegroom more beautiful than all men, who have called us to the spiritual banquet of Your bridal chamber, remove from me the ill-clad image of my iniquities by this sharing in Your sufferings. Adorn me with the glorious robe of your beauty and manifest me as a radiant guest of your kingdom, for You are compassionate.

From the Bridegroom Matins of Holy Week

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Story of a Royal Wedding



ROMANIAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE
Eparchy of St. George in Canton



Office of the Bishop

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

September 1, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded. Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land.

Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges - many of which we hear about in the daily news. The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.

There are hopeful signs as well. The 29 parishes in the Holy Land lead worship, offer Christian formation and education, provide housing and food for the poor. Last year's Good Friday Collection:

- Supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helped rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provided Senior Care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region.

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.

Sincerely in Christ-God,

(Most Reverend) John Michael Botean, DD
Bishop
Eparchy of St. George

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St. George Cathedral
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
July 2020

	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Program Income		150.00	416.00
Catering Income	393.00	4,647.00	9,693.00
Fundraising Activities: Festival & Other sales	1,083.82		83,164.00
Interest & Dividends	246.51	173.00	2,538.00
Offerings: Sunday and Special	7,984.91	8,303.75	131,115.70
Total Income	<u>9,708.24</u>	<u>13,273.75</u>	<u>226,926.70</u>
Cost of Goods Sold			
Cost of Goods Sold	(352.00)	1,410.00	6,960.00
Total COGS	<u>(352.00)</u>	<u>1,410.00</u>	<u>6,960.00</u>
Gross Profit	10,060.24	11,863.75	219,966.70
Expense			
Church Expenses: Insurance	675.00	800.00	11,129.00
Fundraising Expense: Festival	1,317.01	1,660.04	37,879.87
Administrative Expense	4.46	21.00	1,076.00
Auto Expense: Gas	72.87	85.00	4,337.00
Catering Expense	332.06	452.00	6,315.50
Diocese Support: Taxa & Retirement Fund	1,109.56	1,112.06	13,833.72
Dues & Subscriptions	220.91	75.00	1,532.00
Postage	74.00	250.00	2,223.00
Professional Services			120.00
Payroll Expenses: Fr. Ovi, Ann & Ioan	4,324.26	4,325.00	52,600.00
Plant & Equipment Maintenance	8,173.27	7,410.00	40,699.00
Real Estate Taxes			2,435.54
Travel & Meetings Expenses	12.96	30.00	1,175.00
Utilities: Gas, Water, Electric, Sewer, Internet, Phone	2,294.63	2,196.00	28,655.00

St. George Cathedral
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
 July 2020

	<u>Jul 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Program Expense: Candles	226.45	498.00	15,392.00
Total Expense	<u>18,837.44</u>	<u>18,914.10</u>	<u>219,402.63</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(8,777.20)	(7,050.35)	564.07
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Edward Jones Investment Market Change	8,507.10		
Total Other Income	<u>8,507.10</u>		
Other Expense			
Other Expense			3,750.00
Total Other Expense			<u>3,750.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>8,507.10</u>		<u>(3,750.00)</u>
Net Income	<u>(270.10)</u>	<u>(7,050.35)</u>	<u>(3,185.93)</u>

St. George Cathedral Stewardship Council Meeting Minutes- August 12, 2020

- Members present via video conference included: Fr. Ovi, Emil Alecusan, Debbie Maier, and Terry Seeberger.
- Emil called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- Fr. Ovi began the meeting with a prayer.
- Minutes of July 15, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Debbie motioned to approve. Terry seconded. Motion approved.
- July 2020 financial results showed a Net Ordinary Loss of \$(8,777). The Investment account had an unrealized gain of \$8,507 due to the financial markets. This brought total income to a loss of (\$270). There were no major fundraising activities and no continuation of reimbursement from the Paycheck Protection Program as in the prior two months. Expenditures to remodel the bathrooms were close to \$3,000 as budgeted.

July was the first month of the fiscal year 2021.

- At July 31, 2020 current assets totaled \$153,208 offset by current liabilities of \$10,194 for a net cash position of \$143,014. This amount was almost the same as the end of June.

Terry motioned to approve the financial report and Debbie seconded. Motion approved.

- Fr. Ovi presented the 2021 budget with previously discussed changes. Net Ordinary Income is projected to be at a breakeven position. Major expenses were budgeted at \$3,750 as a contingency. The budget was approved.

The Committee set September 2 at 6:00 for the audit of January 1, 2020- June 30, 2020 records.

- The meeting concluded at 7:30. The next Stewardship Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020 at 6:30.



Emil Alecusan, Stewardship Chairman

St. George Cathedral
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Edward Jones Investment	126,848.36
Bookstore Imprest account	100.00
Money Market	20,875.17
St. George Orphanage	479.38
Cash in bank - operating	4,698.25

Total Checking/Savings 153,001.16

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable (381.48)

Total Accounts Receivable (381.48)

Other Current Assets

Investments - other	
Undeposited Funds	588.46

Total Other Current Assets 588.46

Total Current Assets **153,208.14**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable

Accounts Payable 6,860.57

Total Accounts Payable 6,860.57

Credit Cards

Huntington - Master Card 1,814.17

Visa Business Card - St. George

Total Credit Cards 1,814.17

Other Current Liabilities

Building maintenance - projects

Collections payable 1,556.60

Payroll Liabilities (36.83)

Total Other Current Liabilities 1,519.77

Total Current Liabilities **10,194.51**

Long Term Liabilities

Note Payable - John Deere Lawnm 793.37

Total Long Term Liabilities 793.37

Total Liabilities **10,987.88**