



St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Metropolitan Washington D.C.

November 18, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Even though 2020 has been a tumultuous year, we have many blessings to be grateful for, including the support that so many of you have provided to keep our parish strong. As we come to the end of this year, and look forward to next year with hope, we ask that you once again make a formal pledge to sustain our parish, as you have done in the past.

God has blessed us with family and dear friends. These are certainly at the center of our life. A major element in our life is also our Orthodox Faith - our church and parish community. We have been blessed with abundant talents and many of you have used them to help our parish flourish. Whether supporting our church ministries, events like the Ukrainian Festival, or our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, over the years, together we have accomplished a lot. We have been good stewards of our finances, and volunteered thousands of hours of hard labor, so that we could cover expenses (be they for operation and maintenance or extensive renovations of our almost 40 year old complex and large property.)

While in the past few years, our hall rental has been our main income generator, supplemented somewhat by revenues from our Festival, COVID has made these impossible, and thus our primary revenue source has dried up for the foreseeable future. To operate in 2020, we have had to rely on your increased generosity, and also had to dip into financial reserves built up by decades of hard work and diligent stewardship.

Due to present difficult circumstances, we are asking that you examine your own finances, and consider making a larger than usual pledge for 2021. Typically, in the past we have suggested a minimum pledge of \$1200 a year per family. Some can do more some can do less. If you cannot fulfill your pledge it is strictly between you and God, and no judgement is passed on you by us.

We ask that you fill out a pledge form before January 1, 2021 as this allows us to budget efficiently. As you see, we have become critically dependent on pledges and ask that you take this into consideration.

We thank you for your active charitable contributions.

Attached you will find the form. Please complete it and return it to the church office or email it to bobicc@aol.com.

Sincerely,
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