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January 29, 2020

Dear St. Elijah Parishioners:

It is my honor and pleasure to be writing you as your Parish Council Chairman. I want to again thank Veronica Alasad and Jim Fox for their dedicated service on the council and to the entire parish. In the words of St. Mathew, 25:21, "His lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant."

I also want to congratulate the newly elected officers:

Craig Abraham – Vice-Chairman;
Dr. Adam Cohlma – Secretary;
Kim Koop – Assistant Secretary;
John Larson – Treasurer;
Kory Warr – Assistant Treasurer.

For those of you who were not able to attend the Annual Meeting, here are a few of the highlights:

- A. We formally introduced our new Youth Director, Anthony Ruggerio.
- B. We discussed the Centennial Celebration and how the Centennial Fund has raised a little over \$21,000.00. The purpose of the fund is to be able to provide a full weekend of celebration at the most reasonable cost possible. The committee hopes to have a better idea of costs soon.
- C. We discussed the finances of the Church and how 2019 was a record year. Also, due to glitch in our audio-visual system (which is in the process of repair), we were unable to go over the 2020 Budget by line item. If you would like a copy of the Budget, please contact the church office.
- D. Lastly, we discussed our online giving app (REALM). We have had over 175 parishioners use it. If you need assistance with setting it up or have questions, please contact the office. Also, we discussed Planned Giving. We are calling it the Legacy Fund. More information will be provided to the parish in the near future.

As far as our monthly meeting, it was fairly light. We did discuss looking at replacement of the main hallway carpet. I have asked Kory Warr to head a committee, along with the decorating committee, to discuss options to beautify that area. Hopefully, I will have more information to report at our next meeting.

As always, please feel free to contact any of the board members with any questions or concerns.

Yours in Christ,



H. Trey Kouri III
Parish Council Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off - **Saturday, February 1 @ 3pm**

Clergy Retreat in Wichita, KS - **Tuesday - Friday, February 4-7**

Meatfare Sunday - **Sunday, February 23**

Ladies Lenten Retreat - **Saturday, February 29**

MEETINGS

MDO Board - **Tuesday, February 11 @ 6:30pm**





Parish Council - **Tuesday, February 18 @ 7pm**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Vespers or Family Night - **Wednesday, February 5**

Great Vespers - **Saturday, February 15 @ 3pm instead of 5pm**

SUNDAY	BOOKSTORE	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS	EPISTLE READER	ELDERS
2/2	Lawrence Clemens	Blair Naifeh Phil Nasr Bobby Prater Trae Rahill Nathan Shadid Peter Shadid Blake Simon Nick Sleem	Michael Salem Xander Ewbank Elias Assaleh Gavin McLamb Alexander Hancock John Baskerville Laith Shawareb Nicholas Sanders Jude Harroz Gabriel Naifeh Branick Larson Musa Alhaj	Phil Nasr	Dr. Paul Shadid Mike Sleem Omar Sweis David Wilson Craig Abraham Sam Assaleh
2/9	Janet Jaime	John Baskerville Beckham Larson Branick Larson John Larson Eric Marusa Wiley Marusa Gavin McLamb Robel Tesfaselassie Samson Tesfaselassie Emerson Wyrick Jeff Wyrick	Adam Sweis Nicholas Hathaway Joseph Harroz Corbin Spencer Freedom Chan Emerson Wyrick William Stiner Robert Stiner Gabriel Frost Gabriel Hare Jacob Sweis	Sandy Nelson	Farouk Shawareb Dr. Jim Stewart Frank Sweis Kendal Wilson Dr. Adonis Albotros Dr. Allyn Baskerville
2/16	Tari Tibbits	Justin Naifeh Matthew Nelson Monte Pratt Dr. Shea Samara Ned Shadid, Jr. Monte Shawareb Jacob Simon Dmitry Smirnov	Robel Tesfaselassie Blaise Bittle Sami Swaiss Sam McClellan Anthony Hancock Beckham Larson Alexander McClellan Nicholas Frost Michael Resz Isaac Warr	Dr. Bashar Alasad	Dr. David Simon Thabet Swaiss Mark Sweiss John Wilson Mike Worku George Catechis
2/23	Lawrence Clemens	Todd Naifeh Toby Pedford Jase Rahill Jeff Shadid Dr. Paul Shadid, Jr. Tamer Shawareb John Robert Simon Travis Smith	Conner Swearingen Jack Naifeh Bo Naifeh Amir Sweis Dagim Worku Aiden Swearingen George Bolen Scottie Samara Ralph Bolen Hollis Carson	Mary Pendergraft	Si Simon Basil Sweis Mark Tayar Jeff Wyrick Dru Alleman George Cohlmia

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						5p Great Vespers 6p 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Presentation of XC 8:50a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour - MDO	7p Bible Study	C L E R G Y N O O R T H R O S	R E T R E A T - N O V E S P E R S N O F A M I L Y N I G H T 7p Teen Chats	W I C H I T A , 10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship	K A N S A S 	5p Great Vespers
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Fast Free Week 8:50a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour - St. Ignatius 	7p Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	9a Liturgy for St. Blaise 6:30p MDO Board	6p Vespers 7p Family Night 7p Teen Chats	10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship		<u>3p Great Vespers</u>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:50a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy Coffee Hour - Cultural Ministries	7p Bible Study	8a Orthros 7p Parish Council 	6p Vespers 7p Family Night 7p Teen Chats	10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship 12p-2p Sr. Lunch & Bingo 		5p Great Vespers
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Meatfare Sunday 8:50a Orthros 10:00a Divine Liturgy Adult Fellowship Meatfare Luncheon	7p Bible Study 7p Choir Rehearsal	8a Orthros	6p Vespers 7p Family Night 7p Teen Chats	9a Liturgy for Repose of St. Raphael 10:30a Orthodox Study Fellowship		Ladies Lenten Retreat 5p Great Vespers