

**Annual Meeting Minutes of Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Orthodox Church  
Sunday February 2, 2025**

**Attendance:** Father Steven and 58 parishioners present in the church plus council members. This made a quorum and meeting was called to order.

**Call to order at 12:17p.m.**

**Minutes from Previous year annual meeting February 4, 2024 were read and approved.**

Alexis Callender made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, Dana Zidarescu second the motion. Minutes were approved as read.

**Parish Rector's Report:**

**Parish Growth:**

We are continuing to grow as a Parish. We are exploring short term and long term solutions to this growth.

Short term – moving pews, more people moving into a pew.

Long Term – a dependency that could become a mission parish in Northern Kentucky. The dependency would be a partnership between 2 different diocese; the diocese of the Midwest (which is Christ the Savior's diocese) and the Diocese of the South.

We are forming a genuine community in our growth in which we experience the Holy Spirit, as the local Body of Christ.

Gary George asked about the dependency. The report put out by Kevin Raines answers in detail what is happening.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Parish – 1976 – 2026.**

By September 2025, our Parish will begin the cycle of events that have been planned to celebrate 50 years of our existence as a Parish.

**1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

In 2025 we will celebrate the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of the Nicene Creed.

**Icon Project:**

The installation of the new panel icons on the back wall of the sanctuary is projected to be completed by the actual date of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Feb. 8, 2026. The iconographer Fr.

Andrew Tregubov has taken the commission. Icons will be St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, St. Macrina, St. Sophia, St. Mary of Egypt and St. Olga of Alaska.

**Sister Vassa's Visit:**

Sister Vassa will visit our parish on Wednesday evening, March 19. The topic of her talk will be "Great Lent as a Great Catechism". We will serve Lenten Vespers, hear the talk and then have Lenten Refreshments following.

**Other Points of Contact:**

The number of welcome packets distributed rose from 122 in 2023 to 175 in 2024. The number of guests registered rose from 37 in 2023 to 56 in 2024.

General Parish Membership is 319

We have 4 Catechumens, 7 Baptisms, 10 Chrismations and 1 wedding in 2024.

**St. Katherine Sisterhood:**

St. Katherine is a parish ministry supporting spiritual growth and fellowship among the women of the parish and engage in fundraising to support the parish charitable needs and in reach activities.

**Bookstore Ministry:**

This ministry is being chaired by Jeff Crawford: This ministry is inventorying all books and making available the books for the Education Classes. There are also books available for purchase or to check out for reading.

We are excited that this is being made available to the parish. A post liturgy presentation will be made by Jeff Crawford and Mark Huffman soon.

## **Financials - Treasurers Report and Approval of Budget for 2025:**

Laurie Sentell presented the Actual vs Budget for 2024 and the proposed Budget for 2025. Also attached was a summary of income, expenses and our Net Income for 2024. Bank account summaries, charitable donations and earmarks received were also included in the report. The report listed the detailed budget for 2024 vs actual for 2024. The proposed budget for 2025 was also included. There was also a graphic pie chart of our 2024 expense distribution. The report was very detailed. It also included notes for our 2024 actuals and our 2025 proposed budget.

A line item for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was added to the Budget for 2025 and 2026.

We are looking for people for the Audit Committee for 2025.

Nolan Leara stated that the Emergency Fund should be a supplement and never a static amount.

Terri Sauer asked about the cleaning. Slava is the cleaning company currently in the parish. They clean the church hall, 4 bathrooms, the kitchen and kitchen counters. If the chairs are not on the tables, they will clean around the chairs in the hall and on the stage. The cleaning is done on Sunday evenings.

We need to promote church camp at the Antiochan Village. There is scholarship money available for children who want to attend. Possibly set up a ministry for this. Also, send out flyers for camp through the Church School. Another suggestion was to have a sponsor from the Antiochan Village camp come and give a talk to the parish.

Chris Gansle made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report as presented, Brian Ledoux second motion, motion passed. Report accepted.

## **Council Slate of Candidates:**

The Parish Council Slate of Candidates was presented to the parish. All attendees were in favor of the candidates as listed. No objections. Motion passed, all candidates were approved.

## **New Business:**

We are researching bids for air conditioning in the back of the church.

Presvytera Deborah will make a presentation on February 23, 2025 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, budget and activities. We will need volunteers for all the events.

Nolan Leara made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mitch Oliver second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Very Reverend Fr. Steven Kostoff, Rector

Marilyn Davenport, Recording Secretary.