

PARISH MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Our parish meeting took place near the end of the Divine Liturgy on February 21st. Donna Pandullo, President of the Stewardship Committee, provided an overview of the parish finances. A Profit and Loss Statement was handed out to all in attendance. The time period review was the calendar year of 2020. Donna pointed out that the revenue coming into the Church has declined and that funds have had to be moved from the building fund, the largest of our accounts, to cover our deficit of \$3,848. She also mentioned that the volunteers at the Church have been very economical in terms of expenditures. Those attending were asked to provide any ideas they may have to address the problem.

Bernice Dumitru, President of the Pastoral Advisory Council, focused upon spiritual matters. She reminded all in attendance that this is the year of St. Joseph, proclaimed by Pope Francis, and that each of us can obtain a plenary or full indulgence during 2021. An indulgence takes away the punishment in time that may be due to sin. It comes from the rich storehouse of Grace that has come down to us through the ages from Christ and the Saints. To obtain an indulgence, a person must go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and perform some sort of work such as reading the Bible for a half hour. Bernice also introduced the attendees to the Prayer of St. Ephrem, which is often recited during Great Lent. She also developed a card that could be given when a Divine Liturgy is requested at our Church.

Father George invited the attendees to contact him with any requests regarding pastoral or spiritual needs.