

2017

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ANNUAL REPORT



Fund for Assistance to the
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The mission of the Fund for Assistance is to support the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, specifically, the moral-spiritual education of youth, aid to its clergy and distribution of emergency relief to its missions.

Making the Church stronger: one member at a time

***Thank you for supporting
the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia!***

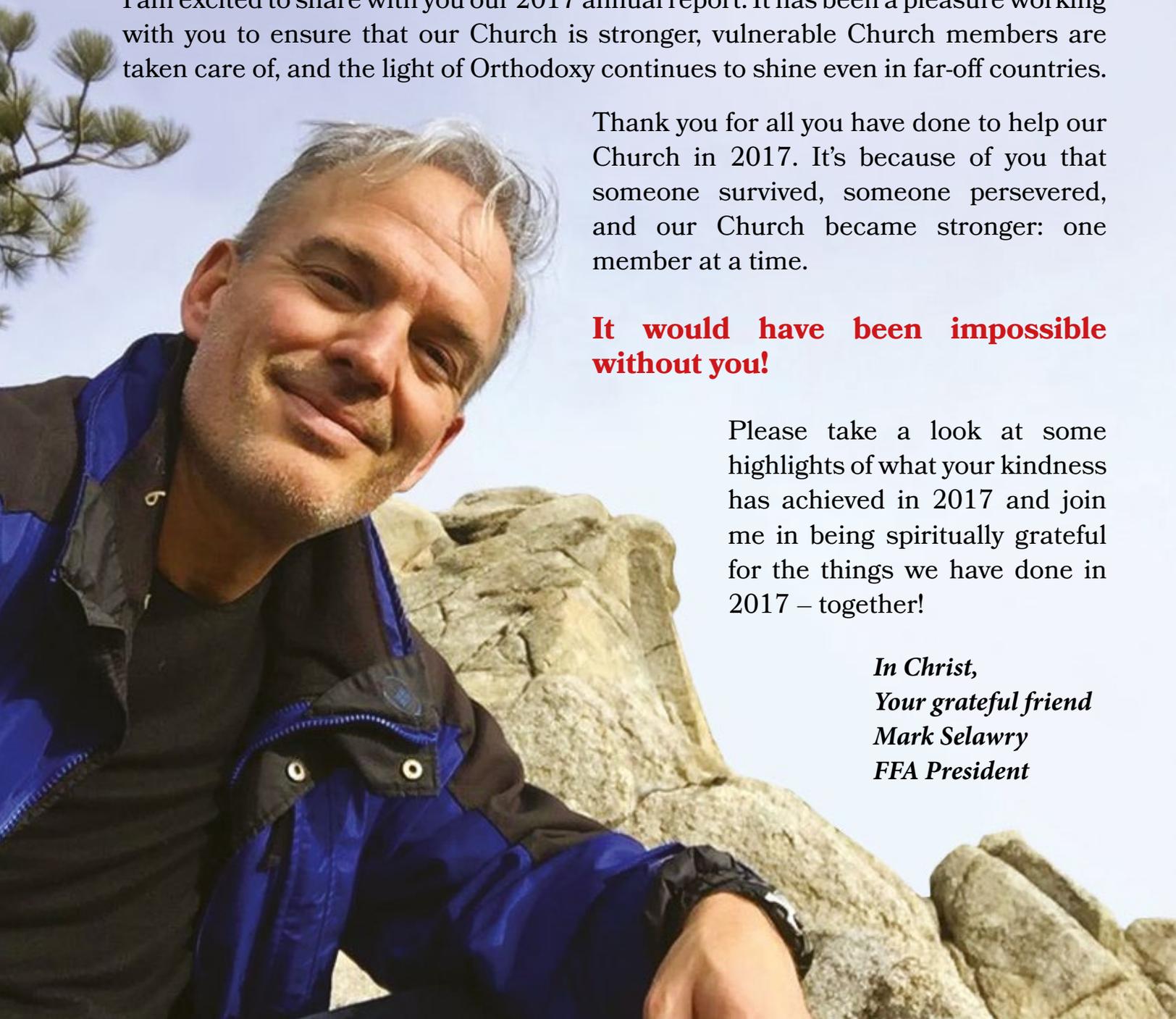
I am excited to share with you our 2017 annual report. It has been a pleasure working with you to ensure that our Church is stronger, vulnerable Church members are taken care of, and the light of Orthodoxy continues to shine even in far-off countries.

Thank you for all you have done to help our Church in 2017. It's because of you that someone survived, someone persevered, and our Church became stronger: one member at a time.

***It would have been impossible
without you!***

Please take a look at some highlights of what your kindness has achieved in 2017 and join me in being spiritually grateful for the things we have done in 2017 – together!

*In Christ,
Your grateful friend
Mark Selawry
FFA President*



Thank you for the ongoing support of ROCOR Missions around the World!

*You paid the rent. You provided shelter, food, and water.
You made sure the light of Orthodoxy kept shining in the unlikeliest of places.*

Pakistan

Not only did the mission survive another year and continue to grow; not only did you clothe the naked, feed the poor, and pay for the education of 12 children; because of you, Orthodox Christians in Pakistan could hear Liturgy in their own language! Thanks to you, the first-ever prayer book in Urdu was translated



and published by the ROCOR mission in Pakistan.



Mexico

In September 2017, several strong earthquakes hit Mexico. Your generosity allowed Fr Nektariy and the brethren of Holy Trinity Monastery to survive the aftermath and help their neighbors with comfort, psychological counsel, food and blankets.

Bethany

You helped us collect more than enough money for a new van for the orphans at the Bethany School for Girls in Bethany, Palestine. Thank you for allowing the girls to travel safely in this dangerous place!



Argentina

Some said that Fr Boris Galdyshev was insane to become a full-time priest in Buenos Aires without any salary. But you said that he's a hero. And you allowed him and his family to survive and continue to strengthen their parish. Fr Boris, his family, and his parishioners are deeply grateful for your compassion!



Haiti

Unlike their government and the rest of the outside world, YOU have not abandoned the people of Haiti! And I want to thank you for your compassion! Most people in Haiti, including our brothers and sisters in Christ, are trapped in a vicious cycle of poverty. Many don't even eat every day! They don't have money for education, but without it they can't find a job to lift them out of poverty!



Thanks to the generous help of amazing people like you, we have been able to sponsor a week-long seminar that provided rudimentary training in computer science, photography, communication, and even liturgics. These courses provide impoverished Haitians with practical skills that they can then use to support themselves financially. This would have been impossible without your kindness. Thank you!



2017 Financial Report

REVENUE

TOTAL INCOME	435,400.34
Unrestricted Donations - Calendar & Appeals (General, Pasha, Emergency Relief, Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday, Annual Report, Newsletters & for the Needy)	195,647.64
Haiti - HOFR Donations	50,510
Mexican Earthquake	48,667.95
Mexican Monastery	10,226.99
Clergy Welfare Fund	48,602.49
Holy Land - Bethany Van	25,946.16
Holy Land - Bethany	7,127.9
Haiti Mission & Haiti School	25,907.03
Hurricane	5,244.22
Other Donations (Ukrainian Refugees, Pakistan, Pakistan Prayer Book, Novo-Diveevo, Uganda, Decani Monastery, Holy Trinity Monastery, Philippines, REM, Indonesia, Kenya Mission, Seminaries, Chile, Mt. Olives, Gethsemane, Costa Rica, California Fires, Puerto Rico, Mahopac)	17,046.63
Loan Repayments	300
Foreign Check Exchange	150
IRS Tax Credit	23.33

BENEVOLENT DISBURSEMENTS & EXPENSES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	352,144.93
Benevolent Disbursements	225,399.92
Haiti - HOFR Program	44,800
Mexican Monastery & Earthquake needs	41,000
Haiti Mission & Haiti School	32,395.03
Youth Ministry - Primarely Unrestricted Donations were used for Youth Ministry needs	23,500.00
Clergy	19,446.03
Seminaries	12,968
Chile	10,000
Holy Land - Bethany	9,345.4
Pakistan Mission & Prayer Book	8,731.61
Other Needs (Uganda, Synodal Liturgic Music Commission, Hurricane, Indonesia, Philippines, Decani Monastery, Novo-Diveevo, Holy Trinity Monastery, REM, Synodal Church, St. Anthony Monastery Phoenix)	23,213.85
Fundraising Appeals & Calendar Expenses	39,814.67
Insurance	2,603.97
Office Expenses including petty cash	44,743.79

Wages includes payroll taxes	37,853.31
Foreign check Exchange	147.27
Returned Checks	125
Deposit Error	150
Bank Fees & Adjustments	1,307
2017 INCOME	83,255.41

FINANCIAL STATUS

Income	83,255.41
Balance from 2016	484,030.25
Stopped Checks	632.19
Interest	231.66
AMOUNT FORWARD TO 1/1/18	568,149.51
In Checking Account	126,678.85
In Savings Account	450,231.66
Outstanding Checks	-8,761
ON DEPOSIT AS OF 12/31/17	568,149.51

NOTE: All specifically designasted donarions are given to the designated causes, sometimes done in the next fiscal year.

WHERE
you helped our Church in
2017



your
KINDNESS
in
ACTION



417

kids received assistance to be able to continue education



250

kids attended an Orthodox youth event, made friends, and learned more about their faith.



100%

of clergy families receiving FFA aid continued to serve their parishes and further their mission



65

needy families received clothing and food



20

members of ROCOR clergy received assistance with rent and living expenses



14

mission parishes received rent assistance

Whom We Help

280 members of ROCOR
250 Youth
20 Clergy
218 Mission Members

Our Team

8 Board Members
7 Part-time Admin Staff
7 Volunteer Staff

2017
impact by the
NUMBERS
Last year, your support gave your brothers and sisters in Christ from different countries the chance to turn to FFA for the help they desperately needed.

how we collect
MONEY
We exist thanks to your kindness. We consider the FFA to ROCOR as a vehicle that delivers aid to the members of the Church you want to help. Together we are making our Church stronger – one person at a time. May God bless you for your love and generosity! Thank you!

REVENUE vs. EXPENDITURES



WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO

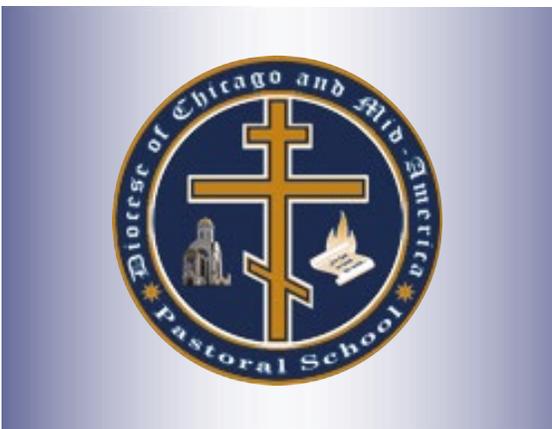
ROCOR Missions.....	\$146,272 ⁰⁴
Clergy.....	\$32,414 ⁰³
Youth.....	\$23,500 ⁰⁰
General Fund.....	\$126,745 ⁰¹
Other.....	\$23,213 ⁸⁵

All admin and fundraising happens thanks to donors who give to our annual fund and specifically unrestricted donations. We exist thanks to you.

Thank you so much for partnering us in helping our beloved Church!

Thank you for helping those who are near and far...

In the Americas and Canada: You came to the rescue of a clergy couple... You provided educational opportunities... You made sure our youth has a future in the Church!



Pastoral School of Chicago

The only online Orthodox Theological School providing a Master's Degree in Theology has made another leap in its development – thanks to the help of great people like you! In 2017 thanks to your generosity, PSC has launched its Spanish-language program. This is the only comprehensive Orthodox Christian seminary in the Spanish language in the world. This was possible in large part to the generous

support of the FFA. Thank you! This means that Orthodoxy will be spreading even further in Spanish-speaking countries. Today the School's Spanish-speaking students come from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Mexico, Nicaragua, Colombia,

and Chile. They also have applicants for the fall semester from Nicaragua and Paraguay and hope and expect to have even more. This means that thanks to you, the light of Orthodoxy will be spreading even further in the Spanish-speaking world. Thank you!

Youth

Our youth desperately needs to meet other Orthodox young people, or they will continue to be completely swallowed up in the ways of the modern world. This is especially hard for kids who attend small parishes in smaller cities. Together they have a chance, alone very few will survive and remain Orthodox. This is what YOU help us accomplish – you allow our youth to feel like they belong in the Orthodox Church, that persevering in the True Faith is worth being the odd one out - by supporting the annual St Herman's youth conferences.



Three St Herman's conferences

Last year 240 young people participated from all over the United States and Canada. Thanks to you, they learned about the fundamentals of our Faith, participated in the Orthodox sacraments of Confession and Communion, built friendships, and realized someone like you cares about what

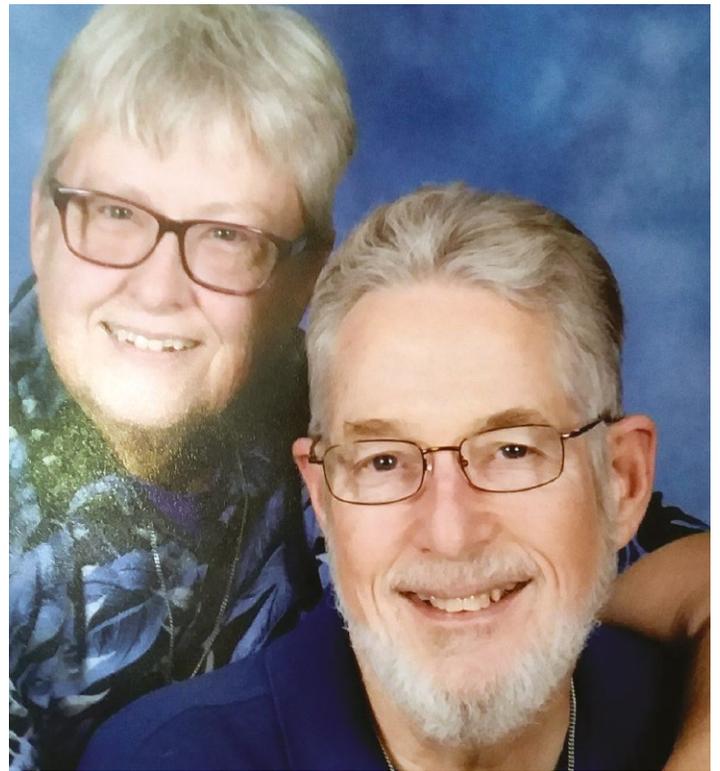
happens to them and to our Church. They can now find a place for themselves within Church walls, they can think about serving the Christ when they grow up, and they can build their future around the Church. This is priceless.

Clergy

Putting a roof over their head

When Hurricane Irma tore off most of their roof, Fr Brendan and Matushka Mary Dougherty (St Brendan Western Rite Mission in Sarasota, FL) didn't have the funds to fix it. Waiting for FEMA to help would have resulted in the house needing much more extensive repairs. When the Doughertys applied to FFA, all available funds were allocated to different causes. So we gave them a small donation and a loan.

The Doughertys were planning on taking out another loan with the bank just so



they could pay back the Church, but you wouldn't let them. Kind people like you came and gave specifically for victims of Hurricane Irma. So we turned the loan

into a donation, the Doughertys fixed their roof, and are now again offering shelter to visiting clergy. *Thank you so much for helping a clergy couple in need!*

Our Promise

Your money – your decision: 100% of all donations directly fund the cause indicated by the donor. Stay updated on how your kindness supports the Church you love: subscribe to our email newsletter on our website:

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