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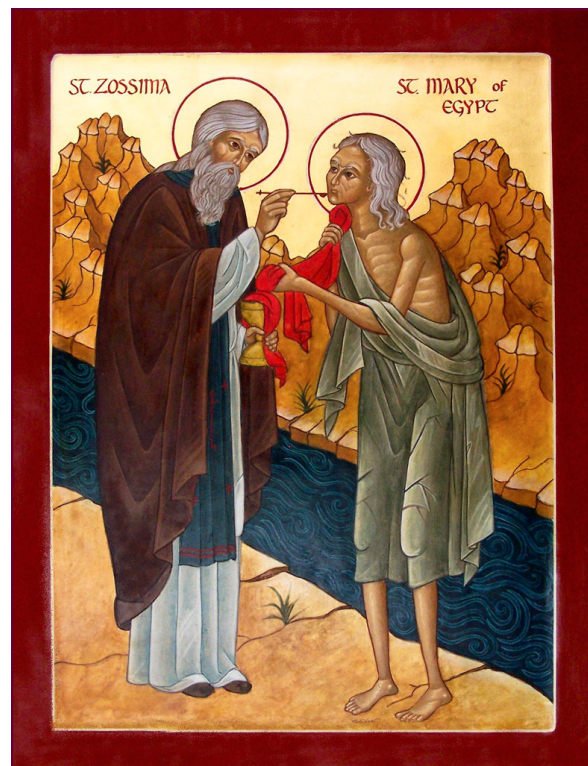
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LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT Sunday, April 2, 2017

**Tone 8 / Eothinon 8; Fifth Sunday of Great Lent
Commemoration of our Righteous Mother
Mary of Egypt**

Venerable Titus the wonderworker;
Virgin-martyr Theodora of Palestine;
Martyrs Amphianos and Aidesios of Lydia



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning.
If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the
blessed bread during communion.
Please join us at Coffee Hour~ we'd love to meet you!

Calendar for this Week

Sunday, April 2—St. Mary of Egypt

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, April 3

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
5:00 p.m. St. Brigid Outreach dinner at
St. Michael's in Isla Vista
6:00 p.m. Great Compline
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 4

2:30 –4:15 p.m. Catechesis Level I
NO DAILY VESPERS

Wednesday, April 5

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
11 a.m.-1p.m. Shower of Blessings Ministry
12:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy at
ST. BARBARA GREEK CHURCH
followed by lenten meal & teaching

Thursday, April 6

NO DAILY VESPERS

Friday, April 7

6:45 a.m. Daily Matins
6:00 p.m. Canon of Lazarus

Saturday, April 8

8:30 a.m. Liturgy for Lazarus
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
10:30-3:30 Work Party/Decorating with Palms
6:00 p.m. Great Vespers/Confessions

Sunday, April 9—PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Religious Education ages 6-18
9:00 a.m. Matins
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Procession with palms
11:45 a.m. **POTLUCK**
6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Sunday Morning Ministries Schedule

Eucharist Bread

April 2 Dillon
April 9 Tinyayeva
April 15 Meyer (Holy Saturday)
April 16 Kern (Pascha)
April 23 Hedges

Coffee Hour

April 2 NEED A HOST
April 9 PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK
April 16 PASCHA BREAKFAST
April 23 C. & J. Speier

Greeters

April 2 L. Baker/P. Morrison
April 9 K. Fox/H. Lange
April 16 C. Berari/P. King (PASCHA)
April 23 D. Washburn/D. Lewis

Ushers

April 2 P. Brunner, P. King, D. Meyer
April 9 R. Barre/D. Lewis/C. Speier
April 16 J. King/D. Washburn/C. Berari
April 23 G. Shannon/S. Speier, P. Brunner

Readers

April 2 V. Gish
April 8 T. Harris (Lazarus Saturday)
April 9 D. Meyer
April 10 D. Washburn (Presanctified 7:00 a.m.)
April 11 G. Wiley (Presanctified 7:00 a.m.)
April 13 D. Alexander (Vesp-Liturgy 7:00 a.m.)
April 14 M. Kern (Hours)
April 14 R. Barre (Vespers 3:00 p.m.)
April 14 J. Butler OT/ H. Lange Epistle
Lamentations 7:00 p.m.
April 15 V. Gish (Vespersal Liturgy 8:30 a.m.)
April 16 T. Harris (PASCHA)
April 23 D. Meyer

**AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE
GREAT DOXOLOGY.**

**(“Glory to You, Who have shown us the light...”) followed by the Matins Dismissal
Troparion. Complete text is in front of Liturgy book.**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT**

GREAT LITANY

FIRST ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name, O Most High;
To proclaim Thy mercy in the morning, and Thy truth by night. [Refrain]

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Vs. Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever...Amen. [Refrain]

SECOND ANTIPHON—Psalm verses with refrain

Vs. The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength and
hath girded Himself.

**Refrain: O Son of God Who rose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia!**

Vs. For He hath established the world which shall not be shaken. [Refrain]

Vs. Holiness befits Thy house, O Lord, forevermore. [Refrain]

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and
unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only Begotten Son and immortal Word of God who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate
of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and wast
crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity,
glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON—The Beatitudes from the “Sermon on the Mount”

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord,
when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you, and shall say all manner of
evil against you falsely for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

LITTLE ENTRANCE

As the clergy enter the altar, we sing the following hymns of the day:

Troparion of the Resurrection

Tone 8 Byzantine melody

From the heights Thou didst descend,
O Compassionate One;
and Thou didst submit to the three day burial,
that Thou might deliver us from passion.
Thou art our Life and our Resurrection,
O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion of St. Mary of Egypt

Tone 8 Serbian Chant

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Mother,
for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.
By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh
for it passes away;
but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.
Therefore your spirit, O holy Mother Mary,
rejoices with the angels.

Troparion to St. Athanasius

Tone 3 Byzantine melody
harmonized by Fr. J. Finley

Holy Bishop Athanasius,
you became a stronghold of Orthodoxy,
strengthening the Church through your divine teachings.
Opposing the heretical opinion of Arius,

you explained and taught that the Son is equal in nature with the Father.
O holy Father, intercede with Christ God
that He may grant us abundant mercy.

Kontakion of Annunciation

Tone 8 (Byzantine melody)

To thee, our Queen, leader in battle and defender.
We thy people delivered from all peril,
offer hymns of vict'ry and thanksgiving, O Theotokos.
Since thou dost possess invincible power,
set us free from ev'ry calamity.
That we may cry unto thee: Hail O bride without bridegroom.

TRISAGION (THRICE-HOLY) HYMN (p. 9 of Liturgy book)

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.
+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.
Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon: With strength!

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Preparatory Psalm Verses before the Epistle

Tone 8 Byzantine melody

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (*Ps 75/76:11*)

Verse: *God is known in Judah; His name is great in Israel. (Ps 75/76:1)*

THE EPISTLE READING — Hebrews 9:11-14

Brethren, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord, let us shout with jubilation unto God
our Savior.

Verse: Come before His countenance with thanksgiving, and with psalms let us
shout in jubilation unto Him.

THE GOSPEL READING — Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took His twelve disciples, and began to tell them what was to happen to Him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver Him to the Gentiles. And they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit upon Him, and kill Him; and after three days He will rise again."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Him, and said to Him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of You." And Jesus said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized. But to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be servant of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

Meglynarion for Liturgy of St. Basil (Hymn to the Mother of God—p. 26 of Liturgy book)

All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace: the assembly of Angels and the race of men. O sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, the glory of virgins, from whom God was incarnate and became a Child – our God before the ages: He made your body into a throne, and your womb He made more spacious than the heavens. All of creation rejoices in you, O Full of Grace. Glory to you!

Communion of the Clergy (Liturgy Book page 32)
Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings.
(Ps 111/112:6b-7a)

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers **are invited to approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.**

So that the priest is aware of this, please just say,
“Father, bless” when you get to the chalice.

St. Mary of Egypt
Died around the year 400 A.D.

Commemorated April 1 and on the 5th Sunday of Great Lent

Mary was born in Egypt and at the age of 12 entered into a life of debauchery and prostitution. She lived many years in this life, and one day, driven by an adulterous flame, boarded a boat bound for Jerusalem. In the Holy City she attempted to enter a church to venerate the Holy Cross, but an invisible force denied her entry. Stricken with fear, she gazed at an icon of the Theotokos and prayed that she might be able to enter to church to venerate the Cross. She confessed and repented of her sinful life, and it was only after this that she was able to enter the church. She heard a voice saying, “If you cross over the Jordan you will find peace.” Immediately she bought three loaves of bread and crossed the Jordan River.

She remained in the wilderness for 48 years in great torment and fear, struggling with her passionate thoughts. She ate vegetation to survive. She saw the Elder Zosimos in the wilderness and told him her story, begging him to bring her Holy Communion on the same day the next year. He did, and saw her walking upon the water of the Jordan River. She had attained great communion with God. The next year he returned to bring her Holy Communion and found her body, lifeless. He returned to the monastery and related her life and the miracles he saw performed. She is commemorated on the fifth Sunday of Great Lent as an image of great repentance and confession.

SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Barbara Monastery Chapel Consecration: Saturday, May 6, 2017!!
Details to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: www.stathanasius.org.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE THE CHURCH OFFICE WHEN YOU MOVE OR CHANGE E-MAIL, CELL PHONE NUMBER OR LAND LINE NUMBER.

PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED

Within the next few weeks, we will add 2 more spaces designated for handicapped. We ask that you **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BLUE LINED SPACES** so that spaces are available close to the building for our members for whom it is difficult to impossible to walk long distances. Thank you!

ANNUAL WORK PARTY ON LAZARUS SATURDAY

April 8th from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Join us as we make our church building ready for Holy Week and Pascha on Saturday, April 8th. We will need help with decorating, cleaning the icons, preparing the palms, and other little jobs. Please plan to stay after the Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday to lend a hand. Kids are welcome!

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY THIS WEDNESDAY WILL BE AT ST. BARBARA GREEK CHURCH at 6:00 p.m., followed by a lenten meal and a short teaching by Fr. Nicholas.

SAVE THE DATES!

SAOC Summer School 2017

for children in grades K-6

Monday, June 19-Thursday, July 6

CELEBRATIONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays:

4/2	Christina Shackelford
4/3	Donna Friesen, Josh Braun
4/4	Duane Franzen
4/5	Corina Berari, Ethan Keller
4/6	Monica Finley, Valerie Yova

Feast Days

4/2 (5th Sunday of Lent) St. Mary of Egypt

Corina Berari, Kristen Roberts, Corie Sieck, Lilyana Williams, Valerie Yova

SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK 2017

(Please note that the Tues-Friday morning services are at 7:00 a.m.)

Palm Sunday, 4/9	Bridegroom Matins (Full Choir)	6:00—7:15 p.m. (Finish times are approximate.)
Monday, 4/10	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 –7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 4/11	Presanctified Liturgy	7:00—8:15 a.m.
	Bridegroom Matins (Full Choir)	6:00-7:20 p.m.

At the conclusion of Bridegroom Matins, the choir will present in a brief musical meditation the beautiful Hymn of Kassiane that was commissioned from composer Nazo Zakkak in 2014.

Wednesday, 4/12	Presanctified Liturgy	7:00—8:15 a.m.
	Holy Unction	6:00-7:40 p.m.
Thursday, 4/13	Institution Liturgy	7:00-8:20 a.m.
	Matins with 12 Passion Gospels	6:00-8:30 p.m.
Friday, 4/14	Royal Hours (Complete)	9:00 a.m.
	Burial Vespers (Full choir)	3:00-4:00 p.m.
	Lamentation Matins (Full choir)	7:00-8:50 p.m.
	All-night Vigil	10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.
Saturday, 4/15	Vesperal Liturgy celebrating Christ's Victory over Hades (Full Choir)	8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Sunday, 4/16	Paschal Procession, Matins	5:00—8:00 a.m.
	Liturgy, Blessing of baskets (Full Choir)	
	Break-fast	8:00 a.m.
	Agape Vespers	9:30-10:15 a.m.
	Picnic at Tucker's Grove	3:00 p.m.

(When the “Full Choir” is not indicated, services will be led by smaller ensembles of chanters.)

PASCHA CELEBRATION 2017

It's that time of year again!

PASCHA BREAKFAST—A BIT DIFFERENT THIS YEAR

This year we will begin a new BREAK-FAST tradition immediately following the Divine Liturgy. We will each bring, share and enjoy our own Pascha/Easter Baskets together. The church will provide a beautiful array of yeast sweet breads and Pascha cheese, and a lovely beverage bar of coffee, juice and hot and cold chocolate.

There will be several extra baskets of sliced meats and cheeses placed on the table to help serve our visitors/guests. NOW is the time for your family or group of friends to start thinking about what to put in your special basket!

Suggestions are sliced meats, cheeses, fruits, eggs, fruit, etc.

Our famous barbeque will happen in the afternoon!
***Please note we are dropping the price of the day**
to reflect the change of menu in the morning!

PASCHA PICNIC

The main focus of our celebration this year will be the afternoon PICNIC at Kiwanis Meadows/Tuckers Grove at 3 p.m. The deacons will barbeque tri-tip and lamb for all. This year there will be the addition of special chili too! Bread will be provided. **Please bring a large salad (green, potato, pasta, fruit) to share and your own place settings and beverages.** As always, there will be games, activities for our children, plus music and lots of wonderful fellowship. Plan to attend this special day for our church family. It is a great opportunity to bring your non-Orthodox friends and family members, as well!

The day's festivities cost the church over \$4,000. Please help us to cover our costs again this year. We are asking for a donation for each adult and child participating. You can pay in advance online through the parish website (www.stathanasius.org) or you can pay in the food line on Pascha.

Pricing is as follows:

Adults:	\$10 for breakfast only
	\$20 for breakfast and picnic
Children:	\$ 8 flat fee
	(Maximum charge per family: \$80)



For some helpful information and recipes for your Pascha basket:

<http://saintspeterandpaulnh.org/cgi-bin/EasterBasket.cgi>

<http://orthodoxeducation.blogspot.com/2014/04/pascha-basket.html>

<http://www.theologic.com/oflweb/lentpask/basket.htm>

<http://whatimcookingnow.blogspot.com/2010/04/all-about-pascha-baskets.html>

WE NEED SOME HELP!

Even though we are simplifying the breakfast on Pascha morning, we do need a few people who would be willing to make homemade cinnamon rolls or Easter sweet yeast breads to share. Please sign up on the big bulletin board if you are able to help, or call June Easbey (705-3668)

As usual, we also need a few people to help set up tables and chairs on Saturday afternoon (April 15th) at 2 p.m. and to help with cleanup following the breakfast.



PASCHA EGG HUNT

Time to prepare for the fun!

If you have kids who will be participating in the egg hunt at the Pascha picnic, it's time to start thinking about getting your plastic eggs and candy/toys/coins! Don't wait until the last minute when it might be hard to find them. Please bring 12-18 filled eggs per child with you to the picnic (along with a basket or bag for your child to collect eggs). Please make sure you consider any non-church family and friends you will be inviting and bring enough for them as well. If you can do more than a dozen, that really helps for people who would like to participate but don't have the means to bring eggs. Contact Katie AbuGhazaleh at 453-5324 with any questions. Thank you!



It's time to raise our Palms high!

Please join the Festal Decoratoring Team for the "Joy-Full" event of palm branch praise and raising at SAOC on Lazarus Saturday, April 8th. We need all hands on deck to do one of several beautifying tasks:

- *Palm Cross Making
- *Iconastasis detail
- *Floral arranging
- *Nave and Hallway Palms
- *Trimming and snipping (if you're a hair stylist, this job's for you!)

Please come join us at 10:30am following the Lazarus Saturday Liturgy. With enough hands on deck, we should have it palmed-up and wrapped up in about 2 hours!

If you are able to help, please let me know. Looking forward to seeing you then! - Lisa Ballew, Festal Decorating



* **Please support our Project Mexico Mission Team 2017** *
* by going to the team fundraising page and making a donation for *
* one or more team members. Each participant must raise \$690 to *
* cover home-building materials, food, transportation and other trip *
* costs. To make an online donation, go to: *
* <https://www.stathanasius.org/project-mexico> *

TEEN SCENE

April, 2017

Unless noted otherwise, the Junior Highers meet from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, and the High Schoolers meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Teen Room at the church.

4/6 Youth Group

4/13 Passion Gospel Service (6pm)

4/14 Holy Friday all-night vigil (more details to follow)

4/20 Fire on Father/Pascha Party at Fr. Nicholas and Jan's Home
Jr. High from 6pm - 7:30pm, High School 6:30pm - 8:30pm)

4/27 Youth Group

INCOME FOR JANUARY 2017

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$33,997	\$ 10,709

INCOME FOR FEBRUARY 2017

	<u>Gen. Operating</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Monthly Goal	\$36,000	\$ 14,120
Monthly Actual	\$31,335	\$ 8,299

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org.

Please pray for the health of:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Jon Braun
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Kh. Mary Sue W.
Fr. Patrick and Vanessa K.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family
Gail S.
Dean & Penny B.
Angelina, Jase & Alina S.

Baby Emma
Mary
Rich and Susan B.
Christian F.
Duane F.
Galina, Nikolai & Nataliya
Olga Marie G.
Emily F.
Joan T.
Terri-Lynn & Hannah Rose H.
Jared E.

James
Alma G.
Dawn L.
Michael L., Penny C. and Family
Johnny Z.
Carmen G.
Temmo K.
Nancy R.
Ethan K.
All those suffering and
in danger in the Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

For repose of the souls of: Molly, Donald S., Kevin S.

All who have died in the conflicts in the Ukraine Africa & the Middle East

ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons' litanies and should be submitted to the church office—office@stathanasius.org.

Prayer requests put into the **wooden box in the narthex** will be said silently at the altar at most services. During the **Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy**, only Orthodox Christians are commemorated, and that list is comprised of the sick, those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin, and those who prepared the Eucharist bread. Others are prayed for during the Proskomedia (Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, and other items that are FOR SALE. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lockbox mounted on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to "St. Athanasius Book Center."

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

