

Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church Newport News, VA



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – CHURCH HALL

“BEAT THE PANDEMIC 100K” FUND RAISER (BTP 100K) MEETING

JUNE 22, 2020 6:30PM



“BTP 100K” Agenda

- Call to Order / Opening Prayer
- COVID-19 Pandemic & Church
- Impact to Church Funding
- “Beat the Pandemic 100K” Fund Raiser (BTP 100K)
- Next Steps to BTP 100K Kick-Off
- Adjournment / Closing Prayer



COVID-19 Pandemic & Church

- **March 16, 2020 COVID-19 restrictions announced**
 - Church closed except for clergy (moved to on-line Facebook viewing of Liturgy)
 - Furloughed workers and cut expenses
 - Cancelled all major purchases and building maintenance projects
 - Hall rentals cancelled
 - Spring Festival cancelled with plans for reduced Drive-thru event

- **Even with PPP Loan, our Church will have a major funding shortfall through June 2021**

- **Parish Council has done everything possible to reduce expense of operations**

- **Cannot use Emergency Church Building & Maintenance Fund**
 - Our Church needs an urgent major repair project for Church arches, domes, roof , ceiling and door repairs
 - Project can't be delayed any longer and the Church can't lose these funds



Impact to Church Funding

- **Spring and Fall Festival Income greatly reduced**
 - Average \$180,000 Spring and \$70,000 Fall = ~ \$250,000 per year
 - Even with planned drive-thru festival, income will fall to ~ \$50,000 (-72%)
 - If Fall Festival impacted, potential income shortfall will be down over 60%
- **Weekly Stewardship and Donations**
 - Our Parish has stayed close to budget
- **Hall Rental Income is 100% eliminated**
 - Over \$20,000 of events cancelled and postponed
 - No gatherings due to restrictions

“Beat the Pandemic 100K” Fund Raiser (BTP 100K)



- **The Pandemic has caused a real financial need for our Church**
- **This is an appeal for donations from each and every Parishioner above and beyond regular Stewardship**
- **Call on our Parish Community to Raise \$100,000 or more**
- **Donations go to the Church General Operating Account**
- **The funds will be used to fund Church operations through June 2021**
- **Fund Raiser to run for 1 month starting Sunday, June 28**



Next Steps to Kick-off

- **Parish Council “BTP 100K” Fund Raising Letter to Parishioners June 26**
 - Mail to Parishioners with no email and electronically to all others; English and Greek
 - Post on Church website
 - Post to Church Facebook
 - Weekly eBulletin
 - Sunday Liturgy place in Narthex for parishioners

- **Father George to announce “Beat the Pandemic 100K” Fund Raiser Sunday 28th**

- **Contact key Parishioners to help promote BTP 100K through their circle of friends**

- **Our fellow Parishioners understand what the Church is going through**

- **Bring or Mail donations or use Church on-line “Donations” button (for “BTP 100K)**



Thank you for
Supporting Our Church