



SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



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To: Our Parishioners of Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
Subject: **“Beat the Pandemic 100K” Fund Raiser for Sts. Constantine and Helen**

The COVID-19 Pandemic has had a devastating impact on our personal lives, on the communities we live in and throughout our country and it has also severely impacted our Church operations and funding, but not our faith. **Our faith is strengthened through acts of good works.** I believe all of us in our community of Sts. Constantine and Helen recognize the impact this pandemic is having and would welcome ways to help our Church in its time of need.

As a result, we are **launching a fund raising campaign** above and beyond our normal Stewardship, **“Beat the Pandemic 100K” Fund Raiser or “BTP 100K”** for Sts. Constantine and Helen, **to raise at least \$100,000.** All contributions will go to the **Church General Operating Account.** The fund raising campaign is planned to run for 30 days starting with the announcement at the end of Liturgy on Sunday, June 28.

As we all know, our day-to-day Church operating funds are dependent on three sources; one on the generosity of our parishioners, the second is on the money raised through the Festivals and the third is rental income from our Church Hall. **The Festival fund raising and the Church Hall rental income have suffered** significantly because all gatherings have previously been cancelled through government restrictions and are now restricted with social distancing. With **over half of the Church’s operating funds cut off**, even with all the cost saving measures that have been put in place, our Church remains in a troubled financial position and we need to proceed with a fund raising effort, the **“BTP 100K”** that will **raise funds to carry our Church through to June 2021.** Additionally, our Church requires an urgent **major building and maintenance repair project** to address the aging and weathering damages to the Church arches, domes and roof.

Please join in and help our beloved Church, Sts. Constantine and Helen, and **contribute to the “BTP 100K”** campaign by writing a check or contributing on-line through the Church website “Donation” button. You will then be directed to PayPal where you can enter your donation amount, then click the “Next” button and you will see “Add a note”, then please enter “BTP 100K”.

We are available at any time to answer any questions you may have. **Thank you.**

In Service to Christ,

Father George Chioros, Parish Priest

Robert Demson, Parish Council President