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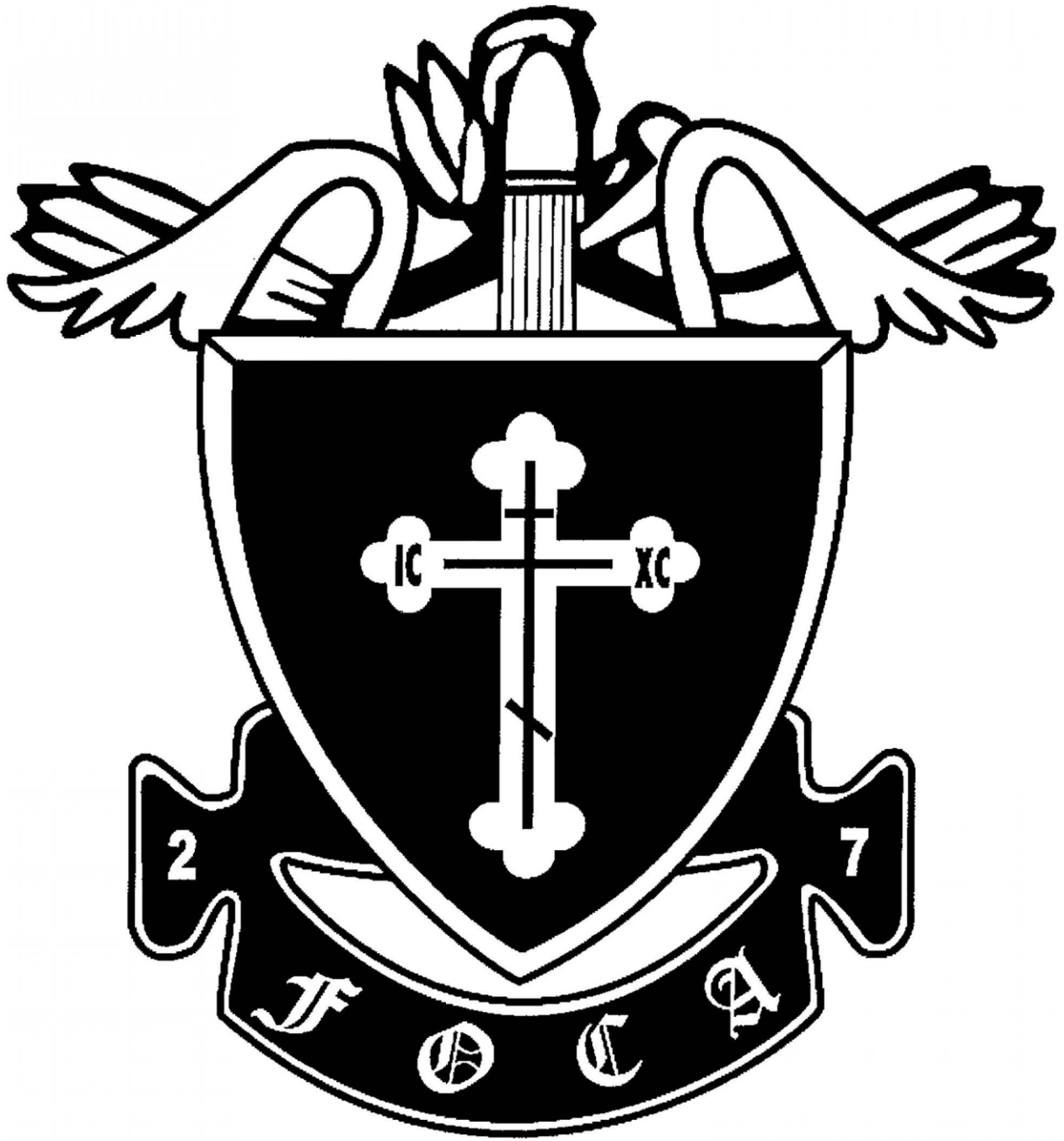
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EVE-RY IM - PUR - I - TY, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O GOOD ONE.
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ANNUAL REPORT

F.O.C.A ANTHEM

Words and Music by
Anastasia Karnou

Faith of our Fa - thers Ho - ly Or - tho-dox,
Pray, Stu - dy, To - il, Al - ways be tem - per - ate.

we will per - pe - tu - ate in this land that's free.
This, our - mot - to and proud are - wel

Keep the tra - di - tions that bind us to - ge - ther,
For it will guide us in all our en - deav - ors,

true to our he - ri - tage, and the F. O. C. A.
In all our aims and hopes for the F. O. C. A.

The Opening Procession Order

1. Conv. Chair with Icon of All Saints of N. America
2. Conv. Comm Member with Icon of St. Andrew
3. Conv. Comm Member with U.S. Flag
4. National President
5. National Vice President
6. National Recording Secretary
7. National Treasurer
8. Immediate Past National President
9. Past National Presidents
10. District Governors
11. National Spiritual Advisor
12. Present Hierarchs

PEOPLE: O, Lord, save Thy people / and bless Thine inheritance / grant victories to the Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries / and by virtue of Thy Cross / preserve Thy habitation.

Opening Service of Prayer at a National Convention

Deacon: Bless, Master.

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen. O Heav-enly King, the Comforter, the Spir-it of Truth; who art everywhere and fil-lest all things. Treasury of Bles-sings, and Giv-er of Life: come and a-bide in us, and cleanse us from every im-pur-ity, and save our souls, O Good One.

The Great Litany

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. (sung after each petition)

Deacon: For the peace from above and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, and for the union of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For His Beatitude, our Metropolitan_____, and for His (Eminence, Grace) our (Archbishop, Bishop)_____, for the honorable priesthood, the deaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For the President of our country, for all civil authorities, and for the armed forces, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For this city, for every city and country, and for the faithful dwelling in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: For seasonable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

- Deacon:** For travelers by land, by sea, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** That the Lord will hear the voice of petition of the members of this Convention Gathering and fulfill all our good desires and intentions, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** That He will send down the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, opening our minds and lips and enlightening our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** That He will grant us the Wisdom which stands by His Throne, making it abide in our hearts and teaching us what is for the good of His Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** That we may wisely remain constant in the Orthodox Faith and in all good works, a joy and comfort to all people and a strengthening of the Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** That He will look down with His Merciful Eye on His Church and upon this Convention Gathering, bestowing the grace of wisdom upon its endeavors in the successful building up of the life of the Church of our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** For the members of this Convention Gathering, who have travelled from throughout this country, awaiting the Grace of the Holy Spirit, and needful of God's help and protection, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** That He will instill in the members of this Convention Gathering oneness of mind, harmony of spirit, good intentions and wise action for the benefit of His Holy Church, let us pray to the Lord.
- Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.
- Deacon:** Commemorating our most holy, most pure, most blessed, and glorious Lady, the Theotokos and ever-Virgin Mary, with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.
- People:** To Thee, O, Lord.
- Priest:** For unto Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.
- People:** Amen.

God is the Lord

Deacon: In the 8th Tone: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

People: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*

Deacon: All nations surrounded me; in the Name of the Lord I withstood them!

People: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*

Deacon: I shall not die, but shall live, and recount the works of the Lord!

People: *God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*

Deacon: The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes!

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Troparions

People: (TONE 8) Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God,/who hast revealed the fisherman as most wise,/ by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,/ through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net,/ O Lover of man, Glory to Thee!

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: (TONE 4) Andrew, the First-called of the Apostles/ brother of Peter, the foremost disciple,/ entreat the Master of all,/ to grant peace to the world,/and to our souls great mercy.

People: Now and ever , and unto ages of ages. Amen.

People: (TONE 4) Steadfast protectress of Christians,/ constant advocate before the Creator:/ do not despise the cry of us sinners,/ but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith./ Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos,/ for you always protect those who honor you.

Prokeimenon / Epistle / Gospel

- Deacon:** Let us attend!
- Priest:** Peace be unto all.
- Reader:** And to your spirit.
- Deacon:** Wisdom!
- Reader:** The Prokeimenon in the 4th Tone: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands.
- People:** *Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands.*
- Reader:** Yea, give success to the work of our hands.
- People:** *Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands.*
- Reader:** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.
- People:** *And prosper the work of our hands.*
- Deacon:** Wisdom!
- Reader:** The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.
- Deacon:** Let us Attend!
- Reader:** Brethren, I do not cease to give thanks to you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power in us who believe, according to the working of His great might which He has accomplished in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and made Him sit at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come; and He put all things under His feet and has made Him the head over all things for the Church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.
- Priest:** Peace be unto you, reader.
- Reader:** And to your spirit, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel.

Priest: Peace be unto all!

People: And to your spirit.

Priest: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Deacon: Let us Attend!

Priest: At that time, the Lord said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Or what man is there among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

People: Glory to Thee, O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Litany of Fervent Supplication

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray for His Beatitude, our Metropolitan _____, and for His (Eminence, Grace), our (Archbishop, Bishop) _____, for priests, deacons, and all other clergy; and for all our brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: Again we pray to the Lord our God, that He will look with mercy upon the members of this Convention Gathering, and will send down into our hearts, our minds, and our lips the spirit of wisdom, of understanding, of godliness and of His fear; enlightening our minds with the light of His gracious understanding, that we may be adorned with all good works for the glory of His most holy name; for the benefit of His Holy Church; let us say: O Lord, hearken and mercifully have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and how mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: O God, our God! Thou hast adorned us with Thine image and given us a free will. When Thou didst enter into the Temple in the middle of the feast, O most compassionate Master, Thou didst teach the people who were amazed at Thy doctrine, for David says: Come to me, children, and I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Thou didst teach wisdom to Solomon. Look down even now, O Maker and Creator, upon the members of this Convention Gathering, and grant the wisdom and understanding that we may learn Thy holy will; warm our hearts in love for Thee and for our neighbors; guide us on the way of truth and righteousness, keeping our hearts from all evil; unite us in one mind and in one heart, and let mutual love abide in our midst; bless us for the doing of good and useful things. We pray Thee, O most merciful Lord our God, the God of every compassion and consolation: Do not turn away Thy face from us, nor deny us our longing, for we have set our hope on Thee. Grant us peace and serenity, a unity of spirit, concord and fruitful action, and all things needful for our temporal and eternal life. Thou knowest our needs, and dost grant and fulfill our requests even before we make them.

For Thou art the God powerful in mercy and gracious in strength, and to Thee are due all glory, honor, and worship; to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The Dismissal

- Deacon:** Wisdom!
- Priest:** Most Holy Theotokos, save us!
- People:** More honorable than the Cherubim/ and more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim/ without defilement you gave birth to God the Word/ True Theotokos we magnify You!
- Priest:** Glory to Thee, O Christ our God and our sure hope, glory to Thee!
- People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages, Amen!
- Lord, have mercy. (3x)
- Most Blessed Master, Bless! (sung in the presence of the Metropolitan)
- Master, Bless! (sung in the presence of the Bishop)
- Father, Bless! (sung when not in the presence of a Hierarch)
- Priest:** May He Who sent the most Holy Spirit from heaven upon His holy disciples and apostles, in the form of fiery tongues, Christ our true God, through the prayers of His most pure Mother; of St. Andrew, the First-called of the Apostles, the Patron Saint of the Fellowship, of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; and of all the saints; have mercy on us and save us, for He is good and loveth mankind.
- People:** Amen.
- Eis Polla eti Despota! (sung in the presence of a Hierarch)

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****POLICY AT CONVENTION SESSIONS****

It will be the primary objective of the Chairman to help expedite the business which must be covered at this Convention. In doing so, if the Chair at times appears to be arbitrary, he begs the indulgence of the Delegates.

Business of this Convention will be conducted according to the Constitution and By-Laws of the F.O.C.A., supplemented by Robert's Rules of Order as revised.

However, it must be remembered that, " ... the great purpose of rules and regulations is to serve the will of an Assembly rather than restrain it; to facilitate and not to obstruct the expression of delegates ... " Rules are designed to protect the minority and need not be enforced when there is minority to protect.

Accordingly, the Chair wishes it to be known that it stands ready at anytime to assist delegates in the explanation of motions, advise them on points of information and, if necessary, to help in the phrasing of motions. Any Delegate should feel free to express him/herself on any subject and to offer motions on same regardless of his or her lack of knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Parliamentary procedure, as such, will not be used to obstruct any business of this Convention.

A standing rule permits Alternates to be seated with Delegates on the Convention floor and permits them expression of opinion subject to recognition by the Chair, although only the Delegate (or Alternate acting as a Delegate) is permitted to vote.

We will adhere to the Agenda as outlined, and if it becomes necessary, in the opinion of the Chair, to limit debate and number of speakers, it will do so.

The Chair, in exercising its authority, will attempt to:

1. Assist in expediting business.
2. Restrain members when engaged in debate.
3. Enforce observance of decorum and order.
4. Inform Delegates on points of order.
5. Confine debates to questions and not personalities.
6. Prevent object of meeting to be defeated by persons using parliamentary form which results in the obstruction of business.

Every Delegate present is entitled to be heard and to make motions. The Chair will help whenever called upon to do so. While this is absolutely true, Delegates must refrain from monopolizing the floor and from speaking more than twice on the same subject.

Do not be overly concerned with "Parliamentary Procedure". All rules and regulations will be applied to help rather than hinder the conduct of business.

The Chair will try to be as informal as possible and make sure that everyone has a chance to be heard and have their feeling made known.



NOTE:

Displayed heron, and on first page of this book are four different sizes of the F.O.C.A. Seal which are authorized for reprint.

AGENDA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
93rd Annual F.O.C.A. Convention
Hyatt Regency Columbus
Columbus, OH
(Subject to Change)

- A. Administration SecretaryClark
- B. Baba’s Auction/Sales.Champaign
- C. Chapel Delaware Room A - C
- D. Plenary Sessions Delaware Room B - D
- E. Registration County Foyer
- F. Juniors. Marrow
- G. Clergy VestingKnox

Friday, August 30, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. President’s Open Golf Outing. .Columbus Airport Golf Course
- 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Convention Registration County Foyer
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Veteran’s Memorial Tours Main Lobby
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting Knox
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. RegistrationCounty Foyer
- 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. “FOCA History for \$1000” Reception Delaware Room C - D

Saturday, August 31, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Convention Registration. County Foyer
 - 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Baba’s Auction/Sales/Displays Open Clark
 - 9:00 a.m. **PROMPTLY** Opening Processional &. Delaware Room B - D
- PLENARY SESSION I**

- 1. Opening Service/Panikhida V. Theodore Boback
- 2. Calling Convention to Order by the President Allison Steffaro
- 3. National Anthem/FOCA Anthem. Allison Steffaro
- 4. Roll Call of Members: National Board of TrusteesDanielle Ilchuk
Delegates and Life Members
- 5. Welcoming RemarksBecky Tesar and Anthony Shultz
- 6. Appointment of Parliamentarian

- 7. Appointment of Credentials Committee Chair
- 8. Introduction of Guests. Allison Steffaro
- 9. Updates and Questions/Comments from the Floor on Reports of:
 Executive Board
 District Governors
 Administrative Secretary
 Orthodox Christian Journal/Admin. Services
 Department Directors/Committees
 Auditor
 Celebration of Faith Contest Results
- 10. OCA Youth and Young Adult Report. Dimitrios Rentel
- 11. Update from Focus North America Kenneth Kidd
- 12. Hierarchical RemarksHis Beatitude Metropolitan TIKHON
- 13. Convention AnnouncementsDn. Peter Ilchuk
- 11:00 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting Clark
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Short Morning Break*
- 11: 30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. PLENARY SESSION II Delaware Room B – D**
 - 1. Breakout Session 1 – “30 Ideas in 30 Minutes”Marion
 - 2. Breakout Session 2 – “Orthodox Funeral Traditions –
 In Light of the Resurrection” Knox
- 4:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Tentative) Delaware Room A
- 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers Delaware Room A – B
- 8:00 p.m. “Cliffhanger in Columbus” Delaware Room B – D

Sunday, September 1, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Clergy Vesting Knox
- 8:45 a.m. Board of Trustees Assemble for Greeting of the Metropolitan
- 9:00 a.m. HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY Delaware Room A – C
- 1: 00 p.m. Afternoon Activities/Free Afternoon
- 5:30 p.m. Banquet Doors Open
- 6:00 p.m. “Sail Away” Banquet and Ball Delaware Room B – D

Monday, September 2, 2019

9:00 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION III.** Delaware Room B – D

1. Results and Discussion of Breakout Sessions Allison Steffaro
2. Available Annual Convention Bid
 - a. 95th (2021) **OPEN –**
 - b. 96th (2022) **OPEN –**
 - c. 97th (2023) **OPEN –**
3. Available Sports Bids and Awards
 - a. 2020 Bowling Tournament **OPEN –**
 - b. 2021 Basketball Tournament **OPEN –**
 - c. 2021 Bowling Tournament **OPEN –**
 - d. 2022 Basketball Tournament **OPEN –**
 - e. 2022 Bowling Tournament **OPEN –**
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business
6. Re-opening of Nominations for all Offices
7. Election of National Officers
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Recording Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
8. Installation of Officers V. Rev. Theodore Boback
9. Adjournment of Convention
10. Closing Service V. Rev. Theodore Boback

YOUTH AGENDA AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

93rd Annual F.O.C.A. Convention (Junior Headquarters in the Marrow Room) (Subject to Change)

Friday, August 30th 2019

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Meet & Greet with Snacks
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Join the Senior Event “FOCA History for \$1000” Reception

Saturday, August 31st 2019

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 am	Breakfast & Group Discussion with Clergy - (Topic - TBD)
10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Trip to Center of Science and Industry (COSI)
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Return to Hotel
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Join the Senior Event “Cliffhanger in Columbus”

Sunday, September 1st 2019:

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Breakfast at North Market
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	“Mystery” Trip
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Pizza Party
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	“Sail Away” Ball (Dance)

Installation Ceremony and Closing of Convention

FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS, the Acting-Chair will remain at the dais to direct the Assembly with the Installation Ceremony and Closing of the Convention. The Past Presidents usher the newly-elected officer and process to the dais, forming a row behind the newly-elected officers. When all is in readiness the *Installation Ceremony and Closing of the Convention* begins.

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:

It is the custom each year to elect officers to the National Executive Board of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America. These individuals are active members of their parishes and are well versed in the By-Laws of our organization. They have demonstrated a willingness to work for the common good of the F.O.C.A and to build up the body of our Holy Orthodox Church.

THE ELECTED OFFICERS ARE:

PRESIDENT:

VICE-PRESIDENT:

RECORDING SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:

PRIEST: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Having been elected a member of the Executive Board of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America at this (*year*) National Convention, do you humbly accept this office?

OFFICERS: *I humbly accept this office.*

PRIEST: Do you promise to Almighty God that you will zealously, honestly, voluntarily with diligence and fear of God, fulfill the duties of your office, according to the Canons of the Orthodox Church and the By-Laws of the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America?

OFFICERS: *I do promise.*

PRIEST: Do you promise to faithfully administer the duties of your office upholding not your personal interests but the Glory of God, the welfare of the Holy church and the salvation of your soul?

OFFICERS: *I do promise*

PRIEST: Do you promise that you will uphold the pursuance of peace, tranquility and brotherly Christian love among our membership to the best of your ability for the ensuing year?

OFFICERS: *I do promise In witness of my oath and solemn promise, I kiss the Life-giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Closing Service of Prayer at a National Convention

Deacon: Bless, Master.

Priest: Blessed is our God, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen. O Heav-enly King, the Comforter, the Spir-it of Truth; who art everywhere and fil-lest all things. Treasury of Bles-sings, and Giv-er of Life: come and a-bide in us, and cleanse us from every im-pur-ity, and save our souls, O Good One.

Reader: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us ! (3x)

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

O Most Holy Trinity, have mercy on us! O Lord, cleanse us from our sins! O Master, pardon our transgressions! O Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities, for Thy name's sake.

Lord, have mercy. (3x)

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

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

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Troparions

People: (TONE 4) We Thine unworthy servants, O Lord,/ grateful for the blessings Thou hast given to us,/ always praise, bless, and thankfully glorify Thy loving kindness,/ crying to Thee with love and humble submissiveness:/ O Savior and Benefactor, glory to Thee.

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

People: (TONE 3) O Mother of God help of Christians,/ you have favored us with your protection!/ We your servants gratefully cry out to you: Hail, Most Pure Virgin Theotokos!/ By your prayers deliver us from every calamity,/ for you are a speedy helper in time of trouble.

Litany of Fervent Supplications

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great goodness, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

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Deacon: Furthermore, we pray for His Beatitude our Metropolitan _____, and for His Eminence, Grace) our (Archbishop, Bishop) _____, for the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, for priests, deacons, and for all our brethren in Christ.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: May our thanksgiving be as sweet-smelling incense before Thy majesty, most merciful Master. In Thy love for mankind, always send down Thy rich blessings upon Thy servants. Deliver us from the assaults of our visible and invisible enemies; preserve Thy Holy Church; and grant all Thy people health, virtue, and length of days, we beg Thee, most bountiful King; incline Thine ear to our prayer, and speedily show mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Deacon: O Lord, who didst accompany Luke and Cleopas on the road to Emmaus, and didst make them to return to Jerusalem with their hearts burning with the joy of Thy Resurrection; send Thy grace and divine blessing to accompany Thy servants, all the members of this Convention Gathering, as we return to our homes and guide us in every good work, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Preserve us in health and bring us safely to our destinations, we beg Thee, our merciful protector, hear us and have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. (3x)

Priest: Hear us, O God our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of those who are far off upon the sea; and how mercy, show mercy, O Master, upon us sinners, and be merciful unto us. For Thou art a merciful God and lovest mankind, and unto Thee do we ascribe glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

Priest: Peace be unto all.

People: And to your Spirit.

Deacon: Let us bow our heads unto the Lord.

People: To Thee, O Lord.

Priest: O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, the God of all mercies and bounties, Whose mercy cannot be measured and Whose love for man is an unfathomable deep; with fear and trembling, we bow down in adoration before Thy majesty, unprofitable servants that we are. We humbly thank Thee for the blessings Thou hast given Thy servants who have participated in this National Convention. We glorify Thee, we praise Thee, we sing to Thee, our Lord and Master and defender; we bow down before Thee and beg for Thy boundless mercy. As Thou has graciously received Thy servants' prayers and granted them, so also deliver Thy Church and preserve us from every hostile assault. Grant us peace and tranquility, that Thy faithful people may grow in virtue and love for Thee, and may partake of Thy benefits, and so we will always offer thanksgiving to Thee, together with Thine Unoriginate Father, and Thy Most Holy, and Good and Life-Creating Spirit, God glorified in Three Persons, and will joyfully sing to Thee; Glory to Thee, O God our Savior, unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

FOLLOWING THE DISMISSAL, The Acting-Chair introduces the Newly-Elected (or Re-Elected) President for his/her remarks. The President then calls on each of the Newly-Elected (or Re-elected) Executive Board officers to offer their remarks. At the conclusion of the remarks of the outgoing Immediate Past-President, the Spiritual Advisor intones "Many Years!"

Deacon: Intones " MANY YEARS"

People: Sing "MANY YEARS"

THE ELECTED (RE-ELECTED) PRESIDENT ADJOURNS THE CONVENTION BY APPROPRIATE MOTION, SECOND AND VOTE
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People: Sing.... "It is truly meet to bless you O Theotokos,
Ever Blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God.
More honorable than the Cherubim,
And more glorious beyond compare than the Seraphim;
Without defilement You gave birth to God the Word;
True Theotokos, we magnify You.

{All assembled will form a large circle and sing the F.O.C.A. Anthem}

~~~FAITH OF OUR FATHERS~~~

Faith of our Fathers, / Holy Orthodox, / we will perpetuate in this land that's free. /  
Keep the traditions / that bind us together, / true to our heritage / and the F.O.C.A.

Pray, Study, Toil, / always Be Temperate. / This is our motto, / and proud are we. /  
For it will guide us / in all our endeavors, / in all our aims and hopes / for the F.O.C.A.

*The President will lead the people in saying the F.O.C.A. Motto.*

**Glory be to Jesus Christ!**

**Best Wishes to our host the Ohio District for a successful Convention!**

**Some National Spiritual Advisor activity highlights from this past year are:**

- Coordination with E-Board members as needed or required;
- Participation in E Board Conference Calls & E Board and Trustees Meetings;
- Response to email and coordination with Allison Steffaro, President;
- Response to email and coordination with Marge Kovach, Communication Director;
- Written and verbal communications with His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and, Fr Tosi, Secretary Orthodox Church in America in reference to various concerns and Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak;
- Conversation with OCA Chancery Staff;
- Coordination with Fr. John Matusiak as needed;
- Coordination and communication with Sandy Kapelan, Admin Secretary
- Coordination with Fr. Bill Evansky, past national spiritual advisor;
- Conversation with past national spiritual advisors: Fr. Dan Ressetar & Fr. Joseph Martin
- Sent letter and email to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon reminding him of the dates of the National FOCA Convention as well as asked him to inform the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA at their spring sessions. Fr Eric Tosi also included this in his report to the Holy Synod of Bishops;
- Sent letter on behalf of the E-Board to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, His Grace, Bishop David, Episcopal Liaison, OCA Youth and Young Adult Department of the OCA, His Eminence, Archbishop Michael, Secretary of the Holy Synod of Bishops and Chancery Staff, which updated the progress made since the 92nd FOCA Convention;
- Coordination with Deacon Peter Ilchuk. Thanks to Deacon Peter for his assistance;
- Continue to serve as the Colonial District FOCA Spiritual Advisor.

**Liturgical Music Program:** At the 84<sup>th</sup> Annual F.O.C.A. Convention, Fr. Bill Evansky, National Spiritual Advisor, recommended that “a \$5,000.00 bequest left to the F.O,C.A. be used judiciously to reinstitute some form of choir directors conference annually...the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to his proposal”. Since the convention, \$1,000.00 was contributed to Saint Vladimir Seminary for a program in May 2012 and \$250.00 in October 2015 to Saint Tikhon Seminary for a program. There remains \$3,750.00. At the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual F.O.C.A. Convention in Chicago, it was moved that we explore the feasibility of a choir conference(s) to be held regionally and/or a liturgical choir workshop at the convention in the following year. Also we have had discussion on other venues for workshops such as at summer camps. However, open camp time was not available because of the intense activity schedule at the camps. Recommend that we begin discussion with



the Orthodox Church in America to inquire if it is feasible and possible to conduct a choir workshop or symposium at the 20<sup>th</sup> AAC in Baltimore for all (youth and young adults).

**Leadership Management Conference:** in 2016, at the Fall Meeting of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, Marge Kovach, President of the F.O.C.A. and I presented an information briefing. There was a discussion with the Hierarchs on various aspects of the organization. Among topics discussed were: a leadership management conference/workshop; assisting in the coordination of a youth rally such as the Council of Eastern Orthodox Youth Leaders of the America (CEOYLA) hosted in 1963. The FOCA will conduct a Leadership Conference in Cleveland, 10-12 October 2019. The conference will include three well known speakers: Protodeacon Peter Danilichuk, Joseph Kormos, and Matushka Jenny Haddad Mosher. Melissa Tesar is the point of contact for the conference. Let us encourage our membership and others to attend and to participate especially our young adults, and to offer if your district or chapter is fiscally able to do so, to pay the registration fee.

**Letter and Video:** A video presentation was developed by our organization to be used at the 19<sup>th</sup> AAC in Saint Louis, MO. In September 2017, Metropolitan Tikhon in a letter to clergy wrote that “...the FOCA has established itself as one of the most important fellowships of the OCA...we invite every member of the OCA to inquire into the good works of the FOCA so that the works might be multiplied across the entirety of the OCA.” Recommend that coordination and discussion with the OCA Chancery to have the letter from the Metropolitan and an update of the video by the FOCA with other information of the organization be given to the Hierarchs and to have it distributed to the parishes within their respective diocese.

**Juniors:** In the 1946 FOCA convention reports, Nicholas Dimitri Coba National President noted that “The Junior R Club, under the direction of the Vice-President John Hutchko, is at last established after several years of discussion...I urge all Senior Clubs and districts to give some thought to the establishment of Junior Chapters, as they are the future members of the F.R.O.C....” In 1949, John Daniluk, Vice-President noted that “...our junior movement, as indicated by the figures of the past four years, is progressing and growing at a steady normal pace since its inception in 1945.” Today, as we focus our attention on youth and young adults, we had and perhaps we still have the opportunity to participate in the recent OCA survey. Our National Spiritual Leader, Metropolitan Tikhon in his writing on the “Four Pillars” notes that “...since our young people are a great treasure which we are to preserve, educate, and inspire, it seems more appropriate to place such discussions within the context of outreach and evangelism. The youth of our Church are in the forefront of the realities of a changing world, and it is they who have to wrestle most directly and live within those ever changing realities. We need to hear from them questions they need to address, challenges for which they need strengthening and the obstacles they need armor to confront.”

**Memory Eternal:** We call to remembrance our members, our FOCA friends, who have fallen asleep in the Lord this past year and who will be remembered at the Memorial Service at our convention. Among those who have fallen asleep are: two former national spiritual advisors: Archpriest Joseph Martin and Archpriest John Mason; Olga Baldowski, wife of past national FOCA President; and Michael Snyder. We pray that God grant them eternal rest in His Heavenly Kingdom where there is life everlasting. **MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**AXIOS:** to Past National Spiritual Advisors the Archpriest Daniel Ressetar and the Archpriest Sergius Kuharsky on the award of the Mitre. May God grant each of them His choice Blessings and to Fr. Dan, Matushka Theodora, Fr. Sergius and Matushka Faith and families **MANY YEARS!**

**MANY YEARS!** We pray that God will grant His continued Blessings upon all the members of the FOCA. May God grant His Grace and continued many choice Blessings! **MANY YEARS!**

**In Conclusion:**

About fourteen months ago, we gathered in Saint Louis for our convention in conjunction with the 19<sup>th</sup> All American Council whose theme was: "For the Life of the World." During this time we heard and perhaps we took time to read the writings of Metropolitan Tikhon, **"Of what do we speak: the four pillars of the fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church."** The four pillars are: Spiritual Life, Stewardship, Relations with others, and outreach and evangelism. A study guide has been developed for individual and group use. It might be good for us to use the study guide in our District and Chapter and parish.

During this convention weekend, we will have with us His Beatitude, Metropolitan TIKHON and His Grace, Bishop PAUL. As each of us walks the halls of the hotel and area, they may engage you in conversation. Take the opportunity to discuss but also to listen, to learn from their insights and their wisdom.

As we go forth from this convention, let us tell our story as Archbishop Michael has encouraged and urged us to do through the years.

It has been a pleasure, privilege to serve as the National Spiritual Advisor. As I complete my seventh and final year as the National FOCA Spiritual Advisor, I express my sincere gratitude to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, our national spiritual leader who appointed me to this position based on the recommendation of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees. My thanks to our Hierarchs, and the chancery staff and administrations of the OCA. And Thanks to those whom I served with these years - withr the leadership of Becky Tesar, Marge Kovach, and our current president, Allison Steffaro, and to the members of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees.

Many thanks to His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, our hierarchs and chancery staff for their continued support in the strengthening of our synergistic and symbiotic relationship as we continue to work together on common goals and their implementation in order to build up of our Church and for the Glory of God.

**National Spiritual Advisor Recommendations:**

1. Fr. John Matusiak be contacted and provided information on timely basis of upcoming events of the F.O.C.A. for publication on the OCA Website.
2. – A formal meeting with Metropolitan Tikhon, Primate of the OCA and our National Spiritual Leader, Fr Alexander Rentel, Chancellor to provide updates and to continue our work on common goals.
- 3 – Letter to the Hierarchs of our church requesting that a FOCA information packet with the letter of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, Video and additional informational material of the organization be distributed to their respective diocesan parishes.
- 4 – Continue to work in tandem with the Orthodox Church in America Holy Synod of Bishops in taking the lead in the development and implementation of a National Pan Orthodox Youth Rally as approved at the 91<sup>st</sup> FOCA National Convention.
- 5 - Explore the feasibility of a music workshop or symposium for youth and young adults during the 95<sup>th</sup> National F.O.C.A. Convention in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> AAC in Baltimore Maryland.
- 6 – National FOCA cover the cost of registration fees for members of the Executive Board who participate in the FOCA leadership Conference in Cleveland Ohio on October 10-12, 2019.
- 7 - On completion of the Leadership and Management Conference as approved at the 91<sup>st</sup> National FOCA Convention, assess the feasibility to hold conferences on the East/ West Coasts.
- 8 – Form a committee and conduct a meeting of Past National Spiritual Advisors, Past National Presidents and the E-Board to focus on the development or renewal of our organizational vision, mission and strategic plan goals and objectives as we are within the decade of the centennial observance our existence.
- 9 – Coordinate and make a visitation to seminaries to do a presentation on the F.O.C.A.
- 10 – Consider a Junior FOCA member address our convention plenary session.

**Visitations**

- Facilitated post-convention Executive Conference Call on August 8, 2018
- Attended the 80th Anniversary dinner for St. Tikhon's Seminary on October 12, 2018
- Presented Archbishop Michael 4 icons for each of the new seminarian housing units at St. Tikhon's Seminary on behalf of the FOCA
- Attended the Colonial District convention in Trenton on October 27, 2018
- Attended the New Jersey District Convention in Passaic on November 4, 2018
- Delivered St. Nicholas Gifts to seminarian students at St. Tikhon's Seminary December 9, 2018
- Submitted a report on the FOCA for the winter meeting on the Holy Synod on February 1, 2019
- Attended the NJ District Beefsteak dinner on February 22, 2019
- Presided over the Spring Board meeting on March 8th and 9th in Columbus, Ohio
- Assisted in the kitchen for younger week and Junior Olympics July 4-10 at St. Vladimir's camp in Farmdale, Ohio
- Facilitated conference calls with the executive board several times in the Spring and Summer to discuss the status of ongoing projects.

**OCA/FOCA**

In the past members of the Executive Board have met in the Fall with the members of the Holy Synod and His Beatitude. In speaking with the Metropolitan in the Fall, he advised that we plan a meeting to meet after the open positions in the central office in Syosset have been filled. As of this writing, we have not formally met with His Beatitude, but have been in communication with him on a regular basis.

Fr. Ted has been in constant communication with His Beatitude on the subject of a Youth Coordinator for the OCA and our role in assisting this new department head. In an email on March 6, 2019, His Beatitude has stated "there has been no appointment of a new OCA Youth Director. Fr. Christopher Rowe has been serving as the current Chairperson of the Department for some time now and remains in that position until we have the opportunity to review the department and consider possible uses of the funds raised at the AAC. We hope to continue the dialogue with the FOCA in this process as we have discussed, but at this point there is nothing that has been implemented and certainly no director has been appointed."

Currently, the OCA has dispatched several young adults to attend Orthodox camps across the United States to survey the youth to see what they are asking for from the Church. We look forward to hearing the summary of this survey during our sessions on Saturday.

I am proud to announce that the Married Student Housing at St. Tikhon's Seminary has been completed. There are now 4 new apartment units located on the seminary grounds that were completed before the 2018/2019 academic year began. The FOCA presented His Eminence Archbishop Michael 4 icons to be placed in these new apartments. Our organization should be proud of this monumental accomplishment. It is a testament to our continuing support of our seminaries and the future of our Church.

There is a genuine support from the Holy Synod for the FOCA. The Metropolitan continues to promote and support our activities as well as recognize our good works around the world. The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians remains steadfast in our commitment to working with the OCA Holy Synod of Bishops, Chancery Staff and members of the Department of Youth and Young Adults for the Glory of God.

### **Orthodox Christian Journal**

I would personally like to thank Nicholas Ressetar and Michael Schults for putting together 4 issues of the Orthodox Christian Journal this year. Their tireless efforts to put this publication together is to be commended. After 18 years as Journal Editor, Nicholas Ressetar has decided to retire. We thank him for all his years of hard work and dedication to this publication. The Executive Board is now looking for a new Journal Editor to fill this position.

### **Communications**

Imm. Past President Marge Kovach took over as the communications committee chairperson. I thank Marge for working with Phil Tesar in getting information to our membership through various electronic channels such as our website, Facebook page and email communications. In order to keep the communication flow current, we encourage chapters and districts to send details about upcoming events; you can either use the "Communication Request" form on the homepage of our website or send an email to [focacommunicaitons@gmail.com](mailto:focacommunicaitons@gmail.com)

### **Membership**

V. President Todd Walker has been in communication with the parish priest and youth advisor of St. James Orthodox Church in Napaskiak, Alaska to aid them in the process of setting up a junior chapter. We look forward to welcoming them into our Fellowship in the near future.

### **Outreach**

**Gifts of Love-** This year's Gifts of Love campaign to aid St. Tabitha's Orphanage in Kenya Africa was featured in the winter issue of the JOURNAL. It is hoped that educating the membership of this worthy cause will assist in raising funds. At this time over \$8,000 has been raised for this most worthy cause.

***Seminarian Support-*** We have completed another successful year filling the St. Nicholas Wish Lists of married seminarian students at St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's seminaries. This was by far the largest number of families and children we have supported. In addition, over \$2,000 was sent to St. Herman's Seminary of Alaska to support their married students during the holidays.

***Leadership Conference-*** Rebecca and Melissa Tesar have finalized the Leadership Conference to be held on October 1-12, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza in Independence, Ohio. Information was placed in the latest issue of the JOURNAL as well as on our website and the OCA website. We have asked the Metropolitan to endorse this conference and ask that his clergy send representatives. Please encourage your membership as well as parishioners to attend this event; it will surely be an opportunity for our younger parishioners to understand how to lead within their parishes and communities.

### **Juniors**

Rebecca Kozak continues to serve as Junior Department Director leading our youth and working with the OCA in their activities. We look forward to working with the OCA and the future Youth Department as it is being established.

***Celebrations of Faith-*** This year's theme is "What does Jesus see when He looks at me?" Contest details were featured on the back cover of the latest issue of the JOURNAL as well as on our website, email communications and the OCA website. Contest winners will be announced and displayed at this year's convention.

***Junior Olympics-*** This year's Junior Olympics were held on July 7th-13th at St. Vladimir's Camp in Farmdale, Ohio under the leadership of Dn. Daniel and Mat. Catrina Kovalak. This year the camp week was filled to capacity with a wait list of campers. This camp week continues to bring together young Orthodox Christians from across the country in faith, service and fellowship. It is remarkable how many generations of campers continue to cherish their summers at St. Vladimir's.

### **Convention Operating and Planning**

***2018- 92nd-*** Thank you to Carol Deerson and the Executive Board for an outstanding convention in conjunction with the AAC in St. Louis, MO. Our organization had the opportunity to show the clergy and membership of the OCA all the overwhelming things our organization can accomplish.

***2019- 93rd-*** Annual FOCA convention- The Ohio District has an exciting Labor Day weekend planned for our membership in Columbus, Ohio. We look forward to seeing many of you at the convention.

***2020- 94th*** Annual FOCA convention- The Minneapolis O Club has been hard at work planning their convention at the DoubleTree Hotel in Minneapolis in July 2020. We will hear from the committee on their plans during sessions on Monday.

***2021- 95th*** Annual FOCA convention to be held in conjunction with the AAC tentatively in Baltimore, MD.

**Sport Department**

This year's Summer Sports Tournament will be held on July 25-26th in Cannonsburg, PA sponsored by the Cannonsburg "O" Club. We look forward to a report from Anthony Schultz (Sports Department Golf lead) at the convention.

As you are aware, we had to cancel both the Bowling and Basketball Tournaments this year. During our breakout sessions on Saturday, we will be discussing ways to bring our youth and adult members together for sports and fellowship. I think we need to rethink our approach to the tournaments and organize them in a way that will appeal to many different ages and interests among the youth and adults in our parishes. We as an organization especially need to provide a venue for all Orthodox Youth to come together for a weekend that involves all the things they love to do with youth of the same faith.

**Task Force**

Past President Michael Steffaro is the Chairperson of the Refocus Task Force. He initially sent out a survey to all committee members (past national president and spiritual advisors) prior to holding several conference calls. He will be presenting his findings from the committee during this year's convention.

**Recommendations**

That any St. Andrew's Appeal money received by the Treasurer prior to and including August 31, 2019 be directed to 2019 projects and that all money collected starting on September 1, 2019 be directed to 2020 projects.

That for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020, the allocations for the unearmarked St. Andrew's Funds be: 50 % to Juniors/Youth Ministry and 50% to William Fekula Scholarships; and that St. Tikhon's Seminary, St. Vladimir's Seminary, St. Herman's Seminary, Christ the Savior Seminary and St. Vladimir's Camp and Retreat Center continue to qualify for earmarked funds only.

That the FOCA continue the Celebrations of Faith visual arts contest for 2020.

The Gifts of Love project for 2020 be designated to assisting the needs of those in charge of the pilgrimage attendees of the 50th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Herman of Alaska on Kodiak Island, Alaska.

The organization look into the format of our Junior Sports Tournament to appeal to youth of all ages and interests.

The FOCA sponsor the Junior Olympics Summer Sports Tournament at St. Vladimir's Camp in Farmdale, Ohio in July 2020.

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**TODD L. WALKER**

FOCA Members,

I have served the past year with the executive board in the course of regular Fellowship 'business'. Unfortunately, I have nothing of unique note to report. I will also be unable to be present in Columbus as a family wedding will have us in Oregon during the convention. I do, however, hope to see you all in Minneapolis in 2020!

In Christ, Todd

**RECORDING SECRETARY**

**DANIELLE ILCHUK**

This past year I participated in all National Executive Board conference calls, was the national rep at the Pittsburgh District convention, and attended the Spring Board meeting. Thank you to the Executive Board, especially President Allison Steffaro.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Ilchuk



| Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America            |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------|
| Income Statement and Budget Comparisons Report          |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
|                                                         |           |                  |           |                  |           | PROPOSED<br>For Year Ending<br>JUNE 30, 2020 |
| YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019                                |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
|                                                         |           | BUDGET           |           | FINAL            |           |                                              |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                           |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
| <b>Membership Dues</b>                                  |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
| Senior Dues                                             | \$ 25,500 |                  | \$ 24,830 |                  | \$ 25,500 |                                              |
| Junior Dues                                             | 1,000     |                  | 1,545     |                  | 1,000     |                                              |
| <b>Total Membership Dues</b>                            |           | 26,500           |           | 26,375           |           | 26,500                                       |
| <b>National Convention</b>                              |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
| Profit Share                                            | 3,500     |                  | 4,353     |                  | 3,000     |                                              |
| Registration                                            | 1,100     |                  | 1,065     |                  | 1,000     |                                              |
| Sales, Crafts & Chinese Auction                         | 500       |                  | 407       |                  | 500       |                                              |
| Religious Activities - Net                              | 200       |                  | 0         |                  | 200       |                                              |
| Hotel Room Nights Purchased                             | 0         |                  | 0         |                  | 0         |                                              |
| Report Book Publishing                                  | (1,250)   |                  | (1,475)   |                  | (1,400)   |                                              |
| Administrative Expense                                  | (1,000)   |                  | (703)     |                  | (700)     |                                              |
| <b>Total National Convention</b>                        |           | 3,050            |           | 3,647            |           | 2,600                                        |
| <b>Stock Awards</b>                                     |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
| Revenues                                                | 2,500     |                  | 2,751     |                  | 2,500     |                                              |
| Awards and Expenses                                     | (1,100)   |                  | (1,113)   |                  | (1,100)   |                                              |
| <b>Total Stock Awards</b>                               |           | 1,400            |           | 1,638            |           | 1,400                                        |
| <b>National Sports Activities - Net of Fund Subsidy</b> |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
| Summer Sports Tournament                                | 800       |                  | 818       |                  | 800       |                                              |
| Basketball Tournament                                   | 1,500     |                  | 0         |                  | 0         |                                              |
| Bowling Tournament                                      | 0         |                  | 0         |                  | 0         |                                              |
| <b>Junior Summer Sports Tournament</b>                  |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
| Expenses                                                | (1,100)   |                  | (912)     |                  | (1,832)   |                                              |
| Sports Endowment Fund Subsidy                           | 1,100     |                  | 912       |                  | 1,832     |                                              |
| <b>Total Junior Summer Sports Tournament</b>            |           | 0                |           | 0                |           | 0                                            |
| <b>Total Sports Tournaments</b>                         |           | 2,300            |           | 818              |           | 800                                          |
| <b>Fund Drive Commission Fee</b>                        |           |                  |           |                  |           |                                              |
| St Andrew's Appeal 5%                                   | 500       |                  | 332       |                  | 300       |                                              |
| Other Charity Drives 2%                                 | 350       |                  | 228       |                  | 200       |                                              |
| <b>Total Fund Drive Fees</b>                            |           | 850              |           | 560              |           | 500                                          |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                     |           | <b>\$ 34,100</b> |           | <b>\$ 33,038</b> |           | <b>\$ 31,800</b>                             |

**Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America  
Income Statement and Budget Comparisons Report**

|                                        | YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 |        |          |        | PROPOSED        |        |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|--------|
|                                        | BUDGET                   |        | FINAL    |        | For Year Ending |        |
|                                        |                          |        |          |        | JUNE 30, 2020   |        |
| <b>EXPENSE</b>                         |                          |        |          |        |                 |        |
| <b>Administrative Secretary</b>        |                          |        |          |        |                 |        |
| Contracted Secretarial Services        | \$ 6,000                 |        | \$ 6,000 |        | \$ 6,000        |        |
| Medical Benefits                       | 5,250                    |        | 5,907    |        | 6,000           |        |
| <b>Total Administrative Secretary</b>  |                          | 11,250 |          | 11,907 |                 | 12,000 |
| <b>Travel</b>                          |                          |        |          |        |                 |        |
| Executive Board                        | 2,000                    |        | 1,914    |        | 2,000           |        |
| Convention Planning & Operating        | 500                      |        | 302      |        | 500             |        |
| Administrative Secretary               | 300                      |        | 0        |        | 300             |        |
| Junior Department                      | 0                        |        | 0        |        | 0               |        |
| Other Department Directors             | 0                        |        | 0        |        | 0               |        |
| <b>Total Travel</b>                    |                          | 2,800  |          | 2,216  |                 | 2,800  |
| <b>Administrative</b>                  |                          |        |          |        |                 |        |
| Website, Support and Supplies          | 2,750                    |        | 2,712    |        | 2,750           |        |
| Insurance - All Liability              | 2,700                    |        | 2,987    |        | 3,000           |        |
| Miscellaneous                          | 750                      |        | 0        |        | 750             |        |
| Office Supplies                        | 300                      |        | 225      |        | 300             |        |
| Postage                                | 500                      |        | 756      |        | 500             |        |
| Telephone                              | 725                      |        | 771      |        | 800             |        |
| Secretarial Service Office Rental      | 1,800                    |        | 1,800    |        | 1,800           |        |
| Off-Site Files Storage Rental          | 1,105                    |        | 1,934    |        | 1,950           |        |
| Offset - Admin Building Sales Proceeds | (2,905)                  |        | (3,734)  |        | (3,750)         |        |
| <b>Total Administrative</b>            |                          | 7,725  |          | 7,451  |                 | 8,100  |
| <b>Orthodox Christian Journal</b>      |                          |        |          |        |                 |        |
| Advertising & Subscription Revenue     | (600)                    |        | (402)    |        | (400)           |        |
| Layout Editor Stipend                  | 1,600                    |        | 1,600    |        | 1,600           |        |
| Postage                                | 2,100                    |        | 1,961    |        | 2,000           |        |
| Printing                               | 8,000                    |        | 7,399    |        | 7,500           |        |
| <b>Total Journal Costs</b>             |                          | 11,100 |          | 10,558 |                 | 10,700 |
| <b>Fellowship Scholarships</b>         |                          |        |          |        |                 |        |
| Application Fee Revenue                | (100)                    |        | (25)     |        | (100)           |        |
| Administrative Expenses                | 0                        |        | 0        |        | 0               |        |
| <b>Total Scholarships</b>              |                          | (100)  |          | (25)   |                 | (100)  |

| Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America   |                                            |         |                  |  |                  |                                              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Income Statement and Budget Comparisons Report |                                            |         |                  |  |                  |                                              |
| YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019                       |                                            |         |                  |  |                  | PROPOSED<br>For Year Ending<br>JUNE 30, 2020 |
|                                                |                                            | BUDGET  |                  |  | FINAL            |                                              |
| <b>Junior Department</b>                       |                                            |         |                  |  |                  |                                              |
|                                                | Convention Activities                      | 500     |                  |  | 65               | 500                                          |
|                                                | Fellowship Kidz Convention Activities      | 250     |                  |  | 0                | 250                                          |
|                                                | Conference Calls /Travel                   | 500     |                  |  | 633              | 250                                          |
|                                                | Celebration of Faith                       | 700     |                  |  | 498              | 700                                          |
|                                                | Youth & YA Ministries - St Andrew's Appeal | (3,020) |                  |  | (2,013)          | 0                                            |
|                                                | <b>Total Junior Department</b>             |         | (1,070)          |  | (817)            | 1,700                                        |
| <b>Sports Department</b>                       |                                            |         |                  |  |                  |                                              |
|                                                | Junior Banquet Tickets                     | 2,000   |                  |  | 0                | 0                                            |
|                                                | BB Tournament Financial Aid                | 3,500   |                  |  | 0                | 0                                            |
|                                                | Tournament Trophies and Prizes             | 1,025   |                  |  | 500              | 500                                          |
|                                                | Junior Summer Olympics Prizes              | 1,400   |                  |  | 912              | 1,832                                        |
|                                                | Committee Travel                           | 1,600   |                  |  | 402              | 0                                            |
|                                                | Interest Income from Sports Endowment      | (1,200) |                  |  | (1,141)          | (1,000)                                      |
|                                                | Transfer from Endowment Fund Principal     | (8,325) |                  |  | (673)            | (1,332)                                      |
|                                                | <b>Total Sports Department</b>             |         | 0                |  | 0                | 0                                            |
| <b>Mission Ministries Department</b>           |                                            |         |                  |  |                  |                                              |
|                                                | Other Programs                             | 1,000   |                  |  | 873              | 500                                          |
|                                                | <b>Total Mission Ministries Department</b> |         | 1,000            |  | 873              | 500                                          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                          |                                            |         | <b>\$ 32,705</b> |  | <b>\$ 32,163</b> | <b>\$ 35,700</b>                             |
| <b>NET INCOME</b>                              |                                            |         | <b>\$ 1,395</b>  |  | <b>\$ 875</b>    | <b>\$ (3,900)</b>                            |

| <b>Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America</b> |                   |                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Comparative Balance Sheet</b>                    |                   |                   |                 |
| As of June 30, 2018                                 |                   |                   |                 |
|                                                     | June 30, 2019     | June 30, 2018     | Change          |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                       |                   |                   |                 |
| Current Assets                                      |                   |                   |                 |
| Checking/Savings                                    |                   |                   |                 |
| Pittsburgh National Bank                            | \$ 10,704         | \$ 12,617         | \$ (1,913)      |
| Pittsburgh National Bank - MM                       | 7,489             | 10,293            | (2,804)         |
| Pittsburgh National Bank - CD's                     | 327,000           | 320,000           | 7,000           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                                 | <b>\$ 345,193</b> | <b>\$ 342,910</b> | <b>\$ 2,283</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>                     |                   |                   |                 |
| Current Liabilities                                 |                   |                   |                 |
| Other Current Liabilities                           |                   |                   |                 |
| Accounts Payable                                    | \$ 2,865          | \$ 2,567          | \$ 298          |
| Gifts of Love - St. Tabitha Orphanage               | 11,172            | 0                 | 11,172          |
| Gifts of Love - IOCC Disaster Relief                | 0                 | 5,701             | (5,701)         |
| Choir Conference Fund                               | 3,750             | 3,750             | 0               |
| Gifts of Love - Servicemen Project                  | 1,540             | 1,540             | 0               |
| St Andrew's Appeal Current Payables                 | 6,299             | 9,707             | (3,408)         |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                    | <b>25,626</b>     | <b>23,265</b>     | <b>2,361</b>    |
| Long Term Liabilities                               |                   |                   |                 |
| Scholarship Funds                                   |                   |                   |                 |
| William Fekula Scholarship                          | 13,419            | 10,293            | 3,126           |
| John Klimkosky Scholarship                          | 51,845            | 53,324            | (1,479)         |
| Lewis J. Nescott Scholarship                        | 7,300             | 7,086             | 214             |
| Nicholas Torsky Scholarship                         | 58,097            | 57,393            | 704             |
| <b>Total Scholarship Funds</b>                      | <b>130,661</b>    | <b>128,096</b>    | <b>2,565</b>    |
| Sutyak National Sports Fund                         |                   |                   |                 |
| Endowment Activity                                  |                   |                   |                 |
| Initial Endowment                                   | 261,750           | 261,750           | 0               |
| Prior Years Accumulated Activity                    | (145,827)         | (137,082)         | (8,745)         |
| <b>Total Endowment Activity</b>                     | <b>115,923</b>    | <b>124,668</b>    | <b>(8,745)</b>  |
| Current Year Activity                               |                   |                   |                 |
| Income                                              | 1,141             | 1,237             | (96)            |
| Expenses                                            | (1,814)           | (9,982)           | 8,168           |
| <b>Total Current Year Activity</b>                  | <b>(673)</b>      | <b>(8,745)</b>    | <b>8,072</b>    |
| <b>Total Sutyak National Sports Fund</b>            | <b>115,250</b>    | <b>115,923</b>    | <b>(673)</b>    |
| Building Maintenance Fund                           | 87,392            | 90,237            | (2,845)         |
| <b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>                  | <b>333,303</b>    | <b>334,256</b>    | <b>(953)</b>    |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>                            | <b>358,929</b>    | <b>357,521</b>    | <b>1,408</b>    |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                       |                   |                   |                 |
| Retained Earnings                                   | (14,611)          | (16,001)          | 1,390           |
| Total Income                                        | 875               | 1,390             | (515)           |
|                                                     | <b>(13,736)</b>   | <b>(14,611)</b>   | <b>875</b>      |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>               | <b>\$ 345,193</b> | <b>\$ 342,910</b> | <b>\$ 2,283</b> |

Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America  
ST ANDREW'S APPEAL  
DISBURSEMENTS OF ALLOCATED AND UNEARMARKED FUNDS  
2018 - 2019 CAMPAIGN YEAR

| CHARITY                                   | DONOR DESIGNATED AMOUNTS | LESS: 5% COMMISSION | AMOUNT AFTER COMMISSION | CONVENTION APPROVED % ALLOCATIONS | ALLOCATION OF UNEARMARKED FUNDS | TOTAL FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Unearmarked                               | \$ 4,070.00              | \$ 203.50           | \$ 3,866.50             | 0%                                | \$ (3,866.50)                   | \$ -                          |
| Church Missions                           | 125.00                   | 6.25                | 118.75                  | 0%                                | 0.00                            | 118.75                        |
| Christ the Savior Seminary                | 125.00                   | 6.25                | 118.75                  | 0%                                | 0.00                            | 118.75                        |
| St. Tikhon's Seminary                     | 575.00                   | 28.75               | 546.25                  | 0%                                | 0.00                            | 546.25                        |
| St. Vladimir's Seminary                   | 0.00                     | 0.00                | 0.00                    | 0%                                | 0.00                            | 0.00                          |
| St. Herman's Seminary                     | 295.00                   | 14.75               | 280.25                  | 0%                                | 0.00                            | 280.25                        |
| William Fekula Scholarships               | 425.00                   | 21.25               | 403.75                  | 50%                               | 1,933.25                        | 2,337.00                      |
| Junior Department/Youth Ministries        | 150.00                   | 7.50                | 142.50                  | 50%                               | 1,933.25                        | 2,075.75                      |
| St. Vladimir's Ohio Camp & Retreat Center | 865.00                   | 43.25               | 821.75                  | 0%                                | 0.00                            | 821.75                        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$ 6,630.00</b>       | <b>\$ 331.50</b>    | <b>\$ 6,298.50</b>      | <b>100%</b>                       | <b>\$ -</b>                     | <b>\$ 6,298.50</b>            |

| FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|----------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2018 - 2019 St. Andrew's Appeal              |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
| DISTRICT                                     | NUMBER | CHAPTER                      | Remittance         | 2018-2019 GOAL      | Over/(Under)         |
| <b>Central Pennsylvania</b>                  |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 64     | Berwick                      |                    | \$ 60.00            | (60.00)              |
|                                              | 199    | Harrisburg                   | 435.00             | 660.00              | (225.00)             |
|                                              | 212    | Alpha                        | 225.00             | 225.00              |                      |
|                                              | 234    | Central Pa District at Large | 100.00             | 105.00              | (5.00)               |
|                                              |        |                              | 760.00             | 1,050.00            | (290.00)             |
| <b>Colonial</b>                              |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 78     | Trenton                      | 270.00             | 270.00              |                      |
|                                              | 79     | Washington                   |                    | 210.00              | (210.00)             |
|                                              | 82     | Philadelphia                 | 400.00             | 345.00              | 55.00                |
|                                              | 131    | Baltimore                    | 490.00             | 345.00              | 145.00               |
|                                              | 229    | Bethesda                     | 825.00             | 825.00              |                      |
|                                              | 235    | Colonial District at Large   |                    | 30.00               | (30.00)              |
|                                              |        |                              | 1,985.00           | 2,025.00            | (40.00)              |
| <b>Michigan</b>                              |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 2/9    | Detroit                      | 100.00             | 60.00               | 40.00                |
|                                              | 238    | Michigan District at Large   |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              |        |                              | 100.00             | 60.00               | 40.00                |
| <b>New Jersey</b>                            |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 30     | SS Peter & Paul, Passaic     |                    | 240.00              | (240.00)             |
|                                              | 44     | Singac                       |                    | 195.00              | (195.00)             |
|                                              | 66     | Passiac                      |                    | 255.00              | (255.00)             |
|                                              | 97     | Bayonne                      | 270.00             | 270.00              |                      |
|                                              | 129    | Jersey City                  | 210.00             | 210.00              |                      |
|                                              | 167    | South River                  |                    | 375.00              | (375.00)             |
|                                              | 209    | Garden State                 |                    | 195.00              | (195.00)             |
|                                              | 223    | Hackettstown                 |                    | 165.00              | (165.00)             |
|                                              | 246    | Glen Gardner                 |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 240    | New Jersey District at Large | 100.00             | 45.00               | 55.00                |
|                                              |        |                              | 580.00             | 1,950.00            | (1,370.00)           |
| <b>Ohio</b>                                  |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 4/6    | St. Michael's, Cleveland     |                    | 1,080.00            | (1,080.00)           |
|                                              | 7      | Cathedral, Cleveland         |                    | 225.00              | (225.00)             |
|                                              | 13/84  | Lakewood                     |                    | 75.00               | (75.00)              |
|                                              | 17     | Warren                       |                    | 105.00              | (105.00)             |
|                                              | 20/32  | Akron                        |                    | 600.00              | (600.00)             |
|                                              | 27     | Campbell                     | 1,095.00           | 1,095.00            |                      |
|                                              | 220    | Maple Heights                |                    | 240.00              | (240.00)             |
|                                              | 241    | Ohio District at Large       |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 254    | Columbus                     |                    | 315.00              | (315.00)             |
|                                              |        |                              | 1,095.00           | 3,735.00            | (2,640.00)           |
| <b>Pittsburgh</b>                            |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 1      | Allison Park                 |                    | 210.00              | (210.00)             |
|                                              | 3      | McKees Rocks                 | 135.00             | 135.00              |                      |
|                                              | 5      | Ambridge                     | 100.00             | 225.00              | (125.00)             |
|                                              | 8      | Pittsburgh                   | 125.00             | 135.00              | (10.00)              |
|                                              | 35     | Donora                       |                    | 225.00              | (225.00)             |
|                                              | 58     | Weirton                      |                    | 165.00              | (165.00)             |
|                                              | 109    | Canonsburg                   | 450.00             | 390.00              | 60.00                |
|                                              | 243    | Pittsburgh District at Large |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              |        |                              | 810.00             | 1,485.00            | (675.00)             |
| <b>Independent Chapters</b>                  |        |                              |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              | 43     | Endicott, NY                 |                    | 330.00              | (330.00)             |
|                                              | 50     | Edwardsville, PA             | 100.00             | 90.00               | 10.00                |
|                                              | 94     | Minneapolis, MN              | 525.00             | 525.00              |                      |
|                                              | 96     | Burr Ridge, IL               | 100.00             | 300.00              | (200.00)             |
|                                              | 121    | St. Tikhon's                 |                    | 255.00              | (255.00)             |
|                                              | 146    | Chicago, IL                  |                    | 165.00              | (165.00)             |
|                                              | 162    | Burbank, IL                  |                    | 165.00              | (165.00)             |
|                                              | 180    | Bridgeport, CT               |                    | 120.00              |                      |
|                                              | 171    | Madison, IL                  | 300.00             | 300.00              |                      |
|                                              | 219    | Phoenix, AZ                  |                    | 435.00              | (435.00)             |
|                                              | 232    | Chapter-at-Large, Anthracite |                    | 15.00               | (15.00)              |
|                                              | 233    | Chapter-at-Large, Alantic    | 50.00              | 120.00              | (70.00)              |
|                                              | 236    | Chapter-at-Large, South      | 225.00             | 60.00               | 165.00               |
|                                              | 239    | Chapter-at-Large, Midwest    |                    | 60.00               | (60.00)              |
|                                              | 242    | Chapter-at-Large, SW         |                    | 15.00               | (15.00)              |
|                                              | 244    | Chapter-at-Large, NY         |                    | 45.00               | (45.00)              |
|                                              | 253    | Jacksonville, FL             |                    |                     |                      |
|                                              |        |                              | 1,300.00           | 3,000.00            | (1,580.00)           |
|                                              |        | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 6,630.00</b> | <b>\$ 13,305.00</b> | <b>\$ (6,555.00)</b> |

| <b>Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America</b> |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>2019 Gifts of Love Contributions</b>             |                    |
| <b>St. Tabiths's House Orphanage, Kisumu Kenya</b>  |                    |
| Ambridge #5, PA                                     | \$ 900.00          |
| Canonsburg #109, OH                                 | 315.00             |
| Edwardsville #50, PA                                | 500.00             |
| Harrisburg O Club #199, PA                          | 400.00             |
| Holy Trinity Cathedral #146, Chicago                | 300.00             |
| Jersey City #129, NJ                                | 500.00             |
| Madison #171, IL                                    | 200.00             |
| Passiac #30 (SS P&P), NJ                            | 300.00             |
| Passiac #66, NJ                                     | 500.00             |
| St Andrew's 220, Maple Heights                      | 50.00              |
| St John Campbell 27                                 | 380.00             |
| St. John O Club #212, Alpha, NJ                     | 800.00             |
| St. Mary"s O Club, #94, Minn. MN                    | 671.00             |
| St. Mark O Club, #229, Bethesda, MD                 | 2,000.00           |
| St. Mark Orthodox Church, Bethesda, MD              | 866.00             |
| St. Michael #4/6, Cleveland, OH                     | 855.00             |
| St. Nicholas Cathedral #79, Wash. DC                | 314.00             |
| St. Nicholas #58, Weirton, WV                       | 210.00             |
| Sts. Peter & Paul #96, Burr Ridge                   | 100.00             |
| Sts. Peter & Paul #167, South River                 | 639.00             |
| St. Stephen #82, Philadelphia, PA                   | 100.00             |
| Nancy Kohudic, Allentown, PA                        | 200.00             |
| St. Vladimir #78, Trenton, NJ                       | 150.00             |
| David Huwiler, Carlsbad CA                          | 100.00             |
| M/M Donald Daley, Mechanicville, NY                 | 50.00              |
| Fund Drive Commission Fee 2%                        | (228.00)           |
|                                                     | <b>\$11,172.00</b> |

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**MARGE KOVACH**

As Immediate Past President, I have responded to emails and phone calls as needed as well as participated in Executive Board Conference Calls, the Spring Board Meeting, and the Task Force to Refocus the Mission of the FOCA.

**FOCA COMMUNICATION** - In March, I assumed responsibility for FOCA Communication and have worked closely with Phil Tesar reaching our membership with email newsletters as well as timely updates to our Website and Facebook page.

Website - In 2018, the FOCA website had 4,827 unique visitors and 13,500 pageviews

- Year-to-date, we have had 3,351 unique visitors and 8,951 pageviews

Facebook - The FOCA Facebook page currently has 1,007 followers

Mailchimp - FOCA newsletter email distribution list currently reaches 396 subscribers

- In 2019 our first 8 email campaigns had an open rate of 43.5%

Please remember to forward details and pictures of parish, chapter, and district events for posting.

We continue to be grateful to Father John Matusiak and Matushka Jessica Fuhram for their diligence in publishing our efforts on the OCA's Website and Facebook page.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Kovach  
Immediate Past President



The statistical information on the F.O.C.A. membership for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year is given in this report. Taken from it is the following information:

NUMERICAL GAIN FROM 7/1/18-6/30/19 -

JUNIOR DIVISION

|              |                                                |    |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|----|
| Chapter #94J | St. Mary’s Jr “O” Club<br>Minneapolis, MN..... | 15 |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|----|

SENIOR DIVISION

|              |                                                |   |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|---|
| Chapter #44  | Singac “R” Club<br>Singac, NJ.....             | 6 |
| Chapter #121 | St. Tikhon’s “O” Club<br>South Canaan, PA..... | 6 |

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|----------|-----------------------|----|-----------|-------------------------|----|
| 1. 027   | Campbell, OH.....     | 72 | 1. 094J   | Minneapolis, MN.....    | 61 |
| 2. 4/6   | Cleveland, OH.....    | 70 | 2. 4/6J   | Cleveland, OH.....      | 27 |
| 3. 229   | Bethesda, MD.....     | 51 | 3. 001J   | N.S.Pittsburgh, PA..... | 22 |
| 4. 199   | Harrisburg, PA.....   | 41 | 4. 167J   | South River, NJ.....    | 22 |
| 5. 094   | Minneapolis, MN.....  | 39 | 5. 199J   | Harrisburg, PA.....     | 19 |
| 6. 20/32 | Akron, OH.....        | 38 | 6. 027J   | Campbell, OH.....       | 18 |
| 7. 109   | Canonsburg, PA.....   | 29 | 7. 109J   | Canonsburg, PA.....     | 18 |
| 8. 219   | Phoenix, AZ.....      | 27 | 8. 254J   | Columbus, OH.....       | 17 |
| 9. 082   | Philadelphia, PA..... | 24 | 9. 030J   | Passaic, NJ.....        | 13 |
| 10. 167  | South River, NJ.....  | 24 | 10.20/32J | Akron, OH.....          | 12 |

FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA

Annual Membership Report

| DISTRICT                         | <u>SENIOR DIVISION</u> |            |            | <u>JUNIOR DIVISION</u> |           |           |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | 6-30-18                | 12-31-18   | 6-30-19    | 6-30-18                | 12-31-18  | 6-30-19   |
| Central Pennsylvania             | 70                     | 70         | 67         | 20                     | 20        | 19        |
| Colonial                         | 135                    | 135        | 133        | 10                     | 10        | 9         |
| Michigan                         | 4                      | 4          | 3          | --                     | --        | --        |
| New Jersey                       | 130                    | 130        | 131        | 33                     | 33        | 35        |
| Ohio                             | 249                    | 249        | 247        | 79                     | 79        | 78        |
| Pittsburgh                       | 99                     | 99         | 99         | 60                     | 60        | 55        |
|                                  | <hr/>                  | <hr/>      | <hr/>      | <hr/>                  | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                  | 687                    | 687        | 680        | 202                    | 202       | 196       |
| Independent Chapters             | <u>202</u>             | <u>202</u> | <u>193</u> | <u>63</u>              | <u>63</u> | <u>67</u> |
|                                  | 889                    | 889        | 873        | 265                    | 265       | 263       |
| <br>NUMBER OF ACTIVE<br>CHAPTERS | <br>51                 | <br>51     | <br>49     | <br>16                 | <br>16    | <br>15    |

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CENTRAL PA DISTRICT

|                      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 64 Berwick           | 4     | 4     | 4     | --    | --    | --    |
| 199 Harrisburg       | 44    | 44    | 41    | 20    | 20    | 19    |
| 212 Alpha, NJ        | 15    | 15    | 15    | --    | --    | --    |
| 234 Chapter-at-Large | 7     | 7     | 7     | --    | --    | --    |
|                      | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
|                      | 70    | 70    | 67    | 20    | 20    | 19    |

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY – (Cont'd)**

**SANDRA KAPELAN**

| COLONIAL DISTRICT    | SENIOR DIVISION |          |         | JUNIOR DIVISION |          |         |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|----------|---------|
|                      | 6-30-18         | 12-31-18 | 6-30-19 | 6-30-18         | 12-31-18 | 6-30-19 |
| 78 Trenton           | 18              | 18       | 18      | --              | --       | --      |
| 79 Washington        | 14              | 14       | 15      | --              | --       | --      |
| 82 Philadelphia      | 23              | 23       | 24      | --              | --       | --      |
| 131 Baltimore        | 23              | 23       | 23      | --              | --       | --      |
| 229 Bethesda         | 55              | 55       | 51      | --              | --       | --      |
| 235 Chapter-at-Large | 2               | 2        | 2       | --              | --       | --      |
| 256J Columbia        | --              | --       | --      | 10              | 10       | 9       |
|                      | <hr/>           | <hr/>    | <hr/>   | <hr/>           | <hr/>    | <hr/>   |
|                      | 135             | 135      | 133     | 10              | 10       | 9       |
| <br>                 |                 |          |         |                 |          |         |
| MICHIGAN DISTRICT    |                 |          |         |                 |          |         |
| 2/9 Detroit          | 4               | 4        | 3       | --              | --       | --      |
| 238 Chapter-at-Large | --              | --       | --      | --              | --       | --      |
|                      | <hr/>           | <hr/>    | <hr/>   | <hr/>           | <hr/>    | <hr/>   |
|                      | 4               | 4        | 3       | --              | --       | --      |
| <br>                 |                 |          |         |                 |          |         |
| NEW JERSEY DISTRICT  |                 |          |         |                 |          |         |
| 30 Passaic (SS P&P)  | 16              | 16       | 16      | 12              | 12       | 13      |
| 44 Singac            | 13              | 13       | 19      | --              | --       | --      |
| 66 Passaic           | 17              | 17       | 17      | --              | --       | --      |
| 97 Bayonne           | 18              | 18       | 18      | --              | --       | --      |
| 129 Jersey City      | 14              | 14       | 14      | --              | --       | --      |
| 167 South River      | 25              | 25       | 24      | 21              | 21       | 22      |
| 209 Garden State     | 13              | 13       | 12      | --              | --       | --      |
| 223 Hackettstown     | 11              | 11       | 10      | --              | --       | --      |
| 240 Chapter-at-Large | 3               | 3        | 1       | --              | --       | --      |
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|                      | 130             | 130      | 131     | 33              | 33       | 35      |

**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY – (Cont'd)**

**SANDRA KAPELAN**

| OHIO DISTRICT           | SENIOR DIVISION |          |         | JUNIOR DIVISION |          |         |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|-----------------|----------|---------|
|                         | 6-30-18         | 12-31-18 | 6-30-19 | 6-30-18         | 12-31-18 | 6-30-19 |
| 4/6 Cleveland           | 72              | 72       | 70      | 27              | 27       | 27      |
| 7 Cleveland (Cathedral) | 15              | 15       | 14      | --              | --       | --      |
| 13/84 Lakewood          | 5               | 5        | 5       | --              | --       | --      |
| 17 Warren               | 7               | 7        | 7       | --              | --       | --      |
| 20/32 Akron             | 40              | 40       | 38      | 9               | 9        | 12      |
| 27 Campbell             | 73              | 73       | 72      | 27              | 27       | 18      |
| 220 Maple Heights       | 16              | 16       | 19      | 4               | 4        | 4       |
| 241 Chapter-at-Large    | --              | --       | --      | --              | --       | --      |
| 254 Columbus            | 21              | 21       | 22      | 12              | 12       | 17      |
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|                         | 249             | 249      | 247     | 79              | 79       | 78      |

**PITTSBURGH DISTRICT**

|                      |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 N.S. Pittsburgh    | 14    | 14    | 12    | 26    | 26    | 22    |
| 3 McKees Rocks       | 9     | 9     | 9     | --    | --    | --    |
| 5 Ambridge           | 15    | 15    | 16    | 6     | 6     | 10    |
| 8 Pittsburgh         | 9     | 9     | 8     | --    | --    | --    |
| 35 Donora            | 15    | 15    | 11    | --    | --    | --    |
| 58 Weirton, WV       | 11    | 11    | 14    | 5     | 5     | 5     |
| 109 Canonsburg       | 26    | 26    | 29    | 23    | 23    | 18    |
| 243 Chapter-at-Large | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    | --    |
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|                      | 99    | 99    | 99    | 60    | 60    | 55    |

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**INACTIVE CHAPTERS**

|                 |                                                  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 43J Independent | Endicott Jr. "R" Club, Endicott, NY              |
| 180 Independent | Bridgeport (St. John's) "R" Club, Bridgeport, CT |

INDEPENDENT CHAPTERS

|     |                    | 06/30/18   | 12/31/18   | 6/30/19    |
|-----|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 43  | Endicott, NY       | 22         | 22         | 22         |
| 50  | Edwardsville, PA   | 6          | 6          | 5          |
| 94  | Minneapolis, MN    | 35         | 35         | 39         |
| 96  | Burr Ridge, IL     | 20         | 20         | 20         |
| 121 | St. Tikhon's, PA   | 17         | 17         | 23         |
| 146 | Chicago, IL        | 11         | 11         | 10         |
| 162 | Burbank, IL        | 11         | 11         | 10         |
| 171 | Madison, IL        | 20         | 20         | 18         |
| 180 | Bridgeport, CT     | 8          | 8          | --         |
| 219 | Phoenix, AZ        | 29         | 29         | 27         |
| 232 | CAL-Anthracite     | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| 233 | CAL-Atlantic       | 8          | 8          | 5          |
| 236 | CAL-South          | 4          | 5          | 6          |
| 239 | CAL-Midwest        | 4          | 4          | 4          |
| 242 | CAL-Pacific SW     | 1          | 1          | --         |
| 244 | CAL-Upper NY State | 3          | 4          | 3          |
|     |                    | <u>200</u> | <u>202</u> | <u>193</u> |
| 43J | Endicott, NY       | 11         | 11         | --         |
| 57J | Cohoes, NY         | 6          | 6          | 6          |
| 94J | Minneapolis, MN    | 46         | 46         | 61         |
|     |                    | <u>63</u>  | <u>63</u>  | <u>67</u>  |

10 YEAR DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON  
DECEMBER 31, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

| <u>DISTRICT</u>      | <u>2008</u> | <u>2009</u> | <u>2010</u> | <u>2011</u> | <u>2012</u> | <u>2013</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ANTHRACITE           | 31          | 30          | 25          | 23          | 23          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| ATLANTIC             | 133         | 127         | 91          | 67          | 67          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| CENTRAL PA           | 123         | 114         | 109         | 113         | 102         | 102         | 97          | 90          | 77          | 73          | 70          |
| COLONIAL             | 206         | 176         | 168         | 170         | 157         | 148         | 136         | 116         | 123         | 129         | 135         |
| MICHIGAN             | 14          | 11          | 9           | 8           | 8           | 9           | 9           | 8           | 6           | 5           | 4           |
| MIDWEST              | 155         | 136         | 133         | 122         | 120         | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| NEW JERSEY           | 271         | 239         | 226         | 211         | 209         | 184         | 179         | 175         | 159         | 153         | 130         |
| OHIO                 | 323         | 310         | 298         | 304         | 307         | 306         | 284         | 279         | 275         | 262         | 249         |
| PACIFIC<br>SOUTHWEST | 38          | 36          | 28          | 24          | 27          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| PITTSBURGH           | 133         | 132         | 129         | 121         | 120         | 111         | 110         | 109         | 102         | 101         | 99          |
| SOUTH                | 31          | 22          | 23          | 16          | 14          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| UPPER NY STATE       | 73          | 70          | 58          | 55          | 46          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          | --          |
| INDEP. CHAPTERS      |             |             |             |             |             | 260         | 227         | 193         | 218         | 215         | 202         |
|                      | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       |
| SENIOR DIVISION      | 1531        | 1403        | 1297        | 1234        | 1200        | 1120        | 1042        | 970         | 960         | 938         | 889         |
| JUNIOR DIVISION      | 484         | 462         | 417         | 418         | 429         | 404         | 384         | 343         | 279         | 269         | 265         |
|                      | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       |
|                      | 2015        | 1865        | 1714        | 1652        | 1629        | 1524        | 1426        | 1313        | 1239        | 1207        | 1154        |
|                      | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       |
|                      | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       | -----       |

## HONORARY F.O.C.A. MEMBERS – 2019

- The Most Blessed TIKHON.....Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada
- His Holiness KIRILL.....Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia
- The Most Reverend NATHANIEL.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Detroit  
and the Romanian Episcopate
- The Most Reverend NIKON.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Boston,  
New England, and the Albanian Archdiocese
- The Most Reverend BENJAMIN.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of San Francisco,  
and the West
- The Most Reverend MARK.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Philadelphia and  
Eastern Pennsylvania
- The Most Reverend ALEJO.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Mexico City and Mexico
- The Most Reverend MELCHISEDEK,.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Pittsburgh and  
Western Pennsylvania
- The Most Reverend IRENEE.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Ottawa  
and the Archdiocese of Canada
- The Most Reverend MICHAEL..... Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of New York,  
Diocese of New York and New Jersey
- The Most Reverend ALEXANDER.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Dallas,  
the South, and the Bulgarian Diocese
- The Most Reverend DAVID.....Orthodox Church in America, Archbishop of Sitka and  
Alaska
- The Right Reverend PAUL.....Orthodox Church in America, Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest
- The Right Reverend DANIEL.....Orthodox Church in America, Bishop of Santa Rosa
- The Most Blessed THEODOSIUS.....Retired, Former Archbishop of Washington,  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada
- The Most Blessed HERMAN.....Retired, Former Archbishop of Washington and New York,  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada
- The Right Reverend LAZAR.....Retired, Orthodox Church in America  
Former Archbishop of Ottawa
- The Right Reverend SERAPHIM.....Retired, Orthodox Church in America  
Former Bishop of Sendai
- The Right Reverend TIKHON.....Retired, Orthodox Church in America  
Former Bishop of San Francisco, Los Angeles and the West
- The Right Reverend MATTHIAS.....Retired, Orthodox Church in America  
Former Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

- The Right Reverend VARLAAM.....Retired, Orthodox Church in America  
Former Bishop of Vancouver
- The Right Reverend MATTHEW.....Bishop of Sourzh,  
Interim Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA
- The Most Reverend HILARION.....First Hierarch, Russian Orthodox Church  
Outside of Russia (ROCOR)
- The Most Reverend ELPIDOPHOROS.....Primate, Greek Orthodox Church In America
- The Most Reverend GREGORY.....Primate of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox  
Diocese of the U.S.A., Titular Metropolitan of Nyssa
- The Most Reverend JOSEPH.....Primate, Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of America
- The Right Reverend IRINEJ.....Bishop of Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America
- The Right Reverend LONGIN .....Bishop of Serbian Orthodox Diocese of New Gracanica and  
Midwestern America
- The Right Reverend MAXIM.....Bishop of Serbian Orthodox Diocese  
of Western America
- The Most Reverend NICOLAE.....Metropolitan, Romanian Orthodox Metropolia  
of the Americas
- The Most Reverend JOSEPH.....Metropolitan of the Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese of  
U.S. A., Canada, and Australia
- The Most Reverend ANTONY.....Metropolitan and Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox  
Church of the U.S.A.
- Very Reverend Alexander Rentel .....Chancellor, Orthodox Church in America
- Very Reverend John E. Parker III.....Dean, St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary
- Very Reverend Chad Hatfield.....President, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary
- Very Reverend Protopresbyter Frank P. Miloro.....Dean, Christ the Saviour Orthodox Theological  
Seminary
- Very Reverend John Dunlop.....Dean, St. Herman Orthodox Theological Seminary

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| <p><b>F.O.C.A. LIFE MEMBER</b></p> <p>Metropolitan THEODOSIUS</p> |
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[Updated: 7-31-19]



**DISTRICT OFFICERS:**

Spiritual Advisor: Very Rev. Daniel Ressetar  
Governor: Gary D. Lelo  
Lt. Governor: Gregory Ressetar  
Secretary: Nicholas Ressetar  
Treasurer: William Dupkanick  
Immed. Past Gov.: Nicholas Ressetar  
Nominating Committee: Matushka Theodora Ressetar (1-year term) and  
Joan Dupkanick (2-year term)

**DISTRICT CHAPTERS:**

Chapter #64: Berwick "R" Club, Berwick, PA  
Chapter #199 & 199-J: Harrisburg "O" Club, Harrisburg, PA  
Chapter #212 St. John's Senior "O" Club, Alpha, NJ  
Chapter # 234 & 234-J: Central PA District at Large

**DISTRICT CONVENTION:**

Our 88th Annual District Convention was held on Sunday, September 21, 2018 at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Harrisburg, PA.

As District Governor, I would like to extend my thanks to the Harrisburg "O" Club for sponsoring the District Convention.

Sessions were opened with a prayer led by the Very Rev. Daniel Ressetar.

1. Father Daniel intoned "Memory Eternal" for the repose of Paul Semanco past district governor and longtime member
2. Reports were given and approved.
3. The Seminarian Christmas Family Fund of the FOCA and OCA was discussed and a contribution was to be made.
4. A contribution was made to the new Puerto Rican Orthodox mission.
5. Father Daniel Ressetar, once again, asked the district to start looking for a new District Spiritual Advisor. He would like to retire. He said he would stay on until we have found a new District Spiritual Advisor. We are still searching.

We appreciated the letter received from our National FOCA President Allison Steffaro encouraging the district to stay strong and prosper in the coming years.

The convention ended with a closing prayer led by Father Daniel Ressetar and the installation of district officers.

Our next district convention will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Alpha, NJ sponsored by St. John’s Senior “O” Club, Chapter #212.

**SCHOLARSHPS:**

This past year we had two district scholarship applicants. The Matushka Anne E. Prislowsky scholarship was awarded to Wade Hiriso and the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship was awarded to Melissa Zuro. Both were from chapter #199, of the Harrisburg “O” Club. Each received \$500. They also received National Scholarships. We heartily congratulate them for their endeavors.

Father Ressetar made a motion to approve a \$350 scholarship to send a college student to the Orthodox Christian Fellowship Conference. Vladimir Kelliachow from chapter #199 attended the conference this past December.

Note: Another donation of \$350 from our scholarship fund was given to Vladimar Kellachow for a trip in the spring to Mt. Athos with Father Stephan Vernak.

**SOCIAL AND JUNIORS:**

Our District Orthodox Family Picnic was held at Knoebels Amusement Park on Sunday, July 14, 2019. There were about 65 Orthodox parishioners from area churches that attended. Many thanks go out to Greg Ressetar, Bill & Joan Dupkanick for making it a success.

The annual picnic/baseball game was held on July 2, 2019 at the Reading Phillies. Thanks again to Nick Ressetar for arranging it.

MANY YEARS!

On Sunday, December 16th the community of Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in Harrisburg, PA welcomed Diocesan Bishop his Eminence Archbishop Mark for Divine Liturgy. At Liturgy he bestowed the Mitre (priestly crown) on Father Daniel Ressetar in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Orthodox Church, their parish, and numerous other religious, and civic organizations, Axios!

CHAPTER PROJECTS

With only two active chapters, our district is still strong and working for the future of the FOCA.

1)The Harrisburg “O” Club, Chapter #199 held a Christmas Cookie Sale and the Summer Sunday Fellowship Hour raised funds for parish as well as the FOCA United Fund Appeal and Gifts of Love. The Chapter also coordinates the “Adopt a Seminarian Family” for Christmas with a much-appreciated contribution.

2) St. John’s Senior “O” Club, Chapter #212 and St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church donated \$1300 to St. Herman’s Seminary for Christmas gifts for the Seminarians’ children. “Christmas in July” is the chapter’s ongoing yearly project to benefit these children.

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church also sponsored Seminarian Father Deacon Timothy Kolb at St. Tikhon’s with a \$1000 donation plus a graduation gift.

(Many of the parishioners are “O” members.)

The chapter project, “Gifts of Love” in February benefits the FOCA’s yearly fundraiser. St. Tabitha’s Orphanage in Kenya will receive our donation of \$800.

GOALS OF THE DISTRICT:

I want to urge all members to continue to worship together, work together on FOCA and their individual church projects, to encourage others to join, and finally to socialize together on local, district, and national levels.

Fraternally,

Gary D. Lelo  
Central PA District Governor

**COLONIAL DISTRICT**

**WALTER C. ALESEVICH, GOVERNOR**

|                                      |                                |             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Spiritual Advisor</b>             | <b>V. Rev. Theodore Boback</b> | <b>#131</b> |
| <b>Governor</b>                      | <b>Walter C. Alesevich</b>     | <b>#79</b>  |
| <b>Lieutenant Governor</b>           | <b>Paul Fedoronko</b>          | <b>#82</b>  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                     | <b>Nancy Stanton</b>           | <b>#229</b> |
| <b>Corresponding Secretary</b>       | <b>Diana Haverlack</b>         | <b>#229</b> |
| <b>Recording Secretary</b>           | <b>Larry M. Skvir</b>          | <b>#82</b>  |
| <b>Two-Year Nominating Committee</b> | <b>Paul Kavchok</b>            | <b>#78</b>  |
| <b>One-Year Nominating Committee</b> | <b>Fr. Dcn. James Magruder</b> | <b>#131</b> |

**CHAPTERS**

- # 78 St. Vladimir’s "R" Club - Trenton, New Jersey
- # 79 Nation's Capital "R" Club - Washington, DC
- # 82 St. Stephen's Orthodox Catholic Fellowship - Philadelphia, PA
- #131 Vladicon “O” Club – Baltimore, MD
- #229 St. Mark F.O.C.A. - Bethesda, MD
- #251-J St. Matthews – Columbia, MD
- #235 Colonial District Chapter-at-Large

**RELIGIOUS/EDUCATIONAL**

The 2019 District Religious Education Day will be hosted by St. St. Stephen’s O.C.F., in Philadelphia PA, at a date to be determined.

Elizabeth (Betty) Slanta of the Nation's Capital "R" Club has done and continues to do a great service for the Orthodox Church as a member of the Board of Directors of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC).

During February of 2019, the Chapters of the Colonial District, through the *Gifts of Love*, again demonstrated their support for this effort which will benefit the St. Tabitha’s House Orphanage, Kisumu, Kenya.

At its District Convention, the Colonial District is undertaking, as a District project (with assistance from each Chapter), to support monetarily the amount of \$100 per month for a seminarian family at St. Tikhon’s Seminary, the recipient recommended in coordination with the seminary’s Dean and the district’s Spiritual Advisor.

**ATHLETIC**

This year’s District Bowling Tournament was cancelled and bowlers were encouraged to participate in the National Bowling Tournament, to have been sponsored by the Vladicon “O” Club in early May. However, due to lack of participation the National Tournament was cancelled. Similarly, the National Basketball Tournament was also cancelled.

**JUNIORS**

Concerning the juniors from Nation's Capital, St. Mark, Vladicon, Trenton and St. Stephen's, the core group either lacks full-time leadership from the Senior chapter, vary in ages for a cohesive group, or have graduated and moved away. We are hoping to reinvigorate the youth to reactivate these chapters. We are very proud that a Junior chapter has been formed at St. Matthews. Indeed, one of its members was the recipient this fall of the Fr. Alexander Fedoronko scholarship. We hope that is the start of a Colonial District trend for winning scholarships.

National scholarships will awarded this year. Both the National scholarship and the Colonial District are administered by the national Fellowship; the application deadline has passed, and they will be awarded at the upcoming National Convention.

In addition, the F.O.C.A. is active in participation, sponsorship, and leadership of youth activities for the National Church structure.

**SOCIAL**

Although this is not an official district event, St. Stephen's O.C.F. again hosted the Novogodny Ball (the 82nd edition) at the Radisson Trevoze Hotel, in Philadelphia on Martin Luther King weekend. Unfortunately, due to a health scare at the ball site, the Governor was unable to participate in this outstanding event. As have been done in the past and reinstated over the last several years, the Colonial District is holding its Winter Board of Trustees been on that weekend. Congratulations go out to the Cox brothers, members of St. Stephen's OCF, who are continuing the tradition. It remains a very successful way to ring in the new year ("Russian style"). The event was again be started off with a dinner followed by the dance. This year's edition was especially memorable since it marks the 82nd Annual Event. This is a milestone which everyone should be proud of, since it is not often that an event has such longevity, especially in Orthodox America.

Next year's edition will be held at the same place, and will be held on the Sunday evening prior to the Monday Martin Luther King holiday; the Governor hopes to attend this year.

Activity throughout the district is flourishing; its chapters are very active and involve not only their members but members from other chapters and their parishes.

**FINANCES**

The financial situation of the Colonial District is fairly stable. The major funding for the district is the District Convention, the District Bowling Tournament, and the District Stock Awards. The District stock awards were to be drawn at the National Bowling Tournament in Baltimore; however, due to the cancellation of the event, the drawing was held that weekend at St. Mark. The district, through its chapters, continue to support many Orthodox charities including the IOCC, OCMC and the smeinaries and their seminarians.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Like virtually all other fraternal organizations, the membership of the F.O.C.A. is dwindling. However, the Colonial District is a bright spot. Indeed, two of its chapter number about the ten largest in the Fellowship. Although overall the Colonial District membership numbers are decreasing, it is retaining members to a greater degree than virtually all of the other districts. While there was some consideration by one of the chapters of going inactive, that chapter has forged ahead and is working to attract new members. We hope to grow the district even more, as two churches are being cultivated for new F.O.C.A. chapters.

**DISTRICT CONVENTION**

The Colonial District Convention will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at St. Mark Orthodox Church in Bethesda, MD, sponsored by its chapter—the St. Mark F.O.C.A.

**OTHER**

The F.O.C.A. should focus on reaching a balance between providing a social outlet for Orthodox Christians and a venue for spiritual development. Finding this balance is not that easy, but it is well worthwhile

**STRENGTHS/WEAKNESSES**

- S** The Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America is resident in the Colonial District, and is an avid supporter of the F.O.C.A.
- W** There is not universal support for the F.O.C.A. by clergy of the Orthodox Church in America.
  
- S** Within the large area of the district boundaries, the chapters are connected close to a major artery: Interstate 95.
- W** Chapters have to travel anywhere between one to four hours to attend other chapter activities.
  
- S** District members are willing to travel the long distance for district activities and bring other members who are unable to drive.
- W** If members who normally drive are unable to attend a chapter function, then the turnout is not what is normally expected.
  
- S** The district's financial condition is fairly stable.
- W** Only three district events assist in the funding to operate the district.
  
- S** The Membership is extremely active in their respective parishes; although our there are no Junior Chapters in the district, we hope to reactivate some Junior Chapters from our ranks and that a new Junior chapter will likely join us. In addition, we are seeking to encourage other Churches, in our region, to form Senior Chapters to bolster our ranks.

- W** Only five Senior Chapters (not counting its Chapter at Large) comprise the Colonial District.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Although the chapters in the Colonial District have been extremely active in serving their respective local parishes and the District, its Chapters, and its members are active (despite the fact that many of its members are getting on in years and are participating less), one of the major strengths of the Fellowship is the enduring friendships and acquaintances that are fostered among other Orthodox Christians based upon the interaction among fellow Orthodox outside of your parish community. The social facet of the Fellowship should be fostered and even nurtured. A balance between the spiritual and the social, as well as the balance between being focused on your own parish life and the community of the Fellowship, must be stricken and encouraged.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. None at this point. Recommendations will be made to the National Convention based upon the District’s Summer Board Meeting and subsequent input.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter C. Alesevich  
Governor, Colonial District

## **NEW JERSEY DISTRICT**

**STEPHEN WASILEWSKI, GOVERNOR**

### Executive Board

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Spiritual Advisor: Vacant         |             |
| Governor: Stephen Wasilewski      | Chapter 97  |
| Lt. Governor: Rebecca Kozak       | Chapter 167 |
| Secretary: Danielle Kovach        | Chapter 97  |
| Asst. Secretary: Vacant           |             |
| Treasurer: Michael Kupec          | Chapter 209 |
| Sports Director: Michael Steffaro | Chapter 167 |
| Imm. Past Governor: Daria Miskiv  | Chapter 209 |

### **NJ Chapters**

30 – SS Peter and Paul R Club; Passaic  
44 – Singac R Club; Singac  
66 – St John O Club; Passaic  
97 – Bayonne Alpha R Club; Bayonne  
129 – Jersey City R Club; Jersey City  
167 – South River R Club; South River  
209 – Garden State R Club; Various  
223 – Holy Cross O Club; Hackettstown

### **Junior Chapters**

30J – SS Peter and Paul Jr R Club; Passaic  
97J/129J – Bayonne/Jersey City Jr R Club; Bayonne/Jersey City  
167J – South River Jr R Club; South River

### **Religious**

Our traditional St. Nicholas / St. Andrew Vespers service was held on Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Chapter 30 Passaic. Our upcoming Palm Sunday Vespers service was held on April 21, 2019 at Chapter 44 Singac.

### **District Convention**

Our 67<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention was held on November 4, 2018 at Passaic, NJ and hosted by Chapter 209. Sessions were held in the afternoon following a nice brunch. In lieu of an ad book, “The Mayflower” Ship was created.



**Social**

On December 9, 2018, the Spirit of Orthodoxy put on a spectacular concert at SS Peter and Paul, Passaic. Almost 300 people were in attendance. After the concert, everyone assembled in the cultural center where the choir sang a few more songs and we joined in fellowship.

On February 22, 2019, the district sponsored a Beefsteak Dinner in Little Falls at the Russian Hall. 103 people attended and a huge profit was realized. A fun evening was had by all.

**Scholarships**

Marianne Johnson, District Scholarship, \$500  
Alexis Steffaro, RJ Miskiv Scholarship Fund, \$500

**Sports**

None to report.

**Future Events / Charitable**

We are planning a food packaging event for local soup kitchens and food pantries. Due to logistics, we will be taking on this endeavor in the fall of 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Wasilewski

## OHIO DISTRICT

MELISSA TESAR, GOVERNOR

|                   |                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Spiritual Advisor | V. Rev. Nicholas Wyslutsky, Akron 20/32 |
| Governor          | Melissa Tesar, Cleveland 4/6            |
| Lt. Governor      | Barbara Yerian, Akron 20/32             |
| Secretary         | Donna Tesar, Cleveland 4/6              |
| Treasurer         | Michael Herzak II, Cleveland 4/6        |
| Sr. Nominating    | Nicholas Memorich, Cleveland 4/6        |
| Jr. Nominating    | George Clark, Campbell 27               |

It is with a very heavy heart that I begin my report by having to write these words....Memory Eternal Michael Snyder. On January 22, I received a phone call from Akron 'O' Club President Lori Kochan telling me that Mike didn't wake up that morning. My heart sank, and I was hoping that I didn't hear her correctly. Nothing will be the same without him. Mike was the first person to buy a ticket to support anything that you had going on. Reverse Raffles, Camp fundraisers, church sponsored activities, you name it, Mike was there. Please keep the departed servant of God Michael, his mother Carol, and their family in your prayers. Memory Eternal

Our 2018 District Convention was held October 6, 2018 at Archangel Michael Orthodox Church. Governor Tesar welcomed Past National Presidents Becky Tesar, Nick Vansuch and Past National Recording Secretary Anne Cvercko.

Highlights:

### **St. Vladimir's Camp**

We're getting a pool!!!! After raising funds, seeking bidders, holding a special District Convention to award the business, not being able to reach the winning-bid business, finally getting in touch with the winning-bid business and learning why they were incommunicado for almost 6 months, we've signed a contract for a new pool. Construction will hopefully start in the fall of 2019 (so as to not disrupt the Camping Season). We are awaiting approvals from the State of Ohio.

The camp dates for 2019 were as follows:

- ❖ June 30 – July 6 – Ohio District Camp ages 7-11
- ❖ July 7 – July 13 – FOCA Junior Olympics
- ❖ July 14 – July 20 – Ohio District Camp ages 12-17

Our two weeks of Ohio District Camp went very well, with an influx of new and second-year campers this year during the first week. At last count, there were approximately 55 campers between 7-11! The second week of Ohio Camp was a bit more laid back with approximately 35 campers. These are the seasoned veterans of Camp, and it's been fun watching them grow up!

We were at capacity for Junior Olympics – 68 campers! We welcomed His Grace Bishop Paul back to Camp during this week. We were also lucky to have Dima Rentel at Camp for the first two weeks of Camp. Dima was a representative of the OCA Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries Department.

**Fundraisers**

One of our Ohio District fundraisers is the 300 Club. Anne Cvercko and Sandy Uhrina have stepped down as the coordinators of the 300 Club after 30+ years running it. Over the years, the 300 Club has donated \$62,238.77 to the Camp and \$26,202.72 to the Ohio District Scholarship fund, as the proceeds are split between. Never fear, though, as I have taken on the 300 Club in the interim (until I can find someone else to manage it).

**Scholarships:**

The District continued the tradition of awarding an Ohio District Scholarship to each of the Ohio District members that didn’t receive a National Award, based upon recommendation from the National Scholarship Board. The recipients of the Ohio District Scholarships were:

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Chapter</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Marc Elash        | Campbell       |
| Nicole Gaydos     | Cleveland      |
| Stefan Hutnyan    | St. Andrews    |
| Daniel Kovalak    | Cleveland      |
| Alexander Reimund | Akron          |
| Natalie Rohweder  | Akron          |
| Andrew Rohweder   | Akron          |
| Elexis Schultz    | Cap City       |

Congratulations to the Ohio District members who won National FOCA Scholarships:

Luke Clark – Campbell; Zoe Kalantzis – Campbell and Nicholas Reimund - Akron

Lastly, we are excited to show of our state by hosting the 93<sup>rd</sup> FOCA National Convention. Welcome to our Capital City! O-H! I-O!

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Tesar, Governor  
Ohio District of the FOCA

**DISTRICT OFFICERS**

|                          |                                                             |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Spiritual Leader         | Archbishop MELCHISEDEK                                      |
| Spiritual Advisor        | V. Rev. William Evansky, Ambridge #5                        |
| Governor                 | Dr. John Schultz, Weirton #58                               |
| Lt. Governor             | Mat. Danielle Ilchuk, Ambridge #5                           |
| Administrative Secretary | Tanya Zehnder, Ambridge #5                                  |
| Recording Secretary      | Mat. Debra Evansky, Ambridge #5                             |
| Treasurer                | Sonia Schultz, Weirton #58                                  |
| Imm. Past Governor       | Mat. Danielle Ilchuk, Ambridge #58                          |
| Nominating Committee     | Dn. Peter Ilchuk, Ambridge #5<br>William Nelko, Ambridge #5 |

**CHAPTERS**

|                   |                 |             |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| North Suburban #1 | McKees Rocks #3 | Ambridge #5 |
| South Side #8     | Donora #35      | Weirton #58 |
| Canonsburg #109   |                 |             |

**DISTRICT CONVENTION**

The 2018 District Convention was held at St. Nicholas Church, Weirton, WV hosted by Weirton Orthodox Christian Fellowship – Chapter #58. All chapters were represented.

The 2019 District Convention will be held on October 20 hosted by Ambridge Chapter #5 at Holy Ghost Church, Ambridge, PA.

**GENERAL DISTRICT INFORMATION**

The District is currently attempting to plan a “Funraising” activity to help promote membership and awareness of the FOCA within the Archdiocese, as well as to help fund our projects.

The Archdiocesan Council includes several members of our District. Written and verbal reports are provided to Council Meetings as required, and a report is included in the agenda for the Archdiocesan Assembly.

**FUTURE ACTIVITIES**

The Pittsburgh District has been awarded the 2020 National Basketball Tournament. Details will be determined based on the results of the discussion at this National Convention regarding the future format of the Basketball Tournament.

We continue to consider a possible bid for a future National Convention.

**YOUTH**

One of the main focuses of our District remains the support of our Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministries. We continue to have joint Youth and Young Adult activities with the Archdiocese.

The schedule this year included the annual outdoor Ice Skating Party at PPG Plaza in downtown Pittsburgh, the annual Bowling-Pizza Party, and the annual Orthodox Day at PNC Park for a Pittsburgh Pirate game.

**MEMBERSHIP**

While the District has not seen growth in recent years, we have been able to maintain a significant presence in our Archdiocese. We also enjoy the full support of our Archbishop MELCHISEDEK. Unfortunately, for many reasons, we have not capitalized on that support. We have not made a concerted effort to expand our membership. I believe the potential is there. The District will try to reach that potential and develop a membership growth effort.

**GENERAL OBSERVATION**

The mission of the Fellowship is still relevant and needed within the Church. As we have discussed many times, we are unique in the Church. We obviously have some significant issues that must be addressed immediately. However, I truly believe that we can stabilize the Fellowship and continue to play a role in the life of the Church. We must, more than ever, be open to different ideas and programs.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That the Board of Trustees, either themselves or through an appointed Committee, commit to a complete review and revision of our Governing Documents. Much of the Constitution and By-Laws are either no longer followed in practice, are outdated, or unnecessarily restrictive. This has been problematic in attempting to recruit new membership or create new Chapters.
- 2) That the Fellowship evaluate how we raise funds including a review of the dues model and possible move to a more “voluntary giving” model. This would parallel the movement in many of our Parishes, Diocese, and the National Church. It would, obviously, require a well thought out multi-year plan for this transition.
- 3) That the format of The Orthodox Christian Journal be modified to one (or two) printed year-in-review editions and quarterly smaller electronic newsletter.

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT**

**JENNIFER PISHKO, GOVERNOR**

**NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN JOURNAL**

The Orthodox Christian Journal was published 4 times this year. We extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to Michael Schultz and Nicholas Ressetar for their hard work and dedication to this publication. As you have read in the President's report, after 18 years Nicholas Ressetar is stepping down as Journal editor. We extend our deepest appreciation for his tireless work on our beloved OCJ.

## 93<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION REPORT

Mdm. President, Executive Board, Board of Trustees and Delegates:

Christ is in our Midst!

### Introduction

The 92<sup>nd</sup> National Convention in St. Louis was expected to be an exciting Convention and it certainly didn't disappoint. Once again, the FOCA teamed up with the OCA at the 19<sup>th</sup> All American Council and it was another great success. Past National President and Convention Chairperson Mrs. Carol Deerson and her team did a tremendous job at planning a wonderful weekend. Carol's expertise with planning conventions contributed to the success of her team and of a great weekend in which a great time was had by all in taking advantage of what the city of St. Louis had to offer. A great big THANK YOU goes out to Carol and her team for making this Convention truly memorable.

### 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention – 2019

Welcome to the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention and the Hyatt Regency Hotel here in beautiful Columbus, OH. The Ohio District has been hard at work to provide us with an exciting and fun filled weekend as we all once again come together in faith and fellowship and have a great time exploring Columbus. Co-Chairs Rebecca Tesar and Anthony Shultz have been busy planning a lot of exciting events for us to enjoy. A fun "game show" welcome reception, a thrilling mystery dessert event and an always enjoyable dinner and dance are just a few things being planned. As we continue our "March to 100", I look forward to greeting each and every one of you once again in Columbus.

### 94<sup>th</sup> National Convention – 2020

I am excited to announce that the 94<sup>th</sup> National Convention will take place at the Doubletree Hotel in Minneapolis, MN from Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2020. Chapter 94 is already working to plan a great weekend for us in Minneapolis. It has been over 20 years since the FOCA National Convention has been held in Minneapolis and many things have changed. I look forward to exploring the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" with all of you. Members of the local team will be providing some plans for us this weekend. Be sure to mark your calendars now!!

### 95<sup>th</sup> National Convention – 2021

Initial plans are underway to explore possible sites for the 95<sup>th</sup> National Convention. We have received a bid from the Executive Board to host the National Convention in conjunction with the 20<sup>th</sup> All American Council slated to be held from Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 in Baltimore, MD at the Hilton Hotel Inner Harbor. If the bid is awarded to the Executive Board, the 95<sup>th</sup> National Convention will take place from Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**2018 Convention Financial Results**

| <u>Event/Activity</u>    | <u>Income</u>      | <u>Expenses</u>   | <u>Profit/(Loss)</u>                   |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1. All Events/Activities | \$17,867.00        | \$18,073.08       | (\$206.08)                             |
| 2. Program Book          | <u>\$14,260.00</u> | <u>\$5,827.78</u> | <u>\$8,432.22</u> [Profit of 4,216.11] |

**5 Year Comparisons**

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>#</u>         | <u>SITE</u>    | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>EXPENSE</u> | <u>PROFIT/(LOSS)</u> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2018        | 92 <sup>nd</sup> | St. Louis, MO  | \$17,867.00   | \$18,073.08    | \$4,010.05*          |
| 2017        | 91 <sup>st</sup> | Hershey, PA    | \$28,066.60   | \$27,201.03    | \$6,437.26           |
| 2016        | 90 <sup>th</sup> | Rosemont, IL   | \$33,075.00   | \$22,557.97    | \$5,873.97           |
| 2015        | 89 <sup>th</sup> | Atlanta, GA    | \$25,460.00   | \$15,028.36    | \$6,177.69*          |
| 2014        | 88 <sup>th</sup> | Gettysburg, PA | \$29,704.00   | \$21,393.36    | \$8,310.64           |

Please note: The profit/loss includes the Ad book proceeds and an \* indicates a 50% split with the OCA for the ad book proceeds only during AAC years.

I’m excited to see you all at this year’s Convention. A special “Thank You” goes out to Becky, Anthony, the local convention team and the Ohio District for being such wonderful hosts. I continue to look forward to working with the chapters and districts with the planning and operations of future national conventions. I am always open to receiving new bids and ideas for future conventions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dn. Peter Ilchuk

CP&O Director

**Report – July 2019**

**Celebration of Faith Contest**

This year's Celebration of Faith Contest's theme was: **"What does Jesus see when He looks at me?"**

We had ten (10) submissions this year in the following age categories:

- (5) Under 10 Years Old (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and Under)
- (3) 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
- (1) 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade
- (1) 10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

All entries will be displayed and awards to be presented during the F.O.C.A. National Convention in Columbus, Ohio over Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I would like to thank all of the Sunday School Teachers who helped encourage their students to participate in this year's contest. It is greatly appreciated!

**2019 National Junior Summer Sports Tournament (NJSST)**

During the week of July 7<sup>th</sup> the National Junior Summer Sports Tournament took place at St. Vladimir's Camp in Farmdale, OH. This year we had 64 of our youth from seven states (Delaware, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey and Pennsylvania) participate and compete against each other in individual and team events.

A huge THANK YOU to Dn. Daniel and Mat. Catrina Kovalak for their tireless efforts in running this summer's camp program, and the NJSST Tournament. Also, thank you to all of the staff members and volunteers that made the program possible.

**National Convention in Columbus, OH**

Several activities are scheduled for Junior's during this year's National Convention starting with a Meet and Greet on Friday night, a visit to COSI (Center of Science and Industry) during the day on Saturday, and a day trip to a "mystery" location on Sunday afternoon followed by a Pizza Party on Sunday Night, before the "Sail Away" Ball. Additional Activities to be announced on Friday evening at the Convention.



## **SPORTS DEPARTMENT**

The Executive Board did not appoint a Sports Department Director this year. In its place, the following three individuals were appointed to lead the each of our tournaments as follows:

### **Basketball – Melanie Clark**

2019 National Basketball Tournament which was scheduled for May 3-5 in Campbell, Ohio was cancelled.

### **Bowling – Phil Tesar**

2019 National Bowling Tournament which was scheduled for May 17-19 in Baltimore, MD was cancelled.

### **Summer Sports (Golf) Tournament – Anthony Schultz**

2019 Sports Tournament was held on July 25-26 in Canonsburg, PA sponsored by the Canonsburg “O” Club. We look forward to a report from Anthony Schultz (Sports Department Golf lead) at the convention.

The cancelation of both the Bowling and Basketball Tournaments this year will be addressed during a break-out session at the National Convention on Saturday.

## **SEMINARIAN ASSISTANCE**

## **ALLISON STEFFARO, ADMINISTRATOR**

This year marks the 19th year the FOCA has been filling the St. Nicholas Wish Lists of married seminarian students. Through the generosity of many parishes, chapters and individuals, This was the largest number of families and children we have supported to date! In addition to the wish lists at the two seminaries over \$2,000 was sent to St. Herman's of Alaska Seminary to be distributed among their married seminarian students.

This is truly a labor of love by our members. Words can not express the gratitude and thankfulness of the students whose lives you have made brighter this holiday season.

Please remember that we have an Adopt a Seminarian Program that runs throughout the academic year. If you would like to adopt a student on a monthly basis please contact Allison Steffaro at [michaelsteffaro@comcast.net](mailto:michaelsteffaro@comcast.net) to receive a name and address. No monthly donation is to small to make a difference in a family's life.

**PHOTO CONTEST**

**SAMANTHA EXLER, COORDINATOR**

We did not have a photo contest in 2018 however, the contest did resume this year with the 2019 theme: *“God’s Creations: Family”* Be sure to stop by the display to see the entries!

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**DANIELLE ILCHUK, ADMINISTRATOR**

This year we had seven applicants for scholarships. The Pittsburgh District is on its final year for judging. The application information was available through the Fellowship’s website and was promoted on social media and via email communications. This year we were able to make the application process completely electronic. The form was converted to a fillable PDF that was able to be downloaded, completed on a computer, and emailed in for submission. As always there are a few hiccups, but the process seemed to work well. We will continue to improve and strive to be as flawless as possible!

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Ilchuk

**CONVENTION AUDIT**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**TREASURER’S AUDIT**

**ANTOINETTE DOROSH, AUDITOR**

**TO BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY**

**TASK FORCE**

**MICHAEL STEFFARO, COMMITTEE CHAIR**

**REPORT TO BE DELIVERED ON CONVENTION FLOOR**

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

### **Amendment on presumed typographical error to the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America Bylaws submitted by VLADICON Chapter 131, Baltimore, Maryland**

**Reason/Background:** The amendment change corrects a presumed typographical error. F.O.C.A. Bylaws Article VIII CONVENTIONS, Section 10 makes reference to Article VIII, section 7 of the F.O.C.A. Constitution. There is no Article VIII section 7 in the F.O.C.A. Constitution.

#### **Current F.O.C.A. Bylaws - Article VIII CONVENTIONS Section 10 currently is:**

Past Presidents of the F.O.C.A. who are active members in good standing of the F.O.C.A. may register as a Delegate-at-Large at any F.O.C.A. Convention per Article VIII, Section 7 of the F.O.C.A. Constitution. No Past President shall be permitted to serve as a Delegate or Alternate for their Chapter and as a National Officer and register as a Past President at the same convention. Their registration status must not be changed during the course on any single National Convention.

#### **Recommend Amendment Change to F.O.C.A. Bylaws Article VIII CONVENTIONS, Section 10:**

Past Presidents of the F.O.C.A. who are active members in good standing of the F.O.C.A. may register as a Delegate-at-Large at any F.O.C.A. Convention per Article VIII, Section 6 of the F.O.C.A. Constitution. No Past President shall be permitted to serve as a Delegate or Alternate for their Chapter and as a National Officer and register as a Past President at the same convention. Their registration status must not be changed during the course on any single National Convention.

## **Motions of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual FOCA Convention**

**Saturday, July 21, 2018**

MOTION #1

Dr. John Schultz, Pittsburgh District Governor, moves that the Executive Board appoint a committee under the auspice of Convention Planning & Operation to examine the format, timing, and venues of the National Convention. Part of this examination would be to explore the possibility and ramifications of changing to every other year. Nicholas Ressetar, Journal Editor, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #2

Michael Herzak, Past President, moves that Recommendation #8 from Fr. Theodore Boback's report, which had been deemed administrative, be reconsidered as an action item. Leon Sheehan, Chapter 7 Cleveland (Cathedral), seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #3

Walter Alesevich, Colonial District Governor, moves to accept the auditor's report as read by President Marge Kovach. Liz Dutko, Chapter 50, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #4

Michael Herzak, Past President, moves to reconsider Motion #1, as it was supposed to be written in the report book. Walter Alesevich, Colonial District Governor, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #1 as it should have been written:

Dr. John Schultz, Pittsburgh District Governor, moves that the Executive Board appoint a Committee under the auspice of Convention Planning and Operations to examine all aspects of the National Convention including but not limited to the format, timing, and venues of the National Convention. Part of this examination would be to explore the possibility and ramifications of changing to every other year National Conventions and include a review other possible events for the "off-year." This would include a dialogue with The O.C.A. to explore the idea of having a Church-wide gathering in conjunction with FOCA National Conventions.

Discussion followed.

MOTION #5:

Dr. John Schultz, Pittsburgh District Governor, moves to table the motion. Michael Herzak, Past President, seconded. MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED.

MOTION #6:

Polly Walker, Past President, moves to accept the budget as it appears in the Treasurer's report. Dn. Joseph Shaluha, Cap City 254, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #7

Rebecca Tesar, Immediate Past President, moves that any St. Andrew's Appeal money received by the Treasurer prior to and including August 31, 2018, be directed to 2018 projects, and that money collected starting on September 1, 2018, be directed to 2019 projects. Henry Pishko, Detroit 2/9, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

#### MOTION #8

Allison Steffaro, Vice President, moves that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the allocations for unearmarked St. Andrew's Funds be: 50% to Juniors/Youth Ministry and 50% to William Fekula Scholarships; and that St. Tikhon's Seminary, St. Vladimir's Seminary, St. Herman's Seminary, Christ the Savior Seminary, and St. Vladimir's Camp and Retreat Center continue to qualify for earmarked funds only. Alice Woog, Past President, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

#### MOTION #9

V. Rev. Theodore Boback, National Spiritual Advisor, moves that the FOCA continue the Celebration of Faith visual arts contest. Brittany Dubos, 20/32 Akron, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

#### MOTION #10

Walter Alesevich, Colonial District Governor, moves that the adjourn the meeting and reconvene on Monday, July 23, 2018. Danielle Kovach, 97 Bayonne, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

### **Monday, July 23, 2018**

#### MOTION #11

Walter Alesevich, Colonial District Governor, moves that the 2019 Basketball Tournament be awarded to Campbell. Daria Miskiv, New Jersey District Governor, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

#### MOTION #12

Allison Steffaro, Vice President, moves that the 2019 Gifts of Love be directed to St. Tabitha's House, a orphanage in Kenya. Gary Lelo, Central PA District Governor, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

#### MOTION #13

Alice Woog, Past President, moves FOCA Executive Board be authorized to reach out to the Orthodox Church in America to develop and focus their respective current and future human and fiscal investments to create, promote, communicate and implement positive direct experiences for Youth, Young Adult, and Seminarian growth and development.

This will include a commitment from the Orthodox Church in America to maintain a qualified Youth Coordinator in conjunction with the FOCA.

The responsibilities of which will be determined jointly by the Orthodox Church in America and the FOCA.

The results of joint communications be reported back to the National Convention Body at the 2019 National Convention in Columbus, OH.

Dn. Joseph Shaluha, Cap City 254, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #14

Rebecca Tesar, Immediate Past President, moves that in light of the proposed intention statement from the past presidents, that a task force be formed to establish a plan to refocus the intention, structure and mission of the FOCA, with a full report and proposed to be presented at the 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention in 2019. Michael Herzak, Past President, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #15

Melanie Clark, Sports Director, moves that 2022 summer sports tournament be awarded to St. John's 212. Gary Lelo, Central PA District Governor, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #16

Walter Alesevich, moves to reopen nominations for Executive Board. Liz Dutko seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #17

Matushka Theodora Ressetar, 199 Harrisburg, moves to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Allison Steffaro for the office of President. Michael Steffaro, Past President, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #18

Polly Walker, Past President, moves to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for Todd Walker for the office of Vice President. Michael Staffaro, Past President, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #19

Dn. Peter Ilchuk, CP&O, moves to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Danielle Ilchuk for the office of Recording Secretary. Sandy Sauerma, 167 South River, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #20

Gregg Nescott, Chapter 1, moves to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Michael Bowan for the office of Treasurer. Carol Deerson, Past President, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION #21

George Clark, Campbell 27, moves to close the 92<sup>nd</sup> National FOCA convention and to reconvene at the 93<sup>rd</sup> National FOCA convention in Columbus, OH, August 30, 2019. Dn. Joseph Shaluha, Cap City 257, seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

O HEAVENLY KING

Tone 6

Adapted by: Andrew Cvercko

O HEAV-EN - LY KING, THE COM - FOR - TER, THE SPIR - IT OF TRUTH,

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WHO ART EVE - RY - WHERE AND FILL - EST ALL THINGS. TREA - SU - RY OF BLESS - INGS,

WHO ART EVE - RY - WHERE AND FILL - EST ALL THINGS. TREA - SU - RY OF BLESS - INGS,

AND GIV - ER OF LIFE; COME AND A - BIDE IN US, AND CLEANSE US FROM

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EVE - RY IM - PUR - I - TY, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O GOOD ONE.

EVE - RY IM - PUR - I - TY, AND SAVE OUR SOULS, O GOOD ONE.

# HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS

Tone 8

IT IS TRU - LY MEET TO BLESS YOU, O THE - O - TO - KOS, EV - ER BLESS - ED AND MOST

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PURE, AND THE MOTH - ER OF OUR GOD, MORE HON - OR - A - BLE THAN THE CHER - U - BIM,

PURE, AND THE MOTH - ER OF OUR GOD, MORE HON - OR - A - BLE THAN THE CHER - U - BIM,

AND MORE GLO - RI - OUS BE - YOND COM - PARE THAN THE SER - A - PHIM, WITH - OUT DE - FILE -

AND MORE GLO - RI - OUS BE - YOND COM - PARE THAN THE SER - A - PHIM; WITH - OUT DE - FILE -

MENT YOU GAVE BIRTH TO GOD THE WORD; TRUE THE - O - TO - KOS, WE MAG - NI - FY YOU

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