

St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church, Pomona

Policy Title:	Fundraising Policy
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Purpose:	To ensure the parish of St. Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church of Pomona abides by the stewardship principles of Holy Scripture.

BACKGROUND

While acknowledging that the Bible neither condones nor condemns fundraisers, the Church, including local churches, ought to be supported by the tithes and offerings of God's people (Acts 4:32-35, I Cor. 16:1-4, 2 Cor. 8:1-9:15, etc.). Our parish raises general funding to support its ongoing, normal operating expenses **solely** through the tithes and offerings of its faithful and friends.

RULES

- Our parish may undertake special fund-raising projects for specific purposes as determined by the Parish Council and only with the blessing of the pastor of the parish.
- Fundraising projects must not conflict with the ethical and canonical tradition of Orthodox life and practice.
- Fundraising projects must have a clear focus and vision, and must support some special capital development or mission that is **not** a part of the ordinary (general) budgetary expense of the parish. For example:
 - Capital development projects include endeavors such as purchasing property or the construction of a church related building.
 - Mission projects include endeavors such as an Orthodox outreach or charitable work.
- A fundraiser must not hinder the church's ongoing ministries and responsibilities.
- All parish organizations must gain approval before initiating any fundraising project. This approval must be secured through the procedure explained on the next page.

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PROCEDURE

To obtain approval for a fundraising project:

1. Prepare a fundraising request that includes the following information:
 - **Purpose:** the specific capital development or mission for which the funds are being raised
 - **Organization:** the parish organization making the request and conducting the fundraiser
 - **Method:** the type and brief description of the fundraiser
 - **Feasibility:** an analysis report indicating the practicality, estimated or projected cost, and expected net gain of the fundraiser
2. Submit the request to the pastor for his blessing.
3. After receiving the blessing of the pastor, submit the request to the Parish Council for consideration and approval.