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68 - COMMUNITY OUTREACH & PARTNERSHIPS

(23) – PARTNERSHIPS BASED ON LOCATION - I feel like we could do more in form of community outreach. But, I am unclear of what that would be.; Reaching out to our community, neighbors; Presence in community events; Partner with Carmel leaders; Community outreach and involvement. It feels like there could be more activities outside of our parish. Of course, it is challenging to commit the parish to more events when it is difficult to obtain commitment from the parishioners.; Become more of a presence in the Carmel/Zionsville area by seeking what is important to the community (Chose them because of proximity to church); The church could achieve an active role in the life of the city (Indy, Greenwood, etc. not just Carmel); We can become more outward facing to the community at large.; Events for the community surrounding the parish.; Get involved with local community, i.e. Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, etc.; Easy travel around the city and from neighboring suburbs; Our location is a great advantage; Related to that is the rankings of Carmel, Zionsville, Fishers, Noblesville and Indianapolis in terms of quality of life. Holy Trinity benefits from this dynamic.; Demographics of northern Marion and Southern Hamilton Counties are upper-middle class and family oriented; Growing Indianapolis and Carmel community; Diversity of our community; Diverse Community; Growing Indianapolis and Carmel community; New families & college graduates moving to Indianapolis for work; New people move into the community; Carmel and nearby cities are growing - more potential parishioners nearby; Carmel international festival; Participate in events such as Carmel International Festival to promote our faith and heritage.

(22) - COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SERVICE - Neighborhood/community outreach – making more of a footprint outside of our current organizations we support; Better understanding of the needs of the Community, not just within Carmel.; Neighborhood/community outreach – making more of a footprint outside of our current organizations we support; More community outreach; We need to be more giving of our community not just to be known for the GreekFest. Some of us have all gone through a tough year and we should be helping our own city, with folks who have lost their jobs this past year. Get our name out there for the Good of people not just for the Greek community.; Provide and grow outreach activities in Central Indiana and develop this in a more strategic and coordinated way.; Holy Trinity sponsored Soup Kitchen, Pantry, or some other mission that we champion.; Community involvement / outreach; Food Pantry; Further cooperation with existing area ministries (e.g. Merciful Help Center); Need for community service in Indianapolis area and U.S.; Contact law enforcement and ask about concerns in the community. See if HT can help with something. Deliver treats to the fire station near us and Carmel police station a few times a year; Serve the needs of our neighborhood; As the cathedral, be a leading voice in the community outreach services – Christian education as well as assisting public education, family assistance; There is great need, people are suffering, and we have resources (or can redirect) to help: poverty, hunger, teen pregnancy, crime, etc.; The church is located in a strong community that does not face basic needs issues on a regular basis; Community outreach. Leverage our festival as our best opportunity for outreach to the community. There are many opportunities to provide assistance to local families and the elderly. Performing yard work, painting, grocery shopping, connecting people with resources, advocacy on many topics including mental retardation, the elderly, etc.; Provide volunteer opportunities that partner with community agencies that are not necessarily religious, but do good work in our community, like Habitat for Humanity, others. Those that align with causes like homelessness, etc. might be especially attractive to young people. Help them find ways through the church to help causes they are passionate about.; We have the chance to draw people into our church by reaching out to them. While we do things like soup kitchens, we do them in other people's name. They may see us, but it is not our initiative.; Wonderful programs to reach out and support various charitable organizations in Hamilton County and beyond.; Develop and promote a cohesive array of opportunities to serve others in need locally which complement our values, skills, and abilities; Identify "causes" to support. Start them at a very young age.; Increasing demand for safety net services.

(15) - PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER ORTHODOX COMMUNITIES IN AREA - Continue our work with St. George on joint services and support of festivals.; Collaborate with other local and regional Orthodox parishes; Get involved with other Orthodox churches around Indy; Expand on events with

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other Orthodox churches; Partner with other parishes; Greater participation in outside Orthodox activities (Missions/Metropolis Youth Events/Inter-Orthodox events); Close proximity to other Orthodox Churches; Connect further with sister churches like St. George; Connecting with other orthodox parishes in our community and our Metropolis; For young adults in their 20s, partnership w/ other Churches in the Diocese and the Chicago parishes to share information on upcoming events; Pan-Orthodox programs / events w/ St. George and the other Orthodox Churches in the area; Partner with other Orthodox Churches in the community for outreach, other kinds of events. This could enhance the visibility of Orthodoxy in our community at large. There could be rotating bible study, book club, etc.; Opportunities for young adults to socialize with other Orthodox parishes; As the cathedral, be a leading voice in the community for Orthodoxy – Central Indiana council; Other orthodox organizations around us we can partner with.

(8) - PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER RELIGIOUS (NON-ORTHODOX) COMMUNITIES- Building partnerships with neighboring Churches/houses of worship/organizations; Working with other churches; Partnering with other churches; Expand on events with other Christian neighboring churches (cookout, picnic, etc.); Involvement with all Faiths in the metropolitan area; More pan-Orthodox, pan-Christian, pan-religious events, discussions, panels, etc... are a definite possibility in such a large metropolitan area; Partner with neighboring churches to provide a program to help those in need; Other musical federations and groups that we can participate with.

32 - EVANGELISM / MANY SEEKERS - Incentivize new people to visit our cathedral; Opportunities for Orthodox faith to be represented within community through more ministries.; This is good opportunity to get newcomers in, open the services on to Facebook, invite folks to join us. If you don't have YouTube, you can't watch it.; Bringing Non-Orthodox Brothers and Sisters into the Orthodox Community.; Provide clear and concise road map/process for people to convert; American religious culture is characterized by changing fads in worship styles, music, and ministries. Sometimes, churches treat visitors as prospective customers, offering numerous "worship styles" under one roof. Implied is the sense that a person gets to choose what form of worship he or she prefers. Orthodoxy asks a different question and offers a different answer. The question is not "how do I want to worship?" but "how does God wish to be worshipped?" And the answer is the Divine Liturgy and the other services of the faith. I'm convinced this is the main reason converts enter the faith—a sense of eternal truth not needing to be constantly tweaked. Orthodoxy (as a traditional faith) is experiencing somewhat of a growth as people are becoming disenchanted with less robust traditions; Develop programs or host programs to the outside community to enrich, help and comfort non-Orthodox.; Because of the alienation that appears to be inherent in Western modernity, our culture and community are crying out for the message of Christ, delivered boldly and without apology. This suggests that we could grow as a community and spread the good news effectively.; Help Christians and non-Christians "discover" Orthodoxy; Find other ways out there to get the Indianapolis and surrounding areas (other than the yearly Festival and monthly Gyro Nights) to know that we are a church for everyone (you don't have to be Greek).; Wandering Christians seeking a home; People inquiring about the roots of Christianity; Many primarily older Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Anglican Christians and younger new wave Christians, are looking for a more traditional worship experience.; More people searching for a church community post COVID; There may be a number of Christians who are looking to find a new home away from the increasingly polarized evangelical sect and continued dissatisfaction with unbending Catholic traditions that don't fit with the narrative of forgiveness and love.; There is a large presence of people on spiritual journeys online, wading through lost books, history, and world religion. There might be an opportunity for a larger bible study and historical context... (using social media to explain the Orthodox view on things) marketing virtual bible studies that dive deep into that history. Father Lucas might be a great resource for us.; As the world becomes increasingly confusing and difficult to navigate, some turn to churches/religious communities for a sense of stability and direction; Inviting those in the community who are interested in learning more about the history of Christianity and how orthodoxy has been relatively unchanged; Education for people outside our parish who are interested in Orthodoxy.; Variety of Orthodox resources: Be the Bee Podcasts, books, prayer ropes, icons, monasteries; Ancient faith. The teaching

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of the Desert fathers, Abbots and monks are timeless. Their stories/lessons should continue to be shared.; Need for other programs to be developed to educate the public in central Indiana about Orthodoxy.; Provide lectures, etc., for the community at large - could range from financial to biblical, films, etc. Way to bring people to our church to learn more about us and Orthodoxy.; A Sunday School curriculum for all parishes in the US; Provide thought leadership from the Orthodox perspective from Clergy and other church leaders and choir.; Advertise a lecture series on Iconography; Advertise series on Orthodoxy for outside community; People in the community interested in our architecture and iconography can be invited to the building and hear about our faith; Many in Central Indiana are not aware of Orthodox Christianity; Most of the public considers our parish & religion as unique; as such we need more recognition through media and our cities.; True faith / Original Christian church; We have the opportunity to lead. While other faiths are caving the pressures of a secular society, we can provide a traditional apostolic alternative.; Have an educational series with guest lecturers classes and workshops on a variety of topics. This could again be open and advertised to the community.

21 - TECHNOLOGY - Better and wider use of social media and video formats; Internet and social media to increase engagement and awareness; Internet and Social Media; Social Media, Zoom, Internet Capabilities; Growing demand for digital presence in the faith community; Outreach through internet/social media; Social media benefits; Social media; Technology; Technology – able to reach more people through website and services/homilies; Use of technology such as zoom and internet communication to emit information; Create a podcast? This is how many of us are getting our information and education these days.; Are there opportunities to grow via social media?; Use technology to reach out beyond our own walls to the non-Orthodox community. Podcasts, You Tube, etc. Again, could be Bible Study, Yu Tube, etc.; Connect with people through social media; Outreach through internet/social media; Streaming services; Possibility to leverage new virtual opportunities; More people accessing religion through digital means; Provide livestream or in-house emotional health classes for families, adults, and kids; Concentrating and Expanding Ministries; Build a ministry for College Aged kids to keep them informed and feeling as a part of the Church while they are away at College – more Social type media that is easy for kids to follow; Technology- zooming and streaming; Proliferation of media opportunities.

8 - COVID/PANDEMIC - Smaller local churches struggling more post-COVID... could be a chance to work together more closely; Re-engagement of activity post-pandemic; People are looking for faith/direction after the last difficult year.; Time of re-opening after pandemic closures, good time to re-energize, try new things; Re-opening of the world invites new programming, celebration, outreach; The pandemic has meant that worship at HT online is open to anyone anywhere in the world.; COVID or similar; COVID- for people who have not embraced the faith.

7 - COLLEGES - Reaching out to college students in the Indy area to increase engagement with a younger demographic; Support of college students; A physical presence of some kind on college campuses such as Butler/IUPUI.; Involvement with local Universities-Butler, University of Indianapolis, Marion College, IUPUI, Ivy Tech; Involvement with local Universities- Butler (Christian Theological Seminary), Marion College, University of Indianapolis, IUPUI, Ivy Tech; I feel like we could do some more things to try to keep the younger or bring the younger parishioners back to church. It seems like once they go to college, very few come back. I am listing this as external, because I feel like it is an external thing that is keeping them from coming back.; College campuses nearby with Orthodox students.

7 - SOCIETAL INFLUENCES - Terrorism – people with bad intentions; Philosophies with ulterior motives; Economy expands; With the way the country is going, we need to start being much more open of how we.....; Society discontent; Macro why focus; The pendulum will likely (hopefully) swing back towards organized religion.; The rising violence in Indianapolis especially the lack of fathers in our surrounding communities.

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3 - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - Grants; Grants; Center for Congregations – grants to Indiana congregations providing resources to address challenges and opportunities.

2 - GOA CHANGES - Changes happening at the Archdiocesan level; New apparently progressive Archbishop.

One-Offs

- Grow public support for religious and civic activities.
- Extend cultural enrichment regarding Orthodoxy and Greek Culture/Hellenism in the community.
- Find a way to make the poor feel more welcome.

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- ~Creating activities and classes that are attractive to the community inviting them to participate; Finding a new normal after COVID; Church located in a clean safe popular area.
- ~Festival brings many people together-parking all around locations near church.
- ~Website is wonderful with detailed information.
- ~In Fall and Spring using the outdoors areas of the church to create "field day events" for our youth that would include competition activities. Also, an opportunity for income such as food, baked goods, church tours.
- ~End of year celebration can be held outside the church after church services or have services outside also (include some of the ideas above (opportunity for income).
- ~A focused drive to increase number of small donor church members (quantity focus).
- ~Focus on fewer ministries, define their missions better, and better state the benefits of supporting (quality focus).
- ~Reward recognize large donor church members more prominently.
- ~Research best practices of other parishes and adopt them (more) selectively for Holy Trinity
- ~Include women more in leadership roles.
- ~Women in liturgical roles.
- ~Visiting nurse for aged and financially challenged and shut-ins.
- ~Young parenting support.
- ~Special support services for loss of spouse/children/divorce/ loss of job.
- ~Business networking for parishioners.
- ~Relax restrictions – get more people back into church.
- ~Fundraising expansion – not relying on the festival.
- ~Strong online engagement/opportunity to grow more programs.
- ~Community programs for church family picnics, family events that include and/or attractive to all age groups.
- ~Coordinate our philanthropic efforts with Philoptochos and focus on just a few things and do them well.
- ~Conduct creative membership drives: Hold a free raffle for \$100.00 membership dues to non-members. Establish a phone calling committee from current non-volunteers-non-members to touch base encouraging parishioners to offer choices from Cathedral programs they would consider volunteering for.
- ~My former church posted marriages, baptisms, confirmations, and deaths at the end of the month. It was a nice way to inform the community of the activities and news.
- ~Keep Gyro Night sales going and expand if possible.
- ~I think I added a lot to the weaknesses section that could be great opportunities to get our name out there without spending a fortune. We didn't need to spend so much on the Stewardship booklet. Just do a nice letter on good paper. I can't imagine what the cost of that was.
- ~We close our doors to anyone who is not Orthodox. We are not an inviting community.
- ~Think about communion. There must be a different way to give communion other than with the communion spoon.
- ~Zoom meetings for various ministries and groups.
- ~Loss of personal relationships due to decreased attendance.
- ~Cultivate volunteer engagement and succession.
- ~Find ways to engage and re-engage with members of the Greek Orthodox community to ensure they stay connected in faith and with the church.
- ~Expand rental space for the community, both through the Founders Walk and an outdoor reception area that is landscaped for events, fireside chats, and ceremonies.
- ~Retaining Young Adult Orthodox Christians.
- ~Build Phase 2 our Building plan – this facility would enable us to house more events and activities.
- ~Create a program for providing rides for the elderly that may not be Church events.
- ~Create a more interactive directory with listing what people do or some talents they have that are otherwise unknown to the Parish as a whole to better acquaint some parishioners with others and to bring more people into certain projects.
- ~Location.
- ~Trust our youth to lead some events so that they feel they are contributing to the overall good of the church (gives them purpose).
- ~Provide training to others so that they can lead events and help in fundraising and other activities for the church.
- ~Parish Council should provide more leadership/oversight on activities to ensure our brand is protected, ensure we have the right processes in place before an event takes place.
- ~Develop our internal volunteer infrastructure of external projects, like missions and Merciful Help Center.
- ~Build a cultural center that could be used by both parishioners and the community.
- ~Utilize former iconography (in storage) from 4011 North Pennsylvania into any new structure we build (have iconography incorporated with windows in a hallway leading to cultural center or windows surrounding a landscaped garden area). This will help preserve our past and history.
- ~Incorporate showcases in new construction to display items from church history for the various organizations (to be rotated on occasion to keep the displays fresh and interesting).
- ~Learn apologetics.

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- ~Improve our environmental footprint to align with the position of the Ecumenical Patriarch. For example, no diesel generators at Greekfest (use portable solar w/battery backup instead), electric instead of gas if possible, bike racks available to encourage riding to the event (I have been asked by riders if we had a place to lock their bikes).
- ~Create a mentor program.
- ~Plenty of opportunities to get involved in community through service and outreach.
- ~Deep routed church history and opportunities for education and teaching.
- ~Get an outdoor sign to "advertise" what is going on in the church. It will identify who we are and garner interest in our weekly activities. Include online service information.
- ~Keep Facebook page up to date. ramp up social media efforts.
- ~Reach out to past parishioners with some sort of we would love to see you again packet, have Father Gregory send out a personal note/email inviting them to come and speak to him about the church, or ask parishioners to reach out to old friends who have left the church. Tell them about the new things being offered/coming to the church.
- ~Overall, become a community presence that is more than just the Greek Fest or gyro night.
- ~Streaming services/Church School to keep people connected.
- ~Fundraising.
- ~Growing economy should help stewardship.
- ~Getting the younger generation to attend church.
- ~Share learning opportunities at parish and through effective means offered through the archdiocese.
- ~Along with keeping the younger generation engaged to stay long term in the church and marry in the orthodox faith: Branding/Marketing: colleges, (IUPUI, Butler, maybe even IU and PU, Communication/Education after liturgy to address message or any open questions.
- ~New website: needs to be updated timely, with messages and pictures, and Communicate with the youth: do we text timely core messages, reminders to use the church during tough times.
- ~Communicate broadly on how to contribute/steward to the church: check, atm draft, Venmo, credit card machine – target toward youth/younger as they do not carry cash.
- ~Youth outreach. I believe there is still more of an opportunity to provide diverse and engaging activities for the youth. Suggest developing a structure for youth to decide, organize and execute, e.g. more self-directed with some oversight and assistance.
- ~Elevating the understanding of how to give (Time/Talent/Resources). Identifying a path toward how/where each parishioner can contribute.
- ~Translating what is shared in the gospel to its present-day meaning and impact. What is discussed on the drive home from church? How did the family interpret the gospel or sermon to create a positive impact on their week?
- ~Engaging the young adults to understand their opinions and let them run with their ideas so they feel valued.
- ~Offering an educational aspect of why we should include more Greek into our services through informative literature for all parishioners.
- ~Better explanation of how to pay stewardship for young adults or first-time contributors.
- ~Leveraging technology to expand the reach of church ministries to include periods of time that are more convenient for parishioners.
- ~Make visitors feel even more "welcome" by helping them to feel more informed about what to expect and to thus feel less intimidated.
- ~Gyro night: are we leveraging this opportunity to educate and invite people to visit?.
- ~Are we going to resume cathedral tours? People really enjoyed this. It's an outreach opportunity.
- ~Resume church tours on Thursday—Gyro night For those vaccinated—Also include a small pamphlet with each order that explains our faith.
- ~Have one Sunday a year when parishioners can and are encouraged to bring a non-Orthodox to church and expose them to our faith.
- ~Consideration of two liturgies performed by each priest at different times. For Example— 8:30 service and 10:30 - Of course this would have to acceptable to the Metropolitan. My thought here is that we may be able to attract more youth to attend.
- ~Church Tours (sharing our faith). Lay people should be trained to do this also.
- ~The general fiscal condition of parishioners. While I obviously do not know how everyone fares fiscally in the parish, because stewardship dollars have grown even as stewardship numbers have declined, leads me to believe that by and large, Holy Trinity rests in an area that is at least "comfortable" from a fiscal standpoint. I do understand that Holy Trinity stewards represent all levels of income and resources—I'm speaking in generalities.
- ~We can develop a plan for the future of our community.
- ~A monthly event, similar to Gyro Night, but gives the chance to spread both our faith and our community. Something like a series of cooking classes, promoted outside of our church would be good.
- ~Church tours are great when they can resume. It gives people the opportunity to see what is under our "Gold Dome".
- ~College outreach – bring a student or friend to church day.
- ~Family outreach - Bring a neighbor to church services.
- ~Cantor plans for the future when Dean retires. Personally, I think he should be recorded so the cantor responses can be piped into the services in the distant future when we may not have any cantors. Think about Holy Week! Worst case scenario, his recordings are used as training recordings.
- ~Secondly, religion is just one of the five psychosocial needs we all have so I would think if we can support healthy mental and emotional education in conjunction with religious support, our parishioners could look to the church as a resource for these other two important needs. A parish of our size should have a professionally trained mental/emotional support staff that offer group sessions including, marital support, divorce support, loss of spouse, aging, etc.
- ~Is it possible to offer divorce support as other denominations do? Some day we are going to have to address the issue of acceptance of homosexuality in our parishes instead of burying our heads in the sand pretending that we don't have to think about that issue and the impact on our parishioners. Are we going to be supportive with love and acceptance for all parishioners? How are we going to address this and other similar issues?.
- ~More engagement of parishioners is possible if a variety of times and a variety of jobs by most ministries are offered, as Philoptochos does at the beginning of the year, with the addition of being able to sign-up at any time. Also if those who are core members of each ministry personally invite a fringe parishioner to an event, participation may increase. People are shy and stay away if they do not feel that they belong in a group.
- ~Greek Fest is a great opportunity to share our faith with the broader community! When we're able to return to this we need to consider how to share our faith even more with the guests than we already do.
- ~Orthodox Prison Ministry is a great Pan-Orthodox ministry that would be good for our parish to explore possible involvement, even if just fund raising if not direct participation in some form.
- ~Find ways to engage with and bring back the Greek families who left the church.
- ~Change is good when it is done appropriately and if necessary.
- ~Get to know the families in our parish and create opportunities to engage with each other and become more of "a family".
- ~Presentation/Delivery of sensitive information.
- ~A supportive community of festival goers, gyro night patrons, etc.....
- ~Tours during Gyros night.
- ~Excellent facilities and location reaching the vast majority of parishioners.
- ~An increased number of services providing opportunities for attendance.
- ~Increase community functions at the church and other locations.

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- ~Provide clear and concise process so that new Greek Orthodox Christians can become a stewards.
- ~To increase participation at speaker and discussion events, host them at a restaurant or coffee shop to eliminate the planning and preparation of food. Some people like going out, and it makes the event special. It also relieves those who always end up doing all the work at many events. To make it feasible for everyone, use the food preparation money to reduce the parishioners' cost at another venue.
- ~Also, unsure due to our newness but we are willing to do our part to help in with implementing the plan.
- ~Environmental concerns: Part of the church property is in wetlands. We might take advantage of this situation by either developing a pond or by planting a rain garden. Either one might help w/ drainage around the church. Here is a link to a web site on "Five Environmental Benefits of a Pond": <https://www.tetra-fish.com/pond/learning-center/get-educated/five-environmental-benefits.aspx>. Here is a web site about rain gardens: <https://www.epa.gov/soakuptherain/soak-rain-rain-gardens>, Here is a 'how to' for rain gardens: <https://www.familyhandyman.com/project/how-to-build-a-rain-garden-in-your-yard/>
- ~Another consideration for a pond – We could install a heat pump at the bottom to bring heat into the church. - Here are some of the weblinks:
 - ~<https://www.martinenergetics.com/ponds-and-lakes.html>
 - ~<https://nmdgreen.com/nmd-showcase/projects-for-non-profits/pond-based-geothermal-systems-a-first-for-the-islands/>
 - ~<https://dandelionenergy.com/resources/pond-lake-ground-loop>
 - ~<https://greenenergytimes.org/2015/04/15/geothermal-heat-pump-with-a-pond-loop/>
- ~We might install solar panels either on the roof or elevated above the parking lot. Elevated panels above the parking lot would still allow room for parking under the panels during liturgies and leave enough room for various activities during a festival.
- ~We might install drinking fountains which have an area above the regular spigot to allow for people to fill water bottles, thus reducing potential land-fill materials from plastic water bottle.
- ~More social activities/events spanning individual age groups.
- ~Vote, do not just talk.
- ~Vocalize support for first responders and those who serve our country.
- ~Understand need to offer our service in other languages.
- ~Our message and invitation is "come and see."
- ~We should consider not just continuing to offer the services online, but building on them by adding an introduction (maybe a standard introduction) from our priests and parishioners welcoming those who are tuning in who are not Orthodox as well as offer a menu of modules in which a person can discover Orthodox distinctives. There are people who shy away when invited to attend one of our services who would be comfortable opening something on YouTube.
- ~Continue to do outreach missions in order to educate people about Orthodoxy.
- ~Internet/social media presence to engage younger members in our community.
- ~I think Holy Trinity benefits from being located in a Metropolis that covers a large geographic area, encompassing large urban, suburban, and rural areas.
- ~Positive image in the community.
- ~The onset of COVID/pandemic is the most immediate and recent external factor that presented us with some opportunities—but those opportunities were also more than offset by direct threats. The chief opportunity was the development of quality live-streaming capabilities and zoom/discord meetings.
- ~Greek Orthodox tradition. I believe we should not shy away from our tradition in the face of modernity. But rather pull from that ancient tradition and use it as an example for today. The wisdom of the Greeks is timeless.
- ~Childhood education via daycare/school at our facility.
- ~Open a Daycare or Pre-K program to attract community.
- ~Cooking classes for a cost of ingredients divided among the recipients.
- ~Need opportunities to bring people together at parish – functions. Play BINGO.
- ~Monthly supervised Friday Night sock-hops for teen members with DJ and bring a friend \$2 per hopper – dress code required.
- ~ Monthly Parents Night Out – share stories, dance to recorded music, chip in a tray of food to share.
- ~bring a potential new member couple. No charge includes "getting to know you gatherings".
- ~"Parent's Day Out" program and/or pre-school program to utilize classrooms during the week and engage community beyond parishioners.
- ~What to do with the vacant available land. Land/acreage..opportunities for development (or selling?).
- ~Use our land for Soccer fields, our proposed Phase 2 for Event rental and Basketball or sports court rentals, etc. to create an opportunity for more growth.
- ~Utilize the 20+ acres we have (Outdoor pavilion with seating and possibly a firepit, cultural center, additional parking, etc.).
- ~Have a community garden
- ~Utilize our library more by offering opportunities for story hour/class for preschool, book clubs for kids etc. These could be open to the community as well as parishioners.
- ~Establish a preschool that is run by the parish not contracted out to a non-orthodox organization.