

Fundraising/Solicitation Policy

The ongoing ministries of St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church are financially supported by the budget of the General Fund. However, at times, additional funding may be required for specific projects, trips, or ministries, which are not covered by the General Fund. The purpose of this policy is to allow us to take advantage of fundraising opportunities in a way that preserves the organization relationships, protects our tax-exempt status, and upholds St. Vasilios' vision, mission and values.

Policy:

Church sponsored fundraising for outside groups or non-profits, shall be approved by Parish Council. Individuals raising funds for outside non-profit groups or causes, is not allowed.

All fundraising activities conducted on behalf of St. Vasilios or its organizations or ministries, whether on-site or off-site must be reviewed and approved by the Parish Council, Executive Committee and/or Parish Priest.

Requests will be reviewed and scheduled so as to minimize conflicts in scheduling and maximize success of the project.

On-site commercial solicitation by Stewards or Non-Stewards is prohibited. Commercial solicitation shall be defined as the promotion or sale of products, merchandise, or services for the benefit or profit of Stewards or Non-Stewards, even if a portion is given to a church organization.

Definitions:

Fundraiser: any event, activity, or solicitation that seeks to generate income or goods for a beneficiary. Some examples of fundraising include but are not limited to:

- **Gift Giving:** cash contributions of all sorts including individual mission trips, or specific outreach, or church/Greek school projects;
- **Gifts in kind:** non-cash gifts such as donations of coffee and food for weekly coffee hour, non-perishable items to the food pantry, or necessary supplies for altar, church, church school, etc.;
- **Fellowship events:** for which a suggested donation or a per-person fee is charged and the primary purpose is fellowship and community building;
- **Sales:** the selling of services or merchandise to members or attendees. Examples include activities such as silent auction, craft fairs, and plants sales, bake sales;