



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Forward In Faith Campaign: 2022-2025 **Sowing Today – Reaping Tomorrow**

For over 20 years, St. Athanasius Orthodox Church has united believers from various backgrounds into one household of faith; people like you who are seeking God through worship, fellowship and Christian formation. And we are thriving!

To help us meet the needs of our ever-expanding community, St. Athanasius is embarking on the Forward in Faith Campaign: a 3-year, \$400,000 effort that will continue our common work together as we grow in both faith and numbers. We learned from our Capital Campaign Study, conducted last fall, that our faithful want to focus this campaign on broadening our capacity for pastoral ministry. They see expanding our ministry staff as a prelude to building our temple and developing mature daughter communities across the Commonwealth.

This Forward in Faith Campaign will move us toward our longer-term goals in two key ways:

1. By securing a second priest to assist Fr. Justin, helping us take our pastoral, missional, and administrative work to the next level; and
2. By developing a comprehensive campus plan to meet both our immediate needs (particularly with regard to Sunday School) and to flesh out the full vision for our campus plan here at 100 Lime Lane.

Specifically, the Forward in Faith Campaign will raise (over 3 years) the funds to create a 5-year “financial bridge” to ease our parish into fully funding a second priest who will complement Fr. Justin’s work. Alongside our pastor, this second priest will assist Fr. Justin in all aspects of priestly ministry. This second priest, whom we hope to identify and have in place in Kentucky at some point in 2023, will also take an active role in parish administration, coordinating with lay leadership to create and maintain an integrated calendar of all parish ministries.

The Campaign will also hire an architect to draw up final plans for our future growth at 100 Lime Lane and will help us craft creative solutions to meet the needs of increasing instructional space in the near-term. Our hope would be to have final plans for our campus in-hand by the mid-point of this Capital Campaign period, sometime in late 2023.

Please prayerfully join us as we sow the seeds for our future growth in Jessamine Country and across the Commonwealth—and move Forward in Faith together!

Who are we as a parish community?

Our Mission Statement: As Orthodox Christians, we, the faithful of St. Athanasius, are called to bear witness to Christ. We are committed to worshiping God in an Orthodox manner and to sharing our Faith through service to others.



What are our Core Commitments?

St. Athanasius Orthodox Church is guided by five core commitments:

- ◆ **Liturgical worship** of the Lord God remains at the heart of all that St. Athanasius does. Orthodox divine services—celebrated beautifully, prayerfully, and often—are the heartbeat of our parish life. Our prayer life itself flows from this rhythm of liturgical worship in the church.
- ◆ Cultivating a **healthy and vibrant parish community** remains an additional paramount priority. In the midst of a crazy world, we intentionally prioritize a warm parish culture of hospitality, friendship, and the integration of our people across generations and different cultural backgrounds.
- ◆ As a growing parish, our parish community affirms the importance of **conciliar leadership** and common responsibility. Under the pastoral care of our archbishop and led day-to-day by our parish pastor, our clergy and laity are committed to work together in a collaborative way, carrying out the many ministries of our parish with this conciliar commitment always in mind.
- ◆ Total **spiritual formation**, which also includes Christian education for young and old, remains a hallmark of Orthodox Christianity at its best. We strive to support that formation by having pastors readily available for Confession and spiritual direction, by offering a variety of classes, by encouraging pilgrimages and by connecting our people to resources for spiritual growth outside our parish walls. We are grateful for our formative ties to monasteries and seminaries and encourage our people to prayerfully consider God's call on their lives.
- ◆ Embedded in these other priorities—and not least among them—is our commitment to prioritize **outreach** beyond the walls of our church. This focus on outreach touches on charity work—locally, nationally, and internationally—and also on our mission to share the Gospel, proclaimed in an Orthodox manner, across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.