

## Applications being accepted for Ganister Foundation grants

WILLIAMSPORT, PA [Ganister Foundation]

The [Elsie Skvir Ganister Foundation Fund](#) provides financial assistance for organizations and parishes with innovative approaches to advancing the mission of Orthodoxy in the United States. June 30, 2019 is the deadline for submitting grant applications, and recipients are announced in the fall of each year.

Founded in 2001, the Elsie Skvir Ganister Foundation Fund is a component fund of the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, located in Williamsport, PA. The foundation takes its name from the village of Ganister in Central Pennsylvania, to which immigrants who were drawn by jobs in the limestone quarry founded Saint Mary's Holy Assumption parish in 1916.

Favor is given to proposals that address priority needs of the Orthodox Church in America, especially those that do so in catalytic ways. The selection process also weighs leadership experience, clarity of goals, the presence of a stable funding base, and faithfulness to the teachings and ministry of the OCA. Applicants must articulate how their undertaking will have a positive impact on a specific priority need, without duplicating other programs or projects already serving the Church.

Grants are modest in size, generally ranging from \$500.00 to \$3,000.00. Properly used, they have the potential to jump-start valuable initiatives that might not otherwise get off the ground. Examples of grants given over the years include:

- Funding a guest speaker program to help seminarians develop their pastoral skills.
- Providing tutoring materials and sports equipment for a church-run after-school program for inner-city Latino children.
- Translating invaluable music textbooks from Russian to English.
- Purchasing digital recorders to distribute Orthodox radio broadcasts world-wide.
- Developing a "mission starter" kit.
- Printing materials regarding human services for aging Orthodox Christians.
- Supporting continuing education opportunities for clergy.

Underwriting the Profiles of Ministry program to assess and counsel seminarians on their strengths and weaknesses.

Applicants must be qualifying 501c(3) entities as described under IRS Section 509(a)(1). Grants will not be considered for endowments, ongoing operational support, annual campaigns or event sponsorships, debt reduction, research grants, or support of individuals.

To receive an application, contact the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, 201 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701, or visit the [Foundation's website](#). Applications will be reviewed and recommendations made by the Advisory Board of the Elsie Skvir Ganister Foundation Fund, a donor-advised component fund of the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

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### June 23, 2019

Sunday of All Saints

Martyrs Agrippina & Aristocles

1st Sunday Church Charities/ 2nd Sunday Building Fund/3rd Sunday for the food bank

### Times of Services

Jun	23	Sun	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
				Blessing of the Graves
			1:00 PM	Rose Hill Cemetery
			2:00 PM	North Side Cemetery
			3:00 PM	Butler Memorial Park
	24			APOSTLES FAST BEGINS

Jun	29	Sat		<i>Feast of SS Peter &amp; Paul End of Apostles Fast</i>
			10:00 AM	<i>Divine Liturgy, 10th Anniversary of Consecration of Archbishop Melchisedek (Pleska) St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Allison Park, PA</i>
	30	Sun	10:00 AM	<i>Divine Liturgy (St. Andrew's Church)</i>
Jul	07	Sun	10:00 AM	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>
	14	Sun	10:00 AM	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>
	20			<i>Feast of Holy Prophet Elias</i>
	21	Sun	10:00 AM	<i>Divine Liturgy Blessing of the cars</i>

### **Blessing of the Graves**

Please note that the blessing of the graves will take place today, the timetable is as follows:

1:00 PM Rose Hill Cemetery:  
Abbreviated Panikhida,  
Blessing of the graves.

2:00 PM North Hill Cemetery:  
Abbreviated Panikhida,  
Blessing of the graves.

3:00 PM Butler Memorial Park:  
Abbreviated Panikhida,  
Blessing of the graves.

Please see Dorothy Hays if you know of any coming from interstate or intrastate who are normally not here for this blessing.

### **Sisterhood of the Altar Meeting**

**Sunday, June 30, 2019, following the coffee hour.**

The new blue altar cloths have been ordered but we have not been give a delivery date and that is being pursued. The cloths will be coming from Russia.

### **Choir Loft Air Conditioning**

The parish president, Jeff Campbell , is now in possession of three (3) estimates to replace the aging and faulty air conditioning unit and the condenser for the choir loft.

The parish sought three fair and coemptive bids from One Hour Heating and Air Conditioning, Butler, PA., Miller Maintenance HVAC LLC, Slippery Rock, PA. and Pioneer Services and Supply, Mars, PA. Archpriest Keith W. Lowe is responsible for obtaining the bids and once received were handed to the parish president for re-view.

### **Renovation of the Kitchen**

The parish president, Jeff Campbell, is seeking advice and bids on the complete renovation of the kitchen as discussed at the last parish council meeting. Once tenders are in the parish council will consider them and they will then consult with the Sisterhood of the Altar as to final cost.

### **SS Peter & Paul Gold Scramble**

The Ukrainian Gold Scramble will be held on August 17 at 10:00 AM, at Stoughton Acres Gold Course. The cost is \$55.00 and includes cart and green fees. For further information, please call Rose Raith at (724) 282 3191 or visit our web news page.

### **In the Event of an Emergency**

Archpriest Keith W. Lowe will not be in Lyndora beginning Monday, June 24, 2019, due other obligations. Should there be an emergency please call Dn. Seraphim Truckley at (724) 352 4983 who will be able to contact him.

He will return on or before Friday, June 28, 2019.