

Fund for Assistance to the
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia



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Great Lent 2024

Dear Parishioner of the ANZ Diocese of ROCOR,

I want to ask your forgiveness and congratulate you on the start of Great Lent - our common journey to Holy Pascha - the Resurrection of Christ!

Great Lent is a time to make us better. Just think about your own Lenten journey: you attend so many more services, try to pray more, eat less, and *you do all you can* to help those in need. Lent multiplies your efforts and helps you bring forth a beautiful spiritual harvest for Pascha.

Just in time for this season of spiritual effort, we decided to do something extra special for our Church.

Please, let me explain:

We will match every dollar you give during Lent - in support of ROCOR clergy - up until we've raised \$10K!

This is your first *Great Lenten challenge grant!* Thanks to the match, when you donate today, your gift will be twice as effective!

This way, you will ensure a tremendous impact for our Church. The money is sorely needed at FFA to help ROCOR clergy who apply to us for help. So, I really hope you will give! **Especially since any donation you give will DOUBLE!**

Your help is needed in ROCOR all over the world. In your own Diocese of Australia and New Zealand... As well as in such far-off places as Mexico, Pakistan, the Dominican Republic, and South Korea!

Just think of Fr Nektariy from Mexico City. Fr Nektariy told me that *he wouldn't know how he would keep the monastery open...* without the help of the Fund for Assistance.

And by the "Fund for Assistance," he means you.

So, I'm urging you today to support the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia by donating for our heroic clergy to the Fund for Assistance. **Because the Fund for Assistance is the only charity that is 100% dedicated to supporting ROCOR.**

With your help, the Fund for Assistance will gain a total of \$10,000 in support for clergy! That kind of money will have a huge impact on the life of our Church. Thanks to you, we'll be able to help our underserved clergy as they do everything to help our Church and their flock.

If you give to no other appeal this year, please consider giving today. Not just because of this amazing opportunity to double your gift. But also because of the astounding benefits of charity described by St Abba Dorotheos:

*"The very goodness of alms-giving, its very grace, is so great that it can even forgive sins, as the Prophet says, *A man's own wealth is the ransom of his life* (Prov. 13:8). And again in another place it says, *Atone for thy sins by alms* (Dan. 4:24)."*

Your donation this Lent will have a double impact on the wellbeing of our Church - thanks to the match. *But it will also help your own soul.* Because our Lord rested the responsibility for taking care of our Church on us. And what is better than striving to do what the Lord tells us, especially during Lent?

You can give securely online on our website (PayPal or credit card) www.fundforassistance.org

Don't forget: when you give this time, you'll be able to double the impact of your donation!

- Your gift of \$25 will be doubled by matching funds to \$50
- If you can give \$50, that's \$100 to do so much more for our Church!

- And if you can give \$250, matching funds will turn your donation into \$500 for finally beating clergy poverty.

Any amount you can give will be matched until we reach \$10,000. Your deadline to take advantage of this opportunity is May 5th.

You make all the difference by giving as generously as you possibly can to the Fund for Assistance. Especially now that the impact of your gift doubles thanks to matched funds.

With love in Christ,



Mark Selawry
President
Fund for Assistance to ROCOR

