

## Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Church Monthly meeting – June 1, 2014

### Opening prayer

### Perfecting our Mission Statement – a document to be perfected

#### Who are we? –

We are a canonical Orthodox Church under the omophorion of Metropolitan Hilarion, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad, and a local Church of the Eastern American Diocese. We are located in Harrisonburg, Virginia. We are an ethnically diverse congregation.

#### What is our mission? –

The first part of our mission is to save our souls. The second part of our mission is to bring the light of the Orthodox Faith to the city of Harrisonburg and its surrounding communities.

#### How will our mission be accomplished? –

The first part of our mission: ourselves

1. Regular liturgies and worship
2. Renewal of our fellowship: brotherhood and sisterhood, social gatherings
3. Regular bible study
4. Greater faithfulness in our attendance, prayer, study and support.

The Second part of our mission: others

1. Orthodox evangelism is incarnational – go where they are.
2. Harrisonburg is a very diverse community.

Possible strategies:

- a. Tie into community events – International festival
- b. Advertise frequently and in multiple languages on different platforms
- c. Advertise a liturgy in Spanish
- d. Volunteer possibilities – soup kitchens, retirement homes, etc.
- e. Presence in local parades
- f. A coffee house in a busy location.
- g. Greater presence on JMU campus.
- h. Literature to place or hand out.

#### How will it be supported?

1. Prayers – secret prayer partner
2. Time
3. Finances - At the moment, there is \$72,749.99 in the bank account. There is another \$25,000 in the Wells Fargo Account.  
How will this money be invested or used?

#### Who will lead us?

1. The Clergy
2. The Trustees
3. The Monthly meeting