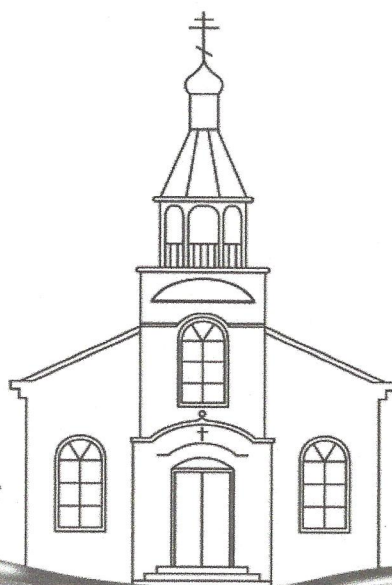


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Annual Report

2016

INTRODUCTION

The Parish Council of Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Wallsend, is pleased to present its 2016 Annual Report.

According to the Normal Parish By-Laws ('the By-Laws') of parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia, it is the objective of each parish to assist the faithful by making available Orthodox Christian prayers, sacraments, teaching and discipline, and by facilitating worthy activity. To this end, the aims of the parish encompass care for the church building and its material needs, provision for the clergy and support for the higher church authorities, work to help others in need, and Orthodox Christian educational work.

For the information of parish members, the Diocesan authorities, and the wider church community, this Annual Report summarises and reviews parish life and administration for the period from 1 July 2015 until 30 June 2016, considering the achievements of our parish in relation to the objective and aims set out in the By-Laws. It also provides an overview of other activities and looks at needs and challenges in the immediate future and in the years ahead.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The By-Laws allow for a Parish Council that is made up of the rector and other assigned clergy, the Warden, and such lay members as are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the parish. The By-Laws indicate that five lay members of the Parish Council should be elected in addition to a warden and a Head Sister.

The only clergyman assigned to our parish is the Rector, Priest James Carles. Father James was appointed to our parish in December 2002. For the whole of this period he has also served as the Rector of the parish of Saint Panteleimon in Gosford.

During the year under review the Warden, elected in 2014 for a fourth three-year term, was Nikolai Goura. The other lay members of the Parish Council elected at the AGM convened in September 2015 are Anna Morhun, Irene Lupish, Olga Bogacheva, Lucea Szabunia, Anu Kinnunen and Dean (Nicholas) Crawford. Subdeacon Vitaly Lupish holds an honorary position on the Parish Council but because of illness no longer participates in its work.

Our parish has no formal Ladies' Auxiliary or "Sisterhood". The work of the Ladies' Auxiliary is undertaken informally.

The Parish Council met eight times during the year under review.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Making available Orthodox Christian prayers and sacraments

Background

For many years now we have had Divine Liturgy on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, together with a service – either All-night Vigil or, since early 2010, Matins – on the preceding Saturday evening. In addition, All-night Vigil and Divine Liturgy are served on certain Great Feasts. On the weekends and Great Feasts when there are no services in our parish our rector serves in Gosford.

We use both Church Slavonic and English in our services. At evening services the mix of the two languages depends on the capabilities and needs of those present. At Divine Liturgy the choir sings in Church Slavonic and the litanies and readings are in both Church Slavonic and English.

In November 2013 Nataliya Rahim was appointed conductor of our choir. A graduate of the Sokolovsky College of the Arts in Gomel and the University of Arts and Culture in Minsk, both in Belarus, Nataliya has done a great deal over the years since to improve the standard of singing in our small church.

Sunday morning services are usually attended by at least 40 worshippers, with more present on significant feast-days and during particular seasons. Sermons are given at every Divine Liturgy and delivered only in English.

Four service schedules are drawn up by the rector each year: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring.

During the year under review a total of 75 services were held, a little less than in the previous year. There were 33 evening services, 33 Divine Liturgies, and 10 other services. Details are as follows:

2015-2016	Matins or Vigil	Divine Liturgy	Other services	Total
Winter 2015	6	6	1	12
July-August				
Spring 2015	5	7	1	13
September-November				
Summer 2015-16	9	9	1	19
December-February				
Autumn 2016	10	8	7	25
March-May				
Winter 2016	3	3	0	6
June				
Total	33	33	10	75

The other services conducted included blessings of water, general anointing, and general memorial services.

The Prayer for Ukraine was generally read following the Augmented Litany at every Divine Liturgy during the year. Exceptions were made on certain days when the Prayer for the Prosperity of the Russian Church was read instead.

No scheduled services were cancelled this year. Two Saturday evening services during October 2015 were not scheduled as Father James was selected to participate in a delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia accompanying the Kursk-Root Icon of the Mother of God on a visit to the Ekaterinburg and Ufa Dioceses of the Russian Orthodox Church. This was the first time that our rector had been absent from the parish since his appointment in 2002. Divine Liturgy on the two Sundays that Father James was away was served by Archpriest Ljubomir Dvojakovski and Priest Theodor Postelnicescu.

Major services for the year included the Great Feasts of the Dormition of the Mother of God, the Nativity of the Mother of God, the Exaltation of the Cross, the Entry of the Mother of God into the Temple, the Nativity of Christ (Christmas), the Annunciation of the Mother of God, the Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem, and the Ascension of the Lord.

In August 2015 we had services for the first day of the Dormition Fast. On this day we blessed honey, a number of jars of which had been given to our parish. These were afterwards distributed amongst the faithful.

In January 2016 we had services for the Nativity of Christ. Following the service Matushka Marie Carles was presented with an icon of her patron saint, Saint Mary of Palestine. This icon was a joint gift from the Gosford and Wallsend parishes in recognition of her diligent service to both communities

On 18 January 2016, the Eve of the Great Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), we had services and the Great Blessing of Water.

During Great Lent the customary General Service of Anointing was held, with 20 of our parishioners in attendance. This service was held on the morning of the Australian Easter Monday Public Holiday to make it easier for parishioners of all ages to attend.

On the eve of Palm Sunday, immediately prior to the All-night Vigil, a general confession service for children was held. Prior to this service Father James spoke to the children about the Mystery of Confession.

In April 2016 we had a small number of Holy Week services and an early Paschal service, with Father James serving the midnight Divine Liturgy in Gosford. There were fewer people at our Paschal service this year. The five-week difference between the Australian Easter holidays and Orthodox Pascha seemed to have an effect on this.

Early in May 2016 one of few surviving church builders, Mr Vasili ("Bill") Bukovec, celebrated his one hundredth birthday. Father James attended the festive lunch together with Mrs Anna Morhun and Mrs Magdalina Savonov, presenting Mr Bukovec with a Certificate of Appreciation and a copy of our icon of the Mother of God, Protectress of Newcastle.

In a break with parish custom, no services were scheduled in May 2016 for Radonitsa, the day of commemoration of the departed that falls on the second Tuesday after Pascha. Instead, a general memorial service was served following Divine Liturgy on Thomas Sunday. Graveside litias were served later in the day. Although this was more convenient for some, the focus on the commemoration of the departed was lost.

Our patronal feast of the Translation of the Relics of Saint Nicholas was held this year on the day of the feast, Sunday 22 May. As we share this feast-day with the parish of Saint Nicholas in Fairfield, this year celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of its foundation, Bishop George was not able to be with us. The Lesser Blessing of Water was served and after Divine Liturgy there was a moleben with a procession, followed by a festive lunch.

On Saturday 22 August a memorial service was held at the cemetery in Greta, NSW. Four days after his arrival in Australia on 19 August 1949, Archpriest John Lupish served the funeral of one year-old Irene Solomko. She was later laid to rest in the Greta Cemetery together with a number of other infants who died in an epidemic of measles that swept through the Greta Migrant Camp at that time. Father John went on to preside at five more burials at Greta: Wsewolod (Vsevelod) Shipilow (+1949, a boy of 18 months), Larisa Klebakin (+1950), Lydia Elagin (+1956), Alexander Melnik (+1970) and Ivan Elagin (+1977). Following a visit to Greta by Father James in June 2015, it was resolved that a memorial service would be held in the cemetery there each year on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of that first burial. Serving together with Father James was Archpriest Michael Solomko, Irene Solomko's younger brother and a priest of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Australia and New Zealand. At the service prayers were offered for the repose of the ever-memorable Archpriest John (+1977), his matushka Maria (+1979), and all those Orthodox Christians buried in the Greta Cemetery, amongst whom are a great many Ukrainian Orthodox, and kutiya was blessed.

During the year under review we continued the practice of serving general memorial services on certain Saturdays on which the church appoints commemorations of the departed. Such services were held in November 2015 on Saint Demetrius Saturday and during March 2016 on the Second and Fourth Saturdays of Great Lent.

There were seven baptisms in the year under review, all of children. Those baptised were Ivy (Eve) Stankovski, Charli (Margaret) Davies, Samuel Clark, Anastasia Hockley, Lily (Livia) Way, Nicholas East and Oliver (Timothy) Regan.

There just one wedding this year, that of Alexander Lupish – the grandson of our founder, Archpriest John Lupish – and Kelly Hailstone. This occurred in February 2016.

There were six funerals at our church during the review period. These were for Raisa Wielowski in July 2015, Michael Katonin in August 2015, Natalia Tarasenko in December 2015, Maria Goura in March 2015, Joanne Shalimov in April 2015, and Valentina Chernish in June 2016. May God grant them rest!

A long-term parishioner, Vera Blanch, passed away early in 2016. Although her funeral was not served in our church prayers were offered for her repose.

With Metropolitan Hilarion's blessing, the Romanian Orthodox Community of the Holy Apostle Andrew continued to make use of our church. This community is led by Father Theodor Postelnicescu, a priest of the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Australia and New Zealand.

Caring for the church building and its material needs

As in previous years, a contractor regularly attended to basic maintenance of the parish grounds. Jenny Millard has cared for the gardens.

We acquired very few new icons this year. We were given an icon of Saint Valdimir by Anna Rowan, a steadfast friend of the parish, and also received two beautiful hand-painted icons of the Great Feasts of the Nativity of the Mother of God and the Exaltation of the Cross.

From the Novo-Tikhvinsky Convent in Ekaterinburg we received the gift of a beautiful set of green embroidered covers for the chalice and diskos. These covers were blessed early in 2016 used for the first time on Palm Sunday this year.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary has attended to the cleaning and decoration of the church and hall. Flowers were purchased and arranged for special occasions. Cleaning and the adornment of the church were undertaken under the direction of the Head Sister, Anna Morhun.

Matushka Marie Carles continued to bake prosphora for each Divine Liturgy and the five loaves blessed on Great Feasts. The flour for prosphora has for some years been generally donated by the Kfoury family from the Gosford parish.

Undertaking Orthodox Christian educational work

For many years, the primary means of formal educational work in our parish has been preaching. Sermons are given on every Sunday and major feast-day.

Significant emphasis is placed on learning in a liturgical context. All who wish to assist with the reading and singing in church are encouraged to do so, thereby becoming more familiar with the order of services and with the various books used in the Divine Services of the Orthodox Church.

To the extent possible the blessing of new candles, icons, vestments, and honey and other items – in addition to the regular blessings of fruit and Paschal foods – is incorporated into the common worship of the parish. The prayers of the Orthodox Church appointed for such blessings are theologically rich and instructive for the faithful to hear.

In 2014-15 we commenced simple classes for the younger parish children during the time of the sermon. These classes, led by Matushka Marie Carles, continued in 2015-16.

In 2016 the Parish Council again provided parish families and households with a wall calendar in Russian and English that included details of feasts and fasts – together with the rules of fasting – and the readings for each day. Our 2016 wall calendar – designed by Parish Council member Olga Bogacheva – was a commemorative calendar marking the fiftieth anniversary of the repose of Sant John of Shanghai and San Francisco.

Our parish website and Facebook page, discussed elsewhere in this report, also assisted with Orthodox Christian educational work by sharing information about the practical aspects of the life of the parish, the Diocese, and the wider Orthodox Church. A particularly valuable online resource provided by our parish in 2015 and updated in 2016 explains when weddings can be held and gives a list of generally available dates for this year and next.

One of the young mothers in the parish, Anastasia Harwood, continued to co-ordinate the Russian-language playgroup, “Teremok”, established in September 2009. Meeting on Tuesdays and Fridays in the church hall, this playgroup gave mothers and their children an important opportunity to gather for fellowship and learning in a Russian-language environment. Alexandra Pyatetskaya assisted by supervising on Tuesdays and Tatiana Tobin assisted on Fridays. In September 2015 the playgroup celebrated six years of operation. In 2017 it is possible that it will return to a once-weekly playgroup.

Providing for the clergy and supporting the higher church authorities

Our parish took the important step in April 2014 of making available to the parish rector an expense account – a non-taxable fringe benefit – that allowed him to reduce his secular work commitments by one and a half days each fortnight. As for a range of reasons these arrangements proved difficult to manage, they ceased at the rector’s request at the end of February 2016 and he returned to full-time secular work.

In the absence of our rector in October 2015, an honorarium was paid to the relieving clergymen.

Parishes of the Diocese are obliged to support the Diocesan administration by paying a 15 per cent levy on candle sales and the first collection plate. Similarly, support for the Synodal administration is gathered by way of a 4.5 per cent levy on candle sales, the first collection plate, donations, membership tithes, prosphora sales, bank interest and other revenue. The levies on candle sales are applied by the Diocese when candles are purchased from the Diocesan Office.

Levies are payable at six month intervals. In February levies are payable on income received in the period from July-December, and in August levies are payable on income received from January-June.

During the year under review, Diocesan and Synodal levies totalling \$1,376.45 were paid, in addition to a further \$269.00 on candles. This \$1,376.45 was incurred during 2014-15. Diocesan and Synodal \$2,307.25 was incurred for the 2015-16 financial year. This remained outstanding as of 30 June 2016, with \$728.40, the levy for July-December 2015, paid in July 2016. In addition, a further \$269.00 was paid on candle purchases.

Working to help others in need

Each year the parish is asked to take up a number of collections for organisations and causes nominated by the church authorities.

In the year under review, a total of \$1,477.25 was collected for charitable causes at the request of the Diocesan authorities. This is less than in the last two years. The breakdown of collections is as follows:

Diocesan Collection Beneficiaries	When taken	Amount
ROCOR Fund for Assistance	November 2015	\$350.00
Indonesian Orthodox Mission	December 2015	\$195.00
Orthodox Action	February 2016	\$299.50
Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville	Great Lent 2016	\$255.75
Russian Ecclesiastical Mission, Jerusalem	Palm Sunday 2016	\$377.00
Total		\$1,477.25

All of these monies have been paid on to the Diocesan authorities.

As in previous years, collections were advertised in advance and envelopes with details of the date and purpose of each collection were distributed in church.

Considering ways to improve our work to help others in need is something that we will focus on over the course of the year ahead.

Other activities

Improvements to the church and hall

Apart from the replacement of some of the stainless steel shelving in the kitchen, no new work on the church hall was undertaken in 2015-16.

In January 2016 we received advice that our application under the NSW Community Building Partnership scheme for assistance to replace the choir stairs and install air-conditioning had been successful and that we would receive a grant towards one of these projects. In the first half of 2016 the Parish Council decided that installation of air-conditioning was the preferred project, and arrangements were made for this. The work was completed in August 2016.

Late in 2014 the foundations were laid for the small extension to our church and early in 2015 the brickwork was completed up to the level of the floor. A substantial beginning having been made, further work will be undertaken when other projects have been completed and funds become available.

In 2014 we ordered a new memorial table at which candles for the departed are placed. This work is being undertaken for us by Protodeacon Basil Hadarin, a gifted carpenter and woodcarver who has done much to adorn our church. It is expected that this project will be completed in 2017.

Iconography

Early in 2015 a decision was made to proceed with another stage in the iconography project, an ornate standing case holding a large icon of the Mother of God surrounded by saints. When completed, this case will stand on the right-hand side of the church and complement the Golgotha acquired in January 2014. It is expected that this project will be completed in 2017.

Parish life

A roster again operated throughout the year to ensure that parishioners and friends had an opportunity for regular fellowship and to talk and relax over light refreshments after each Sunday service. Two ladies worked together each Sunday on which we had a service, with each pair on duty once every three months.

During the year, pilmeni, piroshki, vareniki, cakes and other items were prepared for sale by the Ladies' Auxiliary and friends. Jenny Millard continued to operate a small fundraising stall in the church hall. The Parish Council is grateful for her ongoing work raising money for the needs of the parish.

Our Ladies' Auxiliary also prepared gift-bags for our children at Christmas.

Our parish website was redeveloped during the second half of 2013 with the assistance of a US-based company, Orthodox Web Solutions. The site is an attractive one that has a blog-style home page with news of coming and recent events in the life of the parish and the Diocese. It also has extensive information about parish history and administration and practical aspects of baptisms, weddings, funerals and other services of need. New content is added to the website regularly.

Published in September 2013, the new site had by the end of June 2016 received over 46,000 visits, with just under 16,000 in 2015-16. The parish also has a Facebook page that is fully integrated with the website and which presents photographs and less formal news items.

Diocesan life

Our small parish has been engaged in the life of the Diocese to the extent possible given our distance from the major centres of Diocesan life.

To the extent possible, Father James visited the other parishes of the New South Wales Deanery on the occasion of their patronal feasts. In 2015-16, this included the cathedral in Strathfield, the parishes in Centennial Park and Wollongong, and the convent in Kentlyn. He participated in the festive hierarchical services at the Archbishop's Chapel in Croydon on the second day of Christmas in January 2016 and the second day of Pascha in May 2016. He also participated in services at Cabramatta in December 2015 to mark the fortieth anniversary of the repose of Archpriest Rostislav Gan and services at Strathfield in July 2016 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the repose of Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco. In addition, he assisted at the Service of General Anointing at Strathfield during Great Lent in 2016.

Father James continued to serve as one of the clergy members of the 2013-2016 Diocesan Council and as Secretary of the Diocesan Council Governance Committee. In December 2015 he was appointed Secretary of the Diocesan Council and of the Russian Orthodox Church (NSW) Property Trust. He has participated actively in the work of the Diocesan Council, the Governance Committee, and the Property Trust, undertaking work on a number of important projects.

Father James helped organise and participated in the Pastoral Conferences held on the Sunshine Coast and in Melbourne in December 2015 to coincide with the Teen Retreat and the Annual Diocesan Youth Conference. In addition, he helped organise and participated in the customary Great Lenten Pastoral Conference and Retreat in March 2016.

In January and May 2016 Metropolitan Hilarion's customary Nativity and Paschal Epistles was read aloud in church. In June 2016 his Epistle for the Day of Orthodox Youth of the Russian Church Abroad was read aloud. In July 2015 the *Epistle of His Holiness, Patriarch Kyrill regarding the 1000th anniversary of repose of Holy Great Prince Vladimir* was read aloud. In this small way we have endeavoured to strengthen the links between the faithful in Newcastle and the hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Plans and challenges

For the past few years our focus has been on the construction and fit-out of the extension to the church, the need to improve parish administration and financial record-keeping, and the strengthening of parish life.

Early in 2015 we paused work on the church extension in order to facilitate the next stage of the church iconography project. Work on the iconography project has continued steadily and a number of significant donations have been received for this specific purpose. It is expected that work on the extension will resume early in 2017.

Raising or otherwise sourcing funds to maintain and improve our small church is the key task for our Parish Council in the year ahead.

A number of important steps were taking to improve financial reporting and our banking arrangements in 2015-16. Work in this area and to improve parish administration and financial record-keeping continues. In particular, we recognise the need to have arrangements in place to ensure that administrative tasks are properly attended to when key people are absent for an extended period.

In recent years we have started to do much of our administrative work with the help of new technology, circulating documents by email and conducting banking online. Although this has helped us greatly, it has also created challenges for those who are less comfortable working this way. Finding the balance in this will be important in the year ahead.

We continue to work to strengthen parish life in every way that we can given our small size and limited resources. Our parish is a diverse one that gathers people from across the Hunter Valley and beyond, and we recognise the importance of investing in our common life.

September 2016

**ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH WALLSEND**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2016

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND**

Scope

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Wallsend for the year ended 30 June 2016. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of and the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding to the organizations financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Wallsend presents a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2016 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2016 in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report. The committee has determined that the organization is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of applicable Australian Accounting Standards (AASB's).

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous year unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

Note 2: Income Tax

The organisation is exempt from Income Tax.

Note 3: Fixed Assets

Plant, equipment and fittings are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the organisation commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Depreciation rates have been applied on a straight-line basis at rates of 20% per annum. Items, which cost less than \$500.00, are fully depreciated in the year of acquisition.

Note 4: Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues and expenses are recognised inclusive of the amount of GST. In these circumstances any GST is recognised and paid to/recovered from the Australian Taxation Office by the Church Diocese. The net amount is subsequently charged or remitted to the Parish Council.

Note 5: Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when the organisation is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Note 6: Donations and grants

Donations and grants are recognised as revenue when the organisation gains control, economic benefits are probable and the amount/s can be measured reliably.

Note 7: Commitments for Works in Progress

A project is underway to construct an ICON for the church. Contracts has been entered into with two parties for the work. Progress payments to-date totaling \$35,765 have been made which reflect in the accounts. Outstanding commitments estimated at \$20,000 exist to complete the project, expected in the 2016/17 financial year.

**ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND
STATEMENT BY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

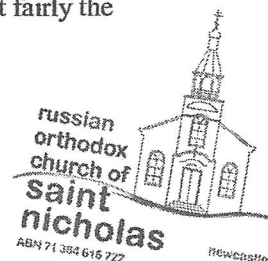
We Rev. James Carles

and Ann Kinnunen

as authorized representatives of the St Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church Wallsend hereby certify that the information contained in the books and financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Wallsend church as 30 June 2016.

We are satisfied that:

- (a) Payments made to affiliated bodies have been adequately disclosed.
- (b) All expenditure and establishment of provisions has been approved in accordance with the Church's rules.
- (c) A full and complete set of financial records has been maintained.



Signature Rev. James Carles Date 19/9/16

Name (print) Rev. James Carles

Signature Ann Kinnunen Date 19/9/16

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ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
Accumulated Funds at 1 July 2015	\$ 80,350.06	\$ 57,491.31
Add:		
Church Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for year transferred from Statement of Financial Performance	\$ 12,262.88	\$ 18,211.00
Ladies Auxiliary Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for year transferred from Statement of Financial Performance	\$ 1,334.90	\$ 4,147.75
Advance to Clergy Account not previously brought to account		\$ 500.00
ACCUMULATED FUNDS AT 30 JUNE 2016	\$ 93,947.84	\$ 80,350.06

The above Funds are represented by :

CURRENT ASSETS

Commonwealth Bank of Australia		
Working Account No. 062-823 00900308	\$ 18,619.67	\$ 17,716.82
Ladies Auxiliary Account No. 062-806 10218954	\$ 8,176.23	\$ 6,577.13
Term Deposit No. 062-823 50098894	\$ 32,895.34	\$ 31,759.56
Cash on Hand - Church	\$ 200.00	
Cash on Hand - Ladies Auxilliary	\$ 266.55	
Advance to Clergy Account	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 60,657.79	\$ 56,553.51

NON CURRENT ASSETS

Plant, Equipment and Fittings at Cost	\$ 25,173.00	\$ -
Add: Purchases	\$ 10,632.50	\$ 25,173.00
	\$ 35,805.50	\$ 25,173.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 208.20	\$ -
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 35,597.30	\$ 25,173.00

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 96,255.09	\$ 81,726.51
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrued Diocese Levies Payable	\$ 2,307.25	\$ 1,376.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 2,307.25	\$ 1,376.45

NET ASSETS	\$ 93,947.84	\$ 80,350.06
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ST NICHOLAS RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH WALLSEND

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
INCOME		
First Plate	\$ 5,349.80	\$ 4,303.20
Second Plate	\$ 3,988.05	\$ 3,070.40
Candles	\$ 6,298.75	\$ 5,640.00
Prospora	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 1,431.00
Tithes	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00
Bank Interest	\$ 1,139.67	\$ 571.65
Donations - Money Box	\$ 1,713.10	\$ 2,544.20
Donations - General	\$ 16,996.20	\$ 24,943.00
GST Refunds	\$ 337.00	\$ 1,126.00
Sale of Goods	\$ -	\$ 228.00
Other Income	\$ 893.00	\$ 450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 38,507.57	\$ 44,907.45
EXPENSES		
Advertising	\$ 338.21	\$ 340.20
Audit Fees	\$ 450.00	\$ 550.00
Candles	\$ 3,730.50	\$ 1,074.00
Capital Items <\$500	\$ -	\$ 563.50
Clergy Expenses	\$ 450.00	\$ 4,600.00
Diocesan & Synodal Levies	\$ 3,683.70	\$ 3,811.41
Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ 675.60
Dropbox	\$ 340.00	
Insurance	\$ 5,535.02	\$ 151.20
Other Expenses	\$ 592.37	\$ 1,696.12
Postage, Printing & Stationery	\$ 1,788.49	\$ 1,454.58
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,120.75	\$ 2,600.95
Subscriptions	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00
Telephone	\$ 611.42	\$ 422.00
Website Charges	\$ 430.24	\$ 393.26
Electricity	\$ 3,080.29	\$ 2,450.87
Gas	\$ 616.27	\$ 428.70
Water Charges	\$ 970.27	\$ 1,193.56
Capital Works - Buildings	\$ 2,235.16	\$ 4,218.50
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 26,244.69	\$ 26,696.45
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		
TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$ 12,262.88	\$ 18,211.00

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	2016	2015
INCOME		
Donations	\$ 6,234.00	\$ 8,666.20
Functions	\$ 1,160.05	\$ 659.45
Fundraising	\$ 2,512.00	\$ 7,609.75
Hall Rent	\$ 145.00	\$ 310.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 3,982.07	
Raffles	\$ 360.00	\$ 318.00
Sale of Goods	\$ 1,251.50	\$ 3,994.10
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 15,644.62	\$ 21,557.50
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Clergy Expenses	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 10,200.00
Depreciation	\$ 208.20	
Flowers & Gifts	\$ 1,227.49	\$ 1,284.48
Groceries	\$ 4,198.39	\$ 3,168.44
Printing & Stationery	\$ 88.10	\$ 10.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,256.80	\$ 895.20
Security		\$ 572.00
Sundry Expenses	\$ 525.74	\$ 1,274.63
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 14,309.72	\$ 17,409.75
OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		
TRANSFERRED TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	\$ 1,334.90	\$ 4,147.75

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
Total of all bank accounts as at 1 July 2015	\$ 56,053.51	\$ 57,191.31
<i>Cash was generated from</i>		
Surplus for year - Church operations	\$ 12,262.88	\$ 18,211.00
Surplus for year - Ladies Auxiliary operations	\$ 1,334.90	\$ 4,147.75
Advance in 2014 not brought to account		\$ 500.00
Depreciation provided during the year	\$ 208.20	\$ -
Decrease in cash on hand		\$ 300.00
Increase in current liabilities	\$ 930.80	\$ 1,376.45
<i>Cash was applied to</i>		
Increase in cash on hand	\$ (466.55)	
Increase in non-current assets	\$ (10,632.50)	\$ (25,173.00)
Increase in current assets		\$ (500.00)
Total of all bank accounts as at 30 June 2016	<u>\$ 59,691.24</u>	<u>\$ 56,053.51</u>

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BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account No. 062-823 00900308

Cash Book Balance 1 July 2015	\$ 17,716.82
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 38,649.04</u>
	\$ 56,365.86
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ 37,746.19</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2016	<u>\$ 18,619.67</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2016	\$ 18,619.67
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ 18,619.67
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2016	<u>\$ 18,619.67</u>

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Account No. 062-806 10218954

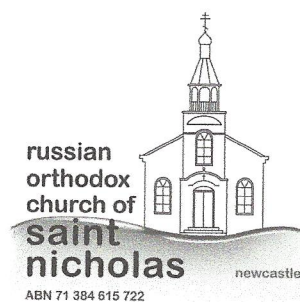
Cash Book Balance 1 July 2015	\$ 6,577.13
Add: Receipts for year	<u>\$ 13,523.95</u>
	\$ 20,101.08
Less: Payments for year	<u>\$ 11,924.85</u>
Cash Book Balance 30 June 2016	<u>\$ 8,176.23</u>
Balance as per Bank Statement as at 30 June 2016	\$ 8,176.23
Add: Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$ -</u>
	\$ 8,176.23
Less: Unpresented Cheques	<u>\$ -</u>
Balance as per Cash Book as at 30 June 2016	<u>\$ 8,176.23</u>

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DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

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Ladies Auxiliary
Stainless Steel Shelving
Steel Marquee Bench



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