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**GANISTER ORTHODOX FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS**

**WILLIAMSPORT** – The Ganister Orthodox Foundation, a component fund of the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation, recently awarded its third round of grants totaling \$3,000 to four organizations associated with the Orthodox Church in America.

The grants will assist a diverse number of programs throughout the United States. Grants were awarded to St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary, South Canaan, PA; Orthodox Christian Schools of Northeast Ohio, Mogadore, OH; Saints Mary & Martha Orthodox Monastery, Wagener, SC; and Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Neighborhood Center, Detroit, MI.

The Foundation will provide \$1,000 to St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary to assist with the seminary's effort to provide translations of texts written by renowned experts on the history and technique of Orthodox liturgical music. The translations will be used to help prepare future priests for their ministries. Translation of the texts is expected to be an advance for those studying the Russian Orthodox Church in America, and also of interest to those studying in the fields of musicology, liturgy and world history.

Orthodox Christian Schools of Northeast Ohio will receive \$1,000 for its publication of curriculum materials. Currently, there are limited materials available for use in Orthodox schools. The organization plans to publish materials that will be offered for use in schools throughout the country. Some of the materials Orthodox Christian Schools plans to publish include: Faith History

Levels I, II & III; Saints & Sounds; Standards & Objectives; and a cookbook. In its application for funding, the organization noted that requests for Orthodox curriculum materials have increased in recent years.

Saints Mary & Martha Orthodox Monastery will receive \$500 toward its building project, a permanent building to house the chapel and living/work areas. The monastery provides retreat space to groups during the year. The monastery plans to begin the project with construction of the chapel and all-purpose room. Plans also include construction of a commercial kitchen, eight to ten bedrooms, and office/workspace.

The Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Neighborhood Center will receive \$500 toward bilingual tutoring and assessment tools for its After School Program. The program serves minority elementary students in the neighborhood surrounding the St. Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral. Funding received last year helped the neighborhood center with startup costs for the current programs.

The Ganister Orthodox Foundation Advisory Committee feels very fortunate to have these resources available for the Orthodox Church of America, and it is their privilege to be able to help those who provide so many opportunities to enhance the Orthodox Church's mission. Favor is given to proposals that address priority needs of the Orthodox Church in America and/or opportunities that enhance its mission in catalytic ways.

For additional information about grants from the Ganister Orthodox Foundation, please contact the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation, an affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania at 570-321-1500 or 866-901-2372. Deadline for submission of grant applications for 2006 is August 1.

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