

Good News to Start the New Year



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

With the start of a new year, I wanted to share some great news from 2020 with you.

St. Herman of Alaska Antiochian Orthodox Church, one of the churches that we serve, hit an important milestone in 2020 – *they fully paid off their OCCIF loan in just three years!*

OCCIF worked with Father Matthew Howell and his parish to refinance a major loan, helping them reduce costs with a new loan that lowered their interest rate. This made it possible for the parish to not only get the help that they needed, but – thanks their hard work – they were able to pay off their OCCIF loan early and save the church tens of thousands in interest fees.

For traditional secular financial institutions, paying off a capital improvement loan early would be difficult – but not at OCCIF.

We are here to support the growth of Orthodoxy in the United States and celebrate the commitment of each parish to the church.

We applaud Father Matthew and the parish of St. Herman's hard work, and we look forward to working with many others in this new year.

Yours in Christ,

John Della Monica
President,
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Father Matthew Howell on how his church paid their loan off early ... and why OCCIF is his first and only call for capital improvement loans.

Working with a remote video package from Media Alchemy, we were able to do a COVID-safe video interview with Father Matthew Howell of St. Herman of Alaska Antiochian Orthodox Church in Wasilla, Alaska.

Father Matthew tells how beneficial it was to work with OCCIF rather than a traditional lender.

Click on the video image to see his interview



More to Come

OCCIF continues to grow, helping even more Orthodox Churches, Missions, Monasteries, and Institutions across the United States. This year we are also redesigning our marketing materials to reflect our new growth and commitment to the growth of the Orthodox Church in the United States. Stay tuned...!

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