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**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?  
Grant Recipient Updates**

**This month, we share updates from  
2022 Mustard Seed Fund Grant Recipients:**

**St. George, Schererville, IN**

who used grant funds for

a Byzantine music youth group for girls and boys

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**We are excited to announce that St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Schererville, Indiana has used their Mustard Seed Fund grant to establish a Byzantine Youth Choir at their parish.** The group plans on generating involvement of young girls and boys in their parish to learn and ultimately serve as chanters in our Orthodox churches.

The St. George Parish is proud to share that the students of the Byzantine Youth Choir range from five years old to high school. Thanks to the four instructors who have backgrounds in byzantine and western music, the students have begun learning the most familiar hymns and responses that are used during the liturgy.

While they plan on growing involvement, over Zoom for virtual instruction, the in-person meet takes place on Sunday's after liturgy. While parents socialize during coffee fellowship, the children practice new Orthodox chants and hymns. Nevertheless, there is no doubt that having virtual instruction will also increase the number of students in attendance.

**The St. George Parish and Byzantine Youth Choir is humbled and thankful for being selected as a recipient of a Mustard Seed Grant. We wish them lots of continued success in teaching our youth for years to come!**

For more information visit [www.chicago.goarch.org/mustard-seed](http://www.chicago.goarch.org/mustard-seed).

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## The following parishes were awarded Mustard Seed Fund grants for 2022

### **Annunciation, Milwaukee, WI**

Outreach program for impoverished areas of Greater Milwaukee

### **Annunciation, Kankakee, IL**

Church-based community theater troupe

### **St. Athanasios, Aurora, IL**

Expansion of men's group ministry

### **St. Basil, Chicago, IL**

Expansion of prison ministry

### **Ss. Constantine and Helen, Swansea, IL**

"Spring Back to Church" outreach program

### **St. George, Chicago, IL**

Bicycle repair class to help impoverished residents of the Chicagoland area with their transportation needs

### **St. George, St. Paul MN**

Inter-Orthodox shared catechism program

### **St. George, Schererville, IN**

Byzantine music youth group for girls and boys

### **St. Luke the Evangelist, Columbia, MO**

Billboard to raise awareness of Orthodox Church

*"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree."*

Matthew 13:31-32



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