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BRUTALLY VANDALIZED TEXAS PARISH EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL IN TWO DAYS



“This weekend, someone who must have been full of rage and pain broke into St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Lubbock, TX, and destroyed everything they

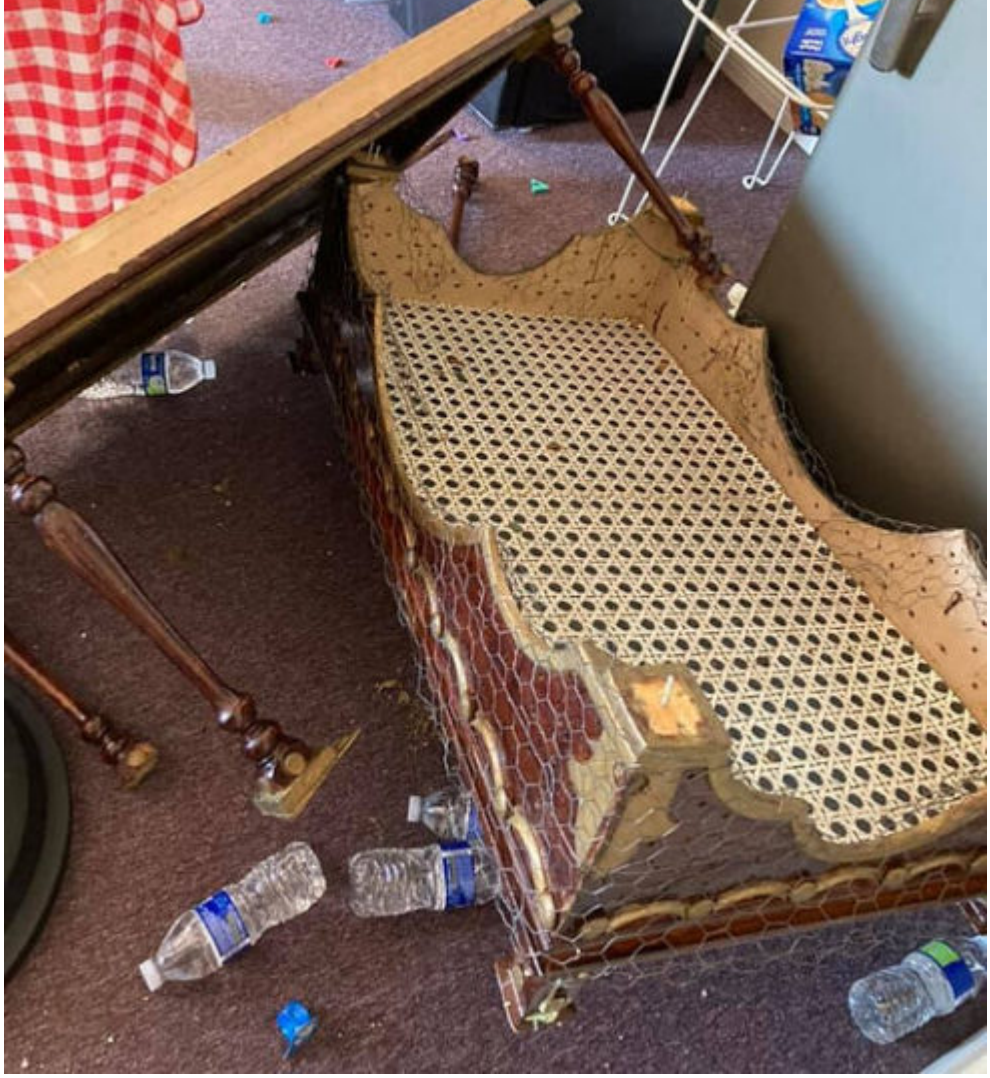
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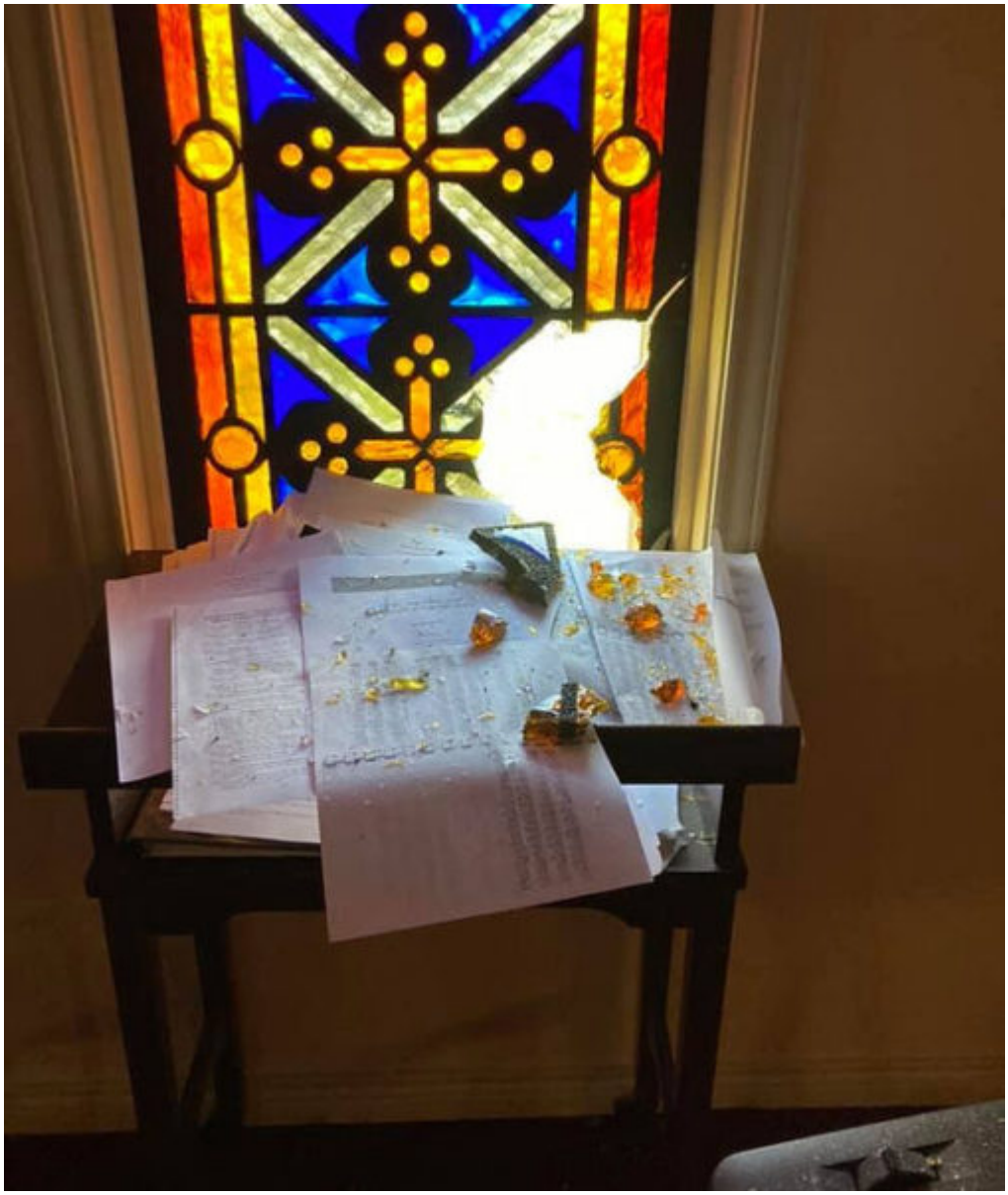
“Let’s be the hands and hearts of Christ and help the parish make their church building whole again,” reads the GoFundMe campaign established to help the church recover from the devastating attack it suffered on Saturday night.
And while the community is still shaken, it is also grateful that so many have heeded the call to be the “hands and hearts of Christ.” Established with a goal of $75,000 less than two days ago, the campaign has raised $83,330 as of Tuesday morning.

The damage was quite extensive: The vandal(s) broke the stained glass windows, destroyed holy things in the altar, threw and smashed icons of Christ and His Most Pure Mother, threw the Tomb of Christ into the refrigerator, ripped the cross of the doors, and even threw the crown of thorns outside.
The parish kitchen and bookstore were also trashed and items were stolen, and much more.

“So much senseless hate and pain,” the campaign reads.
We hurt so much, but clearly the people who did this live in pain, as well. Hating is painful. But we know Love heals that pain, as hard as it is to face our trashed church this morning… Please pray for us and for those who did this,” the campaign description concludes.







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