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Continuing our legacy

SOMEONE ONCE SAID, "HE WHO HAS DONE HIS BEST FOR HIS OWN TIME HAS LIVED FOR ALL TIMES." THIS MOST CERTAINLY CAN BE APPLIED TO ST. GEORGE'S THIRTY FOUNDING FAMILIES AND THEIR SPIRITUAL LEADERS. INDEED, BECAUSE OF THEIR UNSHAKABLE FAITH IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE, THEIR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN. THIS BELIEF THAT GOD WAS AT WORK THROUGH THE FOUNDING FAMILIES IS THEIR LEGACY LEFT FOR US TO FOLLOW.

WE CAN CONTINUE THIS LEGACY TODAY. IN MANY WAYS, OUR GENERATION HAS ALREADY MADE THIS LEGACY THEIR OWN. BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE ONE MORE "LEAP OF FAITH". WE MUST TRUST THAT GOD WANTS TO USE US TODAY TO CONTINUE OUR FOUNDING FAMILIES' LEGACY. OUR CALL IS GREAT, BUT OUR OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE OUR FAITH AND LOVE FOR ST. GEORGE PARISH IS EVEN GREATER.

THIS OPPORTUNITY OF PLACING YOUR NAMES NEXT TO THE FOUNDERS' NAMES CAN BE YOURS. I OFFER MY DAILY PRAYERS TO GOD FOR YOU AND OUR ST. GEORGE PARISH AS WE COLLECTIVELY BUILD OURSELVES ON THE FIRM FOUNDATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. IN HIM WE CAN ACCOMPLISH EVERYTHING! LET US TOGETHER EMBARK ON THIS FAITHFUL JOURNEY AND FINISH SOMETHING THAT WILL OUTLAST OUR LIFETIMES, AS THE FOUNDING FAMILIES DID FOR US ALL.

— FR. BRATSO KRASIC



Frequently Asked Questions

What are we renovating?

St. George Serbian Orthodox Church is renovating three main areas: the *Church Structure*, the *Social Hall* and the *Surrounding Property & Parking Lot*. These renovations will continue our legacy into a bright new future. New classrooms, kitchen equipment, additional more accessible restrooms, a multi-purpose room and two offices/meeting rooms will also be added.

Why are we renovating?

Over the last 40 years, our beloved and reliable church social hall has fallen into disrepair. Although it has served us faithfully over these years, there is a clear need for a new, inspiring building that is better equipped to grow with our future needs.

How much will the renovation cost?

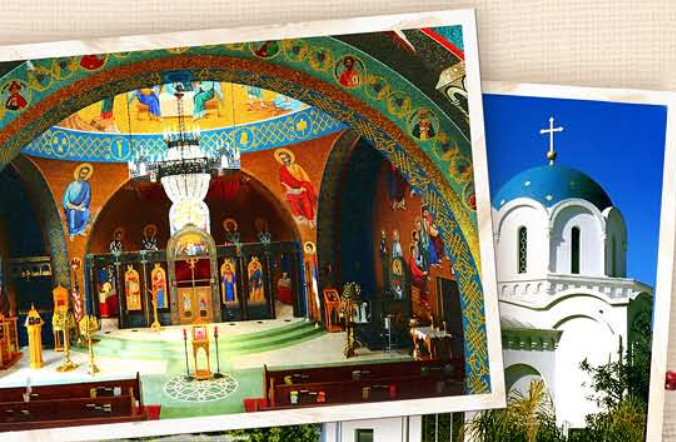
The entire renovation will cost approximately \$1.5M.

When will the renovation be complete?

The first remodeling phase should be done by late summer with additional phases following immediately after. A calendar will be posted in the church so everyone can see the progress we are making.

How will we pay for it?

With the funds raised through the Capital Stewardship Campaign: *Continuing Our Legacy*.



What's a Capital Stewardship Campaign?

A Capital Stewardship Campaign is a special church project that seeks pledged donations that can be made over a period of three years from members of the congregation to be used in paying for a major construction project; in our case, the renovation of our social hall.

How much are we hoping to raise?

Ideally, \$1.5 mill over 1-3 years, which is \$2K-3K from each of the 500 families who are currently a part of the St. George community.

A \$2K-\$3,000 donation per family might sound daunting, but it isn't that big a sacrifice over time. For example, a \$3,000 commitment over 36 months is just \$83 per month! (or \$250 per month for 1 year.) A \$2,000 commitment over 3 years is only \$55 per month! For a family, this means a few less coffees and one less dinner out a month.

We understand that every family does not have equal financial resources. What is most important is prayerful consideration of what you can donate to further God's work at St. George. This is your opportunity to continue the legacy of our grandparents, parents, kumovi, and friends.

Will I be pressured to make a pledge?

No. Participation in the campaign and how much you give will be entirely up to you. All members and guests will be given the opportunity to contribute if they wish to do so.

How may I prepare to participate?

Allow God to speak to your heart through prayer and inventory your blessings and potential for giving. No gift is too large nor too small. Remember the Widow's Mite from the Gospel according to **ST. MARK 12:41-44** and **ST. LUKE 21:1-4**.

Here are additional Scripture passages which speak about stewardship and giving: **1 CORINTHIANS 16:2; PROVERBS 11:25; PROVERBS 3:5-9; ACTS 20:35; 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7; LUKE 6:28, AND PSALMS 116:12**



When do we give the amount pledged?

Commitment Cards will be turned in on Easter Sunday, April 19th, or earlier. Please visit our new website: www.SaintGeorgeinSD.org for details about online pledges and Pascha 2009 at St. George Parish.

What contributions are accepted?

Credit cards, online PayPal payments, checks, cash, and/or giving resources (talents, donation of services or materials) may be gifted to this cause. Gifting assets such as stock, trusts, or real estate will also be accepted and may have potential tax advantages for the giver.

May I also pledge after Easter Sunday?

(4-19-09) Yes. Donations will be accepted over a period of up to 3 years; however, the remodeling projects are in the works now. The sooner we understand how much our community can donate, the sooner we can complete the project in a seamless way with less starts and stops.

What if I have other questions?

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