



Inspiration

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For me the third month of the year is the beginning of an inspiring time. The daylight hours are getting longer (always a spark that motivates me and lifts my spirits), projects for the year (both personal and on the Parish Council) have taken shape, and the Lenten journey for the year is underway, providing better focus to all the tasks at hand.

Of course, inspiration comes in many forms, but none as moving as the steward who makes a difference in our church community. This past month we honored our 2006 stewards of the year, Niki Comas and Sophia and Lou Lignos. The photos that follow from this parish wide event are a glimpse into the celebration of the best our parish has to offer. During this event, our honorees are a reminder of the pride we have for our parish and the ability each of us has to share our own talents with the church. Taking place on the last Sunday of January each calendar year, this seems to "kick off" a time of growth for us at St. George.

The design of our expanded parking area on 7731 and 7733 Bradley Boulevard is well underway, allowing us to visualize our building and renovations plans as a reality. The design process is taking somewhat longer than expected due to the complexity of the Montgomery County's requirements for storm water management and its potential impact on the neighborhood. Our engineers are working diligently to address these concerns and we still plan to be underway later this year.

The Parish Council is anticipating another successful spring festival. Please make yourself available to assist our chairman, Dean Zuras as he requests volunteers for the various areas of our festival. We are only a few months away from this event and St. George needs all of our efforts. Last year we had over 250 volunteers check in at our volunteer center. I would like to see us move to the 300 level as far as participation so that we may improve our festival services and increase our productivity and profits.

As a steward of St. George, it is not too early to begin talking to friends and relatives about our 40th Anniversary Celebration! Along with the events previously announced, Charter Member Sunday on Sunday October 28th, will be the final event in our celebration with a brunch immediately following the Divine Liturgy. The Herald, the Sunday Bulletin and our St. George web site will publicize the dates and update the details for each event. In addition, a commemorative album will be produced and a DVD that presents the entire 40 year history of our community. Our church family will be quite busy, but the rewards will be great!

May you all be inspired as stewards of St. George to assist in any way possible, and may your inspiration raise us to new heights!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:5)

