



Past, Present, Future

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The definition of "the past" for our 900 parish families varies according to which parishioners are questioned. For some, the past means the purchase of the property in suburban Maryland 40 years ago or the signing of the charter for our St. George parish. For others, the past means the years when our sanctuary was built or the time of our Cultural Center construction. These historic milestones constitute the beginning of each person's individual memories as stewards of St. George. For certain, those new to the parish in the past few years will have only descriptive or photographic history to rely on for the background of our dynamic growth as a Greek Orthodox community, but they have witnessed our St. George expansion in progress with the purchase of additional land. Wherever your family falls on the timeline of joining the St. George history, you are part of the journey that is the character of St. George today and the foundation of our parish future.

A 40 year existence is a relatively short time compared to other churches or communities, but ours has been action packed as far as growth and activities. Through the years, however our mission has never faltered: building a community in the faith. This year the 2007 Parish Council and clergy, along with a planning committee, are spearheading the 40th Anniversary celebration. The 40th Anniversary Committee (Leon Andris, Tony and Christine Djinis, Tony Haramis, Kally Panagos, Dino Pappas, and Christopher Zourdos) has begun the planning for several anniversary events and will be looking for all stewards, long or short in tenure, to participate on the various committees.

Reserve the date for our Glendi Night, featuring singer/comedian Jimmy Santis, on Saturday, October 20th. The Glendi will be a wonderful family evening of entertainment. This will be followed by a 40th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, October 27th and a Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and brunch on Sunday October 28th. Also, with a date to be announced soon, a St. George Golf Tournament will be the inaugural celebration event. Look for details in the Herald, weekly bulletin, and our web site. Of course, your response by contacting one of the anniversary committee members to volunteer your efforts would be most welcome!

Our faith is unchanging and our mission is clear. ***Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*** On behalf of the Parish Council, I look forward to a great 40th year. Together we will be celebrating our history, giving our talents today and preserving our future as a Greek Orthodox parish for the next 40 years and beyond.

