



# Resolve, Respond and Receive

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**Happy New Year to all the St. George family!** I am amazed that 2006 flew by in what seemed to be a blink of the eye. Here we are – 2007 a new calendar year with hopes and expectations. Certainly many have already made the customary resolutions having to do with personal goals of losing weight, exercising more, or making an effort to be healthier in general. But have we tied any of our personal resolutions to our faith and our community of St. George? Have we thought about the important effect we might make on the health of our parish?

Last year, together with our Priests, the Parish Council resolved to emphasize more family events and religious education in our parish life. With determination, we were successful in both areas. Our most recent family event was our first annual Christmas tree lighting followed by our annual Christmas concert. In 2007 the Parish Council working together with our Priests will continue to be resolute in undertaking a continued path that encourages us as faithful to respond with the stewardship that will create a lasting Greek Orthodox community and to receive the spiritual gifts offered by our faith. I ask that each steward in the community make a personal resolution to be part of the process. How are you able to respond as a steward of the faith? Our families are many and are God-given talents have multiplied – there is much to be offered and many gifts to be received. I look forward to your participation in our programs and activities this year.

*James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."*

A heartfelt thank you to the outgoing council members: Leon Andris, Art Lafionatis, John Sempeles, Jimmy Fragoyannis and Dinos Papoulias. Their contributions were invaluable in our effort over the past year; each one's continued involvement will remain evident this year and in the future as dedicated stewards of our parish!

Together with our clergy, the 2007 Parish Council has a busy year planned. Our 40th Anniversary celebration events are on the calendar, along with our spring festival the weekend of May 4-6. Save the date for the 40th Anniversary Glendi on October 20th and the Grand Banquet on October 27th. A golf tournament (TBA) will round out the events. More details will be publicized over the next few months. Until then, keep in mind the resolution to respond.

