



SAINT VASILIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Date: June 15, 2009
To: Members of the General Assembly
From: Speros C. Venios, President, Parish Council
Re: President's Mid Year Report

Members of the General Assembly:

At our Fall General Assembly, I reported that it appeared that 2009 would be a challenging year economically. While our Stewardship Drive started out strong, it appears that it has begun to slow as we approach the summer months. The finance committee has been monitoring this situation, and will report in detail the measures that we have already taken, and must take in order to preserve the fiscal integrity of our parish.

Although we must be fiscally conscious, it is important that we do not make short sighted decisions that will affect the vision of our parish going forward. We must be constructive in our approach to resolving this economic challenge, and work together to develop a strategy that will be overall beneficial to St. Vasilios.

Our focus for 2009 has not changed, and remains the following:

1. Master Plan – A master plan is necessary for St. Vasilios to be able to prioritize both its ministerial and physical plant needs. Although this has not been prepared, Lane Nordquist has been named chairperson of this priority, and will be reaching out to each of you shortly.
2. Building Needs Assessment – The building needs assessment has been discussed for several years, yet never materialized. This priority will ensure that our buildings are being maintained and upgraded accordingly to avoid emergency repairs. Paul Foukas, and the building committee are working on completing this important task.
3. Stewardship – The community needs to become more familiar with Stewardship. Thus far, we have sent several mailings, and have written many articles, however, it appears that the community still does not understand our program. On Monday, June 22, at 7 p.m., we will be hosting a meeting open to the entire community to specifically discuss, and educate on Stewardship.

While the year continues to look difficult financially, with your help, we will overcome this minor setback, and emerge a stronger community.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I thank all of you for your respect and devotion to our parish, and look forward to a productive second half of 2009.

Yours truly in Christ,

Speros C. Venios
President, Parish Council