



# The Herald

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## *Different is Different*

*“There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.”*

– Corinthians 12:6

Greetings From Your New Parish Council,

We come to you as a Council that is energized, enthusiastic, and eager to serve. We are an expanded Council (15 voting members instead of 12), with several new members who bring fresh viewpoints to the table, while longstanding members bring us continuity. Most of our newest members have young families, deeply vested in long-term vitality of our parish. We come to you as a Council that is decidedly different.

Just as every individual is different, and every group along with its dynamics is different, so too are we. No two leaderships perform exactly alike. If they did, there would be no point to elections. We thank you for your vote of confidence in electing us to serve.

Do not fear “different.” Different can be the fuel of evolution. This Council will build upon Archangels’ historical accomplishments by driving evolution in many aspects of our parish’s life – better communication, ministry participation, clearer finances, more helpful technology, infrastructure, and even athletics. In the process, we will evolve as Christians. Yes, we have faith in our Lord, but we should also strive to

gain more faith in ourselves. We must get to the point where we believe in what our parish is, where it stands, and where it is going in the 21st century.

Do not fear “different.” Embrace the positive changes that “different” brings.

But what about the old saying, “We are Orthodox; unchanged for over 2,000 years”...? Well, sort of. We no longer travel barefoot. We tend to worship indoors. We tend to avoid lion attacks as we go about our day. We do change, at the margins at least, while honoring our roots. At our root, we are the result of proud and hardworking immigrants – always looking to improve and evolve.

We are grateful to our predecessors for all the groundwork they have laid, especially our prior Parish Councils. They graciously did their jobs for many years, expecting nothing in return. Without them, who knows where we would be today. We will build on their work.

Warmly,

*Jason Konidaris*

Parish Council President

## CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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## PASTORAL QUESTION & ANSWER

**Question:** How does the Coffee Hour work? Who takes care of it? Can persons or families sponsor it? If so, how?

**Answer:** As the modern day equivalent of the “agape meal” in the first churches of the Apostles (where believers shared relaxed fellowship and food), our Coffee Hour is always offered on Sundays as well as most weekdays after Liturgy in the hall. To ensure it is consistently available, Jane Vorvis in the office works with a few volunteers to prepare coffee and offer some pastries. (For some years now, we regularly received substantial contributions of pastry, but this ended recently.) Some ministries will rotate each month to set up (such as Philoptochos and the Seniors), serve and clean up, but not actually provide the food and drink. The new Parish Council wants to expand the opportunities in which you as members can sponsor a Coffee Hour in order to:

- honor the memory of a loved one who has passed
- celebrate a birthday, name-day, or anniversary
- share the joy of a graduation or other milestone in life (e.g., a promotion or award)

This would involve one of the following:

- donate enough money to cover costs of food and drink and have our staff and volunteers take care of the rest
- provide the food and drink yourself but leave the rest to us
- provide both the food & drink and serve it.

Consider how much nearly everyone enjoys this precious way of visiting with each other, especially with so many demands on our families and increasingly infrequent contact during the week. ***Have you ever sponsored a Coffee Hour on Sunday? Why not consider doing so this year as a way of contributing to our beloved community and sharing your life with us! To find out more contact Jane at 203-348-4216.***

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### ***Parish Council***

The first meeting of the new Parish Council took place in January. We have begun work on a new initiative called Leaders & Liaisons. We will reformulate what the relationship should be between ministry/important function leaders and parish council/church staff. When completed, we will have the framework for better communication, support, and real accountability between the two. On a different front, Ushers and Fr. Harry are working on improvements to our church worship experience, including flow and length. Behind the scenes we began early groundwork in November and December to improve or update the following: record keeping, sign-ins and templates to welcome new parishioners, bank account titling and signatories, and an easier to read full set of financials (balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement) that will be available to every parishioner in good standing when completed. We are here to serve. Contact: Jason Konidaris

### ***Treasurer's Report***

The 2016 Operating Budgets for the church and the SAC were presented and approved at January's General Assembly. We are closing in on finalizing 2015 year-end figures and should be ready to report out in time for the next issue of the Herald. The Council is currently working on getting on-line contributions implemented and linked to the upcoming new church website. Additional information will be provided once it is available for use. Contact: Elias Lolis

### ***Master Planning Committee***

We have had further meetings and communication with JGR Architects to address layout issues – notably accessible ramps and lifts. Candidly, we have been sidetracked on this issue for quite some time. It is important for our new floor plan to accommodate the physical abilities of all our parishioners, both young and old. We will complete this aspect in February and move on to the important task of budget reallocation – aligning proposed construction costs with our financial abilities. We are encouraged by the Capital Campaign's progress. Please make your commitment in support of this very important work. Contact: Jason Konidaris

### ***Buildings & Grounds***

On January 15 we met with Mega Mechanical, our original contractor who installed our heating and air conditioning system. We had a roundtable discussion on improving comfort levels in the church, hall, and first floor classrooms. Steve Sarigianis, Evan Stergianis, John Cocolis and I attended. Given that digital computer skills are required, Steve Sarigianis sat one-on-one with Sean Bronson to get familiar with the day to day operation of the system. We now have on-site capabilities. Per Evan Stergianis, we drained the boiler hot water expansion tanks and plan to provide chemical treatments to cleanse the piping for the second floor classrooms. We relocated the temperature sensor from the Narthex to the Nave of the church for better temperature sampling. At Stamford

Athletic Club we are addressing skylight water leaks in the gym, as well as premature failure of two ceiling lighting fixtures. Contact: Peter Licopantis, Nick Aivalis or Gregg Demetros

## Capital Campaign

As of January 10, 2016: We are about half way to our goal of \$2.2 million. Total commitments have reached \$1,090,000. Of that amount, cash in hand is \$823,373. That cash level exceeds the hurdle required by the General Assembly in order to break ground. Total commitments however are \$410,000 shy of the General Assembly's hurdle required for breaking ground. Existing contributors are following through nicely on their 3-year pledge increments. We thank you so much. We need new contributors to step forward now. When you do, please note the importance of a 3-year pledge. It allows us the ability to fund our good

work through the life of the project, rather than all at once. That will be critical in meeting project bills in 2017 and 2018. Note that the Anonymous \$250,000 Matching Grant is active. It is encouraging to note that as of its September launch, 25 commitments have been received, putting us well on our way to securing the match hopefully within the current year. If you contribute by check to the Capital Campaign be sure to note "Matching Grant" in the memo field. The Committee will be further publicizing the Campaign in new ways that will become apparent in the coming weeks. We have a long way to go toward meeting our goal. The Committee urges all church members to respond as generously as they are able in offering three-year pledges when contacted by solicitors or through one of the other means of solicitation to be adopted. The solicitors are familiar faces; they are your fellow parishioners, doing difficult work. Please receive them warmly. Contact: Elias N. Kulukundis

## Stewardship Report

Our 2016 stewardship campaign has gotten off to an excellent start. Through January, we have received back 205 stewardship cards from parishioners. This is a great response and we encourage anyone who has not done so to fill out one of the cards. Additional cards are available in the Church office and all pledges and gift amounts are kept confidential. While the cards help the Church budget and plan, they are also a big help to all of us as stewards since they make our giving intentional. The discipline of committing to a plan and then living up to that plan is

quite powerful. God has given us everything we have and returning a portion of our talents and treasures back to the Church helps us grow in our relationship to Jesus.

Every year the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America adopts a Stewardship theme and icon. This year's theme is "Those that seek the Lord shall never be in want" and the 2016 icon is an image of Jesus feeding the five thousand in the wilderness with five loaves and two fish donated by a boy. The message is that God will multiply our gifts if we do act and give what we can. Contact: Tim Hartch

## 2016 Stewards (as of Jan. 31) (Families are listed by the name of the person who submitted a pledge card or stewardship contribution)

George Adamis	Peter Diamond	Jason Konidaris	Jerry Nijmeijer	Angela Spanakos
Maria Alfaro	Stella Durdunas	Lee Kordes	Nicholas Nikas	John Spanakos
Michael Anthony	Pati Esposito	Elias Kulukundis	Theofilos Nikolis	Konstantinos Spetsaris
George Antipas	Matthew Feldman	Natalie Kulukundis	Michael Oris	Athanasios
Angelo Aravidis	Tony George	Nick Kyriakos	Andreas Papadatos	Stambouloupoulos
George Badoyiannis	Tina Georgeou	Stew Leonard	George Paparis	Evans Stergianis
George Bakes	Dennis Giannos	Peter Licopantis	Robert Papp	Stylianios Theofanidis
Constance Begetis	Effpraxia Gianos	Elias Lolis	MaryAnn Pappas	Demetrios Tsapralis
Kiriaki Bellos	Margarita Haralabidis	John Louizos	Fr. Harry Pappas	Katina Tsirantonakis
Joan Bolanis	Tim Hartch	John Lycouris	Harry Paschalidis	Anna Turchyna
Diane Caminis	Valerie Herrmann	Maria Magliacano	Georgette Perimenis	Anastasia Valassis
Marie Carlucci	Evangelia Hlebogiannis	Spyros Malitzis	Jane Perkins	Basil Vanech
Peter Chlebogiannis	Peter Hoffmann	Athina Mashas	Athanassios Petrotos	Dena Vanech
Peter Cholakis	Bill Janocha	Perry Mihaleas	Dean Poulos	Marion Vanson
Elizabeth Chu	William Jones	Peter Mihaleas	Fr. George Poulos	Nadine Vasil
James W. Cocolis	Sergio Kailas	Alan Morelli	Susan Root	Ann Vassiliou
Helen Coker	James Kambas	Thomas Moulketis	Lee Sampanis	Jane Vorvis
Nicholas Daifotis	Maryanne Kardaris	Angel Muniz	Steve Sarigianis	Anastasios Vouthounis
James Damascus	George Khouri	Anne Nanos	Branka Shekhdar	Christopher Williams
Gregg Demetros	Nick Kiratsous	Christopher P. Nanos	Micheline Shola	Paul T. Winn
Helen Demetros	Pandora Kolich	Christopher A. Nanos	Ted Sierpina	Nicholas Yoranidis
Matthew DeVito	Annie Konidaris	Penelope Nanos	Suha Slim	
			Aggie Sotire	
				<b>Total pledged: \$239,150</b>

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## MINISTRIES

### *Blessing of Homes and Businesses*

The annual brief blessing service continues throughout February. All that is needed is an icon, candle, sprig of basil (or other green), bowl of water, and a list of the first names of family members (or co-workers), including the deceased. Please note that no honorarium is sought or needed, since this is part of Fr. Harry's normal responsibilities. To schedule an appointment contact either Jane in the office or Fr. Harry directly (see Staff Directory below).

### *Adult Education*

Orthodoxy 101 – Fr. Harry will offer an introductory class on the basic teachings, worship, and way of life in the Orthodox Tradition to all prospective catechumens, inquirers, and others interested. Be on the lookout for starting date and time.

- **Adult Catechism** – the group will be pursuing a dual track this coming year:

† Centering Prayer – learning from Fr. Thomas Keating about a contemporary reformulation of the ancient practice of contemplative prayer through a series of DVD's and discussion led by Fr. Harry;

† Establishing a core group of Bible Study veterans chosen by Fr. Harry to be trained as facilitators for small groups called "Koinonia" (Greek for Communion and community) that will be launched in various geographic areas later in 2016. This pilot group will learn about leading informal prayer, facilitating small group Bible Study, and nurturing supportive fellowship.

† Book Group – Fr. Harry will investigate, with the other members of our parish who have graduate theological degrees, the feasibility of offering a group that reads a book and then engages in discussion.

- **Bible Study** – a unique ecumenical program of Bible Study called "Midwinter Sonlight" on the parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke has been offered in 4 different churches in Stamford on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm, led by the host pastor. Final session and conclusion is here at Archangels on Thu, Feb 4, led by Fr. Harry on "Parables of Life Before God", with a Church Tour at 7 pm. Refreshments, including homemade Greek pastries, will be served.

- **Wedding Class #2** – Fr. Harry will offer for all who are preparing for marriage or to have their marriage blessed on Sun., Feb 21, from 3-5:30 pm. In addition, it is open to all married couples for enrichment.

- **On Aging** – in accord with a major ministry focus this year, we have prepared a series of four professionals to address different aspects of growing older. All are on Monday evenings at 7 pm and open to the public, according to the following schedule:

1. Feb 22 – Dr. Evgenia Littrivis, "Golden Rules for the Golden Years: Resources to Reduce Symptom Burden and Caregiver Burnout in Older Adults"
2. Feb 29 – Dr. Stephen Jones, "Paths to Successful Aging"
3. Mar 7 – Ms. Maria Scaros Mercado, "Creative Aging: Redefining Yourself after 50"
4. Mar 21 – Fr. Harry, "The Spirituality of Aging: Opportunities & Challenges"

- **Great Tours: Greece and Turkey, from Athens to Istanbul** – a series of DVD lectures on ancient culture and history, sponsored by AHEPA. Details below.



Presbyteria Kerry leading a Retreat on Marriage to couples at St. Paul's Church in Irvine, CA (Jan 23)





Pastor Duane Pederson of St. John's Lutheran introduces the Parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke in the first of 4 Ecumenical Bibles to over 100 people (Jan 14)

## ***Seniors***

Our January Senior Lunch was called to order by our President Pam Koutroubis. The minutes were read by our secretary Kiki Marmarinos. At our luncheon, we were served pastitsio, which was "nostimo." Our speaker was Lou Blanco, Senior Tax Advisor with H & R Block. Lou, gave us tips on Roth IRA's, planning ahead for capital expenses, discussed reverse mortgages, and to be aware of tax identity theft, to mention a few of the topics. A question and answer period followed. At our February 10th meeting, we will be entertained by the Silver Tones of Greenwich, Ct. They will bring us back to memory lane. Also, we will be honored to have as a special guest speaker Elian Kulukundis. Come join us, kali pareia (good company!) Archangel Senior dues can be paid at our next meeting. Contacts: Peter Licopantis or Pam Koutroubis

## ***Ladies Philoptochos Society***

Our next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 7 p.m. in the Church Hall. We welcome your participation. Lots of plans are underway for spring activities. Dues can be paid at the meeting. Contact: Marion Vanson at marionvanson@yahoo.com

## ***Church School***

The Church School Program participated in a cross-ministry celebration of the Feast of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters (Grammaton) on January 31st. Congratulations and a very special thank you to Marianna Konidaris, John Konidaris, and Aphrodite Haralabidis for representing our program during this event! Our students read beautifully about the significance of our commemorated saints. And a heartfelt thanks to their parents, Jason and Janie Konidaris, and Ritta Haralabidis for supporting our program so steadfastly. The Church School Program will hold its first Philanthropy Sunday, a whole-school lesson and philanthropic activity on Sunday, February 21, 2016 during our regular Church School programming. We are excited to offer a regular service extension to our learning as a school community! Contact: Evelyn Biliass Lolis

## ***Greek School***

On the 31st, we celebrated the Feast of the Three Hierarchs and Greek Letters. On this day, we congratulated Students, Teachers, and Parents for their successes throughout the year. We thank you all for supporting the Greek School at this event by merely being present. It is these types of events where the children feel the importance of their heritage and are proud to be part of such a wonderful and loving community. Our annual Annunciation/Greek Independence Day March 25th event is coming up quick; please note that you will be receiving the raffle tickets in the mail this month. Next PTO Meeting is February 9th at 5:30 p.m. Contacts: PTO Board, Rebecca Kelesidis Rebecca@Kelesidis.com

## ***Greek Language Classes for Adults***

If interested, please contact: Dr. Eugenia Zavras

## ***Oratorical Festival***

We are excited that it is the season, once again, for the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival. This Festival offers the opportunity to students in grades 7-12 to write a short speech in response to a topic related to their Orthodox



The GOYANs met at the Build A Bear store at the Trumbull Mall on MLK Day to decorate (aka 'build') teddy bears to be given to pediatric cancer patients at the Ronald McDonald House in Manhattan.



Two of our GOYANs, Vasili Seitaridis and Annie Morelli serve food at New Covenant House of Hospitality (soup kitchen) along GOYANs, advisors, and Fr. Evan from Annunciation.

faith. Students will then have the chance to deliver this speech to the community. The Festival provides a rare moment for students to reflect on the meaning of their faith in words and to offer those words as an example and inspiration to those peers and adults around them. Look out for an email detailing three important dates:

1. An upcoming February **Question & Answer session** for students and parents about the Oratorical Festival, its topics, and requirements,
2. **A Workshop** in late February or early March in which students can get help and advice on writing their speeches,
3. **The Parish Festival** on March 20th. Archangels has the distinct honor once again this year to hold the District Level Oratorical Festival on Saturday, April 16th. Let us represent our community there with participants from our parish! For details, see: <http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/departments/religious/sjcof>. Contact: Anastasia Valassis, [avalassis@gmail.com](mailto:avalassis@gmail.com).

## GOYA

On Saturday, January 9th at the Church of Our Savior in Rye, New York, several of our GOYANs attended the *Camp Saint Paul Reunion*. Over 400 youth from throughout the New York District attended the event, displaying the immense and growing popularity of the 11 year old camp. Summer after summer, the hearts and minds of our youth are reoriented to and strengthened in Jesus Christ. This is one of the most, if not the most dynamic ministries for youth in the District.

The GOYA gathered on Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King Jr Day) at the "Build a Bear" store in the

Trumbull Mall for our *Build a Bear* event. Each of the twelve teens helped stuff and custom dress fuzzy teddy bears to be given to pediatric cancer patients of the Ronald McDonald House in Manhattan. Our teens built the bears with care and love. At the district wide *Distribution Event* on Saturday, January 30th, a score of children walked away with smiles that lit up the room and warmed the heart.

On Saturday, January 30th, two of our Archangels GOYANs joined with Annunciation GOYANs at *New Covenant House* (soup kitchen) for an evening of service and fellowship. Witnessing the sincere gratitude of those receiving but one hot meal allowed our kids the opportunity to reflect on and contemplate all the generous blessings they have received in their lives. All who attended – parents, teens, and myself – are reminded that it is more blessed to serve than to be served (and also, to do so with joyful spirits).

[Note: there is no write-up about the GOYA Dance in Waterbury, as it was rescheduled for later in the year]

Keep in mind the upcoming events for February 2016:

- **Sunday Feb. 7th** ~ Monthly Meeting after the Open House fellowship hour in SAC.
- **Saturday, Feb. 27th** ~ Parthosi Dance Festival. *We will be attending & "scouting" out the event for potential entry next year.*



## ***GOYA Reunion***

On **Thursday, February 18th** at 6:00pm, a *GOYA Reunion* event will be taking place for young adults (ages 18-35) at John the Baker Restaurant (at the intersection of Long Ridge & High Ridge). This event is for any and all who have passed through the Archangels GOYA (and their friends). It will be a fun evening of reminiscing and reconnecting.

## ***Athletics***

The *Connecticut Eastern Orthodox Volleyball League* (CEOVL) has begun. Our girls have teamed up with girls from Annunciation again this year for Junior Varsity and Varsity division teams. The qualification for the JV team is 14 years of age or younger as of 8/1/15, and for the Varsity is 19 years of age or younger as of 8/1/15. We are still readily accepting new players.

After a slow start, the *Senior Men's* basketball team has gone on a 5 games winning-streak, improving to 5-3 on the year. Contact: John at [atozjohn@aol.com](mailto:atozjohn@aol.com) or 203-550-6894; Steve at 203-623-5896 [steve@archangelsgoc.org](mailto:steve@archangelsgoc.org)

## ***Little Angels***

On Friday, January 29th Little Angels sponsored a beautiful evening of fellowship, learning, and reflection, under the wise and generous guidance of Presvytera Kerry. We discussed Gary Chapman's *The Five Love Languages* and the importance of devoting ourselves to marriage, particularly to an understanding of the way our spouse receives and understands our love. Persons and couples in attendance were able to speak both theoretically and personally



Little Angels Parents at Book Discussion led by Presvytera Kerry at the Valassis Home (Jan. 29)

in response to Chapman's ideas. We hope to sponsor another such an event in the future! A sincere and respectful thank you to Presvytera for offering us her time and talents! Her expertise provided a vital anchor to our discussion.

In February we hope to begin planning fundraising activities, such as a bake sale, or children's tea luncheon, to make offerings to the parish as it seeks to meet the needs of its youngest members, as well as to other young children in need beyond our community. Please let us know if you'd like to help. We are also working on scheduling a Fun Fitness Event at the Stamford Athletic Center involving various sports, activities, and games for the children. We will need volunteers to run activities... we'd like to see some dads take this on! Let us know if you are interested in assisting. Look out for an email with specifics! Contact: Anastasia Valassis, [avalassis@gmail.com](mailto:avalassis@gmail.com)

## ***Hope/Joy***

On **Saturday, February 13th**, parents, grandparents, members and friends of Hope & Joy are invited to a special "*Valentine Visit*" at Atria senior living facility. We will assemble in the Atria lobby at 11:00 a.m. We are going to make festive Valentine's Day cards with and for the residents. After, children may perform an act of their choosing for the group (instrument, song, poem, dance, etc.). Following the visit, we will enjoy lunch together at Cosi restaurant in downtown Stamford. This is a great event and opportunity for the children to interact with people of a different generation in a positive and warm environment. Based on feedback from last year, we know that the residents truly enjoyed and appreciated the time that we spent with them. If you can join us, please RSVP by e-mail to [cnanos@optonline.net](mailto:cnanos@optonline.net). Contact: Chris & Luisa Nanos

## Family Movie Night

On Saturday, March 5th at 5:30pm in the church hall, we will be hosting our next *Family Movie Night*, open to all ages! The widely popular 2010 movie “*Despicable Me*” will be screened. Join us for an enjoyable evening of family fun that will include a free pizza dinner (for good-will offering), the feature presentation, and a meaningful discussion to conclude. Hope to see you there.



## Koliva Workshop

On **Saturday, February 20th** from 10:00am to 12:00 noon, there will be a *Koliva Workshop*. Come learn how to prepare Koliva, the boiled wheat dish used during memorial services. This, the second workshop of the new Baking Ministry, is open to all. All materials will be provided; no experience is needed. The workshop will be lead by Steve Sarigianis and Pres. Electra Sarigianis (from St. Barbara Church in Orange).

## International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)

The IOCC is encouraging undergraduates and recent college graduates to apply for intern positions with the IOCC this coming summer (10-12 week commitments). The IOCC intends to hire three interns – one at its headquarters in Baltimore; one at its Minneapolis field office; and one in Athens, Greece. The deadline for applications is February 29th. In addition, the IOCC is looking for volunteers to participate in one week “Orthodox action teams” to build homes in New Orleans, Columbia S.C., and Oklahoma City. Volunteers must be 18 years and older, although individuals ages 16 and 17 can accompany a parent or guardian. Volunteers do not need to have any building skills, just energy and a willingness to work hard. For additional information on the internship and volunteer opportunities visit [ioccc.org](http://ioccc.org). Contact: Tim Hartch

*Join us!* **Koliva Workshop**  
**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00am - 12:00pm in Church Hall**  
**No experience needed.**  
**All materials provided.**  
**RSVP with Jane at the church office.**



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## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

### ***Foundation Fund***

The Foundation Board met in December at the request of the Parish Council to discuss the year-end financial position of the church and of the SAC. The Treasurer noted that the Church did not have the necessary funds at the time to repay a short-term \$50,000 loan that was due the next day. The Board decided to extend the maturity of the loan to coincide with the maturity of the five-year loan for \$50,000 that had been granted in January of 2015.

Accordingly, the principal is due to be repaid to the Foundation in January 2020. Jason Konidaris reported on the recent changes in the administration of SAC. On behalf of the Parish Council he submitted two requests to the Foundation: First, funds for severance pay agreements offered to prior management of SAC. Second, that a credit line be made available, if needed, to provide initial working capital to the new management of SAC, in the form of a short-term loan. Such a loan would mature on December 31, 2016. The Foundation required that these funds be segregated from all other Church funds in a separate bank account on which a Foundation member would have a signature as well as a member of the Parish Council. Tim Hartch was designated to sign on behalf of the Foundation. Management has not had a need to tap this credit line to date. The parish community should be aware that current stock market turmoil has had an impact on the Foundation's investment portfolio, as noted at the Budget General Assembly. Markets rise and fall. It is hoped that this situation will be temporary. We must be vigilant in preserving our capital at a level that keeps the Foundation's mission viable long-term. Contact: Elias N. Kulukundis

### ***AHEPA***

We are in the middle of our annual showing of educational videos for six Fridays in January and February aimed at helping our community to get through the toughest part of winter while learning about our common heritage. Our series this year, "Great Tours: Greece and Turkey, from Athens to Istanbul" has been a great success. We are receiving record positive audience feedback, both in quantity and quality of compliments! The remaining two Fridays are February 12 and 19. If you have not yet been to a screening, make sure to attend one. Contact: Nicholas Nikas 203-554-5570 niketes@yahoo.com

### ***Stamford Athletic Club @ the Greek Cultural Center***

The club is completing its first month of transition and outward change is beginning to show. We have a reenergized staff. Friendly technology meets you at the door; digital displays highlight available activities and upcoming fitness classes. ***Take Me To The Water***, a new swim offering, launches February 1st. Archangels families receive a 50% discount on their first swim program package (call 888-794-6692 or email [info@takemetothewater.com](mailto:info@takemetothewater.com) to register). A new group fitness schedule begins February 1st and will include a trial Tuesday evening class. Also, a free 6-week "Lean In 2016" nutrition and exercise program will be available beginning Saturday February 6th at 11:00 AM in the downstairs studio. Behind the scenes, we are upgrading quality while decreasing cost of such services as payroll processing, bookkeeping, and swimming pool cleaning, to name a few. A frequently asked question; "Are there plans to increase dues for existing members?" The answer is no. Contact: Jeff Kaminski (GM) or Jason Konidaris (Parish Council)



Aerial photo of metal deck being installed for St. Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero (Feb 2)

# Stamford**Athletic**Club

Introducing our new swim program  
"Take Me To The Water"

All parishioners receive a 50%  
*discount* on their first program. Email  
[info@takemetothewater.com](mailto:info@takemetothewater.com) or call  
888-794-6692



Schedule a  
**Free Trial Massage**

Email: [keepinmotion@hotmail.com](mailto:keepinmotion@hotmail.com)  
Call: 203-912-2855



Announcing 2 *new*  
classes on Tuesdays

- **Silver & Fit (10:30am)**
- **3T's Boot Camp (6pm)**



Free 6-week  
weight loss program

**"Lean in 2016"**

Starts Saturday, 2/6 at 11am



**SAC Open House**  
for Archangels families

- Day: Sunday, 2/7
- Time: 11:30am-1pm

Receive discounts on a variety of  
programs offered at the club





# ΑΠΟΚΡΙΑΤΙΚΟ ΓΛΕΝΤΙ

## Apokriatiko Glenti

2016

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# Mardi Gras

## CELEBRATION DINNER DANCE

PRESENTED BY THE CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> 2016 | 6:30 to 11:00 PM

### Bank Street Events

65 Bank Street, Downtown Stamford CT

Valet Parking Available

**DINNER BUFFET | DJ Entertainment**

*Costumes are Optional...but always fun!*

**Adults \$50 | 16 - 5yrs \$20 | 4yrs & Under Free**

**Reservations and Payment Required  
by Monday February 22nd**

**LINK:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/archangels-annual-mardi-gras-dinner-dance-tickets-21074630788?ref=estw>

**CALL: 203.325.2739**

**EMAIL: nikki@bankstreetevents.com**





# CHURCH OF THE ARCHANGELS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## The Capital Campaign Committee:

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## The Capital Campaign:

The goal is to raise \$2,200,000 over a three-year period from 2014 to 2017, now extended to 2018. The purpose of the Campaign is to fund upgrading and renewal of the church campus and ministry with specific emphasis on the Church Hall and offices, and minor cosmetic improvements in the Church itself, bringing our campus into the 21st Century. In addition, the amount includes the sum of \$150,000 to fund the salary and benefits of an Administrative Assistant for the Church for three years, after which the Church will take over funding that cost from stewardship. There are no plans to utilize any of these funds for repairs or improvements to the Greek Cultural Center.

## The Data (as of January 10, 2016):

Total Commitments .....\$1,090,000  
Total Commitments Paid .....\$ 821,744  
Total Number of Multi-Year Commitments .....55  
Total Number of Single Year Commitments .....14  
Total Number of Other Commitments .....12

## The Matching Grant:

A Matching Grant of \$250,000 was offered by an anonymous donor, to be matched by cash contributions received after September 20, 2015 when our Campaign went public. As of January 10th, 25 donations have been received toward the matching grant. Any donations intended for this purpose must have the logo "Matching Grant" in the Memo space on the check, or mention the Matching Grant in any communication accompanying the donation in order to qualify.

## The Requirements:

The General Assembly of May 4, 2015 set the following hurdles to be reached before the commencement of construction:

Total Commitments Hurdle .....\$1,500,000  
(67% of the stated target goal of \$2,200,000)  
Cash in Hand Hurdle .....\$ 726,000  
(33% of the stated target goal of \$2,200,000)

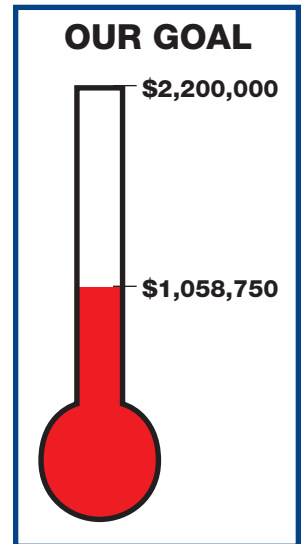
The Cash in Hand hurdle has already been reached. The Commitments hurdle is still \$ 410,000 shy of target.

Donors should ideally spread pledges over a three-year period. For new pledges, that would be between 2016 and 2018. Pledges may be accompanied by an initial donation toward the first year's pledge, though remitting the entire first year's pledge amount can be done later in the course of 2016 if preferred.

## The Expenses:

The Campaign's expenses to date include: assistance from the Archdiocese Development Office, architectural work on preliminary plans, and production of solicitation materials. These are in addition to \$50,415 for salary & benefits for Basil Vanech, hired in September of 2014 as parish Administrative Assistant. The Campaign's responsibility for reimbursing the Church for Mr. Vanech terminates on October 1, 2017.

Inasmuch as funds are likely to be required on a regular basis once construction commences, the General Assembly gave the Campaign Committee the right to go to a bank and discount any unpaid pledge amounts in order to have funds available to meet expenses. Preliminary plans for the remodeling of the Church Hall and offices are on display in the Hall.



## The Contributors (as of January 20, 2016):

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