

Capital Campaign News May 20, 2012

Xristos Anesti! Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported His work and our community to fulfill our dream of a magnificent Byzantine church—just in time for Pascha, as promised. It is wonderful to hear some many compliments about our parish and magnificent church which truly glorifies God and proclaims our faith for all to see. How gratifying to see a miracle happen before our eyes!

Although we have opened our doors, our work in many ways is just beginning! We still need everyone's help and ongoing support to raise funds to pay our mortgage. We especially need to hear from several of our regular stewards who have not yet done their part to support Christ and our parish. As Orthodox Christians, it is ALL of our responsibility to give sacrificially to support the faith.

We need to raise \$1.8 million to pay off our debt. Of that amount, we need to pay off at least \$500,000 by the end of this year! Please be sure to tell your family and friends of our miracle. We have received much support from outside the parish and look forward to continuing to spread the Word around the world!

Join us as we realize a true MIRACLE! Please help us close our immediate funding gap by raising another \$140,000 in new donations/pledges this month!
Check out our website for the latest pictures! www.stsophiavf.org

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for parts of the church as well as the beautiful iconography. Please talk with any member of the Capital Campaigning Committee or Parish Council for more information!

God Bless you for your glorification of Him and support to build Him a new house of worship!

Building Funds Available as of 5/13/2012

Estimated Total Cost of Project	\$4,150,000
Number of Pledges	221
Amount Pledged	\$1,981,836
Average Pledge	\$ 8,962
Amount Collected	\$1,692,438
Amount Remaining	\$ 289,398
Building Fund Balance (Cash in the Bank)	\$ 12,738
Project Expenses Paid	\$2,457,087
Total Funds for Project (Raised + Expected NET Collections)	\$2,759,223
Permanent Mortgage	\$1,300,000
<u>SHORTFALL after Mortgage</u>	(\$155,777)

Stewardship Update May 20, 2012

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Many of us answer our phones multiple times during the day (and even some in the church!). Did you know that God is calling you as well? Are you picking up the spiritual call He is making to you? Throughout the year, and especially during the Paschal season, it is very appropriate to consider our relationship with God.

Stewardship is our way of thanking God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. To be considered good stewards of our parish and the faith, we must give back in gratitude to Him by giving of our time, talent and treasure. Our faith and parish need all three from us!

Did you know it costs us about \$8,000 EVERY WEEK to run our parish? That is over \$2,000 for every stewardship unit (single or family). Please consider increasing your stewardship level to the Pacesetter level (\$2,080 / \$40 per week). If we average the Pacesetter level from each steward, we can meet our operating and Ministry expenses from stewardship. We can then put other fundraising toward finishing the new church and renovating our current hall.

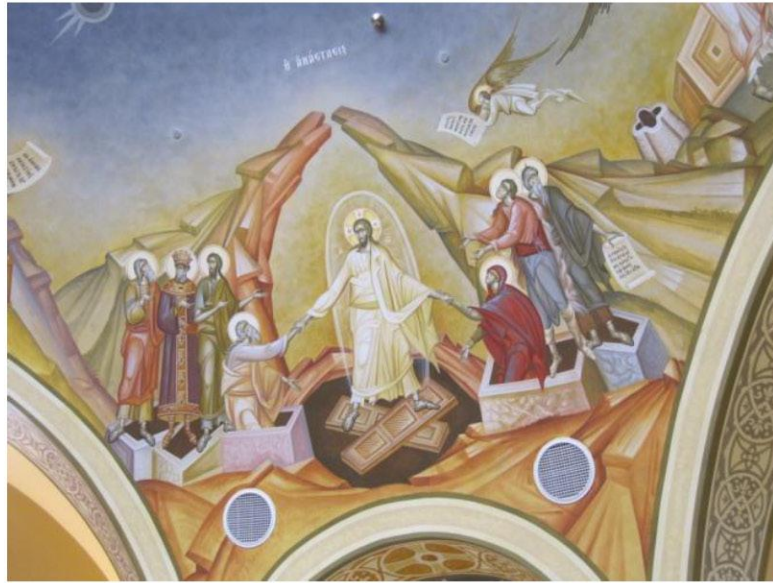
The Festival is Coming May 30th – June 3rd!!! LOTS AND LOTS of help is needed from everyone. Please share your time and talent!

Thank you for your support of God's work and our Ministries through your generous and sacrificial stewardship. God bless you and your family.

	2011 (5/18/12)	2012 (5/18/12)
Pledge Unit Goal	210	225
Pledge \$ Goal	\$185,000	\$200,000
Number of Pledges	191	144
Amount Pledged	\$162,092	\$147,644
Average Pledge	\$848.65	\$1,025.31
New Stewards	20	17

Community Iconography Program

Help Sponsor the Resurrection Icon!



Christos Anesti!! As part of the beautification of our new church, we invite everyone to participate in the iconography by sponsoring a “share” of the magnificent Anastasi (Resurrection) icon. The icon covers one of the four pendentive regions and is located in the front left near the altar. Each share is \$500.

Forms are available at the Pangari and the Cultural Center. Or call the office at 610-650-8960. Thank you!