

The Saint Andrew Bugle

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Dear Parishioners,

Blessings and best wishes as we course through September—the beginning of the New Church Year, and the resumption of school, as well as many new business projects.

I am full of anticipation for our 3rd annual Riverside Greek Fest on Oct. 2-4, and have been busy visiting the Mayor, and passing out free tickets to many different people in town.

I have many feelings and thoughts about the festival.

For one, I feel very flattered that so many Riversidians are interested in us, and choose to stop in to see us. There aren't many people in our town that can say that thousands of perfect strangers visit their faith community each year. We are honored by the interest of our neighbors.

I also am looking forward to speaking about God, faith, truth, church, prayer, baptism, and other eternal realities with the thousands that will choose to take a church tour. When a festival visitor goes on a church tour it usually means they want to hear about God and beautiful things. It is a priest's dream to have a motivated and attentive audience of non-Orthodox Christians in such a profound setting.

I also can't wait to pop in and out of all the booths, the exhibit, the kid's play area, and to see all our folks working, smiling,

and talking together and with visitors. It is special family time for us, and many beautiful memories are made each year.

I am praying for pleasant weather!

Our chairs, Kent and Zana, have asked me to pass on to you a couple of important things:

1. This Sunday, Sept. 20th, there is a mandatory food training after the Liturgy for all who will be working in food booths.
2. This Sunday, Sept. 20th, there is also a cashier training for all those who will be using our credit card machines and functioning as cashiers at the festival.
3. Lastly, we are still in need of volunteers so if you have not signed up yet either sign up on the wall of the fellowship hall OR call the church office and pledge yourself to serve somewhere. If you are signed up for 1 day and can afford to work 2 or 3 then please do and help us fill our volunteer gap.

May it be blessed from start to finish!

Fr Josiah



Two pictures from the 2014 Greek Fest.

Above: Panorama of the Icon Exhibit. Left: General view of the booths.

2015 St. Andrew Building Campaign

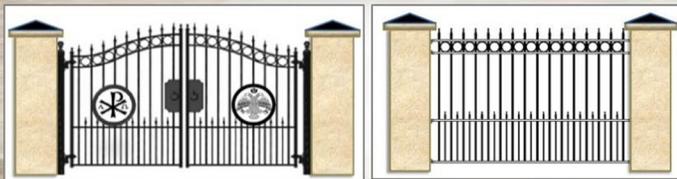
Beloved Parishioners,

The Lord's blessing be with each of you, and with our parish as we launch our 2015 St. Andrew Building Campaign. This year the parish council and I are focused on four major projects. The total cost for our 2015 Building Campaign Projects is \$250,000.

I am very thankful to God to announce to you that we have received a \$100,000 matching grant from one of our parish families. This means that we are already half the way toward fully funding our 2015 campaign. We must now raise the \$100,000 match for these funds. This match, together with the funds we have raised by hosting the Parish Life Conference, and the funds we anticipate raising at our annual Greek Fest and St. Andrew Patronal Dinner will enable us to fully pay for these wonderful projects which will benefit us all.

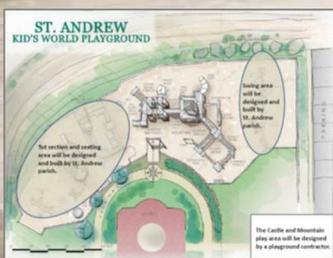
Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in this year's building project, and help our parish family bring to completion these major endeavors by making your contribution to the St. Andrew 2015 Building Campaign.

With love,
Father Josiah



Project One *Fencing and Gating the Property*

This project has been years in preparation. Our first step was to obtain a mini-revision to our Conditional Use Permit, and to pass design review with the City of Riverside. Having obtained city permission, we successfully bid and contracted the project, and construction is currently underway. Estimated cost: \$50,000.



Project Two *St. Andrew Kids' World*

This project to build a custom playground behind the church temple for our hundreds of parish children under the age of 18 has been in preparation for 6 months. We have hosted on-site our designer Leathers and Associates and approved a design plan. This will involve leveling the dirt expanse just east of the temple, pouring 18" of proper mulch-like foundation, and building a magnificent playground for the children that will be used not only for our children and grandchildren, but also for the children who will attend St. Andrew School in the future, God willing. Estimated cost: \$100,000.

Project Three *Iconography*



The 2015 installment of iconography in the church temple will be the Icon of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos which will adorn the large rear western wall of the church temple - below and on each side of our triple-arched rear windows. Estimated cost: \$25,000.



Besides the large icon of the Dormition, currently there are three individual saints being commissioned by parishioners: Ss. Elizabeth the New Martyr, Julian of Tarsus, and Paisios the New of Mt. Athos. Should you wish to commission a particular saint please notify Father Josiah.

Project Four *Improved Acoustics*

During the last six months we have solicited the services of professional acoustical engineers to diagnose our very serious acoustical problems in the church temple and to present to us a healing audio remedy. This involves altering our speaker, wifi and microphone systems, replacing our audio "brains" with a higher grade system, repositioning speakers, sound catching, tuning, and more with the goal being to greatly improve intelligibility. It is time for us to jettison our very poor system for a system that resonates with the architectural quality of the temple itself. Estimated cost: \$70,000.



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If you would like to contribute to this year's campaign, make out your check to St. Andrew Orthodox Church, with memo: 2015 Building Campaign. Of desired, you can indicate which project(s) you are interested in supporting.



I would like to contribute to 2015 St. Andrew Building Campaign.
I have marked the areas I would like to support and the amount of my gift below:

<input type="checkbox"/> FENCING AND GATING THE PROPERTY \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> ST. ANDREW KIDS' WORLD \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> ICONOGRAPHY \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> IMPROVED ACCOUSTICS \$ _____

2015 Building Campaign Update...

As of September 6, 2015, 21 of our parish families have made donations to our matching-grant campaign drive with contributions of \$15,480.

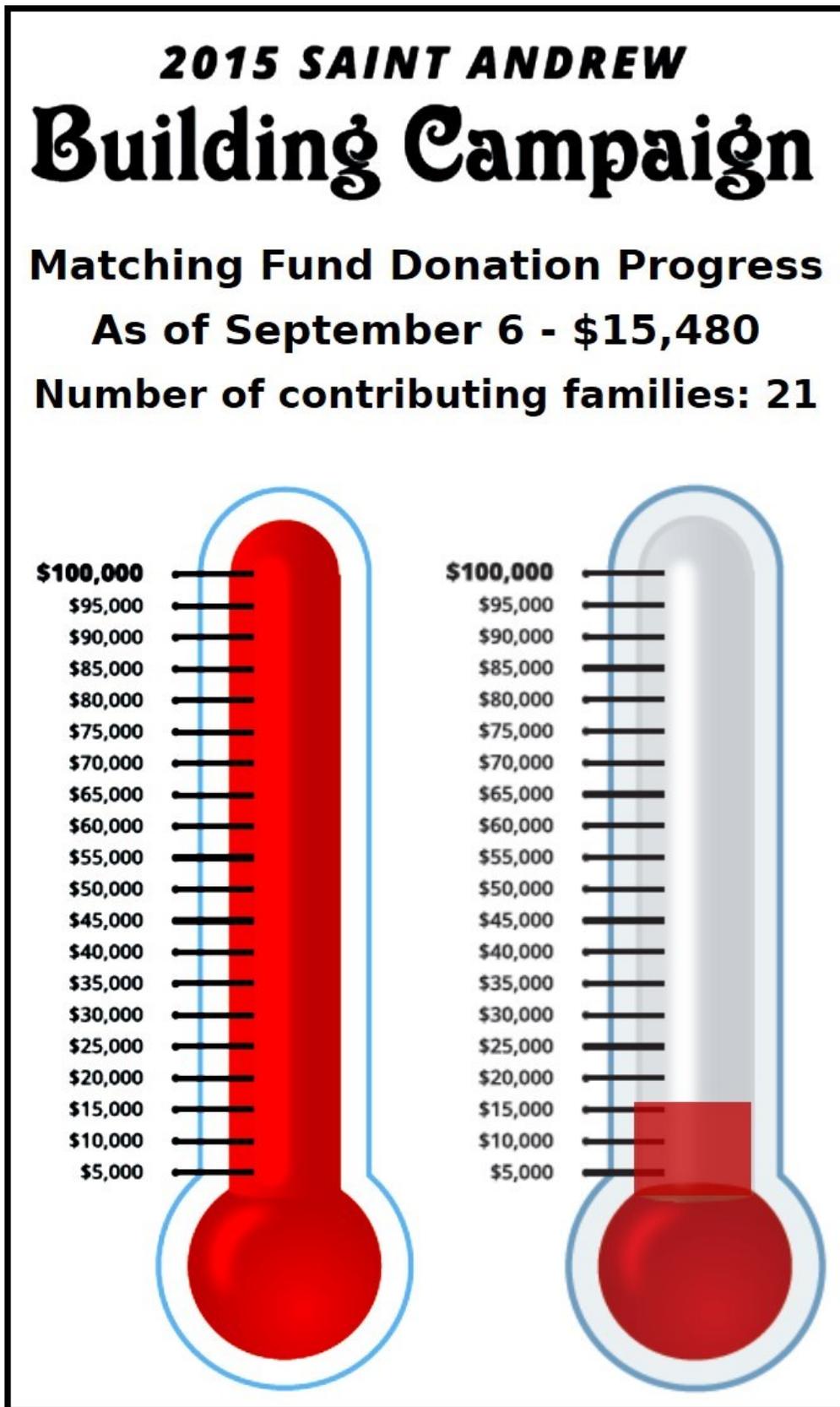
The playground builders are just waiting for the green light from us, but in order to give them the GREEN light we need to increase the RED line!

Please consider what you can contribute to our drive, and help us make the fence/gates, playground, acoustics, and Dormition Icon on the west wall of the temple a reality.

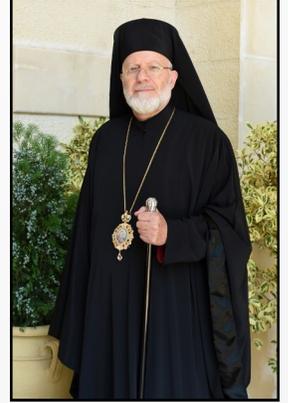
With love,

Father Josiah

*Thank
You*



His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH's Pastoral Message for the Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross



“As the Cross is lifted up, it urgeth all of creation to praise the immaculate Passion of the One Who was lifted up thereon. For by means of the Cross, He slew him that slew us; and He made the dead to live again, making them beautiful, granting them the Heavens as dwelling-place, because He is compassionate, in the unsurpassed and unspeakable excess of His goodness. With joy, then, let us all exalt His Name, while magnifying His infinite condescension toward our race.” (From *The Vesperal Stichera for the Elevation of the Cross*) We greet you with love and joy on this Feast of the Elevation of the Precious and Life Giving Cross. The Sticherion from the Vespers of the feast which is quoted above transmits to us the essence of this feast. The lifting up of the Cross upon which our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ was crucified draws us near to His passion, and reminds us that He has defeated Satan and all his power once and for all. By His Passion He brought life to those who were in the tombs, restoring them to the beauty with which they had when God created them and opening up the heavens as their dwelling place. Lastly, He did this not only for those who were in the tombs, but for

all of us who place our hope in Him. Such an act can only come from a compassionate and loving God, which is our God. We glorify the Precious and Life Giving Cross, and through it we praise the Lord for the mercy, love and compassion which He pours out upon His people. As the Cross is lifted, so may our spirits be lifted to a new life in Christ!

Yours in Christ,

+ JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

FALL MEETING OF ARCHDIOCESE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS GOVERNING COUNCIL

St. Michael Church and St. Nicholas Cathedral will be co-hosting the Fall Meeting of the Archdiocese Board of Trustees and the Order of St. Ignatius Governing Council on October 22-25, 2015. This is a historical event, as it is the first time that the Board is meeting in the West.

Saturday evening Vespers will be held at St. Michael Church with the ground-breaking for a new Sanctuary followed by a Banquet honoring Fr. Timothy Baclig's 25th anniversary as Pastor of St. Michael Church; at the Warner Center Marriott; \$100 (Adults/Teens) and \$40 (Children: 12 and under). (St. Michael is soliciting sponsors for the weekend.) For on-line registration for event tickets and Sponsorship for St. Michael's events.

For more information contact the weekend Co-Chairs: Sondra Love: slove1@socal.rr.com 818.383.3489 or Michael Srour: mcsrou@gmail.com 818.314.9363.

Sunday morning His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH will celebrate a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with the Antiochian Hierarchs at St. Nicholas Cathedral. A special Luncheon will follow in the Heritage Ballroom. \$25 (Adults/Teens) and \$15 (Children: 12 and under). To make reservations for the Luncheon please contact:

Rose Samore at rosesamore@gmail.com or at 818-956-8555, or Concetta Smarius at Concettasmarius@yahoo.com or at 626-351-8745

ST. ANDREW COMMUNITY NEWS...

Another couple from St. Andrew is moving to Washington State!



Justin and Kristi Shumway are moving to the Tri-Cities, WA for new jobs for both of them.

It seems that the Pacific Northwest is drawing several of our young couples. What's the secret? You don't like the hot Southern California weather any more?

OK, joking aside, we wish Justin and Kristi much happiness and success in their new home. We will miss them and we look forward to their visits.



Congratulations to the newly-engaged couple, Elizabeth Joris from our parish and Karl Rashkeev from Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Salt Lake City, Utah. They plan to wed at St. Andrew on January 2nd, 2016. May God grant them a long and happy life together.

In case you missed what Elizabeth wrote on Facebook, here is what she said: *"We went on the campout with his church. On Friday, August 21, they had a talent show. At the end of the talent show, Karl and his priest and some of his friends came up to sing. They started singing 'Can't Help Falling in Love with You' by Elvis Presley. At the second stanza, Karl broke from the group, and walked over to bring me up in front of everyone. He got down on one knee and asked me to marry him".* How sweet is this?

Less than 3 weeks until the Greek Fest...

Important updates about volunteer needs, worker training, need for church tour cover ups and how you can buy a 50/50 Treasure Chest raffle ticket.

The most critical need is **GREEK FEST AREA WORKERS!!!** Many of you have rallied and signed up to volunteer and the good news is that some of the needs have been met! But we are still short of staff for many booths and other work areas. Volunteer signup sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are still needed for the following areas. You can email Sh. Leeann at bleeann.hernandez@gmail.com.

- Loukamades Booth – Leader needed as well
- Pastry Booth
- Gyro Booth
- Dinner Plate Booth
- Souvlaki Booth
- Falafel Booth
- Info Table
- Sample Distributor
- Washing Booth
- Kid's Zone
- Church Tour Table

Another volunteer opportunity: We will be using part of the St. Andrew parking lot for paid parking. To volunteer as an attendant, contact Kent Joris at kent@thejorisfamily.com

POSTER DISTRIBUTION AT LOCAL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

If you are a student at any of the local colleges or universities, we need you to consider distributing and hanging posters for the Greek Fest where you attend school. People are needed for UCR, RCC and CBU, as well as any other school you may be attending. You don't have to be a student to do this. Anyone can volunteer to help in this area. If you are interested in helping with this, email Angela at boudouva@yahoo.com.

MANDATORY WORKER MEETING

Sunday, September 20th at 12:30, in the hall, is a mandatory food booth training/meeting. All volunteers planning on helping with any food or drinks need to attend. This includes Gyro, Falafel, Spanakopita, Souvlaki, Loukoumades, Loukaniko, Dinners, Bar, Pastries, Coffee and Kitchen Crew.

MANDATORY CASHIER TRAINING

All booth captains and cashiers must attend one of training classes being offered. If you have questions, contact Email Gordon at: gtrendt@hotmail.com. **Last Training time:** Sunday, September 20th at 12:30pm

COVERINGS NEEDED FOR CHURCH TOURS

People attending the Greek Fest who are not properly covered cannot participate in our church tours unless they cover up. We offer cover ups so they can go on the tour: shawls, large scarves, wrap around skirts, beach towels... anything that can be put around shoulders, or wrapped around to cover bare legs will work. We have as many as 80 people going through on a tour at a given time so we need LOTS of these items. If you have taken home a wrap or scarf from the church by accident, please return it. If you can loan or donate something for the church tours to use, please bring them to Liturgy and give them to the ushers. If you have questions, call or email the church office.

50/50 TREASURE CHEST RAFFLE

Please stop into the fellowship hall after Liturgy to show your support for the Saint Andrew Greek Fest by buying a 50/50 Treasure Chest Raffle Ticket! Ticket prices this year are \$100 and 50% of the revenue benefit our beautiful church. The remaining 50% of the Treasure Chest will go to one lucky ticket holder as the grand prize! The drawing will be held on October 4th. The winner does not need to be present at time of drawing. Purchase multiple tickets to increase your chances of winning! Please see Shadi or Suzie Wahbeh in the hall to purchase tickets! You can also purchase tickets online at <http://riversidegreekfest.com/event-info/purchase-tickets>. If you have questions about the Greek Fest, contact Kent Joris at kent@thejorisfamily.com or Zana Devitto at zana5_2000@yahoo.com.



2015 RIVERSIDE GREEK FEST



\$5 Daily Admission • **\$2** UCR/RCC/CBU Students with ID • **College Night Friday** College Staff Free

OCTOBER 2-4

FRI 4-10PM • SAT 11-10PM • SUN 1-8PM
Parking and Shuttle at UCR Lot 30

Authentic Greek Food • Live Music
Art & Culture Exhibit • Church Tours
Traditional Folk Dance Groups
Live Music by Greek Band *Synthesi*



DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE A 50/50 TREASURE CHEST RAFFLE TICKET FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!



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