Burn the Mortgage

St. Nektarios Orthodox Church · Capital Campaign Update
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Our Journey Continues…

With Confidence and Faith

Most of us have followed the meteoric rise of Stephen Curry, the Charlotte young man who set basketball records at Davidson College and has gone on to greater heights with the NBA Golden Warriors. Regardless of the recent press, Stephen Curry's philosophy for success is straight forward and to be admired. He says he always thought that success for anyone is all about drive, dedication, and desire, but, for him, it's also about confidence and faith.

Confidence and faith are two powerful gifts that have been in abundance at St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church. We always had the confidence to move forward based on our faith that God would give us the tools to be successful. And He has. As we begin to celebrate our 20th anniversary as a parish, we can look around us and see evidence of these gifts. We have built a Sanctuary and a Spiritual Life Center where we can worship together, bear witness, enjoy fellowship, and offer service to each other and the community.

This is not to say that our path has always been easy or direct. Then or now. But we are a community of believers who can do great things with God's help.

The Ministry Center lies ahead of us. It is the last structural piece to what Father Steve has called "…an ongoing miracle that keeps growing, blossoming, and keeps bearing more fruit and better fruit." But it will be much more than a structure; the Ministry Center will enhance our lives and our family's lives immeasurably. So now is not the time to lose our confidence or falter in our faith.

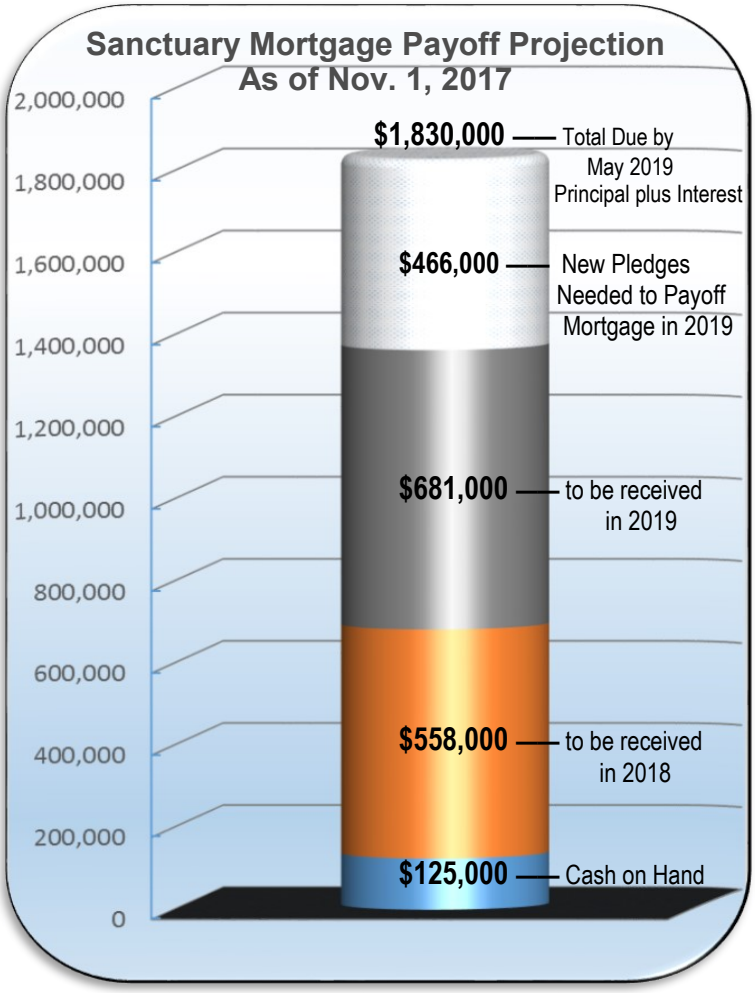
The Capital Campaign is actively reaching out to all parishioners so together we may make plans for our future. Our goal is a Ministry Center where we will have:

- More classrooms, meeting rooms, and space for all ages
- Better facilities for ministries and administrative support
- A multi-purpose space for a 100-person event
- A multi-purpose space with a stage for a 500-person activity/banquet, recreation and athletics, including gym and walking track
- Expanded kitchen in the Spiritual Life Center serving the needs of all facilities

"Our Journey Continues" is an ambitious plan to "Burn the Mortgage ...Build the Ministry Center."

The first part is almost complete. We are very close to having the pledges necessary to satisfy the mortgage on our sanctuary—but still need your help to raise the last pledges of just over $460,000 so that we can truly burn the mortgage as soon as possible. Then we will turn our attention to the future so that we may continue with confidence and faith to witness the miracle of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church.

In His Service,
Peter B. Pappas
Capital Campaign Chair



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In Gratitude
to All Who Pledged to Build the Spiritual Life Center from 1999 to 2004

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Plus 262 One-time Donors

IRA Charitable Rollover

The now permanently extended IRA Charitable Rollover law allows individuals 70 1/2 or older to give up to $100,000 directly from their IRA to one or more qualified charities without paying federal income tax on the withdrawal.

Donors who wish to make a gift to benefit the Capital Campaign or another ministry program of the Church may choose to make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA.

IRA Charitable Rollover details

- Donors must be age 70 1/2 or older at the time the gift is made.
- Only traditional IRAs are eligible. However, owners of other types of qualified plans may roll assets into a new IRA to allow them to make gifts if such a rollover is otherwise permitted.
- Donors should consult with their advisor before doing so.
- Donors must ask their plan administrator to make a direct transfer of funds to a qualified public charity. It is important not to withdraw funds before making a gift.
- Gifts cannot be used to fund a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.
- Each donor may give up to $100,000 per year. For couples, each spouse may give up to $100,000 from their IRA.
- Distributions made under this law can be used to satisfy the donor's required minimum distribution (RMD). However, qualified charitable distributions are not limited to the donor's RMD.
- Donors can choose to exclude the distribution from income on their federal tax return. If they do, they will not receive a charitable income tax deduction.
- To qualify for tax-free treatment, donors cannot receive goods, services, or a personal benefit in return for the IRA charitable rollover gift.

To make a gift to St. Nektarios from an IRA, contact your IRA plan administrator and request a direct qualified charitable distribution from the IRA account to the church.
Contact the church office at 704-708-4669 for the necessary information to process the transaction.

December 2001

Thank you, Thank you
To All our Members
Who Let their Light Shine

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

As the holidays approach, we receive appeals for donations of our time and money from multitudes of organizations. Our generous St. Nektarios members support well established philanthropies in our local community and beyond, modeling our Orthodox faith by loving all our neighbors.

Of course, we extend also a huge thank you to our members who actively support the mission and vision of St. Nektarios Church. We join in the appeals for your time, talent and treasure to remember to include our parish in your giving plan. Two major opportunities for the financial support of the parish are Stewardship and the Capital Campaign.

September 2001

For those who participate in one or both, we extend our gratitude. After making an annual, ongoing commitment to Stewardship, we ask you to prayerfully consider an ongoing commitment to the Capital Campaign.

If you have not yet pledged to the Capital Campaign, won't you join us by making an ongoing commitment? An ongoing commitment can range from an "as able" annual donation, to a five-year pledge. Please complete the enclosed pledge form and return, or contact the Church Office for more information.

Our Journey Continues… 2003

A Bequest by Helen Pappas Pauls: A Turning Point

Gus G. Pauls and Helen Pappas Pauls, Charlotte, NC, 1934

Helen Pappas Pauls lived her life in service to God and to her family. She was a daughter, wife, sister, aunt, godmother, and friend – beloved by many.

Helen Georgiou Pappas (Papadopoulos) married Gus George Pauls (Soteropoulos) and ultimately settled in Charlotte, NC. Helen's family came from Karyae and Kalamata; Gus's from Tripoli. They loved and were beloved by the Charlotte community. They did not have children, although they considered adopting. Gus was an entrepreneur who ventured into the restaurant, real estate, and construction businesses. Helen was indispensable to Gus, helping with business plans, design, decorating, and anything else he needed. She was also a talented artist, gardener, and, like her sisters and other family members, she was a fabulous cook.

As a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, Helen was a leader in the community sharing her time and talent during the Philoptochos Pastry Sale and then the Yiasou Greek Festival. Helen and Gus were major philanthropic contributors to Holy Trinity over many years.

Helen and Gus had the opportunity to travel the world: Europe, Africa, Asia, the US, Canada, the Caribbean, and South America, before and after Helen was called to be the major caregiver for both her parents until they passed on. As the years went by, her husband's health, too, began to decline. Once again, she was the constant and capable caregiver.

When Helen herself needed physical assistance, her family stepped up to help. For a while she lived with her brother Angelo Pappas and wife Cora. She also looked to her sister, Antigone, and nephews Nick Castanas, Nick Collias, and George Collias. She knew what she needed and wanted. Her sister, Antigone, and nephew, Nick Collias, were her closest confidants as her physical health was declining. One of Helen's wishes was to leave a considerable bequest to the newly founded St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church. Her wish was that the bequest be in honor of her beloved mother, father, and siblings, as well as her husband and herself.

This incredibly generous gift was truly a *leadership* gift – like the life of Helen Pappas Pauls. This gift made it possible for the St. Nektarios community to retire the debt on the Spiritual Life Center and served as the catalyst to build our sanctuary. Helen lived her life in service to God, her community, and her family. God continues to work miracles in our community through His servant Helen Pappas Pauls.

Helen fell asleep in the Lord on April 11, 2003. May her memory be everlasting. ❖

The Helen Pappas Pauls' Family
for whom she wanted her endowment to
St. Nektarios be made in their loving memory.
The George Nick and Geanoula Kyriazi-Papadopoulas/Pappas Family,
in Charlotte, NC, 1934.

(Back row, L-R): [Unknown gentleman], Gus G. Pauls and Helen Pappas Pauls, Antigone Pappas (Leventis Collias), Dena and Jimmy Castanas, Nick G. Pappas, Stavros Boukidis;

(Middle row, L-R): Angelo G. Pappas, [Unknown gentleman], Geanoula Theodora Kyriazi (maiden name) "Tsarohou"(nick-name) Papadopoulas/ Pappas, George Nick "Tsarohou" Papadopoulas/ Pappas, Rosie (Roithoula) Pappas, Mary (Despina) Pappas (Chagaris);

(Front row, L-R): Lula (Stravroula) Castanas (Zrakas), Becky (Ioanna) Castanas (Greene), Nicky J. Castanas.