

2022 Parish Council President Report

(Presented at the General Assembly Meeting of February 5, 2023)

V. Rev. Fr. George, Brothers and Sister in Christ. This annual President's Report covers the 2022 church year, and it highlights some of the accomplishments of your Parish Council, giving you an overview of those items, and a future look as to what remains to be done in 2023 with the new Parish Council.

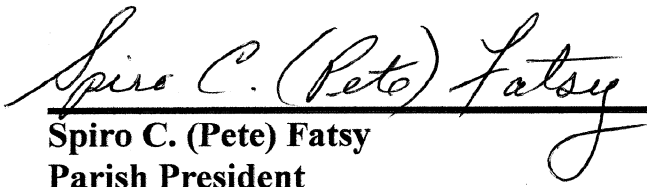
The two years of the pandemic, 2020 and 2021, put a tremendous strain on keeping St. Dimitrie open and completing those items listed in last year's budget. During those two years, church services and events were curtailed or non-existent. As president of the Parish Council, I am happy to report that the health of our community is in a very good place. Membership has increased significantly; events have taken place that were non-existent two years ago and the community's generous financial support has kept our parish solvent despite the inflation we are facing.

As 2022 began, our parish has remained open, unlike 2020 and 2021, and we complied with all local and federal mandates, as we continue to be cautious and vigilant regarding the safety and health of our community, without being overly pessimistic. It was very gratifying to once again host and enjoy Palm Sunday Dinner, Holy Week services, the return, after a two-year absence, of our very successful and profitable Fall Festival and the 98th Anniversary Dinner celebration of our beloved St. Dimitrie Parish. We took these events for granted in the past, but the pandemic took them away.

You may have noticed the repair of the parking lot with new sealcoating and line striping, installation of a 3-phase generator to protect our refrigeration room, heating system and general lighting in the event of a power outage, which we already experienced, twice. The iconography work has continued with the marbleization of the church's north, south and back walls, with crosses and icons and the entry into the Vestibule, with the Icon of Sts. Peter and Paul and the crimson red border surrounding the Narthax. Your new Parish Council has robust plans for a full calendar of events in 2023, and an especially monumental event to be held in June 2024 – the 100th Anniversary of our parish.

In closing, we should all remember that the foundation of the church is the Holy Father, but the members and supporters also make the foundation for our community today, tomorrow and the future. May God Bless our community, Fr. George and Psa. Mariana and may God Bless America. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,


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Parish President