

Dear St. Demetrios Church Family,

As you are very likely aware, there has been much activity and discussion involving the future of St. Demetrios over the last six months. The Building Committee made their recommendation which was overwhelmingly accepted by the Parish Council.

Over the past several months, we have held several Focus Groups – inviting all parishioners and church ministries to come, review the recommendation in detail and discuss their hope for our future.

On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> we held a Special General Assembly meeting to vote on the future direction of our church. The motion was:

- a) To purchase land for a future church site. The land will be purchased with existing restricted funds. Purchase price will be limited to a maximum of \$500,000.
- b) To sell all our existing property on Ft. Lowell, Navajo, and Halcyon roads for fair market value or above. These funds will be deposited into a separate restricted interest-bearing account.

We had 71 stewards participate in the vote and the results were 65 for and 6 against. The Parish Council believes this overwhelming approval speaks to the fact that we are moving in the right direction – a direction supported by most St. Demetrios stewards.

For those who activity participated in the Focus Groups – asked questions, made recommendations, voiced their concerns – thank you! Your involvement proves your love for our church. For those who came to the General Assembly and voted, thank you for caring enough to take a stand on what you believe is the best direction for St. Demetrios.

Regardless of whether you are for or against the outcome, we humbly ask each of you to pray for Fr. Panteleimon, the Parish Council, and the members of the Building Committee as we move to the next phase of this mission.

In closing, we want to remind everyone of the Transition Team Mission Statement we developed several years ago –

***Moving forward together in unity to glorify God  
by growing our Orthodox Christian Faith  
on a foundation of love, faith, hope, and trust.***

We hope everyone in our church family chooses to take an active role in this endeavor. As one, we can accomplish so much.

With Faith and Hope in God,

  
Fr Panteleimon Maillis

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