



Dear St Philip Parishioner,

June 2019

It has almost been over 4 years since we launched our “Every Member” Capital Campaign! As you may recall, we have since addressed several critical repairs including tree removal, a new HVAC system, repaired our sidewalks and of course, our shiny new dome. Our initial goal was to raise a total of \$300,000. To date, we have raised about one third of that for a total of \$100,000. We have had roughly 75 of our faithful contribute to these efforts.

While we recognize that we have work ahead of us to achieve our campaign goals, we are a generous parish and we all understand the importance of maintaining our church. We are hopeful that those that have not yet given will be inspired to be part of these ongoing efforts.

**As our top priority, we are looking to tackle the long overdue replacement of the original carpet with a combination of new carpet and tile. Much research has been done over the last year including procuring the services of an architect who has direct experience on flooring projects with Orthodox churches. Our goal is to tile the altar, solea and center isle (given the high traffic and constant sun damage) while greatly enhancing the beauty of our church. As we all would agree, this as an extremely important project with high visibility and is something that we will be proud to accomplish!**

**We are very excited about a proposed gift from one of our parishioners that will cover a large percentage of the cost for the tile and carpet work. This generous gift is being offered knowing the importance and lasting impact that this will have, both functionally and appearance wise. We now ask our parishioners to pledge their financial support as well.**

Earlier in 2017 we launched our “**Key Sponsor**” **matching program** that enabled us to raise the funds needed to complete the dome project. A total of 4 parishioners offered \$3,000 and a number of parishioners matched these gifts. This was highly successful and we wish to continue this for our 2019 phase of our campaign. Please consider becoming a Key Sponsor at the \$3k or greater level. This can also be done by building a team that can together meet the Key Sponsor level needed for matching gifts. Our smaller, but equally important gifts, will be applied to our Key Sponsor matching program. (With \$70,000 either raised or pledged to date, we now need to raise the remaining \$50,000 plus \$10,000 for future maintenance.) **To accommodate the construction within our current facility commitments and avoiding significant impact to our worship space, we are setting a date of September 30, 2019 to raise the matching money.**

It is time to ask our faithful for their support and generosity towards our beloved St. Philip. As always, we will work to grow our parish and continue to preach the Word of God in a facility worthy of being called God's home on earth. If you have not given to "Every Member" or are able to do so again, please considering doing so today. If you are interested in becoming a "Key Sponsor," please note this on the enclosed pledge card. Your pledge card and gift can be mailed in or dropped off at the church. An informational meeting will be held in July for all parishioners to attend.

Our sincere thanks for all you do for St. Philip. Our goal is to continue to recognize each of our parishioners that have supported our Every Member campaign as a simple way to say thanks. We are hopeful that you will support our efforts as we recommit our giving for this ever so important project.

Very truly yours,

Every Member Chair - Jorge Panteli

Parish Council President – TC Liakos  
Father Alex Chetsas