

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

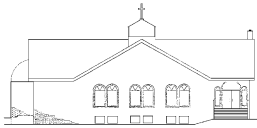
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If it sounds like I'm repeating myself, it's only because gratitude never gets old.

The year 2025 has been one of steady progress and reflection — a year in which our community continued to build upon strong foundations while planning carefully for the future. The people who give so much of their time, care, and energy to St. Paul's deserve to be recognized again and again. Our community thrives because of you — the volunteers, supporters, donors, and faithful who give so generously from the heart.

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank-you to Father Spiro, whose more than three decades of dedication to our faith have been a true blessing. His compassion, commitment, and spiritual guidance continue to inspire us all.

As you know, your Community Council is composed entirely of **volunteers** who offer their time and expertise for the good of our Church. Beyond the Council, virtually every aspect of our community's life — from administration and education to event planning, liturgical assistance, and facility upkeep — depends on the dedication of volunteers.

With only a few essential roles receiving modest remuneration for specific services, St. Paul's remains a community built and sustained by the selfless efforts of its members. This spirit of volunteerism is one of our greatest strengths and a defining feature of who we are.

I extend my sincere thanks to each member of the 2025 Council: Vasilis Vadoros (Vice-President), Georgina Barlas (Treasurer), Margarita Parisone (Secretary), Maria Aiginitis, Taya Christidis, Angela Doulias (Philoptochos Liaison), Fotini Gargatzidis, Konstantine Giannoutsos, Christopher Hamilton, Catherine Hofer, Nick Kourles, Sofia Kourles, Maria Lygouriatis (Met Youth Liaison), and Maria Perentes. Your commitment, patience, and teamwork are deeply appreciated.

Special thanks to Christopher Hamilton and Vasilis Vadoros for their tireless efforts in maintaining our facilities; to Thanos Christodouloulis, Chris Perentes, Spiro Kangles, and Dimitri Furlas, whose beautiful chanting enriches our worship; to our altar boys and helpers — including Andrew Giannoulis and Mihail Ionescu; and to our Epitropi members George Doulias, Christos Lygouriatis, and John Makris — thank you all for your faithful service.

To Chris Perentes, our Director of Administration, thank you for ensuring continuity and support across all areas of church life.

To Marina Sellis, our dedicated secretary of seven years, thank you for your efficiency, professionalism, and kindness — your contributions extend well beyond the newsletter.

To Fotini Labropulu, who served with distinction as President of the Greek Heritage Language School Board until this school year, and to Georgia Bonis, now serving as Acting President — along with Principal Petros Aiginitis, our teachers, catechism instructors, helpers, and the Parents Association — thank you for your devotion to preserving our language, culture, and faith.

I am also very pleased with the continued growth and enthusiasm of Met Youth. Thank you to Maria Lygouriatis and the entire executive for your active participation, and to our advisors Vasilis Vandoros, Sophia Kolitsas, and Maria Aiginitis for your support and mentorship.

We are also grateful for the presence and ongoing engagement of the Maids of Athena and the Sons of Pericles, who organized events such as the Trivia Night and the Tavli Tournament at our hall. While these organizations operate independently, their activities bring energy, fellowship, and youth engagement to our wider community, and we appreciate the spirit of collaboration they bring.

And as always, heartfelt appreciation to Toula Perdicaris and the Ladies of Philoptochos for their charitable work and compassionate service.

We are grateful as well to our individual and corporate donors, including the Greek Golf Charity, and to the entire AHEPA family for their continued support. The generosity of our members sustains the ministries and programs that define St. Paul's.

Community Progress and Highlights

This past year, our Council and volunteers achieved significant milestones that reflect both the vibrancy of our community and our commitment to growth and good stewardship. Among them:

- Hosting another successful visit from **the Consulate General of Greece in Vancouver**, Mr. Dimitrios Skoutas, allowing members to complete consular business locally.
- Securing **official proclamations** from the Government of Saskatchewan recognizing March as Hellenic Heritage Month, March 25 as Greek Independence Day, and October 28 as OXI Day.
- Continuing our tradition of **major cultural events and fundraising**, including the *An Evening in Greece* gala, which raised \$300,000 for the Hospitals of Regina Foundation.
- Returning to the **Mosaic Festival**, where our pavilion showcased Greek culture with pride and excellence.
- Presenting a **sold-out screening of the film Stelios** through the Greek International Film Festival Tour of Canada.
- Awarding **Leadership Scholarships** to two deserving young members of our community.
- Maintaining an active **online presence** through our website, app, and social-media platforms.

These highlights, along with numerous community activities and educational initiatives, are detailed in the individual committee reports that follow. Together they illustrate the breadth of participation and teamwork that sustain St. Paul's.

Please note that the Treasurer's Report and the Ecclesiastical Report will be presented during the AGM itself. This approach allows for open discussion, clarification, and the opportunity to address questions directly, ensuring that all members can participate meaningfully in those important conversations.

Planning for the Future

One of the most significant undertakings of 2025 was the completion of the Feasibility Study by *1080 Architecture, Planning & Interiors*.

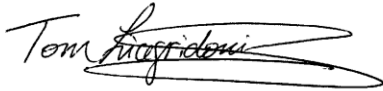
This study builds on the Vision and Strategic Planning Sessions held last year and provides us with professional guidance on possible expansion and redevelopment options for our existing property. The study's findings and concept drawings will be presented and discussed at this AGM — an important milestone as we continue shaping the future of our community facilities with foresight and transparency.

Closing Reflection

Each of you — Council members, volunteers, donors, and parishioners — plays an essential role in keeping St. Paul's vibrant and strong. There is always more work to be done, but also much to be thankful for. This meeting gives us the opportunity to reflect, plan, and build together. I encourage open and respectful dialogue — that is how good communities become great ones.

As I reflect on the energy and spirit that fill our parish, I am deeply inspired. Together, we are shaping St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina into a model of faith, culture, and fellowship for generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tom Liagridonis". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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