

# **2023 Parish Council President Report**

## **(Presented at the General Assembly Meeting, February 11, 2024)**

V. Rev. Fr. George, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, good afternoon and welcome to the Annual Parish General Assembly Meeting for 2024. This annual Parish President's report covers the 2023 church year, highlighting the accomplishments of your Parish Council.

2023 was a very active, eventful and financially productive year for the parish, despite several expenditures that were not anticipated when the 2023 proposed budget was approved at the February, 2022 General Assembly Meeting. These unforeseen expenditures will be elaborated upon later in my report.

As we approached Easter Holy Week, our always successful, and well attended Palm Sunday Fish Dinner, once again out did all expectations. A well-deserved thank you goes out to Psa. Mariana, her kitchen staff and the many volunteers who prepared and served another delicious meal. And a special thank you to Nicolae and Adriana Breban and Mihai and Dana Mitac who donated the total cost of the fish dinner.

We persevered through the summer months, culminating with our highly successful 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Festival. Through the direction of our Co-Chairpeople, Van and Linda Kolton, and their various committees and volunteers, I am happy to report that this was one of the most profitable festivals in the parish's history. The celebration of our patron St. Dimitrie's 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner in October was also a very successful event.

All in all, through the generosity of our parishioners and friends, the Palm Sunday Dinner, the combined community Easter card and offerings, the combined community Christmas card and offerings, the Fall Festival sponsorships, festival food and pastry line sales and the St. Dimitrie Anniversary Dinner, accounted for 25% of our total net income for the year.

As to the unforeseen expenses mentioned earlier, we had to repair a 20' X 210' patch of asphalt in the rear of the parking lot, a new 3 door refrigerator for the kitchen and two (2) gazebos for grill areas on the patio were all purchased just in time for the festival. And lastly, a special thank you to Diana Nicola, her committee and members of the Ladies Auxiliary, who donated much of the cost of these items to help offset the expenses incurred.

In closing, my sincere thank you to Fr. George, Psa. Mariana, the members of the Parish Council, the cantors, Daniella Geer and our choir and Linda Kolton and the Sunday School teachers for giving of their time and talent to our beloved St. Dimitrie community.

May God continue to bless us and God Bless America! Thank you!

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