



**Report of the Senior Warden
Christ the Savior Annual Meeting
January 26, 2025**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

As I was thinking about this report, I decided to take a little online stroll down memory lane, specifically in the neighborhood of Christ the Savior Orthodox Church over the last quarter century (almost)!

Our physical neighborhood has changed over the years, and those changes clearly illustrate God's faithful hand on our church, its history and community. Looking back, I saw a deeply rich pattern of life in a community centered on the worship of and service to Jesus Christ. There was the unchanging cycle of liturgical worship, fasts and feasts, punctuated by the joyful celebrations of births, baptisms, and marriages, but also by the sadness and mourning for those who have reposed and whose memory we hold in our hearts and in our prayers. I came away from this visit to our past deeply comforted and encouraged about our future. I commend this exercise to all of you when you have a chance.

Today, we're looking at what God has done at Christ the Savior in 2024 and glimpsing some of what we believe He is calling us to in 2025. St. Paul speaks to this looking backward and forward in Romans 15: 4-6

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

We look back to learn and gain hope, so that we can go forward in like-mindedness to glorify Jesus Christ.

Looking back over year 2024, highlights include:

- Reception of the most new members in any year of Christ the Savior's history
- Great progress made towards the goal of building a new Orthodox temple on our property
- Written safety policy and implementation of safety training for pool and property
- Women's activities including the lenten psalter reading group, the "finer things" group, an evening cruise on the Delaware bay, book club meetings and luncheon gatherings
- Parish wide activities and outings such as the March for Life, New York city Byzantine art trip, "Sacred Alaska" movie viewing, Corn Hole tournaments, beach days, Splash Mountain day, soccer tournament with St. George's and a trip to DC to three iconic Orthodox cathedrals to name a few.
- Remodel of the multi-purpose room with new custom cabinetry and reorganization of space and closets

Looking forward to 2025, our view is dominated by two exciting endeavors:

- the celebration on August 23-24 of the 25th anniversary of our church
- the ongoing forward momentum of the work needed for Phase 1 of planning for our new Orthodox temple.

I want to thank members of the Parish Council whose terms will be finished in 2025. They are Justin DeArmitt, Beth and Joe Dunbar, Barbara Kaloroumakis, and Tom Mathews. Thank you for serving on the Council. Each of you has contributed so much to the work of Christ the Savior.

I also want to welcome all parish members to all Parish Council meetings. Please attend when you can.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for the Parish Council that all its deliberations and decisions would be done in like-mindedness and in complete accord with God's will for our parish.

In Christ's Love,

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