

2015 Parish Council's Report

- Parish Council Members up for re-election
 - Tina Gilson,
 - Eugene Ponomarev
- Outgoing Parish Council Members
 - Reader Benjamin Tolleson
 - Laura Farris
 - Rebecca Villarreal
 - Bryan Mason
 - Patrick Burnham (he moved to Tacoma, WA)
- The Primary Focus of this year's Parish Council was taking care of building maintenance issues of the parish.
 - Since the drainage issue was taken care of, we compared several pest control companies, looking at cost and service provided. We changed the pest control company and installed a bait system as well as treated the active termites, and should not have any issue with termites for a very long time.
 - The drainage from the kitchen sink in the parish hall was acting up this past year. It was discovered there was a leak in the drainage pipe underground leading from the sink. That is currently being dealt with.
 - The parish hall needed repainting and the parish hall successfully solicited volunteers to help with the paintings.
 - Due to continual problem of discussing maintenance issues and comparing bids taking so much time at parish council meetings, and taking so long to take care of the maintenance issues, the parish council decided to make Nicholas Ozerov a permanent building maintenance retainer. Nick Ozerov has the liberty to take care of building maintenance issues under the cost of \$500. Anything above \$500 is to be discussed by parish council before going to Nick. Hopefully this change will free future parish councils to work on other items more in line with our parish's long term goals.

- The Council also instituted the following:
 - Updated the official duties of the parish council officers to better match the present reality of the officer duties, especially in regards to the respective duties of the bookkeeper and treasurer.
 - Twitter account for the parish
 - New location for the paschal picnic
 - Guidelines/template for reports at the annual meeting
 - Brotherhood and sisterhood presidents regularly encouraged to attend parish council members
- Parish Retreats
- Dealing with parish safety
 - We had a guest speaker from the San Antonio police department speak to the parish council
 - Instituting the OCA national church policy of background checks on parish council and other persons
- Notes for future parish council
 - 2018-100th anniversary of temple building
 - 2019- 40th anniversary of parish