

A Dream Fulfilled



A dream is finally fulfilled in 1974, twenty-two years after St. Demetrios was first opened.

Opening of the New Church

February 1975

The Bishop of Catanis, His Grace Iakovos, assisted by Father Nicholas Geotes, the altar boys, cantors, choir and congregation celebrated the last Divine Liturgy in our Community Center February 1974. The procession followed from the Community Center to the newly constructed Church. It was led by the altar boys, cantors George Machairas and George Moutsopoulos, choir, His Grace and clergy, Parish Council members and the congregation. Upon reaching the front of the church, the cornerstone was set in place by Father Geotes and President of the Parish Council, Mr. Theodore Kypreos.

Mosko Paspalakis, making the largest contribution of the day, was offered the key to open the church doors.

Agiasmos (Holy Water) was used to bless the church by His Grace Bishop Iakovos assisted by Father Geotes.



*Church Opening Dedication
February 23rd 1975*

*Cantor George
Maharis,
Theodore
Kypreos, His
Grace Right Rev.
Iakovos, Bishop
of Catania, Fr.
Geotes.*



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X, George Maharis, George Karpodinis, Chris Theos, Theodore Kypreos, Bishop Iacovos, Fr. Geotes, Mosko Paspalakis, Peter Perakis, foreground Jerry Xinis.

Bishop Iacovos, X, Costa Drakakis, Fr. Geotes display memorial plaque which reads: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 1974 A.D. Demetrios, Ecumenical Patriarch Iacovos, Archbishop of North and South America, Theodore Kypreos, President Sam Stratos, Vice President Chris Theos, Secretary Michael J. Forest, Treasurer George Karpodinis Costa Drakakis Angelo Nichols



George Karpodinis, Sam Masters, Bishop Iacovos, Fr. Geotes, Theodore Kypreos.



Theodore Kypreos and Fr. Geotes set the cornerstone.

Opening of the New Church



*St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church
Bell Tower Special Donors*

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Board Members: Jerry Xinis, Theodore Kypreos, George Karpodinis, Dr. James Carratt, Costa Drakakis, Michael Forest.



Church interior before the consecration.



Banquet: Steno Augustine, George Karpodinis, Angie Constant, Fr. Nick, Bishop Iacovos, Theodore Kypreos, Costa Drakakis, Chris Theos, Peter Perakis.

Holy Friday Services in the New Church



Holy Friday services are soon to begin.



Sam Stratos, Theodore Kypreos, Jim Koliopoulos, George Karpodinis, Sam Constant.



Choir exits the church for Holy Friday evening services. Choir director: John Foscolos.



Epitaphio reenters the church.



Epitaphio - another year.