

In Memoriam

THEODORE KYPREOS

1906 - 1988

“He instilled in us his love and pride for his church, family and ethnic roots.”

Our Saint Demetrios parish was saddened by the death of Theodore Kypreos on February 8, 1988. He was 82 years old.

Not only was he one of our church founders but he served or a member of the Parish Council for nearly 30 years. During his presidency (1968-1978), he demonstrated the leadership ability necessary to solidify the entire congregation. His enthusiasm, zeal and fervor were an inspiration to us all. Under his guidance, our beautiful church and hall were built.

His actions were often controversial and his views often ruffled feathers. His loss of temper was due to frustrations which plague any progressive community, however, today we see and enjoy the results of his dedication and determination.

Because of the efforts of Mr. Kypreos, he was honored by His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos with the title of Archon Depoutatas of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of the Order of St. Andrew. The Parish Council bestowed the title of Honorary President for Life and eagerly sought his advise at its meetings.

His Sunday morning greeting at the candle stand will be missed. His views for the betterment of our parish will be missed. His total involvement with the annual festival will be missed. And, finally, he will be missed during the mortgage burning ceremony of the future. That was a dream which Mr. Kypreos mentioned often during his service to the church. He did not live to see that dream become a reality.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we extend our deepest sympathy to the family. May the example set by Theodore Kypreos be an inspiration to those of us who serve the community of Saint Demetrios.

Michael J. Forest
February 1988