

Cathedral Ceiling Repair Update #7, October 30

The repair effort is now in full swing. During the past week, NIKO construction installed the plaster washers (see pictures below). These washers mechanically fasten areas where the plaster is still in good condition in order to prevent future plaster failures. Next week, areas with deteriorated plaster will be cut out of the ceiling and the re-plastering of these areas will start.



Plaster washers installed around the edges of an area of cracked & debonded plaster marked for cutout and re-plastering



A regular pattern of plaster washers installed in an area of sound plaster. These bolts will hold the plaster even if debonding occurs in the future. The rectangle near the bottom is an AC duct.

At the General Assembly, the overall plan for the ceiling repair and restoration was approved with a not-to-exceed cost of \$425,000. This not-to-exceed figure is higher than the estimated total cost of \$385,000 reported in the Newsletter. The \$385,000 figure still the best estimate of the total cost; no recent developments have increased the cost estimate. This plan, and its approved motion, has been posted on the St. Nicholas website as “Plan and Motion for Sanctuary Ceiling Restoration”, along with the full engineering reports and all previous updates (under the Information tab).

Upcoming Events to help pay for the ceiling - Save the date; on January 21, we are planning a Greek2Go event as a fund raiser for the ceiling restoration. Other fundraising activities are being planned (Greek concert and dance for January 7 and Greek soup sales) as well as a broader capital campaign. More information to follow.

If you would like more detail on the repair effort, feel free to ask Vic Bertolina, Jim Machin, or Van Paras during any coffee hour.