

Cathedral Ceiling Repair Update #12, January 5

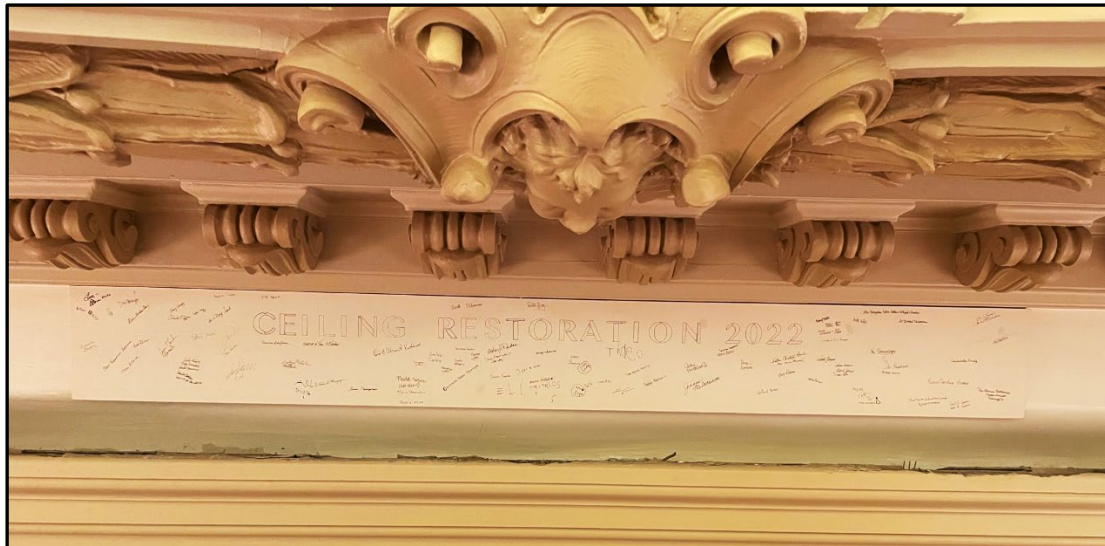
Fundraising Efforts

The goal for the ceiling fundraising effort is to raise \$200,000. Raising that amount of money seems like a daunting task. However, thanks to you, we are well along the way toward realizing our goal. To raise the \$200,000, we will be running both a capital campaign and a series of fundraising events.

Capital Campaign

The capital campaign was kicked off with an appeal letter to all parishioners. The response to this letter has been great, with \$131,000 donated or pledged to date (Thank You!). The donor form for the ceiling restoration is attached if you would like to contribute or make a pledge.

Our memento of the ceiling project, a construction board signed by donors and project volunteers **was attached to the ceiling this week. It is located immediately under the dome facing the altar and probably will not be visible unless you have binoculars.**



Bottom Ring of Dome

Signature Board

Also, for those who wish, engraved pavers can be installed in the existing circle in the parklet along Forbes Ave. Pavers are available at the \$1,250, \$2,500, \$5,000, and \$25,000 level. A pledged donation can be paid over a two-year period. To date, 29 granite blocks and pavers have been spoken for.

Fundraising Events and Activities

There are three major events coming up in the next 2 months, so save the dates! The proceeds from these events will go toward funding the Ceiling Restoration.

- **Raise the Roof Glendi** – January 7 – a young adult-oriented dance with a Greek band, mezethes, bar, and lots of Greek dancing.
- **Greek2Go** – January 21 - Resurrecting the event that got the Cathedral finances through the pandemic with on-line takeout orders.
- **Manthreya Educational Society Annual Vlahokerasiotiki Makaronada Dinner / Dance** – This year, all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Ceiling Restoration. In addition, the Society will match the proceeds donation, doubling the amount for the project.

We will need lots of volunteers on Saturday, 1/21 to stuff take-out containers and to help in the kitchen. And pass the word to your friends about the outstanding Greek food available.

Repair Progress

We continue to make great progress. All repair work and painting is complete. The scaffolding is currently being disassembled and hauled away. The protective coverings over the stained-glass windows and the plastic barrier protecting the altar has been removed.





The above pictures show portions of the plank floor of the scaffolding has been removed and the new ceiling visible. You can also see the plastic barrier protecting the altar has been removed.

What Is Left to Complete

Disassembly and removal of the scaffold is scheduled to complete by January 10. Then, during the following week, the protective enclosures around the pulpit, altar screen and Bishop Throne will be disassembled and removed, and the pews uncovered. Finally, there will be a thorough cleaning of the Sanctuary. It looks like we will be having Divine Liturgy in our Sanctuary on January 22!

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Donation and Pledge Form

Donor Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Total Amount Pledged _____

Payment Options

Paid in Full _____

Initial Payment _____ Your plan for additional payments _____

Donations can be by check or made on-line with credit card. From the St. Nicholas web site, www.stnickspgh.org, go to the "Giving" tab and click the "Donate" pull-down. This will transfer you to the on-line giving form. Select Building Fund and indicate on the memo line that the donation is for the ceiling project.

A construction board with signatures of all donors will be installed as part of the new ceiling. All donor family members can sign it. The board will be available at the church from mid-November through the end of December.

Engraved commemorative pavers are also available at the sizes below. These pavers will be added to the granite circle in our green space. Please indicate if you are interested in a paver and you will be provided with additional information.

____ 8" x 4" Paver at \$1,250

____ 8" x 8" Paver at \$2,500

____ 12" x 12" Granite at \$5,000 (pieces that make up the center cross)

____ 42" x 15" Exterior Granite Ring at \$25,000 (pieces on either side of the Bible verse)