



# Our Parish News

St George Rose Bay community news & events

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## AIMS FOR 2015

- 1 Communicate more
- 2 Progress the Building Development
- 3 Grow our parishioner numbers
- 4 Maintain the Church

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*"The measure of who we  
are is what we do with  
the talents that  
God gave us."*

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## Welcome...

*George Confos (President)*

Welcome to the Summer Edition of *Our Parish News*.

To keep our Parish abreast of news, we will be publishing *Our Parish News* seasonally with the first being this Summer Edition. We hope you enjoy the updates and find them informative.

*On behalf of the Parish Board of Directors, I would like to wish all our parishioners a healthy, blessed and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.*

## Update on 2015 Aims.

The Board of Directors has set a list of key objectives this year.

1. **Communication.** Continuing to provide news/event updates on our website, including Twitter feeds and Facebook updates. Check out our new Instagram account and like us!!

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2. **Development.** We are currently in the process of obtaining a Construction Certificate, under the guidance of parishioner Nick Andriotakis, in order to commence work in the first half of next year. An update on the development and next steps will be provided once we achieve this milestone.
3. **Growth.** This newly formed sub committee has been working hard since May on building a social media strategy to connect with our younger parishioners. It aims to kick off this, and some other exciting initiatives, in early 2016.
4. **Maintenance.** Even "God's House" needs constant repair. Since June we have managed to completely renovate the Altar Kitchen, upgrade security around the Church.

Works that are currently in progress, or about to commence, include the sanding & polishing of the Church's parquet floor, installing a Bell tower staircase and resurfacing its degraded.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Greek School**

- 17 Dec – school year end
- 20 Dec – End of Year Presentation & Information Day

**1 DEC – Christmas Luncheon**

- Annual seafood lunch at Dunbar House Watsons Bay

**31 DEC – Traditional Cutting of the Vasilopita**

- Following the New Year's Eve 6.30pm Vespers

## An Update from the Ladies Auxiliary

*Maria Bekiaris (President)*

Summer is here, and we're almost at the end of another year. This is a time where households become busy, as we start to prepare for the Christmas season.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been busy too. In August we had our annual Panayia's Cake Day. This is an event that has always brought our church community together. We would like to thank all of the parishioners who help us out by making and bringing their wonderful and delectable sweets for us to sell, raising much needed funds for our church. This year we incorporated a sausage sizzle which was greatly received and we hope to make it bigger and better for next year.

This was followed by our annual AGM, held in the church hall. We were honoured to have as guest speaker Ms Mary Anastasi, Barrister at Law. She gave us an informative speech on how important it is for women to protect themselves in matters of Law. This was followed by a delicious lunch, prepared by the ladies of the committee.

At this stage we still have our annual Christmas luncheon to go. This is a very popular event held at Dunbar House, Watsons Bay. This marks the start of the festive season, and so we take this opportunity to wish all our dear family, friends and parishioners a very happy, healthy, and wonderful Christmas. May our lord watch over us, guide us and fill our hearts with love.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from The President and ladies of the St George Ladies Auxiliary.*

## Community & Charity

The parish to date in 2015 has donated in excess of \$10,000 to various organisations and charities. These include:

- \$2,900 to the St Andrews Theological College
- \$3,000 to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese
- \$2,000 to the Christmas Bowl Appeal
- \$1,000 to the Africa Dinner Donation
- \$600 to the Greek Welfare Centre
- \$500 to the Sydney Neuro Oncology Group (SNOG)

## And Finally...

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November Archbishop Stylianos bestowed the honorary title of "Archimandrite" on Fr Miltiades Chryssavgis at a Vespers service in Melbourne. He was given the name Meletios which is how he will be officially addressed from now on.

Archimandrite means *Head Pastor* and is a rank given in recognition and honour to experienced priests. We all wish him "Panta Axios".