



Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of Saint Sava

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ПАСТИРСКО ПИСМО

30. април 2018.

Желећи да вас редовно обавештавамо о напретку радова на нашем Саборном храму који је пострадао у трагичном пожару на Ускрс 1. маја 2016. године, изражавамо нашу благодарност да се друга фаза радова на нашем храму успешно наставља.

После уклањања украсног камена кречњака, које је скоро завршено, наставиће се са поправком оштећених делова храма, посебно горњих делова зидова. Одабрана грађевинска фирма тренутно ради на цртежима потребним за ливење челичне грађе и уколико све буде ишло по плану, постављање кровне конструкције и замена пода предвиђа се да ће бити готова до средине године.

Поред грађевинске, наша црква је суочена са још једном сложеном ситуацијом која се тиче спора са Church Mutual, осигуравајућом фирмом нашег храма. У прилогу се налази извештај издат данас на основу упуства адвоката који заступају нашу цркву. Уколико имате питања поводом овог процеса молимо вас обратите се Гордани Савић на (718) 930-3179 или gordana.savic@stsavanyc.org.

Са надом и молитвом да ћемо успети да се опоравимо апелујем на све вас да останете истрајни, постојани и решени да опоравимо Саборни храм и парохију и изађемо из ове тренутно тешке ситуације.

PASTORAL LETTER

April 30, 2018

In order to keep you informed on the progress of rebuilding our beloved Cathedral after the Easter Sunday May 1, 2016 fire, we are grateful that we are making progress with the second phase of the church's work.

The removal of the decorative Caen is almost complete, after which repair work will begin on the damaged masonry, particularly the tops of the church walls. Furthermore, roof construction and floor replacement will be soon underway. The selected contractor is presently creating the shop drawings necessary for the steel fabrication, and, if all goes as planned, we anticipate that the roof and floor will be installed by mid-year.

We have reached an impasse on the question of insurance with the current insurance carrier, so the following statement is being released today upon advice of counsel. If you have any questions about this, please refer all inquiries via phone to Gordana Savic at (718) 930-3179 or email at gordana.savic@stsavanyc.org.

With the hope and prayer that we will be able to recover from this difficult situation I appeal to all of you to remain strong, steadfast and resolved to restore Saint Sava Cathedral and recover as a parish from this difficult present situation.

Yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Stavrophor Dr. Zivojin Jakovljevic

Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, Dean



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PRESS RELEASE – MONDAY APRIL 30, 2018

St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of New York City has filed suit today in United States Federal District Court in the Southern District of New York against Church Mutual Insurance Company of Merrill, Wisconsin for insurance contract claims arising out of the tragic fire loss that occurred on Easter Sunday May 1, 2016 at the historic 25th Street Cathedral. The Cathedral, in the lawsuit, is seeking damages arising from the property casualty insurance policy that it had with Church Mutual Insurance.

The Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava, formerly known as Trinity Chapel, (Trinity church on Downtown, Wall Street) was purchased from the Episcopal Diocese in New York in 1943 and consecrated in 1944. Trinity Chapel, built to serve the “uptown” Episcopal community and designed in 1850 by celebrated architect Richard M. Upjohn in the Gothic Revival style, was consecrated by Trinity Church (Wall Street) in 1855.

The fire loss destroyed the historic Church structure despite valiant efforts by New York City firefighting personnel to save it when fire broke out after Easter Services were completed on Sunday May 1, 2016.

The parish is represented by Attorney John Ellison of the law firm of Reed Smith of New York, New York. All media inquiries should be directed to that law office at Reed Smith LLP of 599 Lexington Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10022 or by phone at 215-241-1210.