



**ST MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH  
DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
& EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
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Dear Parish Council and members of St Michaels Orthodox Church  
Greetings in Christ!

February 1st, 2024  
Forefeast of the Meeting

As the Parish Vice Chair I had the responsibility to preside over the upkeep of our parish properties and over our cemeteries.

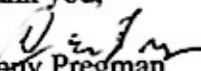
Maintenance on our parish buildings have been long overdue. The parish council was hit with several major issues that had to be fixed especially to maintain the church so we can attend services and so we can get the rectory rented out.

1. Replacement of main power panel in the rectory. According to the inspection from our new insurance providers, it needed to be replaced and the company went out of business due to a lawsuit in the 1980s. Cost to fix was \$1,500
2. Had a leak in the 205 Rental which resulted in a \$1,423 bill to fix and had purchase a new washer machine at \$450. Recently the oven short circuited and started a fire. There was no damage from the fire but we had to purchase a new oven at \$590.
3. Air Conditioning- pumped down system to add new freon, fixed leaks and also changed all filters. Added new freon and tested system. Cost to fix it was \$14,000.
4. Water leak- pipes froze furnace went out and had to replace all cold-water lines in both restrooms, this was in the upstairs hall cost to fix was \$4513
5. Heat- also checked the boiler found out automatic feed to supply water to the boiler isn't working. Have to check and fill water manually.
6. Roof-summer time repaired shingles blew off twice, Second time also fixed caulked bell tower leak above windows. Had to use 8 tubes of caulking. Cost to fix was \$3000  
(Just to name a few expenses)

Our Cemetery had 7 openings and 4 closings. While digging Sandy Jordans grave, the grave digger accidentally hit a water line. He was unaware of the water line as it was unmarked in the schematics in the cemetery book and located close to the road. I have updated the cemetery book so the water line is marked. We also had a water leak on the main road which we were responsible for and the main road had to be dug up. During the repair, 40 feet of pipe had to be replaced and to fix the road it required 3 tons of modified to be leveled which cost \$7000. The grave digger took care of the rest at \$2350. Due to the increase in prices with the gravedigger, the Parish Council unanimously voted to increase the burial costs to \$1000 for members of St Michaels who are in good standing. The grave digger's prices were increased in the middle of the year which the parish did pay for the difference and additional fees when the grave digger hit rocks. All Non-parishioners are \$2525 however, if the grave digger hits rock there will be an additional fee for that.

I think the church is growing because we have new parishioners coming in. Fr Michael is doing an outstanding job and he is willing to help anyone if they need help.

Thank you,

  
Danny Pregman

Vice Chair, St Michaels Orthodox Church