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SUBJECT: ST. GEORGE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL RESTORATION PROJECT

Fifty-six years have passed since St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Montreal held its inaugural mass on May 28, 1961. The Cathedral was designed by renowned architects Dimitri Dimakopoulos and Kimon Karagiannis and realized thanks to the efforts of the previous generation of Greek Montrealers who worked tirelessly to fund its construction, brick by brick. St. George's has served the community well in times of joy and sorrow, with thousands of masses, weddings, baptisms and funerals. Our cathedral is a place of worship and inspiration, a meeting hub, a landmark, a heritage site, and a source of pride for all of us, no matter which church we frequent.

With the passage of time, the building is showing its age and requires major repairs. For the first time since the Cathedral opened its doors in 1961, an official fundraising campaign has been launched for a restoration project divided into four phases and slated to be completed within two years at a total cost of \$1,875,000.

Happily, Phase I of the restoration project has begun and should be completed by the end of September 2017 at a cost of \$550,000 before tax. This includes the reconstruction of the front walkway, new retaining walls, and drainage to protect the foundations of the Cathedral. As of September 1, 2017, \$472,295 has been raised. The balance must be raised immediately in order to pay the contractor upon the completion of the project.

No donation is too small. Please give generously to help preserve St. George's Cathedral as a legacy for future generations. Your cheque should be made payable to St. George's Cathedral. Tax receipts will, of course, be issued.

Sincerely,

Jim Lekas
Chairperson, Fundraising Team

