



## A Vision for 2020 | A Fundraising Campaign

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to your donations, contributions and volunteer time, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox cathedral in Boston is welcoming the New Year in good financial and spiritual standing. Our Cathedral has given us 300+ opportunities to practice our faith and engage with our community this past year alone, by having over 150 religious services and hosting various cultural and social events such as weekly Sunday lunches, movie screenings, theatre plays, concerts and book discussions. We held weekly Sunday School, folk dance rehearsals and regular recreational basketball practice. Also, our Cathedral provided Kometa and Grachanitsa a place to gather, learn and create.

**In lieu of hosting a Fundraising Gala Dinner this year, we are asking for your financial support by sending in a donation by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Our goal is to raise \$75,000.**

Looking ahead in 2020, with your support, we hope to further enrich the offerings of our Cathedral. Our *Desanka Maksimovic Choir* aims to grow in number and in reach, hosting a visiting choir from Pittsburgh this coming May, and participating in the SSF's annual festival. Our *Sunday School* plans to continue in their effort to teach our youth about our faith, traditions and culture through sponsored events and activities, free to all children, both in classroom and beyond. The *Young Adult Group* (age 18-29) hopes to host more social and professional networking opportunities. Our parish also offers financial support for individuals in need and charities in line with our mission.

Finally, we are asking for your donations to help our *capital improvement budget*. Along with the many volunteer hours it takes to maintain our grounds, our budget is vital to the ongoing successful upkeep of our Cathedral. The operating cost which includes salaries, utilities, maintenance, insurance and Diocese's assessment, is nearly \$22,000 per month, and the majority of our income goes toward these expenses. In addition to the many improvements already made in our 96-year-old building, supplemental funds are needed. One example of an upcoming project is replacing the asphalt on our parking lot, which has not been fully updated since prior to our purchase of the property in 2005. This expense will be shared with the International School of Boston, and our portion will be at least \$25,000, a quarter of the total cost. We are also committed to the continued beautification of our building and grounds including new outdoor lighting and signage.

St. Sava Cathedral in Boston will continue to be a spiritual and cultural pillar in the Serbian Orthodox Church in America, and to host events and seek to enrich cultural programs for all ages. A successful and sustainable future is made possible through your contributions.

**Please consider a donation today by visiting <http://www.stsavaboston.org/donate>.**

Thank you for your generosity!

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