

# PATHWAY FOR PEACE

## Update II

The processional pathway is fully approved and we will have a 3D video of the beautiful design on the hall TV during Pascha. Beginning immediately we will be selling the pavers that will adorn the path around the Church.

*Remember that you can purchase an individual, family or business paver in three size options. Please consider buying extra pavers for those who can't afford them.*

*Visit our table on Sundays, April 1 and April 8 inside the church hall. If you would like to make a special donation to this project, please talk to a member of the church board.*



## Community Outreach & Evangelization

**APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> – 4:00 p.m. at**

**The Salvation Army on 51<sup>st</sup> St. in Galveston – Serving Dinner (meal will be provided, you just need to serve)**

**WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

We hope you will consider helping to reach out to our friends and community members who may not have a church home.

Beyond that, we will also continue to help the underserved in our community that might also need material assistance. The needs are great in Galveston, so please consider volunteering for this ministry.

If you know someone who's not a parishioner who would like to help, we are happy to welcome them too.

**Call Kyle at 281-468-9969**

## Donation Scheduling & Annual Pledge

We graciously thank you for the time, talent and treasure you have bestowed on our parish. As we progress through the remainder of the year and into the future, please consider using an automatic withdrawal from your bank account or a recurring charge to your credit card or Paypal account.

We are glad to continue to accept cash or checks. But this new process will help us better plan our budget for the coming year in order to provide the most services possible for your family.

**Please see Joanne Valencia for your recurring donation, 409-692-1457.**

## Saints Constantine & Helen Contacts

### Parish Priests

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Joanne Valencia  
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*For a full listing of board members, please see [www.stschsoc.org](http://www.stschsoc.org)*

## PRAYER REQUEST

*If you have a prayer request, please talk to Father Serge or Father Tom (see contact information above).*

Please pray for Gena Basnett (wife of sub-deacon Chris).  
Please pray for Norman Grueneich (son of Nada & Grant).  
Please pray for Nicolae – broken arm (son of Alina and Elvin).

## Saints Constantine & Helen Serbian Orthodox Church

**APRIL 2018**



### Paschal Greeting from Bishop Longin

“Come on this auspicious day of the Resurrection, let us partake of the fruit of the new vine of divine gladness of the kingdom of Christ, praising Him as God unto the ages.” (Ode VIII of the Paschal Canon). Christ is Risen!

Every year, we hear this festive greeting, which for us Christians is never old and always fitting. Having participated in the suffering of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our common prayer in the Divine Services of Holy Passion Week, we come to this joyous Feast of feasts with gladness and a sense of relief. This is because we specifically now, in the present, experience Christ's Resurrection from the dead and His conquering of death - something that was not only relevant to Christ Himself or to the people of two millennia ago, but rather to each and everyone of us, as He thereby resurrects us from the darkness of sin and eternal death. He gives us life that is unending and all encompassing. He brings us into this everlasting communion with Him by allowing us to partake of *the fruit of the new vine*, that is by partaking in His most-precious Body and Blood through the reception of the Holy Mysteries, a remembrance of His death and resurrection.

Let us, dear brothers and sisters, take this opportunity of the Lord's Resurrection to unite with Him by receiving Divine Communion, having prepared ourselves through fasting, prayer and repentance. Let us heed the words of the great father of the Church, St. John Chrysostom, who invites all Orthodox Christians to partake in the Mystery of Holy Communion on the day of the Lord's Resurrection - Pascha. Let us repent in our hearts of our sins and transgressions, and receive the King of Glory into us, so that by Him we may enter into the Kingdom of Christ. And, let us partake more regularly, remembering that having received Holy Communion, the life of our very own St. Mardarije was extended in order for him to longer serve God and our people in this world.

May our Resurrected Lord grant peace, health and spiritual joy to all of you and your families, uniting all of us through the Holy Mysteries, and granting us oneness of mind and heart. Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Your intercessor before the Resurrected Christ,  
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Bishop of New Gracanica and Midwestern America