

Fr. Alex K Joy, Vicar
St George Orthodox Church
Staten Island, NY 10314

Dear Father Joy;

First and foremost, please allow me to extend my heartiest congratulations to you and your congregation on the occasion of the consecration of your new church. I am, as are all Staten Islanders of faith and good will, pleased and proud of what you and your members have accomplished.

In a country founded on the principles of religious freedom and diversity, your church is a wonderful example of how the church and the local community can work hand-in-hand to make our borough a better place to live. Community engagement is, and has always been, a hallmark of the St. George Orthodox Church and for that I am most grateful.

On a personal note, I cannot adequately thank you and the congregation for the kindness and generosity of spirit you have shown me, going back to my days as a young staffer for then-Councilmember John Fusco. It will not be forgotten.

I wish you and your congregation an eternity of happiness in your new home, and know that as long as I am the President of this great borough, the doors of Borough Hall are always open to you, your congregation and all members of our community.

Sincerely,


James S. Oddo
President, Borough of Staten Island

