

RESOLUTION NUMBER 66

The 75 Anniversary of the Saint Thomas the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church

WHEREAS, we have been apprised that Saint Thomas the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church is celebrating its 75 year anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Saint Thomas the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church was founded in 1935 by a group of Macedo-Romanians, many of whom came from the same village located in what is now Albania. They are a mixed group today, with descendants of those founding families, newly arrived Romanian and Albanian immigrants, some Russian and Serbian Orthodox members, and some American-born converts; and

WHEREAS, in St. Louis, the Romanians located around the Soulard area. The present-day location of the Monsanto complex was at one time home of many Romanians. The area basically extended from Third Street up to Twelfth Street. The Macedo-Romanians were located around Lemp Avenue, where the brewery now stands, as well as in the neighborhood of the Holy Trinity Serbian and St. Michael Russian churches on the south side; and

WHEREAS, Saint Thomas the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church has known three locations: 1427 Missouri Avenue (a house church); 5624 South Compton Avenue (converted funeral home); and 6501 Nottingham Avenue, our present location where the faithful built a new edifice from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, Saint Thomas the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church has long been a "family church." Members lived in the same neighborhoods, visited one another, and shared their joy and sorrow. Many of the founders are now gone, yet their contributions remain and their children carry on. These children are our present leaders. Our parish council, ladies auxiliaries, church school have all been influenced, shaped and guided by this generation of American Orthodox. The faithful of St. Thomas Church have preserved and continue to proclaim the Orthodox Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, May 16, 2010 a banquet will be held to celebrate this momentous occasion.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the 75th Anniversary of Saint Thomas the Apostle Romanian Orthodox Church and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to further prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 14th day of May, 2010 by:

Honorable Donna Baringer, Alderwoman 16th Ward

Adopted this the 14th day of May, 2010 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen