

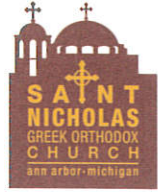


SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation for Themis Petrou.

My name is Fr. Nicolaos H. Kotsis. I am the parish priest of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I was assigned here in 2005.

Shortly after my arrival as the parish priest, our Parish Council selected an iconographer for our newly completed church. We chose Mr. Petrou for several reasons:

- 1) His proposal was thoughtful and his vision unified
- 2) His faces and positioning of subjects drew people to prayer, contemplation, and heavenly thoughts
- 3) His samples and color pallet were exquisite
- 4) His temperament was calm, humble, and prayerful
- 5) His pricing was fair – indeed, excellent

Our program was split into four phases, and the first phase did not begin until 2014. Despite that difference of nine years from our selection of Mr. Petrou to our first phase implementation, Mr. Petrou was beyond accommodating and kept his pricing exactly as he had first proposed. Indeed, as we are about to finish the whole project, he has kept the same pricing as his original proposal from 16 years ago!

From the beginning, to work with Mr. Petrou has been a pleasure. He makes time for phone calls and is prepared both to ask and answer questions. He communicates well via email also. When on sight, Mr. Petrou is serious, sincere, dedicated to the faith, and focused completely on his work.

Mr. Petrou works with his wife and several other assistants. All of them are friendly, sincere, faithful, and dedicated to their sacred work. It is a blessing to work with all of them.

Mr. Petrou's work (and that of his assistants) is extraordinary. The people of our parish, visiting Orthodox from other parishes, and non-Orthodox people who visit our church on a Sunday or during the festival all comment on the beauty, depth of meaning, prayerfulness, and emotive qualities of his work.

We are thoroughly pleased with Mr. Petrou's work, thankful to God he is our iconographer, and highly recommend him to anyone thinking of an iconography project.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Fr. Nicolaos H. Kotsis
Parish Priest

