

Chris Maleganeas

(Risto Maleganoff)

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Chris was born in the mountainous village of Trsyje, in Aegean Macedonia. Village life was difficult, with the land only providing subsistence farming. However, he would recount how there were days of much happiness in the village, and how families would support each other. Due to devastating wars, his formal education was limited. A new life and opportunity waited for him in Canada. He immigrated to Toronto, on January 1, 1953. Very shortly thereafter, he married his fiancée Lenna (Helen) Karachoroff, who also was from the village of Trsyje. They lovingly raised three sons in their new, accommodating, peaceful, and free country of Canada.

From a pastoral life style, Chris entered the urban life of a bustling, modern city, ready to learn and adapt. He started working in restaurants, and quickly learned what was involved in properly running a well-functioning restaurant business. Eventually, he himself became a successful restaurateur, through hard work and long hours. As an outgoing, personable business man, he built numerous lasting relationships with customers and employees. With his friendliness and knowledge of multiple languages, he easily made friendships with many people, from all walks of life. At home, he enjoyed tending to his vegetable garden, and fruit trees. There also, was always time for talking with neighbours and sharing stories.

For decades, as an active member, Chris looked forward to going to Holy Trinity church on Sunday mornings. For many years, he volunteered at the candle station. He very much enjoyed greeting fellow parishioners as they entered through the front doors. After the morning service, his pleasure was the camaraderie in the church hall. Having coffee with others, and partaking in friendly conversation was always a delight for him. Holy Trinity was also, an integral part of family life for Chris. His three sons were all married at Holy Trinity. He joyfully saw grandchildren Christened at Holy Trinity. At young ages, he brought his grandchildren to Holy Trinity, to introduce them to the life of the church. A warm smile would embrace his face as he saw them delve into life at Holy Trinity.

Chris gave much of himself to Holy Trinity, but as much as he did give, he received abundantly more from the church and parishioners. For all of this, we are thankful and blessed.

Danny Maleganeas, son.

(Done-Anton Maleganoff)