

Foivos Menikefs

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Interview Time	Chronology	Place	Description
0:10			1951-1954 there was no Greek church. They had to go either to Watertown or to Ottawa if there was a wedding or baptism. Sometimes a priest would come to Kingston for a service.
1:01			They did their services usually in Saint George's Cathedral. They used this hall too. Or the Masonic temple on Queens Street once in a while. Fill and Chris Zakos (who he was very close to) were both going to Saint George on a weekly basis. He remembers a lot of people getting married there.
2:30			During Holy week Fill and Chris used to go to Watertown on a daily basis to attend all the services. After the resurrection in Holy Week, they all stayed overnight with the Greeks of Watertown to celebrate Easter. There was a big Greek community in Watertown at the time. Not so much anymore.
3:50			Sometimes the Ottawa priest visited a close village where the Greeks had a picnic as well as a service.
4:32			Fill met George Katinas' father in their store. George's father opened a candy-store at Clergy and Princess street in the 1950s.
5:30			Ntinos Athanasakos was Fill's friend. He attended Queen's the same time Fill was admitted. Ntinos struggled financially as his family was not allowed to send money abroad from Greece to support him. They were/are close friends with John Karkoulis too.
7:06			George's father was good friends with Ntinos and Fill
7:45			(The opening of the church). There were various locations offered for the Greek church. One was at Division street and another one at Brock street, but they decided to buy the one at Johnson street as it was in a good location. Very central.
9:21			Kingston used to be very small. It was a tiny city. At the place that now is a Canadian tire (Bath and Princess) was a farm back in 1950s. Palace Road was the end of Kingston.
10:30			There were 3 traffic lights. On Clergy, Division and King street.