

Mapping the mosaic: An Island of stories

My dad was born in 1969 in Montreal. His parents were born in Greece. We follow the Greek Orthodox religion. My Dad's favorite worship place was the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox church. It was located at the corner of Sherbrook and Clarke Street, downtown Montreal. The church was built in 1865, more than 100 years ago!

My dad was baptized there in 1970. He loved hanging out at the church. He used to go to church every Sunday. It was only ten minutes away from his home. His aunts and Uncles were married there and his cousins were baptized there too. My Dad would spend Easter and Christmas there with his family.

Did you know that the church had two floors the second floor was the basement. That's where my dad played with his friends. The church had pictures of saints and lot's of candles. There was a lot of gold!

Unfortunately the church burned down on January 1986. When my Dad heard of the news, he was shocked, devastated and angry. He felt like a part of their home was gone. In 1997 the church got demolished. The Greek community did not have enough funds to rebuild the church!

Today there is a hotel called " hotel 10" at that same corner. It is very popular and a lot of tourists stay there. When my Dad drives by, it makes him feel like there is something missing and it still feels very holy! The church was historical because it was an old church. It had a lot of history and it was important to my Dad and many others!