

St. Gregorios Orthodox Church

Construction Project News

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Blessings to all in Christ,

Christ is Risen! We hope you and your family had a blessed Lenten season and joyous Easter. As the world continues to experience an unprecedented and challenging time in history, we pray for each of your safety, health, and wellbeing. These times serve as a reminder that we need to stand together as a community to seek grace and mercy from God above. As we plan and prepare for life beyond this epidemic, the Project Committee would like to take the time to provide an update of where we currently stand in regards to church construction efforts.

The committee was finalized by the General Body on February 9th, 2020 (names of members are listed to the right). We have had a few meetings since then and there have been a number of activities the committee has been working on to make forward progress for the future of our church. We have:

- Learned about the architecture/construction process and potential project timelines
- Evaluated submissions from architecture/construction companies who responded to the RFP (Request for Proposal)
- Interviewed several architecture/construction companies to understand their capabilities
- Contacted references of companies for additional feedback
- Reviewed financing options, met with various banks, discussed fundraising ideas and analyzed details of the construction fund

The committee is currently working on the overall project timeline and approach, selection of an architecture/construction firm, and evaluation of financing and fundraising options. We will review recommendations and request approvals at the next General Body meeting. This will be scheduled at a future date and we kindly request all members to participate.

We plan to continue providing updates about project progress through future newsletters and we are also developing a survey to collect your feedback. In the meantime, we encourage you to reach out to any of the project committee members with any questions or concerns.

Please continue to pray for our church family and all those affected by COVID-19. Although the future seems uncertain, let us all keep our faith and trust in God to provide us with the strength and courage needed to persevere through this trying time.

Prayerfully,
Construction Project Committee

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