

# St. Gregorios Orthodox Church

## Construction Project News

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### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Last year, we experienced a fair share of setbacks in all aspects of life as COVID 19 made its mark in history. One of the setbacks our church experienced was the decision to hold on advancing our construction project initiatives. Prior to pausing activities, the Project Committee reviewed all the submissions from the RFP (Request for Proposal) that was submitted in November 2019. Six total submissions were received and the Project Committee selected the top three for an in-person meeting in March 2020 where the firms presented company overviews and responses to the RFP criteria. The Project Committee subsequently reviewed all three presentations and decided on a recommendation to bring forward to the General Body. Due to the pandemic situation, the General Body was not able to convene until recently where the Project Committee was finally able to present its findings.

The April 11<sup>th</sup> General Body meeting approved the partnership of the recommended architecture firm, Blue Line, for the Schematic Design phase of this project. This phase is the first of three (Schematic Design, Detail Design, and Construction Development) and will be our focus for the next few months. The approach for Detail Design and Construction Development will be determined in future General Body meetings once the Schematic Design phase is complete.

The first step of the Schematic Design phase is to gather feedback from all church members regarding the needs of this project. This input will be gathered through a variety of mechanisms including a [survey](#), town halls and meetings with spiritual organizations. By actively participating in these sessions, you have the opportunity to directly provide feedback that can impact decisions made on this project. We ask for your continued prayers, support and participation as we plan ahead for the future of our church. Please feel free to reach out to any of the project committee members if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas related to this initiative.

### DESIGN PHASES & DELIVERABLES

#### Schematic Design \*in progress (~3 months)

- Develop Site / Master Plan
- Develop Floor Plans
- Create Exterior Elevation Renderings / Animations
- Establish Preliminary Budget
- Generate Project Timeline

#### Detail Design (~6 months)

- Create Blueprints for contractor: Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Civil, Structural, A/V, HVAC, etc.

#### Construction Development (~3 months)

- Finalize all drawings and collect permits
- Collect approvals from city

### UPCOMING TIMELINE

#### June 4<sup>th</sup> : Friday

Survey Responses Due  
(Click [here](#) for link)

#### June 13<sup>th</sup> : Sunday (after church)

Town hall to review survey responses and gather feedback

#### June 19<sup>th</sup> : Saturday

Architect meeting with spiritual groups (in-person and virtual option available)

- OCYM - 9 am
- MGOCSM - 9:45 am
- SS Teachers - 10:30 am
- FOCUS - 11:15 am
- MMVS - 12:45 pm
- Managing Committee - 1:30 pm
- Senior Group - 2:15 pm

#### June 27<sup>th</sup> : Sunday (after church)

Town hall to review all feedback and schematic design options

### PROJECT COMMITTEE

#### Management Committee Representatives

Fr. Varughese Thomas  
Fr. Christopher Mathew  
Mr. OT Abraham  
Mr. Yeldho Peter

#### Construction Team

Mr. Ashley George  
Mr. Vinu Varghese  
Mr. Jubee Varkey

#### Finance Team

Mr. Benson Varghese  
Mr. Josh Abraham  
Mr. Joseph Mathews  
Mr. Raju Samuel

#### Project Manager

Mr. Jijesh Varghese

