

St. Gregorios Orthodox Church Construction Project News

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WHERE ARE WE NOW?



The Project Committee has been hard at work these past several months and is happy to announce that we have officially entered into the Detail Design phase of the architecture process. This phase builds upon the site and floor plans created in the Schematic Design and will determine the specific requirements for the new church and multi-purpose hall, along with more accurate cost estimates and timelines. **Understanding our true affordability by the end of this phase is critical as we will need to decide as a General Body (in the May/June timeframe) on how to proceed with construction based on the output of the Detail Design.** Assuming we are able to maintain the above timeline, we could potentially start construction in the fourth quarter of this year with possible completion by the end of 2023! Thanks to our Vicars, Managing Committee, Project Committee and our entire congregation for working diligently together to achieve this milestone. There is still a lot of work ahead of us, but we are confident that we can achieve our goals through our collective prayers and continued support.



Signing of the Detail Design Contract

PROJECT COMMITTEE

Management Committee Representatives

Fr. Varughese Thomas
Fr. Christopher Mathew
Mr. Yeldho Peter
Mr. Vinu Varghese

Construction Team

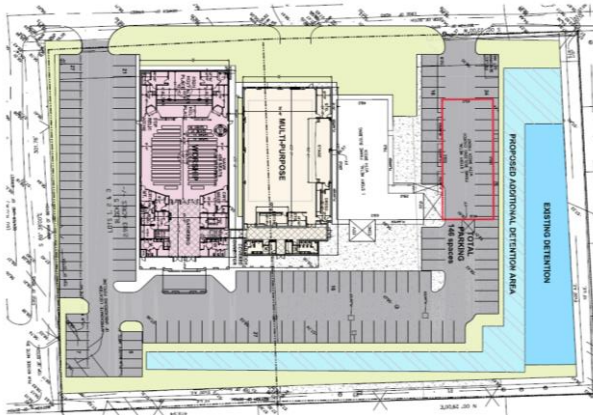
Mr. Ashley George
Mr. Vinu Varghese
Mr. Jubee Varkey

Finance Team

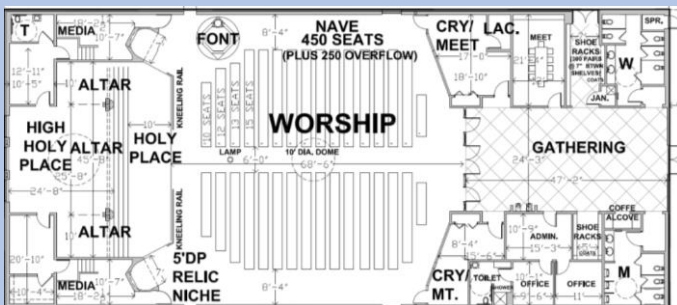
Mr. Benson Varghese
Mr. Josh Abraham
Mr. Joseph Mathews
Mr. Raju Samuel

Project Manager

Mr. Jijesh Varghese

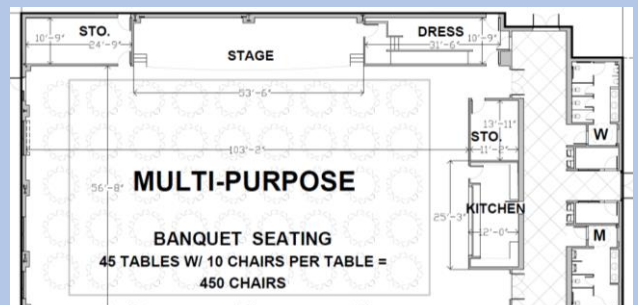


Site plan
[per Schematic Design]
Existing church building remains
Existing hall is removed
146 parking spaces



Church floor plan
[per Schematic Design]

10,900 sq ft | 450 seats + 250 overflow



Multi-purpose Hall floor plan
[per Schematic Design]

9,100 sq ft | 450 seats

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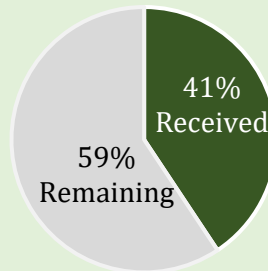
FUNDRAISING UPDATES

We are proud to announce that a fundraising team was formed in January 2022 to help with the significant task of raising funds for this project. We have been able to meet twice thus far and efforts are already underway. A special thanks to all of the volunteers listed to the right who have offered their valuable time and energy for this project. Please reach out to any of the team members if you have any ideas or suggestions. Stay tuned for more updates!

PLEDGE FORM

The pledge form for the construction project was published in August 2021. Our goal is to receive **150** pledge forms and we have received a total of **61** so far. Thanks to all those that have submitted a pledge form! For those that have not yet had a chance to pledge, we humbly ask that you consider and send in a pledge form by the end of April 2022. These pledges are essential in understanding how we should move forward with this project. *We are happy to share that 26 out of the 61 members that pledged have already started contributing to the project fund!*

Goal = 150



61 Pledges Received

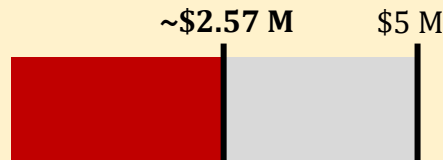
[PLEDGE FORM LINK](#)

SD COST ESTIMATE

As previously communicated, below are the **high-level cost estimates** based on the Schematic Design. We are working with the architects to lower these costs as much as possible and will have a more accurate estimate after the Detail Design phase is complete.

Church and Parking Lot	\$3 M
Multi-purpose Hall	\$2 M
Total Target	\$5 M

CURRENT AFFORDABILITY



~51%

Based on cash in-hand, current pledge form commitments (detailed below) and loan assumptions

PLEDGE FORM COMMITMENTS & DONATIONS TO DATE

Personal Loans
\$40,000

Lump-Sum Donations
\$121,700

Monthly Commitments
\$5,575

Non-Member Donations
\$16,800

FUNDRAISING TEAM

Project Committee Finance Team

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

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Representatives

Mrs. Bindhu Cherian
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Representative

Mrs. Sheeja Varghese

MGOCSM

Representatives

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Mr. Nibu Varghese

