

St. Gregorios Orthodox Church

Construction Project News

August 22, 2022: Issue 4

WHERE ARE WE NOW?



The Project Committee is pleased to announce that the Detail Design phase of our construction project is complete. We met with the architect company, Blue Line, over the last several months to define the next level of details for our design. The result of this phase was a package including additional specifications for the floor plans, building type, as well as interior design components.

We are currently working with Blue Line on an RFP (Request for Proposal) to find a general contractor to move forward with for the construction and delivery of this project. We have received multiple proposals for contractor partnerships and are now reviewing these responses. **The Detail Design updates and RFP summary will be shared at a Town Hall meeting scheduled for August 28th. Following this, we will have a General Body meeting on Sept 11th to determine the construction path forward.** We humbly request active participation from all members for this pivotal decision point. It is crucial that we have good representation for these meetings, so please make arrangements to attend.

Please continue to support and pray for this project. We have made great progress to date and are very excited to keep moving forward! As always, please reach out to any of the Project Committee members if you have any feedback. Please see below for updated images from the DD phase.

PROJECT COMMITTEE

Management Committee Representatives

Fr. Varughese Thomas
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

Project Manager

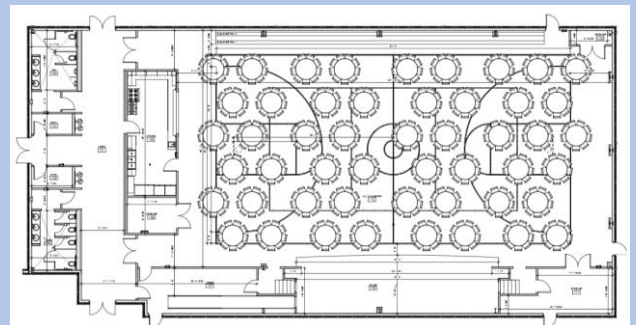
Mr. Jijesh Varghese



Church floor plan ([link](#))

[per Detail Design]

10,900 sq ft | 450 seats + 250 overflow



Multi-purpose Hall floor plan ([link](#))

[per Detail Design]

9,100 sq ft | 450 seats

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FUNDRAISING UPDATES

The fundraising team has been hard at work this year in raising funds for this project. The creativity and dedication by team members is truly inspiring and they have been able to make significant progress in a short period of time. We thank our church members for your continued support of these campaigns. We are confident that we will be able to raise the necessary funds if we all continue to work together. Below is a summary of the initiatives completed so far this year:

Thattukada
\$6,500

Harvest
Festival
\$3,500

Basketball
League
\$3,000

MMVS, FOCUS &
Sunday School Fundraisers
\$8,200

REMINDERS

- [Amazon Smile](#) & [Kroger Community Rewards](#) – a small percentage of your Amazon and Kroger purchases can be donated to our church. Please click on the respective links to set up your account today! This only takes a few minutes to set up!
- Company Match – many corporations will match donations to non-profit organizations that their employees make. Please check with the organization you work with to see if this benefit is offered to you. This is a great way for our church to receive additional funds!
- [Donate Here](#) – send this link to family and friends so they can donate to our project!

PLEDGE FORM

We are still behind on our goal of receiving 150 pledge forms. Please consider submitting a pledge form if you have not done so already. These commitments are absolutely essential in helping to achieve the goals of this project.

PLEDGE FORM LINK

Pledge forms received	71
Number of members who have started contributing based on pledge form	37

CURRENT AFFORDABILITY

~2.78 M

Estimate 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
\$134,000

Monthly
Commitments
\$5,850

Non-Member
Donations
\$26,500

FUNDRAISING TEAM

Project Committee Finance Team

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

MMVS

Representatives

Mrs. Bindhu Cherian
Mrs. Grace Koshy
Mrs. Pushpa Thomas

OCYM

Representatives

Mr. Binu John
Mr. Abhilash Kunjumon

FOCUS

Representatives

Mrs. Jane George
Mrs. Judy Varghese
Mrs. Mayra Varughese

Sunday School Representative

Mrs. Sheeja Varghese

MGOCSM

Representatives

Ms. Annie Peter
Ms. Ashbey Varghese
Mr. Nibu Varghese

