The Campaign for Holy Trinity

FROM DREAMS TO REALITY...
EVERY GENERATION GLORIFYING GOD

THE CAMPAIGN FOR HOLY TRINITY UPDATE **January 30, 2012**

Happy New Year! We are blessed to have a growing, vibrant community. Our goals have been set on building for the future of our Church Family. As you can observe on a weekly basis now, we have outgrown our current facility. The need for expansion has become critical. Our sanctuary, classrooms, and offices are overcrowded and inadequate to meet our basic needs.

We continue to do extremely well in our capital campaign. The building fund has grown to close to $3 Million committed, approaching $1.5M in the bank, and our Church has no debt. In addition, we now have 30 families who have remembered Holy Trinity in their wills through the Endowment Society. We are blessed to be in a strong financial position due to the generosity of many of our parishioners. However, we are still a long way from reaching our dream of breaking ground!

Mark Langford,

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Holy Trinity Parish Council President

CONTINUING THE JOURNEY – WE ARE MOVING FORWARD!

We started with a strategic plan for the church ten years ago, and through the years we have been working towards our goal of a beautiful new sanctuary and supporting facilities. We intend to retain the current sanctuary that will act as a chapel for children's liturgies, weddings, etc. We have an excellent master plan for the future Holy Trinity, which will be an expansion from the current buildings. It was designed by Christ Kamages, one of the premier architects for Orthodox Churches in the world.

We are approaching this project in a very professional way. We have implemented a strict communications and financial accounting process for this project, and we intend to continue with that approach in order to get the best value for the Holy Trinity family's investment. Your money is being managed well, and we are continuing to monitor and improve our processes. I want to personally be made aware of ANY complaints or suggestions on how we might improve communications or any aspect of our project.

NOW, LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

We have had tremendous support in so many ways that have resulted in our success. I would like to thank our Capital Campaign Committee, the Committee for the CCC Kickoff banquet, Philoptochos, all who worked on the Festival, GOYA, the many dinners and other fundraisers that have contributed to our campaign, and virtually every member of our community. We will now move forward with the plan which we discussed at the beginning of our Capital Campaign.

Several members in our community have stepped forward to volunteer their time and talent to take us to the next level. As was agreed at the August 30, 2009 General Assembly, we will now expand our leadership for the Building Committee.

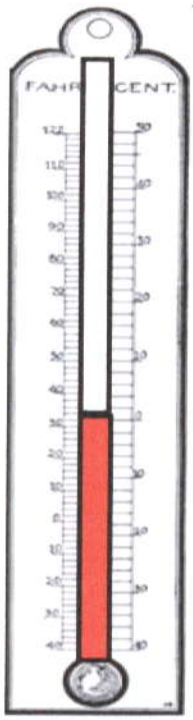
BUILDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – GEORGE PAPPAS, CHAIRMAN
Mission: Oversight, Appointment & Coordination of other committees, interface to PC, ministries, Metropolitan, and other groups.
Members: Mark Langford, Harry Costa (Approved by General Assembly; membership subject to change)

- **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SUB-COMMITTEE – PENNY GALLINS, CHAIRWOMAN**
  Mission: Responsible for outreach to membership, fundraising strategy and execution, and reaching our capital campaign goal. In 2012 we will continue to reach out to every member of Holy Trinity.
  Members: George Pappas, John Demos, Dennis Kekas, Harry Kledaras, Bill Pappas, Debbie Pappas, Steve Serletis, Pota Vallas, Harry Costa, Lekita Essa, Mark Langford, Frank Nixon, Mitch Owen, Nick Pilos, and Chris Vlahoplus.

- **BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE – CHRIS PAPPAS, CHAIRMAN**
  Mission: This committee will be involved with local architect/engineer and contractor selection, owner-related preconstruction and design coordination with Kamages and the local architect, engineers and consultants, third party contractor selection and coordination; and budget and cost control during the design phase. In addition, we would coordinate the design and preconstruction schedule with the capital campaign; assist with any needs associated from our committee regarding

the closing of the construction loan and establishment of the soft cost and contingency budgets.
Members: Harry Costa, Steve Serletis, Catherine Fallis, Jimmy Eliason, George Pappas

- **FINANCE / BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE – MARK LANGFORD, CHAIRMAN**
  Mission: Fiscal Planning, Financial Controls, Conduct tight spending control once building phase begins. We must be realistic and frugal with the money we are planning to invest for our future, so at this point we will be focused on affordability models, cost projections, and establishing good processes in order to ensure overall sound financial management.
  Members: Don McEnter, Rhonda Milkovich, Presvytera Mary Christy



- **HOLY TRINITY LEGACY AND ENDOWMENT SOCIETY SUB-COMMITTEE – HARRY COSTA, CHAIRMAN**
  Mission: In order to ensure the long term well being of the parish and the maintenance of the new facilities, Holy Trinity has established an endowment program. We are encouraging parishioners to remember the Church in their estate plans. This committee will be responsible for outreach to the community and management of the Legacy and Endowment Society program.
  Members: Lekita Essa, Fr. Paul Christy, Harry Kledaras, Mark Langford, Chris Vlahoplus

- **COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE – GEORGE PAPPAS, CHAIRMAN**
  Mission: Public Relations with the Community: Creating a program of regular updates on project progress. It has always been a goal of the Capital Campaign to communicate regularly and to be open to any questions you have. We will continue, and find new ways to improve our communications.
  Members: Penny Gallins

The Parish Council will have responsibility for oversight and have the final say in appointing new committee heads. The Executive Committee Chairman will review progress with Parish Council monthly. If you are interested in getting involved in one or more of the sub-committees, we welcome you! Please let me know what you are interested in. We all need to pull together to make our dreams a reality!
If you have the ability to make a commitment to the campaign, please do so. You may call Father Paul, George Pappas, or any of the Capital Campaign Committee.

Faithfully,

George Pappas, Holy Trinity Building Committee Chairman

A FINAL WORD FROM FATHER PAUL

My Dear Spiritual Family,

I must say, the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Raleigh, NC, inspires me. Not only have you embarked on a much-needed expansion plan, but you have done an amazing job despite the transition of priests within our beautiful community. Some parishes may have lost their enthusiasm, but not ours! We have embraced the change and continue on our path to expand our Church and build for our future. You inspire me.

When I see our parishioners standing along the back and side walls of our beautiful sanctuary, it motivates me as your priest, to build on your enthusiasm to make our dreams a reality! Just as our parents and grandparents built our first churches for the glory of God and for the future of us, their children, we must do the same for the next generations to come. We must believe, like they did, that our youth is the future of our Church, and since we believe this, we are building a sanctuary and facilities that will serve our youth and our community well into the future. You motivate me.

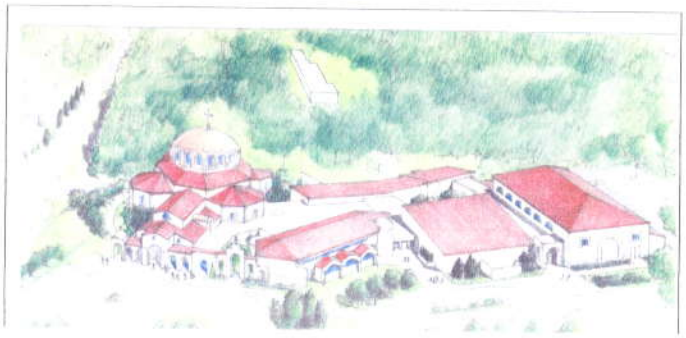
When our Lord gives us life, he also infuses within us something of Himself. He has given us certain talents, which allow everyone to be a part of our capital campaign. Planned giving is exactly that – a plan to give a gift and to meet that gift.

The Lord our God has given freely to us, it is our common heritage to be like Him and freely give. When you evaluate your ability to give, look beyond your secular concerns, and reflect on what has been given to you and your families by our Lord. Don't try to find an excuse to be conservative in your giving, because He has not been conservative in His giving to you.

Reflect on what He has given you: perhaps it is intelligence, strength, good health, which allowed you to work and prosper over the years and provide for your family; perhaps it is financial gains in investments that have brought you and your loved ones favorable returns despite the recent downturn in the economy; whatever the gifts you have received from our Lord, reflect on them, and plan your gift.

Remember, it is not expected to be a one-time gift, but can be given over a period of time. If you want to privately discuss your gift, please do not hesitate to call me. Let me inspire and motive you.

God Bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Paul Christy