

FROM DREAMS TO REALITY...

Creating a VISION for the next generations to come for the Christ-centered community of Holy Trinity.

Master Plan Update

June 20, 2008

Message from the Parish President

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of us participated in what can only be called a historic General Assembly meeting on June 1. The point we have come to is truly a huge milestone for our Holy Trinity Parish family. Following are the decisions we made:

- We will build a "triad" style Byzantine sanctuary, which provides for the maximum visibility, capacity, and utility.
- We agreed that we build the Sanctuary with balcony, administrative wing, and library as phase 1, This includes classrooms, gathering area and storage on lower level of the sanctuary
- Finally, we agreed to expand the committees to include fundraising, building, finance and communications, with some of the leadership named.

I would be not be honest if I said to you that raising the money to realize the beautiful master plan will be an easy task. Of course this is a big goal – we are planning what can only be called an amazing testament to our faith and to our love for our Church.

Just as those Holy Trinity members of years ago planned for the future, and anticipated growth in the Church in Raleigh, we have the responsibility to do the same. What we are planning is not overly extravagant. Yes it will be be a lot of money. But what we have planned is no more than what we all agreed to when we set out to develop a master plan.



It is a very functional plan, bringing a book store, a library, and classrooms that will accommodate our increasing population of children. The master plan we have put together is very smart - notice the wonderful the flow in and out of the sanctuary, leading to the hall. The sanctuary will be an inspiring place to be with our Lord, with a dome that will lift our eyes to heaven. The sanctuary has many functional features, including better visibility to the service, more room in the altar, and seating for 550 parishioners.

We have given the master plan plenty of thought, and have run an open process with many opportunities for parishioners to voice their opinions. As we move on to the next phases of planning, we intend to continue to communicate our progress.

Yours Truly,

Harry Costa,
Holy Trinity Parish President



Message from the Strategic Planning Committee Chairman

We have a good plan for our future. We have all given this master plan a lot of thought and I hope everyone feels like the Strategic Planning Committee has tried to take all interests to heart. Of course, we cannot go back and re-decide things that have already been voted on, but please do not stop thinking about ways to improve things within the overall plan we have agreed on.

You can stay up to speed with the plan and new developments:

- Continue to study the Master Planning bulletin board in the Church hall
- Log on to the Holy Trinity Internet page (Soon to be updated)
<http://www.holytrinityraleigh.org>
- Call George Pappas at 454-3056 or send a note to GPPAPPAS@GMAIL.COM anytime.
- Stay in touch with members of the new building, communications, finance and fundraising committee members

We have a lot more learning and hard work ahead of us. At this stage we will be looking for volunteers who would like to work on one of the committees. If you think you are at all interested please call me at 454-3056.



George Pappas
Holy Trinity Building Committee Chairman

Message From Father Paul

Dear Beloved Members and Friends of Holy Trinity,

Some ideas:

Thanks to everyone for the ideas, enthusiasm, spirit of reaching a consensus decision.

A great opportunity to participate in the growth of our Parish

Have courage – let's not shrink from the challenge ahead of us

Have talked with lots of other Priests with growing parishes.. we are not unique

We are building something truly beautiful

Something that will inspire others to the faith

Something to leave to the children and grandchildren of our community

Faithfully in Christ,



Rev. Fr. Paul A. Kaplanis

