

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL 2017 PRESERVING OUR PAST WHILE EXPANDING OUR FUTURE

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL HOUSTON, TEXAS



PLEDGE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

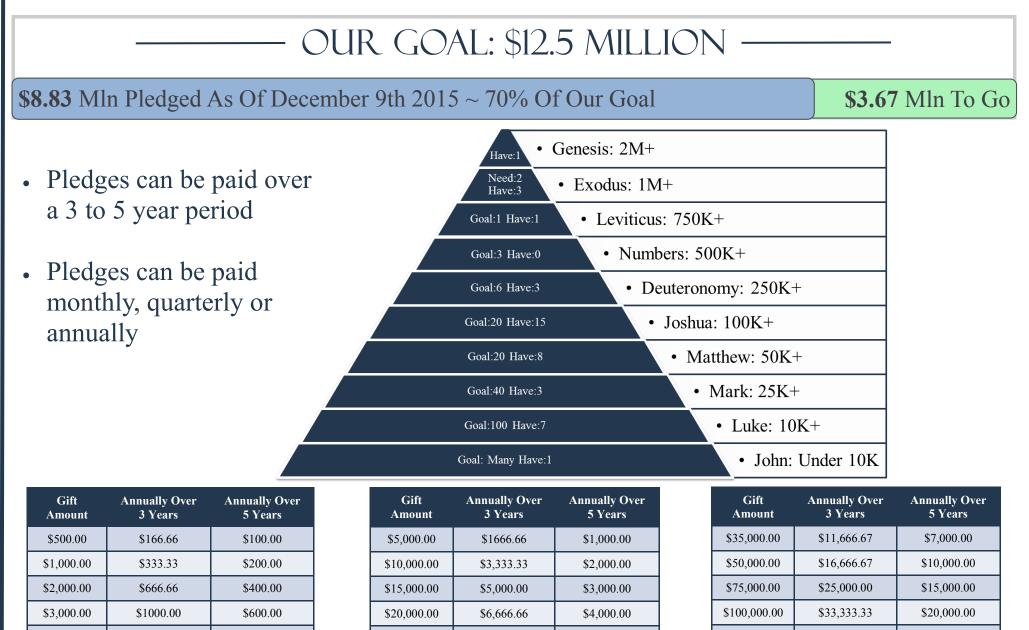
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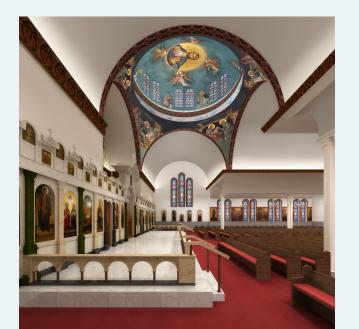
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— ANNUNCIATION VOTES YES! — EXPANSION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ~ 80% APPROVAL

EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

- Increasing seating capacity to over 750
- Expanding
 - Nave
 - Transepts
 - Narthex
- Adding a dome
- Iconography
- Replacing and upgrading
 - Heating and cooling systems
 - Lighting
 - Sound system
 - Sprinkler system
- Adding an elevator and widening the staircase to the renovated choir area
- Making the front entrance handicap accessible
- Improving front walkways and sidewalks
- Improving landscaping
- Including additional upgrades
 - Restrooms
 - Acolyte and priest's vestry areas



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As Annunciation prepares to celebrate its centennial anniversary, we have a chance to reflect on the blessings we have received during the past 100 years. Founded with only 25 families, Annunciation has grown and matured into a vibrant Orthodox community of over 1,000 families.

Over the past several years, we have recognized that additional seating is needed to meet both our current and future needs. The proposed expansion will increase our seating capacity from 350 to over 750. It will also include much needed mechanical upgrades, which will greatly improve the overall functionality and accessibility of the Cathedral.

Throughout the planning process the Parish Council and Steering Committee have stressed the importance of maintaining a balance between incorporating new features and preserving the beauty of our Cathedral. The exciting addition of a dome creates space for the icon of Christ and the four evangelists. The dome is an architectural element representing God bending down the heavens and descending to the earth to meet us where we are for the salvation of humanity.

We look forward to the opportunity to build upon the work of our parents' generation, to preserve our past while expanding our future.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Where will the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments take place during construction?

• Divine Liturgy and Sacraments will take place in the Gymnasium or Hall.

Does the plan have adequate parking?

• We will continue to have access to over 300 parking spaces within 2 blocks of the Cathedral. We will make sure that we have plenty of designated handicapped spaces for Sundays.

Will the Church incur any permanent financing?

• We will have raised a minimum of 90% of 12.5 million pledges needed, prior to breaking ground. This will allow us to pay everything off within a 5 year period. No permanent financing is anticipated.

How confident are we about the cost estimate?

• All figures are based on preliminary drawings and developed in consultation with construction contractors and architects.

ESTIMATED TIMELINE

General Assembly: Nov. 15, 2015

Fundraising: 4 Months

• Nov. 2015 - Mar. 2016

Construction Planning: 11 Months (Concurrent with fundraising phase)

• Nov. 2015 - Oct. 2016

Construction: 13 - 14 Months

• Construction complete on or before Dec. 2017

Will we be able to host the Greek Festival?

• Yes, however the playground area may not be available.

Will we have an opportunity to learn more/participate in the campaign activities?

• Yes, there will be many opportunities to volunteer. We will also hold several informational presentations throughout the fundraising and construction process.

