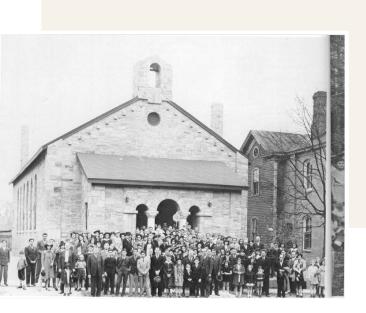




# Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Capital Campaign

*"With Unity of Thought and One Accord, Let's Make History"* 

# From humble beginnings, a thriving Orthodox community



Founded in 1924

Our founding fathers and mothers were for the most part laborers, who relished the idea of being able to work sometimes 18-20 hours per day to build a new life. Of modest means, they had a dream, to worship in their own church. In April 1924, the first Divine Liturgy was held on the second floor of a grocery store. Think of it, to have been at that first Divine Liturgy, the sense of joy and accomplishment they must have felt!

What began as a seemingly unattainable goal has now become a reality. From humble beginnings a century ago, our Orthodox community has progressed step by step, growing in numbers, impacting our community, and our faith.

The growth we are currently experiencing has roots in the dynamic activities of all our organizations as well as the efforts of the priests who have served with us. We are blessed to live in a city which is growing very quickly, with bright prospects for the future.

### Our "Why"

The mission of Holy Trinity will be strengthened with improved facilities to support worship, fellowship, and education – the cornerstones of our strategy.

Our Holy Trinity parish has more than doubled since our current Sanctuary was built.

Our current sanctuary has served our community well over the years but is now cramped and lacks key ecclesiastical features.

Our classrooms are overfull and inadequate for the mission of education.

We do not have a family life center which would improve fellowship, for young and old.

Our clergy and administrators work in tight, fragmented office spaces.

#### Master plan development process embodies the Holy Trinity strategic goals

Increase youth participation in church life and nurture a lifelong education and relationship with Christ and the Church.

Cultivate an inclusive parish community where existing members and newcomers to Orthodoxy feel welcomed and part of something special.

Create a spirit of community and engagement by educating and encouraging parishioners to share their blessings through time, talents, and treasures that best support the mission and goals of the Church.

Parishioners are participating in programs that foster personal growth and involve the Holy Trinity Community. A new beginning: October 23 - The historic decision to move forward Formal Motion as noted below to Accept the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Master Plan was voted on and approved by the General Assembly:

"To accept the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church Master Plan as prepared by Constantine George Pappas, AIA, Architecture and Planning, Royal Oak, Michigan and The Timmons Group, Raleigh, NC. Phase One of this Master Plan to include completing construction of the sanctuary and related ancillary facilities, and depending upon the success of the community's fundraising, to subsequently complete construction of the Family Life Center.

To formally approve a Capital Campaign Committee soliciting and collecting donations and pledges from the broader community for use in funding the construction of the Master Plan."

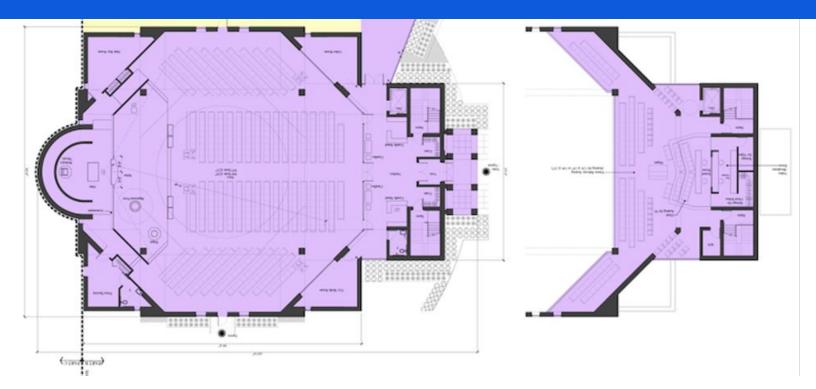


Phase 1 scope – Sanctuary, Family Life Center and site associated site work

Phase 1 Building Plan

#### The Vision

- True Orthodox sanctuary and chapel design based on Church tradition and ecclesiastical requirements such as the altar facing East as well as features such as vestment storage, raised Solea, Platytera, Pantocrator (dome), and Prosthesis.
- A Family Life Center which includes a Banquet Hall with a commercial kitchen, gymnasium, and bookstore.
- Effective use of the site, positioning buildings to parking, Sundays & special event flow.
- External beauty of the entire complex, the view from Lead Mine Road.
- Creating natural areas for memory gardens, playgrounds, recreation, outdoor gatherings. Our choices are being made with construction and operational cost-control in mind, remodeling the current structure where possible.



#### The Sanctuary Vision

Octagon style of byzantine church – beautiful, and practical. True Orthodox sanctuary based on Church tradition and ecclesiastical requirements such as the altar facing East as well as features such as vestment storage, raised Solea, the Aspe which would be adorned with the Platytera, and the dome with interior surface graced with the Pantocrator, and Prosthesis.

Space accommodations behind the altar for clergy, including a small comfort room, along with vestments, sacrament, and service items storage.

Priest and acolyte sacristies for changing & robe storage.

The current design seating fits 416 comfortably, maybe another 50 – 75, if tightly seated, on the main floor, plus 32 for the choir and broadcast team. An optional addition could be a wraparound balcony overflow seating of 118.

The sanctuary would include a large, raised Solea, a plus especially during holidays.

An exo-narthex for assembling and candle distribution, leading to a glass-walled Narthex looking into the sanctuary.

A cry room for small children with our broadcasts piped in, and a wedding party preparation room in the rear of the sanctuary.

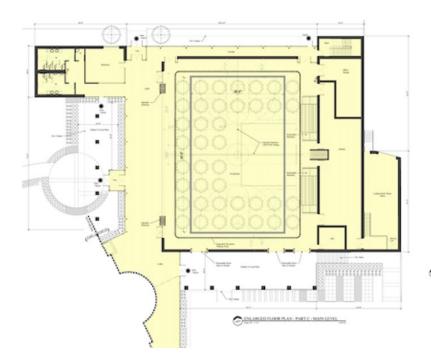




## *The Family Life Center Vision*

Some highlights are:

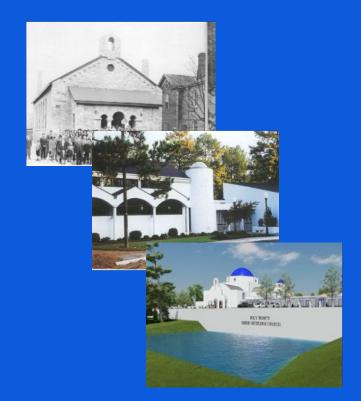
- Banquet hall which can seat 450 and is big enough for full community events.
- Flexible facility to convert into a High School-size sports court large enough for some bleachers for observers.
- Storage facilities for sports equipment.
- Closely position bookstore and library to the Family Life Center.
- Lower-level storage for festival equipment and loading dock.
- Proximity to the new sanctuary with connected covered or enclosed walkway.



Conceptual drawings of the Family Life Center

#### Looking Forward

We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary at our present location on Lead Mine Rd in 2024. That will be a landmark moment in our history. Father Paul challenged the community to pool our resources and work diligently and creatively in these next three years to finally break ground in 2025 with the thought of inviting not only Metropolitan Alexios but also His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America for the Blessing Ceremony of the first shovel in the groundbreaking event. All this with the hope of walking into our new Temple in the last quarter of 2025.





#### Future phases include

Improved and accessible library and media center to enhance education.

Ample, but flexible planning of meeting rooms to accommodate ministry needs.

Pastoral and administrative offices are designed for efficient workflow and visitor greeting. Additional & remodeled classrooms, meeting rooms, based on community growth.

All class/meeting rooms are designed to maximize natural light.

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