



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL 2017

PRESERVING OUR PAST WHILE EXPANDING OUR FUTURE

ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL
HOUSTON, TEXAS



PLEDGE TO GROW THE CATHEDRAL



FAITH RAISING GOAL: 500 + FAMILIES - \$12.5 MILLION

\$11.33 Mln Pledged As Of 1/6/2017 ~ 90% Of Our Goal

\$1.17 Mln To Go

We are happy to announce that at the conclusion of the Matching Fund Challenge we had raised \$973,041 in new funds, which activated an additional \$486,521 from the Matching Fund, for a total of \$1,459,562 raised since August 24th. The pledges from the Matching Fund Challenge bring our new total to \$11.33 million, leaving \$1.17 million needed to reach our goal of \$12.5 million.

We are excited by the response we have received and we want to continue to build on the momentum generated by the Matching Fund Challenge. We currently have pledges from 314 families and as with our last major redevelopment in 2000, we would like to have 500+ families contribute. Now is great time to get involved and help us reach our goal.

For more information about the expansion and to learn how to make your pledge, please visit us at www.AGOC2017.org

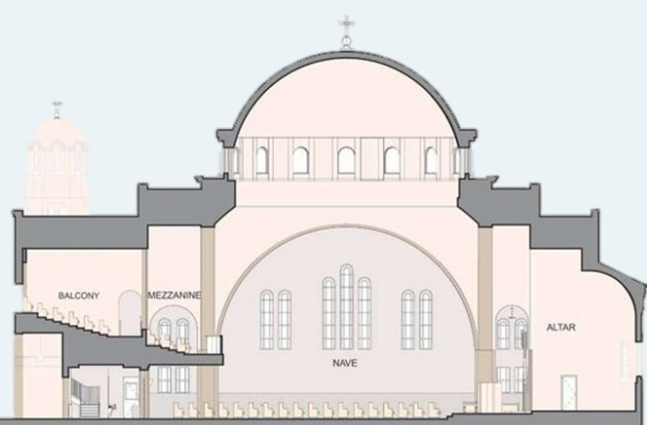


ANNUNCIATION VOTES YES!

EXPANSION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ~ 80% APPROVAL

EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

- Increasing seating capacity to over 750
- Expanding the nave, narthex, transepts and balcony
- Installation of a dome
- Iconography
- Replacing and upgrading
 - Heating and cooling systems
 - Lighting
 - Sound system
 - Electrical
- Installing a fire sprinkler system
- Adding an elevator and staircases to the balcony and 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 Martel Hall.

Will the Church incur any permanent financing?

- We will have raised a minimum of 90% of the \$12.5 million in 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 have been confirmed with the updated design

Will we be able to host the Greek Festival?

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

TIMELINE

Fundraising	Ongoing
Design Development	June 2016 to Dec. 2016
Construction	May 2017 to Sept. 2018
First Service	October 2018