

May 7, 2017 Update

We are so excited to share the current status of the St. John the Divine Building Program. The SJTD Millennium Building Committee has put together an amazing team which includes design architect, Stephen Papadatos (of Papadatos Partnership LLP, New York, NY); our Owner's Representatives, Patrick Gaccetta and Tom Reynolds (of CMS Group, LLC); along with our Design/Build Contractor, Sauer Incorporated and their architect, Erik Kasper (of Kasper Architect). The Project Team has now developed a preliminary design for of our new Beach Boulevard Church campus.

The preliminary design was created based on the needs identified from a recent survey of all of the ministries and organizations at SJTD. This initial design is a glance at what is possible for the future of our parish. The Project Team wanted to see what the space requirements and the campus lay-out could look like to support our ministries and desired church life at our new home. The Building Committee will now meet to discuss the initial design and how it fits into what our Community desires in our new Church home, as well as the financial aptitude required to afford these needs. The design will be reviewed and revised as appropriate to determine the ultimate design that is in the overall best interest of our parish. The Building Committee will provide their recommended Church campus design for approval to first the Parish Council and then to the Community in a Parish General Assembly.

The Capital Campaign committee continues to solicit additional funding to support our building plan. It will take the financial support of our entire Church family to make this vision become a reality. It is on ALL of us to glorify God by making His church and our new Church campus one that will meet the needs of our ministries today and into the future. If you haven't made a financial commitment to perpetuate our faith in Jacksonville, Florida, do so today. No gift is too small! Do your part as a member of our parish to contribute the additional funds needed to make our dreams a reality. This is our chance to build what is needed to provide necessary ministries for the benefit of our community. This is also our chance to glorify God with a new church campus that will house His children for the next 100 years.

If you did not give previously, if you are new to the Church since the initial Capital Campaign more than six years ago, or if you are in a position to give additional gifts over and above what you so graciously gave in the past, **please do so**. To obtain a pledge card contact either the Church Office, Athena Mann at mannathome@gmail.com, Steve Bacalis at stevebacalis@tomnehl.com, Paul Kotos at ppk@capillc.com, Father Nicholas, or Father Milton. We need everyone, each according to their ability and capacity, to make a financial commitment to our new church campus so we can build the necessary facilities to support the current and future generations of Orthodox Christians.