

“ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the
equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the
edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of
the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect
man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. ”

—EPHESIANS 4:11-13



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HONORING OUR PAST, GROWING FOR THE FUTURE

Building the Body of Christ

Resurrection Greek
Orthodox Church





“ The glory of this latter temple
shall be greater than the former...
and in this place I will give peace,
says the Lord of hosts. ”

—HAGGAI 2:9

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord,

A dream of the founders of our parish was always to build a traditional Byzantine church for our community one day, to enhance the experience of the Divine Liturgy and grow our Orthodox faith. From incorporating a new Greek Orthodox community in southern Alameda County, to purchasing land, and growing the community into the jewel that it is today, we stand on the shoulders of those who paved the way forward, by God's grace.

After purchasing a beautiful piece of land in Pleasanton in 2022, followed by a great deal of hard work by our parish leadership, I am thrilled to say that we are now set to begin site work, the next phase of our building project. Establishing a new house of worship that will honor our rich Orthodox tradition will be a great blessing for all of us, and a continuation of what our founding families began.

Doing so will be challenging, and will surely test our community in many ways, however I am confident that with God's help, we can overcome all challenges and complete this task which began over half a century ago. In the end, it is never a matter of time, energy, or money, but a matter of faith. In continuing to walk in the way of faith as our parents and grandparents did before us, serving God and His people in our intention to grow Orthodoxy, He will bless our efforts and we will be successful. I look forward to beginning these next steps in our community's journey with you.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Nikolaos Bekris



Parish Mission

TO BRING PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD

by witnessing, proclaiming, and growing our Orthodox Christian Faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ through liturgy, ministries, community, and family.

Witnessing

through our participation in Liturgy and the life of the church, spiritually, sacramentally, and physically.

Proclaiming

through our individual and collective outreach in the community and evangelism of our faith to each other and to those seeking Orthodoxy.

Growing

spiritually and physically.



Spiritual

To worship the Holy Trinity in liturgy and sacrament, preserving the Apostolic faith so that we become more Christ-like and attain salvation.

Communal

To be a community of mutual love, family, fellowship, and active ministry.

Physical

To build an Orthodox church with Byzantine architectural design, allowing for growth in our community. This church will serve as a witness of the Orthodox faith in the Tri-Valley area.

Vision

BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST



MORE THAN DOUBLE OUR CURRENT PROPERTY TO ACCOMMODATE A GROWING PARISH

- ✦ The new church site is 4.3 acres vs. 1.9 acres, in the Tri-Valley area where approximately 70% of our current parishioners live (Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and Danville) and where the majority of population growth is in our general area
- ✦ Allows for a larger church structure and fellowship multi-purpose center, along with expanded space for outdoor services and fellowship events



Our New Church



BYZANTINE-STYLE CHURCH AND ORTHODOX WORSHIP SPACE

- ✦ The art and design of the church will create a distinctive atmosphere of worship, which reflects and embodies the beauty of Orthodoxy
- ✦ Proper acoustics befitting traditional Orthodox services
- ✦ Baptistry, proper vestry and sacristy, earth reaching up to heaven through the Platytera and heaven present on earth through the Pantocrator on the dome
- ✦ Byzantine architecture and Orthodox iconography greatly enhances our sacramental worship of the Incarnate God, which is the foundation and center of our faith and community
- ✦ Seating for 325+ vs. existing 200+







LARGER MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER WITH ADDITIONAL MEETING SPACE (FUTURE)

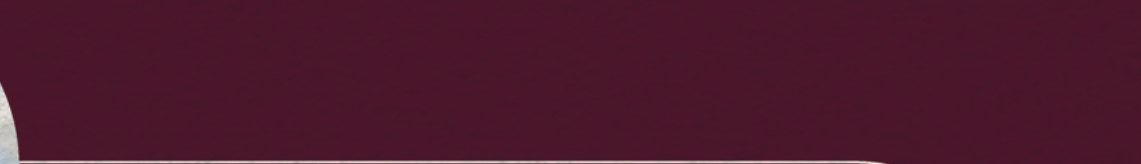
- ✦ Large hall that doubles as a full size gymnasium with retractable bleachers and other amenities, with capacity of up to 500 people
- ✦ Commercial kitchen
- ✦ Two meeting halls for smaller events and ministries
- ✦ Ample classrooms for Sunday school, adult catechism, and ministry meetings
- ✦ Administrative offices for clergy, parish council, and staff
- ✦ Temporary structures for fellowship activities and staff until future construction of multi-purpose center

OUTSIDE AMENITIES – RESPECT FOR GOD’S CREATION

- ✦ Sufficient parking to accommodate increased capacity, including multiple reserved spots for ADA, clergy, and staff needs
- ✦ Electric Vehicle (EV) charging spots
- ✦ Envisioned reflection garden for outdoor prayer and meditation
- ✦ Existing water well for all irrigation on site
- ✦ Water efficient landscaping consistent with city and our own esthetic requirements





Timeline

- ✦ 2024-ONGOING
FUNDRAISING
- ✦ 2024 -2026
SCHEMATIC DESIGN & PERMITTING
- ✦ 2026 -2028
OFFSITE/ONSITE WORK
& BYZANTINE CHURCH
- ✦ 2028 -2030
FURNISHING & ICONOGRAPHY
- ✦ TBD (FUNDING DEPENDENT)
MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER



Pray & Engage

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”

—LUKE 6:38

Pray

In this exciting time, we look forward to Building the Body of Christ – and the new Resurrection parish – in Pleasanton, California. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you will be part of the Body of Christ and support our building project.

Engage

Support can come in different ways. In addition to prayer and your financial gifts, you can give of your time and talents.

Time

It may be the most valuable resource we have. That’s why it is universally understood how precious the gift of time truly is. Your gift of time could be joining the capital campaign, talking to others about the campaign, or helping with our various administrative tasks.

You can use your own talents to give back to the Body of Christ building project. Do you have a unique skill to offer? Credentialed individuals with expertise in construction management and various trades (electrical, HVAC, plumbing, etc.) will be considered before others . When you donate your specialized talents to the project, you provide a service or expertise that is often out of reach.

Every time we offer our time, talent, and treasure to God — big or small — He honors our sacrifice.

Give

Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice

This chart is only for use as a guide to help you decide how you may choose to support the Building the Body of Christ campaign. No gift is too large or too small.

WEEKLY	MONTHLY	ANNUALLY	5-YEAR TOTAL
\$96	\$417	\$5,000	\$25,000
\$192	\$833	\$10,000	\$50,000
\$288	\$1,250	\$15,000	\$75,000
\$385	\$1,667	\$20,000	\$100,000
\$962	\$4,167	\$50,000	\$250,000
\$1,154	\$5,000	\$60,000	\$300,000
\$1,923	\$8,333	\$100,000	\$500,000
\$3,846	\$16,667	\$200,000	\$1,000,000

Ways to Give



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Check/Cash



IRA Required Minimum Withdrawal
Age 73 and Over-Tax Advantage



Real Estate



Insurance Policy



Planned Giving
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Stock
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Dedication & Memorial Opportunities

GIFTS TOTALING \$100,000 OR MORE

Create a legacy for your family and show your commitment to the Body of Christ with a Dedication Gift. Keep the memory of your loved one alive with a Memorial Gift.

Donors of these select naming opportunities will be honored with a personalized plaque outside of the church. Other opportunities to honor your loved ones will be forthcoming.

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| 1. Exterior Dome
\$1.0 Million | 7. Solea
\$250,000 | 13. Bride Room
\$100,000 |
| 2. Interior Dome Pantocrator
\$1.0 Million | 8. Front Doors
\$250,000 | 14. Table of Preparation*
\$100,000 |
| 3. Panagia Platytera*
\$500,000 | 9. Narthex Doors
\$250,000 | 15. Bishop's Throne*
\$100,000 |
| 4. Choir Loft
\$500,000 | 10. Sacristy*
\$100,000 | 16. Pulpit*
\$100,000 |
| 5. Narthex
\$500,000 | 11. Vestry
\$100,000 | 17. Baptismal Font*
\$100,000 |
| 6. Iconostasis*
\$300,000 | 12. Infant Room
\$100,000 | 18. Altar*
\$100,000 |

*Thank you to the families that have pledged these dedication gifts.

Project at a Glance

Benefits ❖❖❖

- ❖ More than double our current property to accommodate a growing parish.
- ❖ Byzantine-style Church and Orthodox Worship Space, which reflects and embodies the beauty of Orthodoxy, with seating for 325+ individuals
- ❖ Larger church structure and fellowship/multi-purpose center, with expanded space for outdoor services and fellowship events.

Approximate Costs* ❖❖❖

- ❖ SCHEMATIC DESIGN
& PERMITTING
• \$7M
- ❖ BYZANTINE CHURCH
BUILDING
• \$11M
- ❖ TBD
• MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER
(Funding and timing dependent)

FUNDING NEEDED
Castro Valley Property Value
\$7M
Capital Campaign Target
\$5M
Long-term Debt Mortgage
\$6M

**costs shown are estimates
and are subject to change
as the project progresses*

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