

Assumption Planning Future Development

In this article, Fr. Andrew describes the beginning of a new campaign to build a new community center and offices to the west of the church building.

This month marks the one year anniversary of our Consecration. It continues to be a special blessing worshipping our Lord together among the saints who are now present among us. It is now time to move forward with our plans to build Phase II of our Master Plan. Phase II was developed over twelve years ago and was a projection of our future needs as a community. Phase II consisted of the following facilities being built directly west of the Church Building on the current vacant lot.

- An Educational Building with 6-7 classrooms
- A Multi-use Fellowship Hall for 150 people
- An Administrative complex with offices, bookstore, library and conference room
- The total Phase II was approximately 12,000 square feet.

Phase II Drawing

Phase II needs to be re-examined based upon our current development and future projections of Church growth. In addition, we may also submit for approval to the city our future plans for our present "Church Hall/Office Building" and the one acre site on which it is located.

In order to begin revising Phase II, an architect must be obtained in order to guide us through the process. The Parish Council has begun the process to select an architect. The architect will be given the commission to take the very rich heritage of Hellenic Culture and Byzantine Architecture so as to create a warm, inviting environment in which we can all grow in faith, fellowship and love.

Irene Clary has been designated by the Parish Council to chair the Building Committee. Irene is a Developer with vast experience in building large scale projects and working with the city of Scottsdale. The "Building Committee" will have some key appointed individuals to work with Irene, however everyone in the community will play an active role in developing our future plans. The architects interviewed were told they will actually have 275 "clients" represented by the stewards who make up the Assumption community. Likewise, you have now been informed that you are on the "building committee" that will plan our future facilities for the generations to come.

How You Can Get Involved

Many parishioners have expertise in various areas that are related to a building project. Some of your talents are known yet many are not known to others in the community. If you have experience in developing facilities please let either Irene or Father Andrew

know that you would like to assist. Parishioners in Hotel and Hospitality, Senior Care/Housing, IT or Education can contribute significantly to the development of our plans. Ministry leaders and participants in the social events, choir, bookstore, library, youth ministries, adult education classes and the festival will become focus groups. All the parishioners of the parish will participate in providing input, suggestions and feedback throughout the process so that what is built represents the needs and dreams for our community.

Bursting at the Seams!!

Funding For The Development Phase

As we said, our hope was that after the Consecration there would be enough funds available to seed the development for the future building plans. The good news is that the fundraising for the Consecration was so phenomenal with approximately \$50,000 available at this time. To hire an architect and begin the process will require less than \$15,000.

What is Next?

This development process will take several months to complete. Once it is finished, architectural drawings will be available to bid on by contractors. The architectural drawings will also be used for the Capital Campaign to raise funds for the building project.

As always, I invite you to pray and seek God's guidance for your particular role in this process. May our Lord grant us wisdom and discernment so that it may all be done to His glory!

Your co-worker in Christ,
+Fr. Andrew