The Miracle

2022 - and the world we once knew when we began to plan the new Monastery in 2014, eight years ago, is no longer the same. We live in a global society, in an era where the Christian faith is increasingly challenged, the teachings of the Holy Scriptures are being put to the test, and a life centered in Christ is met with opposition. It is in this backdrop, that an Orthodox Monastery is being built, a miracle in our time!

The structure sits high on a knoll, 2 wings flanking the center, symbolizing our Most Holy Mother of God with her hands outstretched, welcoming you to the Monastery,

It is a beacon of light for Orthodox Christianity. It is a testimony of strength, resilience, and perseverance. It is a monument of faith, that is being built for the Glory of God. And as the days become increasingly more difficult, it will be your refuge, the place to bring your children, your grandchildren.

We are humbled by all of you who have been steadfast in your love and support of this project. It is through your kindness that we have made it this far.

In September 2019, we broke ground and the ground was blessed by two bishops, an abbot and many priests. The foundation ceremony was held in May 2021, and we laid the cornerstone in the place of the future altar table along with earth and stones from the grave site of our Holy Gerontissa Taxiarchia.

We have used your offerings to build a structure that will endure time, structural steel and concrete. The support walls and beams are up, the electrical and plumbing works are in progress and the cold-form steel framing of the interiors has begun.

We are so close. We are reaching out to you to help complete the miracle on the hill, a tribute of our faith, a Holy Site for you and your families.

With all our love in Christ,

Gerontissa Theophano and my Sisterhood.

Visit Us Online!

www.NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org
See the progress of the building
The Monastery has received donations in many different ways that have benefited the donor and are contributing to building this Holy Site.

We are sharing with you these donor-inspired gifts received since the inception of our capital campaign in the hopes this will inspire you, your family & acquaintances to give for the Faith in a spirit of philanthropy.

Creative Ways You Can Give
Tangible Non-Cash Donations that have yielded cash for the new monastery

The Monastery accepted the following types of donations with the proceeds going to the Building Fund.

- Estate Sale Proceeds
- Estate Jewelry (non-costume)
- Appraised Coin Collections
- Automobiles with Title Transfer & current inspection sticker
- Appraised Stamp Collections
- Appraised Musical Instruments

Investment Giving
Lessen the Impact of Your Capital Gains

Donors have evidenced tax deduction benefits by gifting the following to the Monastery’s Building Fund Account at Hefren-Tillotson.

Consider giving shares to lessen your capital gain tax rates

- Appreciated Stock
- Mutual Funds
- Treasury Bonds

In addition, Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA could serve as an asset in paying income taxes. The Monastery was recently gifted donations from high-yielding IRAs, greatly benefiting the taxpayers.

Digital Currency

The Monastery can accept digital currency such as bitcoins. Please contact us directly via email:

info@NativityoftheTheotokosMonastery.org

In your email, gives us your contact phone # and days and times when you can be reached and we will call you to discuss the process of giving.
Family Trusts, Foundations, Estate Planning

The Monastery has been the recipient of periodic grant donations from family foundations and has been named in several legal documents as a beneficiary.

- A Trust In Perpetuity named the Monastery as a recipient and the deceased donor stipulated that the Monastery should receive quarterly donations from the trust in perpetuity.

- Several individuals have included the Monastery in their estate planning by naming the Monastery in their Last Will and Testament to receive a share of their assets at their repose.

You with your family can say with great love, honoring our Most Holy Mother of God, that you gave from the heart:

- The beautiful stone that adorns the Chapel
- The Chapel’s clay tile, a symbol of Byzantine architecture
- The domes, the crowning glory to the Chapel - symbolizing the unity of heaven & earth, the Kingdom of God & the Church united, as depicted in the icon of Christ The Pantocrator who is always painted in the dome
- The bell tower & its bells, that will echo melodically, calling all to come & pray
- The Byzantine art studio, that will create icons, windows to heaven, spiritual inspirations and symbols of faith

If you are moved to make these offerings, come and visit us and call us 724-352-3999

Aerial view of partial Chapel footprint

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Because it pays to be charitable

Cash donations can be made in several ways:

- Mail checks to: Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery; 121 St. Elias Lane; Saxonburg, PA 16056
- Online at www.NativityOfTheTheotokosMonastery.org
- Auto Draft (Electronic Fund Transfer) from your account to our Building Fund. Please contact the Monastery at 724-352-3999.

May our Most Holy Theotokos Bless, Protect, & Grace you and your family with Her Love for the Kindness you show Her Monastery.

Plan

Is your company willing to donate in-kind, or through cash for:

- Clay Tile and installers for the Chapel
- Shingles and roofers for the Monastery
- Roof Insulation
- EIFS: Stucco system for the Monastery building envelope
- Paint and painters for the structures
- Flooring and installers: Ceramic, LVT, and Marble for the Chapel
- A Drip Irrigation System for Septic
- Water wells

If you can do this for Panagia’s home, please call us or come to the Monastery. Thank you for any consideration you can give.

Gerontissa Theophano visiting a local stone quarry

If you would like to benefit the monastery while improving your tax situation, please contact: Jayme Meredith, Senior Vice President, Hefren-Tillotson at: 412-633-1578 or email him at: meredithgroup@hefren.com

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