



# St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

*Considering the Path to the Future for  
our Parish Family*



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*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father  
which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*

Dear Benefactor of St. Vladimir Church,

Our St. Vladimir parish is a thriving community poised to grow and bring our saving Orthodox Faith to more and more people in Washtenaw, Wayne, Livingston, and Jackson counties. However, their present facilities limit them greatly in this praiseworthy endeavor. Therefore, with our blessing, the parish has undertaken the effort to design and build a new parish church, social hall, and school. I would like to convey to all those that read this letter that I wholeheartedly support the St. Vladimir parish in this pursuit and I urge you, to the greatest extent possible, to support our St. Vladimir parish both financially and spiritually. We ask both for your material help and your prayers, and especially that you might also seek others to support this effort.

It is my expectation and hope, that with your spiritual and material support, we will be able to build this new parish complex so that "all ... [may] be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth (*1 Timothy 2:4*)" and so that truly the light of the St. Vladimir parish will be "put on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light (*Luke 11:33*)".

Please contact the Rector of our St. Vladimir Parish, Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce (ogrish@stvladimiraami.org or 734-649-5746), the Starosta of our St. Vladimir Parish, Mr. Karl (Mercurius) Meyer (starosta@stvladimiraami.org or 734-945-0490), or the head of this building effort, Mr. Nathaniel Longan (nathanlongan@gmail.com or 734-678-8042) for further information.

May the Lord bless you for your support for His Holy Church!

With Love in our Lord Jesus Christ,

+ Bishop Peter

+Bishop Peter  
Bishop of Cleveland  
Administrator of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America

# Parish Growth

- In 2006 we effectively doubled the worship space of our parish church



# Parish Growth

- We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a parish in 2011



# Parish Growth

- Since 2006 our parish has grown quickly according to every metric that we track: paid membership, attendance, communicants, and donations
- We have even outgrown our parking facilities! Sadly, sometimes people cannot find parking and thus cannot join us for Sundays and feast day services



# Full Church



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# Logical Conclusion

- The potential to spread Orthodox Christianity in our area is great, but our facilities are limiting this potential
- We built our addition in 2006 and filled it almost immediately
- We have no educational or social space as a parish
- We have continued to grow and accelerated our growth in the several last years
- We are in need of newer, larger facilities to welcome more and more families into the Orthodox Faith
- Our ruling hierarch Bishop Peter has seen our potential and has blessed us to design and build the facilities we need and to raise the funds to do so

# Our Mission – Why we Exist

The mission of St. Vladimir Orthodox Church is to gather Orthodox Christians of all nationalities and backgrounds, as well as all those desiring to embrace the Orthodox Christian Faith, as a parish family for mutual spiritual support and the salvation of our souls. We strive to emulate in our lives, and especially in our parish family, the relationship between the persons of the Holy Trinity as the highest and most profound example of love.

To Fulfill our Mission...

**We need a new vision!**

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20)*

# **NEW VISION – a new Church and Educational/Social Center**



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- Church Building Includes
  - Worship Space for 300+
  - Choir Loft
  - Nursery
  - Suitable Altar Space
  - Vestry
  - Large Kiosk
  - Other amenities

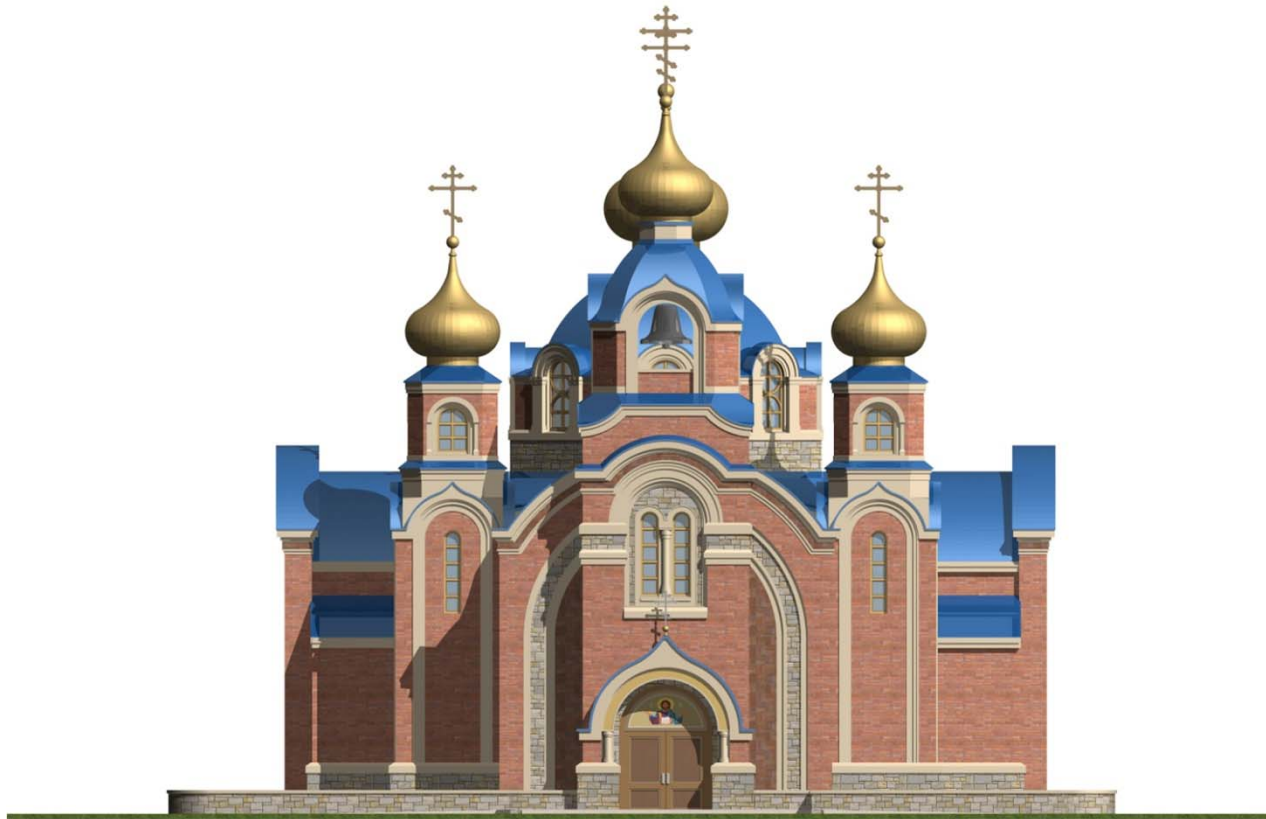
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- Educational/Social Center Includes:
    - Six Classrooms for instruction of our young people in the Law of God
    - Meal seating for 200
    - New spacious kitchen
    - Other amenities
  - Other Improvements
    - Parking for 150 vehicles
    - Picnic Pavilion
- Future Improvements could Include:
    - Cemetery
    - Retirement Home
    - Other opportunities to align with our parish's mission and the history of the Russian Church – to bring Orthodox Christianity to ALL who are interested

# East Elevation



# West Elevation



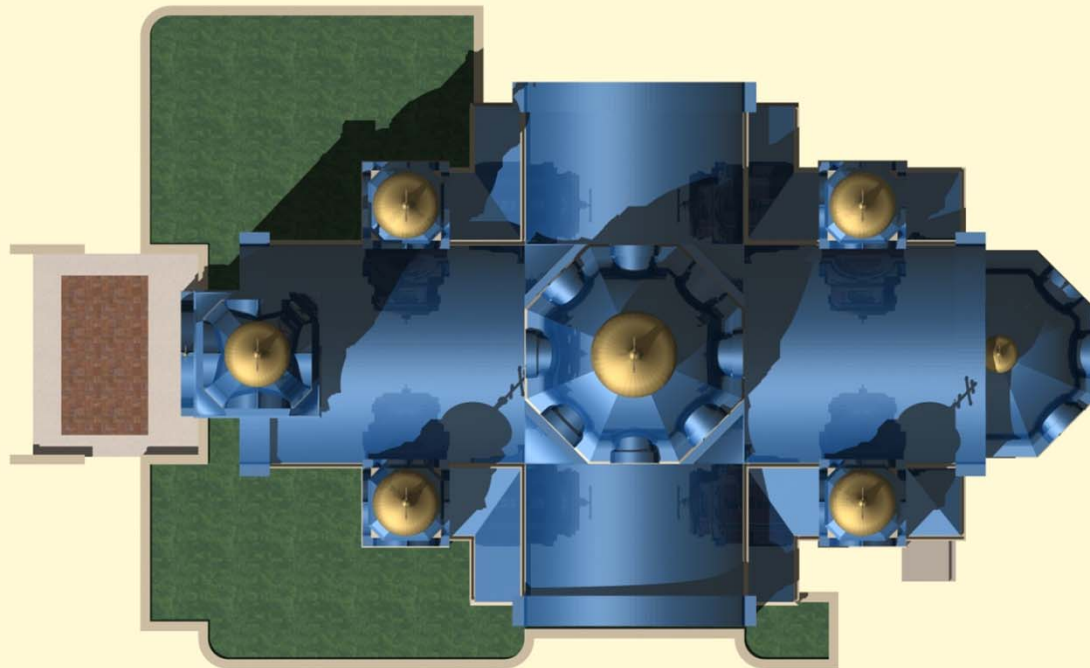
# South Elevation



# North Elevation



# Plan



# And with our new facilities...

- We can welcome more and more new people to the Orthodox Faith (...go forth and teach ALL...)
- We can better put our faith into action by providing such things as:
  - A Free Clinic
  - A Free Food Pantry
  - Other Social Outreach to the Community to minister in emulation of Christ:
    - “...the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister...” (Mark 10:45)

# **Your Partnership – the Key Component**

**In order to make this vision a reality – a reality that aligns with our parish Mission – we need your partnership!**

**-Discussion-**

# A Partnership for the Future

- **Partner with us** – help us attain our shared vision
- **Help us attain our shared vision** by making a gift towards the Capital Campaign
- **Help us attain our shared vision** by convincing others to partner with us in our shared vision – and to make a gift towards the Capital Campaign as well

# Capital Campaign 2013

- Everyone we have talked to in and outside the parish has been very supportive of this project!
- But **WE** need to show we support this project – **we can't expect someone else to do it for us!**
- When we ask who will pay for this project the answer must be: **US – THE ST. VLADIMIR'S FAMILY!!!**
- Total project cost: \$4.1 M
- Capital Campaign 2012 Goal: \$1.0 M in cash or tangible pledges – **GOAL REACHED AND EXCEEDED!**
- Capital Campaign 2013 Goal: **100% Parish Family Participation!**

# Capital Campaign 2013

- In 2012 we raised more than \$1 million as a parish family towards the completion of this project! We believe that the next step – a step that will tangibly demonstrate to others that might support our project (whether that be major donors, grant funding agencies, banking concerns, or a combination of all these) that we are serious about this project and intend to see it to conclusion – is to get every member of our parish family to participate in the capital campaign. **By making a major investment in ourselves before we ask others to help fund our project we can show that we are united as a parish family in our goal of spreading Orthodox Christianity in our community.**

# Great Idea! How do we do it?

- **Pray – absolutely this is most important!**
  - Without God's help we will never succeed!
- St. Vladimir Members 2012: 100+
  - Equal shares  $\approx$  \$10,000 per person
  - Who has \$10,000 lying around?
  - **Trust Payable in 10 years = \$20/week**
    - **Likely much more attainable at \$20/week**
- We are dedicated to making it possible for as many people as possible to participate in helping us reach our goal of 100% participation by the end of 2013!

# Great Idea! How do we do it?

- Some Parishioners: Cash Donation
- Some Parishioners: Trusts
- Some Parishioners: Including Parish in Will
- Some Parishioners: Life Insurance with Parish as Beneficiary
- Some Parishioners: Other Ways or a Combination of Ways
- **We welcome all our parish family to join in and make this LOFTY BUT ATTAINABLE goal a reality!**

# DETAILS!

My options to help us  
reach the 100%

Participation 2013 Goal

# Cash Donations

- Parishioner makes an income tax -deductible donation to the church.
- Church may invest the funds in safe debt vehicles or hold in savings



# Irrevocable Trust

- Parishioner makes an income tax deductible donation to a trust as a donor and commits to certain monetary goal (e.g., \$10,000 in 5 years)
- Funds can be invested in investment grade corporate or government obligations to earn interest
- Irrevocable – what this means...



# Include Parish in will, name as beneficiary on existing assets

- Parishioner wills his/her asset or property to church
- Parishioner names church as a beneficiary on existing life insurance or assets
- May be included on retirement accounts that will not be spent down



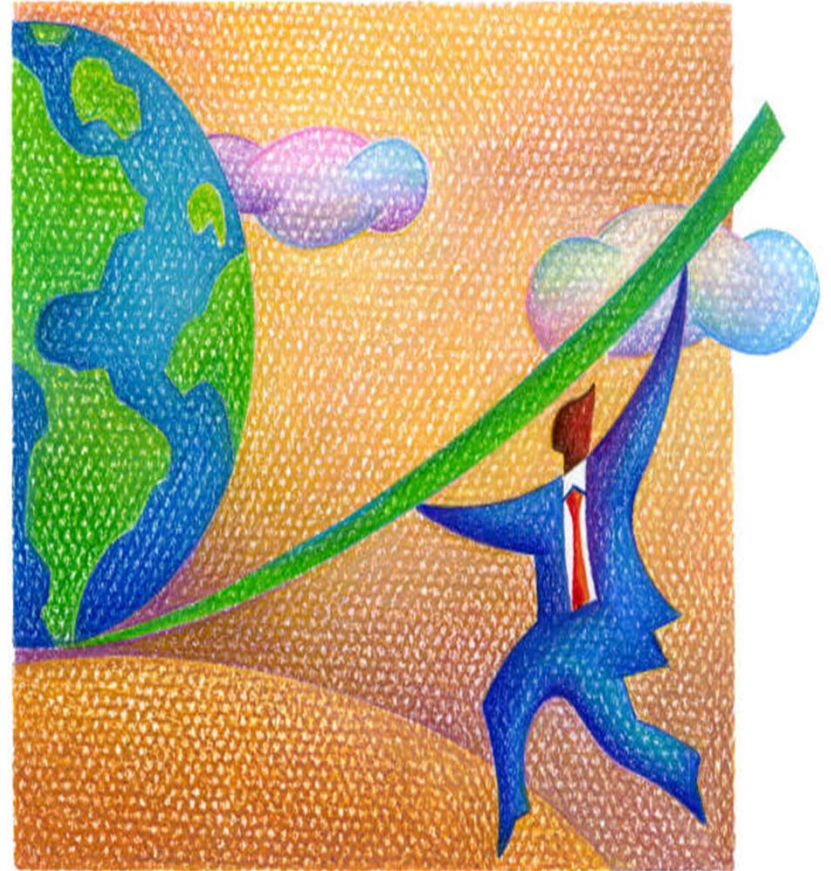
# WHAT IN THE WORLD IS CHOLI?

- Parishioner makes an income tax deductible contribution into a church owned life insurance trust either lump sum or monthly
- Church owns a life insurance policy payable upon death of the parishioner
- Tax free benefit paid immediately to the church
- Policy can be used as collateral to raise capital



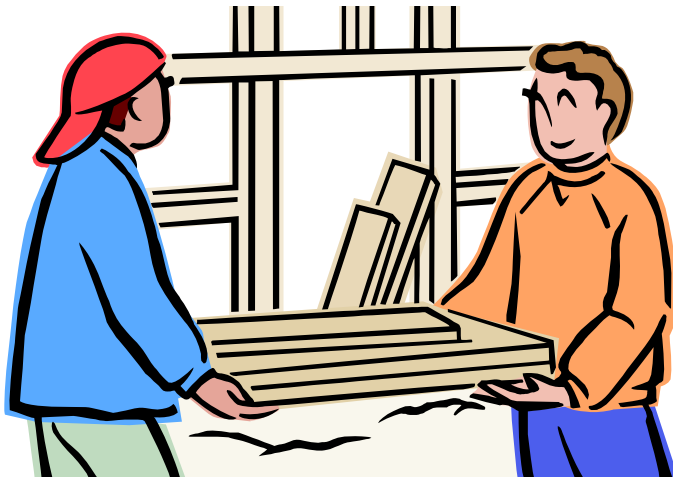
# CHOLI CAN SERVE AS BIG LEVERAGE: LET'S LOOK AT AN EXAMPLE

- **65 year old female** in good health wants to gift **\$250/month** to help church financially
- If she gifts this money to **CHOLI**, it will be able to purchase **\$189,945** permanent life insurance policy payable to church upon her death
- If she lives for another 20 years, she would have paid **\$60,000** in total contributions and the church gets **\$189,945** tax free!



# I WANT TO KNOW MORE!!!

Together – as a parish  
family – we can **meet**  
**or exceed** our goal!



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# **I WANT TO KNOW MORE!!!**

- **Please join us as we work together as a parish family to build our new church for the glory of God!**
- **Please invite friends and loved ones to join us to share the love our Lord committed us to and which has been the hallmark of St. Vladimir's for our parish's entire life!**
- **Let's plan to meet again within a month or so and discuss further – we need your partnership to make this a success!**

# THANK YOU!!!

- Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today – **WE VALUE YOUR TIME!**
- Please contact us if you have questions – we look forward to meeting with you again in about a month. **Let's schedule that meeting now so we both don't forget.** 😊

**See you soon at St.  
Vladimir's!**

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