

Christos Anesti!

On behalf of the Vision 21 Building Committee and our Parish Council, I pleased and honored to provide an update on our building program.

As you may recall, on March 12, following the Divine Liturgy, our Building Committee Co-Chair, Ted Konopisos, our Fund-Raising Lead, Cherise Matthews and I presented the vision and plans for our new Parish Event Center and additional Church Iconography.

**A quick recap of what we shared:**

- Building Plan was approved by the parish of St. Paul's in its June, 2014 Strategic Plan.
- Plan was re-affirmed during our Parish General Assembly meeting of November 20, 2016 and approval given to commence the next phase of our campus development with the construction of a new Parish Event Center, Gymnasium and re-fashioned Plaza.
- Based upon feedback from our Parish, we will also add to our iconography within the Church by adding two new icons depicting: The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River and The Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor.
- Fund Raising Goal for both projects: \$5,500,000.
- Advance Fund Raising to March 12: \$1,600,000 to be added to cash on hand of \$1,500,000 for a total of \$3,100,000.
- From March 13 – April 22, we would do another round of discussions with a small group of potential donors. No full- Parish Fund Raising would occur in order to respect the Lenten period. No solicitations would occur during Holy Week.

**Where we are today, April 23, 2017:**

Glory to God, we have completed another successful round of Fund Raising!

- During this phase, we had 20 families commit to donating over \$400,000! That brings our total Building Fund Commitment from 40 families to just over \$2,000,000! This will help us tremendously in securing a \$1,000,000 commitment from a Family Foundation with whom we have been in discussions.
- We have also completed the design process for our Iconography and will be having our iconographers visiting St. Paul's this next week to confirm measurements, colors and final details.
- Our Parish Event Center plans are complete and have been submitted to the City of Irvine for approval.
- Beginning today, we are officially launching our Parish-Wide Fund-Raising Program.
- Our Goal for this final round is \$1,000,000 and it is crucial that this final round be successful. Our promise at the onset of the fund-raising program was to ensure that we have the necessary monies and/or commitments in place before we commence the development of our new Parish Event Center. Without this final \$1,000,000 in place, we cannot proceed with building our new center. We need everyone's participation.

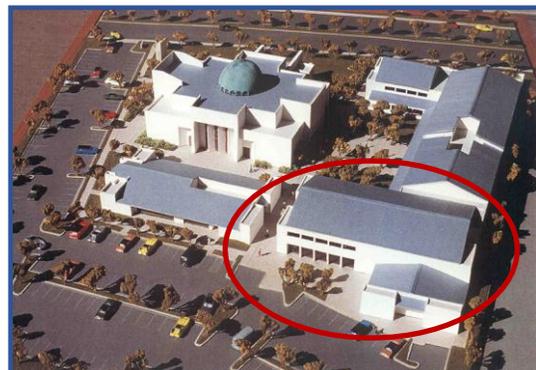
**Moving forward:** We will be providing regular information on the status of our fund raising and the program, in general, using a variety of media.

Please continue to pray for our Lord's guidance and support during this exciting time.

In Christ,

Steve Tibbs, Parish Council President & Building Fund Co-Chair

## St. Paul's Parish Event Center



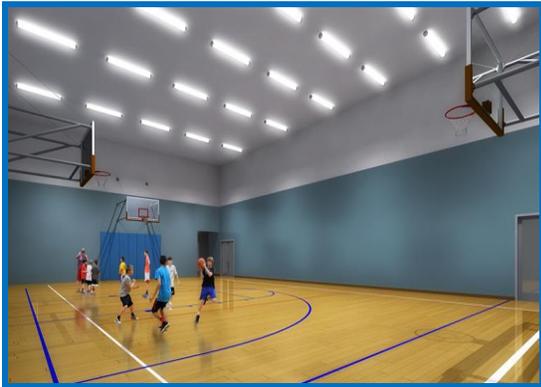
## 13,000 Foot Center

Elegant Lobby and Reception Area  
Ballroom Seating for 300  
World-Class Professional Kitchen



## Gymnasium

$\frac{3}{4}$  Basketball Court  
Full-Sized Volleyball Court  
Large Screen Movie Venue



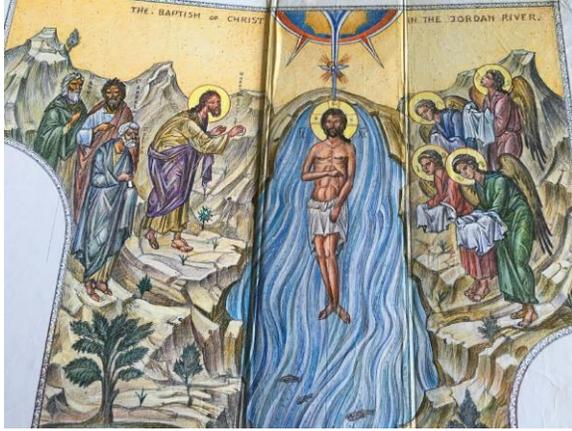
## All Saints Plaza

Completely Renovated Area  
Containing Up to 9 New Mosaic Icons  
Outside Coffee Bar & Service Area

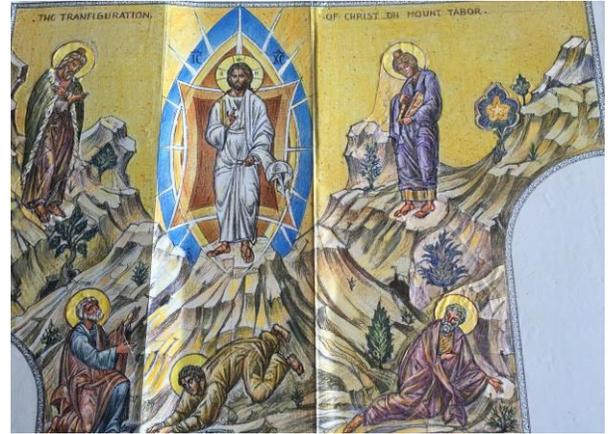


## Church Iconography

On Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Parish Council approved adding to our Sanctuary's iconography. Effective immediately, we will proceed with the final design details and initiate the development and installation of two large icons on the walls behind the baptismal font and the kouvouklion. Below are renderings of the images to be created. Total costs for the iconography are anticipated to be \$500,000.



**Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River**



**Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor**