

Building New Memories



Parish Event Center, Plaza & Gymnasium Building Program

**St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church
Irvine, California**

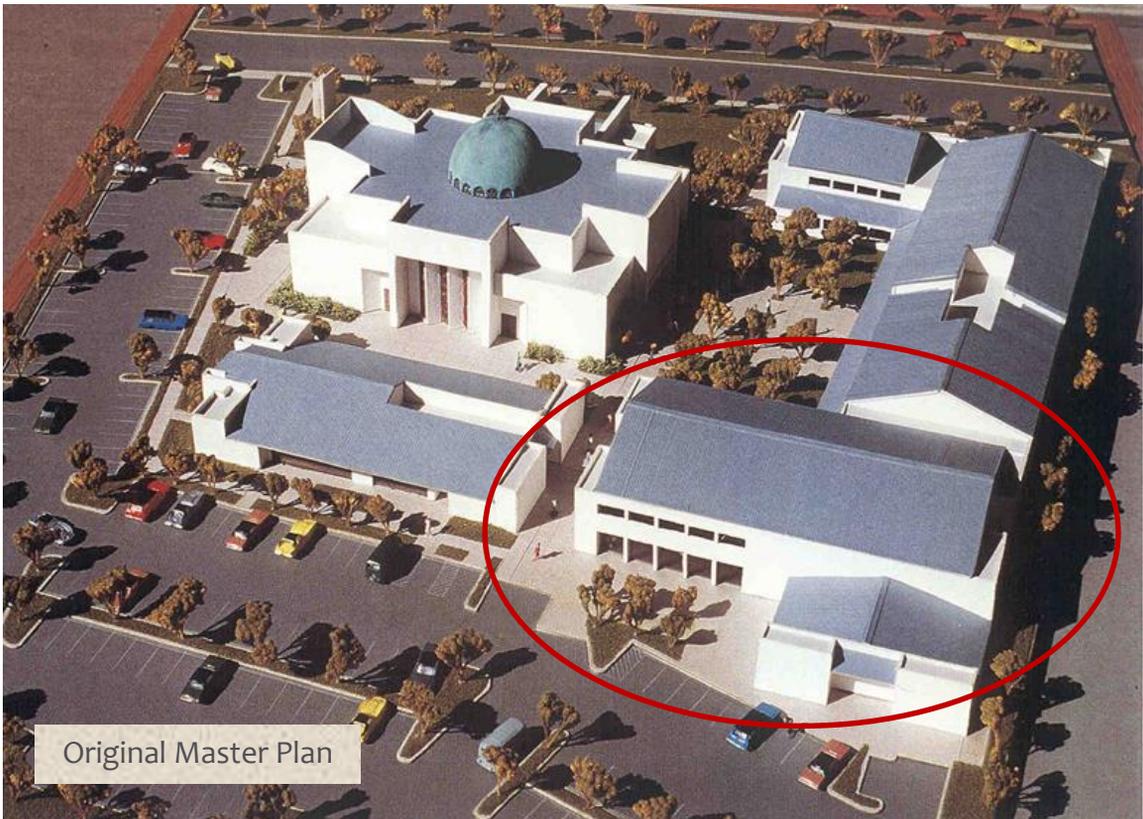
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Shaping the Future

Introduction

As approved by the parish of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox in its June, 2014 Strategic Plan, and affirmed during its Parish General Assembly meeting of November 20, 2016, we will commence the next phase of our campus development with the construction of a new Parish Event Center, Gymnasium and re-fashioned Plaza. In addition, we will be adding new iconography to our Church Sanctuary.

With God's help and the willingness of our parishioners to embrace the biblical teaching of generous and sacrificial giving, our goal will be achieved.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Program Goals

1. Complete the final phase of our Parish Development Plan to include:

NEW 13,000 ft. Parish Event Center

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

NEW Gymnasium

- ◆ Basketball Court
- ◆ Volleyball Court
- ◆ Large Screen Movie Venue

EXPANDED All-Saints Plaza

- ◆ Addition of 9 new Mosaic Icons
- ◆ Patio Coffee Bar
- ◆ Expanded Planters and Greenspace

2. Continue to Honor and Glorify God by creating two, large iconographic scenes within our Sanctuary depicting key events in the life of Jesus Christ.

NEW Church Iconography

- The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River
- The Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor

Why We Are Doing This?

We've Outgrown our Current Parish Hall

We've grown so big as a parish, we simply cannot hold an event, in which we all can fit!

Create More Opportunities for Youth to Connect

We want to build a facility which will allow our youth to spend more time together, on the grounds of *their* church, having fun as they participate in volleyball, basketball or other youth-oriented activities. In addition, we will have the opportunity to have many more family-oriented activities, such as movie nights and "sleep-overs."

Offer a Simple and Convenient Event Option

Families will soon enjoy the convenience of not having to drive to another venue in order to celebrate following a baptism or wedding. Also, events such as our "Festival of Hearts" ball can be held on-site and eliminate the high costs of a hotel rental.

The All-Saints Plaza Will Allow Us To Witness Our Faith

With the icon of St. Paul's over the doors of our Church and the Life of Christ depicted on the actual doors of the Church we provide a "passive" witness to our faith. By ringing our new plaza with 12 icons (9 of which will be newly created) we will continue to share our faith to visitors.

Generate Additional Revenue for St. Paul's

The Center will be offered to both our own parishioners and those from outside our direct community seeking to rent a local, elegant venue.

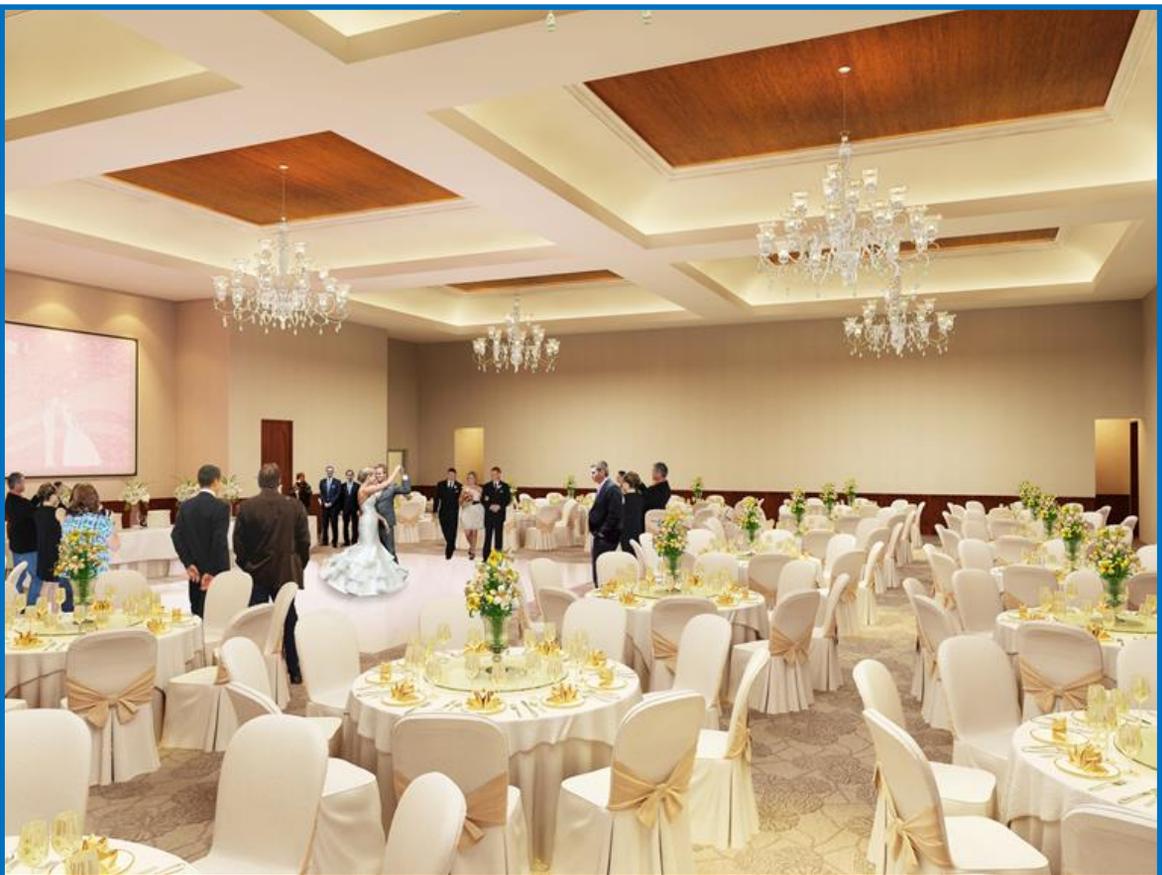
It's a Key Component of our Long Range Plan

In May, 1998 and June, 2014, at a special General Assembly, our Parish unanimously agreed to implement the St. Paul's long range plan entitled "Vision 21." A key component of the plan included a commitment to build a new Parish hall.

Parish Event Center

Our new 13,000 foot Community Center and Gymnasium will be a state-of-the-art facility which will provide hospitality, participation and memories for generations to come.

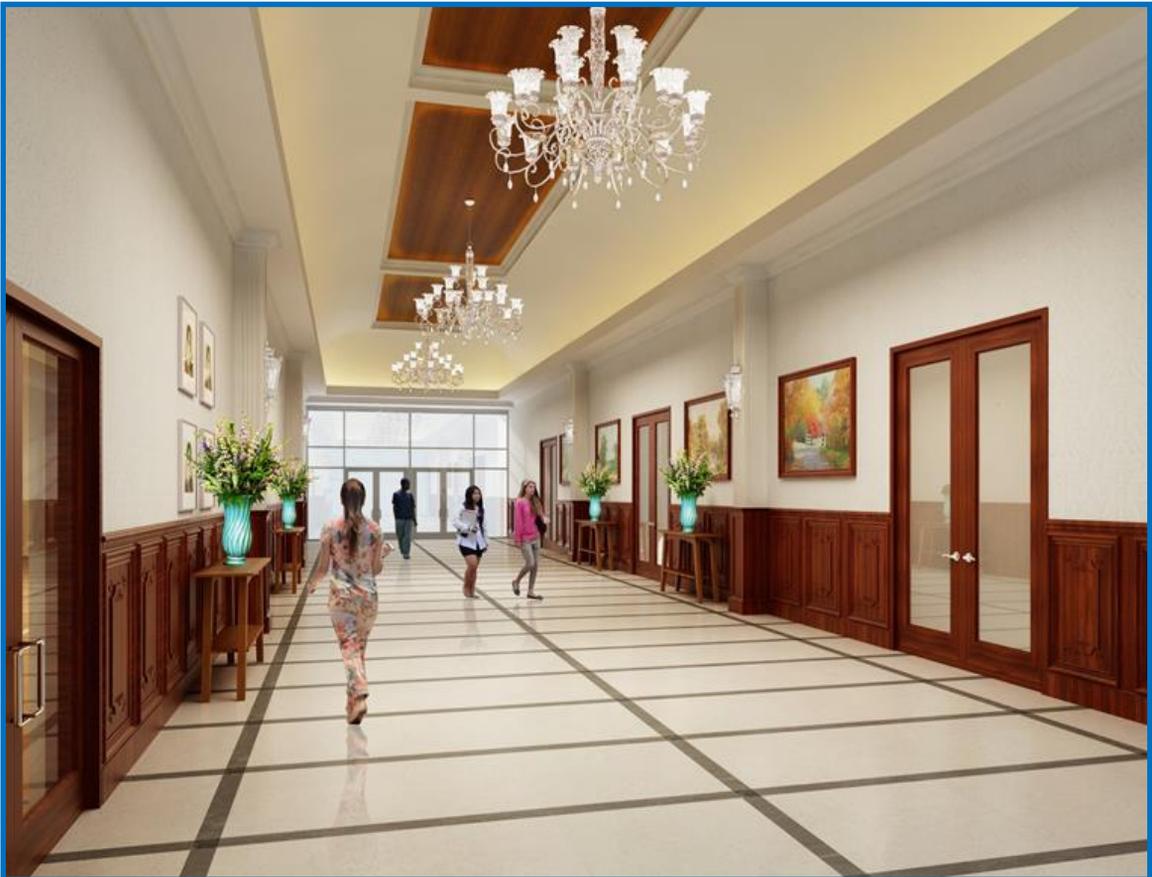
“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” Hebrews 13:2



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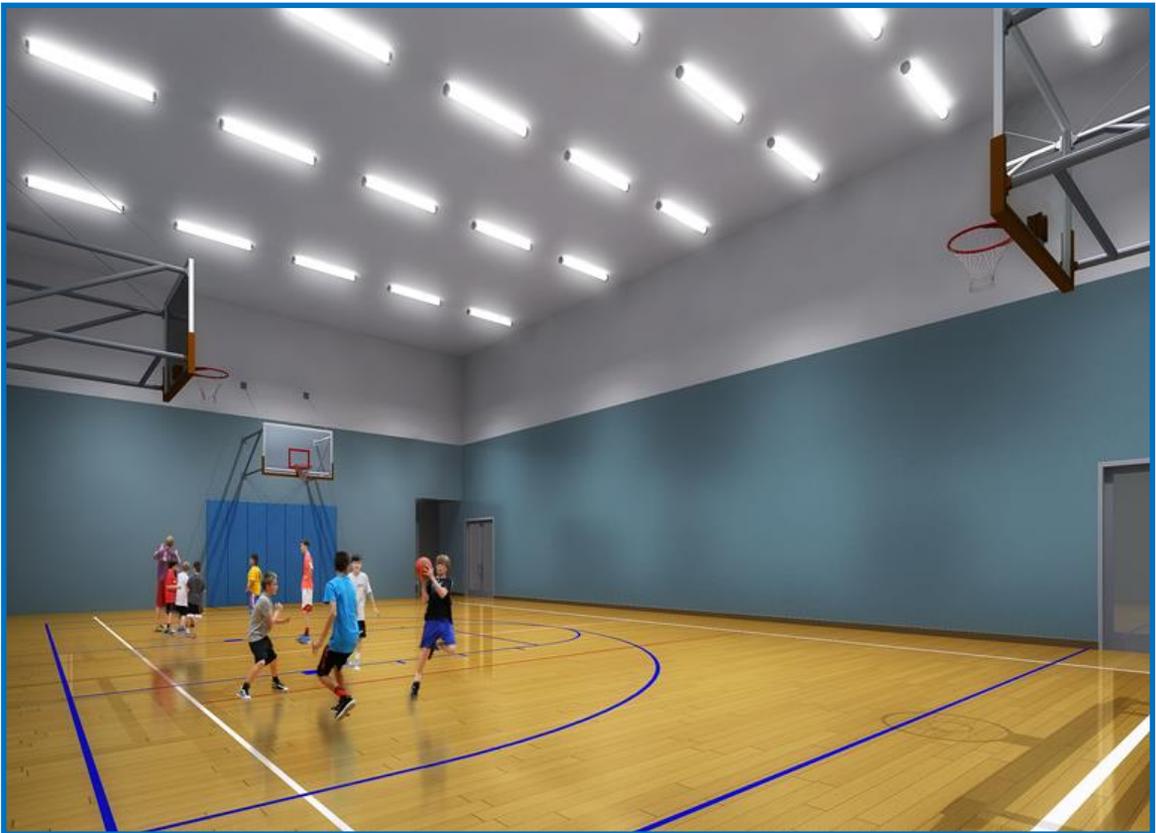
Guests will be greeted by an elegant lobby and reception center before enjoying a beautifully appointed ballroom capable of seating 300 people with a full dance floor or 400 visitors in theater-arranged seating.

Banquets will be supported by a professionally designed, fully equipped and caterer-friendly kitchen.



Gymnasium

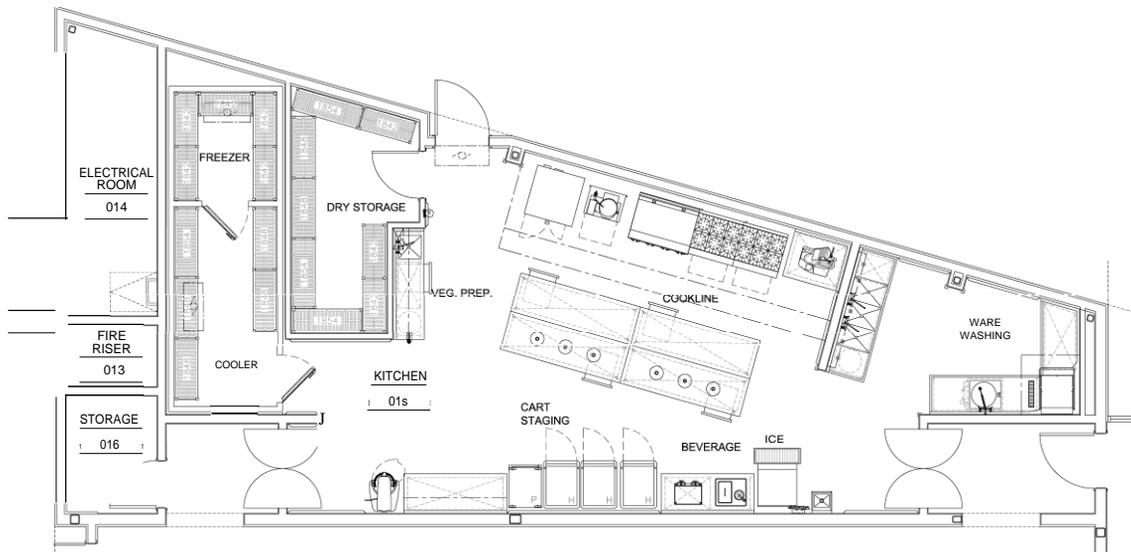
The new gymnasium will extend our commitment to youth, young adults, adults and families as it becomes a weekly hub for activities. The facility will provide numerous basketball hoops, a full-sized, competitive volleyball court and a huge, sit-on-a-blanket, casual viewing area for full-screen movie nights.



Professional Kitchen

The Parish Event Center will be equipped with a new professional kitchen designed to provide excellence in food preparation and service for an array of events ranging from St. Paul's annual Greek Festival, weekly coffee hours or full banquets. It has also been designed to be "caterer friendly," encouraging approved catering companies to utilize our facilities.

The kitchen was designed by a committee which included St. Paul's parishioners skilled and experienced in all facets of restaurant and catering operations, a professional kitchen and equipment design service and the architects of our overall plan. It will serve our culinary needs for many years to come and enable us to expand our current levels of hospitality we are known for at St. Paul's!



All Saints Plaza

As part of our overall project, the plaza joining the current Sanctuary, Education Center and Administration Build with the new Events Center will be re-fashioned to offer expanded seating and greenspaces. In addition, a new reception and outdoor serving area will be created which can be used for weekly Sunday coffee hours or in conjunction with ballroom events.

Most importantly, we will be expanding our commitment to honor Saints of the Orthodox Church, by offering donors the opportunity to sponsor one of nine available locations within the Plaza with a mosaic Icon of a Saint of their choice.



“Honoring Our Saints”

The “Honoring Our Saints” program was a core element of the overall fund raising approach supporting the construction of our Education Center. As a result of that program, we now able to bear witness to nearly 100 Saints whose icons adorn the interior hallways of our Education Center. In addition, we have currently have four Saints being honored on the outer walls of the Education Center.

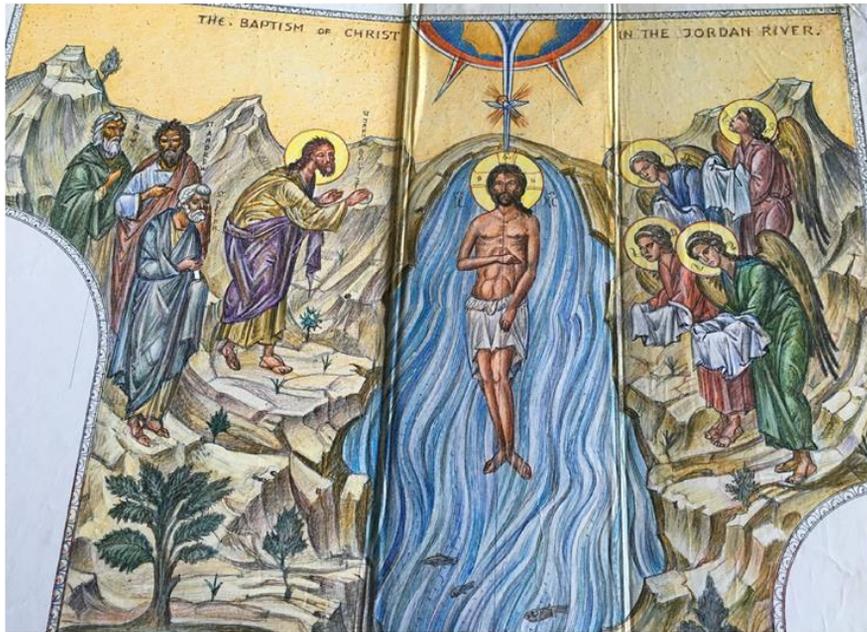
It is intent of the fund raising program to once again offer the opportunity to “Honor Our Saints” by providing giving opportunities for an additional 9 icons which would be placed on the exterior, plaza-facing walls of our Education Center. By doing this, our “All Saints Plaza” will be realized.

All Saint’s Plaza Program Components

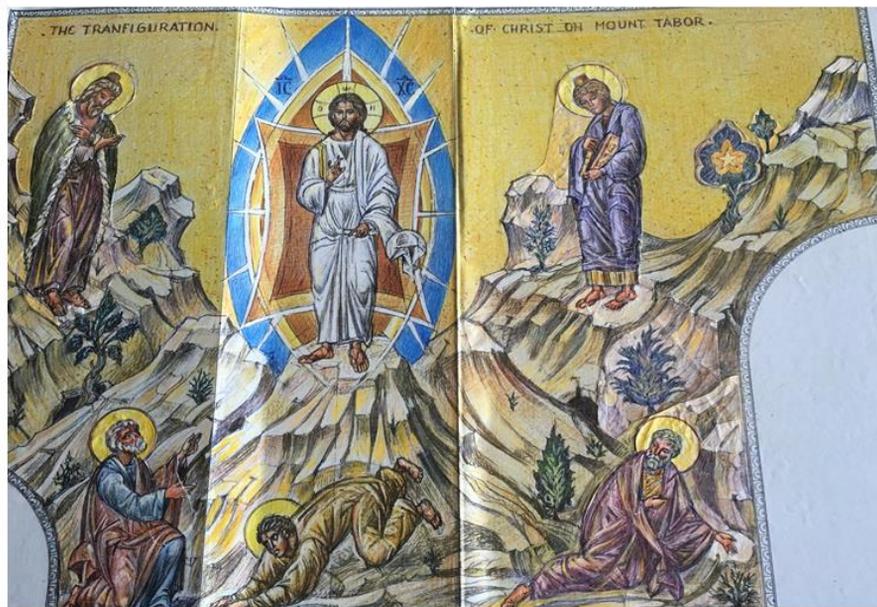
- † **Space is available for 9 Saints to be honored.** For each Saint, a custom mosaic icon will be commissioned.
- † **Commemorative Plaques** Below each icon, a Commemorative Plaque will be placed which will share the history of the Saint and identify in whose memory the donation was made and by whom.
- † **Honoring A Saint** To participate in this program, and to “Honor a Saint” in this manner, we are asking for a donation of \$100,000 per Saint.

New Iconography Drafts

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST IN THE JORDAN RIVER



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST ON MOUNT TABOR



Church Iconography

UPDATE: WORK HAS BEEN APPROVED AND ICON DESIGN AND CREATION IS PROCEEDING IN ITALY; INSTALLATION SLATED FOR JANUARY, 2018

Recommendation

- Proceed immediately with the development and installation of two large icons on the walls behind the baptismal font and the kouvouklion.

Iconographer

- It is recommended to use Mr. Carlo Poli, an artisan located in Pietrasanta, Italy. This town houses a number of mosaicists who do extensive work with U.S.-based iconographers, including Mr. Sirio Tonelli. In essence, this allows us to buy “wholesale” rather than “retail.”

Scope & Timing

- Scope will include final design, construction and installation of all icons.
- If approved, final design will commence immediately. It is anticipated that the development and installation process will take approximately 9 months.
- Families who may be planning a wedding or baptism during this timeframe will be informed of the plans.

Cost

- The contract for the above work will be \$500,000. Funds will be distributed from the Vision 21 Building Fund. It is anticipated that the current building program fund raise will be able to cover both the iconography and the new Parish Event Center. Shortfalls in cash flow due to the iconography would be covered either in future rents from Pacific Academy or from additional donors.
- In addition to the above, St. Paul’s will provide site readiness and management (scaffolding, wall preparation, etc.) with costs estimated to be \$25,000.