

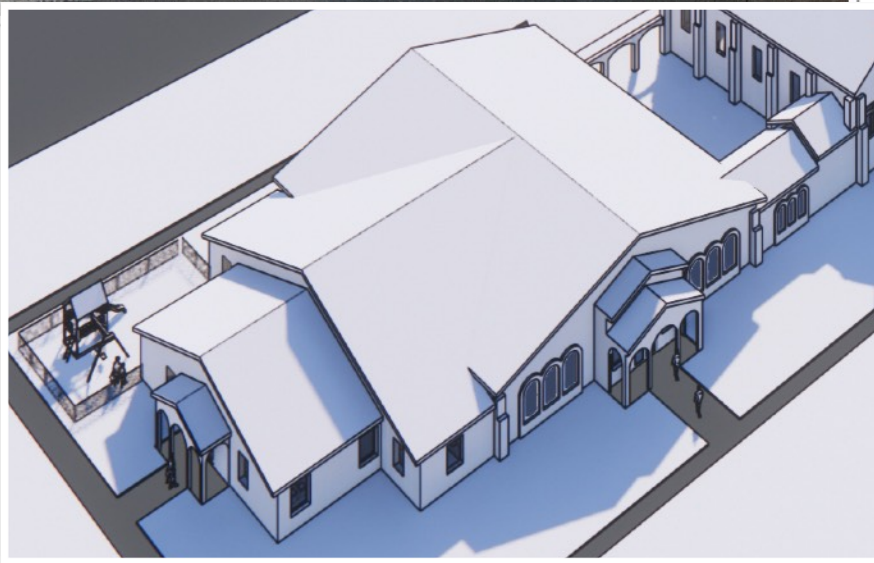
The Saint George Chronicle

An occasional newsletter of Saint George Orthodox Church
Kearney, Nebraska

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE,
BUILDING OUR FUTURE.



Water color rendering of our proposed new church hall (above). Aerial view of the church hall (right). See pages 4, 5, and 6 for more about our church hall project.



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On the weekend of July 1st-2nd, with the blessing of our Metropolitan Saba, Bishop Neofitos from Kenya visited Saint George church to lead the divine services, give a presentation on the missionary work in his new diocese, and thank the parishioners of Saint George for supporting the girls' school he founded in his former diocese. Bishop Neofitos was joined by Hieromonk Alexii, Abbess Sergia, and Mother Johanna from the Monastery of the Archangel Michael in Weatherby, Missouri. It was a very uplifting and inspirational weekend! Bishop Neofitos loved the community of Saint George and is very thankful for your love, prayers, and support! We collected \$7,400 to support ministries in his new diocese, raised \$1200 from our recent garage sale to support the girls' school he founded, and received 13 renewed annual sponsorships for students attending the school. Thank you all for your incredible generosity!!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

JULY...

8th—Alex Beim
 9th—Delaney Denny
 11th—Joanie Klein & Cedar Kremer
 13th—Esther Jorgensen
 17th—Dr. William Suleiman
 18th—Drew Fothergill, Cora Theesen
 & Amanda Williamson
 22nd—Tasia Theoharis & Dione Steinbrink
 28th—Gideon Cone
 30th—Jeannie Hoff & Jenny Bergt
 31st—Haddie Cone

AUGUST...

7th—Juli Jones
 13th—Ronda Maloley
 18th—Danny Hassel
 20th—Grant Guikema & Phoebe Kremer

SEPTEMBER...

3rd—Gage Jaeger
 4th—Amy Hadley
 7th—Jane Cone
 9th—Terah Williams
 10th—Alexis Hadley
 17th—Kollins Maloley
 22nd—Evi Jorgensen
 27th—Amanda Denny

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

JULY...

10th—John & Theo Wolf
 12th—Phil & Ashley Maloley
 13th—Brandon & Hannah Cone

AUGUST...

5th—Gerald & Kim Rehtus
 12th—John & Margaret Morris
 15th—Fr. Christopher & Kh. Anastasia
 27th—Rocky & Dione Steinbrink

SEPTEMBER...

1st—Steve & Danielle Wolf
 3rd—Jake & Charity Miller

*Donations gratefully received...
 from Joe & Linda Maloley*

PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE... This year's Parish Life Conference took place in Dallas, Texas. Thirty parishioners from Saint George attended! It was a very nice PLC, and we thank Father David Lewis and the faithful of Saints Constantine and Helen Orthodox Church for their hard work and hospitality! It was our first PLC since Bishop Basil's retirement last fall and he was dearly missed! His Grace Bishop Thomas from the Diocese of Oakland, Charleston, and the Mid-Atlantic presided at this year's DOWAMA PLC while we await the appointment of our new bishop.

Besides our having the largest number of attendees at a PLC ever, our little parish of Saint George also had some quite exciting and unexpected surprises! We returned with numerous awards from the Creative Arts Festival and three trophies!

*Our Creative Arts Festival winners include: Juliana Morris, 1st place, Art, 11th grade; Haddie Cone, 2nd place, Art, 6th grade; Jane Cone, 2nd place, Art, 2nd grade; Elizabeth Morris, Silver Achievement, Art, 6th grade; and Zane Jaeger, Silver Achievement, 2nd grade.

*Our defending 2022 Adult Bible Bowl team had a repeat victory in Dallas! This year's adult team members were Sarah Fothergill, Megan Morris, and Ment Morris.

*Our youth group won this year's DOWAMA SOYO Scrapbook Award (which means they are very active and doing a lot of cool things together)!

*Our Teen Bible Bowl team won the Bible Bowl! This year's teen team members are Mariam Browne, Juliana Morris, and Gabriella Morris. They will be representing DOWAMA at the Bible Bowl tournament at the Archdiocesan Convention in Phoenix near the end of July!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL !!!

(see page 8 for photos)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL... This year's VBS theme was "Time to Go to Church: Touch, Smell, Taste, Hear, and See Jesus!" Our Pre-School through Junior High attendees learned how Orthodox worship engages our whole being. Our High School class examined how Christ appeared in the Old Testament as the Angel of the Lord, the Son of Man, the Word of God, and the visible Yahweh.

We had 41 youth and children in attendance, with six VBS teachers and six helpers throughout our fun-filled week together. Parishioners provided daily snacks and a picnic meal at a nearby park on our last day of VBS.

MANY THANKS TO OUR VBS TEACHERS & HELPERS !!!

(see page 7 for photos)

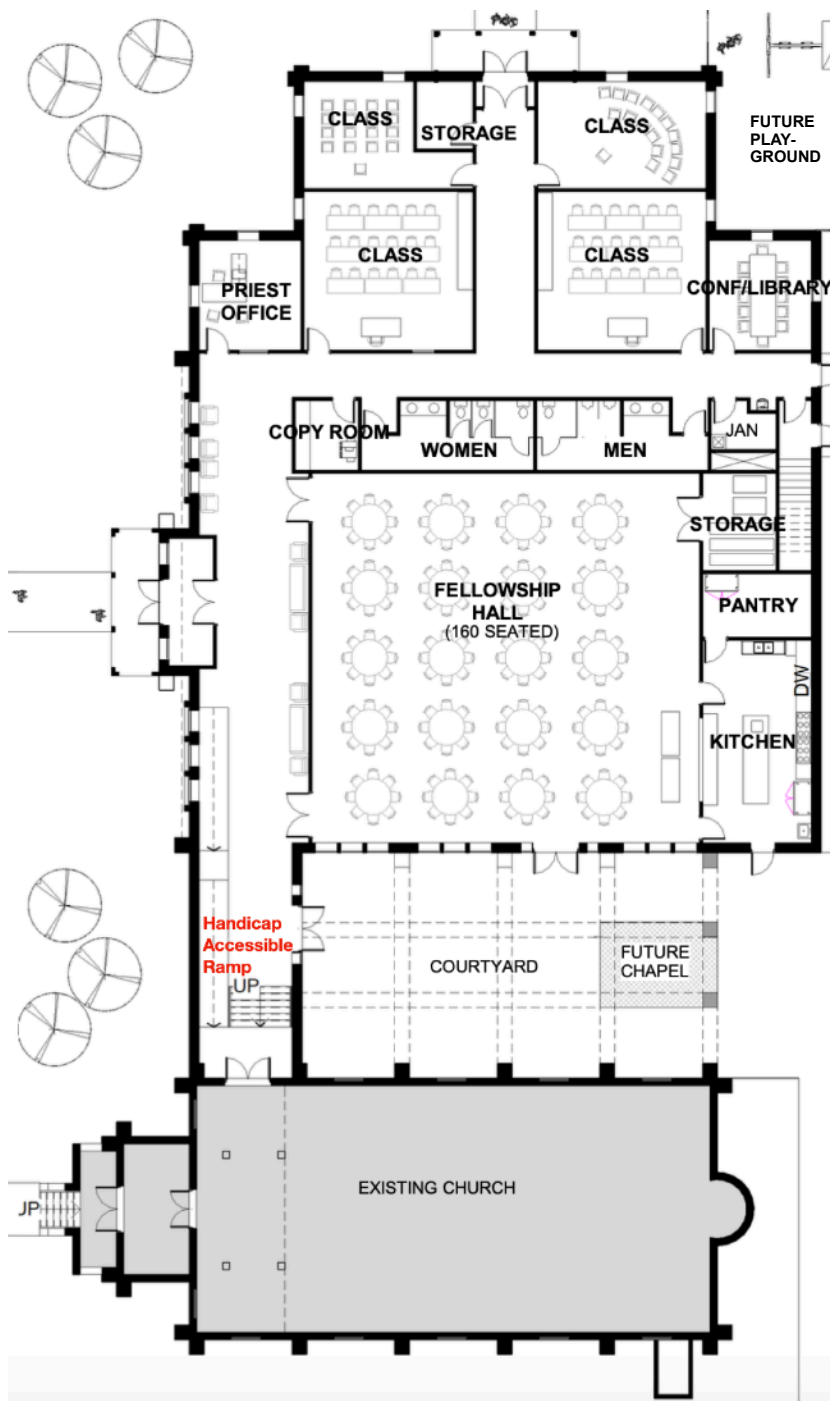
Church Hall Floor Plan...

We are excited to announce plans for our Saint George Church Hall project! We have been working with local architectural firm [Wilkins ADP](#) to come up with a design for our new church hall that will reflect the beauty and look of our current church building and will be built to last just as long! Priorities in our new church hall design include:

- Handicap accessibility to both the hall and the church
- Fellowship space for 160 people
- Classrooms and educational space
- Large kitchen
- Courtyard for additional outdoor fellowship space

Our hope is to build the entire hall at one time due to the many needs of our growing parish! However, we have purposefully designed the hall to be able to be built in two phases *if needs be*. Current estimates:

- Phase 1 (handicap access to the church, fellowship hall, kitchen, bathrooms): approximately \$2.5 million.
- Phase 2 (classrooms, conference room, and priest's office): approximately \$1 million.



This is a **BIG** project for us, but we know that with God, all things are possible! We also know that time and time again, we have experienced God's great blessings through your incredible generosity. With God's help, our fundraising goal is to fully fund the new church hall with no loan, or only a very small loan, by 2028 in time for the 125th anniversary of Saint George Church. Please join us in making this dream a reality!



Beloved in Christ, Father Christopher and esteemed Members of the Parish Council,

Christ is risen!

We have received your letter of April 30, 2023, in which you request our blessing to begin a capital campaign to raise funds for construction of a new church hall. You state in your letter that the new addition would provide handicap access to the church as well as new fellowship space, a kitchen, classrooms, an office, and a meeting room. You further state that your goal is to complete the project within five years, depending on the success of your fundraising efforts. Additionally, you provided conceptual drawings for our review and minutes of a Special Meeting of your parish General Assembly on April 23, 2023, at which the proposed capital campaign was approved (63 in favor; 3 opposed).

Having reviewed your plans, drawings, and minutes, we are very pleased with your proposal. We do bless you to proceed with this capital campaign. When you are ready to build, please update us on your plans and request a blessing to proceed. Additionally, please note that you must also seek our blessing before undertaking any loan for this project. Since your annual parish income is limited, we hope that you will be able either to fund this project with cash in hand or to proceed with only a small loan, at most. We look forward to hearing of good results from your fundraising and to one day see this exciting project come to fruition.

With prayers for you, your families, and your parish, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

T. Saba
✠ SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

As seen throughout our history, Saint George Church has been built from the support—financial, labor, and especially prayer—of our parishioners and many other benefactors in our extended Saint George family. Please consider financially supporting our church hall project. Every donation—big and small—gets us closer to breaking ground and beginning construction!

Charitable donations to our church hall fundraising campaign can be made:


- Through our 5 Year Giving Plan (see page 6)
- In memory of loved ones
- Anonymously through Kearney Area Community Foundation
- From Retirement Accounts, Estate Planning, or other non-traditional forms of giving through the Kearney Area Community Foundation
- [Donate Online](#)
- Donate using the QR Code on page 6
- Learn more by visiting this [FAQ link](#)

If you would like more information about our fundraising campaign, please email us at st.georgebuildingkearney@gmail.com and we will be happy to send you more information!

Fundraising Plan

SPONSORSHIP GIVING LEVEL	\$50,000 GIVING LEVEL	\$37,500 GIVING LEVEL	\$25,000 GIVING LEVEL	\$15,000 GIVING LEVEL	\$6,000 GIVING LEVEL
To be determined. Please talk with Father Christopher about sponsorship level donations.	\$10,000 per year for 5 years	\$7,500 per year for 5 years	\$5,000 per year for 5 years	\$3,000 per year for 5 years	\$1,200 per year for 5 years
	\$833 per month for 5 years	\$625 per month for 5 years	\$417 per month for 5 years	\$250 per month for 5 years	\$100 per month for 5 years

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St. George Parish Hall Fundraising Campaign 

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With a gift of: _____ 5 years is the maximum length of pledge

I/We Pledge: _____ Over _____ Years. 5 years is the maximum length of pledge

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Check Payable to St. George Orthodox Church Building Fund

Give online at Kearney Area Community Foundation or by scanning the QR Code

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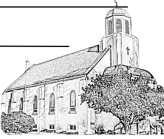
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This gift is in honor / memory of: _____

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Please make this gift anonymous




Watch our new video on the Church Hall project and visit our parish website to learn more about our Church Hall campaign.

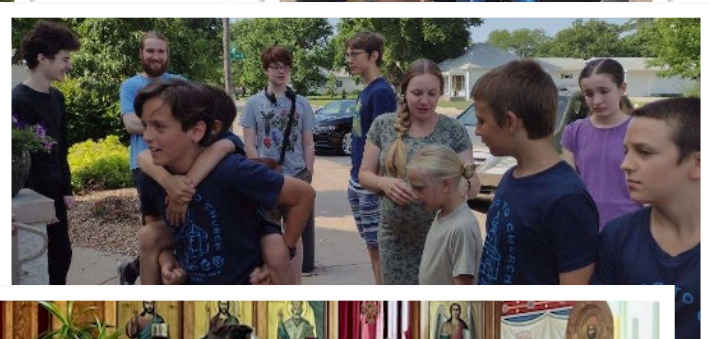
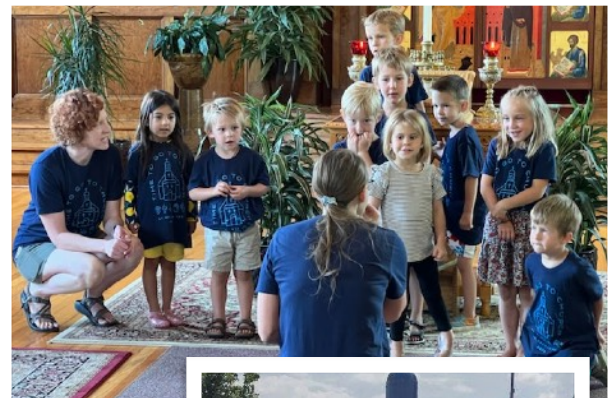
How can I help with the church hall project?

Most importantly, PRAY!!!

Donate electronically [via this link](#).

Donate by scanning the QR code below:







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2023 DOWAMA PLC Teen Bible Bowl Champs:
Mariam Brown, Juliana Morris, Gabriella Morris

2023 DOWAMA PLC Adult Bible Bowl Champs:
Sarah Fothergill, Megan Morris, Ment Morris

2023 DOWAMA SOYO Scrapbook Award:
Saint George Kearney Youth Group