



ARISE & BUILD

St. John the Baptist
Greek Orthodox Church

Quarterly Report

September 2025

Dear St. John Parishioners,

It's an **incredible blessing** to see our parish rally behind the Arise & Build Capital Campaign and the renovation of our church grounds for the past ten months. As we begin Phase One, which focuses on the Ministry Building, we're excited to share the most current update on the state of the campaign.

Our parish is **actively growing!** Expanding our sanctuary seating, creating dedicated spaces for Sunday School and our ministries, adding parking and intimate prayer spaces, and renovating the Kourmolis Center are all essential to meeting the needs of today's St. John community and **the future of our church.**

What's Your Why?

**COFFEE
HOUR**

Join us as we begin a new Ecclesiastical Year, the start of the fall season and honor the 70th anniversary of St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church.

Let's gather *Today*
To celebrate *Yesterday*

Sunday
September 7



*"Let us arise and build!"
So they strengthened their
hands for the good work.
Nehemiah 2:18*

BIG NEWS!

Your Donation Matched

Thanks to the remarkable generosity of an anonymous St. John donor, we have a matching gift challenge that will **double every contribution** made to our Arise & Build Capital Campaign by December 1! This means **your gift will have twice the impact** in helping us achieve our campaign goals.

How to Give

We invite you to prayerfully consider your donation. Visit www.ariseandbuild.com, scan the QR code below, or contact the parish office for a pledge form at (813) 876-8830.



Available naming opportunities can be found on the website.

Parish Engagement

The Arise & Build Capital Campaign calls each of us to **unite and work together** to make this once-in-a-generation project a success. Many parishioners have already answered the call to bring Arise & Build to life. There are many more opportunities for **YOU** to participate as the project progresses. Each of us can contribute to make this vision a reality - today, tomorrow, and **for the next 70 years**.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



Advisors

- Planned/legacy giving
- Social media engagement
- Grant writing
- Event planning
- Commercial real estate broker



Volunteers

There are a number of events and projects over the course of the Arise & Build Capital Campaign where volunteers will be needed.



Arise & Build Table

Visit the Arise & Build table after Divine Liturgy to view the latest renderings, pick up materials, and submit your suggestions or questions.



Small Group Meetings

Our small group meetings are an opportunity to learn more about the campaign, ask questions, and share ideas in a more intimate setting. Please let us know if you would like to host an event with your friends and family, join a scheduled meeting, or plan a one-on-one conversation.

To get involved, please email _ariseandbuild@stjohntpa.org

Construction Update

Phase One: Ministry Building Renovation

Architectural Design

- **Design Scope: *Awarded*** - for all three phases to LDL Blueline (architect), Hahn Engineering (MEP engineering), Beckley Engineering Consultants (structural engineering), and Landmark Engineering and Survey (civil engineering).
- **Ministry Building Designs: *Finalized*** - including new mechanical system, roof, church offices and meeting space, small fellowship hall, choir room, shared classroom/ministry space, updated restrooms, increased storage, accessible facilities, etc.

Permitting & Approvals

- **Construction Documents: *In Process*** - required to obtain all necessary permits and approvals in accordance with city and county requirements, as well as other stakeholders.
- **Phase I Environmental: *Complete***

Contractor

- **Proposals: *Under Review*** - analyzing/negotiating four bids to ensure scope and select best qualified

Phase Two: Church Sanctuary Expansion

Architectural Design

- **Design Scope: *Under Revision*** - based on parishioner feedback, changing Church narthex design. The new plans include increased seating capacity, new narthex – including brick to match the church, repaired dome, restrooms, cry room/bereavement/bride's room, and improved accessibility.

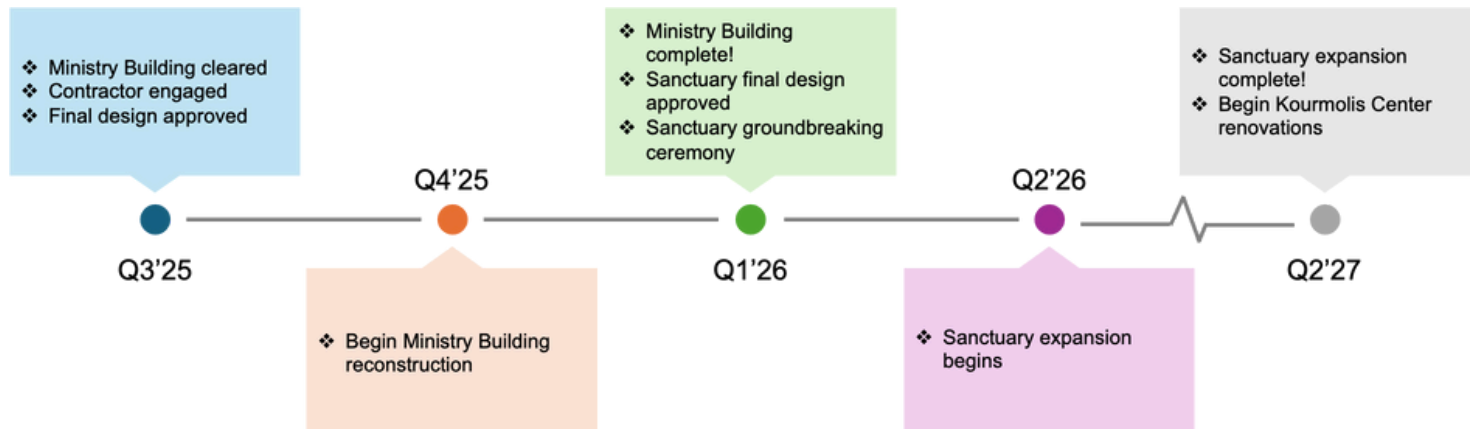
Permitting & Approvals

- Same as Phase One above

Coming Soon!

Phase Three: Kourmolis Center and Grounds Renovations

Projected Quarterly Timeline



Financial Update

The most important part of the **Arise & Build Capital Campaign** is meeting our goal of **100% parish participation!** Thanks to your generosity, the new Ministry Building is **fully funded**. Now, let's look ahead at raising funds for the expanded sanctuary by year's end.

Every gift, no matter the size, brings us closer to our goal.

Goal Progress

- 100% Parish Participation
- \$7,800,000

Parishioner Participation
40%
of households*

Pledged to Date
\$5,635,508
72%

Funds Collected
\$2,415,975
31%

Average Pledge
\$27,442
per household

*Based on best parishioner information available

Campaign Expenses

- \$55,245

Marketing & Mailings
\$16,279

Events
\$5,851

Design & Phase One
\$23,740

Consultant
\$9,375

Arise and Build Prayer

The Arise & Build Prayer was written to serve as a reminder that at the **center** of the campaign is prayer. It never would have begun *without* prayer, and prayer is what *sustains* it. Please offer this on a daily basis so that our Arise & Build Capital Campaign is covered with prayer by everyone in our community.



ARISE & BUILD Prayer

We praise You, we bless You, we give thanks to You and we pray to You, O Lord, our God. Guide the Arise & Build Capital Campaign by Your Holy Spirit, so that through our work, we may bring You to others and others to You. Sanctify our community, all those who serve in it, and all those who are served by it. We ask your blessings on those who have contributed to it and those who are considering doing so. Bless our church leadership, our priests, our Parish Council, our ministry leaders and the Arise & Build committees. Through the intercessions of the Holy Theotokos, of St. John the Baptist, the patron saint of our parish and all Your saints. For You are He who blesses and sanctifies all things, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, with Your Father Who is from everlasting and Your all-Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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