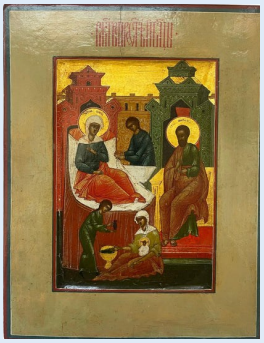

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Regular Schedule

- ◊ **Fr. Peter's Office Hours:** Tue-Thur 10-3 (parish office) or by appointment (Wednesdays vary)
- ◊ **Saturdays:** Great Vespers 5pm followed by confession
- ◊ **Sundays:** Hours & Divine Liturgy 9:00 am followed by fellowship at the parish center. All are welcome.
- ◊ **Bible Study:** Tuesdays 6pm - Online

Announcements and News

- Fr. Peter away Aug 24-27
- Fr. Peter and Matushka away: Aug 29-Sept 2. **No Vespers on 8.29. Fr. Anthony serving Aug 30.**
- **Inquirer's Course Begins** Sept 12 3-4:30. More info to come!
- What on Earth is Orthodox Christianity Sept. 19
- Pierogi Prep Oct 4. Pierogi Session Oct 6
- Annual Golf Tournament Oct. 10
- Pilgrimage to Holy Cross Monastery Oct 13-16 signup: https://forms.gle/YuPGkMxdMjLqFLGY8
- Parish **FOCUS dinner** Oct 18—See Todd for details

Matthew 28:16-20 Matins

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Matthew 19:16-26

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to

enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

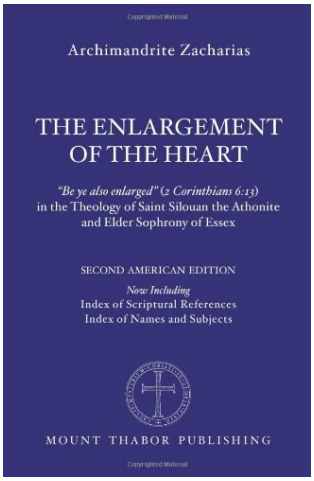
Building Maintenance and Projects

Thank you, Mike Macek and team and all of you for your continued generosity!

Project	Notes & Project Status
Belfrey Metal Access Door	Fix leak: 1/3 down for belfry door painting (Sept.) Goff Masonry.
New Circuit Box in Parish Center	Resolve frequent tripping of fuses due to overload. Complete
Floor outlets in parish center	No more cords to trip over. Complete
New HVAC in parish center (both floors)	Existing system was too small and failing. Complete
Metal railing in rear of church	1/3 down on painting of hand railings scheduled for September
Cross at church cemetery	1/3 down payment; painting scheduled for September
Emergency exit lights for insurance	Complete
Holy water tank	Complete
Communion kit	Complete
Painting of the dome	Not started. Money raised.
Ceiling fans in temple	Larger fans to better circulate air - Complete
Iconography	In progress - expected completion 11/2026
- Top section: Theotokos "Playtera"	
- 2 Panels: Liturgists	

Three Great Titles Available for Sale this Sunday!

Prices will be marked in each.



Expect more titles for sale by Sept. 19!

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