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FIRST ANNIVERSARY • NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR

DEDICATION

We dedicate this book to the youth of our church...

We, the adult members of this parish who are dedicating ourselves to the building of a total Orthodox Church structure, regardless of the sacrifice of money, time and energy, at this early stage of our growth . . .

We dedicate this book to our children in this parish, that they may learn from our example the blessed tradition of the Orthodox Church, that in their time, they will continue to build Orthodox churches to the glory of the Holy Trinity.



GOD Builds No Churches

God builds no churches. By his plan
That labor has been left to man.

No spires miraculously arise;
No little mission from the skies

Falls on the bleak and barren place
To be a source of strength and grace.
The humblest church demands its price
In human toil and sacrifice.

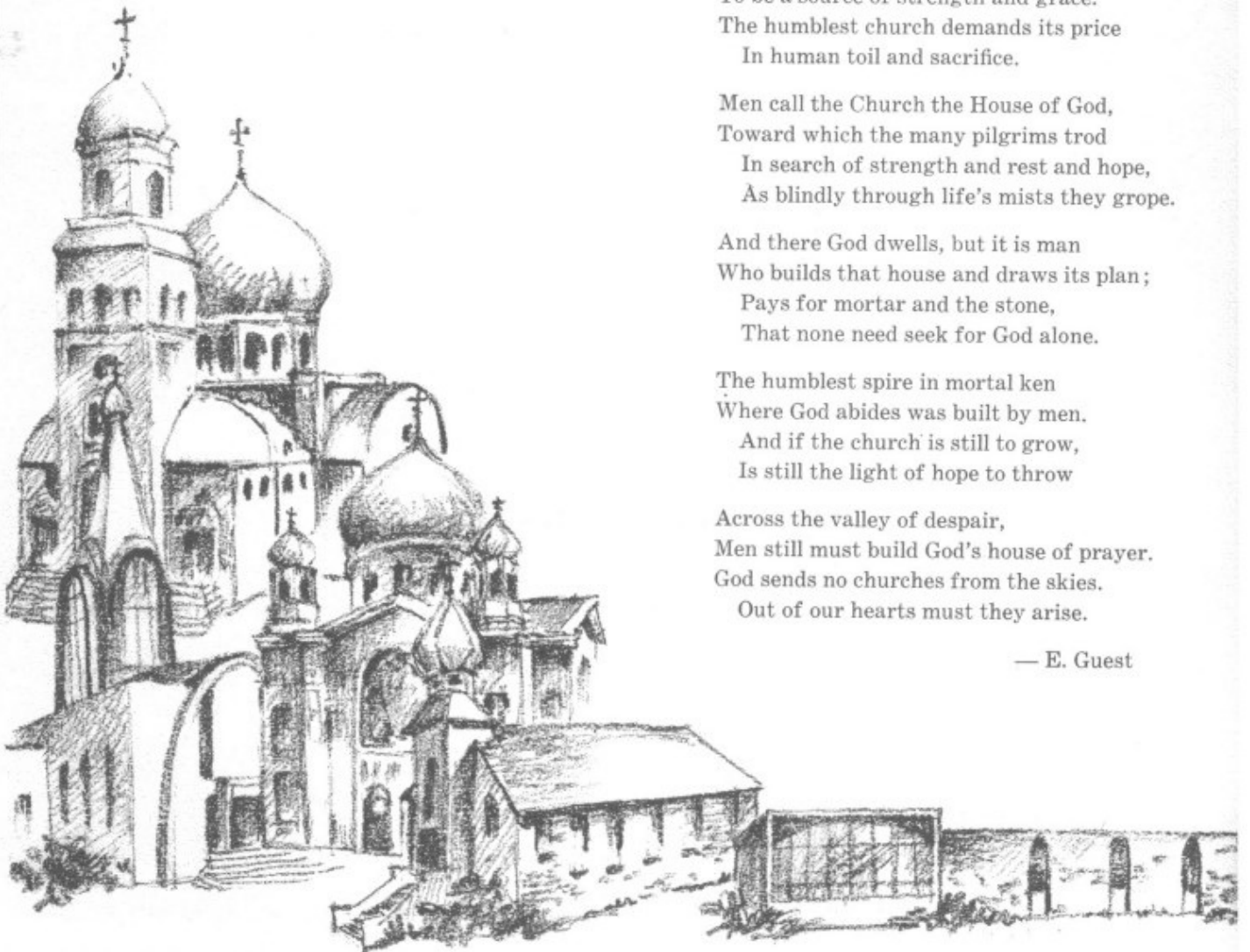
Men call the Church the House of God,
Toward which the many pilgrims trod
In search of strength and rest and hope,
As blindly through life's mists they grope.

And there God dwells, but it is man
Who builds that house and draws its plan;
Pays for mortar and the stone,
That none need seek for God alone.

The humblest spire in mortal ken
Where God abides was built by men.
And if the church is still to grow,
Is still the light of hope to throw

Across the valley of despair,
Men still must build God's house of prayer.
God sends no churches from the skies.
Out of our hearts must they arise.

— E. Guest





His Eminence
The Most Reverend Leonty
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

A letter from our Bishop...

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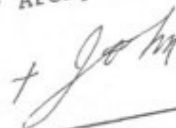
Reverend
Father Vladimir Berzonsky,
Pastor of Holy Trinity Church
Parma, Ohio

Dear Father Vladimir,

The amplifications to the Statute of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church of America, which you submitted for my approval are hereby returned to you with my complete approval.

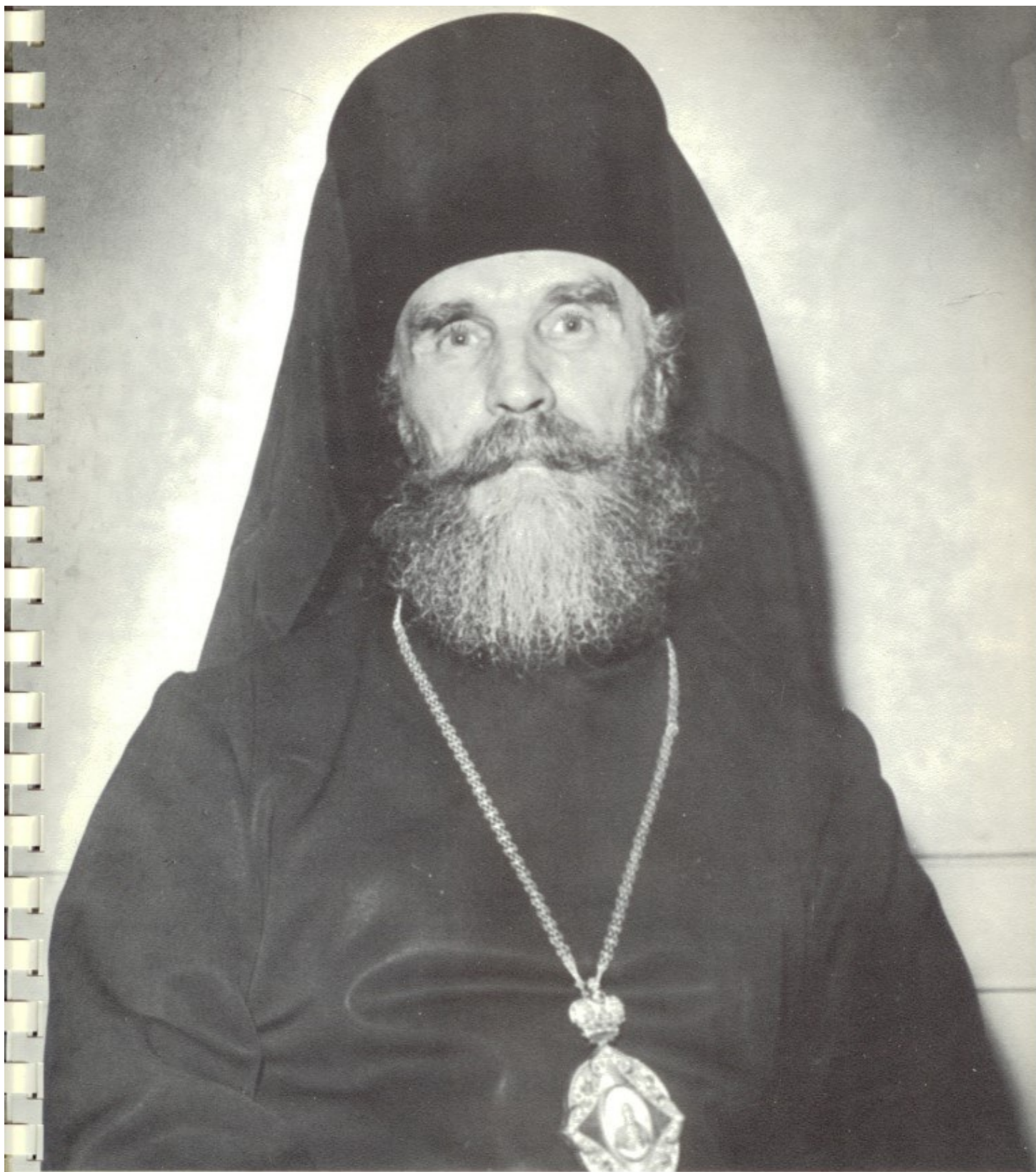
May our Lord Jesus Christ grant you His Divine Help in the establishment and spiritual success of your parish.

With my Archpastoral Blessing,



+ John

Archbishop of Chicago and Minneapolis



The Most Reverend John
Archbishop of Chicago and Minneapolis
Diocesan Bishop

ONE HOLY CATHOLIC and APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Many Orthodox Churches in America are now celebrating 50th, 75th and even 100th Anniversaries, but we have not yet made America ours. We still don't think of ourselves as American Orthodox Christians. The Orthodox church in this land, until 1917 developed normally. The communist revolution in Europe affected the natural growth of the church here and we still have the problem of uniting nationality groups into an American Orthodox Church.

With the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem all lands had become potentially Holy and Christian; wherever Christ is revealed, that land is Holy; wherever a Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit, God is there fully with him, but we haven't yet assimilated that truth and applied it to the Orthodox Church in America.

Now we are inaugurating a new Orthodox Church dedicated to the Holy Trinity. It is significant that the First Ecumenical Council which convened in Nicea in 325 A.D. gave the final formulation of the Dogma of the Holy Trinity in the same Creed that defined God's Church as "One Holy Catholic and Apostolic" . . . We are a true church in the degree in which we fulfill that definition of a church:

ONE: We aren't just a congregation of people building a church, but a part of God's One Church — the extension of His church in Parma, Ohio, but grafted to the One Church like a new shoot growing from a branch of a tree. The symbol of our oneness is our bishop, through whom we are in communion with the Orthodox Christians throughout the world; not only those who, like us, enjoy privileges of freedom in the free countries of the world, but we are part of the Mystical Body of Christ that prays for those in suffering, persecution, humiliation and martyrdom, in Russia and other Communist lands.

HOLY: because all that we shall do and achieve is dedicated to the glory of God. The church is Holy because she is separate from all that is outside of God, or rather calls those outside of Christ to enter the church and through Her leads all to

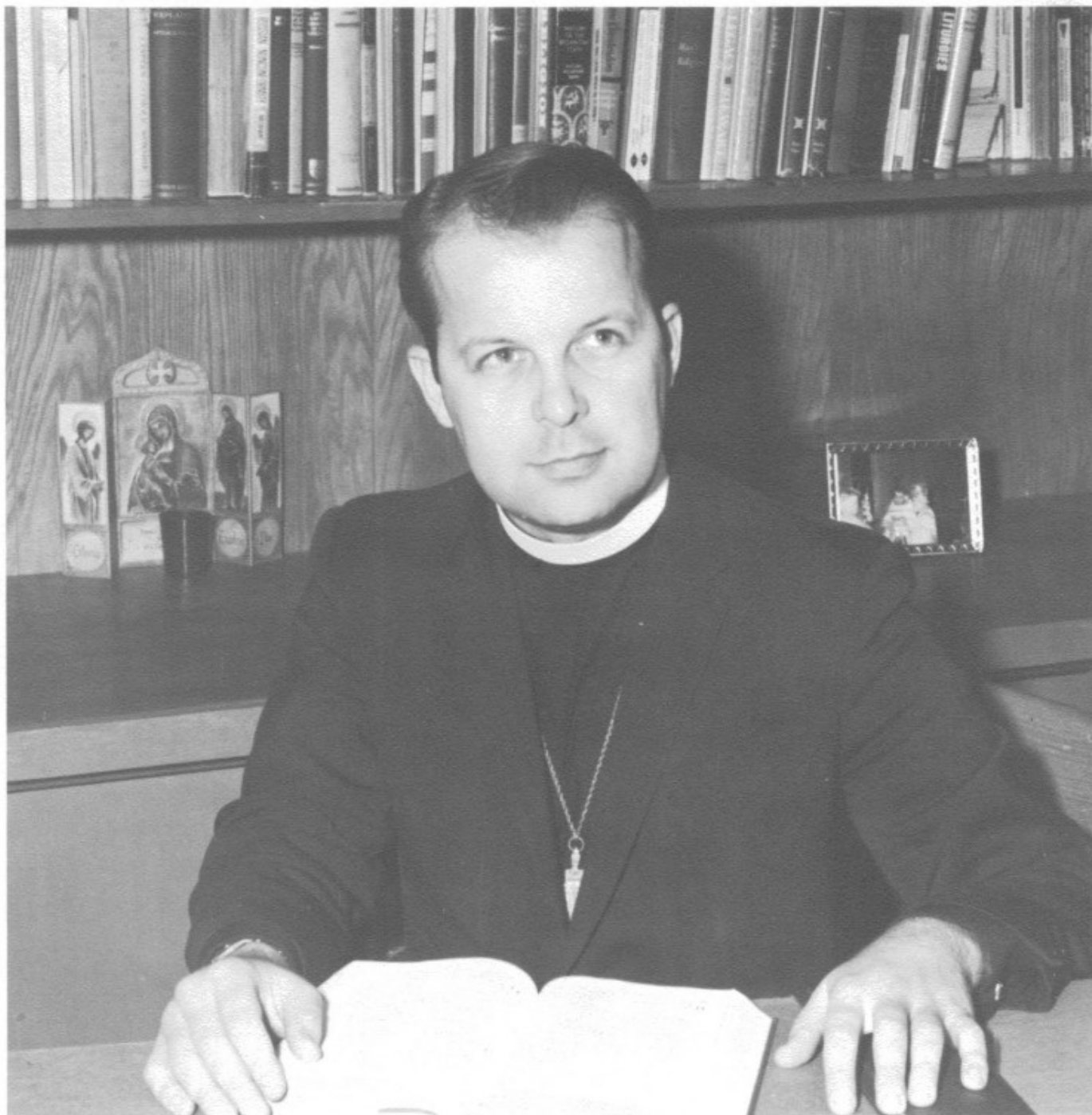
Him, who is the Lord and Judge of the world: Holy too, because of a constant purification and cleansing of those within through repentance and confession, changing their lives wholly and consecrating them in God.

CATHOLIC: each time a new church is built, Christians are witnessing to the catholicity of the Church as an extension, the reaching out of the church, whether it be into a virginal jungle forest or, as in our case into suburbia, the natural growth from downtown Cleveland into the and new areas of residence of Orthodox Christians; the church is Catholic in its witness to all regions separated from God; Catholic because the church is not limited to Russia, or Greece, or Europe, but is present wherever Christ is manifested in His bishops, priests and faithful.

APOSTOLIC: the Orthodox Faith is itself apostolic in its unique heritage of Christian truth as received from the apostles, defended by Orthodox witnesses through history and received by our bishops ordained validly by other Orthodox bishops in an unbroken continuity from the early Church — but in another, even more significant sense are we apostolic, in that we truly emulate the Apostles in preaching and teaching the World of Truth and witness to Jesus Christ everywhere. We are not apostolic if we do not grow in Spirit, if we do not proclaim the Truth of the Orthodox Church, if we do not gain new members into the Body of Christ every day, if we do not, in Christ's own last words of commission to His apostles before He returned to His Father in Heaven, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you . . ." then truly we shall know and bear witness that He is and shall be with us to the close of the age.

May God grant us the means, not only to build a church, but also to keep that church always One Holy Catholic and Apostolic, pure, holy, and orthodox to the day of the second coming of our Lord.

— Rev. Vladimir Berzonsky



Message from our Priest...

"And Jesus answered them . . . And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." (St. Matthew 21:21).

The main criterion of Christianity is faith; if we have no faith, then all that we accomplish serves no purpose. During the past year, all of the members of Holy Trinity Church have witnessed the beginning of a church, and they know what it means to have faith.

Too frequently, Christians think of the church as a business enterprise, nothing more. In many churches there is the church building, clergy, church council, parish-functions, and everything is proceeding normally. Yet, one can feel that something is missing; that element is *faith*. It is not enough to say that we have faith. Nobody denies that some element of faith exists in all Christians. But rarely, however, is our faith put to the test. We must *prove* our faith; not to God, who knows the hearts of us all, but to ourselves.

One proof of our faith is offered in the challenge of a new church. We began with nothing — except faith in God; yet our faith gave us courage to project a total vision of our future church, and our faith and prayers shall make that vision a reality.

Certainly there are other ways to prove our faith, but here, now, a glorious opportunity is offered for all Orthodox Christians of this community to join with us and to be strengthened in the process.

The main point in our entire program will be not just that a new Orthodox church will arise in Parma, but that the Christians who experienced that birth will have been changed and strengthened. Their faith will have been tested; those weak in faith will be exposed to themselves, and the faithful shall gain confidence. The fruits of our labor will be faith.

— Rev. Vladimir Berzonsky

. . . we are tenants of this seemingly spacious Parma Memorial Hall at Ridge and Ridgewood Drive in Parma, Ohio.



FR. VLADIMAR, OUR PRESENT CHURCH AND IKANOSTAS IN PARMA MEMORIAL HALL



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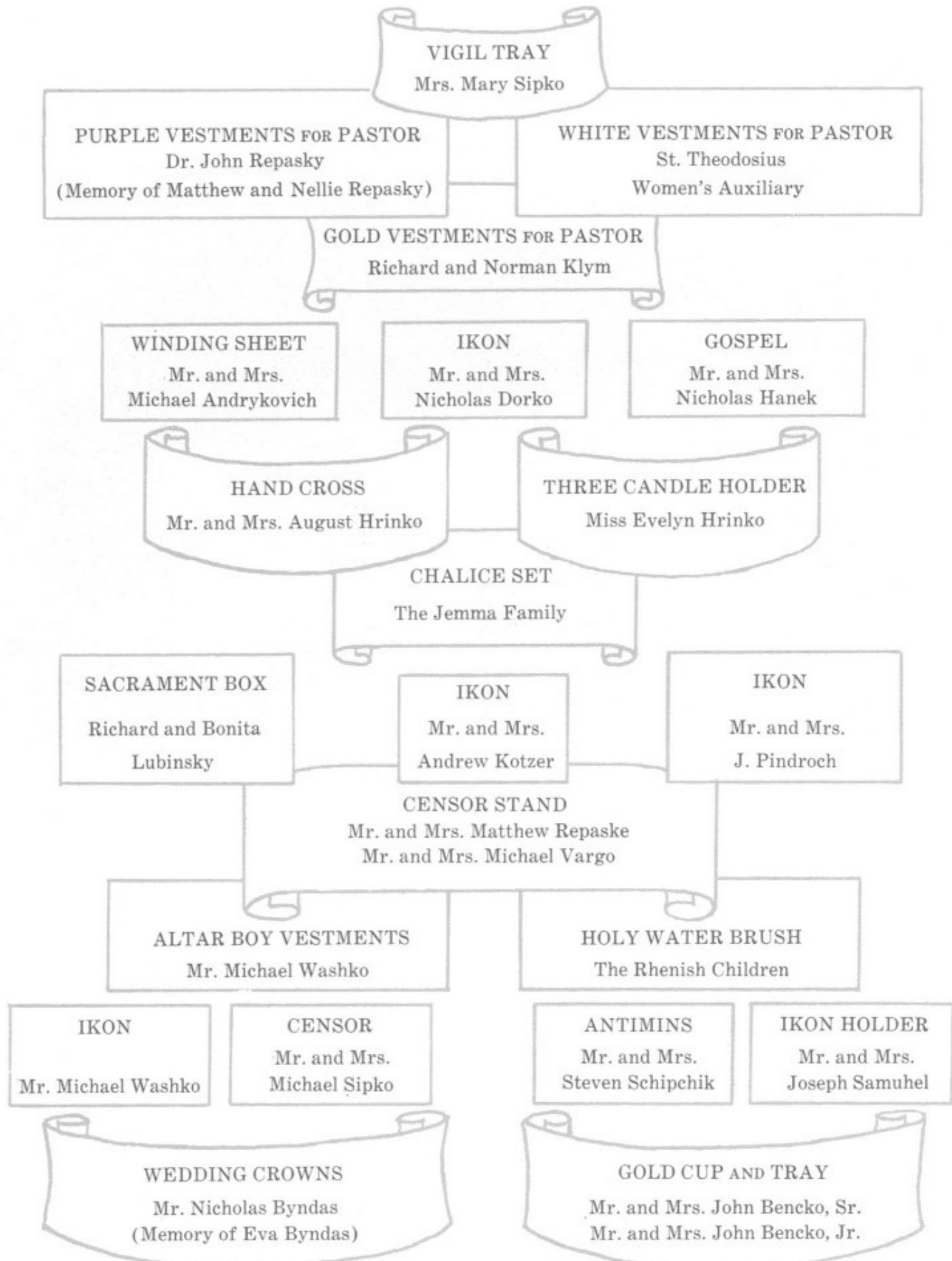
It is in humility that we today observe the first anniversary of our church . . . having trod the road of difficulty these past twelve months, using rented facilities, holding programs with marginal conveniences, and bearing one another's burdens as we strove to remain united while ever growing.

The story of the six founding families has often been recalled, and today they and those many others who have given of themselves and their time can rejoice as we celebrate our first anniversary.

The goal was a high one . . . the challenge an imposing one . . . and the success a GOD-given attainment. We rejoice in that we have actively demonstrated that this great land of ours is prepared for many new parishes made up of Orthodox peoples of many nationality backgrounds, wishing to pray together using the English language. Our church has members of many different nationalities and they have found a spiritual home, without sacrificing their identities and yet worshipping together as one family in Jesus Christ . . . our Creator.

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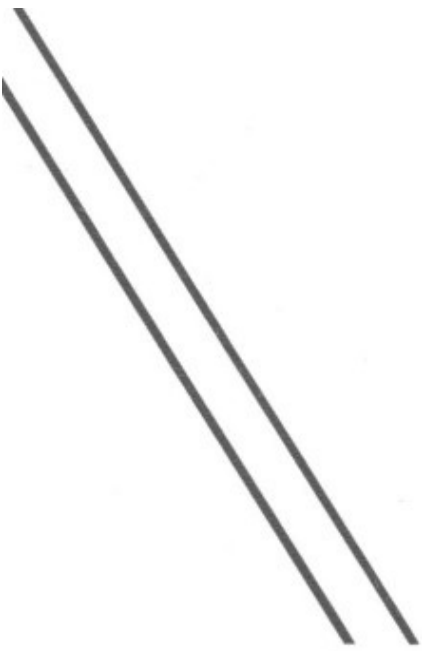


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MEMORABLE "FIRSTS" AND OTHER OCCASIONS

1963

Nov. 10	First Divine Liturgy at Parma Memorial Hall
Dec. 8	Bake Sale
Dec. 15	Church School
Dec. 18	First Vesper Services

1964

Jan. 13	New Year's Eve Sauerkraut Dinner
Jan. 26	Youth Group Formed
Feb. 5	Women's Group Formed
Feb. 11	Men's Group Formed
Feb. 23	Pontifical Divine Liturgy Building Fund Banquet
Mar. 29	First Mission Services
Apr. 12	Parish Meeting
Apr. 15	Perogy Fish Lenten Meal
May 17	Purchased Land
June 2	Interfaith Baseball
June 7	Parish Meeting

June 19	Men's Club Fish Dinner
June 26	Music Carnival
July 12	Picnic
July 14	Choir Directors Conference
July 20	Members left for Orthodox Catechetical Conference
July 26	Picnic (July 12 rained out)
Aug. 2	Pontifical Divine Liturgy Consecration of Grounds — Dinner
Aug. 5	Rummage Sale
Aug. 10	Bowling Luncheon
Aug. 13	Vespers with Seminary Choir
Aug. 30	Picnic
Sept. 10	Bowling
Sept. 19	Clambake
Sept. 20	Father Vladimir on TV
Oct. 3	Thrift Sale
Oct. 6	Diocesan Meeting
Nov. 15	Anniversary Dinner

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- John Krafcik
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ORTHODOX WOMEN'S GROUP FORMED

... February 5, 1964



Women's Club in action . . .
Elected officers are :

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Miss Helen Jemma, Secretary

Mrs. Peter Betchik, Treasurer



A typical group meeting . . .
This one at the home of
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ORTHODOX MEN'S GROUP FORMED

February 11, 1964

Men's Club in action . . .

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A moment of levity . . .

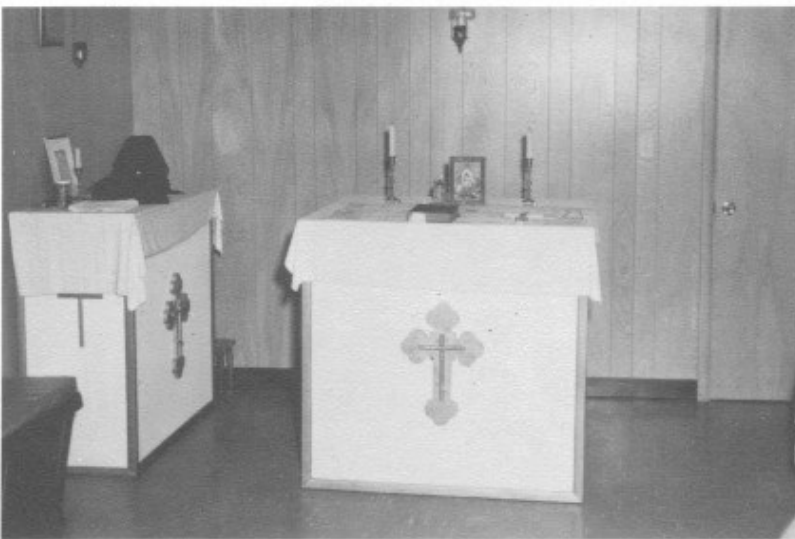
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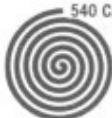
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The deacon and acolytes bring
the bishop's mantle and staff,
that he enter the new church as
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of our efforts, and we ask that
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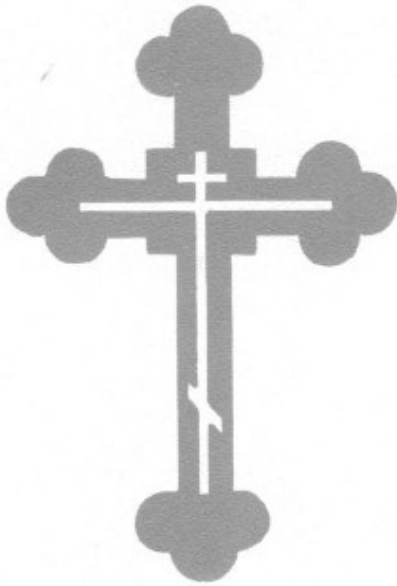




Blessing of The New Grounds

- ▲ "Let all that you do be for the glory of God." The clergy in full vestments led the congregation in the prayer that the task already accomplished be favorable to God;
- ▼ . . . and with the sprinkling of the Holy Water, we signify that this land is set aside from common ground, and has become the site of God's Holy Church.





This cross shall be a sign
whereby all shall know that
this land is reserved for God,
and for those who offer
themselves to Him.



Perhaps He can visualize the
church just as it will be.



*... after the service of the Blessing of the future church site
a banquet was held at St. Theodosius Church Hall.*

Sitting with Mr. Edward Rhenish, our Church Warden, is Judge John A. Manos, a prominent Orthodox and welcome guest.



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Among our guests with Mr. Julius Klym are Father John Zarsky and Mr. Edward L. Davis, Parma service director.



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for this photograph,
because . . .



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erecting this unit and all
the projected buildings
which are to follow.





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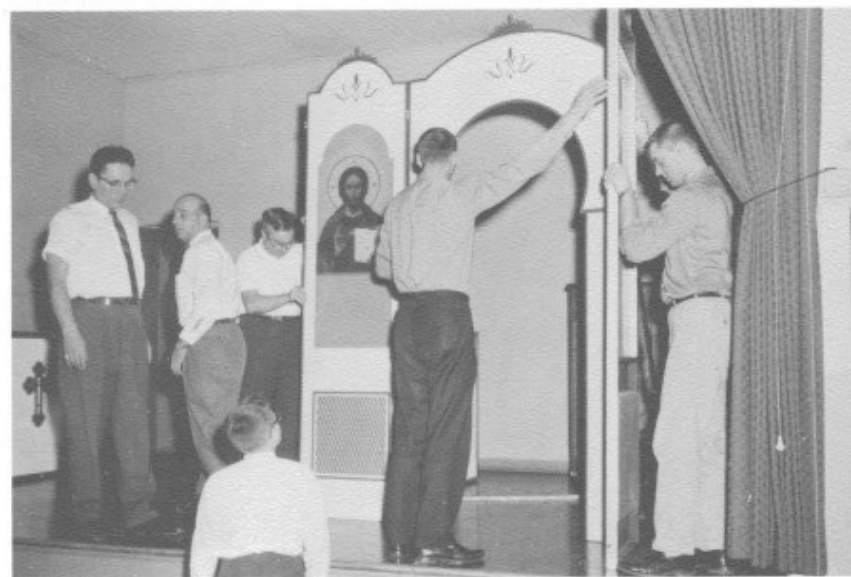
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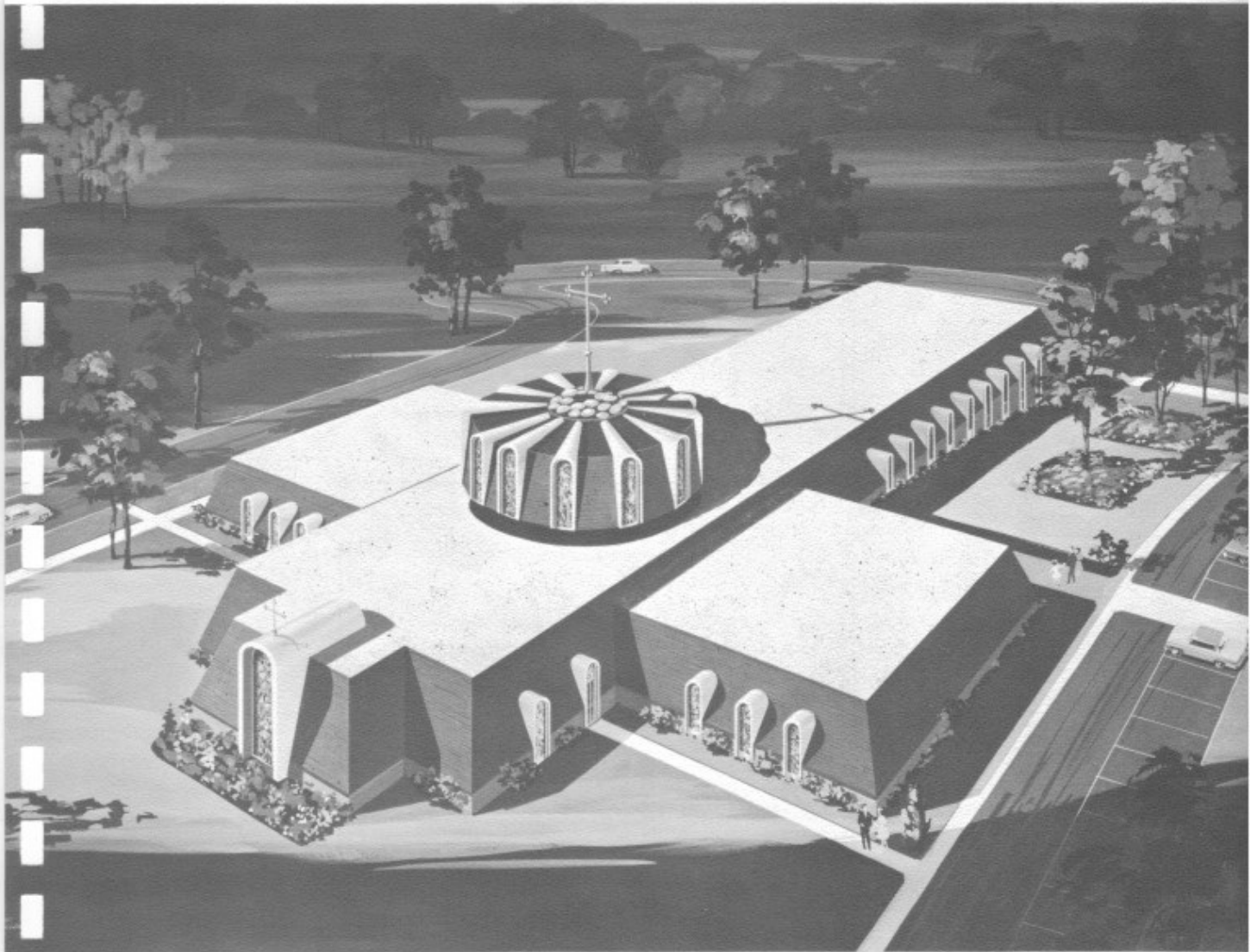
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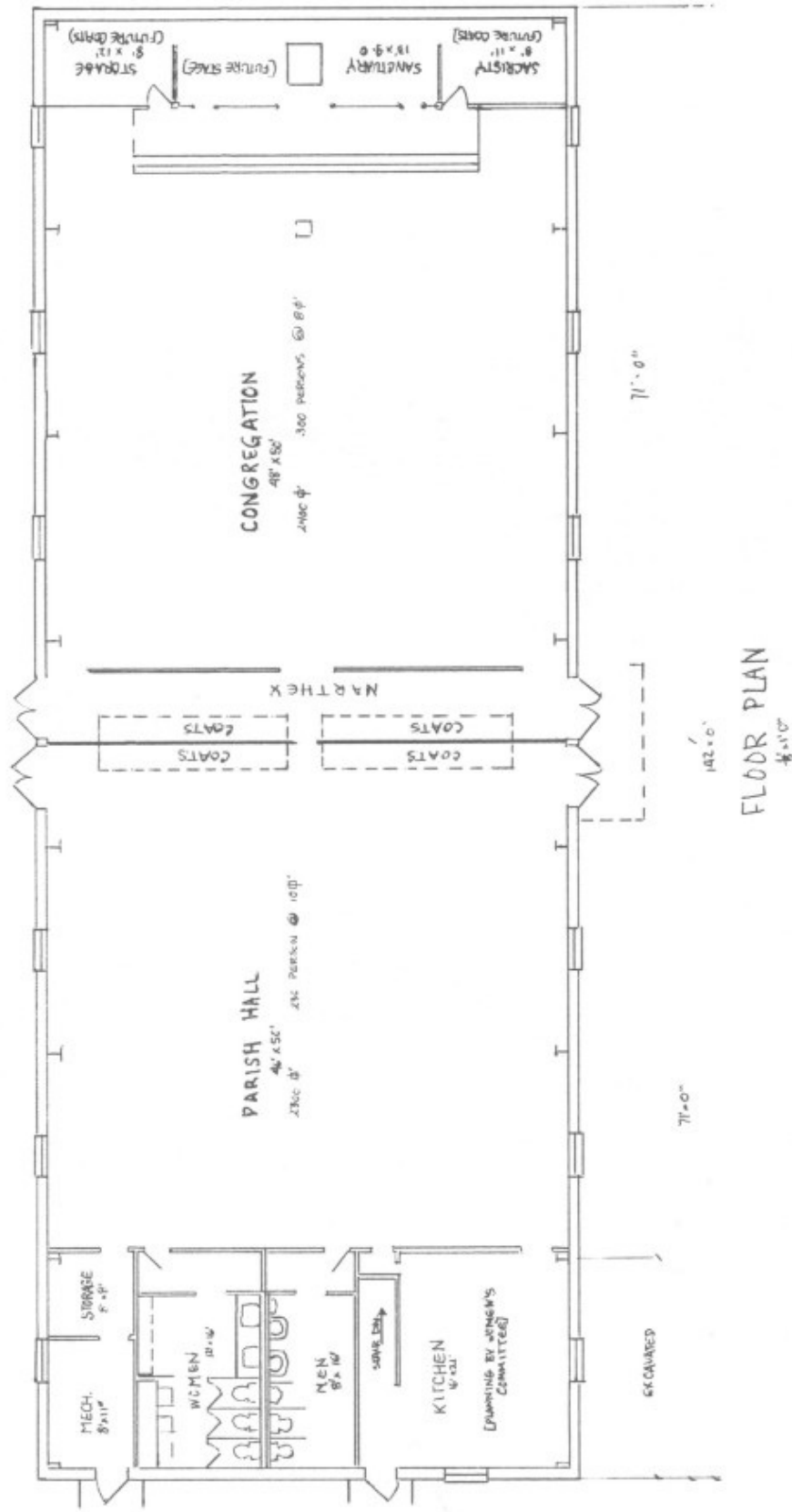
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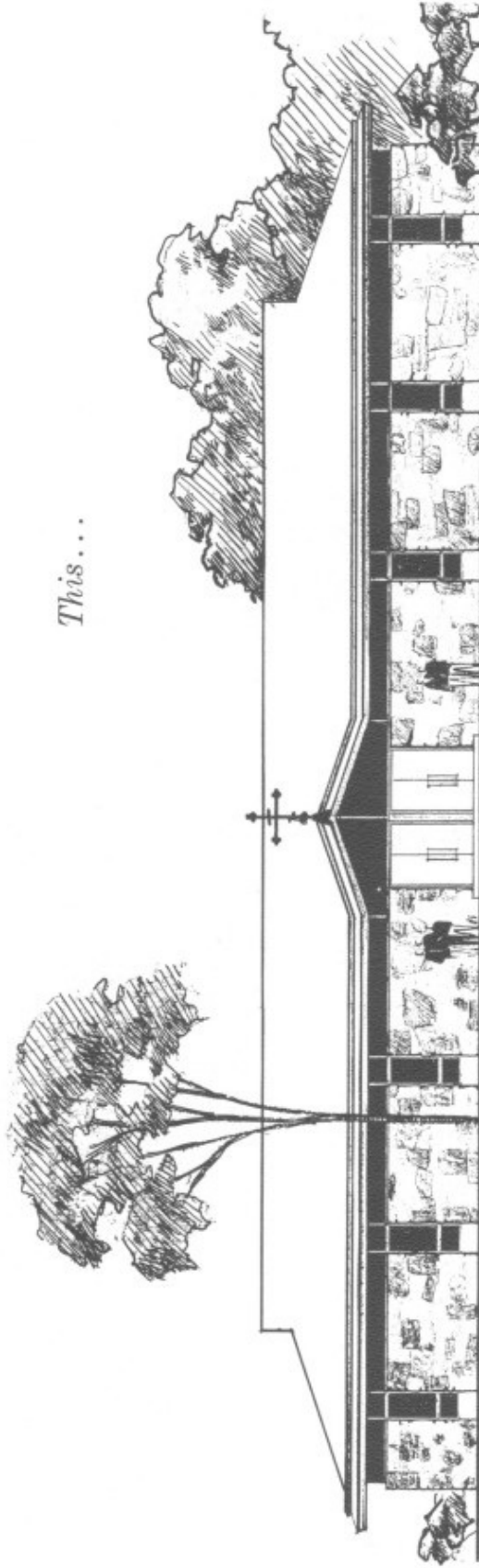
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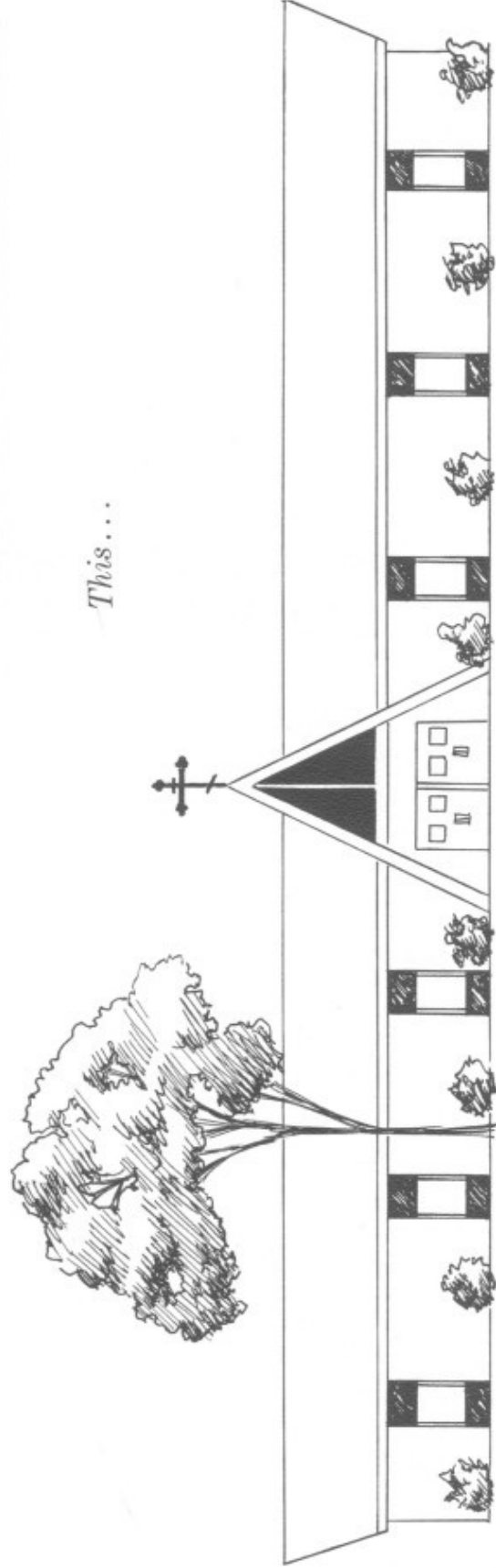


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May God grant us all the faith, strength and cour-

age to attempt and do this great thing for Him and His kingdom.

This new Orthodox Church, testimony of our Orthodox Faith, is a very old dream to many of us. We have jealously treasured it deep in our hearts and have prayed to God for it, until, God helping and we people guiding, are about to start the building of a new church which will be our own beautiful cathedral.

It is indeed an Orthodox Institution of Faith that we dedicate to our children and youth, because their souls and hearts do constitute an unlimited reserve of living Faith. They are the parishioners of tomorrow, the valiant citizens of the United States of America and Christian souls within American life.

It is only true that all new spiritual and material building has to lay its foundations on old and solid ground, and the ground of our new Church is the generations before us, ourselves and all those praying with us in the same hope.

Our Fathers did give us an example, let us now create another one for the future generation.

Out of these hopes and cheerful thinking are born the Plans for the new Church. Is our hope a highly daring one? No!

It is daring for our powers alone, but we do not live and act alone. The wisdom and guidance of God is our support in this world . . . "Have courage! I have subdued the world!" Christ told His

Disciples. We are repeating for you the Lord's word: "Dare! and you will conquer the world!"

Therefore, we are calling on all Orthodox and faithful and we are inviting them all to respond enthusiastically to our call. Let us put together a new and powerful foundation to the new Church.

From within the blessed icons, the bells ringing, Father, we will pray for you tomorrow, for you have heard the call today, in bringing your sacrificial gift for the new Church . . . we will not forget also, those who have forgotten us . . .

. . . so does Paul the Apostle say to the Galatians: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of Faith". AMEN.

LUKE 2, 29 - 32

“Lord — now lettest thou
thy servant depart in peace”

Israel