



Drawing of New Church Home

CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Please Remember in Prayer

Jane Koshutko who is in John's Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

An Update on Last Week's Special Parish Meeting

is available on our website and has been posted on pages two and three of this bulletin for those who do not have internet access. The unanimous decision of the Special Parish Meeting to move to Vines Creek has been blessed by our diocesan hierarch, His Beatitude Metropolitan Herman. May God help and bless us!



The Parish Website

has photos from the last week's Special Parish Meeting, as well as information regarding our future home in Vines Creek, Delaware. Check it out!

Pledge Sheets for 2008

are available for pickup in the back of the church. If you make offerings to help support our Mission, please consider filling out a pledge form. Your pledge: 1) will be kept confidential, 2) will help us budget better for next year, and 3) will help our Mission grow. Should you have any questions about pledging, please speak with Fr. John or Susan Pappas, our treasurer.

The Nativity Fast

begins on Thursday, November 15th, and ends with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Christmas Day, December 25th. During this period, in addition to abstaining from certain types of foods, we should also seek to free ourselves from sin by making a good Confession and, if we are not frequent communicants, by receiving Holy Communion.



Have A Question

about Orthodox Christianity or parish life? Please feel free to give Fr. John an email or a call on the rectory line, 302-988-1138, or cell phone, 908-872-6589.

Orthodox 101 – Updated Schedule

Orthodoxy 101 will not meet as previously scheduled on November 13th and 28th. Instead the class will meet on Monday, November 26th, and Monday, January 14th.

Last Call for the 2008 Calendars / Planners

from Saint Tikhon's Bookstore. To reserve a calendar or pocket planner please sign your name to the list in the back of the church. The total costs of the calendars and pocket planners, including shipping, are \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively. Today is the last day for orders.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

24TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

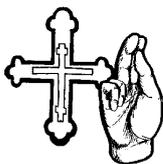
6:00p.m. Vespers

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

25TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

8:40a.m. Hours
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour

The Christian begins his day, his prayers, and his activities with the Sign of the Cross: "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen." The baptized person dedicates the day to the glory of God and calls on the Savior's grace which lets him act in the Spirit as a child of the Father. The sign of the cross strengthens us in temptations and difficulties.



Tertullian (155-230 AD)

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Nov. 18th

Hours: Mat. Emily
Epistle: Mat. Emily

Sunday, Nov. 25th

Hours: Kathy Parrish
Epistle: Kathy Parrish





CHRIST THE SAVIOR MISSION CHOOSES NEW HOME

On Sunday, November 4, 2007, a Special Parish Meeting was held at Christ the Savior Orthodox Church. The meeting was called to discuss the 2008 Budget and the future home of the Mission.

During the meeting the Parish decided unanimously to move the Church to Vines Creek, Delaware, where another rental facility would serve as the Mission's home until such a time as land could be purchased and a permanent church be built.

The Vines Creek Professional Center, which will house the Mission, is centrally located on Route 26 between the northern and southern beaches and the major routes of Coastal Highway and Route 113. The new address of the Mission will be 30838 Vines Creek Road, Vines Creek, Delaware.

In addition to being closer to parishioner's homes, the new facility will also provide room to accommodate the Mission's growing congregation which has steadily risen since the founding of the Church in 2000.

For the time being, the Mission will continue to meet at 1400 Coastal Highway in Fenwick Island, Delaware. More information regarding the timing of the move will be forthcoming.

The above is a news item from our parish website: orthodoxdelmarva.org.

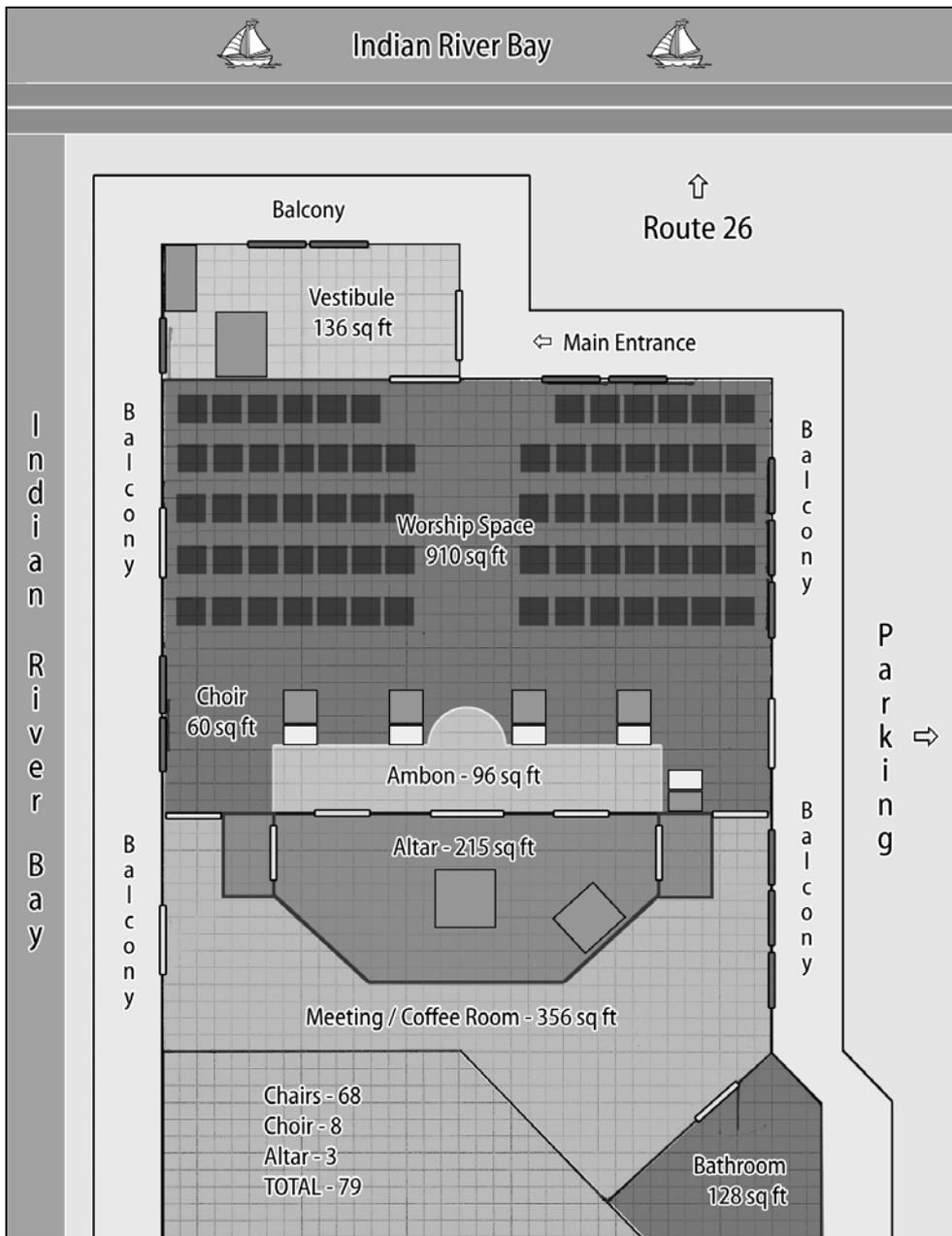


HOW FAR IS THE NEW CHURCH?

An excellent question! The chart below shows the approximate mileage and travel time from some of the areas where our parishioners and visitors reside. While travel time may be up for some (and we apologize for this), for most, the time spent traveling to church will be shorter. On average parishioners and visitors will spend less time traveling to church and less time fighting the summer traffic than before.

	Fenwick Island, DE	Vines Creek, DE
4 th Street, Ocean City	9.8 miles, 21 minutes	24.2 miles, 40 minutes
100 th Street, Ocean City	4.1 miles, 9 minutes	16 miles, 31 minutes
1400 Coastal Hwy, Fenwick	n/a	12.7 miles, 22 minutes
Rehoboth Beach	18 miles, 29 minutes	20.5 miles, 32 minutes
Lewes	25.2 miles, 42 minutes	27.6 miles, 46 minutes
Georgetown	28.3 miles, 50 minutes	16.1 miles, 28 minutes
Salisbury	35.7 miles, 58 minutes	29.5 miles, 51 minutes
Princess Anne	47.2 miles, 69 minutes	41 miles, 61 minutes
Seaford	41.4 miles, 71 minutes	29.3 miles, 49 minutes
AVERAGE	26.2 miles 44 minutes	27.1 miles 40 minutes





PLEASE SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

As our Mission moves to our new home in Vines Creek there will be plenty of opportunities to help. Please consider sharing your resources (time, expertise, or otherwise) to help prepare the new location for church and fellowship use. If there is anything that you, or someone you know, can offer please let Fr. John or one of the Council Members know.

Saint Paul says that we are all "living stones in the house of God". Each stone is built upon the Chief Cornerstone, Jesus Christ, and each stone is laid upon and helps support one another. In this way we ourselves form the House of God. What a great image to consider as we prepare our new church home! Each of us has a role in the Church, each of us has been given talents by God, let's use them together for His glory and for the building up of His Church!

The Parish Council will meet today following the coffee hour. Those interested in attending the meeting are encouraged to do so. We will be discussing the details of moving to Vines Creek before we address other pressing matters of parish administration so that you will not have to stay so long. If you cannot stay for the meeting but would still like to offer your help, please let Fr. John or one of the Council Members know. Many thanks for your time, labors, and prayers as we take this next big step in the life of our Parish!

GOLDEN MOMENTS – THEY’RE THERE, IF ONLY WE OPEN OUR EYES!

By Mary Ann Bulko

Some might call them coincidences. Others might use the term serendipity. I prefer to see them as the hand of God, His Spirit and grace in action – life’s spontaneously precious, golden moments.

On a trip this past summer, I worshipped at a local parish. During the fellowship hour that followed the Divine Liturgy, no one seemed to notice me. Finally, one woman who was fairly new to the parish approached me. We had a friendly exchange. I mentioned my short-term African missionary work with the Orthodox Christian Mission Center and urged her to consider the experience. Soon, the priest joined the conversation, and I spoke about missions with him.

“Have you met my daughter?” the priest asked. “No,” I replied, before he introduced me to his wife and daughter, who joined our growing little group. “This is Maricella,” he said. I looked at this lovely 14-year-old girl, and suddenly realized that indeed we had met before! It was during the summer of 2000, while I was serving on a mission team to Guatemala’s Hogar Rafael Orphanage, that I had first met Maricella – the same delightful teenager who now stood before my eyes. She had been adopted by the priest and his wife, who provided her with a loving family and community. What joy I felt in seeing her once again! To my delight, being in the right place at the right time to witness her transformation was a golden moment – truly God at work.



I am grateful to say that there have been many golden moments in my life – giving birth to four children, unexpectedly seeing two rainbows at the same time, meeting and thanking the priest who had baptized me 58 years earlier! Even life’s tragedies, if we look deep enough, are touched by the hand of God. Several years ago, shortly after my husband and I relocated to the Midwest from the east coast, I received word that a dear family member was very ill. A phone call from her daughter warned me that there was precious little time left. I grappled with securing airline tickets on such short notice, and then I called her priest. It was a grave situation, but he assured me that she would “wait” for my arrival. Seemingly, from the priest’s lips to the ears of God, she did wait for me. I spent a full Saturday talking, sharing, loving, and praying with this dear woman, who always displayed more concern for those around her than herself. The next day, I attended the Divine Liturgy and, after many inquiries about her health, a good number of parishioners went to her bedside to offer their love and final prayers. She peacefully fell asleep in the Lord before my eyes – a sorrowful, yet golden moment.

Surely, all of us experience golden moments. We simply need to learn to recognize them as such, and give thanks to God for allowing us to be grace by them.

EVANGELISM. EVANGELIZATION. EVANGELIZE.

These terms are sometimes misunderstood. **Evangelization is not:**

- ❖ just “something Protestants do”.
- ❖ just “something only clergy do”.
- ❖ just “another facet” of Christian life.

To the contrary, evangelization is – *and always has been* – at the very heart of the Church’s life and experience. “Let us note that the very Tradition, teaching, and faith of the Church which the Lord gave was, from the beginning, preached by the apostles and preserved by the Fathers,” writes St. Athanasius. “On this the Church was founded... The Lord sent out the apostles and commanded them to make this the foundation of the Church when He said, “Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Evangelization, then, is:

- ❖ the **sharing of the Good News** of the risen Christ with others.
- ❖ the **utilization and application of our faith** in day-to-day activities, behavior, and relationships.
- ❖ the **calling of every Orthodox Christian**.

