

Princeton NJ Parish to Host November 2nd Gala to Support Construction



Mother of God Orthodox Church

Our small, but enthusiastic community is in the middle of an ambitious project. We are working to build a beautiful worship space in Princeton, New Jersey. The building is standing thanks to the hard work and generosity of many faithful Orthodox Christians. Designed to resemble an Alaskan Village church, the structure is framed, the roof is on and interior work has begun. We will need your help and prayers to fund the completion of the interior and the site improvements and parking lot.

Our parish will host an Autumn Gala on Sunday, November 2, to raise money to complete the construction (see update below). Please consider joining us from 2 to 6 pm for dinner, dancing and a silent auction at Cherry Valley Country Club (125 Country Club Drive, Skillman NJ 08558).

The gala is an opportunity for the parish and friends to celebrate our faith and our mission. All proceeds will go towards the building fund. Your attendance would also help to encourage us as we push forward to our goal. Please visit our website (mogoca.org) to see the progress and learn more. We invite you to join with us in this effort: *“To cooperate with the Holy Spirit in becoming disciples of Jesus Christ and to be witnesses of His Gospel so “That the Kingdom of God may be known” (Mark 12:29-34).*

Please contact Christina, Autumn Gala Committee Chair, for additional information about the event or to purchase a ticket or make a donation (christinacassar@msn.com).

Construction Update

We are very excited to share that the mechanical work is presently being accomplished at our new worship space. This includes the rough plumbing, electrical, heating and air-conditioning. A new, larger electrical service line had to be installed underground from the telephone pole, located adjacent to the street, to the rear of the church building. The utility company (PSE&G) installed a new telephone pole as well. The trench which was dug for the new electrical service line will also be used for the new gas line. Most of the rough plumbing and electric has already been completed. The ductwork, for the HVAC system, should be installed within the next couple of weeks. In addition, we also accomplished some exterior work and removed the excess soil from the property. This was no simple task. The process to remove soil was very complicated! The permit process for soil removal required that we have the soil tested for contaminants and obtain review and approval from Montgomery Township as well as the depositing Township. Finally, we had to go before the Montgomery Township Planning Board for final approval. The process took months to complete but we have now accomplished this important task.

Please keep us in your prayers as we move to complete the interior of our new church over the next few months.