

HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INITIATIVE – PHASE I FACT SHEET



WHAT

For the **first time** ever in **Loudoun County, VA**, we're building a church that's part of the *first faith of Christianity*, dating back to the **Holy Apostles** of 2,000 years ago. Located in the **most affluent county** in the nation, this **7.5-acre parcel** will ultimately house the **permanent** Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church complex that will serve as the epicenter of the Greek culture and religion for Loudoun County. It also gives us sufficient land to **expand** our footprint in one of the **fastest growing** counties in the country.

WHERE

An outstanding property strategically located in the heart of Ashburn, VA, less than an hour from Washington DC, and mere minutes from one of the busiest international airports in the country. Located in Northern Virginia, recently named as a co-site for Amazon's HQ2 and home to Amazon Web Services, the property is part of 110-acre multi use development. Its neighbors currently include retail shops like Whole Foods and Belmont Country Club, featuring an Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course, and a premier residential Country Club and golf course community with over 2,000 homes. The permanent church complex will face nearly 100,000 vehicles per day in the heavily traveled Route 7 corridor. The Seller, an award-winning Fortune 500 company, has been creating luxury communities in the best locations across the country for over 50 years.

WHY

With about **70% of all internet traffic** moving through this *high visibility* county, **data centers** are gobbling up available land parcels at a record pace paying nearly \$1M per acre. **Our 7.5 acre just over \$2M** parcel represents an exceptional value and offers us *flexibility* well into the future. The parish began in 2006, has *flourished* but is **bursting at the seams**, and has outgrown its current **rented warehouse facility** with no room for expansion. With a **65-mile distance** between two existing Greek Orthodox churches, our complex will *fill a significant geographic void*. Our education programs, which include *Catechetical School* and *Greek Language* programs for *children* and *adults*, does not have the space to educate in a traditional classroom environment. With over **20 ministries and groups** that serve **over 150 families**, there is much to offer, but because of the **current space constraints**, they <u>cannot</u> grow or prosper. And, our **youth** will not have the same spiritual journey as we did, cheating ourselves by not moving forward.

How

Great churches are not built on the gifts and talents of a few, but on the sacrifices of many. With nearly \$1,300,000 in cash to date raised by the parish, we have laid a great foundation from which to build. With our next milestone in the purchase process being in late June 2018, we must raise an additional \$900,000 or we run the risk of losing one of the last available appropriately zoned properties in this corridor that fits our needs like a glove. Our Capital Giving Campaign communications strategy is designed to drive awareness, interest, desire, and action. Town Halls give our parishioners frequent general updates. Our Fireside Chats target 4-5 families of like background / demographics with a more detailed message and proposal. Finally, our Conversations are 1:1 meetings that answer any questions allowing us to gain a financial commitment. A debt free land parcel helps us save to build a church, so we can more easily service our current expenses. This permanent location will also create significant event-based income to help with the new church complex expenses. It will also serve current and new ministries, our youth, explosive future population growth, and the local community as the heart of Greek Orthodox Christianity in the Washington DC metropolitan area.

LEARN MORE – GIVE TODAY

To learn more or make a donation today, please contact our **FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE**, <u>buildachurch@hagoc.org</u> or (703) 594-6836. Thank you for your careful and thoughtful consideration.