

"Who is there among you from all His people? For his God shall be with him, and he shall go up to Jerusalem in Judea and build the house of the God of Israel: He is the God who is in Jerusalem."

Ezra 1:3

How Can You Help?



- ◆ *Pray for the successful completion of this Project in your daily prayers.*
- ◆ *A Sincere commitment to support this needy project for the future generation.*
- ◆ *Create awareness for the need of this chapel at the center.*
- ◆ *Purchase a large number of raffle tickets yourselves and sell tickets to your friends and relatives.*
- ◆ *Encourage others to participate and sell tickets through positive approach.*
- ◆ *Support through donations and loans.*

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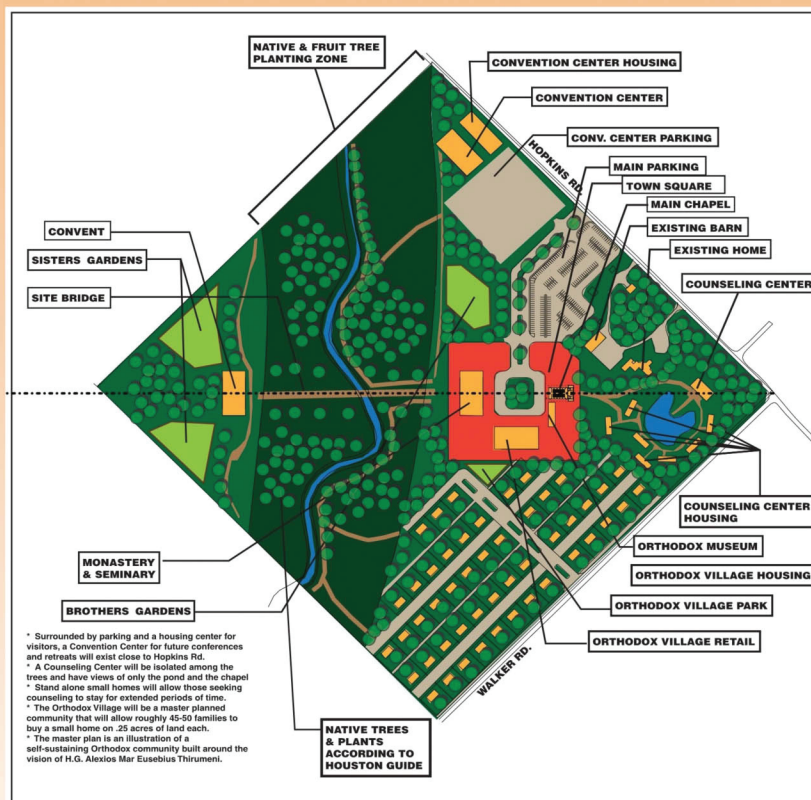
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The Master Plan

The Vision for the Indian Orthodox Center



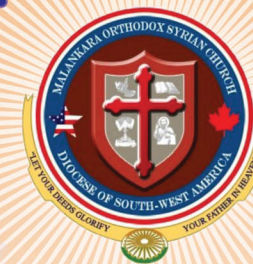
The 5 acres presently developed:

- The 7,100 Sq.ft. Diocesan Head Quarters and the official residence of the Metropolitan (Bishop).
- A three bed rooms guest house.
- The stable is converted to a 2500 sq.ft. prayer/conference hall with wash rooms, plus a 1bed room apartment suite, 3 additional rooms and wash room in the attic area.

Future projects for the 100 acres, in multiple phases:

- A chapel, as the hub of the Spiritual Center (Phase 1).
- An Orthodox Museum & Counselling Center.
- An Orthodox Residential Village (Phase 2).
- A Convention Center with residential facility.
- A Monastery (Ashram).
- A Seminary and a Study Center.
- A Convent and an old age home.

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The Raffle Fund-Raising for the Diocesan Chapel



Chapel - The Hub of the Spiritual Center

The Diocesan Chapel



Our Diocesan Center is envisioned to be developed as a Spiritual Center, the first of its kind in North America among any Christian Churches of Indian origin. The Diocesan Assembly approved to build the Chapel first and endorsed the raffle fund-raising for its finance.

H.H. Baselios Mar Thoma Paulose II, the Catholicos of the East inaugurated the raffle fund-raising during the Family Conference in July 2015. The prime shepherd of the Malankara Orthodox Church exhorted his flock to be part of building this chapel, as His Holiness personally does to any church construction he comes across, for the perennial blessings through the Holy Eucharist celebrated in that church.

The Proposed Chapel Project

- ◆ The Chapel design reflects the architectures of the ancient Orthodox Christian Churches in Kerala.
- ◆ A total of 9000 sq. ft. with 300 seating capacity.
- ◆ Approximately 10 ft. wide inside processional path all the way around the sanctuary and altar area.
- ◆ Service rooms on both sides of the altar
- ◆ A large Foyer and counselling/private room at the entrance.
- ◆ Rest rooms, utility room, AV room and storage.
- ◆ Access Road and Parking Lot for 100 cars.
- ◆ Elegant landscaping around the chapel.

Construction Progress & Timeline

- ◆ County permit for mitigation work is under process.
- ◆ Final Engineering drawings are expected to be completed by the end of January 2016.
- ◆ Anticipated to begin the mitigation work in March 2016.
- ◆ Expected to complete the construction bidding process by the end of March 2016.
- ◆ Final cost estimate will be submitted to the 2016 Diocesan Assembly for approval in April.
- ◆ Expected to start the construction work in May 2016.
- ◆ Expected to complete the chapel by early 2017.

The Fund-Raising Raffle

The raffle fund-raising is the major source for the Chapel construction and is expected to raise 1.5 to 2 million dollars towards the roughly estimated cost of 2.3 million dollars. Listed below are the raffle features and how we can achieve this target, with your sincere cooperation and effort.

The Raffle

- ◆ Each Raffle is priced at \$100.
- ◆ A total of 15,000 to 20,000 raffle tickets to be sold.
- ◆ The chances of winning is reasonably high.

Draw Date: September 24, 2016

Venue: Urshlem Indian Orthodox Center, Beasley, TX

The Prizes

First Prize: Mercedes Benz 2016 GLE350
(ML350 is replaced by GLE350 in 2016)

Value up to \$50,000 at dealer cost offered by:
Mercedes-Benz of Sugarland, Tx. Ph: 281-207-1500

Second Prize: 3 ounces of 24 kt. Gold ornaments
(12-pavan value up to \$5000)

Third Prize: Two Round trip air tickets (Value up to \$2500)

Guidelines

- ◆ Each Family should sponsor at least 5 tickets (They may buy the tickets themselves, or sell them among family & friends).
- ◆ Those who are able, should be encouraged to purchase or sell large number of tickets.
- ◆ Fill out the counter foil completely with the **purchaser's information** and submit with the payment by **August 15, 2016**.
- ◆ All checks must be made out to **"The Diocese of SW America"** with a note at the memo area as **"Raffle Payment: serial #"**.
(Checks in Canadian \$ shall be made to **"MOSC NW Region"**)

Recognition

As a token of appreciation, those who contribute considerable amount will be recognized by displaying their names on a plaque at the Foyer area of the Chapel:

1. **Gold:** Self purchases of tickets for \$5,000 or more.
2. **Silver:** Self purchases of tickets for \$3,000 to \$4,999.
3. **Bronze:** Self purchases of tickets for \$2,000 to \$2,999.
4. **General:** Self purchasing or selling for \$1,000 or more.

An Appeal

January 25, 2016

**The Diocesan
Metropolitan
H.G. Alexios
Mar Eusebius**



**Dearly Beloved in Christ,
Blessings to you and your loved ones!**

By the grace of God, the development of the Diocesan Center has been progressing. Although the faith and history of the Malankara Orthodox Church traces back to the first century, we are considered as one of the younger Immigrant Orthodox Churches in this part of the world. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we had tremendous growth and now it is important to look ahead to the future and develop a spiritual center that will serve as a beacon of light for the church in North America. Much like our sister Orthodox churches here, a strong spiritual center will serve as a primary place of worship and will help us to lead a life of prayer and worship, centered in Christ. The proposed chapel will be the strength of this envisioned spiritual center.

We exhort you to be part of this historical project by considering this as a personal priority. We are immensely pleased with the support you have given thus far and the progress of the fundraising for this effort. We seek your prayerful financial support and cooperation to meet our target and goals for the fundraising and let us work together to make this project a reality.

**With Love and Prayers.
Your shepherd in Christ,**

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