

ANNUNCIATION

of the Virgin Mary

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION

Dear Friend of Annunciation Mission,

September 1, 2018

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We are at an exciting and pivotal time in the history of Annunciation Mission here in Saint James. Just a few Sundays ago we hosted the myrrh-streaming icon of Saint Anna from Saint Tikhon's Monastery. It was a very blessed weekend and it marked our largest number in attendance, just under 70 people!

At this event - as at many Sundays this year - it was and is becoming increasingly difficult to find a place to stand in the service. This wonderful problem, coupled with the fact that restroom facilities and space for socializing are in an even smaller space within our priest's home, has brought us to the point of needing to build a new space. His Grace, our Bishop Paul has suggested that we move forward on this, "as soon as possible".

We are writing to you because we need help to take this next step.

We have 2.2 acres of land and a benefactor who has offered \$500 per month toward a mortgage once we secure a loan. Following the steps of many successful Orthodox parishes before us, we hope to construct a building with room for divine services, social space, and restrooms (*a building which will later be converted into a church hall once we build a permanent and proper Orthodox temple*). After receiving quotes for associated costs, we have established a building fund with a goal of \$200,000.

We are very grateful to you for following the commandment of Christ to, "baptize all nations". Your support until now has resulted in the successful planting of an Orthodox Christian community here in south-central Missouri – in a new place! This year we celebrate our fifth year, and are still too young to fund a project of this size without help.

To take out a mortgage, we are raising 20% or \$40,000 for a down payment.

We are asking that you prayerfully consider donating to this next step of permanently establishing the Orthodox Christian Church in south-central Missouri. May the Lord's will be accomplished through our mutual love and support!

Your fellow laborers in Christ,



Fr. Joel Wilson & Annunciation of the Virgin Mary Mission Council
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"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7