

Your tax deductible contributions can be dedicated to the health and salvation of the living members of your family or in memory of the deceased family members. We ask you to send us a list of names for commemoration.

Please, make checks payable to:

**Most Holy Theotokos Church**, and mark your check, "Building Fund."

Thank you very much for giving your support to our community and helping us build our church and a cultural center. May God bless you and grant you many years!

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"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:7-8



## Most Holy Theotokos Serbian Orthodox Church



# Building Campaign

**Most Holy Theotokos Serbian Orthodox Church**

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters:**

By the Grace of God, this year 2008, our Most Holy Theotokos Church will joyously celebrate its 10th Anniversary. We will have the opportunity to remember the sacrifices and dedicated service to God and the Orthodox Church of the founders, benefactors, board members, members, and the past and present parishioners which resulted in the establishment and existence of our parish for the last decade. The mission of this parish is to affirm the truth of Orthodox Christianity, its belief and experience, as well as to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to perpetuate the heritage of the Serbian and all Orthodox people.

In order to do that, we need a spiritual and cultural center of our own. Those of you who were here at the establishment of our parish know that we began with great enthusiasm and major progress was made most especially during the first two or three years. Unfortunately events occurred that slowed our progress. First of all, the war and bombing of our homeland affected all of us, and we shifted our focus to helping the needy in Serbia and other parts of the former Yugoslavia. In the meantime the real estate prices here soared.

Our original and current goal is to build a dignified home for God and His Mother, Most Holy Theotokos, here in Orange County. A church where we will celebrate the Liturgy and observe the sacraments, and a cultural center for school, lectures, concerts, social events and

other educational/recreational purposes are crucial for our community. Now that the real estate prices are lower, and the interest rates are good, we must not wait.

In order to accomplish our holy task, we need at least 500 individuals or families to each donate \$1,000.00 or more to our building fund. Those who cannot afford \$1,000.00 or more, are encouraged to donate whatever they can give for God's Holy Church. **We truly pray that we find, through this appeal, more than 500 founders of God's new church.**

All the proceeds from this appeal will go strictly to the building fund, and will be used with care and prudence at the time of purchase.

We appeal to our parishioners, and to our friends, both those from our community and those outside of our community. We are counting on the love for Christ's church and the generosity of each person who receives this letter. We have made a solemn and sincere commitment, but our finances fall far short of the enormous cost of building in Orange County. Each of you who donates to the building of this church and cultural center must know that you perform work pleasing to God.

Building a new church is not just about getting bigger and better; it is about providing a spiritual home for future generations of believers. This would not only be a gift to them, but also an offering to God.

With love in Christ,

Fr. Blasko Paraklis and the Church Board



**Most Holy Theotokos Church  
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We ask you humbly to consider a generous gift to our campaign. Your help will ensure our earthly success in raising a new temple to glorify God and a cultural center.

Please make an offering to the best of your ability. Donations can be given immediately, pledged and given over a period of time, or pledged to be given at the time of purchase. We humbly rely upon your prayerful and financial support to make Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos Serbian Orthodox Church a reality in Orange County.

The discussion concerning a specific amount is a decision that everyone is asked to make after prayerful consideration.

*There are four methods suggested:*

- A one time gift
- A pledge which is made over a specific period of time, or at the time of the purchase of property

- A loan

I wish to make a one-time donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a pledge in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be made monthly, given over the period of \_\_\_\_\_

I will make a donation at the time of purchase in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make an interest free loan in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Please contact Fr. Blasko (949) 830-5480 or e-mail [frparaklis@aol.com](mailto:frparaklis@aol.com)