

*Deus in excelsis  
et in profundis laudatur*

# Holy Epiphany Church Accessibility & Expansion Project

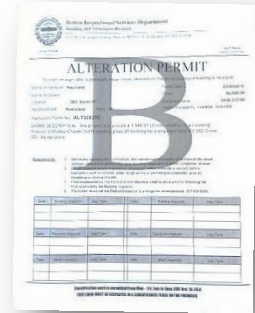
963 South Street, Roslindale, MA 02131

*Please help support your parish !*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

By the grace of God, on March 3, 2016, our parish received the long-sought-after building permit for church expansion and our handicap access improvement project. Likewise, on March 22, 2016, we received a letter from TCB Bank in Roslindale approving our loan application.

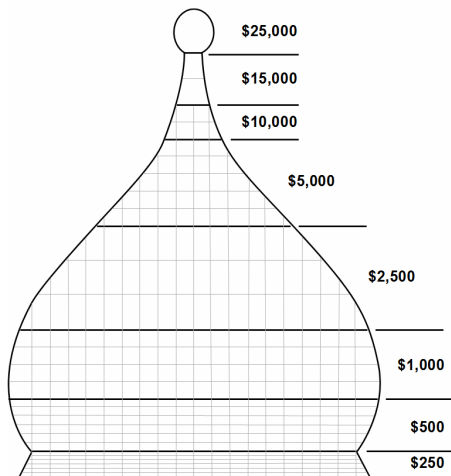
On March 27, 2016, during the General Parish Meeting, the Parish Council was given the authority to sign the construction contract with Halliday Construction, and we anticipate work to begin in August of this year!



## Glory to God !

The Lord has done His part by helping us get past these challenges; now it is up to us to complete His divine will. We are appealing to you, the parishioners of the Holy Epiphany Church, for your financial assistance in supporting this project.

A **Fundraising Campaign for 2016** was unveiled and approved at the General Parish Meeting which we hope you will support. The theme is captured via a giant graphic of a **FUNDRAISING CUPOLA** which will be displayed in our church. This cupola has several donation levels, with multiple donor slots at every level. The entry donation level is \$250, and then graduates up to \$500, \$1,000 and so forth.



The scripture states, ***“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”*** (Luke 12:48).

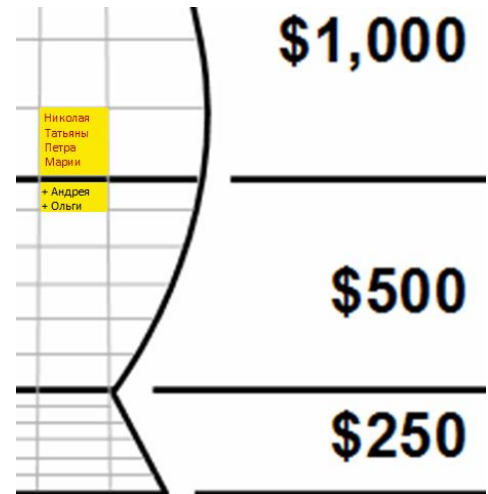
It is the same here. The idea is to participate at a level relative to your financial means.

In order to meet our fundraising needs, as a parish, **we need to collect \$300,000 before the end of this year.** Although many worshippers of other faiths are routinely called upon to donate one-tenth of their annual income to their house of worship (tithing), we feel that we can collect what we need if **everyone** participates with a minimal donation of at least 1%.

Enclosed you will find a **Donor Reply Card**. On the card, there is a place to write in names for commemoration either for the **health and salvation of the living**, or the **repose and salvation of the deceased**. With every \$250 donated, please include one name for commemoration. These names will be inscribed into each slot of the Fundraising Cupola, and the slot will be colored gold to help our parishioners easily see the fundraising progress. Our goal is to completely fill in this Fundraising Cupola before the end of the year.

**For Example:** A family of four donates \$1,500. They can submit 6 names for commemoration. They decide to submit 4 names for the **health and salvation**, and 2 for the departed. The first 4 names will be inscribed in a \$1,000 slot, and the other 2 in a \$500 slot.

All the names received as part of this fundraising campaign will be commemorated during **ALL the liturgies in our church for the entire year**. Once we have reached our objective, we will send the FUNDRAISING CUPOLA with all the names of our loved ones (both living and departed) to the **Holy Land** where we will be commemorated as one body asking for the Lord's blessings upon our endeavor.



**Please take a moment to reflect** on the fact that although the church is God's house, it is also an extension of our own homes. Many of us have family members whose spiritual beginning was in this church after receiving the sacrament of baptism. Many of us will witness the marriages of our children in this church. As our families grow, we will all celebrate feast days together, and receive Holy Communion together in this church. And when the time arrives when we are finally called by the Lord, we will say our final goodbyes in this church. Yes, there is no doubt that for a **believing** Orthodox Christian, our church is an extension of OUR OWN HOME!

We have been very blessed in that our parish family has grown so much, and now it's time to build an addition. We hope that the theme of all of us **"joining together under a common cupola"** resonates in your soul, and the Holy Spirit moves you to support our endeavor.

With love in Christ,

*The Clergy,*

*The Parish Council,*

*The Building Committee,*

*and the rest of your fellow Parish Members.*

For additional information on the construction project, you can visit our parish website at:

[www.bostonrussianchurch.org](http://www.bostonrussianchurch.org)

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**The Prokeimen in the 8<sup>th</sup> Tone: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**