

Our Vision . . .

Our purpose is to gather together for worship and adoration of the Holy Trinity through the services of our liturgical tradition. We seek to grow in spiritual maturity through the study of Holy Scripture, as well as through instruction in the faith that was received by the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ and handed down from one generation to another until our own (Holy Tradition). By so doing, **we seek to offer in the English language the fullness of Orthodox Christianity to the people of Central Virginia.**

We feel that the building of our new temple will help us toward the accomplishment of this goal. Looking to the future, our members agree that when all three phases of the master plan are complete and the new temple is filled to capacity, our vision includes starting a mission in another area in or near Richmond, VA. *Why begin another mission instead of continuing to expand our own facilities?* We believe that this will encourage people to attend more services by keeping them from having to drive long distances to church. Also, it is our hope that having smaller “neighborhood” churches will foster closer personal relationships among parish members. God willing, this will be the future of Orthodox Christianity in Central VA.

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.*



Presenting

St. Cyprian of Carthage Orthodox Church in America



Past, Present & Future



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Our Past . . .



*From the archives . . .
A photo from our
first Divine Liturgy
in Richmond, VA
(Pace Chapel)*

St. Cyprian of Carthage Orthodox Mission was begun in 1974 by Fr. George and Mary Ann DeTrana, prior to the formation of the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of the South. Services were first held in Pace Chapel on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University. Subsequently, services were held in the basement of nearby Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church until the current property on Chamberlayne Avenue was purchased in 1978.

Renovation of the main floor of this large brick colonial transformed the home's living space into narthex, nave and sanctuary suitable for Orthodox worship. The upstairs rooms have been used for coffee hour and classroom space. Members constructed a picnic area in the back yard where coffee hour and other gatherings take place whenever the weather is dry and comfortable. Beautiful icons written by the hand of Maria Struve adorn the walls of the nave. These icons will be moved to the new temple when construction is complete.

The Chamberlayne Avenue property has provided a sense of permanence and stability over the years as our parish community has grown.

Our Present . . .

Today, St. Cyprian of Carthage Orthodox Church is a warm and vibrant fellowship. Our diverse community includes those who were born into Orthodoxy and those who have converted to the Faith from various other traditions; members whose families have lived in the United States for generations along with members whose families have immigrated more recently.

A typical week at St. Cyprian includes Saturday evening Great Vespers, Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, and Daily Vespers is celebrated on Wednesday evenings. In addition to our all-English services, we also provide a Divine Liturgy in Slavonic once a month for our Russian speaking community. At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy we enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment at coffee hour, which is provided by volunteers from our membership. We offer church



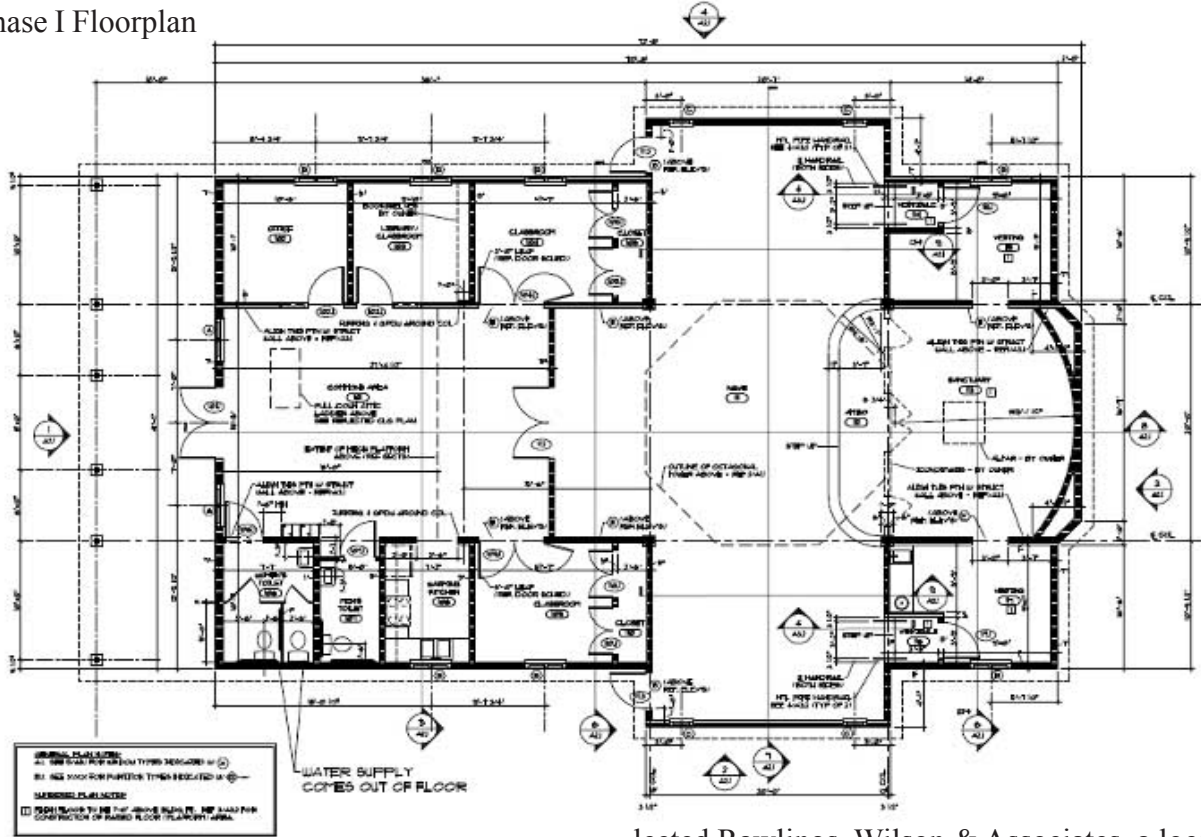
school after Sunday Divine Liturgies during the school year, Adult Bible Study once a month at the home of one of our parish families, a short devotion/discussion group following Wednesday Vespers, and an informal discussion with Fr. David at a local coffee shop once a week.

To keep everyone abreast of current service schedules, educational opportunities and other events we offer a weekly bulletin, a quarterly newsletter, and our ever-evolving website which you can visit online at:

<http://www.stcyprianoca.org>

Our Future . . .

Phase I Floorplan



Acquisition of Property

Our parish entered into the Nativity Fast of 2004 desiring that the reality of our Lord's incarnation would be manifest among us, and that we would have a unified vision for our future. Soon after the Feast of Theophany, we decided to begin the process of looking for a suitable piece of land on which to build a permanent gathering place. In June 2005, we purchased 5.78 acres of open grassy pasture dotted with mature oak trees in the western suburbs of Richmond, south of the James River.

Our Master Planners

About the same time we entered into contract to purchase the property, we also began to interview potential architects. We se-

lected Rawlings, Wilson & Associates, a local firm that demonstrated sensitivity to the aesthetic and liturgical needs of other churches, as well as the ability to keep within budget guidelines. The Very Rev. Alexis Vinogradov has assisted our architectural planning phase as liturgical consultant.

The Phases

We decided to proceed with a multi-phase project that would support our parish as it exists today, and also grow with us over the coming years. Our vision is to build a complete facility, in three phases, that is adequate to support a parish of approximately 200 people. We feel that it is important to begin construction with the building that will function as the gathering place for worship. Phase I of construc-

tion has this building initially partitioned for worship, education and fellowship (See Phase I Floorplan on the left). Phase II moves the education, fellowship, library and office spaces into an adjacent building, allowing the entire Phase I building to be used for worship. When our parish reaches the point of needing additional educational space, we will then proceed with Phase III which moves the fellowship space and kitchen into a third building, freeing up space in the Phase II building for additional classrooms. At this point our three-phase master plan will be complete.

Thank you!

We are grateful that you have taken the time to read about St. Cyprian of Carthage Church. We hope you will consider making a monetary contribution at this time toward the

completion of our Phase I project. In any event, please pray for us as we strive to build up the Body of Christ in Central Virginia. May the Blessing of our Lord be upon you.

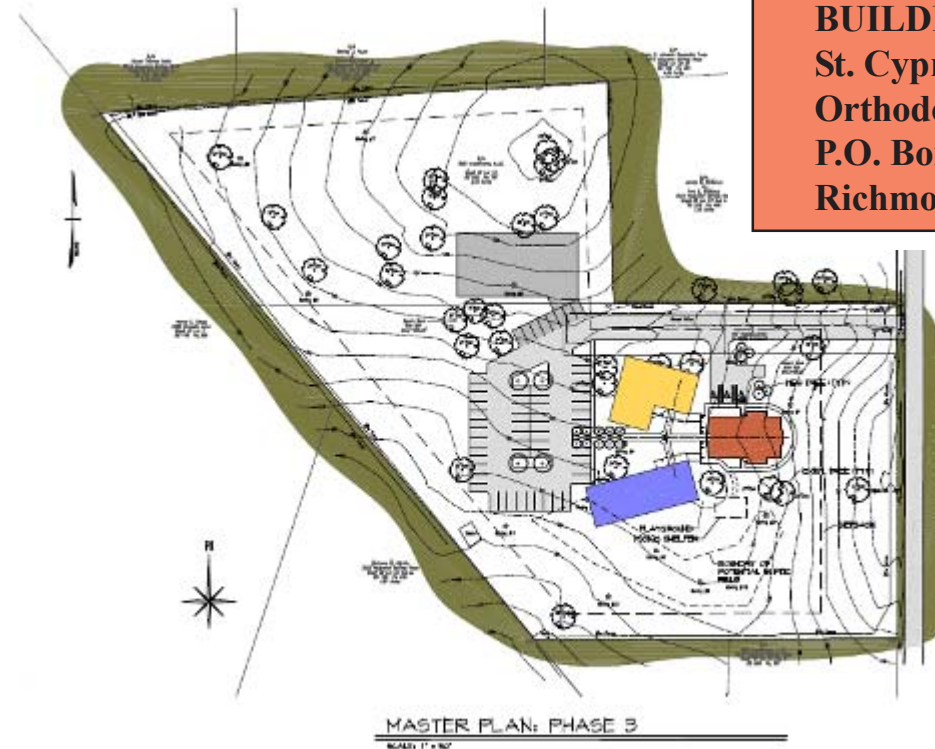
Contributions

Your gift will help us enter into the construction of this challenging, but purposefully realistic building plan. Any amount will be most graciously accepted as we work toward making this project a reality.

Please make your check payable to "St. Cyprian of Carthage Orthodox Church," and write "Building Fund" on the memo line. Be sure to send us your complete mailing address so that a receipt can be sent back to you for your income tax return records.

Please mail contributions to:

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LEGEND	
■	PHASE 1 - BUILDING 3,710 SF.
■	PHASE 2 - BUILDING 4,200 SF.
■	PHASE 3 - BUILDING 4,600 SF.

MASTER PLAN: PHASE 3
 SCALE: 1" = 80'