ST. GEORGE
ORTHODOX CHURCH

LIVING STONES

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"If indeed you have
tasted that the Lord is gracious,
come to Him who is a living stone,
rejected by men but chosen by God
and precious. You also, as living stones,
are being built up as a spiritual house,
a holy priesthood, in order to offer
up spiritual sacrifices that are
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 2:3–5

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we are called to gather together, to build up the house of God in Prescott. Specifically, we are called to become the house of God ourselves, built upon the chief cornerstone, the God-man, Jesus Christ.

Our age suffers an epidemic of loneliness. We boast individuality; we neglect, and ultimately trample upon, the utter uniqueness and value of the human person, who can only flourish in communion with God and his neighbor.

At our new home, we, the living stones, will become one house, creating a shelter where those lost in loneliness are found, and where the dignity and beauty of the human person, made in the image and likeness of God, is made alive again.

We were not a people; we are now called to gather in unity as the people of God. Our age has forsaken mercy; we will receive it from God our Father, as we offer our spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Him, through Jesus Christ His Son, in the communion of the Holy Spirit; and we will pour it out for the healing, and life in Christ, of Northern Arizona.

The purchase of the Willow Hills campus is not about acquiring property and buildings. It is about creating a permanent home where future generations will be baptized, where marriages will be blessed, where children will learn the faith, where the lonely will find family, and where countless souls will encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

The sacrifices we make today will become a lasting witness of faith for those who come after us. I therefore invite every parishioner and every family to give generously and sacrificially according to their ability, trusting that God, who has blessed us abundantly, will multiply our offerings for the building up of His Kingdom.

In giving to this campaign, we are proclaiming all the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Jeffrey Frate



Our Story

A Parish Built Through Faith, Perseverance, and God's Provision

The story of St. George Greek Orthodox Church is one of faithful people responding to God's call. From a small mission gathering in a public library to a growing parish preparing for a permanent home, each chapter has been shaped by prayer, sacrifice, and a shared commitment to Christ.



1997 — A Mission Begins

Our mission parish was formed in late 1997 in Prescott Valley, Arizona. The community celebrated its first Divine Liturgy at the Prescott Valley Public Library.

2003 — A Parish Is Established

St. George was incorporated and officially received under the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco.

2008 — A New Worship Home

The parish moved to its current location on Gurley Street. The new worship space and available parking were soon filled as the community continued to grow.

2009 — Under the Protection of St. George

In September 2009, the parish received the joyful news that it had been placed under the heavenly protection of St. George the Great Martyr.



"Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people."

1 Peter 2:10

2014

Full-Time Pastoral Leadership

Fr. Jeffrey Frate became the parish's full-time priest. A graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Fr. Jeffrey was originally ordained in the Orthodox Church in America.

2017

Received into the Greek Archdiocese

After serving St. George for three years while on loan from the Orthodox Church in America, Fr. Jeffrey was incardinated as a priest of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

2026

A Door Opens

In May 2026, St. George entered escrow to purchase the Willow Hills Baptist Church campus as its permanent home.

A Defining Moment

Every generation of faithful Orthodox Christians are given moments that define their legacy. We believe ours is now. Between 2018 and 2024, God blessed St. George with remarkable growth, making our parish one of the fastest-growing communities in the San Francisco Metropolis on a per-capita basis. Our current church has faithfully served us, but it can no longer keep pace with the families and seekers God is sending. Now, He has opened the door to a new home with five times the space of our current facility. A new home that not only meets today's needs but provides room for the generations He will bring. The opportunity to purchase the Willow Hills campus is our defining moment; to establish a permanent Orthodox presence that will reshape the spiritual landscape of Northern Arizona for decades to come.



"Behold then the provision made for you: if you are joined to the living Stone, you become a stone of the temple. For as the stones whole and unbroken are set round about the cornerstone, so you, being joined to Christ, are made a part of the spiritual building."

— St. John Chrysostom



The Promise of Our New Campus

A Permanent Home for Worship, Formation, Fellowship, and Service

The Willow Hills campus is more than a collection of buildings. It is a foundation for the future—a place where faith can be nurtured, lives can be transformed, and generations can encounter Christ.



Worship as One

A larger sanctuary will give the entire parish room to gather as one body in Christ. It will better accommodate regular worship, major feast days, special services, visitors, and continued growth.

Witness to Christ

Prominently situated within the community, the campus will establish a visible and lasting Orthodox Christian presence.

It will stand as an invitation for neighbors, seekers, and future generations to encounter Christ, discover the Orthodox faith, and find a spiritual home.

Welcome Every Person

Expanded parking, additional accessible parking spaces, and improved access throughout the campus will make participation easier for people of all ages and physical abilities.

More people will be able to enter, worship, learn, gather, and serve without the limitations of our current property.

Grow in Faith

Additional rooms and flexible gathering spaces will strengthen existing ministries while creating opportunities for new programs. Parish life will be able to extend more fully throughout the week—not only on Sundays.

Form Future Generations

A complete educational complex will provide dedicated space for children, youth, adults, and future leaders to grow in the Orthodox faith.

The campus can support:

- Sunday school and Christian education
- Adult faith formation
- Lectures and parish conferences
- Spiritual retreats
- Clergy and lay leadership development
- The potential establishment of an Orthodox Christian school
- The potential return of All Saints Summer Camp.

Pray in Peace

The campus offers a peaceful setting overlooking the very area of Prescott that St. George is called to serve.

It will provide space for worship, reflection, retreats, and spiritual renewal while keeping the parish's attention focused on the community and mission before us.

Grow in Beauty

The campus can serve St. George immediately while the sanctuary is beautified in stages over time. Sacred iconography, liturgical appointments, and architectural details will gradually shape the space into a fuller expression of Orthodox worship.

Gather as Family

Expanded fellowship areas will give parishioners more opportunities to share meals, celebrate important moments, build friendships, and experience the Church as a true spiritual family.

These spaces can accommodate:

- Parish celebrations and meals
- Youth and family gatherings
- Philoptochos events
- Cultural programs
- Conferences and retreats
- Large parish-wide events

Serve Our Neighbors

Larger and more flexible facilities will allow St. George to expand its philanthropic, cultural, educational, and evangelistic outreach throughout Prescott and Northern Arizona.

The campus will create more opportunities to welcome the broader community, respond to local needs, and share the love of Christ through meaningful service.



Our Path To Ownership

ACQUIRE. REDUCE DEBT.
SECURE OUR FUTURE.

CAPITAL STACK AT CLOSING

July 2026

$8 MILLION

Willow Hills Campus Acquisition

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EQUITY St. George Leadership Donors	$2 M	25%
SELLER FINANCING Willow Hills Carry Back	$4 M	50%
PRIVATE FINANCING Private Lender Note	$2 M	25%



DEBT RETIREMENT MILESTONES
Our Plan to be Debt Free

CLOSING
July 2026

CAMPUS ACQUIRED
$2M Campaign Equity + $6M in Financing

DEBT BALANCE: $6M

GOAL 1
Due: Jan. 15, 2027

PAY OFF 1ST HALF OF SELLER NOTE
$2M from Leadership Donors

REMAINING DEBT: $4M

GOAL 2
Due: Jun. 30, 2029

PAY OFF 2ND HALF OF SELLER NOTE
$2M from Gurley/Rosser Sales

REMAINING DEBT: $2M

GOAL 3
Due: Jun. 30 2029

PAY OFF PRIVATE LENDER
$2M from Capital Campaign

REMAINING DEBT: $0



Our Shared Response

We have the opportunity to become part of a story that future generations will remember with gratitude.

GIVE Prayerfully

Begin with prayer. Ask God to guide your decision and show you how your household can participate faithfully.

PRAY FOR:

- Wisdom and discernment.
- Unity throughout the parish.
- The successful completion of the campus purchase.
- Those leading the campaign and acquisition process.
- The families and individuals who will enter this new home.
- The future ministries God will make possible through the campus.

Continue praying after you make your commitment. Ask God to work through your gift for the good of the parish and the salvation of those we are called to serve.





GIVE Generously

We are not all able to give the same amount, but each of us can respond according to the blessings God has provided.

Generous giving may require us to examine our priorities, change our plans, or make a meaningful sacrifice. In doing so, we join a work that will bless people we may never meet and generations we may never see.

When we give sacrificially, we place our gifts into God's hands—and He multiplies them and pours out blessings far greater than we could ever give.

GIVE Joyfully

Give with joy in the knowledge that God invites us to participate in His work.

Our gifts can help open doors so that:

- Parishioners of all ages are formed and grow in the Orthodox faith.
- Families find a spiritual home.
- The lonely experience true community.
- Seekers encounter Jesus Christ.
- Ministries grow in reach and effectiveness.
- The Orthodox faith takes deeper root in Northern Arizona.

Why Every Gift Matters

This is an invitation for every member of our parish family to be part of something that will bless generations to come.

No two families are alike. God has entrusted each of us with different gifts and resources, and He asks only that we respond with grateful and generous hearts.

By participating as we are able, we become united in a shared purpose: establishing a permanent home where the Orthodox faith can be worshiped, taught, and lived for years to come.

Every gift—regardless of its size—is an expression of faith, hope, and love. Together, our collective generosity will create a place where future generations will encounter Christ and find a welcoming spiritual home.



Ways To Give

Cash Gifts

Check, Cash, Credit card, Debit card

Gifts of Financial Assets

Publicly traded stock, Bonds, Annuities, Other appreciated securities

Donating certain appreciated assets may allow the donor to avoid recognizing some capital gains while providing the Church with the full value of the asset.

Retirement Assets

Those who qualify may be able to make a gift through a required minimum distribution or another charitable distribution from a retirement account.

Real Estate and Property

Potential gifts may include: Real estate, Land, Other property of value

In some situations, transferring an asset directly to the Church may allow the Church to sell it and receive the proceeds while offering potential tax benefits to the donor.

Estate and Legacy Gifts

Parishioners may also consider including St. George through:
Wills, trusts, bequests, beneficiary designation, life insurance policy

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)

DAFs are highly effective tools for fulfilling capital campaign pledges; allowing donors to distribute tax-advantaged charitable dollars over a multi-year campaign.



Together, Let's Become One House

Let us pray **together.**

Let us sacrifice **together.**

Let us give **together.**

Let us build up the Body of Christ **together.**

God has brought St. George to a defining moment.

He has blessed our parish with growth. He has placed before us a campus that can support worship, education, fellowship, outreach, and service. He has given us the opportunity to establish a permanent Orthodox home that can shape the spiritual life of Northern Arizona for decades to come.

Now, each of us is invited to respond.

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"If then you are a stone, be a stone of use; if a member, be a member of profit; let no one be for ornament only, but let each be applied to the building, so that by mutual adaptation the house may be completed."

St. John Chrysostom

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