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"We gather as a family on this day"

SEPTEMBER 11

Archbishop Elpidophoros of America led a Memorial Service at the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine with surviving families of those Orthodox Christians who perished on 9/11 along with members of the Friends of St. Nicholas. The Memorial included prayers for all who were lost that day in the terrorist attacks on New York, Washington, DC, and those who perished in Shanksville, PA.

In his remarks to the families who were present, Archbishop Elpidophoros offered the following: "Today, in this day of unspeakable sorrow for you, I want all of you to know that we stand with you, we pray with you, and we remember with you. We have gathered here in front of the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine, which is once again under construction, in order to offer unto our Heavenly Father – the names, the souls, and the memories of those who perished nineteen years ago, this very day. ... We will never forget; we will never allow the world to forget. The rebuilt Saint Nicholas Church will be an everlasting memorial to their lives. It will also be both a spiritual home and a spiritual hospital for you, the survivors, to come and find healing and fellowship."

St. Nicholas was the only house of worship destroyed on 9-11. The New St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox & National Shrine at the World Trade Center, under the leadership of Archbishop Elpidophoros and the Friends of St. Nicholas is now well under construction. In honor of all the victims memorialized today, the recently completed dome of the church will be illuminated tonight shining light into the darkness.



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Message from the Friends of St. Nicholas

Dear Friends,

We, the members of the "Friends of St. Nicholas, Inc." were very moved to be with the surviving members of the 9/11 Families on September Eleventh at the Memorial Service presided over by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros. As our contribution to this 19th observance, Friends organized an illumination of the dome of the Shrine, which glowed in the evening of 9/11 in honor and memory of those who perished that fateful day. This was but a foreshadowing of the eventual character of the finished Church which will be our sacred "Light on the Hill" gleaming through the same marble from which the Parthenon was built nearly two and a half millennia ago.

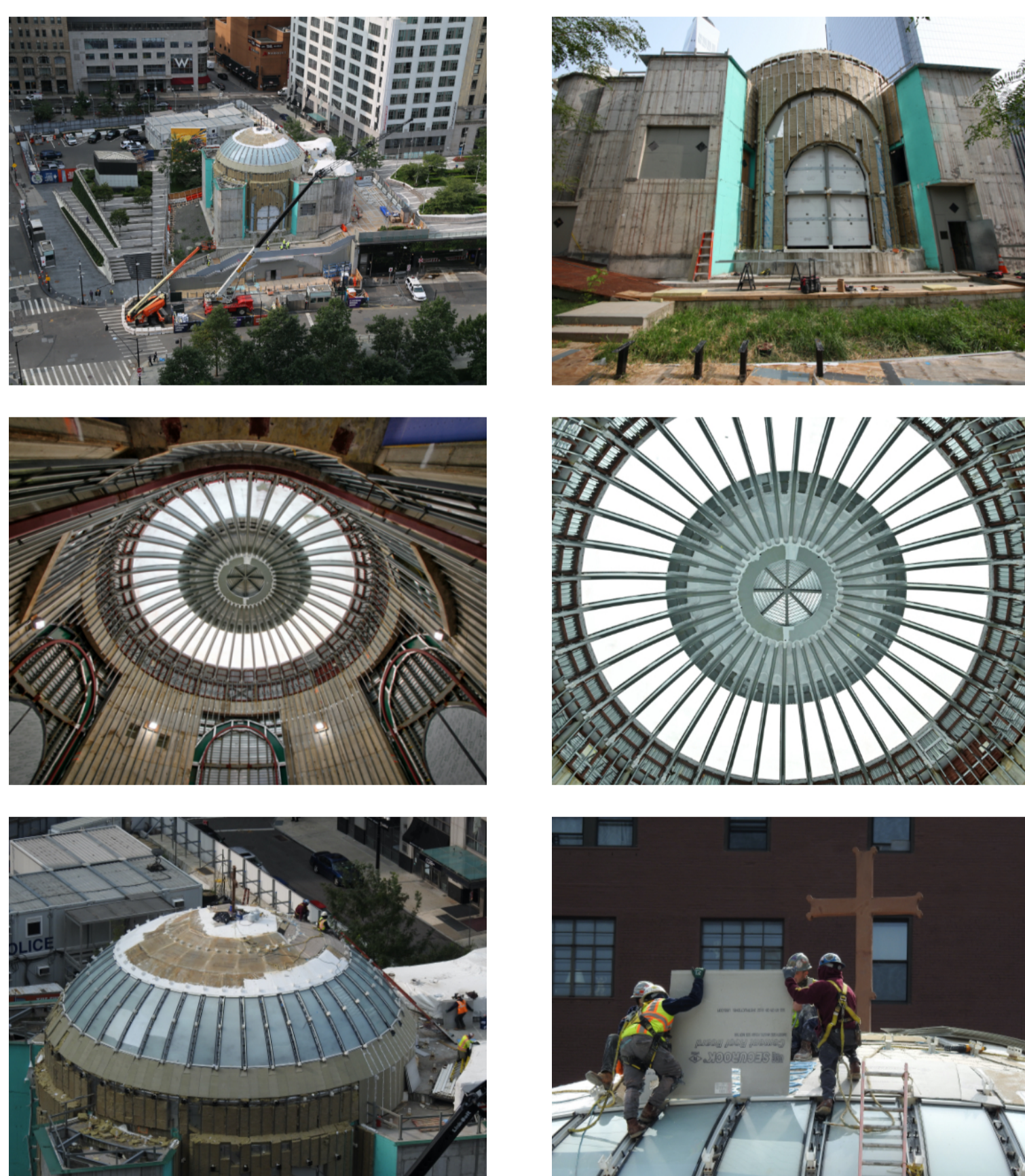
The work at Ground Zero continues as skylight installation and waterproofing are progressing on the exterior of the Church. After the waterproofing is complete, the interstitial space investigation will begin. Most of the rails for the rainscreen have been delivered onsite and McGrath has begun installing them in the Church. The roofers and carpenters continue work on the upper dome. The Port Authority is continuing their work on Liberty Street. Lanmark, Port Authority's contractor, will coordinate the sequence of work for the waterproofing installation on the West side of the Church with Skanska, the contractor for the Church.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your continuing commitment to the Saint Nicholas Church and National Shrine at Ground Zero.

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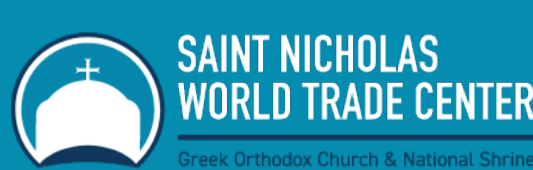


Financials

Figures as of September 14, 2020

Past II - Since January 2020	Cost to Complete (Phase II)
Total Fundraising Goal: \$45MM	Remediation Costs: \$250,000
Contingency Reserve: \$3MM	Pre-construction Costs: \$96,000
Net Fundraising Goal: \$42MM	Construction Costs: \$39,260,025
Cash Spent Toward Budget: \$8.1MM*	Soft Costs (consulting): \$2,121,500
Cash on Hand: \$17.6MM	Owner-direct Costs (icons, seating, AV, etc.): \$1,010,000
Outstanding Pledges: \$18.5MM	Subtotal: \$41,737,525
Funds Required To Achieve Goal: \$669,673	Project Contingency: \$3,233,225
	Total Project Budget: \$44,970,750

*\$5.750MM to the curtain wall manufacturer



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