



GROW SERVE BUILD

BRINGING AN ANCIENT FAITH TO A MODERN WORLD

SAMOC CAMPAIGN



**“For we are God’s fellow workers;
you are God’s field, you are God’s building.”**

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9

SAMOC

History & Mission

Located in Long Island, NY - less than 1 hour from New York City, - St. Andrew Malankara Orthodox Church (SAMOC) began regular worship services in February 2020.

Our parish belongs to the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, which traces her roots back to St. Thomas the Disciple of Jesus Christ.

We are a church rooted in the ancient Orthodox Christian faith, while expressing it in an American cultural context.





Many who were born and raised in the Orthodox Church have stopped being active in their parish communities. Some identified as being jaded, hurt, disconnected to their communities, while others had difficulty connecting to their faith due to a language barrier.

The mission of our parish includes reaching out to those who have stopped coming to the Orthodox Church, and to offer a safe haven for them, or anyone who may be interested in our ancient Christian faith. We seek to strengthen our people in faith, while serving the greater community through service and witness.

MILESTONES OF OUR PARISH

His Grace Zachariah Mar Nicholovos,
Metropolitan of the Northeast American Diocese,
appoints an organizing priest
on January 8, 2020

Mission Fellowship raised
to the status of **congregation**
in the name of **Saint Andrew the Apostle**
in November 2020

2019



An Informational meeting on
Long Island Mission Fellowship
held on December 14, 2019

2020



2020



First Holy Qurbana
celebrated on Sunday,
February 23, 2020.
Weekly Services begin

2020



2021



In November 2021
Diocesan Metropolitan raises congregation to
Saint Andrew Malankara Orthodox Church of
Long Island, New York, as a **parish** of the
Northeast American Diocese of the Malankara
Orthodox Syrian Church

By removing cultural barriers and placing an emphasis on evangelism, we open the door for all people to engage with our faith, regardless of their cultural, ethnic or spiritual background.

SAMOC is built upon the guiding principle that our ancient Orthodox faith is a treasure to be cherished and valued. We believe that our faith can transform the modern world.



Meeting Worshipers Where They Are

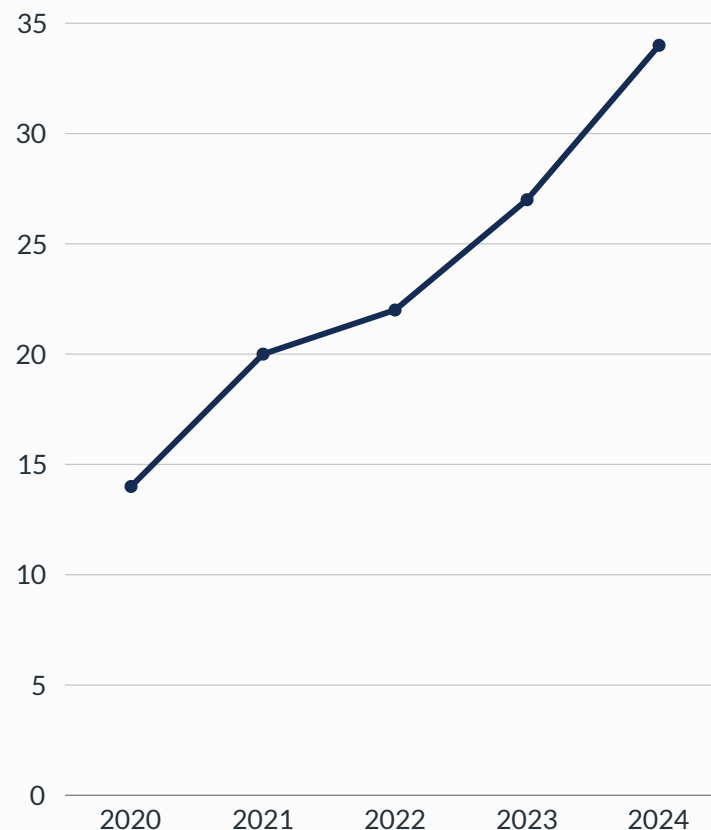
OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ANCIENT FAITH IN THE MODERN WORLD HAS
BUILT A COMMUNITY OF MORE THAN 120 SOULS IN LESS THAN 5 YEARS

ONE BIG CHURCH FAMILY

Over 30 families have joined this young church, and are growing in their faith.

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“Celebrating Christmas & Holy Week in *English* has made me and my family truly *understand* how beautiful the Orthodox faith is.”



MEMBER GROWTH



Our Growing Community

Saint Andrew's parish is made up of over 100 souls, with people from different backgrounds and experiences. It is such a joy to come for worship and fellowship! The current obstacle of our parish is having our own place of worship where we can further our own spiritual growth through worship, Bible study, catechism, and service in our community.

Diverse Ministries

ENGAGING SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY

MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

MGOCSM/ COLLEGE MINISTRY

MEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We have a vibrant Sunday School ministry with engaging teachers!

Our weekly classes nourish our children in the Orthodox Christian faith. Opportunities for leadership and service are also provided to our children through this ministry.

The lives of our pre-teens and youth can be filled with distractions.

Our bi-monthly middle school ministry meetings, and monthly MGOCSM fellowships, provide another avenue for our young people to grow in Christ, and cultivate positive relationships.

Our quarterly Men's Ministry & Women's Ministry offer a space for spiritual growth, that are unique to the needs of our men and women. Fellowship events are also organized during the year to strengthen our bonds as brothers & sisters in Christ.

**HAVING OUR OWN CHURCH HOME WILL
FURTHER STRENGTHEN THESE MINISTRIES**



“Being a part of this church, I feel like I'm part of something much greater than myself. I have learned so much about the beauty of the Orthodox faith, and now I can be sure my children will grow and thrive in the church as well. Not only that, they are also learning the importance of giving back. We have much work to do to continue our mission to be a healing presence on Long Island.”



Holy Qurbana

WHERE HEAVEN MEETS EARTH

No matter how much the world changes, our ancient faith remains the same. At Saint Andrew's, we seek to reveal the richness and beauty of our apostolic faith, which "was once for all delivered to the saints." This same faith from the first century is experienced every time we gather for the Divine Liturgy.

Whether it's celebrating divine services exclusively in English, or participating in different ministries, our people strive to engage and actively participate in all Liturgical prayers. It would be ideal to enjoy our heavenly worship without time limitations or constraints.

Service to the Community

One of our core values is *service to our community*. We believe that we were sent to our local community to bless it and reflect the love of Christ within it.

We have partnered with North Shore Soup Kitchen (NSSK), and One Love Mission to serve those who are hungry, and in need. However, we are limited in our impact due to our inability of having our own church space.



How have we impacted our Community?



1,000 +

CARE
PACKAGES
DELIVERED

Care packages have been packed and delivered to the homeless of Long Island & NYC, and to those countries devastated by war and calamity

5,000 +

MEALS
PREPARED

Meals have been delivered to food-insecure children and families through our partnership with Mary Brennan Inn & North Shore Soup Kitchen

\$10,000 +

CHARITABLE
DONATIONS
DISBURSED

Donations have been given to families who have experienced traumatic loss, Silver Shield Fund & Church World Services

**JUST IMAGINE WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH
IF WE HAD OUR OWN CHURCH SPACE!**



Commitment to our Community



www.northshoresoupkitchen.org

Citing our impact in the greater community, our church was unanimously elected to be part of the Board of Directors at North Shore Soup Kitchen in Glen Cove. NSSK has been feeding the hungry of Long Island with dignity and respect since 1989.



The Rev. Father **Daniel Mathai**, of Jericho, pastor of Saint Andrew Malankara Orthodox Church in Glen Head, has been appointed to the board of directors of the **North Shore Soup Kitchen Inc.** in Glen Cove.



**OUR OWN CHURCH SPACE WILL ONLY STRENGTHEN
OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY**



BUILDING

AN ANCIENT FAITH IN A MODERN WORLD

While SAMOC has continued to grow and find creative ways to minister and thrive as a “portable” church, the lack of a permanent home hasn’t been without its challenges and limitations.

- Lack of a dedicated sanctuary, which limits an authentic ancient feel to liturgical services
- Lack of flexibility from rental spaces for worship
- Lack of classrooms for our fun, engaging and growing Sunday School ministry





OUR NEW CHURCH

A PLACE TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH & BUILD UP OUR COMMUNITY

Step One

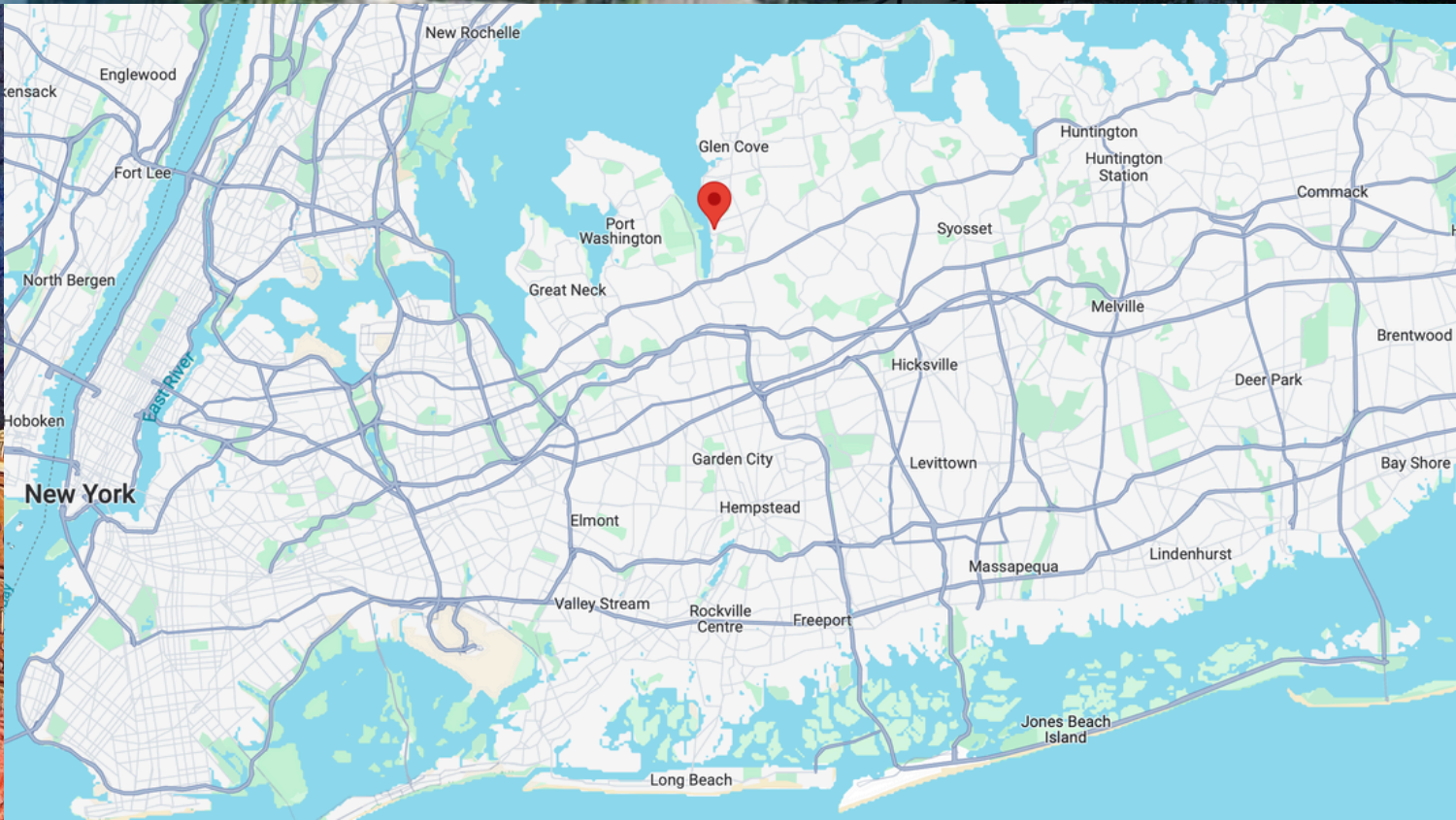
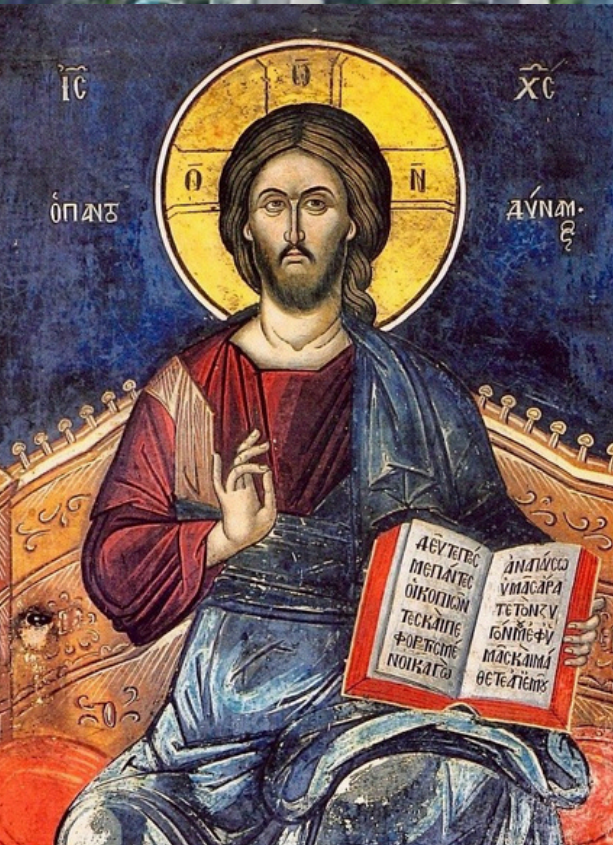
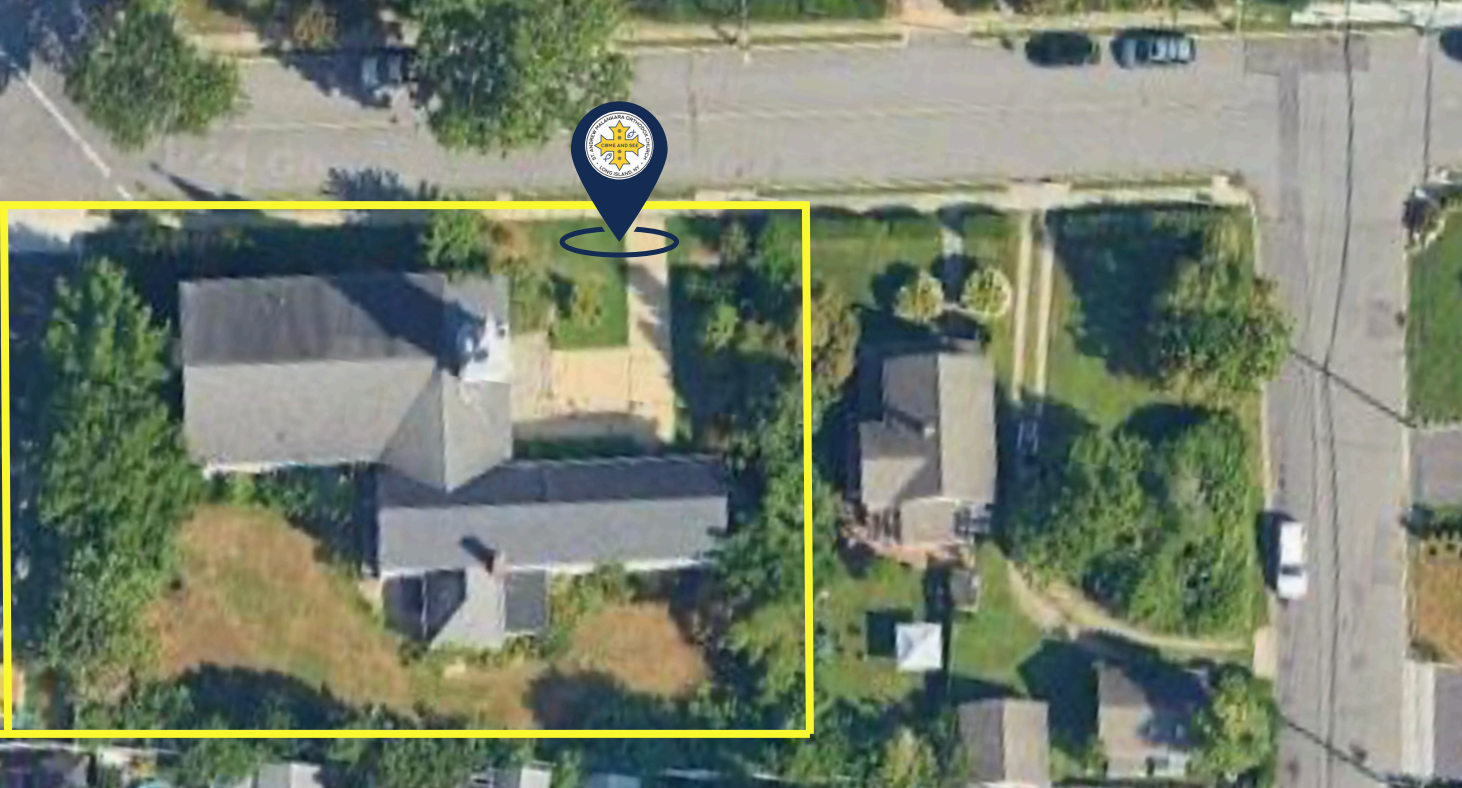
IN PROCESS

Our church community has been seeking a building of its own for several years. It was not until now, that a viable and affordable option surfaced in Long Island, New York.

By the Grace of God, we have signed a contract to purchase our own church home in Glenwood Landing, New York. Located on the north shore of Long Island, this property offers a central location and accessibility for our present, and future church faithful.

We are grateful to our faithful who have offered generously in faith, and the aggressive savings approach the church has taken since its establishment in 2020.













SAINT

ANDREW



AT A GLANCE

Sanctuary accommodates 200

Parish Hall accommodates 200

Handicapped Accessible

Spacious Kitchen and Kitchenette

Large Side Yard for Playground/Recreation

2 additional halls for ministry breakout space

Offices & Storage

Step Two

PLANNING

Since its inception, Saint Andrew Malankara Orthodox Church has three primary objectives with regards to its vision and ministry:

- 1** *Grow in Christ* - Offer our faithful the opportunity to be strengthened in the Orthodox faith through daily worship, and other ministries such as catechism, regular Bible studies, and seasonal parish gatherings.
- 2** *Serve in Christ* - Provide opportunities for our faithful to give back through regular community service and outreach programs.

Step Two

PLANNING

We cannot *Grow in Christ*, or *Serve in Christ* if we do not have our own church. Hence, this third pillar is such an integral part of our vision to grow:

3 *Build in Christ* - Having our own place of worship will further strengthen our Church to witness the Gospel. We have faith that through our new church, we can invite those who are in need of Christ's love through the therapeutic model of the Orthodox Christian Church.

“Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.”

-1 Chronicles 28:10

Step Three

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Dear Friend of Saint Andrew's Church,

The Lord has presented a blessed opportunity for us to raise a Temple for Him. It is through this, we hope to bring others closer to Christ through the healing ministry of His Holy Orthodox Church. This great task however, cannot be done on our own. We need your help.

I ask you to join us in supporting the purchase of this building so we may continue the great work God has begun through our parish community.

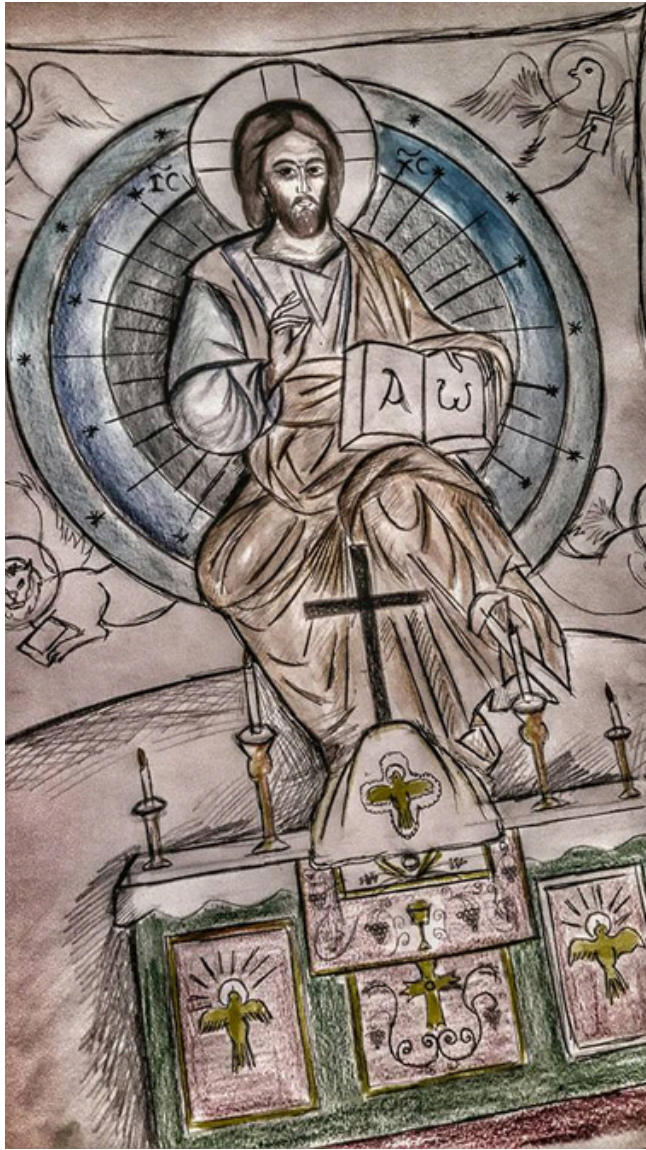
Your support goes beyond the purchase of a building. Our parish exists for the present and future of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church in North America. We hope to see the seed planted by our Lord Jesus Christ, through His Blessed Apostle Thomas on the shores of Kerala, India, will thrive and bring forth fruit in Long Island for generations to come.

By God's grace, your support will allow us to take our mission to the next level as we continue to bring an ancient faith to a modern world.

Fr. Daniel Mathai

Pastor of

Saint Andrew Malankara Orthodox Church



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We can't do this alone. Your prayerful and generous donation will help our church.

WAYS TO GIVE



1. Website -

Press and hold the QR Code to the left, or scan with your phone



2. Zelle-

Use StAndrewMOC@gmail.com as the recipient.
Please include "Church Building Fund" as memo



3. Check -

Payable to: Saint Andrew Malankara Orthodox Church
Mail to: PO Box 52, Albertson, NY 11507
Please include "Church Building Fund" as memo

MORE THAN A BUILDING



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