

***BUILDING FAITH
FAMILY
and A FUTURE***

***Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
Austin, Texas
Parish History 1985-2024***

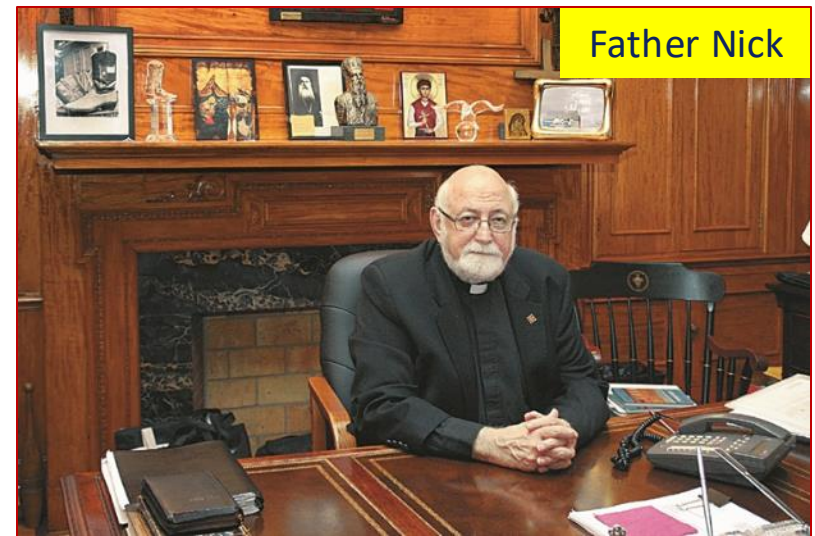
TGOC History Overview

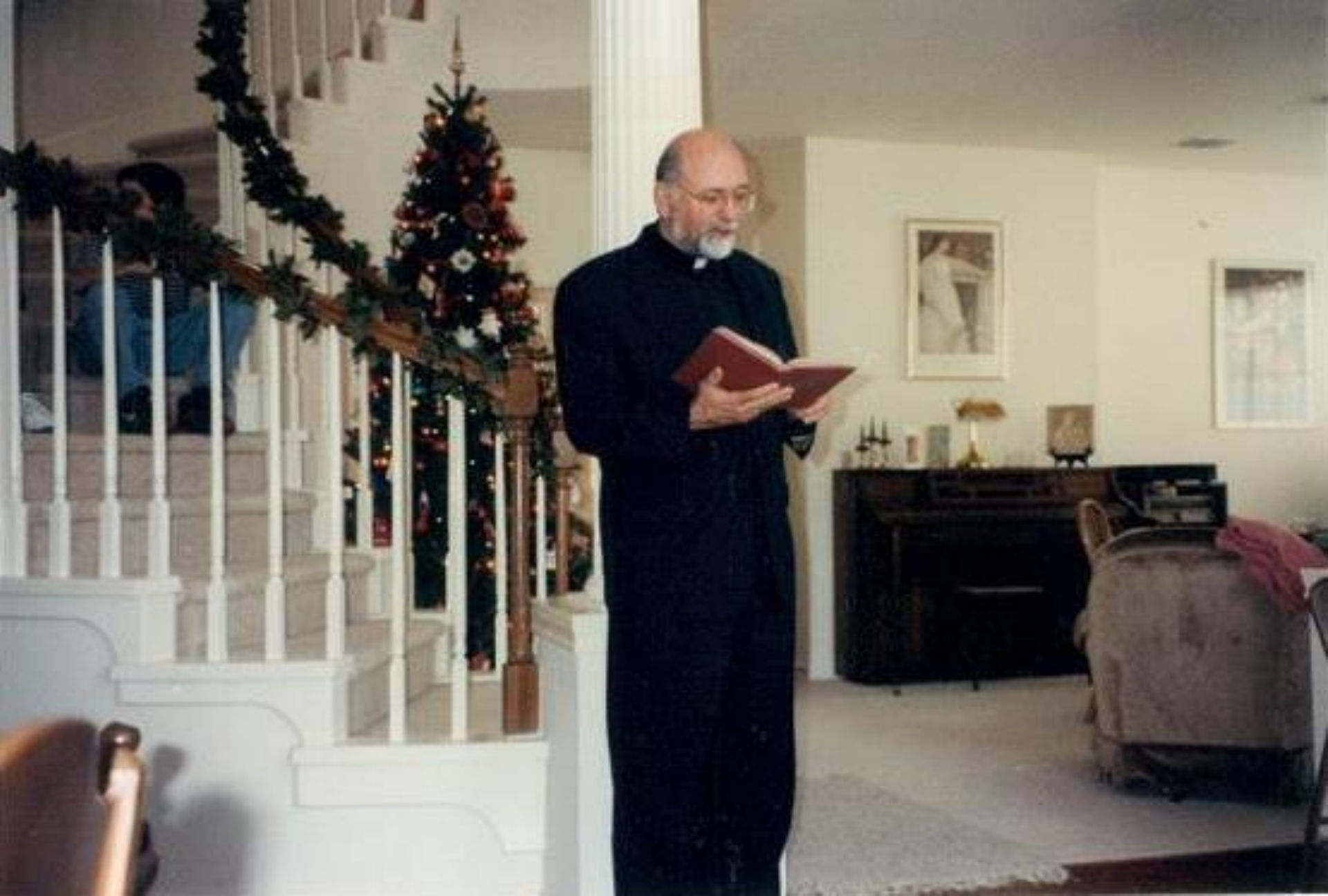
- 1985: Mission Parish w/Rev Nicholas Triantafilou
- 1986: Began using Parish Hall of St. George's Episcopal Church
- 1988: Official name The Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church
- 1990: Purchased our current 4.2 acres
- 1991: Ladies Philoptochos Society established
- 1993: Divine Liturgy at Mt. Tabor Hall facilities.
- 1997: Fr. Jordan G. Brown became our Priest
- 2004: Our Byzantine Church Sanctuary opens
- 2006: First phase of Sanctuary Iconography
- 2009: Fr. Michael Lambakis became our Priest
- 2010: Fr. Vasileios Flegas becomes our Priest
- 2011: Beautiful wood pews installed
- 2012: Iconography Dome Project completed
- 2013: Our Parish mortgage is paid off
- 2016: Parish Walkway and TGOC Consecration
- 2018: Launch TGOC Parish Expansion Project
- 2018: Deacon Salvatore M. Fazio
- 2019: Annual Austin Greek Festivals 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- 2021: Father George Bithos becomes our Assistant Priest
- 2022: TGOC campus expansion project approved by Parish Assembly
- 2023: Ordination to Holy Diaconate: Deacon Stephen Dow, Deacon Haralambos Ryburn
- 2024: Mount Tabor Community Center nearing project completion



1985: Mission Parish w/Fr. Nicholas Triantafilou

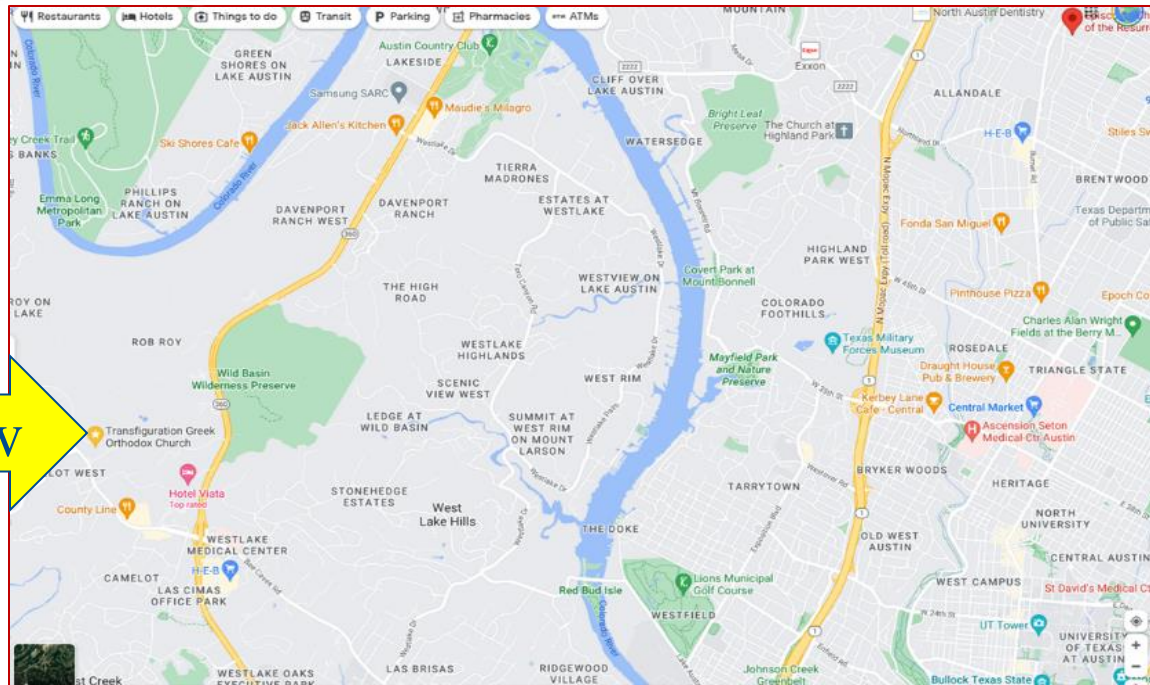
- In August 1985, Reverend Nicholas C. Triantafilou, Proistamenos of Annunciation Cathedral in Houston, visited Austin to meet Greek Orthodox families interested in establishing the first Greek Orthodox Church in the growing state capital area.
- December 1985: His Grace, Bishop Anthimos of Denver visited Austin and gave his blessing to proceed with the new parish – with this the Greek Orthodox Church of Austin was born.
- 1988: At the recommendation of Father Nick, the membership voted to officially name the church *The Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church* (celebrating its feast day on August 6).





1986 to 1991: Liturgy at Parish Hall, Resurrection Episcopal Church on Justin Lane in Austin

1986-1991



Now



Fundraising to purchase Parish Property..

- Monthly Luncheons
- Austin Pecan Street Festival

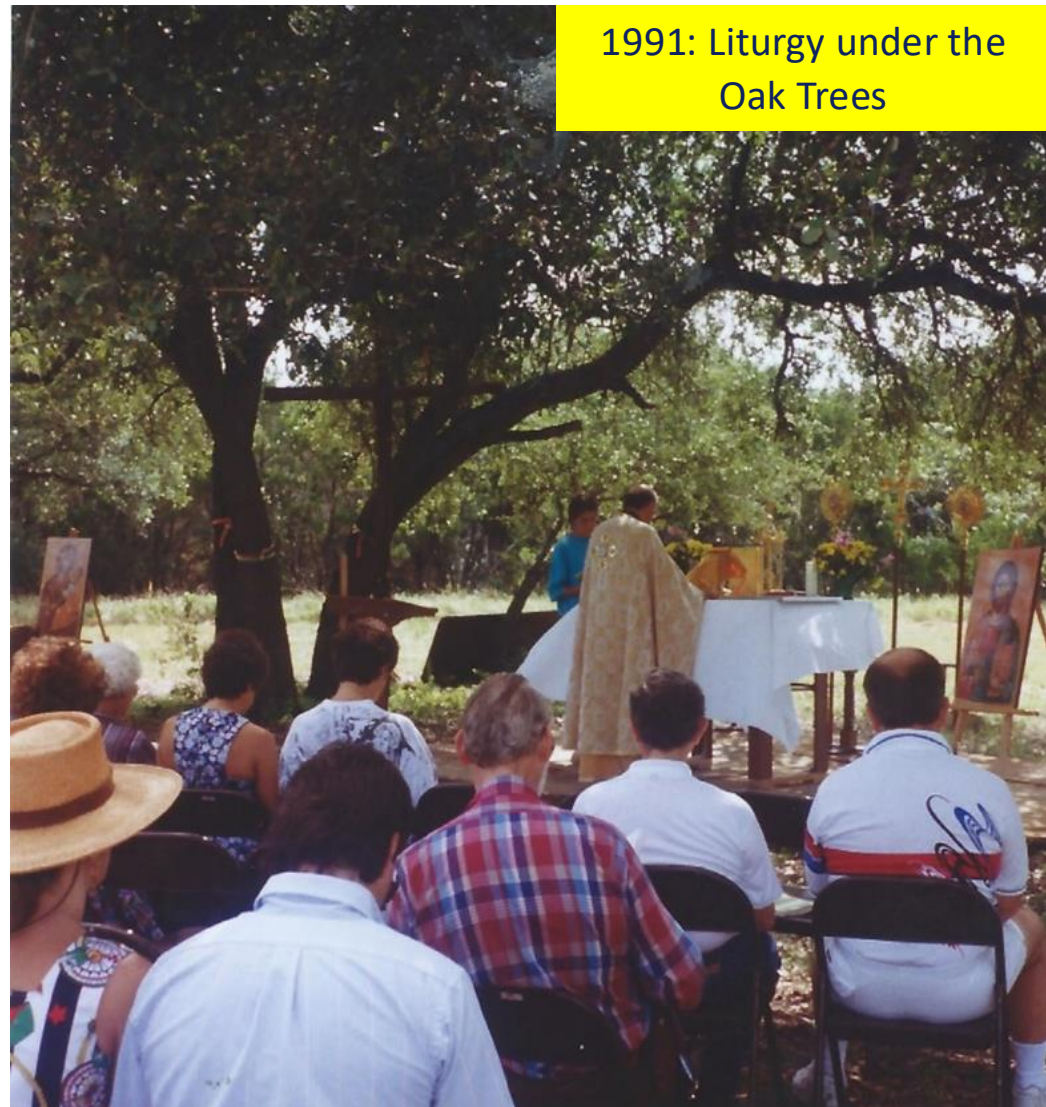
1990: Purchase our current 4.2 Acres

1991: Ladies Philoptochos Society established

Clearing the property



1991: Liturgy under the Oak Trees

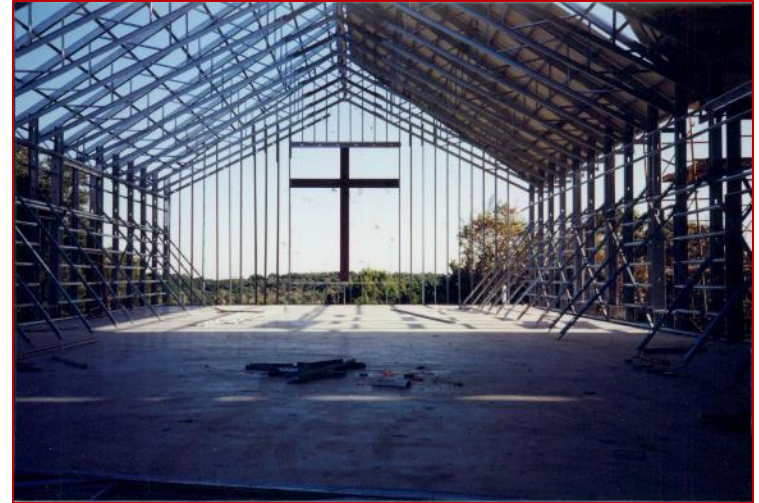


PHILOPTOCHOS



Divine Liturgy in Mt. Tabor Hall

1991 Mount Tabor Hall
Groundbreaking



1993 Divine Liturgy in
Mount Tabor Hall



1997: Fr. Jordan G. Brown became our Priest



Dream big. Work hard. With God's blessing anything is possible.

1997-2003

Mount Tabor Hall Debt Elimination Planning and Pledges for a Byzantine style Church



Hard Working Individual
Contributions and Pledges

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2004: Our Byzantine Church Sanctuary Opens



2006: First phase of Sanctuary Iconography



Iconographer Leonidas Diamantopoulos was chosen to write the iconography for the Sanctuary. The first phase of Sanctuary iconography, including the Platytera, the Dormition of the Theotokos, the Hierarchs, and the major feasts in the life of Christ were installed in the Sanctuary in September 2006.

***2009: Fr. Michael Lambakis became our Priest
2010: Fr. Michael assigned to Annunciation
Greek Orthodox Cathedral as Proistamenos***



2010: Fr. Vasileios Flegas becomes our Priest



2011: Our beautiful wood pews are installed
2012: Iconography Dome Project completed



A Vibrant and Growing Parish

1998: Mt Tabor Hall mortgage paid off

2002-2006: New Sanctuary and Icons

2011: Funding raised for Pews

2012: Phase 2 Icons, lighting, sound, rugs

2013: Sanctuary mortgage is eliminated

2016: Consecration and Walkway

2022: Mount Tabor Community Center Underway



2016: Metropolitan ISAIAH of Denver consecrates Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church



Consecration of our Church is the Service of sanctification and solemn dedication of a building for use as a Church



2018: Parishioner Led Parish Expansion Project



Building Faith, Family and a Future



Austin Greek Festivals 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024



Blessed Feast of the Transfiguration - 2024



Great Vespers with His Eminence Metropolitan Constantine of Denver during our Feast of the Transfiguration!

TGOC Mount Tabor Community Center

- Accommodate a growing Parish
- Phase 1: MTCC 14,720 sq. ft., 12 Classrooms, Banquet Hall, Kitchen, Offices, Work Rooms, Balconies...
- Phase 2: Repurposing Mount Tabor Hall for increased parking.
- October 27, 2024: MTCC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Our Clergy



Fr. Vasileios Flegas
Protopresbyter



Fr. George Bithos
Economos



Deacon Sal Fazio



Deacon Haralambos
Ryburn



Deacon Stephen Dow