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Subject: Parish Special Meeting, September 23, 2018

To all Members of St. George Orthodox Christian Church

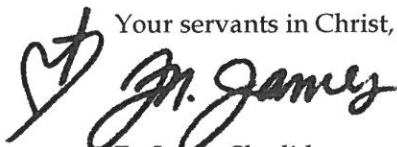
This letter gives notice of a Special Meeting of our parish for the sole purpose of approving the construction of an Overflow Room for our Fellowship Hall and reorganization of other existing space. The meeting will be held after Liturgy on September 23 and requires a quorum of 70 voting members.


With its expansion, our Sanctuary now has 540 seats. Our Fellowship Hall has a capacity of about 234 seats, less than half of the Sanctuary. We have considered multiple options for a larger hall and your Parish Council has voted to maximize the use of our current space by creating a Hall Overflow Room and expanded Teen Room. Two attachments to this letter show our current floor plan and the proposed plan for this Overflow space.

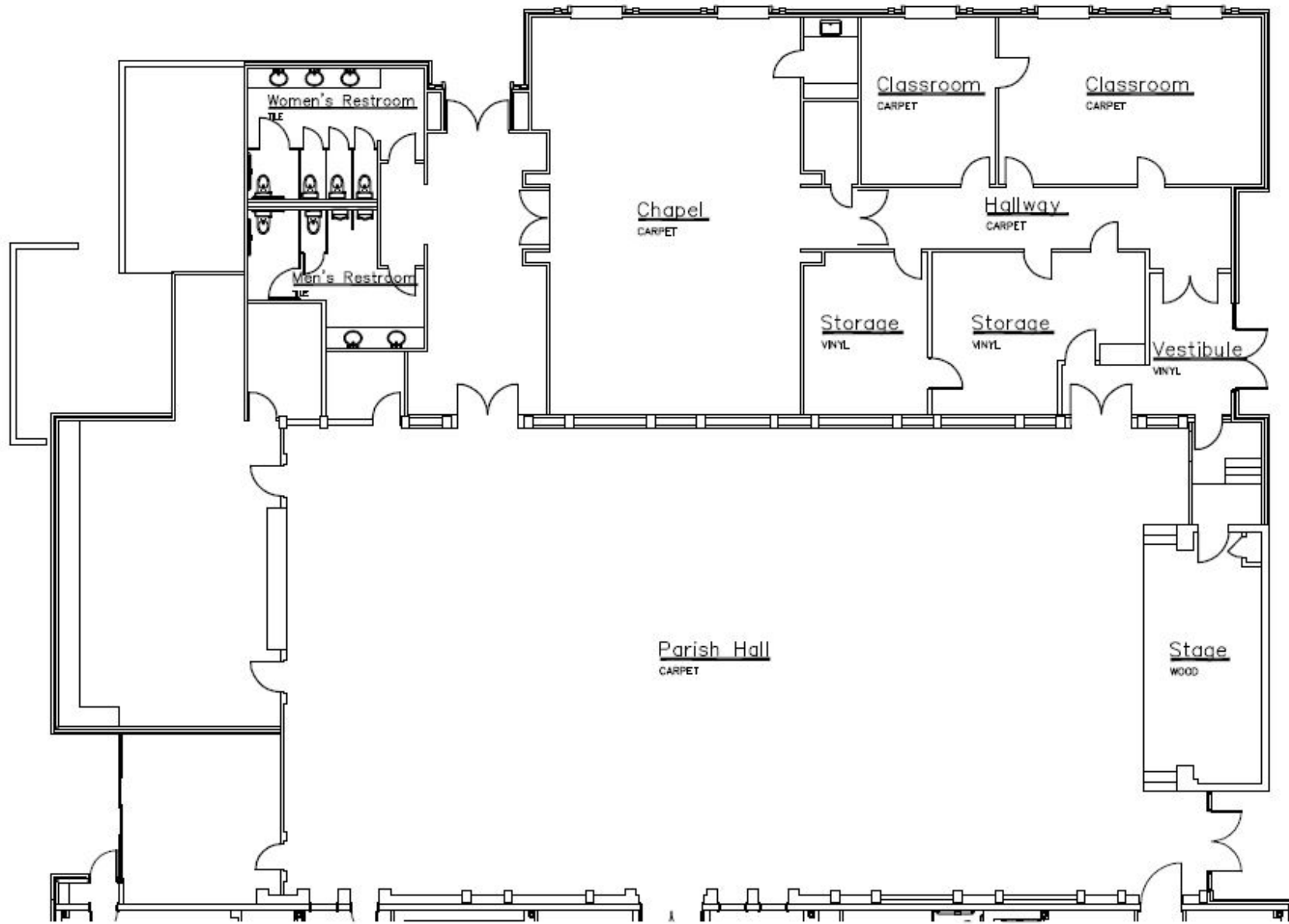
This plan will include opening the east wall of the Fellowship Hall adding 84 additional seats, renovating the existing restrooms, expanding the Teen Room and relocating the air conditioning ducts for more even air flow and to be able to raise the entrance to the Overflow Room by 12 or more inches. We have received three construction bids and selected the most qualified bidder who also had the lowest price. The Project Cost including funds for contingency and furnishings is \$322,000. Your Parish Council has voted to approve this plan and a capital campaign to raise the required funds. Some existing parish funds may be used if needed, but no debt will be incurred for this project.

By our constitution, the majority of voting members present at the Special Meeting must approve this plan for it to move forward. The Special Meeting will be after Liturgy on September 23 and requires a quorum of not less than 70 voting members. Our agenda will begin with a brief presentation of project scope followed by approximately 30 minutes for questions or comments. The meeting will conclude with a secret ballot yes-or-no vote on the plan. All St. George parishioners are encouraged to attend this Special Meeting to learn more about the Hall Overflow project. To be a voting member a parishioner must be at least 18 years old, be in good canonical standing and must have made a 2018 financial commitment to St. George.

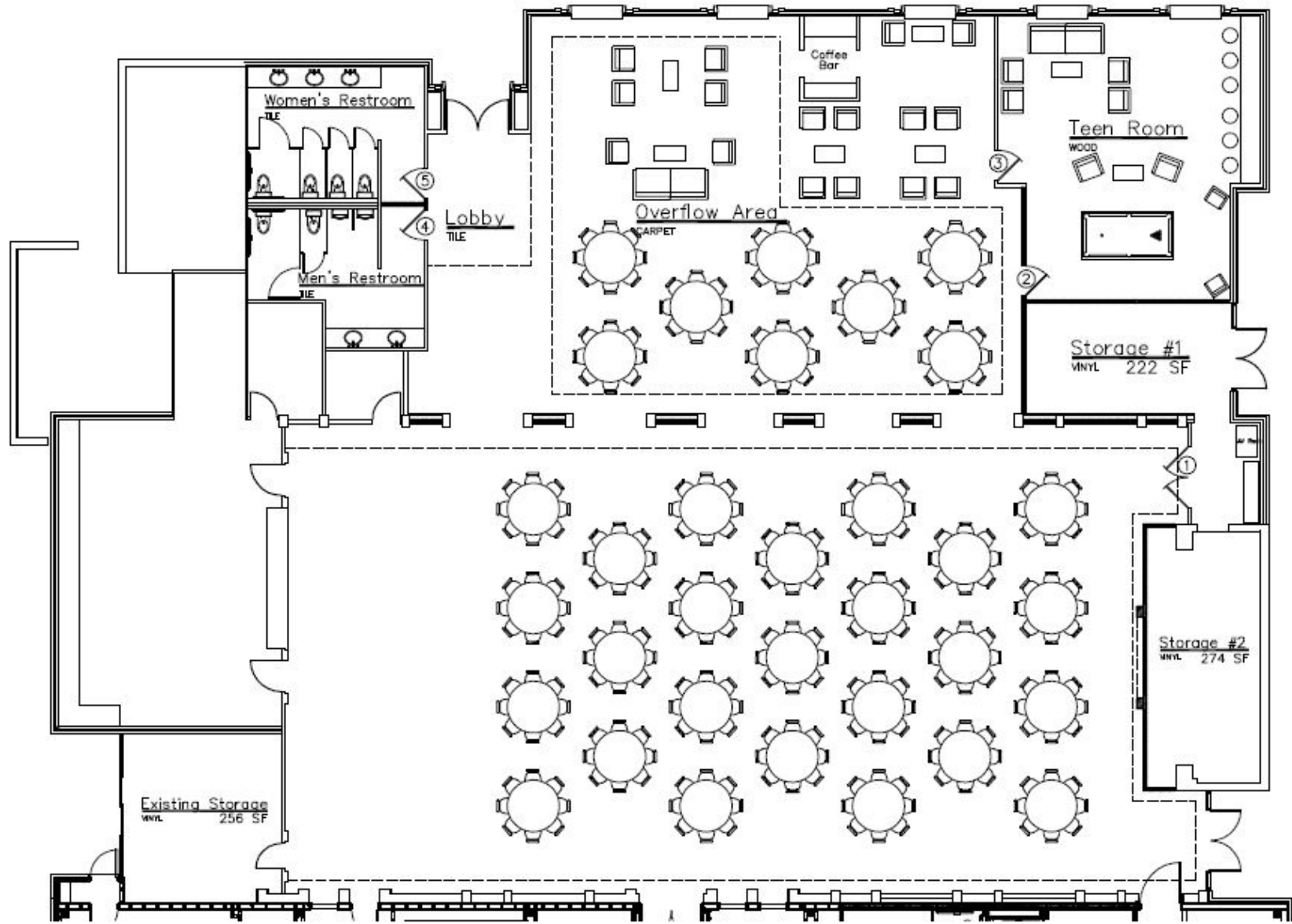
Please see the Overflow diagrams in the Hall, discuss the project with your friends and family and ask members of the Parish Council about this project. Please plan to attend and vote for this next step in the future of St. George.

Your servants in Christ,

Fr. James Shadid
Pastor


Albert Nahas
Parish Council President



St. George Existing Floor Plan



St. George Proposed Floor Plan

