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PARKING: At long last! Our Final Fire and Electrical Inspections took place Tuesday, December 3. We passed inspection! However, the holdup is in the Building Department. It needs to grant its approval so that we may take the final step—a hearing at our local Police Department. This will allow us to begin running our lot per our Conditional Use Permit agreement. The Building Department is insisting we get the final doors and gates installed and also sheet rock the other side of the upper lobby so as to satisfy the 1 hour fire rating requirement. We installed the sheet rock this past Tuesday. Now we are waiting for the gates and the doors to come in. It will be a great day when this is done and we finally get the ok for the parking, so that we can go on to address completion of the interior. As we go forward, let’s stay positive and focused. Consider what you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, 3200 years ago, in our own day we hear God speaking, telling us: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8). Building also takes vision, determination and faith. You have it all. Don’t sell yourselves short. You are accomplishing something extraordinary. For, you are building His sanctuary—a great sacred space, right the heart of one of the world’s premier cities. Here, our Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshipers! May God remember you always, in His heavenly Kingdom.

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