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ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:
The March building update, again featuring our children on the cover, and a narrative of our building project on the inside, has been sent to all of you, in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. The great news is that the slab and walls, complete with waterproofing, will be poured soon! Estimated start time is April 17. We’re moving ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral, because God has told us to do so!

In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν.) We’ve quoted this at least since the start of the Capital Campaign. And we can’t stress it enough: we’re building the Cathedral because God has told us to do so. In His infinite wisdom, the Lord knows what He has in store for us and for the future of our Faith, in this dynamic corridor of San Francisco’s inner city.

MORE GOOD NEWS: OVER $5.3 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:
The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds $5.3 million (Over $700,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17) Of the $5.3 raised, $4.1 has been received; $1.2 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.)

The total cost for completion, inside and out, is just over $12 million. However, the contract we signed with McNally Construction (what we are building now) is a not-to-exceed $10.7 million. This gets us the parking structure and a complete exterior, by year-end 2014 or the beginning of 2015. We are confident we will complete the interior in 2015, including iconography, pews and all interior appointments. This, at a projected cost of $2 million. We have faith that we will get there, with your help, and that the new Cathedral will soon be consecrated to the glory of God.

We at the Annunciation Cathedral will grow
The Orthodox Christian Faith in San Francisco through:
Stewardship, Worship, Education, Evangelism and Philanthropic Outreach