

DOMES FRESCOS

For Holy Ascension Orthodox Church

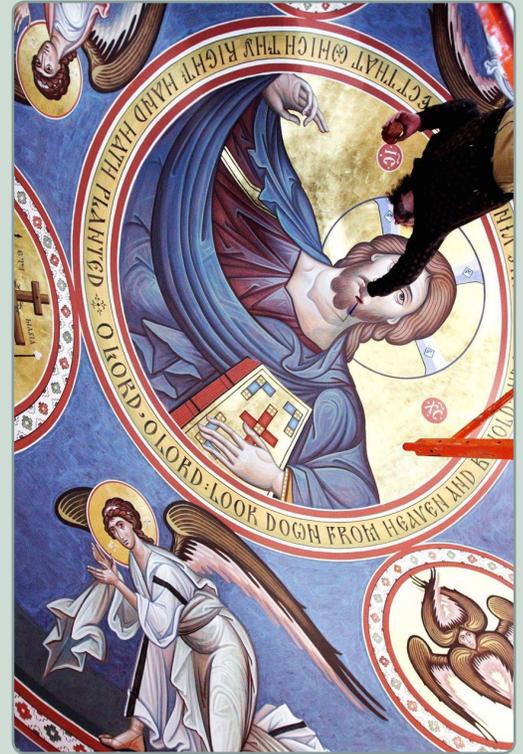
A Request For Support...

Designed to have every interior wall covered in original frescos, Holy Ascension Orthodox Church uniquely contributes to Charleston's renowned architectural treasures.

Inspired by the sublime ancient churches and monasteries of Greece, France, Spain, Romania, Georgia and Russia; our present aspiration presents a rare opportunity for donors to support a permanent addition to our area's lasting beauty.

Please join us with a contribution towards completing the second phase of our church's interior; covering the dome, windows and pendentives. Any and all forms of donation are joyfully welcomed. We also encourage memorial gifts for the departed, to honor births, anniversaries and other meaningful occasions or intentions.

However you choose to contribute, *thank you* for helping us complete this beautiful task; our reverential contribution to the sanctification of space—and to a speck of our earthly world reclaimed for Paradise.



Dmitry Shkolnik at work

The large icon at the top of the dome, known as *Christ Pantokrator*," graces the interior domes of Orthodox churches throughout the world. "Pantokrator" is Greek for *The Almighty or Ruler of All*, and appears in the Old Testament as *The Lord of Sabaoth*. This fresco serves to remind us of two important Biblical points.

The first is *God is with us!* In contrast to Gothic architecture, where God is *way up there*, the Pantokrator shows us God *coming down here*, because God became man in Jesus Christ.

Blessing with his right hand and holding a Gospel Book in his left, this reminds us that He is also the Coming Judge. On the Dome, which architecturally represents Heaven, Jesus is surrounded by a host of Holy Angels. And between the windows stand the Old Testament Prophets, who foretold Christ's coming in the flesh.

The four Evangelists populate the pendentives (the curved triangles supporting the dome). Authors of the Biblical Gospels, their writings are the link between the dome and nave; Heaven and Earth.



DOME WINDOWS AND DOME PENDENTIVES



Holy Ascension Dome, Pendentives and Windows

Windows		
Window (12 needed)	\$400 (each)	
Pendentives		
Matthew	\$5,500	
Mark	\$5,500	commissioned
Luke	\$5,500	
John	\$5,500	

ANTICIPATED COSTS

Prophets (Between Windows)		
Isaiah	\$2,000	commissioned
Ezekiel	\$2,000	
Jeremiah	\$2,000	commissioned
Elijah	\$2,000	commissioned
Moses	\$2,000	commissioned
David	\$2,000	commissioned
Solomon	\$2,000	
Daniel	\$2,000	
Joel	\$2,000	
Habakkuk	\$2,000	
Jonah	\$2,000	
Zephaniah	\$2,000	
Dome		
Christ Pantokrator	\$10,000	commissioned
Deisis		
Christ	\$1,800	
Theotokos	\$1,800	
St John Forerunner	\$1,800	
Medallions		
Angel (8 needed)	\$1,300 (each)	
Six-Winged Seraph (3 needed)	\$1,300 (each)	
Prepared Throne	\$1,300	
Total		
	\$81,800	

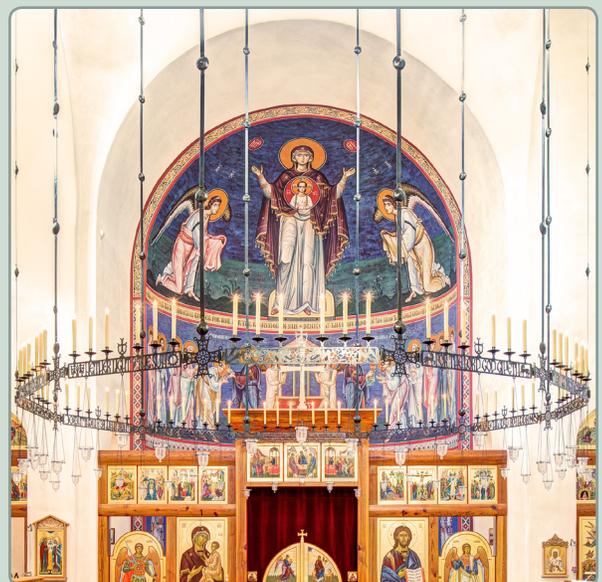
For Your Consideration...

We sincerely hope that every member and friend of Holy Ascension will be inspired to contribute. Parishioners, please do not replace your regular tithes and offerings to support this undertaking.

Projected completion is scheduled for early 2016 (*no time to delay!*), and the frescos will be created by the same extraordinary iconography team that painted the Apse.

Checks can be mailed to Holy Ascension Orthodox Church, 265 North Shelmore Blvd, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

Thank you for your generosity and for being a part of living history!



Holy Ascension Apse painted by Dmitry Shkolnik