

Ideas for SNC “activities to serve and grow” - PC to review and prioritize

4 general classes of actions will help SNC grow and become more unified

- Making Orthodox Christian worship and practice at SNC as meaningful as possible - through meaningful and moving liturgics, inspirational sermons, expanded participation, great teaching, inspirational visitors
- Giving people other reasons to come to SNC - providing opportunities to serve, and opportunities to find service when needed
- Taking the pain out of commuting to SNC through smart scheduling, local activities held where parishioners live
- Offering genuine Christian love and real friendship - absent cliques, boundaries of various types, hostility, politics

Possibilities for new and/or expanded activities on SNC campus - or future SNC “center” - to implement these 4 actions - some of which could be started now without zoning review, significant resources, etc.

1. Operate an **Orthodox scholar in residence center** - provide housing and office space for visiting Orthodox scholars (affiliated with local universities Georgetown, Catholic U., etc.) - in return, visitors to offer special programs, presentations, lectures to SNC.
2. Operate an **Orthodox Christianity reading room** - perhaps to be open fixed hours/days of the week, with coffee and cookies, opportunity to browse religious store, daily vespers.
3. Provide **local residence and office for Metropolitan** and visiting OCA principals - to facilitate meetings, etc.
4. Provide **venue for visiting monastics**.
5. Operate local **Orthodox Christian “publishing and media house”** office.
6. Create and operate a **center for Orthodox Christian outreach, missionary work, and charitable work** in DC area.
7. Operate a **religious education center** with emphasis on Orthodox Christianity 101 - how to live meaningfully and peacefully in a diverse religious and cultural environment - how to get along with neighbors who are Muslims, Jews, evangelical Christians, Catholics, etc. - even atheists. But first - emphasize Christian fundamentals - Trinity, Incarnation, Resurrection - so Orthodox Christians are not overwhelmed by the contrary arguments and beliefs of different faiths.

8. Create and operate a **Parish Life Center** - provide services to parishioners who need help (1 hour's housework per week, transportation, shopping, computer support, etc.) - provide service to shut-ins, support hospital visits, etc. - meals on wheels for homebound, choir visits on feast days, help to veterans, help to recent immigrants.
9. Create and operate a **Young Adults support center** - welcome those new arrivals in DC area, assist with identifying inexpensive and convenient housing/transportation, list small jobs for part time work by under-employed youth (1 hour's house repair/maintenance per week, rates fixed). Create opportunities for SNC parishioners to let newly arrived into their lives - not through shallow acquaintances, but real friendships.
10. Identify a **sister Orthodox parish** in a developing nation - or in a needy region like Alaska - support visits, exchanges, other help as needed.