

A Home for Women Without Homes



ST. HERMIONE HOME BRIEF HISTORY AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 2024

St. Hermione Home (SHH) began in its earliest iteration in early 2017 with a visit to Shelter Health Services, a completely free medical clinic within the Center of Hope/Salvation Army, in the inner city of Charlotte, NC. During this visit, Fr. Paul Tsahakis, an Orthopedic Surgeon, was invited to initiate an Orthopedic Clinic there. During the early years of providing medical services, it became clear that the served population was also hungry for further spiritual nourishment. Thus in 2019, a weekly Bible Study/Prayer Group was inaugurated there.

During the ravages of the COVID pandemic in late 2020, many of the socially economically disadvantaged population in our area lost their homes and were left to live on the streets and in tents. Fr. Paul and aided by many others, having been inspired by previously contemplating the life of the early (100 AD) Holy Unmercenary Saint, St. Hermione, brought needed resources to these suffering people including food, clothing and spiritual support. These efforts continue to the present day.

Additionally, in response to a direct question posed to Fr. Paul several years ago, regarding alternatives to pregnancy termination in economically disadvantaged women who otherwise would have chosen to carry their children to full term, the concept of a maternity home offering a full spectrum of services was born.

Eventually, all these efforts were combined under the heading of the "St. Hermione Home" (SHH), a 501c3 tax exempt entity. St. Hermione Home is led by a diverse Board of Directors who are committed to both the material and spiritual expressions of the Holy Gospel of St. Matthew as presented in the 25th Chapter.

St. Hermione Home is based on the healing of the "whole person," as exemplified in the life of St. Hermione. These methods extend to all the SHH expressions including the Health and Wellness Program, the Bible Study/Prayer Groups, street ministry, and the eventual maternity home.

The actual "St. Hermione Home" will provide a safe and supportive home for homeless women to give birth and spiritually develop and nurture the mother and child bond. Access to food, clothing, medical services, and training to learn parenting, personal, and professional skills, thereby enabling self-sufficiency, leaving homelessness, and living a quality life as a family will be offered. Additionally, a two-year community college education will be offered to each resident.

2024 was an active and exciting year for SHH in many ways. The Tuesday night Center of Hope ministry team welcomed many new members who sacrificially and weekly commit to offer their time and talents to this inner city ministry which includes Bible study, support, prayer, and material support. The new members include; Sofia Mellekas, Dr. Costas and Phyllis Gianakopoulos, Olga Melnyk, Carole Stoddard, and Irene Liapis, who joined Fr. Paul, Geoff Maibohm, Peter Keretsis, Deacon Harry, and Emily (Elizabeth) Hahn in this blessed ministry. Weekly attendance has grown to over 60 weekly attendees (women and children).



The relationship between SHH and Shelter Health Services (SHS) continued to strengthen and grow. Under the august leadership of SHH Board of Directors member, Ms. Iris Smalls Hubbard, this free clinic continues to minister to both the physical as well as spiritual needs of the residents of the Center of Hope. Jointly, these entities also provide seasonal support to the inner city homeless of our area including tents, sleeping bags, blankets, and clothing.

The relationship between SHH and the Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa continues to deepen and flourish. Beginning in January 2024, and continuing on various Saturday's throughout the year, SHH rented a van and Peter Keretsis and Deacon Harry brought and returned up to 13 women and children from the shelter for the day. These blessed days have been enthusiastically received by our patrons, who constantly ask to return. Each Saturday at the monastery is spent in fellowship, prayer, study, reflection and contemplation, icon making, gentle walks around the beautiful monastery grounds, as well as breaking bread together. As the Chapel of St. Hermione is a dependency of the Holy Monastery, Gerontissa Agni has been extremely helpful in the planning of its construction.

Additionally, the leadership of SHH saw significant changes in 2024. Mrs. Elizabeth Hahn continued to assume more responsibility at all levels as she prayerfully contemplates eventually undertaking the Executive Director position. Ms. Olga Melnyk continues to work beautifully with our long term Treasurer, Petros Petrou, as she assumes more responsibility in both financial oversight, as well as overall leadership responsibilities.

On May 20, the Board of Directors and Advisors, SHH supporters, as well as several nuns from the nearby Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa, offered a final "Blessing of the Waters." Immediately thereafter and on the same day, the actual construction of the St. Hermione Chapel and Home commenced.

Sufficient construction progress on the Chapel and Home allowed the Board of Directors/Advisors and supporters to offer a Vigil at the Chapel during the late evening and early morning hours of Oct. 30/31, in order to give thanks to Almighty God, for His Immeasurable Mercy and Love. A few days later, on the morning of Nov. 4, we again assembled and offered an Hierarchical Divine Liturgy which was officiated by His Grace, Bishop Themis of Sierra Leone. Of course, since the St. Hermione Chapel is a dependency of the Holy Monastery of Panagia Prousiotissa, Gerontissa Agni and several of her nuns assisted in these holy services. Construction on the Chapel and Home is projected to continue until Spring, 2025.

Furthermore, during 2024, the Board of Directors of SHH continued to contemplate more fully the concept of "whole person healing," particularly as it related to homelessness. In response to the pervasive characteristic of lack of appropriate education in women affected by homelessness, St. Hermione Home and Shelter Health Services united to offer the "Walk with Me" program, which was initiated in early 2024. In the Spring, CPCC agreed to enter into this relationship to strengthen the program. Graciously, CPCC monthly sends a representative during the Tuesday night ministry and helps register prospective students. Those who enroll in this program are offered transportation (bus tickets) and sponsored tuition. These efforts will



continue until the stated educational goal of each attendee is reached. Ultimately armed with a useful vocation, it is hoped that many of these women will be able to permanently leave homelessness by earning a living wage.

Once again, and for the 6th consecutive year, the precious community of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church sponsored its 5K run on Nov. 23. The growth of this event has been steady over the years, and this year included over 500 participants! These blessed efforts are spearheaded by Mrs. Kholoud Alyateem and her tireless team. The two beneficiaries, St. Hermione Home and Shelter Health Services, each received almost \$20,000. These monies immediately and directly are used to provide for the poor in our area. Glory to God!

Once again, the blessed community of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church partnered with SHH to help minister to the attendees of the Tuesday night bible study/support group. Stasy Scarlatos, aided by Lisa Giotis, Maria Kleto, Sarah Vastis, as well as many others, brought Orthodox Study Bibles for all of our homeless women and children! This was truly a very special gift.

On a very special note, the Tuesday night ministry team, aided by various Board members, as well as the staff from the clinic, offered a delicious Christmas supper (food prepared in the generously donated kitchen of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church) to all of the residents of the Center of Hope. Additionally, Gerontissa Agni and Sister Ephraimia assisted by offering each resident a special prayer rope, as well as a personal "word about prayer." Furthermore, the blessed members of the St. Nektarios Bible Study and the Philoptochos group, provided for personal Christmas gifts and blankets. These efforts were significant, and much appreciated. This most blessed evening also included everyone in attendance singing Christmas carols together. The evening culminated with a special blessing of Holy Oil from the votive of St. Dionysios (His Feast Day) placed in the form of a Cross on the forehead of each attendee.

Looking to the future, and after waiting the mandated 3 years following its National Accreditation (granted April, 2022), SHH will petition the State of NC for a Maternity Home License. The Home is projected to accept its first residents during Winter, 2025. However, once the Home is completed, and during the waiting period for the Maternity Home License, SHH will offer various prayer services, bible studies, prayer groups, a weekly soup kitchen, as well as a variety of types of material support to local residents.

May all of these activities be blessed, +Fr. Paul Tsahakis President SHH Jan. 16, 2025 sthhome.com



The Partnership between the St. Hermione Home (SHH) and Shelter Health Services (SHS)

St. Hermione Home (SHH), and Shelter Health Services Clinic, Inc. (SHS), has maintained a partnership for over 9 years, working in tandem to provide care for the residents of The Salvation Army Center of Hope Homeless Shelter (women and children) and it's off-site locations. Due to the contiguity of access to services, the Clinic and SHS are opportunely situated to help residents address the needs of the "whole person."

Weekly visits by the staff of The St. Hermione Home, coupled with support of staff, volunteers, and the facilities of SHS, provides Center of Hope residents with holistic care, allowing focus to be directed towards addressing the needs of the mind, body, and soul.

Through the collective efforts of the St. Hermione Home and Shelter Health Services, Center of Hope residents are afforded access to healthcare services not otherwise accessible for residents. These services include but are not limited to x-rays, MRIs, orthopedic consultations, medications, and contact with a wide range of health care specialists.

Our friends often find themselves disproportionately affected by negative social determinants of health, rendering them unsheltered and at risk for health issues that are exacerbated by their circumstances. The partnership between The St. Hermione Home and SHS continues to provide spiritual counseling, biblical study, spiritual attention to prayer and petition, and moral and spiritual guidance in all matters of life through the offering of the precepts of Christianity, coupled with compassionate and merciful medical care.

With this collaborative effort, residents are afforded direct ingress to spiritual care -shown to be vital to their healing and growth during times of great stress and challenges.

The collaboration between Shelter Health Services and St. Hermione Home continues to provide medically competent, empathetic healthcare and virtuous scripturally directed guidance to this impecunious population.

Iris Smalls Hubbard
(Executive Director of Shelter Health Services)
(Board of Directors of St. Hermione Home)



St. Hermione Home Construction Report

What a year 2024 was! We finally received the building permit on Bright Monday, May 6, 2024. After all the issues we had to overcome, the Lord's Resurrection blessed us with the building permit.

Construction started on May 17, 2024. Estimated completion is March 14, 2025. We agreed to the Fire protection requests and committed to revisit them after we receive the building permit.

We are waiting for approval of the "FINAL" fire protection.

- The building framing is completed.
- The plumbing, mechanical and electrical rough ins are completed.
- We expect delivery of the windows in the week of February 9.
- Insulation will start the week of February 16.
- The building should have finished interior walls by the end of February.
- The installation of site water and sewer will start as soon as we receive the final approval on the fire protection.
- Duke Energy will install power and Natural gas as soon as the site water and sewer installation is completed.
- Low voltage wiring for communications and internet will start the week of February 2.
- According to the construction schedule substantial completion will be completed by the end of March. However, due to labor issues and material supplies I think completion will happen by the end of April.
- It will be great to celebrate Easter with the completion of St. Hermione's Home.





The Chapel Dome is framed and waterproofed

The building is waterproofed





Plumbing rough ins are completed.

Mechanical duct and equipment are in place.



Electrical rough in has started



St. Hermione Home Inc Profit & Loss

January through December 2024

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Direct Public Support	1 142 064 02	
Individ, Business Contributions	1,143,961.83	
Total Direct Public Support	1,143,961.83	
Total Income	1,143,961.83	
Expense		
Bank Fee	210.00	
Business Expenses	50.11	
Continuing Education	800.00	
Contract Labor	7,500.00	
Contract Services		
Accounting Fees	7,041.74	
Outside Contract Services	937.48	
Total Contract Services	7,979.22	
Facilities and Equipment		
Rent, Parking, Utilities	2,078.72	
Total Facilities and Equipment	2,078.72	
Construction Costs	353,311.82	
Operations		
Postage, Mailing Service	400.00	
Supplies	1,065.48	
Telephone, Telecommunications	448.90	
Total Operations	1,914.38	
Other Types of Expenses		
Insurance - Liability, D and O	6,062.00	
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Other Types of Expenses - Other	3,777.21	
Total Other Types of Expenses	10,448.21	
Outreach	20,700.00	
PayPal Fee	722.29	
Professional Fees	22,840.00	
Property Tax Expense	580.72	
Race Roster Fee	346.30	
Repairs & Maintenance	200.00	
Total Expense	429,681.77	
Net Ordinary Income	714,280.06	
Net Income	714,280.06	

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St. Hermione Home. Inc.

Proposed 2025

Period January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Income \$ 140,000.00

Reserves \$ 1,750,000.00

Expenses

Accounting Fees	\$ 7,000.00
Legal Fees	\$ 1,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ 3,000.00
Outside Contract Services (website)	\$ 1,300.00
Office	\$ 2,600.00
Payroll	\$ -
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,200.00
Utilities	\$ 1,000.00
Taxes	\$ 500.00
Insurance	\$ 7 <i>,</i> 000.00
Outreach	\$ 10,000.00
Construction Costs	\$ 800,000.00

Total Expenses \$ (834,600.00)

Net Income \$ 1,055,400.00



Comments from our Board of Directors & Ministry Team:

As a member of the Board of Advisors, I am excited about what the St. Hermione Home (SHH) accomplished in 2024 and what there is to look forward to in 2025. It is a blessing to serve. With construction having commenced, the services held at the construction site, the continued work of the wellness clinic and the Bible Study/Support Group, and the outreach to our city's most vulnerable populations, there is so much to be thankful for all SHH has done and will do in the upcoming year. Completion of the building, the acquisition of further land for the St. Hermione Community, and continued outreach to Charlotte's marginalized populations will make 2025 our most blessed year yet As the Lord Jesus said, "Come and see."

- Geoff Maibohm (Board of Advisors & Weekly Ministry Associate)

It is an honor to be involved with SHH. In 2024, Bishop Themi of Sierra Leone exemplified God's love and hope for our community. This was particularly evident during the bible study, especially with the children. The Center for Hope Salvation Army's Christmas dinner facilitated by SHH was a particular highlight. Christmas carols sung by Gerondissa Agnes, Sisters from the Panagia Prousiotissa Monastery and residents unified all to lead with gratitude for God's grace and our SHH community.

- Carol Ann Stoddard (Weekly Ministry Associate & Social Worker)

Our society today is ego centered. "If I have and do what I want, I am pleased." Politicians ignore the homeless and promote other liberal ideas including abortion. Two weeks ago, our governor came to Charlotte with a specific agenda, as it was covered by the news media, to promote abortion. Despite the many stumbling blocks we encountered this last year with Mecklenburg County, I am more committed to the mission of St. Hermione Home. I am blessed to be a part of this ministry and work with a group of dedicated people to make a difference. I am looking forward to the next step to provide housing after "graduation" for the women. It is my dream to help carry this project to other areas within the Charlotte area and the Holy and God protected Metropolis of Atlanta.

Thank you Father Paul for asking me to serve. Thank you, members of the Board and Advisors for your encouragement

- Costas Vrettos (SHH Architect and Board of Directors)

It's so easy to be consumed by the daily activities of the world until you spend an afternoon at the Salvation Army Women's Bible Study. In my first four months of volunteering, I am filled with hope, peace, faith, love and awe witnessing the struggles and testimonies the women share about their lives and how their faith sustains them at their lowest hour. A resident shared that her prayer is for God to allow her eyes to see people as He sees them... It is with this same guiding principle that the St. Hermione Home will minister to the pregnant women currently without a home. I am humbled to witness the current and future bountiful blessings to come through this St Hermione Home ministry.

In Christ's love,

- Irene Liapis (Weekly Ministry Associate)



The painful killing of an innocent human being is a horrendous evil. Greater still, failure to care for what Jesus termed, *"the least of these"* (Matthew 25:45). Our founder, Dr. Fr. Paul Tsahakis, inspired by the words of our Lord, founded St. Hermione Home to *"provide a safe and supportive home for homeless women to give birth and spiritually develop and nurture the mother and child bond."* You and I have the inestimable privilege of standing shoulder-to-shoulder with Fr. Paul in this transcendently important mission.

- Hank Hanegraaff (Board of Directors)

God continues to bless me with His most abundant unconditional love, grace and mercy by granting me the opportunity to be a member of the Board of Advisors for the Saint Hermione Home for 2024.

Through this and Father Paul's spiritual guidance and prayers, I have been blessed to be able to experience, witness and feel the providential and mysterious ways in which God works.

From having our weekly Bible Study and meals each Tuesday for the women and children at the Salvation Army Center of Hope Shelter Health Services to taking the women and children on spiritual field trips to the Panagia Prousiotissa Greek Orthodox Monastery in Troy, NC to having the Blessings of the Waters to where the Saint Hermione Home began its construction and rose up from the ground to having our first Vigil to celebrating a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Bishop Themistocles Adamopoulos from Sierra Leone, Africa and so much more, it has been such a memorable, beautiful and blessed year.

I am so very appreciative, humbled and honored to be included in this ministry. Over the past year, it has provided me with tremendous spiritual, physical, mental and emotional growth and has touched my heart in such a deep and profound manner. God willing, I pray and hope that this will continue.

May the intercessory prayers of Saint Hermione continue to be with all of us as we embark into 2025. To God belongs all of the glory!

- Peter Keretsis (Board of Advisors & Weekly Ministry Associate)



Hello St. Hermione Family and Friends,

My name is Emily by birth and Elizabeth by baptism. The Lord has allowed me to be involved with the ministry of St Hermione Home for over one year now and I am so thankful. Every time I interact with the homeless women and children that we serve I am overwhelmed by how God lovingly provides. It amazes me even further that He allows us to participate in His work and provision for others. He is merciful!

My main role in the ministry is to keep a record of what is happening. We keep records to uphold our accreditation and to make sure that we as a ministry are improving for the benefit of those that we serve. I pray for your patience as I try to tell you about how the Lord is working in SHH with written words.

St Hermione Home Ministry has the mission of healing the whole person - the healing of soul and body of those we serve. As a nurse I am familiar with "healing" and with what we need to do to take care of the body and soul. During my time in the emergency department I saw and cared for many who were homeless. How simple I thought their solutions were for the problem that I thought they were choosing. I thought if only they did....fill in the blank they could quickly change their circumstances. Diagnosis: Homelessness... Prescription: get a job, stop using drugs, stop spending money on things I thought were unnecessary etc etc

After a full year in the SHH ministry I have been humbled to see that homelessness is a chronic and very complicated issue. Many, if not all that experience homelessness have come to this experience through trauma. They not only have the diagnosis of homelessness - they have many *comorbidities* to this simplistic diagnosis -

No family support - they aged out of foster care and have no family to call in a time of need or maybe their family abandoned them and told them they can't come back home...

Insurmountable life change - they had a medical emergency and therefore lost their job and housing.. and now they also have large amounts of medical debt...

No safe housing options - they fled domestic violence and left everything they had behind, nowhere is safe anymore...

No mentor or role model - they do not have someone who has "blazed the trail" ahead of them and can give advice on how to make good decisions life decisions, spiritual decisions, financial decisions - someone who cares about them and wants to see them succeed ... for many who are homeless having a mentor or someone helping you up is the thing of dreams...

Human trafficking - many in our community did not "migrate" to Charlotte of their own free will - their life, freedom, finances, body and spirit



were taken and used for profit...if they escape they have no safe place or safe people to turn to when life has been shattered beyond belief...

Abuse - many were abused by every adult in their life (one woman recently said "even my mother touched me") and so they are alone in the world and maybe have even turned to drugs for comfort...

Addiction - for many drugs were the only comfort available to them in their trauma - now their addiction is in control...

Mental illness - either acute or chronic mental illness has isolated them from a helping hand...they are in despair, there is no hope that life can actually get better...

These are deep waters! Only presence...the presence of the Savior and His church can be the prescription for so many of these comorbidities. It takes time to trust people again. It takes time to feel hope again. And it takes time to have the courage to try again - to try for that college degree, try for that job, try to get an apartment and try to create a new, supportive community.

There are many stories of God providing immediate healing and often this is the type of healing that we all long for. More often though, if we are paying attention we will see the longer *journey* of healing in others. One such story of healing I would like to share is of a person who was going through gender transition when we first met them. This person came to Bible Study but remained in the hallway, only keeping "an ear to the door". Over months we saw this person slowly move more and more into the room...eventually even sitting in the middle of the room right in front of Father Paul. He began to engage with those at the table with him and participate in Bible Study. He also began to show outward change, dressing more and more like his own gender. A few months ago he stood up in front of Bible Study to read the gospel reading. He wears his cross from Father Paul and the monastery and he goes to Father Paul for hugs and blessings. How did this change take place?

I do not pretend to know how God works but it seems to me like simply being present and sharing the love of Christ was what was required of us. We prayed and showed up every Tuesday to share the gospel and to pray with people. We did not require immediate healing from him - but instead welcomed him in and befriended him. The Lord was slowly and graciously healing him this whole time - through His presence and the presence of His church. Glory to God!

Through this experience and many others like it we are learning how to be present and how to endure the diagnosis of homelessness with its many complicating factors. We are planning to be there for the women and children for the quick or long *journey* of healing of soul and body - and pray that the Lord will heal us too!

-Elizabeth (Board of Advisors & Weekly Ministry Associate)



This year's Quantitative Data:

	Weekly Bible Study average attendance
SHH Bible Study & Support Group	15-40 Women per Bible Study 5-35 Children per Bible Study
	Total Number of initial visits (new faces)
	323
	Total Number of followup encounters (how many came back after their first visit)
	820
Health and Wellness	Father Paul sees patients at SHS on Wednesday every week for 10 months out of the year. He serves as a priest and physician in Greece for 2 months in the summer. This year Father Paul cared for:
	79 new patients102 follow up patients181 total appointments in 10 months

Spiritual Support & Coping Tools

Crosses given out - 847

*Crosses are given out by Father Paul with a blessing.

Prayer bracelets given out by Gerontissa and the nuns - 200

*Prayer bracelets are given out while the person is taught the Jesus Prayer.



What does it look like to attend SHH Bible Study?

- There is now a ministry team of about 10 people weekly who are there to welcome the women and children into the cafeteria for Bible Study
- Before Bible Study & Support Group begins our team walks around to serve beverages and fresh fruit. As we serve we are engaging in opportunities of fellowship with those in attendance.
- We hand out a printed copy of the gospel reading that will be discussed, along with coloring sheets & crayons for the children. The coloring sheets are related to the gospel reading so the children can see and understand what is being taught.
- When it is time to begin, Father Paul asks everyone to stand and hold hands. We always do our best to make sure everyone has been included in the "circle". The room and the people feel united in this moment and it is very special.
- Father Paul leads Bible Study in such a way that it truly becomes like a support group. Women share their testimonies and their struggles. The room regularly breaks into applause for one another and into shouts of "amen!", "you better say it!" and "you know that's right!"
- At the end, we stand and hold hands again. This time we all pray the Lord's prayer out loud together.
- And then it is time for pizza! The ministry team loads up trays full of pizza and walks around the room to serve the women and children.
- We announce the opportunities for physical or spiritual help at the Health and Wellness Clinic for the following morning. We also announce the relationship with CPCC and Walk with Me for those seeking to further their education and career opportunities.
- Father Paul often gives out crosses, talks and prays with individuals while the ministry team is serving food and cleaning up.
- We have adopted the Boy Scout motto "leave it better than you found it". The ministry team wipes down tables, sweeps the floors and tidies the kitchen before leaving.
- We then meet together as a ministry team to debrief the Bible Study and Support Group Time - to make sure that we capture what went well and what we can improve for next time.

What does it look like to be a patient in the Health & Wellness Clinic?

- Father Paul has one day of clinic each week at Shelter Health Services. Shelter Health Services is located adjacent to the Salvation Army Center of Hope and takes care of the medical needs for those in the clinic and those who are unable to pay.
- Father Paul is able to provide medical attention to those with physical injury or illness. This year alone he identified several emergency medical conditions and was able to get the patient to the hospital for emergency and specialized care.
- The number of patients coming for spiritual concerns has increased this year. As a priest Father Paul is able to see patients that are needing counseling, prayer and spiritual/emotional support.
- Many of our Bible Study and Support group participants are seeking personal spiritual support time with Father Paul during his time in the Health and Wellness Clinic. It is a wonderful time to receive further encouragement and prayer.



<u>Quotes from the women we serve</u> (given to us directly or through the quarterly surveys they complete)

"I was going to take my life this week....but I knew you were coming on Tuesday (Christmas Eve) and you promised me a Christmas gift and so I waited to see you today" - This woman then received hugs, encouragement, counsel and prayer with Father Paul, a Christmas gift and financial help as she was living in her car.

"They treat us like human beings"

When asked "Do you go to church?"...a woman responded "Yes! I go to Bible Study every Tuesday!"

"We look forward to Tuesday! Tuesdays get us through! We look forward to the food you bring too - it is the best that we eat all week"

"Although it is short (Bible Study), it helps with the understanding and needed to know information of the Bible. All walks of life are welcome. You're not forced to believe - just be respectful of those who do and listen."

"The team is such a blessing and positive impact in a sometimes dark time"

"Because of Father Paul's wellness program I have been clean for one year. I am also an assistant manager and in a couple of weeks I'll be in my own apartment, several thanks!!"

"Thank you for your love and kindness, and providing your service of spreading the gospel in my life"

"SHH is an organization that helps individuals overcome hardship and teach them the gospel of the Lord"

"One thing I noticed is that anybody associated with the ministry truly has a serving spirit and genuinely seems to love God's people just as they are and that is commendable especially in a world where people are so selfish - for this I think you!"

"SHH is very supportive to my family"

"No matter what type of day or week you are having; once you attend SHH Bible Study you would be at peace and feel so much better within yourself. They are very loving and caring!"



Construction Progress:



September 16, 2024



October 14, 2024





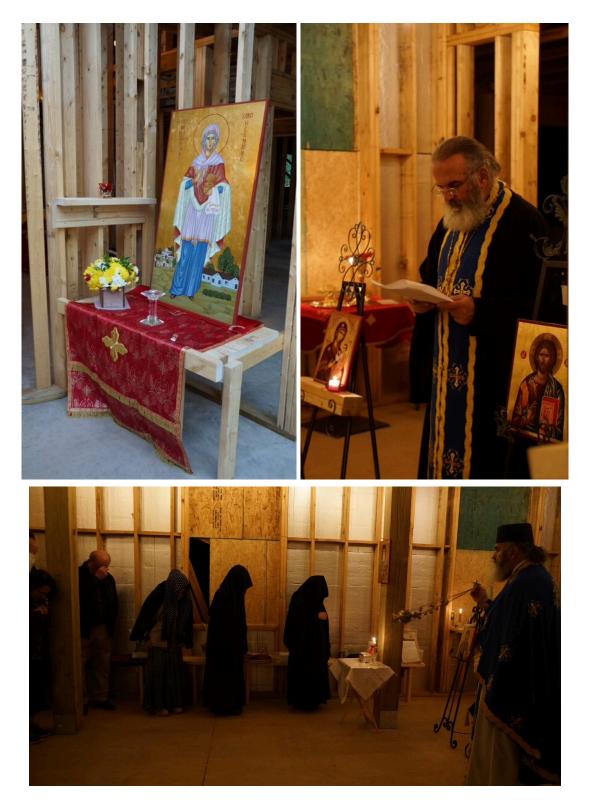
October 30, 2024



January 25, 2024



First Vigil and Divine Liturgy - October 30, 2024





Divine Liturgy with Bishop Themis - November 4, 2024











Christmas Dinner provided to the whole Shelter - December 17, 2024

