

[September 23, 2015] Major work has commenced on preparing the cathedral for the celebration of its 50th anniversary on November 6, 2015. Scaffolding and netting has been erected and Ian Hirsh Painting hired to paint the building. It is a five stage preservation process:

- Power wash
- Seal cracks, repair deep cracks
- Protective primer
- Elastomeric coating
- Acrylic finish

A new color, traditional to Russian Orthodox churches, will be introduced and used as an accent color. The color scheme has been developed and recommended by North America's foremost Orthodox church architect, Andrew Gould of New World Byzantine (<http://www.newworldbyzantine.com>). The cost of the repairs and painting will be approximately \$100,000.00. Donations for this capital improvement project would be greatly appreciated at this time.