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Dear Friends of St. Elizabeth,

After fourteen years of service in the Eagan area, we are excited to announce that His Grace, Bishop Paul, has blessed our parish to purchase a church in St. Paul, Minnesota. God willing, the property sale will close on February 24, 2017.

The location of this church, adjacent to the Neighborhood House and Wellstone Center, aligns perfectly with the mission of St. Elizabeth: to study, preach, and live the Holy Scriptures to the best of our ability, in the service of others. With God's blessing, his Gospel will flourish in this locality.

The move to St. Paul is good for St. Elizabeth—in a neighborhood where there is good for us to do—but we need your help.

We rely on support from like-minded individuals to establish our home for study, hospitality, and worship. As with many properties in St. Paul, our “new” church is anything but new. It was built in 1895, fourteen years before our patron, Grand Duchess Elizabeth, took her monastic vows. While age is part of its charm, it also presents challenges. Improvements must be made.

Although we have some funds set aside to prepare for safe occupancy, including work on the walls and roof, we still have much to do: renovating bathrooms and making them comfortable for small children and parents; updating the kitchen and church hall to welcome guests; and rendering basement and classroom spaces usable. Street level accessibility ramps must be added as soon as possible. We are also planning additional exterior work this spring.

In the past, your contributions have played an important role in helping our community carry out its objective to serve others. A renovation fund for St. Elizabeth has been established at Anchor Bank with a loan of \$30,000. In order to reach our overall goal of \$60,000, we ask members and friends to help match this amount in pledges—spread out over the next year, or as a one time tax deductible gift.

Please send your donations to St. Elizabeth Orthodox Church, PO BOX 7293, St. Paul, MN 55107 or donate online at seocc.org. For your convenience, a pledge form and return envelope are also enclosed.

We hope to celebrate our first liturgy in the new facility by March 19, 2017—to be ready to host MEOCCA Lenten Vespers the following Sunday. We rely on volunteers to help us meet this ambitious goal. Your helping hand is appreciated! Please contact james@seocc.org for ways to volunteer during the move.

In Christ our Lord,

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*If you do not love the brother
whom you see, how will you be
able to love God, whom
you do not see?
(1 John 4:20)*