

At the corner of Gilbert and Clayton Streets in SW Detroit there is a bit of local history. **Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Christian Cathedral** has been in the neighborhood since 1907. Our faith community has a unique place in Church



*Sts. Peter & Paul Church
Circa 1940*



Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral Today

history, being the oldest Orthodox Christian Church in the State of Michigan, and the mother parish of many local Orthodox Church communities.

With the migration from the inner-city to the suburbs over the past several decades, and economic decline in the area, our numbers have dwindled. And yet, our parish continues to strive to make a difference in the lives of our immediate neighbors. Our core vision is being revitalized as we find great joy in service to our neighbors in need. **Our inner-city setting has become a hub which provides opportunity for hundreds of volunteers who offer thousands of hours each year in loving service.** In so doing, we cannot help but notice how our mission is impacting our neighborhood with steady incremental improvements.

We thank you for your help in our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN at this time. Over the last five years our parish has opened the doors of our Community Center as a place where we provide weekly meals, food and clothing. We also provide a setting where our neighbors who are struggling can find a peaceful haven where there is love, hope, respect, and spiritual support. We gather as one family, where guests and volunteers are together blessed.

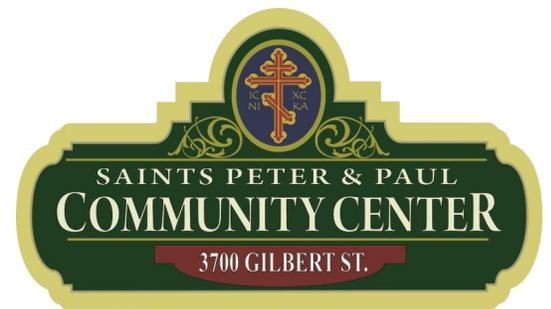


Sts. Peter & Paul Community Center Today



*Outdoor 24/7 Food Pantry
at Community Center*

Your generous tax-deductible donation will help us to cover the costs of some much needed Community Center building improvements that will further enhance our ministries. More details pertaining to the Capital Campaign are available in this packet of information and on our website: www.ssppdetroit.org where you will also find an online portal for donating directly. We will continue to report to our donors on the ongoing progress of the campaign and its effectiveness in furthering our work in the neighborhood. **More detailed financial information is also available to our donors upon request.**



We gratefully thank our business benefactors as well as each individual who find it in their hearts to pledge even a few dollars each month. We offer our sincere thanks to you from our community. **V. Rev. Fr. Paul Albert, Pastor**

**Donations can be mailed to: Saints Peter & Paul Capital Campaign
3810 Gilbert St. Detroit, MI 48210**

Donations can be made online: www.ssppdetroit.org



**ORTHODOX
DETROIT
OUTREACH: Our
Mission/Vision**
ODO provides a venue
for volunteers to serve a

weekly meal and lovingly help our neighbors in need in SW Detroit at the Community Center of Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral.

About Us

www.orthodoxdetroitoutreach.org

Orthodox Detroit Outreach is a 501(c) (3) all volunteer organization committed to serving Christ through service to the needy in Detroit. Our goal is simply to love God and our neighbor. We recognize the image of God in every person and always strive to serve with humility, compassion, patience, and love. We extend the Church beyond the confines of the parish and bring it to our neighbors in need. We coordinate volunteers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, and give everything we have for the benefit of those in need. Since 2013, the ministries of ODO have concentrated in SW Detroit at the Community Center next door to Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral.

ODO ministries and services provide:

- Weekly Sunday lunch serving over 20,000 meals since the fall of 2013
- Emergency food bank
- Emergency clothing distribution
- Hygiene item distribution
- Diapers & help for families and children
- Annual Thanksgiving dinner
- Annual Christmas dinner
- Love, respect, patience, and kindness: providing the ministries of healing and reconciliation in an Orthodox Christian ethos.

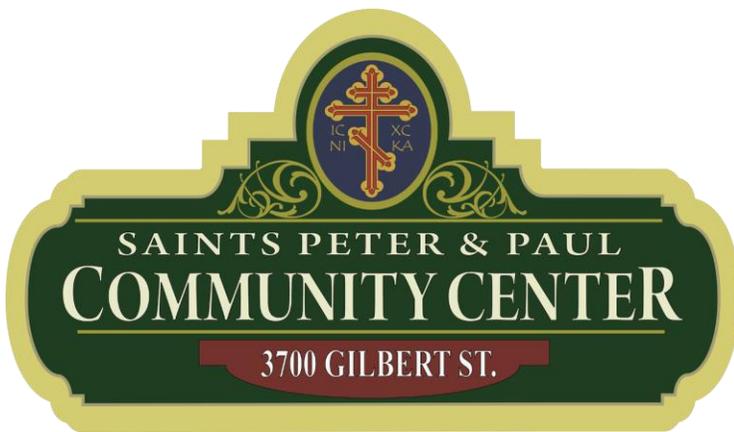


Among the groups with whom ODO has been blessed to serve are:

Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral
St. Mark Orthodox Church-Rochester Hills
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church-Livonia
St. Paul Orthodox Cathedral-Dearborn Heights
St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral
Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
St. Lazarus Serbian Orthodox Cathedral- Ravanica
St. Thomas Albanian Orthodox Church
St. Mary Pokrova Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral
Ukrainian Orthodox League Youth Group
St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral
St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church
Ramallah Club of St. Mary Basilica
Temple Beth El youth group
SW Detroit Community neighbors
St. Demetrius Orthodox Church-Jackson
Ascension Orthodox Church-Albion
Chelsea High School Basketball Team



**Each year through ODO, about 1500 volunteers
provide thousands of hours of service
to those in need**



Organizations involved at Saints Peter & Paul Community Center:

Keep Growing Detroit / Grown in Detroit

Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) exists to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables Detroiters consume are grown by residents within the city's limits. Programs, include the Garden Resource Program (GRP) and Grown in Detroit (GID). Keep Growing Detroit's strategic approach to achieving

our mission facilitates beginner gardeners becoming engaged community leaders and food entrepreneurs, addressing the immediate needs of the community while promoting sustainable change in our food system.



Eastern Market / Detroit Kitchen Connect

Aims to increase entrepreneurial success by providing a supportive, diverse, inclusive community

along with access to commercial, licensed kitchen facilities and equipment in a reduced risk environment



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Orthodox Detroit Outreach (See information above)

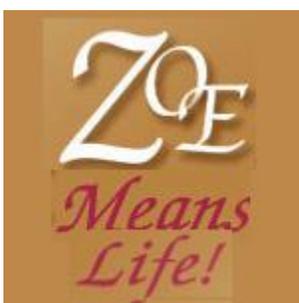
FoodLab Detroit

FoodLab Detroit is a diverse community of food businesses and allies working to make good food a sustainable reality for all Detroiters



Detroit Food Academy

Works with local educators, chefs, and business owners to inspire young Detroiters (ages 13-24) through self-directed entrepreneurial experiences rooted in food-- experiences which open doors, create connections, and spark confidence.



Zoe for Life

ZOE is a non-profit Christ-centered support organization with three major goals: to help women who need confidential emotional and spiritual support during crisis pregnancies; to assist Orthodox Christians seeking to adopt; and to provide an education for Pure Living and other resources.