

Bid to repair St. Sergius Chapel Cupola



The main cupola from Saint Sergius Chapel blew off in a winter storm. Inspection revealed that water had seeped in and rotted the base where it was bolted onto the roof. This cupola is now sitting behind the Church shop and available for inspection.

To replace the cupola we would like to begin by opening the job to any who would like to design a replacement and submit a bid for the job. We have many talented people in our community and there may be several ways a replacement cupola could be constructed. This is a unique opportunity for a very special project. Note, a new cupola does not necessarily have to identically match the old one. New ideas can be considered, such as a multi-faceted face or a painted finish instead of gold leaf. It should, however, be a fitting and beautiful adornment for the chapel, and able to withstand the winds of winter and the heat of summer. The bid should include money for materials. Labor can be donated or be part of the cost included in the bid. One last consideration is that the chapel also has a smaller cupola over the Narthex, which we will also have to address in some way. While it would be good if the new cupola could be installed before winter, this might be unrealistic.

Our aim would be by early next summer at the latest. If you know someone outside our community who might like to bid on this project, please share this information with them. If you are interested in submitting a bid proposal, please indicate your interest to John Marc by August , describing your idea and general approach. A final proposal with drawings, attachment plans and cost estimate will need to be submitted by August 22. At that time the Parish Council will review bids and determine how to proceed.

Submit ideas, bids and questions to John Marc Dunaway at johnmdunaway@gmail.com.

Necessary Technical Specs:

- Mount to existing 30" diameter octagon base
- Attach using 8 existing anchor bolts, one on each side of the octagon
- Cupla's bottom diameter "drip-edge" must be a minimum 3' to cover base

Original Optional Specs:

- 6' height
- 4' max width
- Topped by a 6' Cross (We still have the original Cross to reuse with 6' threaded tang attached)

