

Most Holy Mother of God Catholic Church was confiscated by the communist government in 1935. When the Catholics received the building back in 1994, its window panes were broken or missing, window frames had rotted, the heating system no longer worked, and the interior needed to be gutted and re-done.

Now, after 17 years of slow, painstaking renovation, our 90-year-old building has become one of the most beautiful Catholic churches in Russia, and is a fine example of neo-Gothic church architecture. While some minor renovations remain, one major repair is still necessary. We need to replace the leaking, metal roof with one of stainless steel.

The existing roof is from 1985 and is zinc-coated. In our coastal city, the salt air, ice, and snow have taken their toll. The roof leaks over the 2 sacristies where ice falls and breaks through the metal. The north side is rusting badly, so the zinc is no longer protecting it. Gutters and downspouts were not replaced in 1985, so water drips everywhere, and ice falls to the ground, often endangering parishioners.

Replacing the entire roof, the gutters, and downspouts within one year is difficult because of the short stretch of favorable weather and because it would be prohibitively expensive. Therefore, we expect the entire job to take 2 years.

Our goal is to make the church safe for visitors and protected from the elements. Specific objectives for the first year are to 1) to replace the worst parts of the roof with stainless steel having a life expectancy of at least 50 years; 2) replace gutters and downspouts.

The major cost elements of this project.

The total budget for the 2-year project is below. However, at this point we are seeking only to cover the costs for Year 1. The entire project involves 1,214 square meters of roofing.

Task	Year 1 <i>(Repairs completed 2011!)</i>	Year 2 (2012)	Total
Remove old roof, replace rotten wood, broken rafters, etc. labor + materials:			
--upper main apse & transepts (744 m ² x \$15.82/m ²)		\$11,770	\$11,770
--north sacristy (36 m ² x \$15.82/m ²)	\$ 570		570
--south sacristy (36 m ² x \$15.82/m ²)	570		570
--north clearstory (159 m ² x \$15.82/m ²)	2,515		2,515
--south clearstory (159 m ² x \$15.82/m ²)	2,515		2,515
--small spires on transept (80 m ² x \$15.82/m ²)		1,266	1,266
Purchase & install stainless steel roofing from S. Korea			
--for upper main apse & transepts (744 m ² x \$90.61/m ²)		67,414	67,414
--for north sacristy (36 m ² x \$90.61/m ²)	3,262		3,262
--for south sacristy (36 m ² x \$90.61/m ²)	3,262		3,262
--for north clearstory (159 m ² x \$90.61/m ²)	14,407		14,407
--for south clearstory (159 m ² x \$90.61/m ²)	14,407		14,407
--for small spires on transept (80 m ² x \$90.61/m ²)		7,249	7,249
Purchase and install guttering & downspouts	4,950		4,950
Shipping to Vladivostok	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>2,100</u>
Totals	\$ 47,458	\$ 88,799	\$ 136,257