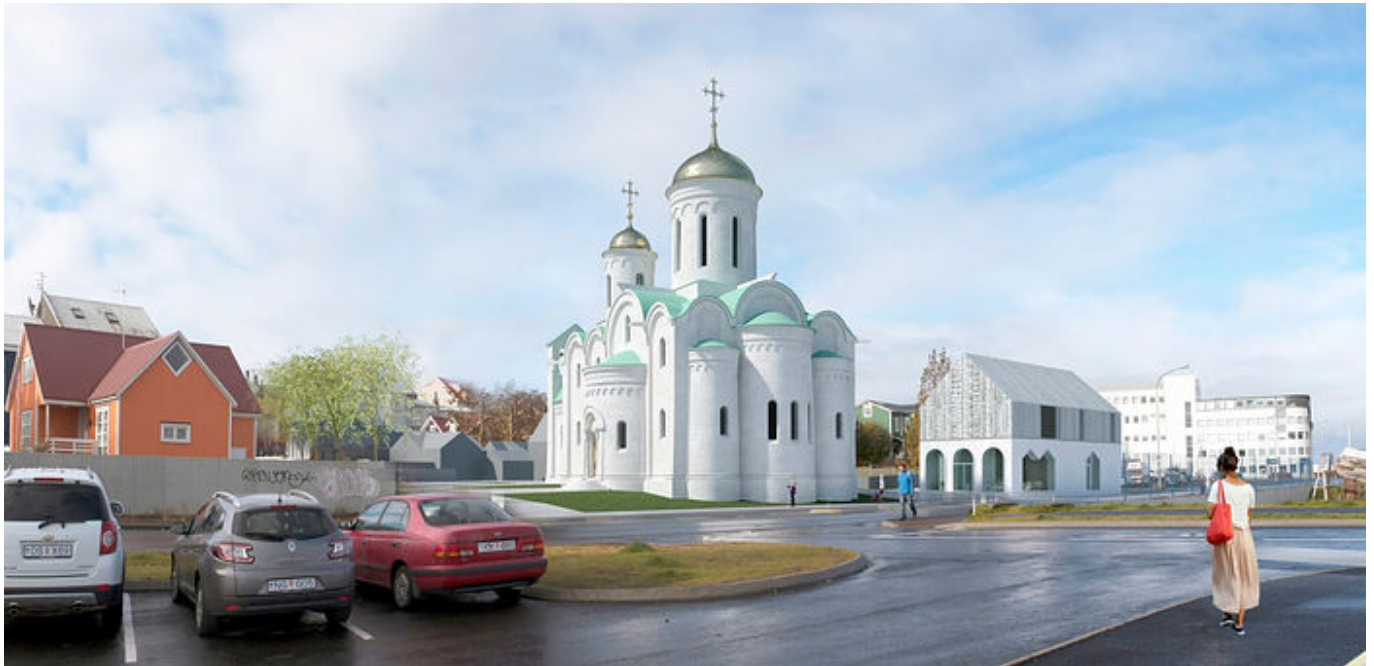


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CONSTRUCTION ON ICELAND'S FIRST ORTHODOX CHURCH TO BEGIN BY 2023



The building of Iceland's first official Orthodox church has been a long process, spanning already more than a decade.

However, according to the March 4th decision of the Reykjavik City Council, the parish has two more years to begin construction on the Church of St. Nicholas and a Russian cultural and spiritual center on a site in the old western part of the city, reports

The plot of land, visible to those approaching the city by boat, was allocated to the parish back in October 2008 and the land lease agreement was signed in April 2011 on the condition that construction would begin within the next three years. The foundation stone of the future church was consecrated on May 12, 2011, by His Eminence Archbishop Mark of Egorievsk.

However, the construction of the church was postponed for a number of reasons. In the meantime, a temporary chapel was built and consecrated in January 2018.

Later, the original design for the church was changed, and its size was approved by the City Council in November last year. At that point, the parish was given a deadline of January 31, 2021, for the beginning of construction, though it then asked for an extension due to several factors, including the impact of the pandemic

and the participation of investors.

According to the latest decision, construction must begin by January 31, 2023.

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