

Montenegro's largest church to be built in seaside town



The town of Budva on the Adriatic Sea in Montenegro will soon be adorned with a glorious new church dedicated to St. Mark the Apostle. The project marks the fulfillment of a dream held by the late Metropolitan Amfilohije of Montenegro.

Two years ago, His Eminence Met. Amfilohije, who reposed in late October, noted that, "Budva has become a big city. This church would be an ornament for its soul." While construction plans were put on hold, Mayor Marko Tsarević now intends to resume them, reports the newspaper Nacionalist.rs.

The new church is also sure to serve as a symbol of the Church in Montenegro's victory over the God-fighting authorities who just a few months ago sought to seize Church property throughout the country.

The entire area of the new cathedral complex will cover about 5 acres. According to

current plans, the church will be 80 feet high, 104 feet long, and 88 feet wide. The bell tower with its cross reaches 68 feet high.

The church is designed as a triple-aisled basilica, based upon the example of early Christian churches, with a central domed space. There are also plans to build a crypt underneath the church.

The iconostasis in the main church will be made of white marble, and in the crypt church of walnut or oak.

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