



WE NEED
YOUR HELP

*FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST
SYRIAC - ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AUSTRIA,
IN WHICH THE MOTHER TONGUE OF JESUS
CHRIST IS SPOKEN.*

THE SYRIAC - ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ANTIOCH

is one of the most ancient churches and is officially recognized in Austria since 1988. The Divine Liturgy has been held in the Aramaic Language, the mother tongue of Jesus Christ to the present day. Nowadays, approximately 1000 families of Syriac origin are living in Austria.

WE LOST MANY THINGS BUT NOT OUR FAITH

Due to persecution of Christians in the Middle East, Thousand of Syriac families have either immigrated, or been separated or lost their land properties and belongings in their homeland.

Yet, new homeland is founded in Austria.

Having rapidly been integrated into the Austrian society and adopting the German language, the Syriac community was equally able to sustain its Holy Aramaic language, culture and faith.

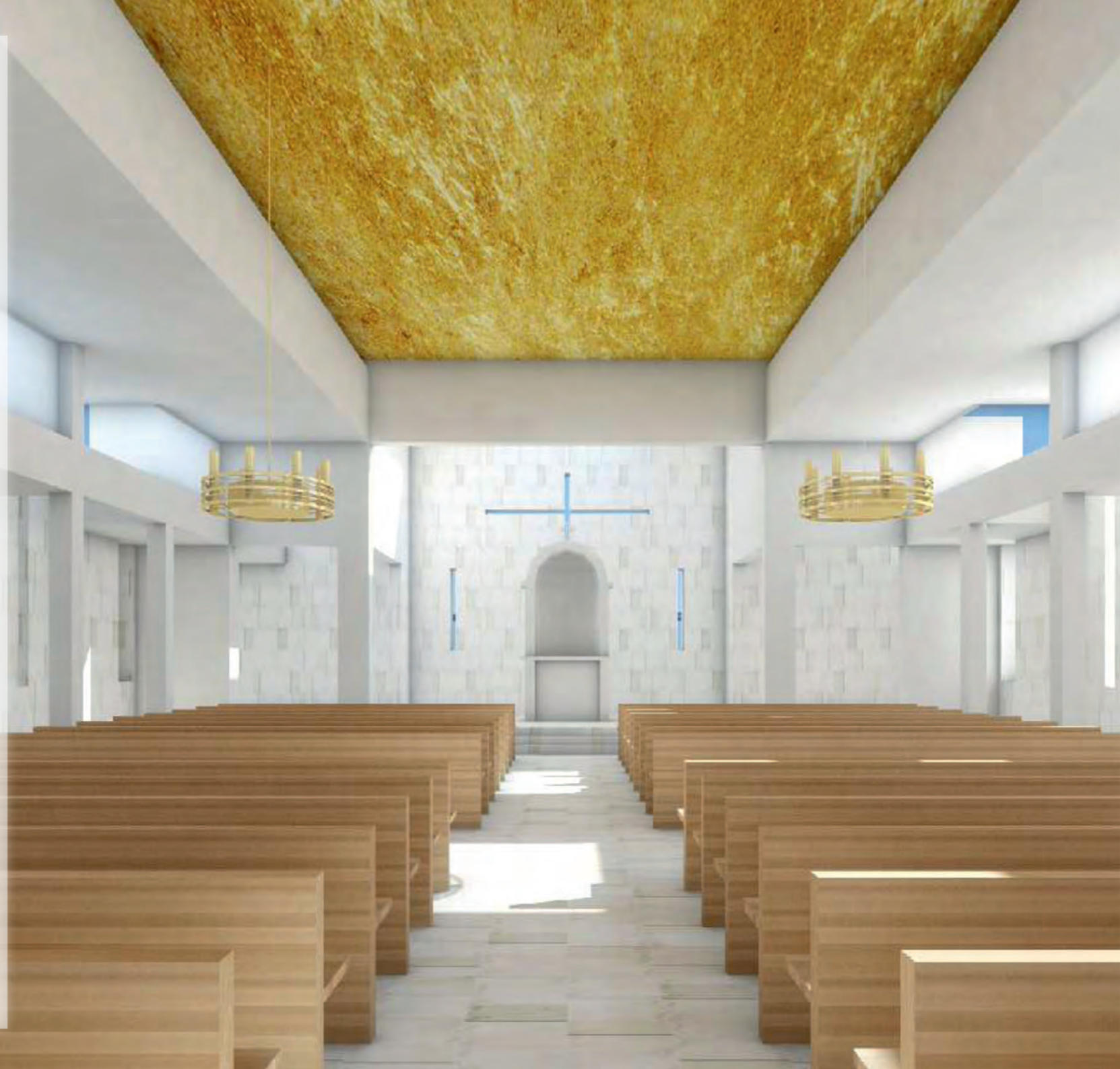
A HISTORICAL MOMENT - CONSTRUCTION OF THE 1ST CHURCH

The Syriac - orthodox parish in Austria shall

- contribute to the growth of the believers,
- share the responsibility for all Christian in Austria,
- bring about a strong sign of hope and
- strengthen the social and Christian values in society.

This project is in the process of being implemented at Leopoldauer Platz 93/94 in the 21st District of Vienna.

The church is occupying 450 square meters and will accommodate more than 350 worshippers.



children's and youth choir

A NEW CENTRE OF LIFE

The construction project will include an apartment building (preferably for our senior parish members) as well as a youth centre.

At Leopoldauer Platz there is already a kindergarten which was launched in cooperation with St. Nikolaus foundation. On our property there is a cultural centre which consists of a multi-purpose event hall and a class room for our Saturday school.

We offer the following services:

- teaching the Holy Aramaic Language,
- helping families to learn German,
- offering support to families in translation and interpreting services as well as in their dealings with the authorities,
- pastoral care,
- working with and caring for seniors and youths,
- supporting musicians with their own music band, children and youth choirs and
- supporting and strengthening ecumenism.

