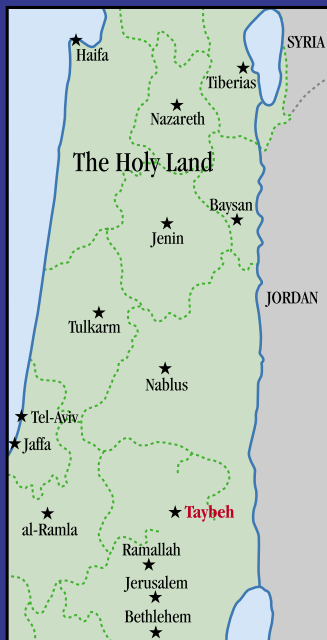


# THE HOLY LAND

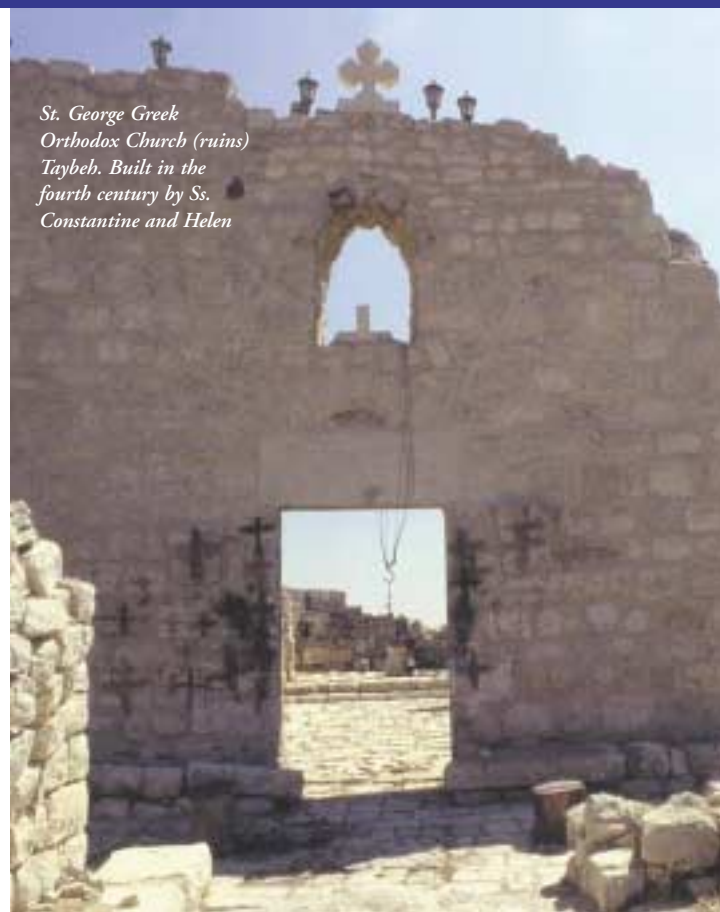


*Taybeh is  
20 km north  
of Jerusalem*

The Christian presence has dropped below 2% of the current 3.5 million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza.



*Receiving the Holy Fire in Taybeh from the Life-Giving Tomb of Christ celebrated in the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem*



*St. George Greek Orthodox Church (ruins) Taybeh. Built in the fourth century by Ss. Constantine and Helen*

## THREE CRUCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE HOLY LAND

- ✝ The Orthodox Christian community is in danger of extinction
- ✝ Emigration is leading to the decline of the Christian presence in the Holy Land
- ✝ Unemployment is over 60 per cent

### Contributing Factors:

- ✝ Severe road closures since 2000
- ✝ Lack of freedom to travel restricts religious worship, education and economic development
- ✝ Decline in Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land affects life of the Christian community and its economy

## You Can Help Maintain the Christian Presence in the Land of Christ's Holy Resurrection

\*Make checks payable to:

"Metropolis of Boston Holy Land Housing"

Mail to: Metropolis of Boston  
162 Goddard Avenue  
Brookline, MA 02445

*\* Sponsor a Lenten lecture on Holy Land Christians with Maria Khoury, Holy Land resident and Orthodox children's book author*

For further information see  
[www.saintgeorgetaybeh.org](http://www.saintgeorgetaybeh.org)

## HELP MAINTAIN THE CHRISTIAN PRESENCE IN THE HOLY LAND

St. George Greek Orthodox Church hopes to build ten homes for Orthodox Christian Palestinian families to continue the legacy of Taybeh (Biblical Ephraim), the only all-Christian village remaining in Palestine today.

# THE ONE-DOLLAR CAMPAIGN FOR HOLY LAND HOUSING

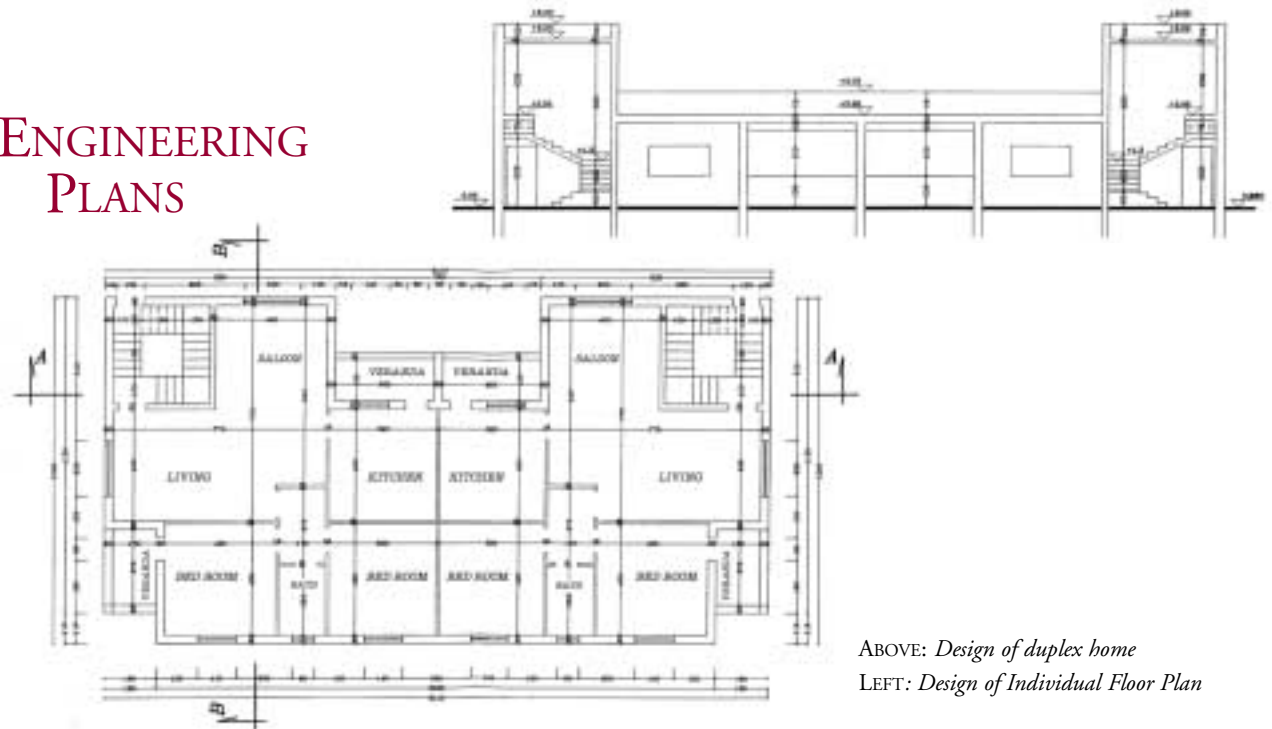
The Housing Committee of St. George Greek Orthodox Church of Taybeh is undertaking an effort to fund raise and build ten homes (five duplexes) to help maintain the Christian community in the village and improve the living conditions of Christians in the Holy Land.

While assisting parishioners to have homes, employment for families will be provided during the construction phase. The lack of homes and jobs has spurred an exodus of Christians from the Holy Land. You can help maintain a Christian presence by providing housing.



St. George Greek Orthodox Church (built 1931). Fr. Daoud Philip Khoury, Priest. Fr. Tawfiq Naser, retired priest.

## ENGINEERING PLANS



ABOVE: Design of duplex home

LEFT: Design of Individual Floor Plan

### Taybeh Orthodox Christian Housing Project — Taybeh, Ramallah, Palestine

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- + To help improve living conditions of families
- + To help young married couples have their own homes
- + To create temporary jobs due to economic hardship
- + To sustain the Christian community in the Holy Land

**COST:** It costs about \$50,000 to build one home (includes outside infrastructure, i.e. septic tank, etc.)

**GOAL:** Build 30 homes (15 duplexes)

**PHASE I:** Build 10 homes (5 duplexes)

**APPEAL:** One-Dollar Campaign for Holy Land Housing

Each Christian is asked to give **one dollar** to his or her local church during Lent.

Fifty churches collecting \$1,000 each over one or two years can build one home.



St. George  
Patron Saint of Taybeh