Videonetics Secures Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Arizona, USA

Organisation: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

Project Location: Arizona, USA
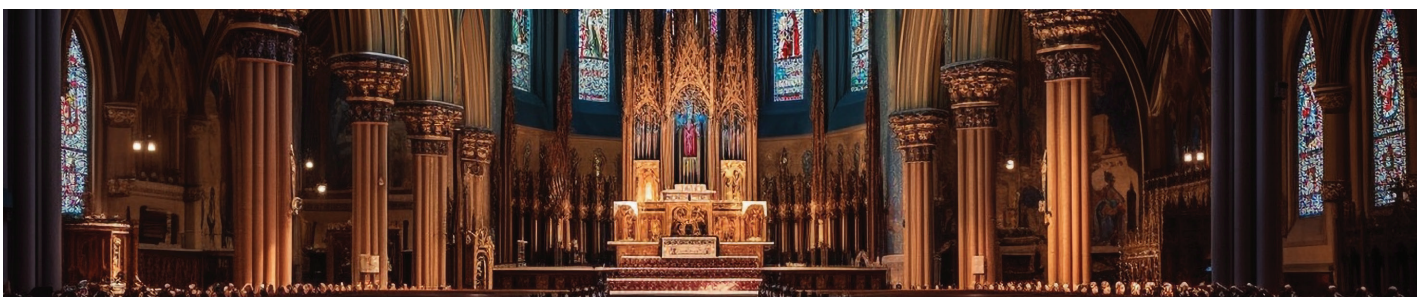
Industry Segment: Worship Places

Solution: Videonetics VMS

Videonetics, the world's first AI & DL powered Unified Video Management Platform™ development company, is proud to secure one of the largest historical churches, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona, USA.

The Background

The places of worship play a significant role in cultural reformation and in the welfare of community. Having a place of worship is important as it provides the opportunity to feel closer to God. They bind the people of similar faith and principles, so, together they uplift their lives. Temples, churches, and mosques naturally place great emphasis on creating an open and welcoming environment where people share their sacred and blissful experiences.

Unfortunately, these worship places neglect to deploy surveillance systems, which leaves them vulnerable to security threats like acts of vandalism, theft, or terrorism. It gives the perpetrators instant publicity and media attention. Recent tragic attacks on Christian Easter worshipers in Sri Lanka, two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and a Pittsburgh synagogue shooting have triggered an alarm to take charge of security measures, eventually heightening the safety of congregation and property. A holistic security approach for worship places is therefore necessary.

The Challenge

Covering ten-acre property, the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral is in the heart of Phoenix and known as busy destination for worship, cultural arts, community programs, and tourism. The largest Cathedral of the city includes St. George Chapel, administration and education building, and the Speros Community Center.

Aiming to securing the church, the management wanted to keep watchful eye and providing a secured environment to parishioners, children, and guests.

The Solution

THE 24X7 SURVEILLANCE AT HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

To build the security system of cathedral, Videonetics designed a powerful solution comprising IP cameras and VMS, that covers 24x7 surveillance throughout the premises even in low and challenging lighting condition. Along with intelligent feature like Virtual Optical Zoom (VOZ) enables the security officials to watch any selected area of the premise in a higher resolution. The in-built failover and redundancy features of VMS ensure the operators to always have access to live and recorded video. This means if any incident occurs, they can always have evidence of it.

The Impact

Today, the Cathedral's security team is empowered to monitor all the cameras from a single, centralised location using a user-friendly interface of Videonetics VMS. The video surveillance provides situational awareness of the premises. Moreover, the operators can easily perform fast actions at the time of incidents such as archiving, searching, and exporting events of interest.

Videonetics solution has been helpful for operators to ensure compliance with COVID-19 guidelines such as maintaining social distance, wearing face mask, identifying crowd formation and much more. They are successfully detecting patterns on how guests/members access and move through the Cathedral. Since their installation, the management has noticed a sense of security amongst parishioners, guests, residents, and students along with protecting the property and its many valuable artifacts.

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