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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Saints Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing: _____

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 501 South Third Street

City or town: Hartshorne State: Oklahoma County: Pittsburg

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,


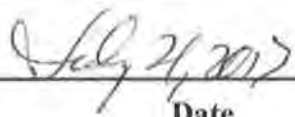
I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national X statewide ___ local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B X C ___ D

 _____ Signature of certifying official/Title:	 _____ Date
_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
_____ Signature of commenting official:	_____ Date
_____ Title :	_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

Jer Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

9.8.17
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion: Religious Facility

Social: Meeting Hall

Domestic: Secondary Structure

Funerary: Graves

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Religion: Religious Facility

Social: Meeting Hall

Domestic: Secondary Structure

Funerary: Graves

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Other: Byzantine

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Located on “the hill,” the Saints Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church is situated on a gradual rise on South Third Street in Hartshorne, Pittsburg County. Constructed of brick in 1916 in the Byzantine style, it is surrounded by residential properties. The iconic onion domes can be seen when approaching from the south, north and east. As no physical alterations have occurred to the exterior of the church, the building maintains excellent historic integrity.

Narrative Description

The first Saints Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, of frame construction, was built in 1897 just west of the present church location. That building was demolished in 1916 when the current brick church was opened.

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Oriented with the Holy of Holies facing east, the main entrance to the church faces west; as such, by church definition, there are two facades to this building. The east facing façade has five sides. The foundation is cut stone and four of the five sides have a single arched opening with a stone sill and an arched brick lintel. The east facing arched opening is enclosed with brick. The north two arched openings have two-pane stained glass windows. The southeast portion also has a two-pane stained glass window. The southern facing portion has a wood panel door with an arched, stained glass transom and a brick arched lintel. The bricks at the “corners” of the east elevation create a disjointed basket weave pattern. The conical roof is clad with asphalt shingles and has a small tower capped with a small onion dome and Orthodox cross.

The north and south elevations are identical. Both have the cut stone foundation that is seen on the east elevation. Located in the main wall of the elevation are two narrow stained glass windows and one wider stained glass window in the center. Each window has a stone sill and an arched brick lintel. The narrow windows have nine rectangular panes and five rounded panes. The larger stained glass window has fifteen rectangular panes and nine rounded panes. Located above the center stained glass window is a through dormer. Located in the peak of the dormer is a Christian cross. The sides of the through dormer are vertical wood boards. Located in the center of the gable front roof is a tower with an eight sided drum; each side of the drum has a square fixed pane stained glass window. A large onion dome rests atop the drum. Atop the dome is an Orthodox cross. The north elevation has a corner stone which reads:

русская лаволавная
греко каюолинеская
церковб
свв кирилла
и меюодля
1897-1916

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Catholic Church
Sts. Cyril and Methodius
1897-1916

The west elevation functions as the main entry and the bell tower. The front facing gable end has a long, narrow, stained glass window on either side of the bell tower. Each window has a stone sill and an arched brick lintel. The window has three rectangular panes, a wood panel, and three rectangular panes topped with four rounded panes. The bell tower portion of the west elevation has two pane and panel entry doors with a three pane stained glass transom window. On either side of the door is a brick pilaster with a rectangular stone capital. A brick lintel surrounds the large stained glass transom. The north and south elevation of the bell tower has a long, narrow, stained glass window. Each window has a stone sill and an arched brick lintel. The window has three rectangular panes, a wood panel, and three rectangular panes topped with four rounded panes. The second floor of the west elevation has three, small arched, stained glass windows with a continuous stone sill. Each window has a brick lintel. The entire window unit then has a much

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larger brick lintel. Atop the second floor is an eight sided wood clad drum. Each side has a louvered opening. The drum is topped with a smaller diameter round wood clad drum. Atop the second drum is an onion dome with an Orthodox cross.

Interior:

Upon entering through the west elevation, the vestibule has a staircase that leads to the belfry and the balcony which is used for the choir loft. A double set of door separates the vestibule from the sanctuary. At the east end is a raised section that is accessed via three steps. At the back of the raised section is the iconostasis which separates the sanctuary from the Holy of Holies. The iconostasis has two central doors with an arched transom. Above the transom is a pediment topped with an Orthodox cross. On either side of the central doors is a single door. These doors provide access to the Holy of Holies which can only be used by the Priest and the Deacons. On the iconostasis hang icons of the saints.

Michael M. Kupetz, a parish member, went to Eastern Europe to study iconography at a monastery and returned to Hartshorne to complete much of the iconography in the church. His works in the parish include the Deacon Doors, the icon of Michael and also an icon of Gabriel completed circa 1917. Kupetz left the parish to pursue iconography and is one of the best known American born iconographers. He has completed significant amounts of work for many American Orthodox Parishes including:

St. Basil Church in Simpson, Pennsylvania
St. Mary Church (Antiochian) in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
Holy Trinity Church in McAdoo, Pennsylvania
St. Nicholas Church in Reading, Pennsylvania

Privy, contributing, ca. 1960

Located west of the church is a side gable one-story privy. The roof is asphalt shingle and the walls are thin metal siding. Two doors are located on the east elevation.

Shed, non-contributing, ca. 1985

This gambrel roof shed is located between the church and the privy. The roof and walls are clad in metal. A door is located on the east elevation.

Hall, non-contributing, ca. 1985

This is a one-story side gable brick building. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The east elevation has, from south to north, a one-over-one window, an entry door, and two one-over-one windows. A front gable roof extends over the entry door creating a small patio.

Cemetery, contributing, ca. 1897

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Located west and south of the church is an area that was used as a cemetery when the first church was constructed. There were only a few internments and the graves are unmarked.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Social History

Period of Significance

1916

Significant Dates

1916

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Saints Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church is significant at the state level under Criteria A for its Social History. Built by Slavic¹ immigrants who came to Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, in the late 1800s and found employment in the coal mining industry in southeastern Oklahoma, the church both as architecture and institution was an important means of sustaining their ethnic identities. It also served as a venue for a multi-faceted social life benefiting Orthodox Christians and other immigrants in the community. The church is also significant at the state level under Criteria C for its Byzantine architecture. As the first established Russian Orthodox Church in Oklahoma, it is an exceptional example of this style and maintains a high degree of architectural integrity. The church meets Criteria Consideration A as the building is owned and operated by a religious institution.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

During the 1800s, a wave of immigrants from Eastern Europe made their way to United States. At the time, the region was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and included the area around the Carpathian Mountains including the western part of Galicia, Bukovina, Transcarpathia and other territories. It was a region with many languages and customs. Their initial settlements occurred in major metropolitan areas where the work was located. The exodus from the major metropolitan areas happened in the late 1800s and brought them further west into Indian Territory where they could find jobs in the coal mines. The factors behind the migration were mainly economic; growing populations and limited opportunities in the cities forced them to migrate west. Their settlements at this time in Indian Territory, present day Oklahoma, reflect the diversity of Eastern European populations. Ethnic and religious oppression played a role in this migration. Under Austrian Hungarian control, populations were under pressure to convert from their traditional Orthodox faith to Roman Catholicism. The dominant faith of those from the Carpathian Region was Eastern Orthodox.

The settlement pattern was similar to what was typical for Russians elsewhere in the United States. The first arrivals were single men who came to Indian Territory for employment. Soon these men were joined by their families, and children were born. As the community grew, they needed to create their own institutions, in part because there were no other Russian communities nearby. The original church was built in 1897 and experienced steady growth in membership as

¹ Coming from the Carpathian Mountains region, different groups settled in the coal mining region of southeastern Oklahoma. Many claimed Russian as their birthplace while others claimed Austria and yet others claimed 'Carpathian'. By today's boundaries these people could be considered Russian, Austrian, Ukrainian, Czech, Slovak, Hungarian or Polish. For the purposes of this nomination, they will be referred to as Slavic.

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the local economy boomed due to the profitable coal trade. The Order of Saint Michael the Arch Angel was soon established as an integral part of parishioner life.

The church was designed in the Byzantine style. Ground was broken circa 1916 for the small brick church. With bricks made on site, the local men work diligently to complete the high style church with haste. In 1917 the church was dedicated in an event presided over by unknown priests with a crowd of approximately 300 people present.

Many of the children associated with the congregation would attend the local public schools and then attend language classes that would be offered to continue the tradition of verbal and written communication in a Slavonic language school. There were also regularly scheduled vocal music classes and catechism classes offered to the young members of the parish. Later when the church hall was constructed the older women of the church would pass along family recipes to the younger women through their traditional yearly bake sales of local favorite sweet and savory dishes.

When the bottom dropped out of the coal mining industry during the Great Depression, a large percentage of the families attending the church moved out of town and migrated elsewhere in search of work to support their families. Many of them would settle in the coal rich state of Pennsylvania. When the church is referred to as “shuttered, shut or closed” the terms mean that the church was not served by a priest or monk that lived in the parish. It does not mean that the church doors were closed and the church without members. During these times members hold Obednitsa, or Reader’s Service, which is the accepted service for worship held without the presence of a priest or monk. The dates that the church has been shuttered are approximately 1934-1965, 1978-1985 and 2009-present. Obednitsa services as well as services periodically administered by visiting priests from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas parishes assured the continuation of the church parish on a small scale.

All churches are ethnic churches as they reflect the cultures of their membership. As a result, churches became the instruments and symbols of national feeling. There is ample evidence to support the unity of church and ethnic identity among the Slavic people in Hartshorne. When it came to building their own church, it was to be in the Byzantine Orthodox style which developed in Eastern Europe in areas under the Eastern or Byzantine Roman Empire. The dominant feature was to be a dome, either singular or in pairs. On the interior, a circular or octagonal dome to cover a rectangular space elevated on a drum. Equally characteristic of the style is the rich interior decorations with large areas given to images of Christ, Saints, Apostles and abstract decorative patterns. The church was to represent the Hartshorne Slavs for what they were: a 20th century community from Eastern Europe with an identity manifested in language, Orthodox religion and Byzantine church architecture.

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Meeting Criteria Consideration A as the building is owned and operated by a religious institution, Saints Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church is significant at the state level under Criteria A for its Social History. The church both as architecture and institution, was an important means of sustaining their ethnic identities as it served as a venue for a multi-faceted social life benefiting Orthodox Christians and other immigrants in the community. The church is also significant at the state level under Criteria C for its Byzantine architecture. It is an exceptional example of this style and maintains a high degree of architectural integrity.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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William Lynch, "Sts. Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Church," *The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*, www.okhistory.org (accessed April 20, 2017).

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

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Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of Property 1 acre MOL

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Latitude: 34.843481 | Longitude: -95.570678 |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

North 95 feet of Lot 4 and all Lot 5 of Block 170, Hartshorne

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These are the legally recorded boundaries of the property as recorded in the Deed Records,
Pittsburg County Clerk Office

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11. Form Prepared By

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date: April 14, 2017

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Saints Cyril and Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church

City or Vicinity: Hartshorne

County: Pittsburg

State: Oklahoma

Photographer: Lynda S. Ozan

Date Photographed: 14 February 2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Number	Subject	Direction
0001	Façade and South elevation	East and North
0002	South elevation	North
0003	North elevation	South
0004	Domes	West
0005	Dome	South
0006	Alter	Interior
0007	Alter	Interior
0008	Shed/Privy	West
0009	Cemetery	West

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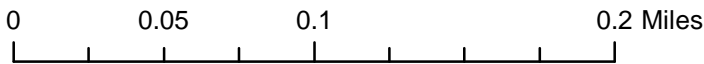
Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Hartshorne, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept Return Reject 9/8/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Edson Beall Discipline Historian

Telephone _____ Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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July 24, 2017

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief
National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs
National Park Service 2280, 8th floor
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, NW
Washington D.C. 20005



Dear Mr. Loether:

We are pleased to transmit six National Register of Historic Places nominations for Oklahoma properties. The nominations are for the following properties:

Babe's Package Store, 220 South 3rd, Enid, Garfield County
Eugene S. Briggs Auditorium, 2450 East Maine, Enid, Garfield County
Security National Bank Building, 201 West Broadway, Enid, Garfield County
Beaty School, CR North 3210 at Royal Oaks Road, Pauls Valley Vicinity, Garvin County
Saints Cyrils and Methodius Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church, 501 South Third, Hartshorne, Pittsburg County
The Church Studio, 304 South Trenton, Tulsa, Tulsa County

The member of the Historic Preservation Review Committee (state review board), professionally qualified in the fields of historic architecture was absent from the public meeting at which each of these nominations was considered and the recommendation to the State Historic Preservation Officer was formulated. However, the member possessing the requisite professional qualifications for evaluation of each nominated property was present and participated in the recommendation's formulation.

We look forward to the results of your review. If there may be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Lynda S. Ozan of my staff or myself.

Sincerely,

Melvena Heisch
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures