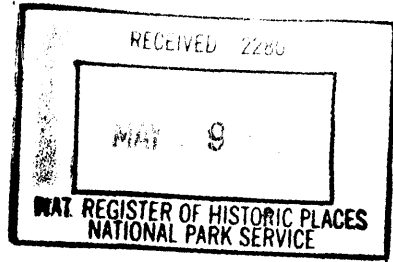


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box, or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being nominated, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Church of the Nazarene

other name/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number: 305 East Fourth Street N/A not for publication
city/town: Casa Grande N/A vicinity
state: Arizona code: AZ county: Pinal code: 021 zip code: 85222

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

James W. Garrison Arizona 23 May 2002
Signature of certifying official Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper Sarah D. Pope Date of Action 11/20/02

Church of the Nazarene
Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property Category of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

(Check only one box)

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>one</u>	<u>none</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ religious facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Mission / Spanish Colonial Revival
Romanesque

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls STUCCO

roof ASPHALT
other WOOD
METAL : Steel

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1949-1951

Significant Dates

1949

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other state agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of Repository:

Church of the Nazarene

Name of Property

Pinal County, Arizona

County and State

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property less than one acre**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	12	429840	3637760	3	—	—
2	—	—	—	4	—	—

 See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared Byname/title Gabrielle Harlanorganization Metropolis Design Group date August 30, 2001street & number 2601 North Third Street telephone (602) 274-9777city or town Phoenix state: AZ zip code 85004**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **Black and White photographs** of the property.**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name N/Astreet & number N/A telephone N/Acity or town N/A state N/A zip code N/A**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. 470 et seq.).**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instruction, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Church of the Nazarene
Pinal County, AZ

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Church of the Nazarene is located on a corner lot with a northeast-southwest orientation; the building has the same orientation as the property. Low-density streets face the property to the north front and the west side. This building was built as a religious facility in the Mission Revival style. Of concrete block on a concrete foundation, its significant features are an arched window over the entry doorway, wood doors, stepping parapets, pilasters that suggest buttresses framing the entry, arched recesses with windows, white stucco, a stylized curvilinear gable, and the building massing that creates different planes that project and recess in space on the façade. The current condition of the property is good as it is well maintained and still in use as a church. The building has historic integrity in terms of location, setting, materials, and workmanship. In terms of design, it is Mission Revival style as interpreted almost sixty years after the introduction of the style. The building has the stylized detail and modern massing of a building of its own era. It has the strong feeling and association with the historical allusions made manifest in the use of its architectural vocabulary as well as with its own time and place.

This building is located on a corner lot located in mixed-use area on east edge of downtown. The lot is one of the directionally skewed blocks that comprise the original town site of Casa Grande from 1879, and the building has the same directionally skewed orientation as the site. The overall shape of this building is rectangular with a small projecting wing to the rear west side. One story in height, there are three bays that are articulated on the front of the building in the massing and fenestration. The division of the side facades into five bays is articulated through the use of pilasters that recall buttresses and through fenestration. The building is constructed of concrete block with a stucco finish, and asphalt shingle roofing. The main part of the building is front gabled with a parapet; a projecting entry vestibule to the front echoes this gabled roof with a parapet at a lower height. Built on a concrete foundation, the load-bearing concrete block walls carry the roof.

Specific features of this building are its front entry porch, windows, and doors. The front entry porch is not covered, but is a raised concrete platform with steps defined by low, stucco sidewalls. There is one large arched and segmented fixed transom window over the entry doors on the front façade. This arched entry is made more dramatic by the contrast of very plain, small rectangular windows also on the front façade; these small windows frame the entry to each side. Small glass block windows located high on the pilasters that frame the entry also are used to this effect. The segmented arched transom is echoed on the sides of the building with steel casement windows that have smaller segmented divided-light arched transoms; these windows are spaced at regular intervals centered between the pilasters that divide the side facades into bays. There are also basement steel divided-light casement windows located just above grade on the side facades. There are two dark-stained double wood entry doors with raised molded panels centered on the front façade.

Important decorative elements on the building are the pilasters on the sides and front façade, the stepped parapet on the front, the arched windows, and the glass block windows on the pilasters that frame the entry. There are no outbuildings associated with the building, but other manmade elements on the property do exist. There is a low wall that mimics the intervals of the pilasters encompassing the property, as well as white, painted slump block and wood signage on the corner that is bounded by the two streets. No additions to this building are apparent.

This religious facility is the one contributing element to this nomination; there are no non-contributing elements.

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Church of the Nazarene
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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SUMMARY

Church of the Nazarene is significant under Criterion C as a Late 19th and 20th Century Revival Style under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. The significant date for this property is the date of initial construction in 1949. It is a good example of the Mission / Spanish Colonial Revival Style. Indicative of the Mission style is the simplicity of form, the front façade that continues past the roof plane as a stepped parapet, the arched windows and main entry doorway that punctuate the facade, and the minimal use of surface ornamentation. This property also has good integrity, as the only alteration appears to be replacement of glazing with a solid material at the arched window lights on the side façade. This property is a member of the Community Religious Facilities property type, of which there are only seven in the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998). The building sits on a corner lot bounded by two streets adjacent to a residential area, as is common to properties of its type. It also has the exaggerated scale and architectural elements suggesting vertical height that are typical of properties of its type. It has a simple rectangular plan that forms a gabled nave, a front façade that is visually divided into three bays, as well as a division of the side facades into repetitive bays through fenestration. This building is also significant for its construction material under the context of Architecture in Casa Grande, 1900-1950. It is one of five public buildings of concrete block of the eighty-eight concrete block buildings within the area considered by the Historic Resource Survey- Casa Grande, Arizona (Pry 1998). This property is owned by a religious institution for religious purposes. However, it nonetheless meets qualifying criteria considerations, as it is a religious property that derives its primary significance from its architectural distinction within the community of Casa Grande. The property has very good integrity in regard to its architectural style and is therefore is a good candidate for listing as a member of its property type.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

The local Nazarene congregation built this church at a date estimated as 1949. Plans for the building were first announced in 1945, but it does not appear that any building took place until at least four years later (the only documentation available is a newspaper article from 1949 announcing plans to build the church). How long it remained as Church of the Nazarene is not known. The gable-front house next door (no longer included as part of the property) was built as the church parsonage.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

See *Section I: Major Bibliographical References* of the Multiple Property Nomination form for Historic and Architectural Resources of Casa Grande, Arizona.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the Church of the Nazarene property is lot 1-2 of Block 33 in the Casa Grande Townsite Plat of Casa Grande, Arizona.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary of the nominated property corresponds with the current ownership of the property.

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Photo # 1 View : Southwest

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Photo # 2 View : Southeast

Photographer:	Gabrielle Harlan
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Photo # 3 View: Northeast

Photographer:	Gabrielle Harlan
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