In May of 1928, the Rev. George Fiske Dudley, Rector of St. Stephen’s Church, climbed into the cabin of a steam shovel and operated the levers to turn up the first scoop of earth for the foundation.

Soon the foundation was being poured.

In the mid-1920s architectural plans were drawn up for St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church, the largest parish church building in the Diocese of Washington.

The appearance of the nave and altar area prior to the renovations in the 1960s—chandeliers and exposed windows above the altar.

The congregation moved in on Christmas Day 1929—three months after the stock market crash. The Great Depression caused St. Stephen and the Incarnation great trouble in paying off its mortgage.

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