Greek Orthodox Community in Owen Sound (Edited from accounts given by Freda Georges Gillson)

A number of families had emigrated from Greece to Owen Sound area in the 1920s. The nearest Orthodox Church was in a temporary building in Toronto. Mr. & Mrs. Georges, leaders in the local Greek community, opened their home for services, including Holy Eucharist, marriages, baptisms and other festivals. The Georges took on the responsibility of bringing a priest from Toronto to perform these various services.

In the 1930s the Georges traveled the province to raise money to purchase a permanent Church building in Toronto. It became St Georges Greek Orthodox Church on Bond Street. It was the first Orthodox Church in Ontario.

In the meantime the Greek community was invited to use St Georges Anglican Church, Owen Sound for services and special occasions. In 1996 a service was held to dedicate an Orthodox Chapel to St Nicholas in recognition of this long standing practice. At the service of dedication a number of Icons and other articles were given as gifts. The table in the Chapel had been used in the Georges home as an alter for services.