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Prayers Answered? Sanctuary Lofts are Available in G-Ho

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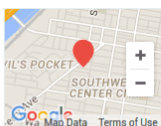


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Let's say you wanted to live in one of Philly's most sought after 'hoods and in an iconic building with a 128 foot clock tower that's within walking distance of Schuylkill River Park and good eats. Well, Mr. or Ms. Picky-pants, you would have a hard time finding those exact wishes — until now. **Sanctuary Lofts at 2319 Fitzwater Street in Graduate Hospital is now available for pre-lease**. While you can't actually live in the clock tower, you now have the chance to live in a truly impressive adaptive reuse project that was **formerly the home of Great Saint Matthew Baptist Church**. The press release promises "old world craftsmanship with modern day conveniences in the burgeoning South of South neighborhood." In all, Sanctuary will combine **30 loft-style homes and eight apartment** in the main church and its adjoining rectory. Move-in date is slated for **sometime in August**. **Developer Alon Barzilay** had this to say about adaptive reuse project. "Sanctuary Lofts enabled me to take a church that was once part of the community fabric and turn it into something productive again. I felt it was my responsibility to not only save this historic church, but also preserve its unique character for the citizens of Philadelphia."

With all of the trappings of a 180-year old church, such as the amazing stone facade, cathedral ceilings, stained glass windows and said tower, the project looks to tastefully blend the celestial character with modern amenities. Units range from **381 square feet up to almost 1,400 square feet** in space. They're available in one and two bedroom lofts and apartments — with rents ranging from **\$1,200 to \$2,750 per month**. Each unit will feature a "luxurious kitchen" with European-styled cabinetry, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, in unit washer/dryer. Residents will have access to a shared garden with benches and "serene greenery." On-site parking — because there is **always** a question about parking — is not available.

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