

# Holy Transfiguration Cathedral Newsletter

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#### Annual Meeting # 106

On Sunday, 9 November, we will hold our 106th Annual Parish Meeting to elect officers, adopt a budget, receive reports and conduct such business as shall come before the congregation. The Priest's Report is included with this newsletter. The Meeting will convene shortly after the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy and should last about one hour and ten minutes. All Parishioners in good standing (Communicants who regularly support the Church) are expected, if possible, to attend and participate. All candidates for office (Council Members and Auditors) should have a firm intention faithfully to attend and participate in all meetings and to fulfill a leadership role in the Parish.

#### Diocesan Meeting

Fr. Joseph, Fr. Eugene and Daroah Powell represented the Parish at the Diocesan Assembly in Tacoma, Washington on 6-8 October. Fr. Joseph was reelected to the Diocesan Assembly and was asked to deliver a keynote presentation to a discussion of the Assembly theme.

#### Alter Society Meeting

The Sisterhood held its 106th Annual Meeting on Sunday, 28 September, the Sunday nearest to the Feast of Our Lady's Holy Protection. A budget was adopted for the coming year.

Newly elected officers were: President, Matushka Maria Davis; Vice President, Rebecca Schilling; Secretaries, Marjorie Graham & Maria Simon & Treasurer, Michelle Dyl. The ladies pledged a renewed commitment to their primary vocation to care for the Church and Holy Altar.

#### Holiday Meals

##### St. ANDREW'S DAY

This year, the Feast of Holy Apostle Andrew, which is also the birthday of Matushka Paulette, (30 November) falls on a Sunday. Fr. Joseph would like to invite all of you to join us in celebrating both events at a special Coffee Hour Luncheon, catered by Chef Mark Benner, following the Divine Liturgy.

##### St. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

On Sunday, 7 December, we will celebrate our Children's St. Nicholas Party and the Parastas for Magda Blagaila's departed family members. This is also the date of the Sisterhood's Holiday Bake Sale.

##### CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

*(We will not hold our Holy Supper this year as it has declined in popularity over the past decade and has become a source of stress for many of our families on Nativity Eve. This will allow us to hold our Nativity Vigil at 6:30 p.m.)*

However, we will continue to invite our people to bring some holiday food to the 10:00 Christmas Day Liturgy and to join us in a little Pot Luck Holiday Luncheon following the Service. This is always a nice way to share with our Brothers and sisters in Christ before returning to our Homes for Holiday festivities.

##### POT LUCK HOLIDAY BENEFIT

For the 12th Consecutive year, we will celebrate the Sunday after Christmas with a benefit Pot Luck Holiday Luncheon for our Romanian Children's Memorial Fund. This Christmas Party, which follows Liturgy and our Children's Holiday Program includes the distribution of candy and gifts both

to our own children and to the adopted Romanian Children living in the Denver area. The fund was originated in memory of the hundreds of children who died under the Communist regime and during the revolution in Romania and has distributed about \$10,000 to worthy children's causes.

#### Upcoming Events

Our seventh annual Russian / Ukrainian Holiday Party and benefit for the girls of the Kaluga Monastery will be held this year on Sunday, 11 January. We will continue the practice of Parish wide participation in bringing food and performing for the entertainment part of the program. Anatoly & Kyra Rubtsov are our couriers who takes money a couple times a year to this institution for abandoned girls. This is one of our major charities, so let's all try to support it. Again this year, the World Famous "Planina Singers" will provide a program of Slavic entertainment

##### SLAVA

Saint Sava celebration on Sunday, 1 February. This is our longest standing Parish event and is always a joyful Pre-Lenten Celebration.

#### Thanksgiving Collection

Please take note of your Thanksgiving Holiday Envelope. At the end of the third quarter we were behind by almost \$4,000 and that is with a 5-10% cut back in our spending. Last year we ended in the red by \$2,000 and will have to cut programs if things don't improve. Fr. Joseph has already instructed the Treasurer that salary raises should not exceed a couple percent for inflation. Your generosity CAN help.