

Holy Transfiguration Cathedral Newsletter

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A 105th Anniversary

On Sunday, 9 October, we will hold a celebration of our 105th Anniversary as a Parish. We will also commemorate our Centennial as a Congregation of the Orthodox Church. When our Parish was founded in 1898 it contained a mixture of Orthodox and "Greek Catholic" families from the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Following the death of our first priest (Fr. Nikolai) the parish determined to cease "limping with two opinions" and to enter into the Orthodox Church to which all of their forefathers had belonged.

Christine Jobanputra will prepare the luncheon that day and His Eminence; Metropolitan Isaiah of Denver is planning to be our special guest for the Sunday Liturgy and luncheon.

Annual Meeting Are Scheduled

SISTERHOOD-The 106th Annual Meeting of the St. Mary's (Holy Protection) Altar Society: The Sisterhood, will be held on Sunday, 28 September. The meeting will follow the luncheon and should last about an hour. All ladies of the parish who are 16 years of age or older, are members of the Sisterhood. Everyone should plan to attend and to participate in the conduct of business which includes the election of officers and the adoption of a budget.

PARISH MEETING

Our 106th Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, 9 November (A non Fast and non Bronco day). Our meetings have a history of being of one hour's duration. This is accomplished by having all of the department heads and officers produce a written report in advance of the meeting. We will adopt a budget for 2004 and will elect four Parish Council Member as well as auditors.

Church School

Our Children's Religious Education will resume on Sunday, 21 September. Vera Rudenko is Church school directress this year and we have dedicated teachers for all four classes: Pre-school, Primary, Middle school and High School.

Picnic Follow-up

We are most appreciative of the job that Tracey Powell did as coordinator and Chef for this year's picnic. The Altar society turned over a new leaf by adding an ice cream sundae bar to their bake sale. Sandie Kennedy chaired the children's efforts to raise money for their "Youth Endowment" which is named for her forebears, the ladies of the Burak family. This was the best year ever for the Youth fund. Our attendance this year was not stellar, partly because of a conflicting event at St. Herman Parish, but the food was delicious and received many compliments, as did the appearance of our grounds.

Romanian Liturgy Added

We have scheduled a Romanian Liturgy for Saturday, 20 September. Fr. Constantine Tofan will be the celebrant and will bring a choir to sing responses. The Liturgy will be at 9:30 with a potluck luncheon following. A free will offering will be taken for Fr. Tofan's Discretionary Fund. It is hoped that this will be the first of many regularly scheduled monthly Romanian Liturgies.

Slavonic Liturgies Continue

Thanks to the efforts of Fr. Eugene, of our "Typikonchuk" Anatoly Rubtsov and of the members of our Slavonic Choir, we have completed three years of monthly Saturday Morning Slavonic Liturgies. The choir, now under the direction of Iraida Vallens, is once more holding regular rehearsals and numbered ten singers for the August Liturgy. Our next Slavonic Liturgy will be held on Saturday, 13 September at 9:30 and, as always, will be followed by a potluck and social time.

Projects

Thanks to the crew who joined Ben Hirsch on two successive Saturdays to renovate our Church school space in the lower hall. In addition to masking, spraying and plastering the whole area, we installed new bulletin boards and dry erase boards for each class, put impact strips on all of the corners and washed overhead light fixtures and changed bulbs.

We are grateful to the men who saved us a small fortune by taking down the dead tree in the Church yard.

Thanks are due especially to Mike Rogozik for a hundred helpful things.

Name-day Liturgy at Riverside

Saturday, 6 September, is the Commemoration of the Miracle of Archangel Michael at Colossae. This is the Dedication of our Chapel at Riverside Cemetery and will be observed this year with a Liturgy at the Cemetery. Liturgy will begin 10:00 a.m. and will be followed by a short Parastas.

MEMORY ETERNAL

...to Richard (Rick) Dawson, brother of Steve and son of Julia Dawson. Rick died on 7 August and was buried by Fr. Joseph.

...to Nicky Gurau's Mother, Elena and to Lydia Stcherbak's sister, Nina, both of whom recently reposed.

...to Carmen Fugaru, who reposed on June 22nd and who was buried from the Church.

FAREWELL & MANY YEARS

...to Frank (Austin) Carroll who recently relocated to Eastern Kansas with his wife.

...to Michelle and Becka Burns who have moved to New York in order for Michelle to take up new employment.

...to Janelle Mc Daniel, a student from Idaho, who was baptized during her stay with us and is now returned home.

...to the Gurau Family: Nicky, Luminica, Andre and Anna, who are moving to the Phoenix area where Nicky is currently working.

Camp Follow-up

We had a total of 27 adults and children from our parish attend the 19th Annual Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp at Glacier View Ranch. Many more had hoped to attend but were unable to do so because of the early start of many school districts.

Alex Vallens, our Seminarian, came and served as a seminarian intern for the camp. He handled most of the administrative duties and the camp music.

We are grateful to Richard Nikolaev, grandson of Dora Burak, who established and has maintained our camp scholarship fund. This year, we covered half of the \$110 fee for all attendees.

The following Coffee Hours
Remain Vacant!
31 August, 14 September,
23 November
& 14 December



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+ **LYNCH FAMILY** Tom and Kristine Lynch, who, with their son, Peter, have been active in our parish for the past year, have determined, after much prayer, to delay for a year their decision about relocating to St. Tikhon's Seminary. The Lynches, who have been foreign missionaries for non-Orthodox groups for almost all of their married life and who were lead a couple of years ago to seek the One Holy Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church, solicit your prayers as they seek to discern how best to spend the remainder of their lives in the service of Our Lord. For the time being, however, St. Tikhon's loss is our gain.

+ **PROMOTION** Many years! To Dan and Maria Simon upon Dan's promotion to Chief Petty Officer in the U. S. Navy. A little mouse told us that Dan's scores were incredibly high. The Simons will finally be moving into a new home with their six wonderful kids. (They had previously been "Camping out" in a tiny cramped town house.) So it looks like they will be with us for a long time. Dan's dad is a retired Antiochian Priest from Minnesota and was a roommate of our own Fr. Eugene at St. Vladimir's. Dan has to raise a couple thousand dollars as part of his "Initiation" into "Chiefdom" so Maria is planning a fund raising dinner at Church. We all know what kind of an exquisite cook she is.

+ **PRAYER REQUEST** Please continue to pray for Fr. John Armstrong of St. Herman Parish who suffered a brutal injury to his left hand while on a recent rock climbing expedition with a parishioner.

CHURCH SCHOOL

+ **STAFF** Our very best wishes and thanks to our 2003-2004 Church school volunteer staff. Vera Rudenko- Directress, Anatoly Rubtsov- High school teacher, Reader Joseph Hirsch- Middle school instructor, David Karsen with Ioana Anton & Jill Cahenzli- Primary department staff and Michelle Dyl and Denise Karsen- Preschool department. We are still looking for a "Special Events Director" to handle the parties and programs which the Church school undertakes each year. We also could use back up and understudies in all grade levels.

+ **FALL PARTY** We have a tradition going back two decades, that on the Last Sunday in October, we have an Alternative Fall Costume Party. This was originally an initiative of our parish police officers who did not like the idea of four kids being out on the streets at dusk in vision limiting costume and, possibly, at the mercy of the "Crazies" who pervade our society. This year, on Sunday, 26 October, we will have games and candy for the kids and will have a costume contest. Prizes are awarded for the best preschool and elementary school costume in the general category and in the religious category (Best Biblical figure or Patron Saint). "Monsters" are allowed (and so are monster costumes) but Devils, Demons, Witches, and other "Evil creatures" are not. Parishioners are requested to purchase candy and to give it to Sandie Kennedy who always prepares the Holiday bags (also Christmas and Pascha) for the children. If you wish, you can just give her a couple of dollars and she will buy it for you.

+ **WEDDINGS** Many Years! To Rebecca Anne Dotson (Daughter of Fr. Nicholas and Matushka Anne) and Landon Jacobus Stewart whose marriage Frs. Joseph and Eugene had the honor of blessing in St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 17 August

Many Years! To Delia Blagaila (Daughter of John & Magda) and Brian Cook, whose marriage Fr. Joseph will bless on Sunday, 31 August, in Santa Barbara California.

+ **ALEX & MASHA** are continuing to do well at St. Tikhon's. Those who were her on Sunday, 17 August, heard Alex's effusive thanks for all of our support during his first year in seminary. As you may know, Alex is "Web Master" for our Parish Web Site that the Colorado Historical Society has proclaimed to be the best Church site in the State. The location is www.transfigcathedral.org. We take up a second collection for Seminarians on the first Sunday of each month.

+ **PROPOSED SOUTHERN MISSION** We have had enquiries about the possibility of establishing Orthodox Missions in the Highlands Ranch/Parker area. Anyone who has a long-term project of this kind should communicate this to Fr. Joseph or Fr. Eugene.

+ **CLEANING CREWS** We are very dependent upon our volunteer cleaning crews to come in for an hour or so after Liturgy to keep the Church in good order. This is normally a once a month or once every five-week proposition with a little extra duty around holidays. With the recent relocation of a few of our cleaning crew volunteers, we are working with a depleted staff and this puts additional strain on everyone and special strss upon Matushka Paulette, who ends up filling in all of the unfulfilled assignments. Please consider offering your services tp this ministry.

+ **LAMPADA LIST** The 2003-2004 lampada list is on the bulletin board of the Church Porch. Every year, families sign up for a particular Icon Lamp, which is lit for their family at each service. The cost of a lamp is only \$25.00 and runs from 1 September to 31 August. If one paid weekly for the lamp, the cost would be \$65.00 per year, but this way each lamp is truly a representative of prayer.