

## Holy Transfiguration Cathedral Newsletter

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### Wonder-working Sitka Icon

Because of the broad interest in the Holy Wonder-working Icon of Our Lady of Sitka, we have agreed to share our visit with our Sister Orthodox Parish of St. James in Fort Collins. This means that your one and only opportunity to see, to pray before and to venerate the Image of Our Lady which has been called Her gift to the Church in North America, will be the Vespers Service followed by the Holy Akathist Hymn on Monday evening, 26 September at 7:00 p.m. On the one hand, we will miss the opportunity to have Our Lady's miraculous image with us for the Divine Liturgy but, on the other hand, we should rejoice that she will visit a parish where two of our most faithful families are actively involved. Also, those who will be unable to visit the Holy Icon on Monday Evening can take the opportunity of doing so at the Divine Liturgy of the Repose of St John the Theologian at 10:00 a.m. Monday morning at the Holy Assumption Greek Orthodox Cathedral.



### Festival Wrap Up

Our Second Annual Orthodox Food Festival was a real joy. Each year, we learn more about running such an event and this year, we actually made a small profit. What is more, we gained a great deal of attention and praise from the Denver media and became aware that the Globeville neighborhood has developed a real sense of ownership in this project. Many neighbors showed up, unsolicited, to help us set up and when take down and clean up time came, we were surprised to see neighbors working hand in hand with parishioners to "Put the event to bed". Katie Milosovich, who deserves special praise for her work as "Ramrod" and "Chief cheerleader" of the project has gone off to Austin, where she has received an almost "Full ride" scholarship for her work toward her Masters degree, has promised to be back next summer to ride herd over all of us again and to make sure that no detail is overlooked or job left undone. We also owe special thank to Erin and Doug Busken, to our Romanian ladies, our Russian ladies, to the Cahenzlis, Diane & Gary Seurer and Chef James Gordon Spencer, who manned food booths. Thanks also to Colleen Ramos and all of the ladies who made a big hit with their baked goods and to all of the sixty or so other volunteers who made the event work.

### Calhan Centennial

What a wonderful weekend we had with our Hierarchs and brethren of Holy Dormition Parish in Calhan Colorado as they celebrated the centennial of that parish. In a way, this was a centennial for us as well, for it was during his visit to Colorado in 1905 that St. Tikhon consecrated our Temple and installed Archimandrite Sebastian Dabovich, of thrice blessed memory, as our Rector. Many years! to Fr. Lawrence and to the entire congregation of St. Mary's Holy Dormition.

### Sixth Big Softball Game

We had to scare up a crew this year, but, in the end, every place was taken and every position was filled as "The Globeville ten" took on the "Calhan Cowhands" for the sixth annual Prairie Classic. The final score was 12 to 2 in favor of the Cathedral Crew but the game was much closer than the score reveals. Next year, the Calhan team has agreed to play on our neighborhood ball field, so everyone will want to stay and witness the contest.

### Church Preservation Project Grants

We received a very complimentary letter from the Colorado Historical Society, lauding our totally successful completion of our Architectural Evaluation Grant project. On Thursday, 15 September, Fr. Joseph and Mar-tushka Paulette filed the application for the funding of Phase One of the project to repair and preserve our historic Temple. We have already had the grant application reviewed by officials of the Historical Society

and have "Tweaked" the final product to more fully reflect our needs. If, as we expect, we receive the about \$150,000 grant to excavate and waterproof our walls and to remove other problems, we will need close to \$50,000 from our own assets to match the State funds. If anyone has been waiting, this is the time to make your historical preservation contribution. Each dollar you give, leverages \$3.00 in State historical preservation funds.

The architectural study, which cost \$9,500 and was completely funded by the State Historical Fund, has revealed that, although there has of yet been no permanent damage to the fabric of our Historic Temple, reversal of the effects of 107 years of moisture in the walls and the employment of newly developed methods to forestall this condition of "Rising damp" in the future, are urgently required if we hope to pass it on to the next generation. Our 107 year old Church building is one of the two or three oldest Orthodox structures in lower 48 states. After completing Phase one, the State has encouraged us to write another Grant proposal for Phase 2 which will strive to restore our Temple to its original beauty and to assure its survival, God willing, for another century.

Both the complete Architectural Study and a copy of the new Grant Proposal are available to be viewed and read in the Parish Hall. Those wishing to do so, may view either or both documents. The Grant proposal contains a ten wonderful letters of support for the grant (Which was all we were allowed), written by local historians, political figures, neighborhood leaders and highly respected citizens.

### **Bishop to Visit**

On Sunday, 2 October, His Grace, Bishop Benjamin will be with us for a Hierarchical Liturgy at 9:30 a.m., followed by a banquet in the Parish Hall. On this day, His Grace will be with us to mark the 30th Anniversary of Fr. Joseph's ordination to the Holy Orthodox Priesthood and the 10th Anniversary of Fr. Averky's Holy Diaconate. Several of the Romanian ladies of the Parish will be cooking for the event and we hope that everyone will come to participate in the event.

### **Kids Costume Party**

On Sunday, October 30th, we will hold our annual children's costume party which parallels the secular observance of Halloween. Again, we will have a special dinner. We will have games for the children and will award prizes for the best appropriate costumes. No witches, ghosts, or devils, please as we are attempting to transfigure this holiday, not to be drawn down by it. We need to have donations of candy for the event. Please give your candy or money to purchase candy to Michelle Dyl.

### **Annual Meetings Set**

***Sisterhood*** -The 107th Annual meeting of the St. Mary's Holy Protection Altar Society, (The Sisterhood) will be held on Sunday, 9 October, following the Coffee Hour Luncheon. All ladies of the parish who are over 16 years of age are members of the Sisterhood. Dues are \$20.00 per year and are not compulsory but the Sisterhood depends upon the annual voluntary dues of our ladies to help underwrite the budget of this valuable society.

***Parish Membership Meeting*** - On Sunday, 6 November, (A Bronco-Free Sunday) we will hold our 108th Annual Parish meeting. These meeting usually do not exceed an hour and five minutes and follow right after Liturgy. We elect council members, adopt our annual budget, receive reports and conduct such business as comes before us. All of our people are invited and desired to attend the annual meeting but, since this is also the 108th annual meeting of our non profit corporation, only those who support the parish and who are in "good standing" with the Orthodox Church are eligible to vote or to be elected to office.



## Colorado Springs Temple Consecration

On Thursday, 6 October, during the Diocesan Assembly, we will celebrate the Consecration of the Holy Theophany Temple of Ss. Constantine & Helen Parish in Colorado Springs. Many Years! to Father Anthony Karbo and to the people of Ss. Constantine & Helen.

### Some Dates and Events for Your Calendar

**Monday, 26 September- VESPERS and AKATHIST in the presence of the Icon of Our Lady of Sitka.**

**Sunday, 2 October- HIERARCHICAL LITURGY at 9:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday & Thursday, 5-6 October- Diocesan Assembly in Colorado Springs.**

**Sunday, 9 October- Annual Sisterhood Meeting.**

**Sunday, 6 November- Annual Parish Meeting**

**Tuesday, 15 November- The Nativity Fast Begins.**

**Sunday, 4 December- Children's St. Nicholas observance.**

**Sunday, 18 December- Parish Feast Day of the Meeting of the Holy Icon of the Mother of God "Rescuer of the Perishing at Holy Transfiguration & Annual Romanian Parastas.**

**Sunday, 25 December- The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.  
LITURGY at 10:00 a.m. (An Informal Pot luck reception will follow.)**

**Sunday, 1 January, 2006- The Circumcision of Our Lord & The Feast of St. Basil  
MATINS at 8:45 - LITURGY and Blessing of the Vasilopita.  
(Children's Program and Romanian Children's benefit party will follow.)**

**Saturday, 7 January, SLAVONIC LITURGY and pot luck Christmas luncheon.**

**Sunday, 8 January, Annual Benefit Party for Russian Children.**

**Sunday, 29 January, 108th Annual St. Sava Celebration and Balkan Winter Festival.**

**Bright Friday, 28 April, Tentative date for the Second Annual PODD  
Pan Orthodox Dinner Dance.**