

Holy Transfiguration Cathedral Newsletter

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"OLD GLOBEVILLE DAYS"

22 & 23 July, 2006

**Third Annual Orthodox Food Festival
A Region Wide Cultural Event**



Once more, the entire parish Community is reaching out to Eastern Colorado with our wonderful Festival of FUN, FOOD, CULTURE & NON-STOP ENTERTAINMENT. This year, we have partnered with our Globeville Neighbors to apply for a "Strengthening Communities Grant" from The Denver Foundation. We expect that the Weekend of 22-23 July will take our Festival to a "New Level" and make it a permanent fixture in the Denver Summer scene.



Double Anniversary on 2 July

His Grace, Benjamin, Bishop of Berkeley and Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of the West, will be our guest on the weekend of July 1st and 2nd to celebrate the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Fr. Joseph and Matushka Paulette and the 40th Ordination Anniversary of Archpriest Eugene Tarris.

Liturgy will be served on Saturday Morning at 10 a.m. On Saturday Evening at 6:30 p.m. we will serve the Vigil on the 40th Anniversary of the death in of St. John Maximovich of Shanghai and San Francisco, whose repose occurred at the same hour as Fr. Joseph and Matushka Paulette were being married in 1966.

On Sunday Morning, we will meet Bishop Benjamin at 9:30 a.m. All of our little girls are invited to wear nice dresses or ethnic costumes and to join in throwing rose pedals in His Grace's path.

Following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Wedding Anniversary Moliebin, every one is invited to the Parish Hall to partake of a Buffet of French cuisine, featuring "Chicken Cordon bleu" and "Beef Bour-

guignon", and catered, for the occasion, by our own Chef Gordon Spencer. This meal is a special thanksgiving gift to our friends from Fr. Joseph and Matushka Paulette.

Fr. Alex & Matushka Masha

We praise God for the safe return to our Denver community of Father Deacon Alexander and Matushka Maria (Masha) Vallens. Fr. Alexander has completed his MDiv. Degree at St. Tikhon's Seminary and will be attached to our Cathedral as Music Director to work with our Choirs and to assist Matushka Paulette, Beth Mary Johnson and Iraida Vallens with the music program of the Cathedral.

Father Alex and Matushka are expecting a child in July.

Historical Preservation Project is Finally Underway

As you are probably tired of hearing, we are now involved in the process of historical preservation of our ancient and historic Temple. As of this week, we have received a check for \$46,500 from the Colorado Historic Sacred Structures Preservation Fund and we have the \$15,000 in matching funds which we must provide at this point.

During the week of 3-7 July, workmen will be removing inert asbestos from the crawl space under our Church so that plumbers, architects, engineers, carpenters and plasterers can carry out their part of the work. For 108 years, our walls have been invaded by moisture from some underground source which will now be diverted.

We still need to raise about \$30,000 to complete our part of the project and are counting upon the generosity of our friends and parishioners to provide the "Leaven".

We were, especially touched by a significant donation from Dr. Andrew and Mary Skumanich in honor of Catherine Rogozik who extended kindness to them upon their arrival in Denver, over a half century ago.

Sisterhood Fundraiser

The Sisterhood had a very successful yard sale in June. We not only provided a lot of good quality merchandise to the neighborhood at bargain basement prices but we earned about \$1,100 for the Altar Society's many charitable projects.

The event was especially well planned and managed by Volunteer Chair,

Becky Schilling and Sisterhood Treasurer, Colleen Ramos. Xenia Grant and Betty Davidovich also put in a great deal of time. We are grateful to everyone who donated, worked and participated. We believe that this could very well move from a biennial to an annual event.

Church School

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated the end of our 2005-06 Church School term. It is wonderful to see a whole new generation of preschoolers and primary students. We are very grateful to Michelle Dyl, Matushka Maria Davis and Dr. Andrea Arvente who are our most capable teachers. Next fall, Joe Hirsch IV will return to reinitiate our Jr. & Sr. High Class.

Parish Register

Many Years to Joe and Cecilia Hirsch upon the baptism of their son Theodore Alexandru Hirsch on 14 May.

To David and Mirela Hirsch, upon the birth of their saughter, Nicole Isabella on 24 May, to John Baird and Erik Aiden Slater, who were recently received by Confession, Chrismation and Holy Communion and to John and Annette Baird, who were united

in Holy Matrimony on Sunday, 18 June. Nicole will be Baptized at noon on Saturday, 15 July.

Holy Transfiguration Feast

This year, our Parish Feast Day, The Transfiguration of the Lord, falls on a Sunday. Even though this day comes during the Dormition Fast, it is a "Fish Wine and Oil Day". We will bless grapes and other fruit both at the Vespers on Saturday Evening the 5th and following Liturgy on Sunday. We need for someone to sign up for the Festal Luncheon on that day.

Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp

Our Orthodox Youth Camp will be held in early August. We will leave after Liturgy on our Parish Feast Day, 6 August, and will remain at the beautiful Glacier View Ranch, in the Mountains West of Boulder, until about Noon on Wednesday, 9 August. The cost of the camp is \$110 per person and the Parish is able to pay half of the fee for any of our children.

This scholarship is paid from The Burak Memorial Children's Endowment which was establish almost 20 years ago by Mr. Richard Nikolaev in Memory of his grandmother, Doro-

thy Burak; His mother, Nettie; and his Aunts, Olga Hulitzky and Mary Long.

Registration forms are available at the Candle Stand and must be completed and returned to Fr. Joseph, together with a check, by 15 July. Adult counselors and helpers are also welcome to attend and must obtain an additional form to be submitted with their application.

PARISH CHARITIES

Anatoly and Kira Rubtsov just returned from Russia where they delivered \$4,000 which we have collected over the past two years for Russian children. \$2,000 went to our project of the past ten years, the girls' school at the St. Nicholas' Women's Monastery in Black Lake, Kaluga. Another \$2,000 was taken, at the suggestion of His Grace, Bishop Benjamin, to the Church run Children's Hospice at St. Petersburg.

Our Romanian National Day raised about \$900 which will be spent as the Romanian community of our Parish directs.

Also, a load of food and a stack of Grocery certificates were sent by our Sisterhood to Mother Casiana and the Community of the Holy Protection at Lake George, CO, as a Pascha present.



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THE VERY REVEREND
FATHER JOSEPH HIRSCH
ARCHPRIEST AND RECTOR

18 June, 2006 / *The Feast of All Saints*

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

In a very few weeks, Matushka and I will be celebrating our fortieth Wedding Anniversary. As this approaches, I recall our 20th Anniversary here and our 25th Anniversary in 1991, when Nick and Pauli Fotinos made a wonderful Mexican Dinner and my parents came to Denver.

When we came here, Matushka and I were only 40 years old and our children were still in grade school, Ben in 2nd Grade. Now, all three boys are in their thirties and two of them are already married to lovely Orthodox girls and have given us four beautiful grandchildren. If the truth were told, when we agreed to come here in 1984 (and the Bishop gave me the choice) neither we nor Bishop Boris expected us to be here for more than five or six years. We were asked to stabilize and assure the survival of this old congregation and then, were expected to go back to the Midwest to continue working in that Diocese. In fact, had it not been for one son's asthma, we would have had to go immediately to Chicago in 1984.

Well, 22 years after our arrival, we are still here and, clearly, the reason for this is that we have found a home in Denver and among the people of Holy Transfiguration. Often the times were not easy. Had it not been for my part time teaching job at Regis, we would not have been able to feed, clothe and educate our kids. Some of the children who went to school with our boys, thought that been burritos were part of our religion. The consolation in all of this was that we were all struggling together. Now, as the Parish has revived and grown, as our people have been blessed both spiritually and materially and as we have been blessed by new generations of young people, both our own children who have been formed and taught by the same priest for over two decades and new arrivals, we have a congregation with a much better understanding of Churchly responsibility and financial stewardship.

One of our greatest joys, like watching our own children take responsibility for their lives, has been observing and enjoying our Spiritual Children take charge of the life of the Parish and making it possible for us to anticipate several more years with you by lifting a number of the day to day worries and burdens from our shoulders. In fact, when I tried to make a list of all of the activities for which and persons for whom we have been grateful, just recently, it went on for two pages. So, I won't do that. Anyway, they know who they are and people who are working for God are usually not much concerned about the praise of men. Let us just say, then, a generic, "Thank you" to all of you who have shown and continue to show your love, care, generosity and prayerful concern for the Church and, also for us. By God's Mercy, we hope to remain among you and to minister here for many more years.

Yours in the Love of Christ,



Sisterhood Corner

St. Mary's Altar Society would like to thank Becky Schilling for organizing our Church Garage Sale. This important fund raising effort raised \$1,105.40. This money will be used for all the charities that the Sisterhood supports. Appreciation also goes to Colleen Ramos, Becky Davidovich and Xenia Grant who donated countless hours of their time. Other wonderful volunteers were; Barry & Angela Myhr; Mike & Gloria Rogozik; Johnny Milosovich; Chris & Julia Jobanputra; Erin, Doug & Sophie Busken; Jill, Laura & Leslie Cahenzli; Carla Scott, Diana & Gary Seurer; Carol Montealegre; Tamarra Tsaava; Marjorie Graham; Fr. Deacon Averky, John & James Davis; Beth & Simeon Johnson; Rupert Applegate; Father Joesph & Matushka Paulette; Nick Fotinos; and Sandra Kennedy.



Congratulations !

-Congratulations to Joe and Cecilia Hirsch on the birth

of their baby boy, Theodore Alexandru.

-Congratulations also to David and Mirela Hirsch on the

birth of their baby girl, Nicole Isabella.



Welcome Home Father Deacon Alexander and Matushka Maria (Masha). It is great to have you back!



On Sunday, June 18th Anette Plishka & John Baird were united in Holy Matrimony. Many Years !



King Sooper Certificates

Your purchase of King Sooper Certificates gives the Sisterhood a 5% profit. We in turn would like to offer something special. Beginning January 1st everyone who purchases King Sooper Certificates will have their name go into a drawing (one entry for each person). A name will be drawn each quarter and the fortunate person picked will receive a \$25 King Sooper Certificate.



Tea at the Brown Palace in May was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We are hoping to have this get together become an annual event.



His Grace Bishop Benjamin will be here on July 2nd. Please come and welcome him. He will be here to help us celebrate:

Father Joseph & Matushka Paulette's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Father Eugene's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination and

The 40th Anniversary of St. John Maximovich's Repose

Please keep in your prayers the many wonderful people in our Parrish who have serious illnesses.