

Holy Transfiguration Cathedral Newsletter

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Church Preservation Project Grants

We are awaiting the determination of The Colorado Historical Society, regarding our application for the matching grant to complete the second, more cosmetic phase of our historical preservation project. The elaborate treatment of the footings and exterior and interior walls, together with the installation of perimeter drains and all of the rest that was done during phase one, have brought an end to 109 years of "Rising damp" in the walls. Now, we are preparing to replace cracked stucco and plaster and to bring the old walls back to an attractive and presentable state. August 1st is the target date for the release of grant awards, so, please keep this in your prayers.

In the mean time, after 23 years, the slanted third bar has fallen off of the Gold Copula on top of the Church. I would probably be a good idea to re-gild the entire dome when we repair it and the State can not pay for the repair of religious objects and symbols so this would be a good memorial project or special donation for one or more persons.

Hand Railings to be installed in the Temple

The ornamental iron railings are scheduled to be installed on either side of the Amvon in the next week. There have been some contributions to cover this much

needed hand rail which will assist both clergy and laity in ascending and descending the narrow steps up to the solea.

Parish Feast Day

It will be our honor this year to have His Grace, Bishop Benjamin with us for the Vigil and Liturgy that mark our Altar Feast. On Sunday evening, 5 August, we will serve the Vigil at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday, His Grace will Serve the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. This will not be a "Hierarchical" Liturgy but an ordinary Feast Day Service with the Bishop presiding. Following the Liturgy on Transfiguration Day, we will have a pot luck luncheon in the Parish Hall. Because this Feast falls during the Dormition fast (1-14 August) it is a fast day but, since it is a "Great Feast", fish, wine and oil are permitted.

We will, as always, bless grapes and other fruit at the conclusion both of Vigil and of Liturgy.

If you have a day off work coming, Monday, 6 August would be a good time to take it.

Deep Fat Fryer

Many years to Otto in Herman Missouri, who was given a copy of our last newsletter by our dear long time friend, June Williams, and who donated the money to buy the large deep fat fryer for the kitchen, Many years! to both of them.

RMOC Is Scheduled for 5-8 August

Yes, it's right in the middle of our Parish Feast day but, when you don't own your own camp, you have to use what is available. All of our children from ages 5 -18 can attend and older young people can serve as helpers and counselors. The

cost is \$110 per child and covers all meals and lodging from Sunday evening through noon on Wednesday. The Parish has a scholarship fund that covers half of the fee for all parish children. Checks and applications are due by 22 July and checks should be made out to the Church and noted as "Camp fund".

Applications are available at the candle stand and should be returned to Fr. Joseph or to Erin. Adult and teen counselors must fill out a second form required by our Diocese and insurance carrier as a background check.

Although Fr. Joseph will be at Church on Sunday night and Monday morning, he and Bishop Benjamin will attend camp from Monday afternoon through Wednesday. This is the 23 edition of our Rocky Mountain Orthodox Camp.

Church School in Recess

As always, our Church school went into summer recess on Pentecost and will resume on the Sunday following The Elevation of the Holy Cross. We will begin with a prayer service following Liturgy on Sunday, 16 September and will proceed to enroll the student that morning.

Sisterhood Yard Sale

The Alter Society's Yard Sale was another success, raising nearly \$800 for their operating budget and support of several Orthodox charities. A big thank-you to every everyone who donated items and who helped with planning, sorting, setting up, selling and closing down, especially to Colleen Ramos, Erik Slater, Doug Busken and Betty Davidovich. Thanks also for lending a hand to Helene Mickle, Xenia Grant, Sharon Whitted, Gabriel Hayman, David Hirsch, Barry Myhr, Marjorie and Martin Graham, Marko Lukich,

Sarah Blake, and Erin and Sophie Busken. AND to Regina and Chuck Widhalm of St. Augustine Orthodox Church who donated and delivered items left over from their church's recent garage sale.

Items not sold at our Yard Sale have been, or will be, donated to the DAV, The Gathering Place, the Denver Rescue Mission, Project Linus, and the Stout Street Foundation. If you know where we can donate paperback books, besides a public library, please tell Becky Schilling.

Many thanks again to everyone for your support.

St. Mary's Altar Society and Becky Schilling

Parish Council Update

The Council is well underway with a number of projects for the year. Some projects definitely in the works follow:

110th Anniversary Celebration -

In the fall of 2008 we will celebrate the 110th anniversary of our parish! As you probably know we are the oldest Orthodox parish in Colorado and one of the three or four continuously used Temples in the lower 48 states and the oldest Church between the Mississippi and the West Coast. We plan to invite Metropolitan Herman as well as Metropolitan Isaiah and our Bishop Benjamin, thereby making it a significant Pan-Orthodox event. We will definitely have a dinner and celebration at the parish. A committee will be established to plan and implement the celebration. If you have an interest in being part of this planning committee or have ideas for the celebration, please see me. We will need a number of people to make this a special event and will need to start the planning soon.

Communication -

One last call, for e-mail addresses. If we don't have your current e-mail address please give it to us so we can include you on parish e-mails with announcements (births, deaths, engagements, etc.), important information, reminders, etc.

Lecture Series -

Lidia Stcherbak is organizing a regular lecture series. This will include another retreat like we did in 2006 as well as additional lectures. She is planning the first retreat for late summer / early fall. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please see Lidia. Softball Tournament - Ben is organizing another Pan-Orthodox softball tournament. This will most likely be held in September again. Stay tuned for more details.

Festival -

The Festival is almost here !! Please see the separate article below on the Festival. Lastly, as you are vacationing this summer, please remember to give regularly. Summer giving tends to decrease while people are away. But remember the church still operates even if you are not here. If you are interested in helping with any of these projects, have any ideas or input on these projects or additional projects, please let a Parish Council member know. We look forward to an exciting year!!

In Christ, Erin Busken, Senior Warden

4th Annual Orthodox Food Festival (OFF) & Old Globeville Days Update-

It's hard to believe that our 4th annual Orthodox Food Festival & Old Globeville

Days is just two weeks away. All of the pre-planning is well underway and the details are being finalized by the Festival Committee. Some things you should know:

- The hours on Saturday will be extended to 10:00 p.m. The food booths will stay open until 9:00 p.m. We hope this brings in a new wave of people at the end of night resulting in more tickets sold.

- We are adding a new component to the Festival to highlight Globeville's rich history. There will be various groups with displays on the church property such as Colorado Historic Society, Riverside Cemetery and more.

- Liturgy on the 22nd will be at 9:00 a.m.

- We will be having a sweepstakes this year. Prizes include a bike, a Grand Hyatt downtown get-away & more. Tickets are \$1. Parishioners are encouraged to sell them to family, friends, coworkers, etc. before the Festival. See John Baird to get your tickets.

Now is where we need your help. We need a lot of "man-power" to pull off this event in the outstanding fashion that people are used to. Here is how you can participate:

- Probably the most important detail remaining is covering all of the shifts during the actual weekend. We have divided the weekend into 3-hour shifts at various "posts". There are approximately 25 posts that need to be manned at all times. Sign up with me to sign up for shifts during the weekend. (You can sign up with me at church or you can reach me at 303-477-3946 or erin.busken@gmail.com.) We have job descriptions for all of the needed posts. We need everyone in the Parish to plan on working a minimum of one 3-hour shift, but more likely we need everyone to work two (2) - three (3) of the 3-hour shifts over the weekend starting Friday evening.

- Put fliers on cars at other Orthodox churches next Sunday (7/15). Call Tom Hill at 303.669.5583 if you can help with this.

- Work at a food booth, if help is needed. All of the food booths from last year will be back again.

- Bake for the dessert booth. Please sign up with what you'd like to bake and quantities with Colleen Ramos, Bake Sale Coordinator. We want to be sure that we enough items and a good variety, but not too much of the same thing. We are especially interested in ethnic desserts, pastries, etc.

- If you used to donate "libations" for the picnic, please donate cash instead so that we can purchase the specific beverages we need. You can give donations to Mike Rogozik, Bar / Beverage Booth Coordinator.

- Sharing any ideas for companies to donate food and/or beverages with Tom Hill, Sponsorship Coordinator. Or if you have any other ideas for businesses that might like to sponsor the event please talk with Tom.

- Publicity Contacts - If you have any contacts in the media (newspaper, radio or television) please let Matushka Paulette know. The key to our success is making sure everyone knows about it. Mass media is a great way to do this, but hard to get free announcements / advertising without a contact.

- Are you a videographer or do you know one? We would love to have one at the Festival. Having great video footage will help with getting television coverage in the future.

- Publicize the event. A tremendous amount of publicity will be done including sending press releases to all local newspapers, delivering fliers homes in the Denver Metro North and postings on a number of different event / food websites. But we want to make

sure we have a TON of people. It would be fantastic if everyone in the Parish invited at least five friends to the Festival. You can e-mail the flier to your family and friends. You can request a PDF version of the file from Father or you can get it on our website. If you would like fliers to post, please see Matushka Paulette, Publicity Coordinator, to get some fliers.

- If you can't be there to help, consider making a cash donation to off set the costs.

- Become an "apprentice". Gary would like to teach some one the "lamb on the spit" duties and have some help with the job this year. Diana is willing to teach people how to make the povitica (nut bread). These are very popular and it would be great if some others knew how to make them. Also we are looking for a new Bake Sale Coordinator, Vendor Coordinator, and Kids Games/Activities Coordinator for next year. We would love to have the new person work the current person this year.

- We need overnight security for the event. If you have any contacts for someone that might be willing to provide overnight security let me know.

- If you have any photos from last years Festival I would love to have them to help with publicity. You could put them on a CD for me or e-mail them to me, if it's not too many.

- We would like to have an MC for the Festival to make various to introduce the musicians and make various announcements if you know someone that has a "radio" voice that might be interested please send them my way. Remember this our Parish's biggest fundraising event and we need all Parish members to play a part in the event, not to mention that it is a SUPER FUN weekend!!!



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THE VERY REVEREND
FATHER JOSEPH HIRSCH
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7 July, 2007

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

This newsletter will cover the entire remainder of the summer and also contains the calendar for September. You will find an important and very informative insert about the upcoming Orthodox Food Festival and the Old Globeville Days. Please look over this page and determine what you can do to help. About 85 of our people assisted in offering last year's event and we hope to have even more participation this year.

As we enter a year of preparation for our 110th and our neighborhood's 120th Anniversaries we have found both looking back and looking forward to be appropriate. We have asked The Colorado Historical Society (which has funded much of stage one and will, hopefully, fund stage two of our Temple Preservation Project), The Denver Foundation and several other entities and agencies which are involved in the life of the community, to have displays and informational booths.

Because of the co-sponsorship of the event by the Civic Association, The Denver Foundation has given a \$3,000, "Strengthening Neighborhoods Grant" and The Community Resource Center, a \$2,000, "Focus Neighborhood Small Grant" to help fund the entertainment portion of the two day celebration. In addition to this sponsorship, Tom Hill has visited many of the businesses in the area which have worked with us and the Neighborhood over the years and has signed up a number of "Corporate Sponsors" who have contributed "In kind" and cash donations.

One of the objects of our festival is to achieve a wide awareness of the Globeville Community, throughout The Front Range. Higher visibility in a positive light is of great value to the Neighborhood and the Parish alike. The Globeville Civic Association, which meets in our Parish Hall, has taken the lead, over the past 20+ years, in promoting the preservation and development of the Community. I have included a press release for the OGD/OFF which will allow you to learn about or recall some of the many projects and struggles in which we and the Civic Association have engaged over the years. The Association will have a booth this year and will be raising some money, informing the visitors and attempting to sign up new residents as members. Please make an effort to drop by and to express your support for our co-workers and co-sponsors.

This coming week, there will be a very important neighborhood planning meeting in our Hall, focusing upon updating the Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan which we took the lead in writing in 1988-89. It will also be projecting a Vision which should include, among the many positive development in the area, the role to be played by our Parish in what is becoming a very positive period of development for this area. It is expected that the Orthodox Food Festival and Old Globeville Days will become a region wide event similar to the Greek Festival or Cherry Creek Arts Festival. Some of the local artists from the new "River North Arts District" (RINO) will be participating this year. With all that is going on, it is up to each of us to do his or her part to extend genuine hospitality and to provide the kind of event worth of our Parish and Ethnic Traditions. This is both a call and a plea for everyone the utmost effort in support of our Community.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archpriest Joseph-Dean

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