

Annual Report of the Senior Warden

This has been another exciting year. It has been a delight to work with the Council and the Parish as Senior Warden again this year. Throughout the year we undertook many projects. The highlights of the Parish Council's activities follow:

- We started the year with our St. Sava's celebration in January. It was a great success from a fellowship and financial standpoint.
- In 2006, we committed to trying to host four Pan-Orthodox events a year (roughly once a quarter). The goal was to enhance fellowship within our own Parish community as well as the Orthodox community in the area. So far, for this year those events were:
 - Our 3rd annual Bright Friday Pan-Orthodox Dinner / Dance (PODD) was a big hit again. The main reason for this event is fellowship. Although it is also a small fundraiser for us. This year a portion of the proceeds were shared with the parishes in attendance. We were blessed to have Bishop Benjamin and Metropolitan Isaiah as our special guests. This year's event was truly Pan-Orthodox with half of the people in attendance being from other parishes.
 - Softball Tournament - In October we hosted (and won) our first Pan-Orthodox Softball Tournament with St. Hermans and Sts Peter & Paul. We plan to make this an annual event.
- We have continued our efforts to be proactive with the financial issues of the Parish. Again this year, this topic has taken less and less of our energy as our financial needs are more consistently being met by our parish community. Monthly, we have continued to share the financial status of the Parish in the weekly bulletin. You are responding to the information. We remain hopeful that we continue to see permanent increases in giving that will allow us to worry even less about finances and more on meaningful issues and programs.
- We have acquired two pieces of property adjacent to the church property. This will allow for future expansion and will ensure that we aren't in a position of "desperately needing" these pieces of property in the future.
- The 4th annual Orthodox Food Festival and Globeville Days was an enormous success. We built on the success of the previous years. The Festival generated approximately \$6,800 for our operating budget largely in part due to the two grants we received and the newly developed sponsorship program. Plans are underway to improve the Festival including generating more income from this event. We are in need of additional Committee members. It truly was a Parish-wide event, not to mention a FUN one. A special thanks to the Festival Planning Committee which is the key group for this huge event.
- Lastly, we continue to try to find ways to broaden the involvement in Parish activities and the on-going responsibilities of the Parish and to strengthen our Parish family. We are trying to create opportunities for people to get to know each other better or at least know everyone's names. We have been blessed to have many new people join our Parish family in the last couple of years. We hope the new members as well long-time members can make an effort to become even more involved in the Parish life.

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Committee - Ben Hirsch, Junior Warden, Carol Montealegre, Secretary and Chris Jobanputra, Treasurer and Financial Secretary Colleen Ramos for their hard work and dedication to their "special" roles on the Council. And many years to Chris who is "retiring" from the Treasurer position and to Jim Hartenbower who is taking the reins.

Please remember we rely on the time, talents and the financial generosity of each and every Parish member in order for the Parish Council to be successful in leading the Parish and implementing our goals. We are looking forward to 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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