

Historical Preservation

The interior work on our Temple has all been completed. The nave has been painted. We are presently applying the gold leafing of our Iconostasis. This leafing is being paid for by the Catherine Rogozik Memorial Fund. Please remember that the scraping and painting of our Iconostasis and widows is not covered by the State grant because these are considered religious items. If someone wishes, they may cover all of this work for about \$1,400.

We are now stripping repairing and painting the exterior stucco. Again, through careful management, we have been able to cut a great deal from the estimated cost of this work but we are still in need of \$7,000 to \$10,000 more to pay our 25% match for the Grant. Please consider helping with this. Since we have, literally, rebuilt the Church from the foundation up, over the past four years of work, we are designating those who have contributed or are contributing as "Founders" who are prayed for under this designation at every Divine Service.

Observance of Our 110th Year

We will culminate the celebration of our 110th year with a festal weekend the 11th and 12th of October. We will mark the weekend with a visit from our Bishop. There will be a Vigil on Saturday night and a Hierarchical Liturgy followed by a catered banquet on Sunday.

Our banquet will feature Greek Cuisine catered by a fine local restaurant. The Anniversary Committee is trying to keep the event

affordable and has launched a series of small fund raising projects to underwrite the Banquet and to assure that ALL of our people can afford to attend.

Other Upcoming Events

Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp at Glacier View Ranch will be held 3-6 August. Forms are now available and are due back by 27 July.

Diocesan Assembly in Milwaukee Oregon, October 6th through 8th.

The All American Council of the OCA will be held in Pittsburg PA on 10-13 November.

Land Acquisition Update

We have now completed an extensive reconstruction of our house on Grant Street, a rehab and upgrading of our house on Logan at 46th and the demolition of the burnt out home on the corner of 47th and Grant. We have spent all of our Land Acquisition funds in this effort but are now able to meet our monthly mortgage with the income the two houses generate. We were offered, at the last minute, a large rental for the Grant properties by "Headstart" but have always made an effort to serve our own people first so we have chose to have Nick Fotinos as our neighbor.

Some of us have made pledges to the Land acquisition fund and, since Doug Busken has been able to acquire such a positive interest rate on our Equity Loans on the Properties, we will put this money aside to purchase more real estate in the future or to pay off loans, should it become desirable to do

so. Please continue your Land Acquisition Contributions to help us to guarantee our future and to extend our footprint in this historic place.

Parish Social Events

The Parish Council recently sponsored 2 very successful Social Events. On Friday, 20 June we held a Pentecost Week fast free Friday Bar-B-Q and "Game night. In all, almost three dozen parishioners and guests joined us for the evening and a wonderful time was had by all.

On Saturday, 28 June, We had a Sts Peter and Paul's Eve activity. Nine children, almost all girls, enjoyed an afternoon of swimming, games, Sidewalk Chalk art and, then, attended a lesson by Fr. Joseph on the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the Saints of North America whose day was Sunday. After Supper and a marshmallow roast, the girls settled down to a camp out in tents erected in the Church Yard.

Many, many years to Marko and Gari Lukich who managed and chaperoned both events.

Holy Transfiguration Feast

On Tuesday evening, 5 August, at 7:00 p.m., His Grace, Bishop Benjamin will join us for our 110th Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord. Because of the lateness of the hour and the nature of the day, we will have an informal reception of Coffee and pastries in the Parish Hall after the Vigil.

On Sunday, 6 August, His Grace will lead us in the Divine Liturgy of Our Parish Feast day. We will bless

Grapes and Summer Fruit at both Services and will have a Festal Lenten (Fish, Wine and Oil) potluck luncheon in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

On Saturday, 24 July, we will celebrate our 24th year in Colorado and my 24th year as Priest of this Parish.

The last year has delivered many blessings. We have completed the Preservation and Restoration of our Historic Temple. Both Fr. Eugene and Matushka Paulette have manifested remarkable if not miraculous restorations of health. Fr. James Worth and Reader and PhD Candidate, Michael Tarris have joined our clergy staff. We have also consummated our ambition to extend our real estate holdings in the Neighborhood.

We have also continued to add people, and, especially, Babies to our Community.

Our only and perennial problem seems to be the chronic struggle to make our monthly budget, but we haven't gone broke yet and I suspect we will continue to have what we need when we need it.

Sincerely yours in the Love of Christ:

Proto Joseph

Holy Transfiguration Cathedral Newsletter

July, August and September, 2008



110 Years
1898 - 2008

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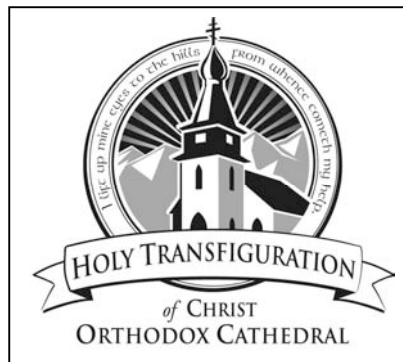
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Our Festival

As will be apparent from the enclosed flyer, we are heavily engaged in producing the Best Old Globeville Days & Orthodox Food Festival ever. Everyone should make every possible effort to “Clear the decks” during the days of the 19th & 20th of July. We are celebrating the 110th anniversary of our Parish and the completion of our preservation and restoration project but we are also the KICK OFF event for Denver’s 150th Birthday and the venue for the celebration of Globeville’s 120th year. This year, we have received \$4,000 in grants from the City and the Denver Foundation. Tom and Mira Hill are hard at work soliciting financial and “In kind” donations and Erin says that we are expecting a number of corporate sponsorships.

Also, the RiNo (River North) Arts District is actively promoting the Festival among their members. It is our hope that this year will be the start of a “River North Arts Festival” which can become an ongoing and self supporting event. The Globeville Civic Association #1 has been an active agent in planning and sponsoring the event and we have reason to hope that this relationship will only deepen. Senator Dennis Gallagher, our City Auditor will lead a Globeville tour on Sunday and the local Health Clinic will send a medical team to provide free blood pressure and other tests and to assist in case of emergency. The Historic Riverside Cemetery will also have a booth

On the internet, we have seen many positive and even “Rave” reviews of the OGD/OFF and are expecting many visitors. Suzie Wargin of Channel 9 News has asked me to appear on the Morning Show the week before the Festival to publicize the event and many local papers and websites have already published the event. We, in brief, have become the agents of a “Big time” social, cultural and artistic event and can be justly proud.



Parish Council Update

It has been a busy spring / early summer for the Parish. The following recent events were a great success:

Annual Bright Friday Pan-Orthodox Dinner Dance (PODD) – We had a great turnout and a fabulous new venue – Maggiano’s. The food was delicious and lots of it. This was our best year for prizes. One (1) out of every five (5) people won a door prize just for showing up. There were a lot of great silent auction items and great raffles. These raised money that was shared between our Parish, IOCC and the parishes in attendance. Overall it was a great night of fellowship. Be sure to be there next year. A huge thank you to Colleen Ramos who coordinated all of the donations.

Game Night & Potluck – Thanks to Marko & Gari Lukich for making this happen. Everyone that attended had a great time. We enjoyed a potluck dinner together and then played games. We plan to make this a regular event. We’ll probably do another in late summer. Stay tuned!

Kids Camp-out – Another big thank you to Gari & Marko Lukich for planning this event. The kids swam, ate, played, went to Vespers, talked with Fr. Joe & camped out. A great event for building lasting friendships among our youth.

Some projects that are in progress or upcoming include:

Bell Ringing & More for the Girls – The first round of bell ringing training just occurred. And boy is there a lot of excitement. Tijana Lukich rang the bells for the first time last Sunday & did a great job. More girls will be trained soon. If you are interested in bell ringing, taking the collection or pouring the wine please talk to me.

“Lightening Father’s Load”- Father Joe has come up with a list of tasks that someone else could be doing. A number of these were immediately re-assigned. Thanks to all who are helping with this. Some of the remaining tasks are administrative / computer work. If you are skilled in this area & willing to help, please talk to me and we can discuss the tasks. A big job for Father is changing the lamps, etc. throughout the year. There are about 6 times a year this needs to be done. This would be a great “special project” for someone or a family to commit to. If you are interested in this please talk to Father Joe or I about what is involved and when this occurs.

Communion Traffic Flow – As you have probably noticed things can get pretty congested during communion. In attempt to make things move more smoothly Father has moved the location of the chalices. When going TO communion please go the RIGHT of the icon stand. This will leave the area to the LEFT of the icon stand for those getting the bread and wine and going back to their seats after communion. We ask that no one go to the communion in the area to the left of the icon. Think about one-way traffic moving counterclockwise. If there are two chalices near the base of the stairs, one line can form to the right with people splitting off to either chalice near the choir.

Transfiguration / Orthodoxy Cookbook – I shared this project with you last newsletter & it’s in the works. Erik Slater is putting together a cookbook of the best recipes from our Parish community and we need your help. We are hoping to “release” this at the 110th Anniversary Celebration in October. If you have a recipe you would like to contribute please get it to Erik (otherwise he will be coming to you to ask for a recipe), along with the ethnicity/background of the recipe.

Softball Tournament – We are planning to once again have a Pan-Orthodox softball tournament in the late summer / early fall. Stay tuned for more details.

Festival - The Festival is almost here. Please see the special insert with all you need to know.

In Christ,
Erin Busken, Senior Warden

5th Annual Orthodox Food Festival (OFF) & Old Globeville Days Update

It's hard to believe that our 5th annual Orthodox Food Festival & Old Globeville Days is less than 2 weeks away (7/19 & 7/20). 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 are 11am - 10pm on Saturday and 11am - 5pm on Sunday.
- Liturgy on the 20th will be at 9:00am.
- We are hoping to expand the kids area to provide some free activities for the kids, particularly the young ones. This is all dependent upon the number of volunteers we have.

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:

- 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. You can do the math - this is a lot of man hours. That's why we need everyone's help!!

See or contact 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.

- 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 Angela Myhr, Bake Sale Coordinator. We want to be sure that we have 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.
- 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.
- 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. Father Joe will be interviewed on 9 News. 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 people to the Festival. Think of family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, friends from other parishes, people you do business with. Please e-mail the flier to everyone in your address list. You can request a PDF version of the flier from me or you can get it on the website. If you would like fliers to post, please get some fliers from the hall (near the coffee) to post.
- If you can't be there to help, consider making a cash donation to off set the costs.
- Sponsor the air castle. This is the highlight of the kids activities. The cost is \$425.00.
- We would like to have an MC for the Festival to introduce the musicians and make various announcements if you know someone that has a Aradio@ voice that might be interested please send them my way.

Please 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.

In Christ,

Erin Busken, Senior Warden & Festival Planning Committee