

Holy Transfiguration of Christ Cathedral Newsletter – July-September, 2009

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Bishop Benjamin to Visit

It is difficult to imagine a hierarch with more responsibilities or more duties than our own Bishop Benjamin. In addition to leading his own Diocese of San Francisco, which is the geographically largest in the OCA, His Grace is also acting as Administrator of the Diocese of Alaska and is carrying out a number of other weighty duties assigned by the Holy Synod.

It seemed as though, with the Alaska Pilgrimage in August, we would not see His Grace this Summer, but he has scheduled a visit in July so that he can be with us as Fr. Joseph and Matushka celebrate their 25th Anniversary of service at Holy Transfiguration and to present Fr. James Worth with the jeweled Cross and Fr. Deacon Alexander Vallens with the Double Orarion.

The dates of his visit are Saturday and Sunday, July 11th and 12th. We will serve VIGIL at 6:30 on Saturday Evening and will meet his Grace at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Michael and Gloria Rogozik are preparing a special dinner that day in honor of their 36th Wedding Anniversary and the 2nd anniversary of Mike's mother, Catherine's, Repose.

Having our Chief Pastor here should be a big boost to our spirits as we prepare for the FESTIVAL the next weekend.

6th Annual ORTHODOX FOOD FESTIVAL & OLD GLOBEVILLE DAYS

This year, a new feature has been added to our popular and successful OFF and OGD Celebration. We are adding a RIVER NORTH ART FAIR to draw attention to the many artists of our Parish, our Community and of the Greater Denver area. This year, the artists are being given free space to display and to sell their work with the expectation that, in the future, we will have people standing in line to pay for a space. As of now, about 18 artists have requested registration forms participate and we anticipate that the surrounding publicity will help boost our over all attendance again this year.

This Combined two day event has produced a great deal of attention for the Cathedral and Globeville Neighborhood, has brought new members both to the Neighborhood Association and to the Parish and provide a significant contribution to the support of our Parish Finances.

As always, we ask each member to sign up for at least one job and all that are able to do so, to throw themselves into this effort with the "Reckless Abandon" which has marked our participation in the past.

25th Annual Rocky Mountain Orthodox Youth Camp

In the Spring of 2005, Mr. John Milosovich and Fr. Joseph traveled around the Front Range and made

calls to locations in Wyoming trying to find a venue in which to reproduce the valuable experience they had both known through the Eastern Orthodox Youth Camp of Kansas City.

With much work by all involved, and especially, by the entire Milosovich Family, a camp came into being at Woodbine Ranch near Sedalia. Over the succeeding years, at least three locations have been used and for the past decade or so, Fr. Anthony Karbo has served as camp director. Still, what has not ever changed is the great experience of having young people from a dozen parishes and several jurisdictions gathered for part of a week to Play, Pray and Learn about their Orthodox Faith and about each other.

Camp this year is at Glacier View Ranch West of Boulder and will run from Sunday Evening 2 August through Noon on Wednesday, August 5th. The cost this year is \$120.00 per child but our parish pays half for each of our children who attend. Campers are aged 6 through 18. We also need Adult Counselors.

Camp Applications and other information are available at the Candle Stand.

About Coffee Hour Luncheons

While our parish meals have always been a vital part of our common life and while our food has become legendary, we have only had our Weekly Coffee Hour Luncheons for less than thirty years. Before that time, people would either leave Church and run home to cook a Sunday meal or they would run to one of the pancake houses for a Sunday brunch. This may have worked OK for some of our fairly affluent older parishioners, but for young families with children, this

meant choosing between spending a lot of money at a restaurant every week, running through a fast food lane or running back to the house so Mom could spend an hour or so over a hot stove. In any case, it meant very little time to get to know one another let alone to build a community.

With the advent of the Sunday lunches, each household found that, by preparing a couple of meals a year on the anniversary of one's marriage, their kids' birth or the annual Parastas of loved ones, or just for the fun of it, they could then enjoy the entire rest of the year by relaxing and being fed. Kids know longer had to be stuffed with donuts and there was a place where everyone could celebrate the monuments of their lives among their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Furthermore, with every family putting four or five dollars a week into the offering basket, the Sisterhood was supplied with a small but regular source of donations.

In the old days, when most of our people lived in the Village of Globeville, members would go after Liturgy to one of the homes in the neighborhood lunch. Now that we are scattered to the four winds, we have made our Hall into our Village. (And, by the way, the whole Parish used to return at 4:00 p.m. for Sunday Evening VESPERS.

Why are we reviewing all of these old facts? Because, about every five or six years, someone asks, "Why do we have coffee hours, anyway. Also, about every five or six years, folks become sloppy about making a weekly donation to the Coffee Hour Basket and the Sisterhood starts to deplete its funds while people who spent \$150-\$300 to make a luncheon

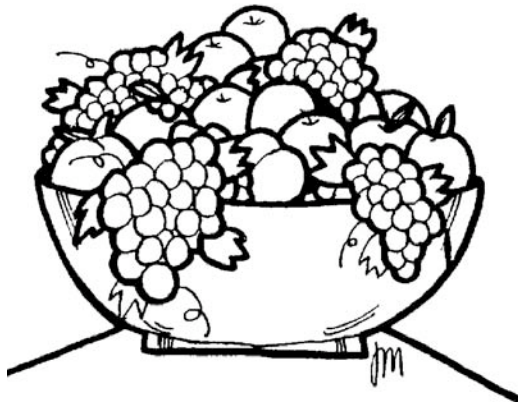
start to wonder, "What was wrong with our meal?"

So, let's remember where we came from. And, let's not go back there. Let's cherish the Coffee Hour Luncheons which have helped us to build the Parish over more than a quarter of a century. Let us sign up for, at least one luncheon a year and let us remember to feed the Sisterhood's Basket.

Parish Feast Day

Our Parish Feast Day, Holy Transfiguration is on a Thursday this year. On Wednesday Evening, the 5th, we will have VIGIL at 6:30 p.m. On the 6th, we will celebrate the Festal LITURGY at 10:00 a.m., followed by a non meat Pot Luck Luncheon (Fish, Wine & oil).

We will bless grapes and other kinds of fruit following both services.



Sisterhood Annual Meeting

The St. Mary's Holy Protection Sisterhood will hold its 112th Annual Meeting following LITURGY on Sunday, 27 September. We hold this Meeting as near as possible to The Feast of Our Lady's Protecting Veil, but the first Sunday in October is the Annual Walk for Breast Cancer and our ladies who walk and then attend Church are pretty tired at that point.

At this meeting we will elect or reelect our officers, discuss plans for the next 12 months and go over budgetary matters. The meeting will not last more than 45 minutes. It will be held during lunch and is open to All ladies of the Parish over the age of 16 years.

There are voluntary dues of \$20.00 per year for the Sisterhood which can be paid up to the end of the year but you need not pay dues to vote or hold office in the Sisterhood.

Charitable Donations

In the last two months we set aside \$1,000 for the work of The Orthodox Christian Mission Center for work in Kluj Romania, We delivered \$1,200 to the Orthodox Children's Hospice in St. Petersburg, Russia and we raised over \$1,300 for the work of St. Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Michael Tarris

Michael Tarris has offered himself for the service of the Church. He may be with us for only a short time or perhaps for as much as another year.

Anyway, when the circumstances arise for his ordination, we want to be able to present him with several sets of Sacred Vestments. Matushka Masha can order these from Kiev, Ukraine for \$350-\$400. A set. If you wish to donate toward this, you may give a check to Ioana Comanicu-Anton, our Sisterhood Treasurer.

Please remember that our bills continue during the Summer, so, when you go on Vacation, please remember that God and His Church do not.

Parish Council Update

Hello everyone. The first half of the year was very busy. Things are slowing down a bit for the summer.

Here's an update:

Annual Bright Friday Pan-Orthodox Dinner Dance (PODD) – Once again, a great time was had by all. The food and fellowship were fantastic. We raised a nice amount of money for the parish as well as charities. We're sending some money to Christina Semon, the missionary that spoke to us. Many people won great door prizes. Special thanks to Colleen Ramos for coordinating all of the prizes.

Festival - The 2009 Festival is just around the corner, **July 18th & 19th**. Please be sure to read the separate article about the Festival. We need the help of everyone in the Parish.

Iconography Presentation - Special thanks to Gabriel Hayman for his iconography presentation during Great Lent. It was very informative. I recorded the presentation. Let me know if you're interested in borrowing a DVD of the presentation. There seems to be interest so we plan to schedule more presentations in the near future; after we all recuperate from the Festival.

Pool Day – We're still planning to schedule several family pool outings to the Globeville pool but have yet to set any dates. We thought this would be a great chance for the kids and families to get to know each other better. It's a great pool and the prices are very reasonable. (FYI – this is a family event meaning parents are responsible for their own kids. There won't be anyone from the parish there to watch the kids.) Stay tuned via e-mail and the weekly bulletin for the dates.

Softball Tournament – We're planning to hold our annual Pan-Orthodox softball tournament in September. The date should be set in the very near future.

In Christ,

Erin Busken, Senior Warden

Orthodox Food Festival (OFF) & Old Globeville Days Update

It's hard to believe that our 6th annual Orthodox Food Festival & Old Globeville Days is less than one month away (7/18 & 7/19). 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 19th will be at 9:00am.**
- **We have added a new component to the Festival – an art show! We are hoping to have a number of local artists including some from RiNo (the River North Arts District)**

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 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. (Booths only need a few people at a time.) 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 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 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. We are hoping to get some TV coverage again this year. 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 flyer to everyone in your address list. (This should be at least 5,000 between all of us) You can request a PDF version of the flier from me or you can get it on the website. If you would like flyers to post, please get some flyers from the hall (near the coffee) to post.**
- **If you can't be there to help, consider making a cash donation to offset the costs.**
- **Sponsor the air castle. This is the highlight of the kid's 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 Radio voice that might be interested please send them my way.**

Please remember this is 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**