



Newsletter

Of the Eastern Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

Annual Meeting

Our annual church meeting was held downstairs after church on January 22, 2017. The meeting was opened with a prayer and called to order at 12:45 p.m. Parish Council member Rod Berg chaired the meeting. Fr. Matthew announced that there are two three-year board positions to be filled. He said that two people (John Selander and Heidi Bondarenko) had agreed to serve and asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. There were none, and John and Heidi were elected by acclamation and will now serve in those positions. John will continue with another three-year term, and Heidi will begin her first three-year term.

Next, the Board Treasurer, Chris Burkett, handed out copies of the 2016 Budget Performance along with the 2017 Budget Overview. He noted that the church building fund now has over \$1,000,000 in it. He also explained that the first priority is to take care of church expenditures, then any other income is put into the building fund.

He pointed out that annual expenditures for running the daily operations of the church are projected to be \$311,901.92 in 2017. He also said that our total income for 2016 was up 22.5% of what was projected, and that there was a 7.5% increase in income over what was projected.

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Theophany Swim

On Sunday, January 12th, after Divine Liturgy, eight hearty souls took the plunge into the duck pond behind the church and speedily swam towards the opposite shore in an effort to be the first one to seize the cross (and also to get out of the icy water as quickly as possible)! All of the swimmers are to be lauded for their bravery in battling the freezing waters. There was even a thin sheet of ice reaching out about 8 feet into the pond that they had to swim through.



The event was originally scheduled for the Sunday before, but there was too much snow, so it had to be rescheduled to the 12th.

The brave swimmers who took on this feat were: Gabriella Hesselink, Joel Wolfberg, Paithen Larkins, Rdr Michael Lowery, and Michael Hodges, who was the first one to shore. Michael will keep this cross in a place of honor in his home and hand it over to next year's winner.



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Fr. Matthew then talked about building plans for the church expansion. Currently, we have \$1,055,585.48 in the building fund, which includes a \$10K and a \$20K donation from anonymous donors. In addition, Christ the Savior Brotherhood (which has ceased operation and is divesting all assets) is sending our church a \$250,000 check, and the Aldercrest house, which the church owns, is now under contract to be sold in the \$630,000 range. He said what this means is that we have the money we need to begin the church expansion, which should probably begin in May and continue to completion in about 6 to 12 months.

Iconography Workshops for Beginner and Advanced Students

The Prosopon Beginner's Iconography Workshop will be held 7/17-7/22 with space for up to 18 "beginning" students. The icon will be of either Archangel Michael or Archangel Gabriel. The cost of the workshop is \$750.00 with supply costs running from \$130 - \$165.

The Advanced Iconography Workshop will be held 7/24-7/29. Prosopon teacher, Dmitri Andreyev, will again be coming to teach. The icon will be of St. Luke the Iconographer. There will be a \$20.00 fee for the paints for the advanced workshop. Boards are available through Pandora Iconographer's Supplies at www.iconboards.com as well as

other suppliers, or you can make your own. This will be an icon with many figures, so it should be a minimum size of 11 X 14. Because of work space, a maximum size would be 17 X 21.

The workshop will hopefully be held at the Church of the Annunciation, 13515 S.E. Rusk Road, Milwaukie, OR. If not there, then it will be at St. Stephen's Serbian Orthodox Church, 11447, S.E. 27th Ave., Milwaukie, OR (about 2-1/2 miles away).

For more information about the Prosopon School of Iconology, please visit:

www.prosoponschool.org. For questions, please contact Coordinator Rosalie Broding by email at broding.oregon@comcast.net or 503-330-6545. Or contact Co-Coordinator Roxy "Mary" Rohan at roxannerohan@gmail.com or 503-729-5965.

Youth Monastery Retreat!

There will be a monastery retreat at St. John's Monastery in Goldendale, Washington, on June 2-4 for the girls of our parish who are in grades 7-12. The cost is \$40/person, which covers gas and donation to the Monastery. RSVP by May 1st to reserve your spot! For further details, contact Rdr. Joshua (Christopher Banke) at cjbanke@gmail.com or 541-619-9612.



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Sacraments and Blessings

Catechumens

New Parishioners



Lizeth Nino (St. Xenia)



Elizabeth "Liz" Singeorzan



Mick Seppala
(St. John
Damascene)



Myles Dressler
(St. [King]
David)



Meisha Shaw
(St. Anna)



“A Glorious Night under the Big Top!”

The Agia Sophia Academy Gala Dinner and Auction will happen on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. You can register at www.ASAgala.org.

Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 3/12 Daylight Savings Time
- 3/19 St. Francis Dining Hall
- 3/25 Annunciation Patronal Feast
Archbishop Benjamin presiding. Festal Meal to follow.
- 3/26 Sunday of St. John Climacus.
Archbishop Benjamin presiding.
- 3/30 Great Canon of St. Andrew

APRIL

- 4/8 Lazarus Saturday
- 4/9 Palm Sunday
- 4/10-15 Holy Week
- 4/15-16 PASCHA & Agape Vespers
- 4/17-22 Bright Week. Liturgy daily.
- 4/25 Radonitsa at the Cemetery

- Mar 19 -- Barton / Aveling
- Mar 26 -- Schuurmans / Myles Dressler
- April 2 -- Youth Group
- April 9 -- Shank / Gerard
- April 16 -- PASCHA
- April 23 -- Johnson / Asano / Olson
- April 30 -- Delgado / Seyon Belai
- May 7 -- Gunderson / Dales / Sayre
- May 14 -- Herring / Klein / Rupp
- May 21 -- Youth Group
- May 28 -- Cazel
- June 4 -- Larkins / Reynolds
- June 11 -- Sarah Silva / Gabriella Hesselink
- June 18 -- Tadesse / Martinsen / Senge
- June 25 -- Broding / Derugin
- July 2 -- S. Green / Selander / Johnson
- July 9 -- Shaw / Nash / McFadden
- July 16 -- Jensen / McMichael
- July 23 -- Shevchenko / Laura Wachsmuth
- July 30 -- McConnell / Johnson / Asano
- Aug 6 -- Walker / Boyd
- Aug 13 -- Vallejos / Mattea

“The true Christian is a warrior making his way through the regiments of the invisible enemy to his heavenly homeland.”
-St. Herman of Alaska

Hospitality Schedule

- Mar 5 -- Vallejos / Matta
- Mar 12 -- Taylor

If you have submissions for the newsletter, please e-mail them to Gail Cramer, islandtimezone@yahoo.com