

DORMITION GUILD REPORT

February 5, 2017

The Dormition Guild's mission is to help perpetuate the Orthodox Faith through services to our Cathedral and our membership, to assist in the completion and decoration of our Cathedral, to purchase and maintain vestments and all cloth coverings used in our services and to provide mutual moral support for members. Our yearly responsibilities include arranging flowers for feast days; parish welfare; repasts; Cathedral grounds beautification; carnations to ladies on Mother's Day; distribution of grapes on Transfiguration; Icon Project; Lenten soup and Pascha bake sale; Blini, Palm Sunday and complimentary luncheon on the feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, our Name's Day. The Guild has 28 members. President, Mark Pietrzykoski; Vice President, Claire Nobles; Treasurer, Andrea Lutov; Assistant Treasurer, Mary Bushallow; Secretary, Paulette Marko. **Dues are \$10 a year and are now being collected for 2017 by Mary Bushallow.**

Incoming/Outgoing: Our 2016 Blini Luncheon profit was **\$652.00**. Of this, \$65 was donated to the coffee hour. Palm Sunday Luncheon netted **\$273.63**, Lenten soup and Pascha Bake Sale **\$6,823.65**, Christmas walnut roll sale **\$1,026.35**. We made and donated 100 pieces of baklava to the Multi-Cultural Festival in June and 12 nut rolls to the Bazaar in October. Expenses included supplies for all our workshops, materials for the Kiot, carnations for Mother's Day, fruit for Transfiguration, and a large spray of white flowers for the Plaschanitsa of the Mother of God and for the Icon on the Feast of the Dormition.

Kiot – Our President, Mark Pietrzykoski, built and erected a beautiful Kiot on Cathedral grounds. We received many compliments and Metropolitan Tikhon seemed pleased.

Icon Project - All icons of this project have now been sponsored and the last four are scheduled to be received by mid-2017. We are thankful to all those who sponsored these 29 beautiful icons. Glory to God for all things. See icon lists with sponsors, memorials and iconographers on the bulletin board downstairs and at stnicholasdc.org under Dormition Guild/Icon Project. Engraved plaques with this information will be attached to the back of each icon. Through the help of Elizabeth Slanta, Member of the Board of the Orthodox Christian Mission Center, our mounted icon reproductions were donated to Bishop David of Alaska for distribution to parishes there. Most will be given to St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Eek, Alaska.

“Jewels of the Cathedral” - We are extending the deadline for our book of biographies of past devoted, parishioners and clergy of St. Nicholas. We have some wonderful biographies and others are being worked on. If you have a loved one who has passed on, please write a few paragraphs to be included in the book. Even a little bit will help to remember them. Please give your biographies to Anna Mighell who is Chair, to Father Valery, or Paulette Marko. May God bless our project.

Appreciation: Thank you to our President, Mark Pietrzykoski, for taking the lead on many workshops as otherwise we would not have been able to hold them. Also, much appreciation and gratitude to Mark for the over 600 hours of his time and labor he donated in 2016 to Cathedral grounds upkeep and beautification and for his many beautiful icon flower arrangements! Thank you to Andrea Lutov, Chair of Parish Welfare, who sent cards to Cathedral homebound parishioners every month and sympathy, get well and birthday wishes to the entire Cathedral community. Guild members helped with several repasts of St. Nicholas parishioners in 2016 and we thank them. Thank you also to all who came to help at our workshops, Guild member or not. We were happy to provide lunch for you and hope that you will come again to help this year. We also appreciate the monetary donations we received from parishioners in 2016. God Bless!

We thank the St. Nicholas Cathedral community for its support of our projects and activities and extend a warm welcome to all parishioners to join the Dormition Guild.