

DORMITION GUILD REPORT for Annual Meeting **February 4, 2018**

The Dormition Guild has 31 members and our Spiritual Adviser is Father Valery Shemchuk. Board Members are President, Mark Pietrzykoski; Vice President, Lisa Mikhalevsky; Treasurer, Mary Bushallow; Assistant Treasurer, Andrea Lutov; Secretary, Paulette Marko. Dues are \$10 a year.

Mark Pietrzykoski chaired the repast for Matushka Lydia Malasch in January, 2017. Memory Eternal.

Income: Our 2017 Blini Luncheon profit was \$602.50. Combined Lenten soup sales, Palm Sunday Luncheon, and Pascha Bake Sale profit was \$10,291.96. Profit for Christmas soup and roll sale was \$1,661.84. Monetary donations to the Guild in 2017 totaled \$998.00.

Expenses: New commercial freezer \$2,197.20; four chandeliers & installation \$2,911.80; seven branch candelabra cleaned & lacquered \$650.00; banquet chairs (and storage dollies) for church hall and annex \$2991.74; materials to reupholster chairs in church \$980.00; complimentary Dormition luncheon \$157.21, flowers for Theotokos Plaschanitsa and Icon \$205.15; carnation corsages and flowers for Mother's Day \$196.00; flowers for Nativity of Theotokos Feast Day \$62.75; flowers for Entry of the Theotokos Feast Day \$62.90; six candle stands, 4 candle holders, votives, gold buttons and one green vestment (complimentary) \$1,488.73. Mark undertook beautification of the Golgotha area to include the creation of a ledge behind the candle boxes and in front and behind the cross and icon. On the back a custom oak table was made to support the candelabra and a new large arrangement of silk flowers to adorn the shrouds of Christ and the Theotokos. A custom oak table was made to hold the candelabra and flowers for the center of the church during the Dormition Feast. Mark also made a cherry and walnut frame with a glass cover to protect the Festal Icons for veneration. The Guild donated \$100 to Teimouraz Nijaradze's medical fund.

Outreach – This year we added Outreach to our yearly activities in the form of a donation of icons to a mission parish. In October 2017 a kiot with a set of 13 interchangeable Feast Day Icons was sent to Father Basil Zebrun, Saint Barbara OC in Fort Worth, TX and taken to Archangel Gabriel Mission in Azle, TX, where he celebrates one service a week. The mission is made up of 34 plus former members of Saint Barbara. Father Basil emailed that we made them very happy and that the icons are so beautiful that he will look into a set for his own parish focusing on the Saints of the year as found on the calendar. Total cost to the Guild was \$390.00.

Icon Project – All icons of our Dormition Guild Icon Project have been received as of January 19, 2018. Our Project took over 7 years to complete. We are thankful to all those who sponsored the 30 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. We are now getting cost estimates for the plaques for the back of the icons.

“Jewels of the Cathedral” - We hope to get some major work done on this book in 2018. Please turn in biographies of past devoted parishioners and clergy of St. Nicholas to Father Valery or Anna Mighell. If you have a loved one who has passed on, please write a few paragraphs to be included in the book and give it to Father Valery, Anna Mighell, Chair of Project, or Paulette Marko. May God bless our Project.

Appreciation: Thank you to our President, Mark Pietrzykoski, for taking the lead on many workshops and for his time and labor in 2017 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. Also appreciation to Mary Bushallow who sent many cards all year to our homebound.

We appreciate all who came to help at our baking/cooking workshops, Guild member or not. We were happy to provide lunch for you and hope that you will come to help again this year. Thank you to all those who made monetary donations to the Guild in 2017 and to those who donated food for our luncheons. We appreciate your support. 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.