

DORMITION GUILD REPORT

Annual Meeting, February 24, 2019

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. We have 31 members and dues are \$10 a year.

Income: Our 2018 Blini Luncheon profit was (\$898.79); Palm Sunday Luncheon (\$629.37), combined Lenten Soup and Pascha Bake Sale profit (\$8,488.23), and for Christmas soup and roll sales (\$1,690.00). Monetary donations to the Guild in 2018 totaled \$1,461.00 (toward luncheons, candleholders and for Mark cleaning up gravesite of a former parishioner). Total Income: \$13,167.39

Expenses: Sixteen candleholders (\$304.00), four freezer shelves (\$240.00), 40 qt. pot with lid and food mill (\$239.33), three vigil lamps (\$1,260.00), lampada bracket repair (\$198.00), flowers for Annunciation (\$74.54), carnations and other flowers for Mother's Day (\$140.00), grapes for Transfiguration (\$84.46), flowers for Dormition Plaschanitsa and Icon (\$238.47), Dormition Luncheon (\$350.55), flowers for Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple (\$93.30), thirty icon plaques and supplies (\$631.82), Christmas roll workshop (\$133.42), and outreach donation kiot/icons (\$310.00) Total Expenses: \$4,297.89

Lampada glass was purchased in various colors needed for the different Feast Days. Also, silk red roses were added to the wooden cross of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross so that it is available for perpetual adoration. The cross is located behind the Golgotha.

Outreach – Donation of a kiot with 13 interchangeable Feast Day Icons was sent to Archangel Gabriel Mission, Hickory, NC. Father Christopher Foley, priest of Holy Cross Orthodox Church, High Point, NC, who oversees the Mission writes, "They are a strong committed group of about 25-30 folks endeavoring to establish an Orthodox presence in this area that does not have an Orthodox Church." The mission currently meets in an old chapel of a Lutheran Church which allows them to keep everything set up. In 2017 our donation went to a mission parish of the same name but in Azle, TX.

Dormition Guild Icon Project – Plaques have been affixed to the backs of each of the 30 icons of our Project. This concludes the Icon Project which took nine years to complete. Glory to God for all things! We thank all those who sponsored these beautiful icons. See icon lists with sponsors, memorials and iconographers at stnicholasdc.org or on the bulletin board downstairs.

"Jewels of the Cathedral" – Unfortunately, this book in memory of past-devoted parishioners and clergy of St. Nicholas is in hiatus. We received just a few biographies. Many people have asked about it and think it is a wonderful idea but we cannot proceed without more input. We request that if you have a loved one who has passed on, please consider writing a few paragraphs to be included in the book and give it to Father Valery, Anna Mighell, Chair of Project, or Paulette Marko.

Appreciation: Thank you to our President, Mark Pietrzykoski, for chairing many Guild workshops and for all his time and labor in 2018 to Cathedral grounds upkeep and beautification. His flower arrangements are increasingly more beautiful! We are grateful to Andrea Lutov, Chair of Parish Welfare, for sending cards to Cathedral homebound parishioners every month and sympathy, get well and birthday wishes to the entire Cathedral community. Also, appreciation goes to Mary Bushallow who sent many cards all year to our homebound. Samantha Cath mended priests' and altar servers' vestments, a much-needed task for quite a number of years. Paul Moser converted our file so it could be used by the printer for the icon plaques. A special thank you to both for their help.

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