

ANNOUNCEMENT
**OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE PROTECTION OF
THE MOTHER OF GOD RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.**

The meeting is scheduled for **11:30 on Sunday, May 18, 2008**, upon the completion of the Divine Liturgy. It will take place in the church hall.

Following the procedure prescribed by the 21st paragraph of our parish bylaws: if at the meeting's designated hour the number of people attending does not constitute the required quorum, another meeting will be held an hour later (i.e. 12:30 pm on the same day), which will be considered valid regardless of the number of people present. The right to vote at the meeting or to be elected to a parish office is restricted to parishioners who are present in person. According to the church bylaws, parishioners who have not paid their dues for 3 months lose the right to vote and to be elected to office until they pay these dues.

Proposed Agenda:

- 1) Approval of Agenda.
- 2) Fr. Gregory's Report
- 3) Financial Report on regular accounts
- 4) Report of Building Fund Treasurer
- 5) Report of the Auditing Commission
- 6) Ratification of the budget for 2008
 - Proposal: Increase the monthly membership contribution to \$25 for working members and \$12 for non-working members.
- 7) Reports of the Sisterhood President and Sisterhood treasurer
- 8) Election of Church Warden
- 9) Election of Council Members
- 10) Election of the Auditing Commission
- 11) Election of Parish Trustees
- 12) Report on the Iconography project by Fr. Gregory
- 13) Other current business: Items for discussion under "other current business" must first be submitted, approved and added during the "Approval of Agenda" phase (#1) of the meeting.

PARISH OFFICIALS DURING LAST YEAR (2007)

Included in the Parish Council because of their office:

Members of the Clergy: Deacon Andrej Strapko, Subdeacon P.M. Naumov, Reader Nicephor Franklin, Reader Timothy Hawkins.

Starosta: Vacancy

President of the Sisterhood: Mrs. Irina Parker

Treasurer: Mrs. N.S. Kutyreff

Regular Funds Bookkeeper: Mr. Marc Parker

Treasurer of the Building Fund: Deacon Andrej Strapko

Bookkeeper of the Building Fund: Alexander Lantuh

Secretary of the Parish Council: Mrs. N.A. Wrobel

Elected Members of the Church Council: Mr. I.V. Kutyreff, Mr. Andrew N. Babish:, Mrs. Olga Huber, Mrs. Ludmila Fishman, Mrs. G.A. Garris, Mr. N.A. Wachtel, Mrs L. D. Makarova

Trustees of the Parish (3 year term) L.A. Tkaczewski (term ends - end of 2009) / Dr. H.V. Strapko (term ends - end of 2007) / George Huber (term ends - end of 2009), / Mr. Marc Parker (term ends - end of 2008)

Auditing Commission for 2007:

Mrs. Ria Harris, Mrs. Olga Wachtel, Mrs. Elena Glebova



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Dear parishioners and friends of our parish!

An Orthodox parish is a unique institution. It is supported neither by the government, nor by any secular corporation. Its only support comes from the donations of believing church-goers. Those faithful who hold God's Church precious pledge to give a set contribution regularly. Because of this, the church community can count on a more or less guaranteed sum for the day to day operating expenses of the church. We call these regular offerings *monthly parish membership contributions*.

The budget for 2007 approved at our last General Parish Meeting predicted a possible deficit. It was to be covered by an appeal for special donations for deficit reduction. The unexpected jump in energy costs has added to our budget gap. The fact that a group of our parishioners left our parish because they did not agree with the reconciliation of our Russian Church Outside of Russia with the Moscow Patriarchate also decreased our revenues. This is why we are turning to you with this special fund drive. With the help of God, through your generosity, we hope to resolve the present difficulties and erase the current deficit.

We are convinced that you treasure our new church, dedicated to the Most-pure Mother of God, our Protectress. We humbly entreat all our parishioners not to limit themselves only to payment of parish membership contributions (parish dues), but to also make voluntary donations, each according to their abilities. We ask the friends of our parish to help us out, if this is at all possible. And those faithful who attend our church but have not yet become members of our parish, we entreat to join as soon as possible. This will enable us to maintain our church on a level appropriate for a House of God.

Please help out by donating funds for specific causes on the form printed on the opposite side of this sheet. Please fill in the form, and send it to the church with your donation in the enclosed envelope. All donations will be publicized. If you would like to remain anonymous, please check the appropriate box.

We thank you for your generosity! May God bless you abundantly!

With love in Christ,

Archpriest Gregory Naumenko
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DONATION TO THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH:

Name of Donor:

Address of Donor


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Please designate the amount you wish earmarked for the following items:

- \$ _ For general needs and expenses of the church
- \$ _ For purchase of Altar wine for the Eucharist
- \$ _ For purchase of oil for lampadas of the church
- \$ _ For purchase of candles
- \$ _ For purchase of incense and charcoal for the church services
- \$ _ For purchase of service books and notes for the choir
- \$ _ For maintenance of the photocopy machine
- \$ _ For purchase of oil for the church oil lamps
- \$ _ For vestments
- \$ _ For the support of our Diocesan authorities
- \$ _ Towards the priest's salary and compensation
- \$ _ For the beautification of the church
- \$ _ For church cleaning expenses
- \$ _ For parish office expenses
- \$ _ Repairs and maintenance of our facilities
- \$ _ Towards the costs of insurance on our church buildings
- \$ _ Heating and lighting
- \$ _ Towards the benevolent fund of the church
- \$ _ Towards purchases of new equipment
- \$ _ For city fees (water, refuse collection, street cleaning)
- \$ _ For snow removal from our parking lot
- \$ _ Towards purchases of items for our kiosk
- \$ _ For the costs associated with sending out our parish schedule
- \$ _ For Parish Web Page (pomog.org)
- \$ _ For outdoor maintenance (flowers, grass cutting, leaves, etc)
- \$ _ Parish telephone expenses
- \$ _ For the maintenance of our elevator
- \$ _ For Fire and Burglar Alarm maintenance and monitoring
- \$ _ For unexpected parish expenses
- \$ _ For the Parish Savings Account

\$ _ TOTAL AMOUNT OF DONATION

If you would like your donation listed as anonymous, please the following box — 

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