

St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

Ann Arbor, MI ~ Founded 1981

Very Rev. Fr.
Gregory Joyce,
Rector

January 10/23, 2012
St. Gregory of Nyssa

Mercurius Meyer,
Starosta

Dear Parishioners of St. Vladimir Orthodox Church,

Molly (Sophia)
Martinchek, Treasurer

The time for St. Vladimir's Annual Meeting is quickly approaching. According to the Parish By-Laws of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, each parish is to meet annually, to elect parish officers and trustees, and to hear reports from the Rector and certain of the parish officers. The 2011 meeting has been called for **Sunday, February 19, 2012, immediately following the Divine Liturgy**. In order to take part in the election of officers and trustees, or to vote on any matter at the annual meeting, one must be a member of the parish. The following is the definition of a member, from the Parish By-Laws:

Alexander
Alexandrov,
Secretary

All Orthodox Christians of both sexes, regardless of their nationality, who have reached the age of 21 years, who pay the established membership dues, who make their confession and take Holy Communion not less than once a year, and who take care of the moral and economic welfare of the parish may become parish members.

Zhanna (Ioanna)
Skalitzky, Head of the
Sisterhood

Dimitri Kashchenko,
Trustee

Dmitri Knysch,
Trustee

Mary Ann
McCulloch, Trustee

Leta (Ksenia)
Nikulshina, Trustee

Konstantin
Poplavsky, Assistant
Starosta

Additionally, those living in open violation of the Canons or Rules of the Orthodox Faith may not take part in the meeting or hold parish offices.

If you attend our church and consider yourself to be a parishioner, but you have not yet become a member, please consider doing so! To become a member of our parish please contact one of our membership coordinators: Vasilii Krivtsov (vasiliy.krivtsov@gmail.com or 734-669-8712) or Dmitry Knysch (dmitriknysch@hotmail.com or 734-358-5996). If you are not sure if you have paid your membership dues for this year, please also contact Vasilii or Dmitry.

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I urge you all to make plans to participate in the meeting. Let us not forget to approach this meeting with thoughtfulness, humility, prayer, and with love for God and our fellow man. Let us remember that it is we who need God, not God who needs us. Let us meet as the brothers and sisters in Christ that we are, asking God's blessings for our parish family, that we will be found worthy stewards of the parish that He has entrusted to our care.

I look forward to seeing you all on February 19 at the Annual Meeting!

Your Servant in Christ,



Very Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce

Enclosure: Proposed Agenda

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Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**

**2011 Annual Parish Meeting
February 19, 2012**

Proposed Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer: "O Heavenly King ..."
- II. Recognition of a quorum
- III. Adoption of the Proposed Agenda
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Rector's Report
 - B. Starosta's Report
 - C. Treasurer's Report
 - D. Sisterhood Report
 - E. Brotherhood Report
 - F. Youth Group Report
 - G. Church School Report
 - H. Membership Report
 - I. Building Team Report
- V. New Business
 - A. Election of Parish Officers
 - 1. Starosta – term runs through 2014
 - 2. Treasurer (1 Year Term)
 - 3. Secretary (1 Year Term)
 - 4. Trustees (2 minimum – 5 maximum) (1 Year Term)

Note: All parish clergy are, by nature of their rank, members of the Parish Council if they so desire.

Note: The time commitment for Parish Council members is approximately 4 hours per month (one regularly scheduled meeting of 2 hours and the possibility of a special meeting)
 - B. Election of Auditing Committee – Three parish members (not Parish Council members) elected to audit all the parish ledgers.
 - C. Election of Editing Committee – Two parish members elected to aid the Rector and the Secretary in the preparation of the minutes of the Annual Meeting for submission to the diocesan bishop. The minutes must be submitted not more than seven days following the Annual Meeting, that is, by Monday, February 27, 2012.
 - D. New Church/Social Space Project – Update
- VI. Closing Prayer: "It is truly meet..."