

St. Vladimir Orthodox Church

A Parish of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

Ann Arbor, MI ~ Founded 1981

Very Rev. Fr.
Gregory Joyce,
Rector

February 1/14, 2016
Martyr Tryphon

Nathan (Nathaniel)
Longan, Starosta

Dear Parishioners of St. Vladimir Orthodox Church,

Subdeacon Andrei
Rodzianko,
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 2015 meeting has been called for **Sunday, March 6, 2016, 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

Konstantin
Poplavsky,
Head of the Parish
Brotherhood

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.

Ksenia Nikulshina,
Head of the Parish
Sisterhood

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Dmitri Knysh,  
Trustee

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.

Jack (Alexey)  
Mitchell, Trustee

Igor Obertas,  
Trustee

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: Vasiliy Krivtsov (vasiliy.krivtsov@gmail.com or 734-669-8712) or Dmitry Knysh (dmitriknys@hotmai.com or 734-358-5996). If you are not sure if you have paid your membership dues for this year, please also contact Vasiliy or Dmitry.

Kurt (Seraphim)  
Stevens, Trustee

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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 March 6 at the Annual Meeting!

Your Servant in Christ,



Very Rev. Fr. Gregory Joyce

Enclosure: Proposed Agenda

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1/14 февраля 2016 г.
Мученик Трифон

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Уважаемые прихожане Свято-Владимирского храма,

Subdeacon Andrei
Rodzianko,
Treasurer

Приближается ежегодное собрание Свято-Владимирского прихода. Согласно Приходскому уставу Русской Православной Церкви Заграницей, каждый приход должен ежегодно проводить собрание, чтобы избирать должностных лиц и попечителей, а также заслушивать отчеты настоятеля и некоторых должностных лиц. Собрание 2015 г. назначено на **Воскресенье, 6 марта 2016 г., сразу после Божественной литургии**. Принимать участие в выборах должностных лиц и попечителей, а также голосовать по другим вопросам могут быть только члены прихода. Ниже приведено определение члена согласно Приходскому уставу:

Alexander
Alexandrov,
Secretary

Konstantin
Poplavsky,
Head of the Parish
Brotherhood

Членами прихода могут стать все Православные христиане, независимо от пола и национальности, достигшие 21 года, которые платят установленные членские взносы, исповедуются и причащаются Святых Тайн не реже раза в год, заботящиеся о моральном и экономическом благосостоянии прихода.

Ksenia Nikulshina,
Head of the Parish
Sisterhood

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Dmitri Knysh,  
Trustee

Кроме того, те кто живет, открыто нарушая Каноны или правила Православной веры, не могут принимать участие в собрании или занимать должности в приходе.

Jack (Alexey)  
Mitchell, Trustee

Igor Obertas,  
Trustee

Если вы посещаете наш храм и считаете себя его прихожанином, однако еще не стали членом прихода – подумайте об этом. Чтобы вступить в члены прихода, обратитесь или к Василию Кривцову (vasiliy.krivtsov@gmail.com или 734-669-8712) или к Дмитрию Кньшу (dmitriknysh@hotmail.com или 734-358-5996). Если вы не помните, уплатили ли взносы за этот год – также обратитесь к Василию или к Дмитрию .

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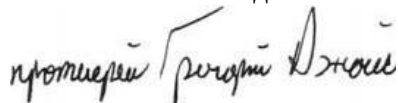
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Я призываю всех вас придти на это собрание. Давайте помнить о том, что готовиться к собранию надо обдуманно, со смирением и молитвой, любовью к Богу и ближнему. Давайте помнить, что это мы нуждаемся в Боге, а не Он в нас. Давайте соберемся, как братья и сестры во Христе и испросим у Бога благословения на наш приход, чтобы мы все были достойными служителями храма, который Он поручил нашим заботам.

Надеюсь увидеть всех вас 6 марта на ежегодном приходском собрании!

С любовью о Господе нашем Иисусе Христе,



Протоиерей Григорий Джойс

Приложение: предлагаемая повестка дня

**St. Vladimir Orthodox Church
Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia**

**2015 Annual Parish Meeting
March 6, 2016**

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
 - J. IOCC Parish Report
- V. New Business
 - A. Election of Parish Officers
 - 1. Starosta – term runs through 2016
 - 2. Treasurer (1 Year Term)
 - 3. Secretary (1 Year Term)
 - 4. Trustees (2 minimum – 5 maximum) (1 Year Term)

Note: All full time 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, March 13, 2016.
 - D. Election of Representatives to “Russia with Love” – Two parish members to attend monthly meetings in 2016 and provide periodic reports to the Rector of the group’s activities
 - E. Diocesan Blanket 501c3 Participation (see attached)
 - F. New Church/Social Space Project – Update
- VI. Closing Prayer: "It is truly meet..."

**Православный храм Св. Владимира
Русская Православная Церковь Заграницей**

**Ежегодное приходское собрание 2015 г.
6 марта 2016 г.**

Предлагаемая повестка дня

- I. Начальная молитва: "Царю Небесный ..."
- II. Проверка наличия кворума
- III. Принятие предлагаемой повестки дня
- IV. Старые вопросы
 - A. Отчет настоятеля
 - B. Отчет старосты
 - C. Отчет казначея
 - D. Отчет сестричества
 - E. Отчет братства
 - F. Отчет молодежного кружка
 - G. Отчет приходской школы
 - H. Отчет по членам прихода
 - I. Отчет строительной группы
 - J. Отчет ЮСС (Международная православная благотворительная организация)
- V. Новые вопросы
 - A. Выборы должностных лиц прихода
 1. Староста – на срок до 2016 г.
 2. Казначей (на 1 год)
 3. Секретарь (на 1 год)
 4. Попечители (не менее 2 – не более 5) (на 1 год)

Примечание. Все клирики прихода, в силу своего сана, могут быть членами приходского совета, если желают того.

Примечание. Для выполнения обязанностей членов приходского совета требуется около 4 часов в месяц (одно регулярное собрание продолжительностью 2 часа, возможны дополнительные собрания)
 - B. Выборы контрольной комиссии – Три члена прихода (не являющиеся членами Приходского совета), выбранные для контроля всех бухгалтерских книг прихода.
 - C. Выборы издательской комиссии – Два члена прихода, избранные для помощи настоятелю и секретарю при подготовке протокола ежегодного собрания для представления епархиальному архиерею. Протокол должен быть представлен в течение семи дней после ежегодного собрания, т.е. до понедельника, 13 марта 2016 г.
 - D. Выбор представителей в организации "Russia with Love" – два члена прихода будут участвовать в ежемесячных совещаниях в 2016 г. и периодически информировать настоятеля о деятельности группы.
 - E. Получение статуса благотворительной организации по ст. 501с3 в составе епархии (см. приложение)
 - F. Проект нового храма и зала для мероприятий – Последние новости
- VI. Завершающая молитва: "Достойно есть ..."

Addendum to the Agenda

In order for St. Vladimir Parish to participate in the blanket 501c3 of the Diocese of Chicago and Mid-America (which we absolutely want to do for reasons listed below) it is necessary for the parish, at an annual or extraordinary meeting, to adopt a perfunctory change to the parish by-laws. This change applies only to paragraph 56 of the Normal Parish By-Laws, which govern our parish. New and old verbiage of paragraph 56 are found below.

Participating in the diocese's 501c3 rather than arranging for our own has a major positive effect on our parish:

1. We will not need to pay the thousands of dollars it would take to obtain our own 501c3
2. By being a 501c3 organization we will be considered the “gold standard” for receiving tax-deductible donations, especially large donations. Other 501c3 organizations often mandate that those to whom they make donations be a 501c3 as well. As our diocesan lawyer wrote in a recent memorandum to the Rectors of the diocese:

“An ordinary parish is assumed by the IRS to be a tax-exempt organization. Parishes are able to accept donations and operate without paying Federal income taxes or seeking affirmative designation from the IRS (known as “501(c)(3) status”). However, parishes occasionally encounter circumstances where they need a clear statement from the IRS of their tax exempt status. For example: the United States Customs and Immigration Services requires 501(c)(3) designation before it will award religious workers visas. Private foundations may require the designation before making a donation. And some local tax agencies also require Federal acknowledgment.”

In order to participate in the diocese 501c3 the parish must adopt the text of the new paragraph 56 below. This is a perfunctory change which has no practical effect on our parish, but the new text aligns with the IRS' standards for 501c3 organizations.

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Previous text of paragraph 56:

“The closing of the parish can take place only subject to the method set forth in Par. 54 of these By-Laws, while the entire personal and real estate of the parish shall be turned over to the direct management and disposition of the Diocesan Authorities as per the direction of the Ruling Bishop.”

New text of paragraph 56 to be approved at the March 6, 2016 annual meeting:

“The closing of the parish can take place only subject to the method set forth in Par. 54 of these By-Laws. The assets of the parish shall be distributed to the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America or its successor organization, provided that the Diocese is and remains organized exclusively for charitable, religious education, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If assets cannot be distributed to the Diocese or its successor organization, then assets shall be distributed to the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, or its successor organization, provided that said organization is organized for exempt purposes within the

meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If the Synod of Bishops of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia, or its successor organization no longer exists, then assets shall be distributed to any Eastern Orthodox Christian organization which is organized for exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If no such organizations exist, then assets shall be distributed to any not-for-profit institution which is organized exclusively for charitable, religious education, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, provided those purposes are not opposed to the moral, theological, and dogmatic tradition of the Russian Orthodox faith, and for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.”