



AUTUMN 2009 NEWSLETTER

Events

S novim godom

S novim godom – that’s the Russian equivalent of Happy New Year. Mark your calendar and reserve Jan. 16, 2010 for the Friends of the Sacred Landmark Initiative celebration of Russian new year.

Actually, the Julian calendar Jan. 1 falls on the modern calendar Jan. 13. Because that is in the middle of the week, the Friends have chosen the following Saturday, Jan. 16, as the date for the event.

The celebration will take place at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic church, 2711 West 40th Street, Lorain. All are welcome to take part in the Divine Liturgy at 5 p.m. in the church. Doors to the church hall will open at 6 p.m.

Guests are welcome to wear partial or complete Russian folk costumes.

You will be welcomed to the hall by greeters with the traditional bread and salt and a shot – alcoholic or non-alcoholic – as you choose. Enter, then, into a winter wonderland specially designed for the occasion.

While you wait for dinner to be served, enjoy zakuski (hors d’oeuvres) and companionship with the other guests.

There will also be entertainment. Singers and dancers will perform for your enjoyment. A fortune teller will be on hand

to tell your fortune. The strolling brothers will provide violin music during dinner.

According to the tentative menu, the dinner will begin with Russian borscht, a salad of cucumbers in sour cream, beef stroganoff or chicken kiev with straw potatoes and Charlotte Russe for desert. Guests are invited to bring their own alcoholic beverages.

The event will end with the arrival of midnight (around actual 10 p.m.) and toasting the new year, wishing one another, “S novim godom.” and singing the Mnogaya leyta – God grant you many years.

The price for tickets is \$40 per person, \$75 per couple or a group rate of \$300 for a table of eight people or \$375 for a table of 10 people. Proceeds from the event will help fund the publication of the Lorain County Stained Glass monograph.

Looking for volunteers

Many volunteers will be needed to make the S novim godom event a resounding success. If you are able to be a greeter at the door, serve the meal, clean up afterward, help decorate, or help take down the decorations, please call the Sacred Landmarks Initiative office at (440) 866-4590 or e-mail to sli@lorainccc.edu. Your help will be appreciated immensely.

More about our Russian New Year celebration



By far the most ambitious program that the Friends of the Sacred Landmarks Initiative, the planning has been in progress since late spring.

Features of the evening include an invitation to participate in the Byzantine-rite Divine Liturgy at (Mass) at 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas church, with church tours available throughout the evening.

Doors to the church hall open at 6 p.m. Guests will be greeted with the traditional greeting and offering of bread, salt and a shot of the beverage of your choice – vodka, juice or water.

Enter the specially designed winter wonderland and sample zakuski (hors d'oeuvres) while enjoying the music of strolling violinists. Have your fortune told by our Russian fortune teller.

During dinner of Russian-themed food, and afterward, there will be choral entertainment, dancing with audience participation, door prizes, raffles and a visit from Father Winter and the Snow Maiden.

Guests are invited to wear Russian-style peasant clothing.

Reservation Form for S Novim Godom

Saturday, January 16, 2010

Name _____

Please indicate which meal you would prefer:

_____ Chicken _____ Beef _____ Vegetarian

Number of people attending: _____ x \$40 (\$75 per couple)

I would like to purchase a table: _____ 8 seats \$300; or _____ 10 seats \$375

You will receive written confirmation of your reservation by mail. Thank you.

Please send checks payable to:

FSLI
1005 N. Abbe Rd. SP 108
Elyria, OH 44035

Directions to St. Nicholas church

St. Nicholas church and hall are located at 2711 West 40th St., Lorain, off of Route 58 (Leavitt Road), about one-half mile west of the intersection of those two streets.



Upcoming events in the Food and Faith series

Look for future information about our upcoming spring events in the Food and Faith series.

Planned for January is an instructional workshop about making pierogi. The event will be held at Nativity church, Lorain.

In March all are invited to the Seder at Agudath B'nai synagogue, Lorain.

Dates and times of these programs will be announced in the near future.