

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, Wallsend

2009 Annual General Meeting

Why have an Annual General Meeting?

Every year, parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia are obliged to hold an Annual General Meeting of parish members.

When will the 2009 Annual General Meeting be held?

The Annual General Meeting of the parish will be held on **Sunday 22 November 2009** at **12.00pm** in the parish hall at 3 Irving Street, Wallsend.

A light lunch will be provided at the meeting.

Preparing for the Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting is lawfully convened if the meeting is announced in church on three successive Sundays and if parish members receive notice of the meeting and the agenda at least 3 weeks before the meeting.

Announcements will be made in church on the following Sundays: **25 October, 8 November** and **22 November 2009**. The meeting agenda is on the reverse of this leaflet.

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting

For decisions at an Annual General Meeting to be valid, two-thirds of financial parish members must be present. If less than two-thirds of members are present, the meeting must be postponed for an hour, and may then start with whoever is present. So as not to delay proceedings and inconvenience others, it is therefore important that all financial members either attend the meeting or give their apologies in advance.

Parish Membership

Parish membership is for a calendar year, from January to December. Those parish members who have not paid their dues in 2009 should now do so if they wish to participate in the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Non-members wishing to become parish members are welcome to do so. As the Parish By-Laws stipulate a waiting period of six months before new members can vote or be elected to Parish Council, it will not be possible for new members to vote at the 2009 Annual General Meeting.

An exception will be made for those who were financial members of the former Theophany parish in 2008-09.

With Metropolitan Hilarion's blessing, all financial 2008-09 members of the Theophany parish can become parish members with full voting rights at the 2009 Annual General Meeting. This is consistent with the provisions in the Parish By-Laws for members of other parishes of the Russian Orthodox Church outside Russia.

All new and continuing members are reminded that the Parish By-Laws require an application for parish membership to be in writing. To make this easier and to ensure that necessary information is collected, application forms are available upon request from the Starosta, Nikolai Goura. Alternatively, membership forms can be downloaded and printed from the parish website, www.stnicholaswallsend.org.au.

Nominations for Parish Council

Although parish Annual General Meetings usually elect a Parish Council for the coming year, with Metropolitan Hilarion's blessing no elections will take place this year. This is because it was judged best to ensure continuity of administration in view of significant changes in parish life during 2009. Elections for Parish Council will next be held as usual in 2010.

Parish Annual Report

As in previous years, the Parish Council will compile financial and other reports into a parish Annual Report. To allow parish members to carefully consider it beforehand, the Annual Report will be distributed to financial parish members at least one week before the meeting.

Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting

A copy of the minutes of the 2008 AGM will be provided to members together with the Annual Report. These minutes will be tabled at the forthcoming meeting for members to endorse as an accurate record of last year's meeting.

Additional information

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Father James Carles (0428-639156 or 4342-0015) or Hanna Lestone (4933-4866).

24 October 2009

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Members of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, Wallsend, are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the parish will be held on **Sunday 22 November 2009** at **12.00pm** in the parish hall at 3 Irving Street, Wallsend.

Agenda

Procedural items

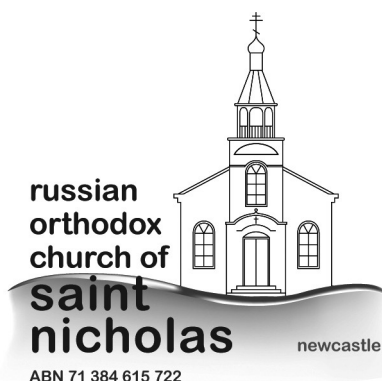
1. Prayer, opening remarks
2. Election of AGM vice-president and minutes secretary
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Tabling and acceptance of previous minutes

Receipt of parish Annual Report

5. To consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:
"That the 2009 Annual Report of Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church, Wallsend, be accepted".

Conclusion

6. Closing remarks, appointment of editing committee for minutes, prayer



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