

Communities

Chicago's Holy Trinity Cathedral receives \$75,000 Partners in Preservation grant

CHICAGO, IL – Historic Holy Trinity Cathedral here was one of a handful of Chicago-area historic sites to be awarded a grant from Partners in Preservation recently.

The cathedral serves as the see of the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of the Midwest.

Partners in Preservation is an alliance between the American Express Corporation and the National Trust for Historic Places. At the beginning of September 2007, it initiated a special competition allowing the public to vote for favorite historic sites in need of preservation.

The cathedral placed among the top 25 finalists selected from a field of over 150 applicants. Voting ended on October 10, with judging taking place two weeks later.

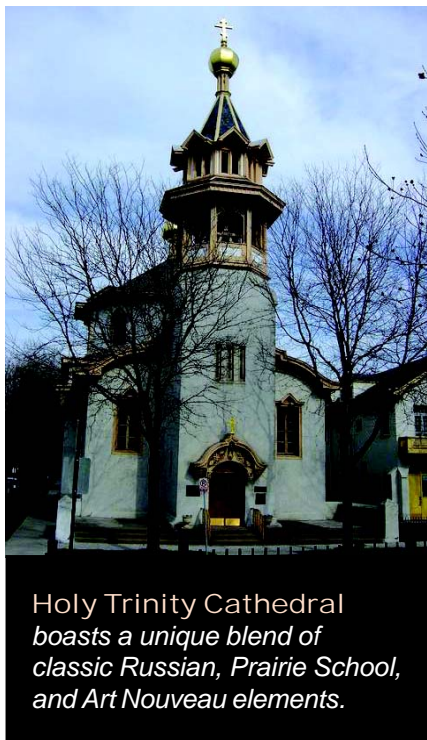
At a gala reception on November 10, Partners in Preservation announced that the cathedral would receive a \$75,000 grant for restoration of the decorative metalwork on the cathedral's exterior. Fr. John Adamcio, dean, attended on behalf of the cathedral community.

Walker Johnson of Johnson and Laskey Architects will serve as lead architect for the restoration, with support from Anne Sullivan, who has assisted in discerning a number of necessary restoration projects on the cathedral.

The cathedral, one of only two churches designed by renowned Midwest architect and Frank Lloyd Wright mentor Louis Sullivan – the other Sullivan church, built on Chicago's south side, was recently destroyed by fire – was built in the early 1900s during the pastorate of St. John Kochurov. It was consecrated in 1904 by St. Tikhon, during his tenure as bishop of North America.

According to parish council president, Peter Rosi, and cathedral building and restoration committee chairman, Nicholas Yurschak, the grant, while very generous, falls short of covering the entire restoration project. Plans for securing additional funds to complete the project are being explored.

– Father John Matusiak ■



Holy Trinity Cathedral boasts a unique blend of classic Russian, Prairie School, and Art Nouveau elements.

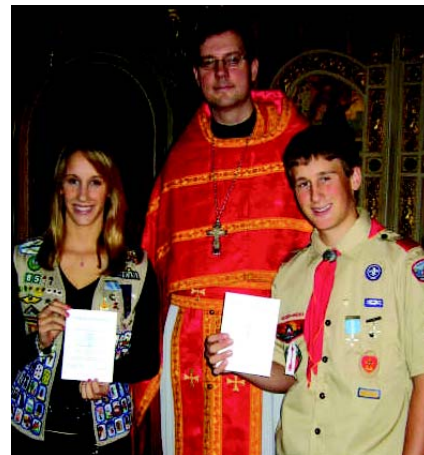
CT scouts receive A-0 award

MERIDEN, CT –

Christina and Thomas Craig of SS. Peter and Paul Church here recently received the Alpha-Omega Orthodox scouting award.

The siblings spent nearly six months studying the faith in detail under the direction of Fr. Joshua Mosher, pictured presenting the awards, and his wife Jenny.

Tom, a boy scout from Troop One, Wallingford, CT, is currently pursuing his Eagle Scout project. Christina, a senior girl scout from Troop 85, Wallingford, CT, is currently pursuing the Gold Award. ■



Fr. Nicholas Timpko retires

ANSONIA, CT – Fr. Nicholas and Matushka Anastasia Timpko were honored by the faithful of Three Saints Church here September 8-9, 2007 on the occasion of Father Nicholas' retirement after serving the parish for 27 years.

Metropolitan Herman and Bishop Nikon of Boston, New England, and the Albanian Archdiocese, concelebrated with Fr. Nicholas; Fr. Michael Roshak, rector; and visiting clergy at the celebration.

Prior to his assignment to the Ansonia parish, Fr. Nicholas served Archangel Michael Church, Burbank, IL, and Saint Mary Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN. In addition to his parish ministry, he also served as dean of the Minneapolis Deanery and chancellor of the Diocese of New England.

A testimonial banquet followed at Grassy Hill Lodge, Derby, CT. ■

Fr. Nicholas and Matushka Anastasis Timpko with Metropolitan Herman, Bishop Nikon, and family members.

