

125th Anniversary Glogowatzer Church Consecration Celebration

19th Glogowatzer Hometown Meeting

Dear Glogowatzers, dear readers, in the year 1887, the consecration of the Glogowatzer parish church in honor of St. John Nepomuk was performed by Suffragan Bishop Josef Németh. Thereafter, every year, apart from the post-war years, the call, “Buwe, was hemmer heint?” (Dialect for: “Boys, what do we have tonight?”) rang through Glogowatz on the 16th of May. “Kirweih!” (Church Fair) several voices resounded back. Demanded by the radical social changes, the church consecration celebration was later held on the first weekend after May 16th. The tradition and the process is still well-known to most of us. The centennial church consecration celebration, with its 100 couples in traditional dress, remains unforgotten among all those who were able to experience it in Glogowatz in 1987.

The Heimatortsgemeinschaft (HOG—Hometown Association) Glogowatz would like to draw attention to the fact that we will hold our 125th church consecration celebration on Saturday, May 19, 2012, in the Stadthalle (municipal hall) in Gersthofen. With it, we invite all Glogowatzer compatriots, friends and acquaintances to participate in the jubilee celebration. The board of the Heimatortsgemeinschaft would be pleased with lively participation.

On the occasion of this jubilee, the Heimatortsgemeinschaft will assume the costs for the buses from the various conurbations where the Glogowatzers live today, that is from Sindelfingen/Böblingen, Ludwigshafen/Mannheim, Nürnberg/Fürth, Waldkraiburg/Traunreut. Volunteers who would like to take charge of organizing the buses please get in touch with Franz Schlechter or another board member.

Adequate free parking space is available to the participants in the underground garage below the Stadthalle and the Gersthofen city hall. The underground garage is well sign-posted. Helpfully, there will also be marshals to guide the arrivals in.

We hope that many compatriots from our familiar Glogowatz, Germany, the USA, Canada, Austria, England or wherever Glogowatzers live today will take part in this celebration. Presumably, it is the last jubilee that we will be able to celebrate in the well-known grand, ceremonial scale.

Order of Events on the Program

- 12:00 Admission to the auditorium in the Stadthalle
- 13:45 Departure of the church consecration couples from the Stadthalle to the St. Jacob Church
- 14:00 Festival service in the St. Jacob Church, Gersthofen, celebrated by Pastor Ralf Gössl
- 15:00 Church consecration with brass band music procession from the St. Jacob Church to the Stadthalle
- 15:15 With nice weather, three honor dances of the church consecration couples on the city hall square
- 15:30 Entry of the church consecration couples to the Stadthalle
- 15:45 Coffee and cake

17:00 Greeting and addresses of the guests of honor, awards
18:30 Music, dance and song with the singer Mara Kaiser, accompanied by her band
"Eurosound," under the direction of Michael Reinholz
02:00 End of the event

---Subject to Alterations---

It would please the board of the Heimatortsgemeinschaft Glogowatz and surely the audience as well, if many would agree to join in dressed in traditional costume. Everyone who dresses in traditional costume gets free entry and a small reimbursement. For the church consecration couples, rooms become available in the Stadthalle from 12:00 noon.

We say thanks in advance for all assistance with the organization of the jubilee celebration and look forward to a happy reunion. Should you want to learn further details about the celebration and the course of the event, please consult the president, Franz Schlechter, telephone 0821/496373, who is there for you in the evening from 7:00 P.M.

The board of the Heimatortsgemeinschaft Glogowatz

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