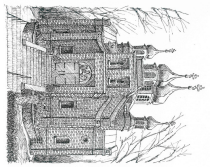

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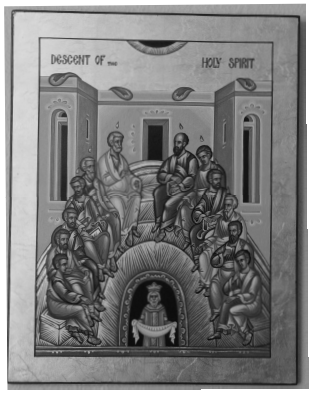

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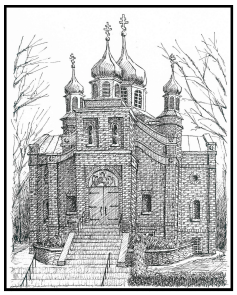
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 6TH of Pascha THE BLIND MAN Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	2	3 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. JEROME HILL St. LUCIAN'S	4 LEAVETAKING OF PASCHA Vesperal Liturgy 6:00 P.M. Pot Luck Super	5 ASCENSION OF THE LORD CT Deanery Meeting @ Stamford, CT 7:00 P. M.	6	7 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
8 7TH of Pascha HOLY FATHERS + ST. JOHN OF KRONSDADT Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	9	10	11 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. WALNUT HILL	12	13	14 Festal Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
15 HOLY PENTECOST Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Kneeling Vespers Coffee Hour Father's Day	16 DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT	17 FAST FREE WEEK	18	19 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. MIDDLEWOODS ATRIUM	20	21 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. GENERAL CONFESSION
22 1st after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	23 APOSTLES FAST (6/23 – 6/28)	24 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	25	26 ICON OF OUR LADY OF TIKHVIN	27	28 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.
29 2nd after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour SS. PETER & PAUL ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA	30 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.		Cleaners: D. Polzun & R. Delaney		Greeter: Diane Polzun	



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PARISH FEAST DAY:
The feast day of our parish, PENTECOST, will be celebrated on Saturday, June 14th, with Great Vespers with Litiya at 5:00 p.m. and the Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 15th. This is also Father's Day with the coffee hour hosted by the Sisterhood. The week following Pentecost, June 15th through June 22nd is FAST FREE.

APOSTLES FAST:
The Apostles [SS. Peter and Paul] Fast begins on Monday, June 23rd and ends with the feast day of the chief Apostles on Sunday, June 29th.

GENERAL CONFESSION:
is normally held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular communicants should make every effort to attend each General Confession. The next General Confession will be held one week earlier on Saturday, June 21st.

PARISH COUNCIL:
The June meeting will be held on the last Monday of the month, June 30th. All Council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

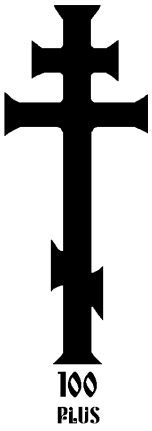
The June monthly charity
collection is for the **Gobezie Goshu Home for the Elderly** in Ethiopia. This is a home for destitute elderly people in Ethiopia. It was founded by a parishioner of the Annunciation Church in Santa Maria, California.

We will be joining with this parish where former HTOC parishioners Steve and Lucy Fetzko attend. Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing.

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:
A systematic plan has been developed to address the problems in the following manner:

- ☞Replace ceiling tiles downstairs ***[winter '07 - '08]***
- ☞Paint the downstairs ***[winter '08]***
- Complete the downstairs area with new indoor/ outdoor carpet, with tile to cover the area of the coffee hour set-up & the kitchen ***[summer '08]***
- Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls ***[summer - fall '09]***
- Paint the interior of the church.

As you review the points listed above, one can see that the additional expenses are yet to be determined. But it is important to remember that our church building is approaching the 100 year mark in 2013, not to be confused with the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2002.



Many have contributed to the Hundred Plus Club to honor the hundred plus years since our founding. Individuals may join by making donations to the building fund in denominations of $100. This will be in addition to one's annual pledge. The funds will be used solely for the purpose of renovating our church building.

During 2008 we collected $ 300.00.

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB

Archpriest David Koles, Rector
9 Frankie Lane
Terryville, CT 06786
Phone: 860-573-0013
Email: frdavid@htocnb.org

GRADUATES:

Congratulations to all the graduates of Holy Trinity Church!!

Masters: Chris Dresko
Christian Burrill

Bachelors: Megan Bartos

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please make the following changes to our New parish Photo Directory.

Mary Fairbanks
109 Pie Hill Rd.
Goshen, CT 06756

Val Kantemir
39 Chestnut Ct
Cromwell, CT 06416

Greg Dresko
7419 E. Taylor St.
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

Birthdays & Anniversaries in JUNE:

5	Sophia Zurawlew	1924
6	David Delaney	1985
19	Nadia Anna Delaney	2006
24	Agnes Makula	1909
29	Elizabeth Hamisevich	
30	Leah Santoro	1987
24	Fr. John Dresko	1979

Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

5	Fr. David & Melanie	1983
9	Ken & Margaret Wagner	2000
13	Michael & Diane Karabin	1970
20	Rebecca & Scott Ahern	2003
23	Rosemary & John Delaney	1973

"WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME"

The following parishioners (and friends) are now home-bound or in long-term care facilities. If there are any names missing, please inform Fr. David. The regular schedule of visitations is included on the monthly calendar. Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to make regular visitations to nursing homes and shut-ins. Our loved ones **NEED** to feel connected to their parish family.

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
Helen Bilas
Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk

Jerome Home, New Britain
Sadie Albino
Ann Laska

Newington Care, Newington
Mary Salina

Middlewoods, Newington
Jennie Skovich

Walnut Hill, New Britain
Agnes Makula
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

Atrium at Rocky Hill
Jean Prusik

Brittany Farms, New Britain
Olga Halajko

St. Lucian Residence, New Britain
Mary Kotrady

Arden Courts, Avon
Mildred Dobrowolski

At Home: Mary Bogdan, Anne Cherpak, Mary Glowacki, Sophie Johnson, Helen Karabin, Susan Labas and Mary Roman.

NEWLY DEPARTED:

Zenaida 'Jane' Zapatka (5/22)

PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Child Olga Makul	5 mo	June 1912
Ksenia Tynik	83	June 3 1971
Nina Sasiela	81	June 4 1999
Roman Novick	35	June 5 1955
Child Paul Hedza	5 mo	June 6 1910
Caroline Skerpan	97	June 6 2007
Child Mary Avhustinovich	1 day	June 7 1911
Julia Danilevich	29	June 7 1929
Alexander Grigorieff	75	June 8 1947
Alexander Kaminsky	90	June 8 1968
Anastasia Jazkevich	84	June 8 1991
Michael Liwen	90	June 9 1975
Michael Sulima	78	June 10 1974
Dimitri Masuk	20	June 11 1909
Joseph Gelaysin	48	June 11 1933
Natalie Zuk	72	June 11 1984
Child Mildred Endelev	6	June 12 1914
Michael Augustynovich	85	June 12 1965
Child John Suslimo	2 wks	June 13 1916
Olga Piszko	57	June 14 1956
Child Mary Virshiv	4 mo	June 15 1909
Irene Czerwinski	80	June 15 2006
Child Paul Hritsel	1 day	June 16 1910
Freda Demko	66	June 17 1961
John Steffick, Sr.	96	June 17 1972
Eva Sopko		June 17 1975
Raymond Lestoric	64	June 18 1992
Mary Ludko	91	June 18 2005
George Mazuruk	74	June 19 1949
Mary Pobrezny	63	June 19 1960
Jacob Zaretsky	22	June 20 1911
Mary Kovalchuk	24	June 20 1911
Anna Gadovska	18	June 20 1911
Child Agaphia Solov	2 mo	June 21 1908
Anastasia Hordeya	22	June 21 1913
Basil Somnin	31	June 21 1913
Agaphia Dimnitch	98	June 21 1993
Anne Belomyzy	72	June 22 1996
Anna Kosifad	61	June 23 1947
Paul Danilevich	47	June 24 1964
Zenaida Gromack	57	June 24 1974
John Laska		June 24 1985
Child Antonina Zelinsky	14 days	June 25 1910
Mary Pistey	72	June 25 1914
Child Peter Hashim	4 mo	June 27 1904
Child Mary Avhustinovich	11 mo	June 27 1910
Simon Hook	51	June 27 1942
Gabriel Rusinovsky		June 28 1926
Walter Grusha	58	June 28 1969
Mildred Sotnick	44	June 29 1956
John Selelyo	74	June 29 1981
Jacob Holovchuk	20	June 30 1910

ВѢЧНАЯ ПАМЯТЬ

LAMENTATIONS OF A DYING FATHER

by St. Ephraim the Syrian

Time has called me, my beloved, to depart from you for that vast region which stretches to the dwellings of Sheol.

The messenger who sent for me has caught me unaware. He came imperceptibly, took me and led me from here.

I asked and begged of him that he allow me to stay longer that I might look upon my loved ones; but he did not incline to my entreaty, he did not accept any of my gifts.

I did not know that this was the Angel of Death, which does not look upon the face of sinners. I received him as one similar to us men and thought he could be won over by gifts.

When I saw that this was the guard of Sheol my hope in life disappeared, I was troubled by his stare, and was terrified by his voice.

He aroused great horror within me and caused my soul and body to shudder, for within me he began to separate bones from my bones. He began to separate members from members and the soul from its companion - the body: He peeled off the flesh, rolled it up and took it away.

He tore the strings of the lyre and silenced the sound of songs. He tore out the tree of life by its roots, destroyed its flowers and its fruit. He shut the lips of words, removed the light from the eyes. With a crash he blew out the lamp, the blush of the cheek faded.

The body according to scripture (Genesis 3:19), has turned into dust from whence it came.

What am I now to do, my heirs, having been separated from my belongings?

I toiled and gathered for others and I myself am now far from all. I built and expanded houses, furnished them for summer and for winter.

Now death locks me in a dark cave. Of all things made by me, nothing accompanies me except sins and stumblings.

My riches are left for others; I myself carry away only the burden of my transgressions. Oh, would it not be better for my actions to remain behind with

my riches?

Oh, it would be better for my sins to be as far away as pleasures are now! What good for a rich man are his toils? He works and gathers for others.

In one minute, in a twinkling of an eye, he is deprived of all. The treasures are left for others, but I leave here with none.

My kindred look upon me as from afar, as upon a foreigner.

What are you to do my heirs, having been deprived of your father? Who shall raise you? Who shall defend you orphaned ones. This house has collapsed upon you, for I have left it. You have become as baby chicks having been deprived of their mother.

I entreat you in the name of God, my brethren and my dearly beloved; remember me always; never let your memory of me fade.

Be as fathers for the orphans, who have lost their father; maintain the house which has been left by him who looked after it. Heed the apostolic laws, the words of the Holy Spirit. They command you always to have care for orphans and widows.

Therefore, carry out the request which you hear from me, so that the Merciful One will hear you in the day of retribution.

I entreat you, my dear ones, be peace-loving and condescending, listen to wise counsel and have care for your souls.

Look carefully and see what gain did I attain from my property. Nothing shall go with me to Sheol except the burden of my sins.

Do not be sorrowful, O my beloved ones, that you have been deprived of your father; the Most High Father will keep you from all danger.

The All-Mighty Power which accompanied Joseph to a foreign land and fed him will lead you by His mercy and will care for you by His grace. I entrust you to the Father of all spirits, my beloved. He will comfort you at all times and in all needs.

The life-giving Cross of the Savior, which has saved and freed us from death, will keep this house, you, and all that dwell within, from harm.

I pray thee most holy priests and all children of the Church; ask for generosity on my behalf of the merciful God. Beg of Him, that I may be granted Abraham's bosom and together with the poor Lazarus may I rejoice in the bridal chamber.

Pray that I may be saved from being a neighbor to that rich man and not suffer as he does in the burning flames.

I am a member with you in our Lord; I am your brother in baptism, therefore for a while look after the orphans, my children.

I will not be here to pay you for this; instead of me, the Lord will reward you greatly in His Kingdom.

My sins and transgressions frighten me greatly in Sheol; I blame them for my children being made orphans.

Help and save their lives, ye who said through the prophet: *Leave your fatherless children, I will preserve them alive* (Jeremiah 49:11).

Comfort the sorrowing; for it was by the command of Thy dominion that death should separate me from my children.

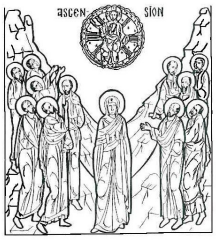
May Thy mercy be a mother for them, so that it may keep them under Thy protection. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, according to Thy mercies; as with the thief, make me worthy of Thy gifts. Look down upon them and raise them so that they may thank Thee for Thy mercies.

Translated from, *The Works of our Father among the Saints Ephraim the Syrian,* part IV, edition IV, Holy Trinity Lavra, 1900, pp. 438-441.

SUNDAYS & FEASTDAYS IN JUNE:

Ascension

Jesus did not live with his disciples after his resurrection as he did before his death. Filled with the glory of his divinity, he appeared at different times and places to his people, assuring them that it was he, truly alive in his risen and glorified



On the fortieth day after his passover, Jesus ascended into heaven to be glorified on the right hand of God. The ascension of Christ is his final physical departure from this world after the resurrection. It is the formal completion of his mission in this world as the Messianic Savior. It is his glorious return to the Father who had sent him into the world to accomplish the work that he had given him to do. (John 17:4-5)

The Church's celebration of the ascension, as all such festal celebrations, is not merely the remembrance of an event in Christ's life. Indeed, the ascension itself is not to be understood as though it were simply the supernatural event or a man floating up and away into the skies. The holy scripture stresses Christ's physical departure and his glorification with God the Father, together with the great joy which his disciples had as they received the promise of the Holy Spirit who was to come to assure the Lord's presence with them, enabling them to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:8-11;

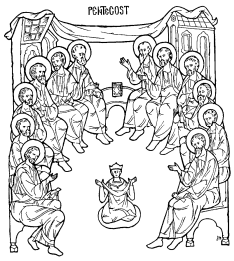
Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:16-19)

In the Church the believers in Christ celebrate these very same realities with the conviction that it is for them and for all men that Christ's departure from this world has taken place. The Lord leaves in order to be glorified with God the Father and to glorify us with himself. He goes in order to "prepare a place" for us, and to take us also into the blessedness of God s presence. He goes to open the way for all flesh into the *"heavenly sanctuary ….the Holy Place not made by hands." (See Hebrews 8-10)* He goes in order to send the Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father, to bear witness to him and his gospel in the world, by making him powerfully present in the lives of his disciples.

Pentecost

In the Old Testament Pentecost was the feast which occurred fifty days after Passover. As the passover feast celebrated the exodus of the Israelites from the slavery of Egypt, so Pentecost celebrated God's gift of the ten commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

In the new covenant of the Messiah, the Passover event takes on its new meaning as the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the "exodus" of men from this sinful world to the Kingdom of God. And in the New Testament as well, the Pentecostal feast is fulfilled and made new by the coming of the "new law," the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ. When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed as resting upon each one of them. And, they were all filled with "Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:1-4) The Holy Spirit that Christ had promised to his disciples came on the day of Pentecost. (John 14: 26, 15:26; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:5) The apostles received "the power from on high," and they began to preach and bear witness to Jesus as the risen Christ, the King and Lord. This moment has traditionally been called the birthday of the Church.



On Pentecost we have the final fulfillment of the mission of Jesus Christ and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God mystically present in this world in the Church of the Messiah. For this reason the fiftieth day stands as the beginning of the era which is beyond the limitations of this world, fifty being" that number which stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment in Jewish and Christian mystical piety: seven times seven, plus one.

Thus, Pentecost is called an apocalyptic day, which means the day of final revelation. It is also called an eschatological day, which means the day of the final and perfect end (in Greek eschaton means the end). For when the Messiah comes and the Lord's Day is at hand, the "last days" are inaugurated in which "God declares: . . .I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh." This is the ancient prophecy to which the Apostle Peter refers in the first sermon of the Christian Church which was preached on the first Sunday of Pentecost. (Acts 2: 17; Joel 2:28-32)

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko,
The Orthodox Faith, Volume II: Worship
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The April 2008 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on Monday April 28, 2008. Warden Paul Salina called the meeting to order at 7pm. A quorum was noted. The meeting began with the singing of "Christ is Risen".

Pastor's Report: Father David thanked everyone for all their hard work during Great Lent - the people who painted, cleaned both inside and out. (Josh Karabin will be removing the branches). Thank you to Rosemary Delaney and Phyllis Bartos for organizing the soup and bread for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgies. Father David informed us that Holy Transfiguration Church will be having a lecture series in May – Epistle to the Ephesians led by Father Paul Tarazi. Father David will be away June 28-29 to attend the Parish Feast Day at his home parish in New Jersey. Father John Dresko will be serving in his absence. Father will also be away the 3rd weekend in July for a family vacation. Father John's last Sunday with us will be either July 13 or July 27 - we will plan something "extra" for coffee hour. Father John may also be serving Vespers on Saturday, May 10. The Special Assembly & Diocesan Council will be held here on May 21, 2008.

Secretary's Report Motion to accept the minutes as submitted Dan Bradanini/Diane Dounouk. Motion carried.

Financial Report Paul Salina presented the reports in George Ludko's absence. Dan Bradanini has audited February and Ann Myszka has audited March.

March income	$16,645.27	(large expenses-utilities, snowplowing, fair share,
Expense	$12,950.07	withholding and soc.sec)
Inc/exp	$ 3,695.20	

March charity $270.00
Motion to accept the audited report Paul Culton/Peter Anop. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Pascha/ Church cleanup: Warden Paul Salina thanked the numerous people, seen and unseen in small and large ways and all the help that everyone does, the clean up was very successful. The dumpster was filled in about 6 hours mostly from items removed from the Beaver Street house. The Beaver Street house needs to have the windows washed and some vacuuming done. The lower garage was also cleaned out. Thanks to all.

Caretaker's house: The house will be for sale to the public on May 1. Adam Salina does know someone who may be interested.

Project management review: David and Phyllis Bartos are waiting on bids for the carpeting/tiling project. The counter repairs and sump pump is also part of this project. We will probably have to have a special parish body meeting to get approval. Thank you to Diane Dounouk who found a plumber to assist in taking care of replacing the toilet in the former rectory. The tenant has replaced the floor tiles-he will be reimbursed for materials and $100 for labor. The parking lot has major cracks and ladies have been catching their heels in them. George Matyczyk received a bid to have someone clean and fill the cracks, fix the area around the drain and repair the cement work in the drain for $1875.00. In addition, the company will repair the curbing at no cost. CNG has installed the automatic meter readings on our properties. The automatic readings should begin on July 1. Hartford Steam Boiler inspected our boiler for insurance purposes and it failed. It now needs a high-pressure safety limit control valve. Paul Salina went to Riley Plumbing with the info we need and is awaiting a return call.

From the floor: Paul Culton advised that sometimes the candle stand attendees are busy and would like some assistance escorting the ladies and children. Dan Bradanin will assist. Paul Salina suggested it might be time to revisit a video monitor again. It was also noted that the Exit lights are out and there is no emergency lighting in the basement. It was also suggested that we get some type of latch/lock for the door to the closet in the ladies lavoratory. The cemetery committee is still meeting and once the packet is competed, it will be presented to the council and the information will also be presented to the parish body.

NEW BUSINESS

June Charity: Motion for Gobezie Goshu Home for the Elderly in Ethiopia be the June charity Dan Bradanini/ Dan Telychka. This is a home for destitute elderly people in Ethiopia. This will be thru the Church of the Annunciation in Santa Maria, California where former parishioners Steve and Lucy Fetzko attend.

Parking lot repairs: Motion to accept the bid George Matyczyk received for $1875 to have the parking lot repaired by Peter Steffick/Marion Bichum. Motion carried.

Memorial Day Flags: Paul Culton reported the flags appear to be in good shape and only 1 flag needs to be replaced. He and Mike Wanik will handle this. Paul Culton will also order a new 4 X 6 flag to be purchased through the cemetery fund. Ann Myszka suggested that the meaning of proper flag folding be displayed-it goes back to biblical times-she had some literature that Father David will review.

June - Pentecost is Father's Day. This year we have 3 graduates- Megan Bartos, Chris Burrill and Chris Dresko.

From the floor: It was suggested that some type of church stamp be put on the library books and also a note in the bulletin looking for the return of missing books.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn at 7:42pm by Dan Bradanini. The meeting concluded with "Shine, Shine".

Next meeting Monday, May 19, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos

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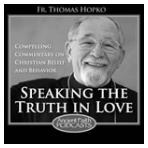

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