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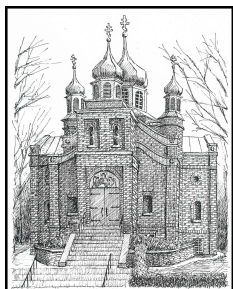
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Greeter: Sonia Matyczuk	Cleaner: Myszka's				1 Great Vespers 5:00P.M. CONFESSION
2 20th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: Santoro / Beck SPECIAL PARISH MEETING	3	4	5	6 CT Deanery Meeting @ Holy Trinity, Willimantic 7:00 P.M.	7	8 Great Vespers <u>4:00 P.M</u> Sisterhood Dinner: "Night in Tuscany"
9 21st after Pentecost ST. NECTARIOS OF HEGENA Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: Bradanini / E. Cherpak	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13	14 ST. KATHERINE THE GREATMARTYR	15 NATIVITY FAST [11/15 - 12/24] Great Vespers 4:00 P.M. CONFESSION
15 th All-American Council * PITTSBURGH, PA * November 10 - 13						
16 22nd after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: Raymond / Ludko	17	18 <u>Visitation:</u> Jerome Home/Arbor Rose 9:30 A.M. (for communion) Confession 2:00 P.M.	19 6:30 P.M. Daily Vespers 7:30 P.M. Diocesan Council Meeting	20 Vesperal Liturgy 6:00 P. M. Pot Luck Supper	21 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE	22 Confession 3-3:30 P.M. Great Vespers 4:00P.M CONFESSION
23 23rd after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: ? ? ? ? ?	24 ST. KATHERINE THE GREATMARTYR Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.	25	26 ST. INNOCENT OF IRKUTSK <u>Visitation:</u> Middlewoods 9:30 A.M. (for communion) Confession 11:00 A.M.	27 THANKSGIVING DAY	28	29 Panikhida 3:30 P.M. Great Vespers 4:00P.M CONFESSION



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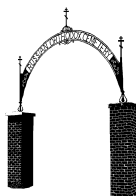
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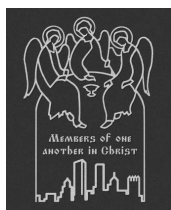
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Special Parish Meeting:

On Sunday, November 2nd there will be a Special Parish Meeting following Divine Liturgy for the purpose of approving the amended Cemetery By-Laws and new pricing schedule. All voting members are asked to make every effort to attend.



ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL:



From Monday, November 10 thru Thursday, November 13 representatives from all parishes in the Orthodox Church in America will gather in council in Pittsburgh, PA. This is a very important council for the delegates will be choosing a new Metropolitan. Please keep all the

delegates and observers in your prayers especially those from our parish; Fr. David, Clergy delegate, Rosemary Delaney, Lay delegate, Paul Culton, Pension Board Secretary and Paul Salina, observer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

**Who is "The Way" for?
Good question!**

"The Way" is for you if you want to understand and experience some of the basics of Orthodox Christian faith and life over a short period.

You could be someone who knows very little about the Orthodox Church but what you do know makes you want to know more.

You may be an Orthodox Christian yourself but would like to experience "The Way" as a refresher course.

You could be someone who really doesn't know about God and "all that" but would like to know what sense Orthodox Christianity makes of your questions.

***However you come to "The Way" -
your participation will be valued!***

Discussions to be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Meriden, CT starting on Tuesday, October 7th through December 16th, [no class Nov. 11th] 6:30-9:30 p.m. beginning with a light supper. See flyers on bulletin board.



VESPERS & CONFESSION: Starting with the second Saturday in November we will switch to our winter schedule for Saturday Vespers. We will begin at **4:00 p.m.** Also, with the Advent Fast approaching, November 15th—December 24th, private confession will be held after vespers, on selected weekdays (see calendar) or by appointment.

SISTERHOOD DINNER: On Saturday, November 8th following Vespers the Sisterhood will be hosting a "Night in Tuscany" dinner. Please see a sisterhood member for tickets. Everyone welcome!

FEASTDAY IN NOVEMBER:



The Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is Friday, November 21st. We will celebrate this day with Vespers Liturgy on Thursday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. followed by a "Pot Luck" supper. Please see Rosemary Delaney or Phyllis Bartos to sign-up and bring something to share.

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday, November 24th. All Council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting. This will be the last meeting before the All-American Council!

PANIKHIDA: On Saturday, November 29th we will remember the 1st anniversary of the passing of Valentin Zuralev. The Panikhida will be served at 3:30 p.m. Following Vespers Sophia Zuralev request everyone to come to the parish hall for something to eat.

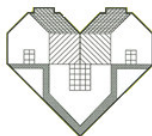
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The November monthly charity

collection is for the **Friendship Service Center of New Britain**. The Friendship Center has grown to encompass a Continuum of Care philosophy of offering services for those who are poor, hungry and homeless. Visit their website at:

<http://www.friendshipservicecenter.org>

The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!



The United Way Coat Drive is here!



Getting your winter clothes ready?
Have you found gently used winter coats buried in your closet that you don't know what to do with?
We have the solution for you!

Donate them to the
The United Way Coat Drive !

*There is a box downstairs until Sunday,
November 23rd*

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

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

- ♦ Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls *[summer - fall '09]*
- ♦ Paint the interior of the church.

As you review the points listed above you will note that we are down to the last two items. These will take some research to determine the best course of action.

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.

Thank you to all who have contributed these past two years but we are not finished. Additional expenses are yet to be determined. We have 5 years until we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Consecration of our church on Washington Street.



During 2008 we collected \$ 1400.00

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB

Birthdays & Anniversaries

in NOVEMBER:

8	Peter Steffick	1945
9	Dori Ann Kumor	1969
11	Arlene Potter	1946
11	George Matyczuk	1937
13	Noah Bobik	2004
18	Laura Burrill	1983
19	Albert Murr	1939
20	Reed Martin	1994
22	Kevin Delaney	1979
25	Ed Bichun	1941
27	Leo Matyschysk	1917
28	Paul Culton	1935
30	Jean Murr	1941

9	George & Geraldine Matyczuk	1968
14	Albert & Jean Murr	1964



“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

Irene (Stankovich) Lanza
Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk

Walnut Hill, New Britain

Agnes Makula
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

Jerome Home, New Britain

Sadie Albino
Ann Laska

Arbor Rose, New Britain

Sophia Johnson

Newington Care, Newington

Mary Salina

Middlewoods, Newington

Jennie Skovich

Atrium at Rocky Hill

Jean Prusik

Brittany Farms, New Britain

Olga Halajko

St. Lucian Residence, New Britain

Mary Kotrady

*At Home: Mary Bogdan, Anne Cherpak, Helen Karabin,
Susan Labas and Mary Roman.*



NEWLY DEPARTED:

Mary Glowacki (Oct. 5)



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Child Boris Hladko	2 mo	November	1 1918
Michael Truhan	52	November	1 1996
Paraskeva Spimar	36	November	2 1903
Osip Baranovsky		November	2 1918
Nicholas Mirza	26	November	3 1916
Alexander Cherpak	14	November	3 1919
Stephen Evanovsky	57	November	3 1942
Jacob Panesevich	66	November	4 1955
Dimitri Moyankovsky	23	November	5 1907
Child Anna Skalin	11 days	November	5 1908
Onisim Ludzko	86	November	5 1973
Mary Shimchick	76	November	6 1972
Michael Comba	87	November	6 2002
Child Vladimir Kochinok	1	November	7 1904
Julian Hardim	36	November	7 1916
Pauline Lehman	93	November	7 1996
Matthew Buriloh	39	November	8 1918
Child Constantine Motis	6 mo	November	8 1919
Child John Makul	1 day	November	9 1908
Peter Chernowski	66	November	9 1956
George Hamilla	77	November	11 1929
Child Irene Pierato	11 mo	November	14 1910
Nina Logwin	46	November	14 1964

John Bissland	75	November 14 2001
Boris Martinook	70	November 15 1949
Alik Kovalak	87	November 15 1976
Eugenia Shevchuk	75	November 18 1965
Paula Stepanec	63	November 18 1970
Alexander Dobosz	72	November 18 1993
Joseph Suski	82	November 18 1999
Pauline Prokopchuk	88	November 19 1938
Alexander Burak	45	November 19 1965
Anna Ludzko	80	November 19 1974
Andrew Katrenich	43	November 20 1942
Gregory Kulakovsky	33	November 21 1919
John Rudy	31	November 22 1925
Zinaida Sotnick	94	November 22 2007
Anna Anduskevich	46	November 24 1935
Gustave Belomyzy	52	November 24 1973
Helen Labas	77	November 24 1979
Child Mary Vileusno	3	November 25 1917
Anastasia Pogobinch	63	November 25 1928
Mary Waskiewicz	75	November 25 1962
Walter Murasheff	44	November 26 1932
Kosmo Dubrovsky	93	November 27 1977
Valentina Pramuka	76	November 27 1989
John Makula	83	November 27 1989
Valentin Zurawlew	57	November 27 2007
Anastasia Belomyzy	38	November 28 1928
Anna Dobosz	65	November 28 1958
Peter Kateshonek	78	November 28 1964
Joseph Beluka	67	November 29 1935
Michael Wanik	60	November 29 1955
Joseph Kovalevich	64	November 29 1960
Vasili Gorbachov		November 30 1968

ВѢЧНАЯ ПАМЯТЬ

FEASTDAY IN NOVEMBER:

THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE – NOVEMBER 21st

From the Prologue of Ochrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovich

When the most holy Virgin Mary had reached the age of three, her parents, holy Joachim and Anna, took her from Nazareth to Jerusalem, to give her to the service of God in fulfillment of their promise. It was three days journey to Jerusalem, but, going as they were on God's work, they did not find the journey difficult. Many of Joachim and Anna's kinsmen gathered to take part in this celebration, in which the invisible angels of God also took part. Maidens went ahead with lighted candles in their hands,



followed by the most holy Virgin, led on either side by her father and mother. The Virgin was clad in royal and beautiful garments, like those of the 'king's daughter', the Bride of God (Ps. 44:9,10). Behind them walked many of their

kinsfolk and friends, all bearing lighted candles. There were fifteen steps leading to the Temple. Her parents stood the Virgin on the first step, and she ran quickly to the top on her own, where the High Priest, Zacharias, the father of St John the Forerunner, met her and, taking her by the hand, led her not only into the Temple but into the Holy of Holies, the holiest place of all, into which none could enter except the High Priest, and that once a year. St Theophylact of Ochrid says that Zacharias was 'out of himself, and moved by God' when he led the Virgin into the chief place in the Temple, beyond the second curtain - otherwise there could be no explanation of his action. Her parents then offered sacrifices to God, according to the Law, received the priest's blessing and returned home, leaving the most holy Virgin in the Temple. She dwelt in the Temple for nine whole years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often. When they departed this life, the holy Virgin was left an orphan, and longed to remain in the Temple for the rest of her days, without entering into marriage. This being contrary both to the Law and Israelite custom, she was confided at the age of twelve to St Joseph, a kinsman of hers in Nazareth, so that she might, under the protection of betrothal, live in virginity and thus fulfill both her desire and the demands of the Law, for it was unknown in Israel at that time for a girl to vow perpetual virginity. The holy Virgin Mary was the first to do this, and was later followed by thousands of virgin men and women in the Church of Christ.



WHEN DID THE NATIVITY FAST ORIGINATE?

We do not know precisely at what date the observance of the Nativity Fast (Advent) was introduced into the Church. Documents establish that, towards the end of the fourth century, the Nativity of Christ was celebrated by some on December 25th and by others on January 6th.

The Council of Saragossa, in Spain, decided (in 380) that, from December 17th until Epiphany, no one could absent himself from services. In Gaul (modern day France), in the sixth century, a sort of Lent was observed from No-

vember 11th until Christmas. Advent was celebrated in Rome, under Pope St. Gregory the Great, towards the end of the sixth century.

The Nativity Fast seems to have come into the practice of the Churches of the Byzantine rite a little later when in the ninth century the Greeks fasted from November 15th through Christmas.

From "The Year of Grace of the Lord – A Scriptural and Liturgical Commentary on the Calendar of the Orthodox Church" by a Monk of the Eastern Church.



ON FASTING

Fr. Thomas Hopko

Orthodox Christians believe that their spiritual lives start with their stomachs. They believe that when peoples' eating is right their spirits can be more open to God and more attentive to all that is good, true, and beautiful in life. When, on the contrary, peoples' eating is wrong, their minds are disordered; their emotions are rebellious; and their flesh rules their being and behavior in harmful ways.

Right eating means to eat the right foods in the right amounts at the right times in the right ways for the right reasons. People who eat properly prepare and partake of their meals with discipline and dignity, free from emotional drives and carnal desires. They do this to serve God, their fellow creatures, and their own well-being more effectively, fruitfully, and joyfully.

The Church provides guidelines for healthy eating and sane fasting. The Lord Jesus Christ is the first and final Teacher on the subject, as He is on all others.

Christ and His apostles feasted and fasted. They affirmed that God gives all foods to be enjoyed with thanksgiving (Act 10:10-15; Rom 14:6). They also warned that eating can become idolatrous. St. Paul, for example, speaks of "persons (who) do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own belly" (Rom 16:18). "Their end," he says, "is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things" (Phil 3:19).

The Scriptures and the Saints teach that in eating and fasting, moderation is the rule for it leads to freedom from the carnal passions: lust, greed, anger, sadness, sloth, and despondency. While excesses of any kind are harmful and destructive, leading to either to gluttony and drunkenness, or to pride, vainglory, ungodly zeal, condemnation of others, and spiritual delusion.

The September 2008 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on Monday, September 29, 2008. Warden Paul Salina called the meeting to order at 7pm. A quorum was noted and the meeting began with "O Heavenly King".

Pastor's Report: Father David indicated that the month of September has been a bit strange. The Metropolitan Council and the Holy Synod of Bishops met in the beginning of September. Bishop Benjamin presented the special investigative report (it can be found on the OCA website). Metropolitan Herman has retired and the Holy Synod has accepted his resignation. There will be changes in the Metropolitan Council. As a result, the All-American Council will now have to elect a new Metropolitan - work that previously took 5 days (as in past councils) will have to be completed in 3 1/2 days, due to the shortened length as a cost saving measure. Currently, there are 3 dioceses without Bishops (Alaska, Western Pennsylvania and New York/New Jersey). Archbishop Dmitri is the senior most Bishop. Archimandrite Jonah is to be consecrated on November 1 as Bishop of Ft. Worth. We will have 1 more parish council meeting before the All-American Council. Rosemary Delaney (our delegate) has asked the parish council for some direction. It is anticipated that a vote will be taken to lower the national assessment to parishes. The Diocesan Council met 2 days after our August council meeting and passed a resolution to ask Metropolitan Herman to retire. The secretary (Father David) sent a letter to the Metropolitan Council indicating the Diocesan resolution. The house owned by the diocese is in the process of being sold-the price was lowered as the house is in need of repairs. The Bishop's Circle for ONE Stewards has 7 individuals/couples in the diocese-3 of them from our parish. They will be having lunch at Sturbridge Village with Bishop Nikon. Our parish continues to lead in giving to ONE Stewards. This summer 45 children and 15 staff members attended the Youth Rally. We had 2 staff members from our parish attend. Church School has started and we should have 3 new altar boys in a few weeks. We need to have a delegate for the Diocesan Assembly-Rosemary Delaney has agreed to attend.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the August 2008 minutes as submitted Marion Bichun/George Ludko. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

August income	\$12,598.78	(large expenses - utilities, lawn mowing,
August expense	\$11,407.05	withholding and Soc. Sec., fair share)

Inc/Exp \$ 1,191.03

Dan Bradanini has audited the August financial report as well as the July 21-Sept 20 cemetery reports. The July/August charity for the Special Olympics will be reflected in the September report. We collected \$551.00. We also collected \$435.00 for the September charity for Ed Day. George Ludko indicated he had to withdraw \$5K from the Neuberger cemetery fund to pay cemetery expenses. Motion to accept the August financial report Dan Telychka/ Diane Dounouk. Motion carried.

Warden's Report: Paul Salina received a thank-you card from the Fetzko's for our donation to the Gobezi Home in Africa. There was some graffiti on the garage door windows. The police were notified and they took a report and pictures. Paul reported that the Stregotsky home will not be donated to the church, apparently their caregivers were made the beneficiaries of the home. As Father David stated earlier, we should have some young altar boys in a few weeks. Paul has also instructed Jennifer Wykes and Alison Pulcini to rotate the remaining children who are old enough to assist with other duties, ie. the collection baskets. Nadine Cabrera contacted Paul regarding the recent activity on Wall St and as a result \$50K has been removed from the Columbia Fund and put into a CD at a local bank. This was done as a precaution.

OLD BUSINESS

***Caretaker's House** Paul Salina has contracted with Realty 3 (MaryJean Agostini) as the real estate agent. They will probably get 5% commission. He spent numerous hours at city hall trying to find the house and what the taxes would be. City hall has the house listed as 164 Farmington Ave and apparently even though pictures, identification etc could be proved-no one could correct it. Paul has turned this over to Attorney Steve Morelli who will be used for the closing. The asking price is \$123,900. The house can not be put on the market until we have the deed, taxes, correct property lines etc. The house was

also broken into again through the back basement door. Once again, Paul has secured the house adding 3 2x4's and a cleat. There was no apparent damage. The unoccupied property is now becoming a dangerous liability. We do have insurance on the property.

***Project Management Review** The Sunday School refurbishing project is now complete. Thank you to Dave and Phyllis Bartos for overseeing the tile/rug project. Dave presented organized bids. Thank you to all who helped move the furniture during this activity. Ed and Marion Bichum are looking into some metal rolling racks for under the sink counter storage. The fountain is to be replaced perhaps with a side drain for the dehumidifier. Marion Bichum will contact Bill Kapura regarding the hood installation of the stove and the fountain replacement. Eva Zagorska has donated a new vacuum (approx. value \$400). She also purchased the service contract and will purchase bags and upkeep as needed. Thank you Eva! Throughout all the rain we have had this year, the basement has remained dry and we are about 18" over the average rainfall so far. And most important—all the bills are paid. Thanks to all!!

***Winter Snowplowing** If you know anyone that is interested and we should get a bid from for this see Paul Salina. Paul will be contacting Michael Baruffi. We are looking for prices on snowfall accumulations of 2-4 inches, 5-7 inches, 8 or more inches, sanding only, as well as snow removal from sidewalks and stairs.

***Interior Church Wall Painting/Touch Up** The walls do need some scraping and painting at this time. It would be nice to get this completed by Christmas. We will have to repaint the entire interior before our 100th anniversary.

***Cemetery Committee By-Law Changes/New Fee Structure** Father David indicated the October newsletters will be out this week and will include the proposed changes and the date of November 2 for the special parish meeting. The by-laws state in Section I – under Internment Privileges of Members that the price structure is set by the parish body.

***Diocesan Assembly Oct 24-25 Cumberland RI** Motion for Rosemary Delaney to be our delegate George Ludko/Ellen Santoro. Motion carried. Rosemary Delaney is also our delegate to the All-American Council and she has asked for some direction. Father David indicated there is really nothing major on the agenda – just selling of the home and other normal business. Father David and George

Ludko (diocesan council member) will also be attending from our parish. We won't know what our assessments will be until we go to the All-American Council in Pittsburgh. We have 140 assessed members as of Sept. 2008. If you want to be an observer see Father David.

***All-American Council Nov 10-13 Pittsburgh, PA** Father David, Rosemary Delaney, Paul Culton (clergy pension board), and Paul Salina (observer and photographer) will be attending the All-American Council in Pittsburgh. The council had a discussion as to who would be the best candidate for the new Metropolitan. It was noted that the leading candidates may be Archbishop Seraphim, Archbishop Job and Bishop Benjamin. There was nothing hidden in the special investigative report given by Bishop Benjamin, he did a magnificent job. All reports and agendas can be found on the OCA website. Council members were urged to review the reports and come prepared the next meeting with any concerns so we can get a 1. 2. 3 order. We vote on the Metropolitan but the Holy Synod make the final decision. The actual election will take place Wednesday morning of the council after Divine Liturgy.

NEW BUSINESS

***Charity for November** Motion for the Friendship Center to be the November Charity and Warm The Children be the December Charity, George Ludko/Petter Steffick. Motion carried. We will also collect canned goods for the food bank-Diane Dounouk and Ann Myska will get a box set up.

From the Floor Thank you to Barbara Raymond for donating a coffee pot.

***Adjournment** Motion to adjourn 8:05pm by Marion Bichum. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

Next Meeting October 7, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos

	<p>15th All-American Council will be on Ancient Faith Radio. Log on and listen!</p> <p>http://ancientfaith.com</p>	
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