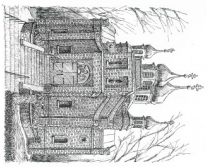

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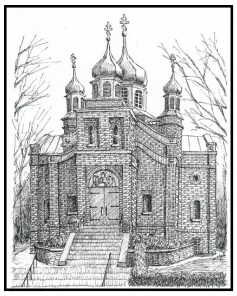
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Charity OCMC ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER	Greeters - Polzun's Cleaners - Belonick's		Sept 30 Festal Vesperal Liturgy 6:10 p.m. followed by Pot Luck Supper	1 Protection of the Theotokos *CT Deanery Mtg. @ Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport 7:00 P.M.*	2	3 O E Day @ SVS Great Vespers @ St. George Gk. Orth. Ch, NB 6:00 p.m.
4 18th after Pentecost Church School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Sisterhood Panikhida Coffee Hour – Bartos / Delaney	5 St. Innocent, Apostle to America	6 Visitation: 1:30 P.M. ARBOR ROSE & JEROME HOME	7	8	9 St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow	10 Great Vespers5:00 p.m. Confession
11 19th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. - Coffee Hour – Kowar / Wagner	12	13	14	15	16	17 Great Vespers5:00 p.m. Confession.
18 20th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Bichun/ Labas / Murr	19	20	21	22 Kazan Icon of the Theotokos	23 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: Holy Trinity Church, Willimantic	24 Choir Rehearsal 3:30 Great Vespers5:00 p.m.
25 21st after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Hromi	26 St. Demetrius of Thessalonika Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P.M.	27	28 St. Job of Pochaev	29	30	31 New Hieromartyr John Kochurov of Chicago Great Vespers5:00 p.m. General Confession



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SISTERHOOD FEASTDAY:
We will celebrate the Patronal Feast of the Sisterhood, The Protection of the Theotokos [October 1st] with the Festal Vesperal Liturgy on Wednesday, September 30th at **6:10 P.M.** followed by a Festal Pot Luck supper and the Annual Panikhida for Departed Members on Sunday, October 4th.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY:
The annual assembly for the Diocese of New England will be held Friday & Saturday, October 23 - 24 at Holy Trinity Church, Willimantic, CT. For registration material for observers, please see Fr. David. Get involved in the life of our diocese.

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. General Confession this month will be held on the last Saturday of the month, October 31st.

The October charity
collection is for **OCMC [Orthodox Christian Mission Center].** Is the official missions agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of North America and it is OCMC's mission to make disciples of all nations by bringing people to Christ and His Church.

Our Values: ◆We value proclaiming and witnessing Christ to all people with priority given to those who have never heard or accepted the Gospel. ◆We value sharing the love of Christ for the care of the total person – spiritual and physical. ◆We value ministry in the language and culture of the people. ◆We value our people – well-trained Missionaries, Staff, Board, Supporters, Indigenous Leadership and those being served. ◆ We value communities, parishes, and individuals that are mission-minded and have active mission involvement. ◆ We value being an open and transparent agency that values the gifts of stewardship provided to us by the faithful.

http://www.ocmc.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!! Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing.

PARISH COUNCIL:
The next meeting of the 2015 Parish Council will be held on Monday evening, October 26th at 7:00 p.m. All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

Birthdays & Anniversaries in OCTOBER:

5	David Bartos	1951
7	Phyllis Bartos	1955
8	Marie Shimchick	1963
15	Peter Sahin	2009
16	Andrew Pulcini	2000
19	Henry David Mah	2014
20	Olivia Salina	2003
23	Jennie Skovich	1912
23	Antoinette Rudy	1920
23	Juliana Veek	1984
25	Rosemary Delaney	1951
25	Christopher Adams	
26	Alex Polzun	1938
27	Stella Liwen	1921
27	Priya Karabin	1981
28	Alicyn Pulcini	1965
30	Jean Murr	1941
31	Kenneth Wagner	1944

7	Patrick & Gale Dilger	1990
14	Brian & Juliana Veek	2012
15	Simon & Mariel Sahin	2004
20	Jason & Amber Fiedler	2002
23	Michael & Jillian Wanik	1988

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"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.

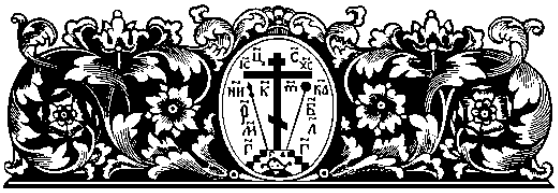
Bay Ridge Health Center, Annapolis, MD
Jennie Skovich

Jerome Home, New Britain
Sadie Albino

Arbor Rose, New Britain
Nona Belomyzy
Mary Camarata

Monsignor Bojnowski Manor, New Britain
Helen Karabin

At Home: Jim Dounouk, Joseph Kowar, Susan Labas, Stella Liwen, Jennie Pich, Antoinette Rudy and John Steffick.



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Joseph Mannon	37	October	1913
Child John Cherpak	1 day	October	1 1918
Paul Blake		October	2 1959
Peter Fetzko	82	October	2 1991
Anna Makula	94	October	2 2007
Martha Cherpak	24	October	3 1918
Child Anna Hofedalko	1	October	3 1928
Juliana Dubovsky	72	October	3 1966
Alexandria Brown	79	October	3 1990
Mary Fetzko	81	October	3 1997
Stephen Hleschak	49	October	4 1928
Child Zenaida Shumansky	1 mo	October	5 1906
Julian Hrusha	26	October	5 1915
Lavrenty Baldowsky	56	October	5 1938
Anna Wanik	55	October	5 1952
Walter Karpie	60	October	5 1975
Alexandra Kovalevich	99	October	5 1993
Mary Glowacki	90	October	5 2008
Edward M. Czerwinski	54	October	5 2010
Child Adam Dziamba	4 days	October	6 1909
Peter Kosko	46	October	6 1995
Kashauka Uzefa	36	October	7 1914
Gregory Terasimov		October	7 1914
Mary Hanska	24	October	7 1942
Anna Klotz	84	October	7 1971
John Ludko	84	October	7 1994
Michael Cherpak	29	October	8 1918
Antonina Gelazin	71	October	8 1961
Evgenia Shimchick		October	8 2000
Elizabeth Stankevich	28	October	9 1918
Anton Minchuk	33	October	10 1918
Stephanida Manchuk	23	October	10 1918
Alexander Muchinsky	23	October	10 1919
Stephen Piluten	35	October	11 1918
Andrew Lehman		October	12 1967
John Labas, Sr.	80	October	12 1969
Zenaida Burak		October	12 1987
Sophie Anop	89	October	12 1988
Elizabeth Kuhar	63	October	12 1992
Child Eugenia Chamilov	3 mo	October	14 1915
Carl (Cyril) Schaplak	73	October	14 1972
Peter Anop	53	October	15 1952
Child Peter Licki	5 mo	October	16 1908
George Uhroros	33	October	16 1918
Constantine Likuda	38	October	16 1918
Vera Panasevich	27	October	16 1918
Child Lydia Pyachetsko	5	October	16 1930
Mary Fetzko	74	October	17 1957
Helen M. Spearen	90	October	17 2006
Andrew Belomyzy	53	October	18 1928
Katherine Novick	32	October	18 1954
Barbara Dimnitch	75	October	18 1962
Mary Karpey		October	18 1982
Theodore Urish	33	October	19 1918
Child John Zdanuk	2 mo	October	21 1911
John Panasevich	26	October	21 1918
Mary Alexeef	71	October	21 1960
Wasile Zurawlew		October	21 1979
Olga Ziegler	82	October	21 2001
Theodora Stefik	25	October	22 1949
Irene Dubovsky	65	October	23 1956
Antoinette Sachok	72	October	23 1984
Donna Balkun	55	October	23 2001
Child John Mayopit	1 day	October	25 1908
Ignatius Boytik	57	October	25 1932
Mary Baranov	64	October	25 1954
Nikita Bichun	63	October	25 1960
Eugenia Tilley	63	October	26 1976
Sophie Stankevich	66	October	26 1980
Anastasia Harko		October	26 1985
Michael Bichun		October	26 2000
Simon Pazeychuk	26	October	28 1918
Peter Kunchik	64	October	28 1952
Anatole Zaiko	59	October	28 1973
Nadia Lashenka	67	October	28 1980
Walter Sitkiewicz	59	October	29 1947
Gregory Taran	18	October	30 1908
Sophie Karabin	71	October	30 1958
Gary Allen Karpey	18	October	30 1980

Mary Suski	89	October 30 2006
Joseph Burak	16	October 31 1934
Andrew Golyshko	69	October 31 1958
John Horbal		October 31 1979
Anne Zuk Novack	78	October 31 2008

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FEAST DAYS IN OCTOBER:

St. Innocent [Glorification] Oct. 6th (1798 - 1879): Born is Siberia, St. Innocent spent his early priesthood as a missionary in Alaska, and later (after the death of his wife), as first resident bishop there. Later in life he came to head the Russian Orthodox Church as Metropolitan of Moscow. He developed an Aleut alphabet and translated c catechism and the Gospel of St. Matthew into that Alaskan language.

St. Tikhon [Glorification] Oct. 9th (1865 - 1925): Presiding Bishop of the Russian Orthodox Missionary Diocese of North America from 1898 - 1907, during which time the Church in America, bolstered by recent immigration of Slavic peoples from Eastern Europe, grew rapidly. In 1907 he returned to Russia serving as archpastor of several dioceses there. In 1918 he was elected Patriarch the Russian Orthodox Church. Until his death in 1925 he defended the Church, as best he could and knew how, from the Bolsheviks, who had come to power just as he was elected Patriarch.

Archpriest John Kochurov [Repose] Oct. 31st (1871-1917): A missionary priest in Mid-west America from 1895 to1907, upon his return to Russia he served parishes in the St. Petersburg Diocese. The first clergy martyr under the Bolsheviks; he was shot and killed at the outbreak of the 1917 Revolution.

The Mother of God Joy of All Who Sorrow icon (Oct 24th) revealed itself as a miracle-working icon for the first time in Moscow in 1688. Euphemia, the sister of the patriarch at that time, Joachim, lived in Moscow and suffered since a long time from a severe incurable disease in her side. This exposed her inner organs and she was hardly alive. Once, in her prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ and to His Mother, she heard a voice, instructing her to pray before the icon called Joy of All Who Sorrow in one of the local churches.

The molieben was served and, following it , the icon was brought into her house. Euphemia was sprinkled with holy water. She got well and rose from her bed by herself. This miracle took place on October 24, and a feast to the icon was established to commemorate that event. The Mother of God on this icon is portrayed in full figure with the Christ child in her arms. There is an angel on each side of her, and the faithful with their petitions for help and cure are at her feet. There are numerous recorded cases of divine help to all in need and in trouble, to those who suffer from seizure, infirmity in hands, throat diseases, trembling of muscles, stroke, and tuberculosis.

Another miracle took place in the village of Klochka near St. Petersburg, not far from a glass factory, in 1888. An image of the Joy of All Who Sorrow was hanging in the village chapel. The building was struck by lightning, shattering the alms box and charring the chapel walls. The icon Joy of All Who Sorrow was found lying face down on the floor. When it was turned over, the image was found to have become fresh and clear, and coins from the alms box were sticking to its surface. Previously the icon, which had originally been found washed ashore on the Neva River, was dark and obscure. Its "Renewal" was seen as a sign from heaven, and its fame spread. Since then, the icon has been commemorated on July 23rd.

WHAT IS NECESSARY FOR A SAVING CONFESSION?

by Saint Innocent of Moscow and Apostle to America (St. Innocent [John Popov-Veniaminov] died in 1879 as the Metropolitan of Moscow, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church. He was solemnly Glorified as a saint on October 6, 1977, which day remains his annual fast, together with March 31, the day of his repose.)

WHAT IS CONFESSION? Confession is the oral avowal of one's sins which lie heavy upon the conscience. Repentance cleanses the soul and makes it ready to receive the Holy Spirit, but confession, so to speak, only empties the soul of sins.

Let us present a simple analogy and comparison to confession. For example, suppose you had only one vessel of some kind, which you through negligence or laziness let reach a stage where little by little it accumulated all sorts of dirt so that your vessel became not only unusable but even unbearable to look at without repugnance. But what if a king wanted to give you as a gift some sort of fragrant and precious balm, one drop of which could heal all infirmities and protect -- what then? Would you refuse such a valuable gift only because you had no other clean vessel in which to

put it? No! It would be very natural for you to accept such a gift and you would try to clean your vessel. How would you begin to clean your vessel? No doubt, before anything else, you would rid it of all uncleanness; you could begin by washing it with water and, perhaps would even burn it out so that it no longer retained any of its former odors. Isn't that so?

Now let the vessel represent the soul given to you by God, which you have brought to such a state that it has been filled with all kinds of transgression and iniquities; let the sweet-smelling balm, given by the king, signify the Holy Spirit, Who heals all infirmities and afflictions, Whom the King of heaven and earth, Jesus Christ, freely bestows upon us. To examine your vessel signifies feeling your guilt before God and recalling all sins which have stolen into your heart. To clean out the vessel typifies the confession of your sins before your spiritual father, and washing with water and burning with fire signify a sincere and even tearful repentance and a voluntary resolve to endure all unpleasantness, needs, afflictions, misfortunes, and even calamities that befall us.

Now tell me: Is Confession profitable or needful? Certainly it is profitable and even essential; because, just as it is impossible to cleanse a vessel without ridding it of all uncleanness, so it is impossible to purge your soul of sins without confession. But tell me, is confession alone enough for the reception of the Holy Spirit? Certainly not, because in order to receive the sweet-smelling and precious balm into a defiled vessel it is not enough to just empty it, but it is necessary to wash it with water and refine it with fire. Just so, in order to receive the Holy Spirit, it is not enough just to confess or recite your sins before a spiritual father, but it is necessary together with this to purge your soul with repentance or contrition and grief of soul, and burn it out with voluntary endurance of afflictions. So then, this is what confession and repentance mean!

What does a true and correct confession consist of? When we wish to cleanse conscience of sins in the Mystery of Repentance, 1) before everything else it is necessary to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and firmly hope that He is ready to forgive all sins, no matter of what magnitude, if only the sinner repents open-heartedly; it is necessary to believe and hope that the God of all wants and seeks our return. Of this He assures us through the prophet thus: "As I live, said the Lord," i. e., I assure and swear by My life, "In desiring I do not desire," i.e., I do not at all desire "the death of a sinner," but entirely desire his conversion.

2) It is necessary to have a broken heart. Who is God? and who are we? God is the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth; He is the awful and righteous Judge. And we? We are weak and insignificant mortals. All people, even the greatest people, are less than dust before God, and we can never imagine how disgusting to God any sin is and how any transgression offends Him. And we, insignificant and weak, we mortals end1essly benefited by our God, dare to offend Him -- the All-Good One? Oh! This is so horrible! We are such debtors before God, such transgressors, which not only should we not dare to call ourselves His children, but are not even worthy of being His lowliest servants.

Therefore, picturing all this, you see what contritness, what lamentation it is necessary to have then, when we want to purge ourselves of sins. And such a feeling must be had not only before confession and during confession, but also after confession. And even more important, do you want to offer a sacrifice to God such as will be acceptable to Him? Naturally, we all gladly want this and as far as possible we offer it. But what can we offer Him really acceptable? -- a broken heart. "A sacrifice unto God is a broken spirit; a heart that is broken and humble," here is an offering to God more priceless than all offerings and oblations!

3) It is necessary to forgive all our enemies and offenders all the harmful and offensive things they have done to us. Forgiveness -- what does it mean to forgive? To forgive means never to avenge, neither secretly nor openly; never to recall wrongs but rather to forget them and, above all, to love your enemy as a friend, a brother, as a comrade; to protect his honor and to treat him right-mindedly in all things. This is what it means to forgive. And who agrees that this is difficult? So, it is a hard matter to forgive wrongs, but he who can forgive wrongs is for this reason great -- truly great, both before God and before man, --Yes, it is a hard matter to forgive your enemies; but to do nothing, it is necessary to forgive, otherwise God Himself will not forgive. Jesus Christ said: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will forgive you also your trespasses. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses." On the contrary to this, though you pray to God every hour, though you have such faith that you can move mountains, even though you give away all of your belongings to the needy, and give your body to be burned – if you do not practice forgiveness and do not wish to forgive your enemy, then all is in vain, for in such circumstances neither prayer, nor faith, nor charity, will save you; in short, nothing will save you.

But if it is needful to forgive our enemies, so likewise it is indispensable to ask also forgiveness of those people whom we have offended. Thus, if you have offended anyone by word, ask forgiveness of him, come and roll down at his feet and say, "Forgive me." Have you offended by deed? Endeavor to expiate your guilt and offences and recompense his damage, then be certain that all of your sins, no matter how heavy they be, will be forgiven you.

4) It is necessary to reveal your sins properly and without any concealment. Some say, "For what reason should I reveal my sins to Him Who knows all our secrets?" Certainly God knows all of our sins, but the Church, which has the power from God to forgive and absolve sins, cannot know them, and for this reason She cannot, without confession, pronounce Her absolution.

Finally, it is necessary to set forth a firm intention to live prudently in the future. If you want to be in the kingdom of heaven, if you want God to forgive your sins -- then stop sinning! Only on this condition does the Church absolve the penitent of his sins. And he who does not think at all about correcting himself confesses in vain, labors in vain, for even if the priest says, "I forgive and absolve," the Holy Spirit does not forgive and absolve him!

Parish Council Meeting 8-31-15

Members in Attendance: Fr. David Koles, Gladys Labas, Dan Belonick, Marion Bichun, Sarah Clark, Rosemary Delaney, Chris Dresko, Al Hromi, George Matyczyk, and Juliana Veek.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00PM and began with "O Heavenly King."

Pastor's Report:
Father welcomed everyone and wised everyone a happy beginning of the new liturgical year starting tomorrow.

Father outlined the upcoming events for him and Holy Trinity members:

- We will visit St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Tuesday, 9/8/15 for their feast day 9:00 AM.
- No vespers on Sat 9/12/15, Fr David will be in Pittsfield, but we WILL have vespers on Sunday, 9/13/15 for the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. We will have guests from Terryville & Hartford. On Monday, 9/14, the Festal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church, Terryville at 9:00 AM.
- Sunday, 9/27/15 Fr. David will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Holy Transfiguration Church, New Haven and Fr. Sergius Halvorsen will serve at Holy Trinity.
- On Wednesday 9/30/15 we will celebrate the feast day of our Sisterhood, their 105th anniversary, with Festal Vesperal Liturgy 6:10 PM for the Protection of the Theotokos. His Eminence, Abp. Nikon may join us. Following there will be a festal Pot Luck supper.
- Saturday, 10/3/15, is the 100th Anniversary of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in New Britain and we have been invited to participate in their Great Vespers services and reception at 6:00 PM.
- Sunday, 10/4/15 Fr. David will be in New Jersey for the 100th Anniversary of his first "home" parish and Fr. Sergei Bouteneff will be serving in his stead.

Father also received a thank you note from IOCC who were the recipients of the July monthly charity.

Warden's Report:
Gladys Labas thanked everyone, especially Mat. Melanie, for the support and participation in the neighborhood fundraiser where we donated all the school supplies for the children. We submitted pictures to the New Britain Herald. George M was congratulated everyone and thanked Gladys for her efforts to identify the needs and asked if the parish could be part of the event where the families receive the supplies next year.

The next charity project will be collecting coat donations for the upcoming cooler months.

Rachel Santoro will be teaching Sunday School this year. There is a handbook being finalized with job descriptions, dates/schedule, and curriculum for the school year. Gladys and Rachel are looking to utilize more of a "one room school house" concept where children of all ages can learn the same lessons through different mediums. Parents will meet with her and Gladys this weekend. Some council members wondered if there was any expected participation for the parent meeting, especially with is being on a holiday (Labor Day) weekend. Chris Dresko suggested that a more direct approach would assist with commitment, i.e. making phone calls to families with eligible children.

Gladys thanked Diane Dounouk and Rosemary Delaney for cleaning up the display case and prepping it for sale/move. The removal of the display case will provide needed space for the Sunday School.

The council discussed the need for background checks and fingerprinting needed to serve on the council and to work with the parish children. Chris Dresko asked if he look into the cost and possibility for the program that his High School uses to proctor these trainings for Holy Trinity. Fr. David will ask for more details from the leadership at the next deanery meeting.

Financial Report:
Al Hromi presented the July figures, which have been audited:

July Income:	$14,351.05
July Expense:	$13,397.81
Expense/Income:	$ 953.24

Rosemary Delaney asked about how the $3,500 should be computed as income and her and Al Hromi came to an agreement that it was presented accurately.

Chris Dresko asked how the finances as reported today could be so different from what is reported in the weekly Bulletin. It seems that the bulletin numbers are not as positively reflected as the report we were handed today. Al Hromi explained that the numbers reported in the bulletin come only from the pledged donations and the received donations – not the overall total income received by the church against what the church has needed to spend total each year.

Chris Dresko motioned to accept the financial report, Marion Bichun seconded.

George Matyczyk asked how we are going to handle a short-fall at the end of the year and where the monies would come from to solve any problems. The council discussed options.

Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary's Report:
Marion Bichun moved to accept the June 1, 2015 minutes, Al Hromi seconded.

George Matyczyk asked for the following changes in the Buildings and Grounds report: "Natural" Systems, the charge for roads is $750, and that the Cemetery trees would be removed by October.

Motion carried unanimously, Sarah Clark abstained.

Finance Committee:
No report from Chris Adams.

Gladys is talking to Nadine Cabrera about and changes that need to be made to our investment policy.

George Matyczyk needs to have Chris pay 2 bills for the cemetery and provide those vendors with documentation for our tax exempt status.

Building and Grounds:
No report from Dan Bradinini.

George Matyczyk reported:

- A clean up including bush and vine trimming is underway at the cemetery
- $300 was spent to equip the church with fire extinguishers (including the altar)
- He received a $1500 quote from Martin Laviero Contractor, Inc to put a path in from the walkway around the church to the lower parking lot. The quoted cost does not include a railing. Martin Laviero Contractor, Inc suggested that the path would need to be 24 feet long to accommodate the grade of the hill. The council discussed if that would actually solve the traffic pattern of parishioners cutting across the grass, or just create a second handicap path. Warden Labas asked to table the discussion until next month.
- There has been a lot of wax on the rug in front of the altar and George asked if we have had the rugs professionally cleaned. The consensus is to make sure that the wax removal is part of the pre Christmas and Paschal cleanings
- The new air conditioners require us to modify the way that they exhaust through the Sunday School windows and George is working on those changes
- There was a quick discussion on the need of what remains in the church basement closets (records, old bibles, etc)
- 15 trees have been removed for the quoted $3700 and the wood was mulched and recycled elsewhere in the cemetery
- The cemetery waterline has been installed and a watering can is provided for visitors at the central spigot.
- Cemetery pavement cracks have been repaired for the quoted $750

There needs to be a removal of some substantial weeds which are imposing on our property. George called Eddie Bichun to speak with Holy Transfiguration to have them take care of these invasive plants.

Chris Dresko asked if there is a timeline for inside repairs. Father and Gladys explained that we are still working on getting a quote from Baker. Also, the condensation on the Choir Loft A/C unit may be causing additional peeling, so we should ensure that the problems are alleviated before the cosmetic repairs begin. It is Father's and the Warden's hope to have the repairs complete before Christmas.

Old Business:
There was no old business.

New Business:
October Charity: OCMC was suggested by Fr. David and agreed upon by the council.

We need cleaners for September and January. Al Hromi will assist in finding someone.

The Council discussed the timing of the 2015 Christmas services. While last year's change did not immediately solve the problem with attendance, the consensus is to afford few more years attempting to make the adjustment to a combined midnight service. This year we will provide more notice to the parish.

George Matyczyk asked if the Council would like a report from Evelyn on her experience at the All American Council, and we look forward to hearing her report at the Annual Meeting.

George Matyczyk suggested that the Council send a congratulatory letter to Saint George's on their 100th Anniversary.

George Matyczyk asked about written communications received by the Council and Gladys assured him that all letters, sent either via mail or electronically have been responded to and resolved.

Dimitry Shafran is going to make repairs to the Memorial Candle stand.

Next meetings:
Monday, September 28, 2015 7:00pm
Monday, October 26, 2015 7:00pm

Dan Belonick motioned for adjournment at 8:36PM. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet."

Submitted by,
Sarah Clark

Congrats to Sarah & Tim on the birth of their first child, daughter Julianne!!!