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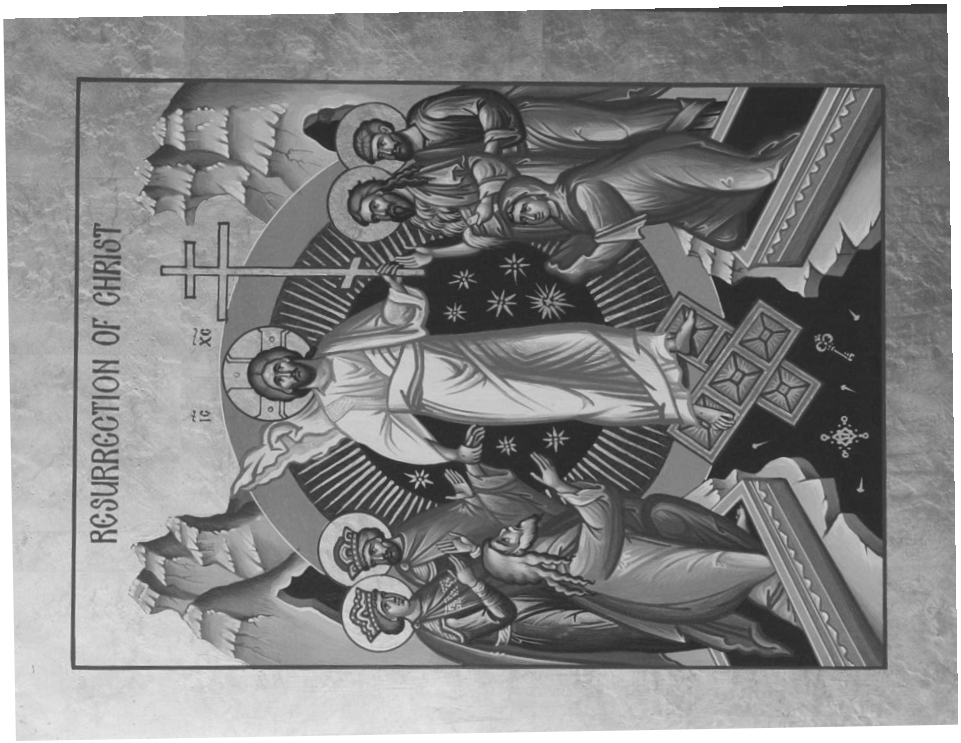

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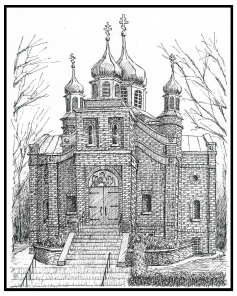
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. **ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM** Bridegroom Matins, 4 P.M. Springfield, MA	2 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:30 A.M. **GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY** Bridegroom Matins, 6:30 P. M.	3 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:30 A.M. **GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY** Bridegroom Matins, 6:30 P. M	4 Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:30 A.M. **GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY** Matins of Holy Thursday, 6:30 P. M	5 **GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY** Vespers/Liturgy, 9 A. M. Matins - Passion Gospels, 6:30 P. M.	6 **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY** Vespers of Holy Friday, 3:00 P.M. Soup / Bread Matins of Holy Saturday, 5:00 P. M.	7 **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY** Vespers/Liturgy, 9 A. M. Nocturne, Pascal Matins, Pascal Liturgy, 11:30 P. M. Baskets/Agape Following
8 **HOLY PASCHA** **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST** Vespers of Pascha 12:00 (Noon)	9 FAST FREE **BRIGHT MONDAY** Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:00 A. M.	10 FAST FREE **BRIGHT TUESDAY**	11 FAST FREE **BRIGHT WEDNESDAY**	12 FAST FREE **BRIGHT THURSDAY**	13 FAST FREE **BRIGHT FRIDAY**	14 FAST FREE **BRIGHT SATURDAY** Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.
15 2nd of Pascha **ST. THOMAS SUNDAY** Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour PANIKHIDA AT CEMETERY	16	17 **DAY OF REJOICING** Parish Education w/ Pot Luck 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20 Parish Outing @ The Connecticut Cabaret Theatre 7:30 p.m.	21 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.
22 3rd of Pascha **MYRRHBEARING WOMEN** Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	23	24	25	26	27 Parish Photo Session 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	28 Parish Photo Session 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. GENERAL CONFESSION
29 4th of Pascha **THE PARALYTIC** Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	30 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.					



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HOLY WEEK: *The Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem (April 1st)* will be celebrated with Vespers, Litiya and the Blessing of Palms on the Eve of the Feast (March 31st), then Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning. The schedule for Holy Week and Pascha are printed in the calendar included with this newsletter.

The Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ (April 8th) — the Vespers of Pascha will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon at 12:00 P.M. (noon), followed by an egg hunt for the children. Bright Monday (April 9th) will be celebrated with Paschal Divine Liturgy and procession at 9:00 A.M.

FAST FREE WEEK & SUMMER SCHEDULE: The week following Pascha, April 8th through the 14th is FAST FREE. Also, Great Vespers for April through October will now be on the summer schedule at 5:00 p.m.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY: On the second Sunday of Pascha, St. Thomas Sunday (April 15th), we will go to the parish cemetery for a general panikhida for our parish departed. We will have coffee hour after liturgy [no need to hurry] and then head to the cemetery, where the service will begin at approximately 11:30 -11:45 A.M. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the church.

PARISH EDUCATION: Everyone is invited to come on Tuesday, April 17th, at 6:30 p.m. We will view "America's Holy Mountain" the history of monasticism in America (postponed from February). We will begin with "Pot Luck" supper. Please see Rosemary Delaney as to what is needed.

ONE STEWARDS: Even though March was ONE Stewards month you can still be part of the 2007 campaign "**Going Above and Beyond**". Our parish met our 2006 goal of $2100 even though we lost a few members. For those who increased their contribution, THANK YOU!! If you were a contributor to ONE Stewards in the past or are a current "steward" the time has come to step forward and be counted. Our contributions to ONE Stewards goes to support charities, seminarian scholarships, mission support and the diocesan Youth Rally. Please respond to the ONE Stewards mailing when it arrives at your home

CABARET NIGHT: A reminder for those who have tickets for the parish outing organized by the Sisterhood, we will be going to the Connecticut Cabaret Theatre in Berlin, CT on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. to see *"Leader of the Pack."* If you have a suggestion for the next outing don't be shy let someone know. Those who could not join us this time be ready for the next event. In the fall we will again go "tailgating" at a UCONN Husky football game.

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 on Saturday, April 28th.

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

The April monthly charity collection is for Operation Fuel which is the only statewide resource helping the working poor in our community pay their energy bills through the cold winter months. A gift of $ 60 (the equivalent of $5 a month) will keep the heat on for a needy Connecticut family during the winter. Visit their web site at www.operationfuel.org

WarmThyNeighbor
OPERATION FUEL

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY: We will be publishing a new Parish Photo Directory. Premier Portraits, LLC of New Britain has been selected to publish the directory. www.ctpremierphotos.com Everyone is asked to come and have their photo's taken in order to have a complete "picture" of our parish. You do not have to purchase pictures in order to be in the directory. The date for pictures will be:

Friday, April 27 6:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, April 28 9:30 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday, May 5 9:30 AM-2:30 PM

If you wish to purchase pictures the cost is $22.00 per sheet [8"x10"]. Please see the information sheets posted on the bulletin boards downstairs for breakdown of photo sizes. Also, correct addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. need to be submitted to Fr. David as soon as possible.
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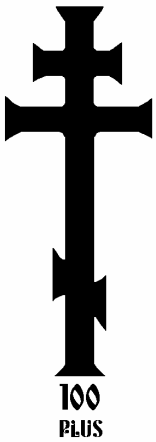
PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council will meet on Monday, April 30th, at 7:00 P.M.

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

As you know, during the last few years, several parishioners and committees have worked on the multi-faceted problem regarding the continued wall/paint deterioration inside the church. At the Annual Parish Body Meeting in January 2006, a sum of $10,000 was approved to look into the roof problem. Of that sum, $2,500 was used to open one of the cupola's to determine its condition with recommendations made for repairs. At a Special Parish Meeting held in November 2006 an additional $25,000 was allocated to make necessary roof repairs (which will be done in the spring). At the Annual Parish Meeting held in January 2007, $5,000 was approved to remove the two large maple trees in front of the church due in part, to their contribution to the roof problems. During the last heavy rain storm, the church kitchen and a small area of the Sunday school again flooded. A systematic plan has been developed to address the problems in the following manner:



- Removal of the two trees in front of the church (along with two at the front of the rectory)
- Clean gutters of all debris
- Professionally have all down spouts, rear curtain drain clean-outs and lines inspected and snaked all the way to the main drain pipe in the street
- Have designated roof and cupola repairs made
- Determine cause of water in church kitchen and add sump pump or alleviate the problem from the outside
- Once it is determined that the outside water problems have been addressed, repair and re-plaster the interior church walls
- Paint the interior of the church
- Paint the Sunday school and replace ceiling tiles
- Complete Sunday school area with new indoor/ outdoor carpet, with tile to cover the area of the coffee hour set-up

At the November 2006 Special Parish Body Meeting, it was noted that no assessment was anticipated at this time and that funds allocated were dedicated to the outside repairs. Restoration of the interior of the church would be addressed at a later time. 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 the100 year mark in 2013, not to be confused with the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2002.

Past Warden Michael Wanik has suggested forming 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. As we enter Holy Week and the joy of the Resurrection, we encourage every parishioner to reflect on the importance of this building in our spiritual life and to help in its restoration.

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB

"WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME"

The following parishioners (and friends) are now homebound 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.

Jerome Home, New Britain
Sadie Albino
Ann Laska
Anna M. Makula
Jean Prusik

Newington Care, Newington
Zinaida Sotnick
Mary Salina

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk

Brittany Farms, New Britain
Olga Halajko
Olga Hallin

Middlewoods, Newington
Jennie Skovich

Walnut Hill, New Britain
Agnes Makula
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

Arden Courts, Avon
Mildred Dobrowolski

Ingraham Manor, Bristol
Julianna (Eulah) Chesky

Southington Care Center, Southington
Louise Matyczyk Bechum

Woodlake, Tolland
Caroline Skerpan

At Home: Mary Bogdan, Anne Cherpak, Mary Glowacki, Nina Hair, Helen Karabin, Susan Labas, Stella Liwen, Mary Roman, Lillian Maddaluno, Maria Stregotsky, Zenaida Zapatka and Sophia Zardecki.

NEWLY DEPARTED:

Ruth Matyschsyk [Wife of Leo] (2/26)
Patricia Bryda [Sister of Peter Steffick] (3/1)

PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Anton Ushkevich	48	April 1 1931
Child Nicholas Shcherdakevich	4	April 2 1922
Elizabeth Kolvek	75	April 2 1931
Child Basil Huts	1 mo	April 2 1936
Theodore Baluk	49	April 2 1940
Emily Balkun	75	April 2 1976
Vladimir James Dounouk	75	April 2 1984
George Shchenansky	43	April 3 1930
Emilian Opanasenko	83	April 4 1986
Daniel Protosen	57	April 5 1952
Michael Truhan	45	April 5 1962
John Suzich	38	April 6 1913
Christine Kupchik	75	April 6 1959
John Panasevich	38	April 8 1956
John Waskiewicz	55	April 8 1964
Alexander Romanchuk	80	April 8 1966
Albina Schaplak	75	April 8 1973
Child Sophia Vinaid	3	April 9 1914
Joseph Novak	47	April 9 1965
John Biczun	69	April 9 1972
Mary Wayda	73	April 10 1973
George Buchan	31	April 11 1910
Zenaida Keyko		April 11 1914
Child Sophie Keyko	3	April 11 1914
Andrew Ladutko	35	April 12 1930
Antonina Kovalchuk	71	April 12 1964
Sophie Zaiko	62	April 13 1953
Efrem Noveck	67	April 13 1964
Katherine Cherpak	85	April 13 1975
Anna Cherpak	67	April 14 1941
Bronislava Galagan		April 14 1984
Child Mary Purindis	8 mo	April 15 1914
Walter (Vladimir) Matyczyk	75	April 15 2001
Nikita Stelman	62	April 16 1948
George Labas		April 16 1988
Michael Labas		April 16 1989
Michael Molchan	86	April 17 1997

Gregory Cyckowski	71	April 18 1971
Sophia Stankevich	38	April 19 1929
Harry Ptuska	67	April 19 1948
Nikolay Pobrezny	82	April 19 1975
Archpriest Andrew Vansuch		**April 21 1971**
Rector: 1917 - 1919		
Moses Basuk	31	April 21 1919
Mary Oleyer	68	April 21 1960
Daniel Gasukevich		April 21 1984
Nicholas Cherpak	52	April 22 1935
Anna Truhan		April 22 1971
Annastacia Matyczyk	93	April 22 1988
Child Peter Hudzik	3 days	April 23 1933
George Hamilla	53	April 23 1956
Melania Sulima	84	April 23 2002
Mary Smith		April 24 1982
Timothy Sadovsky		April 25 1932
Helen Panasewich	67	April 25 1961
George Cocores	17	April 25 1966
Daniel Karpovich	65	April 26 1936
Theodore Gladky	49	April 26 1937
Peter Keilowok	56	April 26 1941
Alice Andruskiewicz	75	April 27 1996
Andrew Dobosz	60	April 28 1976
Emil Tynik	76	April 28 1990
Alexander Dudeyko	46	April 29 1917
Jacob Snitko	55	April 29 1935
Stella Zamayduk	52	April 30 1952
Paul Panasewich		April 30 1986
Edward Johnson	78	April 30 1998

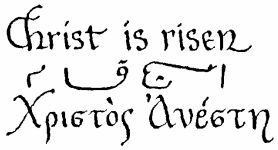
SUNDAYS IN APRIL:

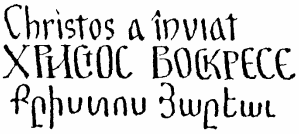
Saint Thomas Sunday
The Sunday after Pascha, called the Second Sunday, is thus the eighth day of the paschal celebration, the last day of Bright Week. It is therefore called the Antipascha, and it was only on this day in the early church that the newly-baptized Christians removed their robes and entered once again into the life of this world.

This day is dedicated to the Apostle Thomas who was not present when Jesus first showed Himself to His disciples after the Resurrection. The Church remembers the gathering of the disciples and celebrates Thomas' confession: *"My Lord and My God"* and Our Lords response *"Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."* We have not seen Christ with our physical eyes nor touched his risen body with our physical hands, yet in the Holy Spirit we have seen and touched and tasted the Word of Life (1John 1:1-4), and so we believe.

The Myrrhbearing Women
The third Sunday after Pascha is dedicated to the myrrhbearing women who cared for the body of the Savior at his death and who were the first witnesses of his Resurrection. The three troparia of Holy Friday are sung once again and form the theme of the day.

The Paralytic
The fourth Sunday after Pascha is dedicated to Christ's healing of the paralytic. The man was healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the water. The Jews believed that when the waters at the pool of Bethsantha were "moving", God was present with his healing powers and the first on in after the movement would be healed. It is through our baptism in the Church that we, too, are healed and we are told, together with the paralytic, to *"sin no more that nothing worse befall you." (John 5:14) end."*





CONDEMNED TO IMMORTALITY:
A Meditation on the Resurrection

by Fr. Justin Popovich

People condemned God to death; with His Resurrection He condemned them to immortality. For striking Him, God returned embraces; for insults, blessings; for death, immortality. Never did men show more hate towards God than when they crucified Him; and God never showed His love towards people more than when He was resurrected. Mankind wanted to make God dead, but God, with His Resurrection, made people alive, the crucified God resurrected on the third day and thereby killed death! There is no more death. Immortality is surrounding man and his entire world.

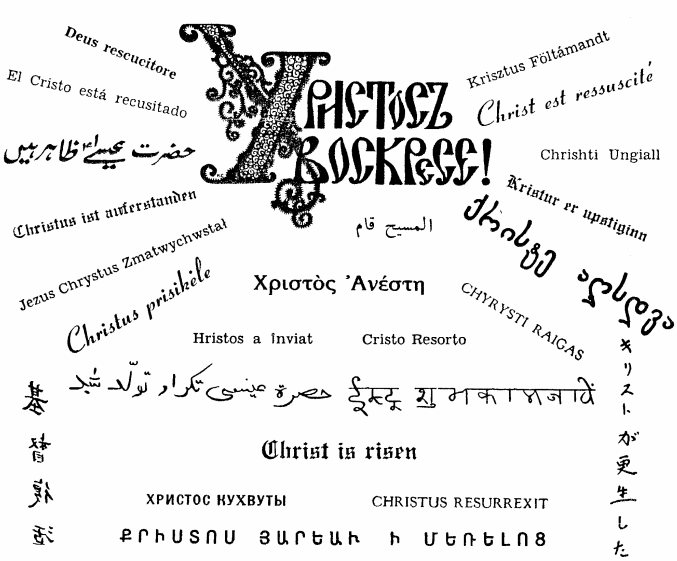
With the Resurrection of the God-Man, the nature of man is irreversibly led toward the road of immortality and man's nature becomes destructive to death itself. For until the Resurrection of Christ, death was destructive for man; from the Resurrection of Christ, man's nature becomes destructive in death. If man lives in the faith of the

Resurrected God Man, he lives above death, he is unreachable for her; death is under man's feet. Death where is thy sting? Hell, where is thy victory? And when a man who believes in Christ dies, he only leaves his Body as his clothes, in which he will be dressed again on the Day of Last Judgment.

Before the Resurrection of the God-Man, death was the second nature of man; life was first and death was second. Man became accustomed to death as something natural. But after His Resurrection the Lord changed everything: and it was only natural until Christ's Resurrection, that the people became mortal; so after Christ's Resurrection it was natural that the people became immortal.

Through sin, man becomes mortal and temporal; with the Resurrection of the God-Man, he becomes immortal and eternal. **In this lies the strength, in this lies the power, in this lies the might of Christ's Resurrection.** Without the Resurrection there is no Christianity. Among the miracles, this is the greatest one; all other miracles begin and end with it. From it sprouted the faith and the love and the hope and the prayer and the love toward God.

Fr. Justin Popovich, Abbot of Chelije Monastery in Valjevo, Serbia, called the greatest Serb of the 20th century, may soon be canonized a saint of the Serbian Orthodox Church.



THE PASCHAL KISS

The pious custom of exchanging the triple kiss on Pascha has a profound meaning and significance. As nearly as possible it embodies the spirit of the feast itself and gives eloquent testimony to the significance of the day of Christ's radiant Resurrection for resurrected mankind.

In actual fact, the feast of Pascha, which was established to commemorate the greatest of miracles, the miracle of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, serves as the best proof of our redemption, which from eternity had figured in the plan of divine creation *(Revelations 13:8)*. The history of this feast reminds us that the event of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the final event in the liberation of the human race from sin, through the annihilation of death as the result of sin. This is a glorious victory over evil at its very root, a victory which was intended in the pre-eternal counsel of God for the redemption of mankind through the voluntary sacrifice of the Son of God *(Ephesians* 1:14) and for the return of humanity to that grace-endowed state which had been lost to its consequence of the willful sin of the Fall, which also was taken into account in the eternal plans of Divine Providence. By His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ once again lead man to God – man, who by sin had alienated himself from Him. He united heaven and earth, God with man, showing Himself to be the sole intercessor for the entire human race before God's justice, and annihilated enmity and hatred, giving forgiveness and peace to mankind. By their faith in the risen Lord, the people redeemed by Him have justly received the right to be called children of God by the grace of adoption by God *(John* 1:12-13) and by calling God their Father, rightly recognize themselves as brothers in Christ.

As a remembrance of this significance of the event of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Christian Church has established and sanctified by Her own usage the pious custom of greeting each other on the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with a mutual Christian kiss. This kiss is the highest form of expressing our brotherhood in Christ and of our love for one another. In the best possible way it testifies to the reconciliation of people among themselves and with God - reconciliation accomplished by our Lord Jesus Christ - and best conveys the profound meaning of the feast of the Christian Passover.

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Parish Council Minutes

The February 2007 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on Monday, February 26, 2007. Warden Paul Salina called the meeting to order at 7pm. A quorum was noted. Father David Koles lead the opening prayer "O Heavenly King".

Warden Report: Warden Paul Salina welcomed all to the parish council meeting. He reminded us of the importance

of our jobs and we should continue to work together-this is a sign of a good organization.

Pastor Report: Father David advised us that he has received some thank you notes. 1. Holy Trinity Cathedral 2. The OCA for our donation in the stocking project and 3. Father Eugene (Director of FOS). He also indicated there are two Internet sites available for Music and Discussion-1. Ancient Faith Radio (www.ancientfaithradio.com) & 2. The Ark (www.receive.org) - More info is available on the bulletin board. Father also indicated that he will be sending letters to "absent" parishioners including a return postcard for a response-basically "are you a part of this parish anymore?" We have 175 parishioners at this time and this number does affect our Fair Share cost.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept the January 2007 minutes as submitted by Diane Polzun/Nancy Martin. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: George Ludko reported on reports prepared by Jennie Everson.

January 2007	income	$12,572.75	(large expenses-Jan. Fair Share, Insurance,
January 2007	expense	$15,912.69	property tax, SS deposit, gas bill,
	Exp/inc	($3,339.94)	transfer funds to cemetery fund)

January Charity $1269.00 for Liberian Refugee Camp

Budget Summary 2007	income	$ 8,698.75
	Expense	$15,102.69
	Exp/inc	($6,403.94)

Total Assets as of 1-31-07 $319,612.12

Rosemary Delaney has audited January. Motion to accept the audited report for January Marion Bichun/Peter Anop. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Caretaker's house: Paul Salina reported some problems recently occurred at the Beaver St. home in Ed Czerwinski's absence. Apparently the furnace wasn't working which in turn caused pipes to freeze. Water pipes have burst and radiators have exploded. Paul had pictures of the damage. The insurance company has been notified and adjustors have come out to assess the damage. Lori Vranes**, *Ed's sister*,** has also done some ***removal of personal items***. The furnace did restart but the radiators are not working at this time. Discussion ensued. ***The council decided to have repairs made, as covered*** by the insurance company and ***will*** then determine what to do with the property. Paul Salina will contact Kupura restoration in Plainville.

Strategic planning: - no report

Roof/Gutters/Trees: The annual parish meeting approved the removal of the 2 magnolia trees in front of the parish house and the 2 large maple trees on either side of the church-that work should begin soon-Paul Salina has signed the contract with Natural Systems at a cost of $4500 (Holcomb was too busy to undertake this project). Once the trees are down, then Bostwick will be able to proceed with the roof repairs.

Parish Directory: Father David is working on contacts – addresses. The dates have been set for the photo sessions. They are Friday, April 27 6-9pm, Saturday April 28 9:30am - 4:30pm and Saturday May 12 9:30am-2:30pm. Sign ups will be available in April. Phyllis Bartos will assist.

Project Management Review: Warden Paul Salina reviewed the project management list - a copy is on file with the secretary. We are holding off on the ceiling tile replacement until after Pascha. The Men's Club has donated $3,000 towards ***$3,850 cost to repair the front entries to the church hall***. Ed Bichun is contacting another person regarding the stove hood. Discussion of rehousing the office currently located at the parish house-there is room in the choir storage closet and the bell tower. There is a good chance the front apartment will soon be rented. The sand boxes have been filled. Nelson Potter reported the bookstore is still consolidating. There are catalogs available for special order and most items can be here within a week. There was also a discussion of possibly replacing the icons of the 4 evangelists that have been painted over once the water issue is resolved.

Generic envelopes: - no report

From the floor: We were reminded that all parish council members are required to view the video on Sexual Harassment.

NEW BUSINESS

Lawn proposal-Josh Karabin April 2007-November 2007: We have received a proposal from Josh Karabin for lawn care - including raking, sweeping, mowing, weeding, pruning, and fall clean-up. The cost is $5,040.00 to be paid in 8 installments of $630.00. Motion to have Josh Karabin continue with lawn services George Ludko/Marion Bichun. Motion carried.

Pascha Preparation/flowers: Ed and Marion Bichun and Sonya Matyczyk will order the flowers. Ed will also obtain the pussy willows and arrange for a police officer.

Charity: Smile Train was approved at the last meeting for March. Motion to have April charity be Operation Fuel Nelson Potter/Diane Polzun. Motion carried

Diocesan Delegate: The Diocesan Assembly will be in Meriden CT and George Ludko will be our delegate.

From the floor:

*Gene Tilley's wife has passed away – GT Graphics prints our monthly bulletins and other printing at no charge to the parish. Motion to make a donation of $100.00 in her memory to St. Jude's research Dan Bradanini/Peter Steffick. Motion carried.

*Marion Bichun reported that Jonathan Shea a professor at CCSU is looking to do some research and genealogy research of our parish free of charge. She will put him in contact with Father David.

*Tikhonaire-Motion to make $100 donation for advertisement George Ludko/Marion Bichun. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Nelson Potter at 8:03pm. The meeting concluded with the singing of "It is Truly Meet".

NEXT MEETING MARCH 26, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos