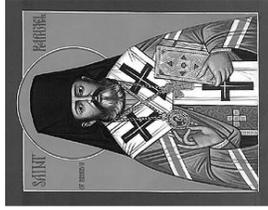
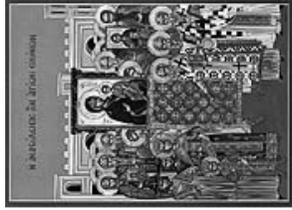


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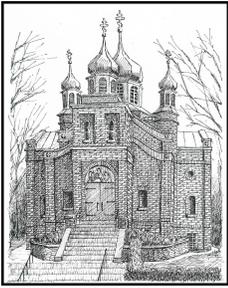


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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | 1 Festal Vesperal Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck supper | 2 MEETING OF THE LORD | 3 Daily Vespers 6:30 p.m. Diocesan Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. | 4 CT Deanery Mtg. @ Bethel 7:00 p.m. | 5 | 6 Choir Rehearsal 2:15 P.M. Great Vespers 4:00 P.M. Confession |
| 7 LAST JUDGMENT Divine Liturgy, 9:00A.M. Installation of Officers MEATFARE BRUNCH | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 IVERON ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS | 13 Choir Rehearsal 2:15 P.M. Great Vespers 4:00 P.M. Confession |
| 14 CHEESEFARE SUNDAY Church School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. & FORGIVENESS VESPERS Coffee Hour - Cherpak / Bradanini | 15 BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 P.M. | 16 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 P.M. | 17 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD | 18 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 P.M. | 19 All Parish Panikhida, 5:30 P. M. | 20 Confession 3-3:30 P. M. Great Vespers 4:00 P.M. Confession |
| 21 1 st of Great Lent ORTHOODOXY SUNDAY Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - ? ? ? Orthodoxy Vespers, 4 P.M. Waterbury | 22 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p. m. | 23 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 A. M. WALNUT HILL (for Communion) Confession 2:00 P. M. | 24 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD | 25 | 26 | 27 ST. RAPHAEL, BISHOP OF BROOKLYN Confession 3-3:30 P. M. Great Vespers 4:00 P.M. Confession |
| 28 2 nd of Great Lent ST. GREGORY PALAMAS Church School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - ? ? ? Deanery Vespers 4 P.M. Springfield, MA | | Greeter: S. Matyczuk | | Cleaner: ? ? ? ? | | Charity: ALEANDRO OCMC TRIP TO KENYA |



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HOUSE BLESSINGS: The home blessing this year was again a tremendous joy. I had a wonderful time visiting with everyone, some 50+ homes. Next year I have to make some small adjustments to the Saturday schedule in order to give enough time to visit with everyone and not to rush or cramp our liturgical schedule. I also hope the list will grow so that we can get as close to 100% as possible. Thank you, everyone, for your kindness as I journeyed around central Connecticut.

Fr. David

NEWLY ELECTED: The 2010 Parish Council, elected at the annual parish meeting, together with the officers for the Sisterhood and Men's Club will be blessed the end of Divine Liturgy on February 7th, subject to approval of the elections by His Grace, Bishop NIKON. All elected members are asked to be present for that service. The first meeting of the new council will be held on Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

MEATFARE SUNDAY: Meatfare Sunday (February 7th) is the last day on the Orthodox calendar which allows the consumption of meat and meat products. Our Sisterhood is planning once again to hold the annual Meatfare Sunday Breakfast that morning following liturgy. Make plans now to join us for the feast before the fast!

The Orthodox celebration of PASCHA this year is April 4th, which is the same day western churches celebrate Easter. Forgiveness Vespers will be held after Divine Liturgy on February 14th. This liturgical entrance into the Fast, along with the moving Rite of Forgiveness, is essential for every Orthodox Christian. All parishioners are asked to be present for this service.

GREAT LENT: Please make a sincere effort to

attend more services, to fast, to give alms, to read the scriptures or a spiritual book and to participate in the Sacrament of Confession during our journey of Great Lent. Fasting for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is nothing by mouth (food, drink, smoking, etc.) at least from the noontime meal until after Communion. Those who are physically able to are encouraged to fast the whole day.

- ◆ Please check the calendar for weekday confession times, also, Wednesdays, 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays, before and after Vespers. Father also is available by appointment at other times. **Please** make your Lenten confession before the end of Great Lent, Friday, March 26th.

A note about Confession and frequent Communion:

For those who are receiving the Eucharist every Sunday and on Feast days, an acceptable rule of thumb is to participate in the Sacrament of Confession at least once during each of the four Lenten seasons during the year. Also, in preparation for receiving the Holy Eucharist, especially at Sunday Divine Liturgy, prayer and fasting is the acceptable practice. Prayer, by attending Vespers the night before, and fasting, from midnight until after Divine Liturgy. When we have a weekday Festal Vespertal Liturgy the rules of fasting are the same as for Presanctified. We also should participate in the Sacrament of Confession if we are absent from Divine Liturgy & the Eucharist for three weeks in a row.

LENTEN VESPERS: On Sunday afternoons [all begin at 4:00 p.m.] during the fast, Lenten Vespers will be served at various churches through out the Connecticut Deanery. It may seem burdensome but visiting our neighbors brings great joy to the host parish to fill their temple and we

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get to pray and have fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lenten Vesper Schedule:

Feb. 21st Nativity of the Virgin Church, Waterbury
 Feb. 28th Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Springfield, MA
 Mar. 7th FORCC Sunday: ? ? ? ?
 Mar. 14th St. Alexis Church, Clinton
 Mar. 21st Holy Unction: Three Saints, Ansonia
 Mar. 28th Bridegroom Matins: HTOC, New Britain

PARISH COUNCIL: The first meeting of the newly elected and blessed Parish Council will be held on Monday evening, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

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 after Pascha on Saturday, April 24th.

The February monthly charity collection is to assist Fr. Vladimir & Matushka Suzanne Aleandro, Pastor of Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT and DEAN of the Connecticut Deanery, as they participate in the Orthodox Christian Mission Center's [OCMC] Mission Team to Kenya. The Aleandro's are making their second trip to the continent. In 2007 they built a church and now they will evangelize, catechize, baptize, marry, etc. the Turkana people of Northern Kenya.



Visit the OCMC website at <http://www.ocmc.org>

The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. You may donate early by using the envelope provided in your monthly mailing. Please be generous in your support of this important mission.

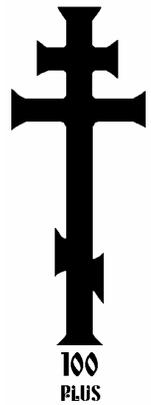
CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

A preliminary meeting between Baker Renovations Inc. and members of the Parish Council has taken place in August, and a second company ArtTech in early January have taken place. In the coming months a systematic plan for the restoration of the interior of the church will be formulated. Once these plans are known they will be presented at a Special Parish meeting.

- ◆ Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls and Paint the interior of the church. *[summer '12]*
- It is important to remember that our church building is ap-

proaching 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 January 2010 we collected \$ 100.00

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB



**Birthdays & Anniversaries
in FEBRUARY:**

| | | |
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| 4 | Isabella Salina | 2008 |
| 6 | Diane Polzun | 1947 |
| 7 | Adam Salina | 1975 |
| 8 | Ellen Santoro | 1953 |
| 10 | Philip Cook | 1986 |
| 14 | Natalie Zaiko | 1920 |
| 16 | Helen Anop | 1927 |
| 17 | Kristina Bouteneff | 1993 |
| 18 | Eva Zagorska | 1965 |
| 20 | Katarina Delaney | 2004 |
| 20 | Mike Wanik | 1958 |
| 25 | Kelsey Elizabeth Rembisz | 2009 |
| 25 | Nick Dresko | 1983 |
| | | |
| 5 | Peter & Ann Anop | 1994 |
| 21 | Paul & Janet Culton | 1959 |



“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.

Jerome Home, New Britain

Sadie Albino

Arbor Rose, New Britain

Nona Belomyzy

Middlewoods, Newington

Jennie Skovich

Walnut Hill, New Britain

Agnes Makula

Olga Skotnicki

Mary Cherpak

St. Lucian Residence, New Britain

Mary Kotrady

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin

Natasha Zaiko

Nicholas Zamayduk

Brittany Farms, New Britain

Olga Halajko

Apple Rehab, Rocky Hill

Jean Prusik

At Home: Mary Bogdan, Anne Cherpak, Helen Karabin,
Susan Labas, Stella Liwen, Irene Prigodich and Stella Tynik.



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

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|---------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Theodore Karpey | | February 1 1982 |
| Olga Kotlarz | | February 1 1985 |
| Teresa (Parasceva) Walker | 84 | February 1 1999 |
| John Balkun | 70 | February 2 1966 |
| Vasilina Koliv | 17 | February 3 1913 |
| Gregory Stankevich | 62 | February 3 1949 |
| Trofim Kirichov | 62 | February 3 1956 |
| John Klotz, Sr. | 80 | February 3 1968 |
| Katheryna Bondarenko | 85 | February 3 1980 |
| Eva Hamisevich | 28 | February 4 1920 |
| Natalie Lestoric | 80 | February 4 2002 |
| Child John Tarlevsky | 1 day | February 5 1918 |
| Walter Panasevich | 55 | February 5 1964 |
| Marion Dounouk | 15 | February 5 1965 |
| Irene Turek | 74 | February 5 2004 |
| Peter Jazkevich | | February 7 1989 |

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| Child Nina Hulisa | 7 mo | February 8 1917 |
| Child Olga Kuharchuk | 4 mo | February 8 1917 |
| Joseph Hamilla | 84 | February 8 1984 |
| Geraldine Karpey | 61 | February 8 1985 |
| Conrad Filipchuk | 56 | February 9 1932 |
| Paul Bogdan | 65 | February 9 1955 |
| Zinada Foster | 88 | February 9 2007 |
| Peter Hamilla | 33 | February 10 1916 |
| Child Lydia Hamisevich | 7 mo | February 10 1917 |
| Helen Velichko | 56 | February 11 1930 |
| Alexei Lewczyk | 69 | February 12 1959 |
| Protodn Nicholas Panteleeff | 85 | February 12 1961 |
| Michael Molchan | 75 | February 12 1964 |
| Anna Horbal | 84 | February 12 1981 |
| Child Nicholas Panasevich | 2 mo | February 13 1916 |
| Naum Sobchuk [Sovchuk] | 61 | February 13 1956 |
| Mary Hamilla | 80 | February 13 1958 |
| George Cocores | 35 | February 13 1960 |
| Natalia Karpey | 84 | February 13 1973 |
| Alexandra Neverovich | 86 | February 13 1983 |
| Walter Wanik | 61 | February 13 1995 |
| Alexandra Bichun | 57 | February 14 1959 |
| Nadezhda Novosett | 93 | February 16 1990 |
| Sarah Belomyzy | 83 | February 16 1995 |
| Child Mary Hiov | 5 mo | February 17 1911 |
| Pauline Dyranka | 82 | February 17 1996 |
| John Fedorovich | 38 | February 19 1926 |
| Stephen Klotz | | February 19 1959 |
| Nona Grusha | 87 | February 19 2000 |
| Basil Pracalo | 77 | February 20 1968 |
| George Cherpak | 96 | February 20 1983 |
| Stephen Karpey | 66 | February 21 1942 |
| Joseph Pich | 77 | February 21 1996 |
| Mary Paquette | 98 | February 21 2002 |
| Child Katherine Cherpak | 7 | February 22 1911 |
| Child Tekla Russin | 9 mo | February 23 1903 |
| Mary Semanchik | 15 | February 23 1910 |
| John Lehman | 64 | February 23 1950 |
| Anastasia Pelik | 62 | February 23 1954 |
| Helen Wlasuk | 71 | February 23 1960 |
| Mary Gasparini | 94 | February 25 1998 |
| Andrew Lenik | 35 | February 26 1930 |
| Katherine Smoluk | 73 | February 26 1971 |
| Alexander Kotrady | | February 26 1985 |
| Child (No name) Pruta | 4 | February 27 1937 |
| Pearl (Paraskeva) Liwen | 95 | February 27 1987 |
| Justina Sulima | 69 | February 28 1969 |
| Barbara Steffick | 75 | February 28 2008 |
| Elia Podubinsky | 38 | February 29 1916 |

CLEAN WEEK

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Feb. 15, 16 & 18; The Canon of St. Andrew of Crete - The canon is a dialog between St. Andrew and his soul. The ongoing theme is an urgent exhortation to change one's life. St Andrew always mentions his own sinfulness placed in juxtaposition to God's mercy, and uses literally hundreds of references to good and bad examples from the OT and NT to "convince himself" to repent.

Wednesday, February 17; Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - Great Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and intensified prayer, and the Orthodox Church regards more frequent reception of communion as especially desirable at that time. However, the full Divine Liturgy has a joyful character not in keeping with the somberness of the season of repentance (Eucharist literally means "thanksgiving"). The Presanctified Liturgy is therefore celebrated instead.

Friday, February 19; All Parish Panikhida - In the Orthodox Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life. For this reason, memorial services have an air of penitence about them and tend to be served more frequently during the four fasting seasons (Great Lent, Nativity Fast, Apostles' Fast and Dormition Fast).

Confession

Confession is an essential element of the Christian life. In fact, without an acknowledgment and confession of our sins, there is no Christianity.

We confess our sins in order to:

- ◆ reveal our lives to the judgment of God and those around us;
- ◆ beg for mercy and forgiveness;
- ◆ free ourselves from our sinful secrets;
- ◆ open ourselves to the Light of God and those around us;
- ◆ liberate ourselves from everything negative which binds and corrupts us; and
- ◆ be reconciled with God while being united to the Church - the People of God.

OPEN AND PUBLIC

There is no confession of sins which is not open and public. A confession "in secret" or "to God alone," as some say, is no confession at all.

God knows what we have done before we do it. To admit our sins to Him privately is partial and incomplete, for every sin against God is a sin against humanity and nature. A sincere confession is always an open confession. This alone manifests plainly our genuine acknowledgement of sin, our authentic sorrow, and our sincere desire to change our lives.

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRIEST ALONE

Why, then, do we confess to God in the presence of the priest alone? Why, if confession is open and public, does it appear to be "private"?

We confess to God in the presence of the priest as if we were confessing in the presence of God's People. Or, to put it another way, we confess to all in the person of the priest.

The pastor of the parish community sees and hears and offers guidance and proclaims God's forgiveness on behalf of the entire community - in the name of God and His People. He bears witness before all of the sincerity of our confession. If possible, he counsels and advises us in Ways which will bring about spiritual growth. He proclaims the comforting words of divine forgiveness to us when we truly repent.



In the early Church, confession was literally open and public. It took place before the whole Christian community and society. The present practice, by which the priest represents the community, is merely a condescension to human frailty. It is not at all, in the Orthodox Christian understanding, a practice built upon a doctrine of priestly "power" and "authority" alone.

WHY THE CHURCH?

Why is the Church the means of confession? Cannot God forgive sins "directly"? Is He not present everywhere, always ready to show mercy to sinners?

Of course God is everywhere and is always ready to receive repentant sinners. However, this very same God revealed Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ, who founded His Church and has filled It with the power of His Holy Spirit.

Thus, in the same way that we have recourse to the Church for baptism and chrismation, for marriage and burial, to hear the proclamation of the Word of God and to receive Holy Communion, so we also go to confess our sins and to receive the grace to be reunited, through Jesus Christ, with God the Father in the Holy Spirit. Since the Church is made up of people - God's People, we likewise turn to the Church to find reconciliation with those around us as well.

If we turn to the Church to receive all that we know and all that we have from God- including even the Holy Bi-

ble and the divine revelation which was given by God to His People through Jesus Christ, how strange it would be if we did not come to the same Church to confess our sins and to receive divine forgiveness and mercy!

Let no one be kept back either by his sins or by his years from coming to obtain salvation. To him who still remains in this world there is no repentance that is too late. - Saint Cyprian of Carthage

HOW TO COME TO CONFESSION

How should we come to confession? What should we do?

The first guideline for us to follow in approaching confession is to act according to the practices of our local parish. In addition to this, we must:

- ◆ confess openly and fully, avoiding useless details and vain enumeration;
- ◆ be sincerely sorry for our sins;
- ◆ truly desire forgiveness and reconciliation with God and those around us;
- ◆ bear the spirit of true repentance and the desire to change our lives; and
- ◆ make amends for our wrongs and resolve to improve our lives.

These are the main elements of confession. Should the priest advise or instruct us to do certain things - to read, to pray, to perform certain acts of mercy - we should follow his advice cheerfully and carefully, knowing that God Himself speaks to us with every act of sacramental penance if we are sincere and open to His presence.

NOTHING IS SECRET

Finally, we should come to confession as we would come to the Last Judgment. We must recognize the significance of this point.

Christ is coming to us in the Church. He is coming specifically and concretely in the sacrament of Holy Communion at the Divine Liturgy. He is coming either to accept us into loving communion with God or to judge and condemn us. We prepare ourselves to meet Him by opening our souls, confessing our sins, and seeking mercy and forgiveness.

For nothing is hid that shall not be made manifest; nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. Take heed then how you hear

- Luke 8: 17-18

In the Church we already live in the Light of God's Kingdom. Judgment is ever-present. Jesus Christ continually appears. We must meet Him with heartfelt confession of sins and genuine repentance so that our meeting with Him may be "not for judgment, nor for condemnation, but for the remission of sins and unto life everlasting."

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we

make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. - 1 John 1:8-10

From the Orthodox Christian Publication Center 1998



The January 2010 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on January 11, 2010. Warden Paul Salina welcomed everyone to the last council meeting of the 2009 council and called the meeting to order at 7pm. A quorum was noted with 100% attendance and the meeting began with "O Heavenly King".

Pastor's Report Father David reported that he is the middle of house blessings and that it is good to see everyone. He also visited some parishioners for room blessings that reside at Middlewoods, Arbor Rose and Jerome Home. There will be a Deanery wide Panikhida on January 27, 2010 at 7:00pm at Christ the Savior Church in Southbury for Archbishop Job (40th Day since his falling asleep). The service will be followed by a "finger-food" repast - please bring something to share. They are encouraging former rally students to attend. There will also be services in Boston and Claremont. On February 1, 2010 there will be Vesperal Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Meeting of the Lord followed by a non-lenten pot luck. Meatfare Sunday is February 7 and Forgiveness Sunday is February 14. We will be hosting the Deanery Bridegroom Matins on Palm Sunday - March 28 at 4pm. All Sunday Lenten services will be at 4pm. A list will be posted. Father David will be away the 1st week of May. Bishop Nikon will visit our Parish on May 15-16. Father David mentioned that for 2010 - 50 out of 103 pledges have been received compared to 52 out of 98 last year. There are people that do give that don't pledge and some people who did pledge that actually gave more.

Secretary's Report Motion to accept the November 2009 minutes as submitted Nelson Potter/Diane Dounouk. Motion carried.

Financial Report George Ludko presented the report.

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| November income | \$ 14,193.19 | |
| November expense | \$ 11,544.21 | |
| Expense from money market | \$ 5,020.00 | (prop. maint. Phase II) |
| Expense/Income | (\$ 2,371.02) | (large expenses: property maintenance, fair share, withholdings and ss, utilities, the Andrew Boyd gift) |
| November charity | \$550.00. | The October charity Christmas Stocking Project has been somewhat of an ordeal since the OCA is no longer coordinating. Instead, information regarding the orphanages was made available with directions to send donations directly to them. The check sent to Belarus was returned as we were given the incorrect bank routing number -we were assessed fees...etc. We forwarded the remaining sum to another orphanage. We did collect \$305 for Warm the Children. |
| November reports | audited by Jennie Everson and George Matyczyk. | |

George reported that he is transferring interest from the checking account to the money market account and in January will be moving \$1K-\$2K back. Motion to accept the audited November report Rosemary Delaney/Ellen Santoro. Motion carried. December report is unofficial. George will try to have ready for annual meeting.

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| December income | \$14,094.90 | (large expenses- |
| | | property maintenance, |
| December expense | \$13,055.92 | utilities, fair share, |
| | | withholdings and ss) |
| Income over expense | \$1,038.98 | |

George Ludko also presented the 2009 cemetery financial report

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Operating income | \$22,783.41 |
| Operating expense | \$18,969.47 |
| Income over expense | \$3,813.94 |

Motion to accept the cemetery report Ann Myszka/Dan Telychka. Motion carried. The cemetery bills now include the monument fee deposits and we have had to return 4 of them once the families have provided proper grave markers. This is the first time in 3 years that the income was over expenses. Paul Salina received a form from the city regarding the cemetery use that needs to be completed and returned. This is routine that happens every 5 years or so. Thank you to George Ludko for a thorough job well done.

OLD BUSINESS

Church Interior Paul Salina did speak with Brian Baker and should have some info to him within 2 weeks with drawings and some ideas/thoughts. This will not include any cost at this time. Two other firms contacted have not responded to our inquiries. Artech Church Interiors from Danbury are painters, they paint and restore walls and add some artistic painting. They met with Father David, Paul Salina and Dan Bradanini. They indicated that we do have a beautiful church but the walls are plain with the Icons just "hanging" there. They suggested having their design person take a look-they have different but interesting concepts to tie everything in with painted trim. They are not into construction, but will work with other contractors. They have different painting techniques that could be added around the windows and icons. It may cost \$150K to strip all the old paint down to the original plaster. Paul, Fr. David and Dan B. will be meeting with a third company, Hylwa Contractors on Thursday. Diane Dounouk said that she knows some lighting contractors. Again, discussion to see if we would be eligible for some historical grants and we were once again cautioned that we must be careful and find the right fund. It was also suggested to contact the Mayor Stewart.

Project Management No report until spring and there is no rush to complete the outside landscaping project.

From the Floor

***Father Halvorsen visit** – nothing has been scheduled yet.
 *The council discussed the request for a refund of donations made to our parish in 2009 from a parishioner. Paul noted that the matter has been discussed with Bishop Nikon and the central administration of the OCA due to IRS implications regarding donations. George Ludko also noted that some of the person's donations were made to our monthly charities and that those funds have already been dispersed to said organizations. It has been the understanding that once a donation is made to the

church, it stays with church. The council agreed that a dangerous precedent could be set if the parish made refunds for any reason. Instead, the council decided to turn the matter over to Fr. David, who may use funds from the pastor's discretionary fund to assist those who are in financial need, as has been the past practice in our parish.

NEW BUSINESS

Charity Motion for February charity to be for Father Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne Aleandro's trip back to Kenya thru OCMC and March charity the pastor Discretionary fund. George Ludko/Dan Bradanini. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee There is one at-large position available and a few people are being approached. David Bartos has agreed to take this position if they do not find someone else. Michael Wanik –Warden, Ann Myszka –recording secretary, Rosemary Delaney-auditor and Ed Bichum at large. Paul Salina, Phyllis Bartos and Ellen Santoro will be leaving due to the end of their term limit and all others will remain on the council.

2010 Budget Recommendations The budget committee presented the budget to be presented at the annual meeting. The budget was trimmed to \$172K in 2010 down from \$176K in 2009. Our parish has always been a giving and generous parish but the only way to reduce the budget any further would be to eliminate donations to outside organizations, which is something we do not wish to do. The Fair Share cost went down. The Diocesan Assembly did not mandate a "COLA" for the pastor but our budget includes a 3% merit increase. The parish council reviewed and discussed the proposed budget. Motion to add \$250 to Project Mexico Ann Myszka/Diane Dounouk. Motion carried. Motion to present the budget at the annual meeting Peter Steffick/Peter Anop. Motion carried.

2010 Annual Meeting Agenda The agenda was reviewed by the parish council.

From the Floor

***Choir loft windows** - There appear to be some small holes in the windows. They will be checked and caulked.
 ***Cemetery Project** George Matyzczyk is working to get the names (and other info) of 3 parishioners who were killed in action during WWII to be inscribed on the present veterans' monument as a remembrance. The Men's club may assist in funding this project. He has received quotes of about \$2200. Motion to have George move forward George Ludko/Dan Bradanini and also be sure there are no others that should be included from any war. It was suggested to contact Rebecca Ahern and Amber Fiedler as they worked on a project relating to veterans not long ago. George also brought a portion of the cemetery by-laws that pertain to under 21 interment eligibility. The council discussed this and decided what we have works and leave as is.
 ***Thanks** Paul Salina, Phyllis Bartos and Ellen Santoro will be leaving the parish council after 4 years of service. The council appreciates of their hard works.

***Adjournment** Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm by Rosemary Delaney. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 22, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos