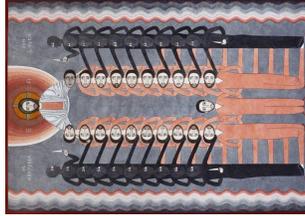




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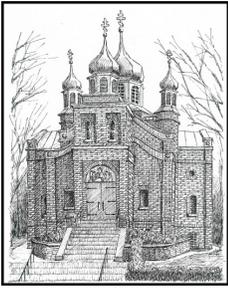


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Charity: Ambrose Huffman & family	Cleaners: ????	Greeter: Mat. Melanie	1 Festal Vespers Liturgy & Blessing of Candles 6:00 PM Pot Luck Supper	2 Meeting of the Lord	3	4 Choir Rehearsal 3:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
5 Publican & Pharisee Church School 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Coffee Hour – Salina	6	7 CT Deanery Clergy Workshop @ Hartford, CT 3:00 PM	8 Orthodoxy 101 @ 10:30 AM	9 FAST FREE WEEK	10	11 Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
12 Prodigal Son/Iveron Icon of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Installation/Blessing of New Council Coffee Hour – Bradanimi/Cherpak/Balkun	13	14	15 21 Coptic Martyrs of Libya	16 St. Nicholas of Japan	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 3:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
19 Last Judgment Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM MEATFARE BRUNCH	20 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22 Orthodoxy 101 @ 6:30 PM	23	24	25 Baptism of Nekita Novikov 10:00 AM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
26 Cheese Fare – Forgiveness Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM & FORGIVENESS VESPERS Coffee Hour – Hromi / Labas	27 St. Raphael of Brooklyn BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 PM	28 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 PM	March 1 Confession 5-5:30 P. M. Liturgy of the Pre- sanctified Gifts 6:10 P.M. SOUP 'n BREAD	2 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 PM	3	4 Confession 4-4:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession



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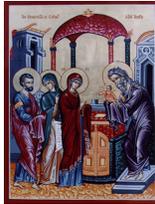
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HOUSE BLESSINGS: The home blessing this year was again a tremendous joy. I had a wonderful time visiting with everyone, some 30+ homes. I'm hopeful that more faithful will take advantage of this spiritual blessing. **Thank you, everyone,** for your kindness as I journeyed around central Connecticut.

Fr. David

FEAST DAY: The **Great Feast of the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple** (February 2nd) will be celebrated with Festal Vespers Liturgy & Blessing of Candles on Wednesday, February 1st at 6:00 p.m. followed by a festive Pot Luck supper.



FAST-FREE: The week of the Publican and the Pharisee (February 5th - 11th) is a fast-free period in the Orthodox Church. We begin the Lenten Triodion on that Sunday, the book used for all church services from the preparatory weeks before Great Lent until Great and Holy Saturday.

ORTHODOXY 101: We will be back at it with our by-monthly classes; Wednesday, February 8th at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. We will need to figure out when we can gather during Great Lent. Look forward to seeing all those interested in learning about our faith!!

NEWLY ELECTED: The 2017 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 12th, subject to approval of the elections by His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON. All elected members are asked to be present for that service.

MEATFARE SUNDAY: Meatfare Sunday (February 19th) 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!](#)

PARISH COUNCIL: The first meeting of the 2017 Parish Council will be held on Monday evening, February 20th at 7:00 P.M. All council members are reminded of the schedule change and 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 on after Pascha.

The February charity collection is for **Ambrose Huffman and his parents Jacob & Emily.** You have been aware through email updates about the difficulties and suffering that little Ambrose Huffman and his parents, Jarrod and Emily, have been dealing with.

He was born on January 9th in medical distress, was taken to University Medical Center of Southern Nevada (UMC) where Fr. John Dresko baptized him on January 10th at about 6:00 a.m. He was airlifted that same day for treatment to the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City with his father.

There are human consequences that the Huffmans are dealing with now. The Air Force has been very good about helping Jarrod through leave and some help with expenses. The fact of the matter is that they may have to stay away from their home for at least weeks and maybe months. They will have many expenses, medical and living, that are even unanticipated at this moment.

The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month.

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Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!



Birthdays & Anniversaries in FEBRUARY:

4	Isabella Salina	2008
6	Michael Karabin	1947
6	Diane Polzun	1947
7	Adam Salina	1975
7	Tania Bouteneff	
8	Ellen Santoro	1953
10	Philip Cook	1986
12	Stormie Morrison	1974
12	Ia Kokus	2016
12	Adrian Kokus	2016
16	Helen Anop	1927
17	Kristina Bouteneff	1993
20	Katarina Delaney	2004
20	Mike Wanik	1958
24	Beauden Morrison	2011
25	Kelsey Rembisz	2009
25	Nick Dresko	1983
5	Peter & Ann Anop	1994
9	Juliana & Ian Haskins	2014
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

Monsignor Bojnowski Manor, New Britain
Helen Karabin
Mary Camarata

Grandview Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center
[Walnut Hill Care Center], New Britain
Martha Cherpak

At Home: Betty Beck, Jim Dounouk, Jane Gunning, Nicholas Hamisevicz, Joseph Kowar, Stella Liwen, Jennie Pich, Antoinette Rudy, John Steffick and Katherine Szestakow.



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

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
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 Panteleff	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 Hioy	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 Karpay	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

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FEASTDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

Meeting of The Lord (February 2): Forty days after



Christ was born he was presented to God in the Jerusalem Temple according to the Mosaic Law. At this time as well his mother Mary underwent the ritual purification and offered the sacrifices as prescribed in the Law. Thus, forth days after Christmas, on the second of February, the Church celebrates the feast of the presentation called the **Meeting**

(or **Presentation** or **Reception**) of the Lord.

Iveron Icon of the Theotokos (February 12th):

Rejoice, Keeper of the Portal most gracious, who dost open to the faithful the doors of Paradise. (Akathist refrain)

The original Miraculous Icon of the Iveron Mother of God is on Mount Athos. By tradition, it was painted by the apostle and evangelist Luke.

In the 9th century, this Icon was in the possession of a widow who lived in Nicea. It was during the reign of the



iconoclast Byzantine emperor Theophilus that soldiers came to the house of the widow, where in a small chapel the Iveron Icon of the Mother of God occupied a place of honor. One of the soldiers struck the Icon with his sword, and immediately blood began to flow from the gashed cheek of the Virgin. Shaken by this miracle, the soldier instantly repented, renounced the iconoclast heresy, and entered a mon-

astery. On his advice, the widow concealed the Icon in order to avert its further desecration. After praying for guidance before the Icon, the widow put the Holy Image into the sea. To her immense surprise and joy the Icon did not sink but, remaining upright, drifted away in a westerly direction.

Many years later this Icon appeared on the Holy Mountain ("in a pillar of fire" as Athonite tradition recounts) from the sea, close by the Iveron monastery. At that time the holy monk Gabriel was one of the brotherhood in this monastery. The Mother of God appeared to him in a vision and directed him to convey to the abbot and brothers of the monastery that She wished them to have Her Icon as their help and salvation. She told Gabriel to approach the Icon on the waters without fear and take it with his hands. Obedient to the words of the Mother of God, says Athonite tradition, Gabriel "walked upon the waters as though upon dry land," took up the Icon and brought it back to the shore.

The icon was then brought into the monastery and placed in the altar. On the next day the Icon disappeared from the sanctuary, and was found on the wall beside the monastery gate. It was returned to the altar, but the next day it was again found by the gate. This recurred several times, until the Holy Virgin revealed to the monk Gabriel that it was not Her wish for the Icon to be protected by the monks, but that She wished to protect them. After this, a church was built near the monastery gate where the Icon resides to this day.

21 Coptic Orthodox Martyrs of Libya

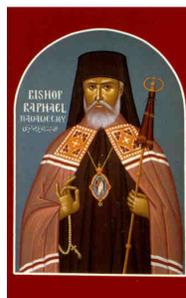
(February 15th): Milad Makeen Zaky, Abanub Ayad Atiya, Maged Soliman Shehata, Youssef Shukry Younan, Kirolos Boshra Fawzy,

Bishoy Astafanous Kamel, Samuel Astafanous Kamel, Malak Ibrahim Sinyout, Tawadros Youssef Tawadros, Gerges Milad Sinyout, Mina Fayez Aziz,

Hany Abdel Mesih Salib, Samuel Alham Wilson, Ezzat Boshra Naseef, Luka Nagaty Anis, Gaber Mounir Adly, Essam Baddar Samir, Malak Farag Abraham, Sameh Salah Farouk, Gerges Samir Megally and Mathew Ayairga (from Ghana).



St. Raphael of Brooklyn (February 27th): Saint



Raphael, a man of angelic name and apostolic fervor, was influenced by many cultures. He was born and raised in the Middle East, educated by Greeks at Halki, and by Russians at Kiev, and he spent the last nineteen years of his life as a missionary in North America.

St. Raphael was the first Orthodox bishop to be consecrated in North

America (1904). He was also a tireless laborer who strove to build up the Church (I Cor. 14:12), and his great love and sacrifice for his flock mark him as a true pastor.

He was consecrated at St. Tikhon's Monastery in May of 2000.



SUNDAY OF THE PULCAN AND THE PHARISEE THE BEGINNING OF THE LENTEN TRIODION

From OCA.org

The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins.



Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. Her however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teachings.



REFLECTION: FASTING AND LOVE

From the Prologue of Ochrid
St. Nikolai of Zicha



Fasting is a great thing but love is even greater. If by fasting demons are cast out passions tarried, the body pacified, the spirit composed then, by lover God takes up abode in man. The Lord Himself emphasized fasting as necessary but stressed love as the main commandment.

In the first half of the last century, Jeladin Bey ruled in Ohrid, a renegade from the Sultan and an independent ruler. At that time, the Church was governed by Metropolitan Kalinikos. Even though of different faiths, Jeladin Bey and Kalinikos were very good friends and often visited one another. It happened that Jeladin Bey condemned twenty-five Christians to be hanged. They were scheduled to

be hanged on Great and Holy Friday [Good Friday]. The Metropolitan, totally disturbed because of this incident, went to Jeladin Bey and began to implore him to be more lenient with the punishment. While they were conversing, the time for lunch arrived and the Bey invited the Metropolitan to dine. Lamb was prepared for lunch. The Metropolitan excused himself, saying that because of fasting he could not remain for lunch, and he prepared to leave. The Bey was sorry and said to the

Metropolitan: "Choose; either you will dine with me and free twenty-five men from the gallows, or you will not dine and allow them to be hanged." The Metropolitan crossed himself and sat down to eat and Jeladin freed the condemned from the punishment of death.



THE GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE

By Fr. Seraphim Holland,

The Great Canon of St Andrew, Bishop of Crete, is the longest canon in all of our services, and is associated with Great Lent, since the only times it is appointed to be read in church are the first four nights of Great Lent (Clean Monday through Clean Thursday, when it is serialized) and at Matins for Thursday of the fifth week of Great Lent, when it is read in its entirety (in this latter service, the entire life of St Mary of Egypt is also read).



There is no other sacred hymn which compares with this monumental work, which St Andrew wrote for his personal meditations. Nothing else has its extensive typology and mystical explanations of the scripture, from both the Old and New Testaments. One can almost consider this hymn to be a "survey of the Old and New Testament". Its other distinguishing features are a spirit of mournful humility, hope in God, and complex and beautiful Trinitarian Doxologies and hymns to the Theotokos in each Ode.

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. A canon is an ancient liturgical hymn, with a very strict format. It consists of a variable number of parts, each called an "ode". Most common canons have eight Odes, numbered from one to nine, with Ode 2 being omitted. The most penitential canons have all nine odes. Some canons have only three Odes, such as many of the canons in the "Triodion" (which means "Three Odes").

In any case, all Odes have the same basic format. An "Irmos" begins each Ode. This is generally sung, and

each Irmos has a reference to one of the nine biblical canticles, which are selections from the Old and New Testament, which can be found in an appendix in any complete liturgical Psalter (book of Psalms, arranged for reading in the services). A variable number of "troparia" follow, which are short hymns about the subject of the canon. These are usually chanted, and not sung. After each troparion a "refrain" is chanted. At the end of each Ode, another hymn, called the "Katavasia", either the Irmos previously sung, or one like it is sung.

The troparia of the Great Canon in all its twelve Odes are usually chanted by the priest in the center of the church, with the choir singing the Irmos and Katavasia. There are varying traditions about bows and prostrations. Some prostrate and some make the sign of the cross and bow three times after the Irmos and each troparion.

General Themes of the Great Canon.

How we should think about ourselves

Where shall I begin to lament the deeds of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I offer, a Christ, for my present lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me release from my faults.

Desire to change-dialogue with the soul

Come, wretched soul, with your flesh, confess to the Creator of all. In the future refrain from you former brutishness, and offer to God tears of repentance.

Recognizing Reality

The end is drawing near, my soul, is drawing near! But you neither care nor prepare. The time is growing short. Rise! The Judge is at the very doors. Like a dream, like a flower, the time of this life passes. Why do we bustle about in vain?

How to pray - Laments and supplications to God

Thou art the Good Shepherd; seek me, Thy lamb, and neglect no me who have gone astray.

OT and NT examples of righteousness and unrighteousness, for the purpose of emulation or avoidance.

Do not be a pillar of salt, my soul, by turning back; but let the example of the Sodomites frighten you, and take refuge up in Zoar. (Genesis 19:26)

I have reviewed all the people of the Old Testament as examples for you, my soul. Imitate the God-loving deeds of the righteous and shun the sins of the wicked.

The most important thing to know about the Great Canon

The Great Canon was written by a holy man to teach himself the right way to live. We cannot benefit from it unless we

make it a priority to stand in prayer, in the church, and listen to it, with a great desire and expectation for God's grace to teach us and heal us. Our theology is first and foremost experienced and prayed, and not only "studied".



THE LENTEN PRAYER OF SAINT EPHRAIM



Saint
Ephrem
The Syrian

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power and idle talk. *(Prostration)*

But grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. *(Prostration)*

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother; for blessed art Thou unto the ages of ages. Amen. *(Prostration)*

O God, cleanse me a sinner. *(12x's, with as many bows, and then again the whole prayer from the beginning to end, and after that one great prostration) Note: If one cannot make prostrations, then make bows, or the sign of the Cross.*



Parish Council Meeting 11-28-16

Members in Attendance: Fr. David Koles, Chris Dresko, Julia Boisvert Bress, Nadine Cabrera, Sarah Clark, Rosemary Delaney, Al Hromi, and Ellen Santoro.

Meeting Called to Order at 7:07 pm and began with "O Heavenly King."

Chris Dresko and Julia Boisvert Bress led the Council in the Daily Scripture Readings.

Pastor's Report:

Father reminded the council of the upcoming events in December. The choir from St. Tikhon's Seminary will be joining us the weekend of December 3. Holy Trinity will host the deanery meeting next week. Also on December 17 there will be a pre-Christmas clean-up and a molieben on New Year's Eve.

Father has received a few complaints about the Christmas service schedule (one 10:30 pm combined service on Christmas Eve). The council concluded that there is no perfect solution as Christmas is the toughest time to schedule with both family conflicts and a very short span of daylight hours. No changes will be made to the schedule this year.

New purple vestments have been ordered.

The Adult Education Program continues along with calls to parishioners who we have not seen at church recently. Father shared the thank you note from St. Herman's Seminary who recently received our monthly charity donation.

Warden's Report:

Chris Dresko thanked those involved in the neighborhood outreach, namely Gladys Labas, Matushka Melanie and Rosemary Delaney (with the boys and girls club), and the Parish Life committee for their work with providing shut-ins with meals.

Chris also emphasized the importance of the Council's participation and asked that they recruit other parishioners to pitch in.

Secretary's Report:

Chris Dresko explained that the October minutes were approved by e-vote.

Financial Report:

Al Hromi presented the October figures, which have been audited:

Income	\$14,405.03
Expenses	\$11,305.09
Expenses over Income	\$ 3,099.94

Nadine Cabrera moved to accept the audited September Financial Report, Ellen Santoro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Committee:

Al Hromi summarized the recent committee meeting. 2016 has our investments up by about 5%. He shared the proposed budget which only had minimal increases for pastor's salary and the fair share. The Council discussed some of the appropriations and how best to demonstrate the "if needed" dividend funds to the parish at the annual meeting. Chris Dresko noted that at the next Council meeting we will discuss dedicating 10% of our incoming monies to tithing.

The Council will make a motion to recommend the 2017 proposed budget to the parish at the annual meeting when they meet next.

Building and Grounds:

The brickwork has been completed after three weeks of work. There was more extensive damage to repair than originally discussed, so the project cost \$5,480, which is more than the originally allocated \$5,000. There will be more repairs needed and Al Hromi and Dan Bradanini will keep the Council apprised as to what is needed next.

Rosemary Delaney motioned to authorize a payment of \$5,480, \$480.00 over the original proposal, to cover the cost of the brickwork project. Ellen Santoro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Al Hromi also noted that the garage door had been kicked in, and thankfully the individual only found where the church keeps the garbage cans. He recommended that the parish look into setting up some kind of surveillance equipment.

Cemetery Committee:

The committee is collecting bids for installing additional water spigots.

Parish Life Committee:

Ellen Santoro briefed the Council on the upcoming events/activities. She asked Chris Dresko for assistance in contacting the church school families to bake cookies for the shut-ins. The committee will package up the cookies in tins and deliver them before Christmas.

The next meeting will be on December 18, 2016. The committee is aiming for February for a bowling night. The committee is also brainstorming a pancake breakfast for the altar servers and candlestand helpers.

Chris Dresko thanked this committee for all their hard work.

Old Business:

St. Tikhon's choir will be here this weekend and Chris Dresko asked if anyone could host a member Saturday night.

Rosemary gave an update from the Diocesan Assembly meeting. The organization Diocesan By-Law Committee will review every parish's bylaws By-Law to make sure that they are in compliance with the OCA Statute. concur with the Diocese. At the meeting, Fr. Jonathan Ivanoff spoke about Church health over Church growth - which is a goal we are refocused on here at Holy Trinity. She also reminded the Council that there are grant monies available by application to complete more extensive outreach projects.

New Business:

There is one vacancy for Assistant Treasurer on the council. Chris asked the Council to assist in brainstorming potential persons to fill that post.

January 2017 Charity - Nadine Cabrera motioned to support Warm the Children. Al Hromi seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Ellen Santoro added that on December 17 the poinsettias will be delivered and she is acquiring wreaths this weekend. Thank you to Karabin Farms for the seasonal flora.

Ellen Santoro would like contact information for the newest Holy Trinity families so the Parish Life Committee can connect with them.

Julia Bress asked about the planned changes to the church cleaning system.

The Council decided they will make an announcement to the parish about the next meeting so they can voice any concerns to the Council before the 2017 Annual meeting the following week.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2017

Ellen Santoro motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet."

Submitted by, *Sarah Clark*