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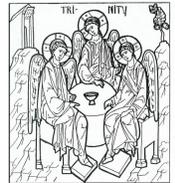


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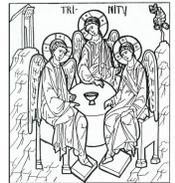
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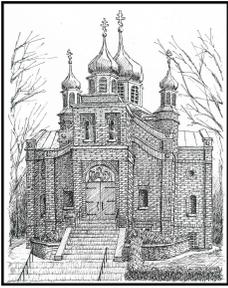
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 5TH of Pascha SAMARITAN WOMAN Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Delaney/Shafraan CLARK/RICHARDS WEDDING</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 ST. ALEXIS TOTHS OF WILKES-BARRE</p> <p>CBLs @ Christ the Savior, Southbury; 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 CBLs @ Christ the Savior, Southbury, CT 9:00 a.m. - Noon</p> <p>Great Vespers 5:00P.M.</p>
<p><i>Fr. David on vacation from May 3rd to May 9th</i></p>						
<p>9 6TH of Pascha THE BLIND MAN Mothers Day Ch. School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Men's Club</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS</p> <p>Visitation: 9:30 A. M. ST. LUCIAN RESIDENCE</p>	<p>12 LEAVETAKING OF PASCHA</p> <p>Festal Vesperal Liturgy 6:00 P.M. Pot Luck Super</p>	<p>13 ASCENSION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>14 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. ARBOR ROSE & JEROME HOME</p>	<p>15 Visit of Bp. NIKON Great Vespers 5:00P.M.</p>
<p>16 7TH of Pascha HOLY FATHERS Visit of Bp. NIKON Hierarchal Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Everyone</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. MIDDLEWOODS</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Festal Great Vespers 5:00P.M.</p>
<p>23 HOLY PENTECOST Divine Liturgy 9:00A.M. Kneeling Vespers</p> <p>Parish Picnic</p>	<p>24 DAY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. LEDGECREST</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Great Vespers 5:00P.M. General Confession</p>
<p>30 1st after Pentecost ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 9:00A.M. Coffee Hour – Koles</p>	<p>31 106TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PILGRIMAGE St. Tikhon's Monastery APOSTLES FAST (6/15 – 6/28)</p>		<p>Greeters: Phyllis B. & Gavin W.</p>	<p>Cleaners: Polzun/Delaney</p>	<p>Charity: Pathways - Senderos</p>	

FAST FREE WEEK





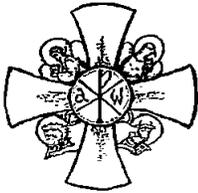
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The Connecticut Bible Lecture Series:



(CBLs) is pleased to announce the twelfth of its highly successful Semi-annual Lecture Series, Friday & Saturday, May 7 & 8, 2010 - **The Three Epistles of John**

Very Rev. Dr. Paul Nadim Tarazi leads us through all Three Epistles of John, placing them in context with each other and the New Testament Scriptural narrative.

Fri., May 7th, 6:00-6:45 PM, Daily Vespers; 7:00-9:30 PM, Part 1: Introduction and context of the Three Letters of John viewed as a collective whole. Sat., May 8th, 9:00-12:00 noon, Part 2: The Three Letters taken individually, directed to specific hearers, with a directed message. See the flyer on the bulletin board for registration details!

GREAT FEAST OF ASCENSION:

The Great Feast of our Lord's Ascension is always on the Thursday of the 6th week of Pascha. We will celebrate this feast on Wednesday, May 12th with Festal Vespertal Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. Following the services we will have Pot Luck supper. Please see Phyllis or Rosemary to sign-up to bring something to share.



HIERARCHAL VISIT: Our diocesan hierarch, Bishop NIKON will be visiting us to celebrate Great Vespers on Saturday, May 15th and the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy Sunday, May 16th. Following liturgy we ask everyone to come to coffee hour, in which we all need to bring something to share, and greet our Archpastor and diocesan spiritual father.



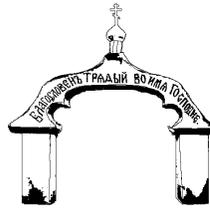
PARISH FEAST DAY: The feast day of our

parish, PENTECOST, will be celebrated on Saturday, May 22nd, with Festal Great Vespers with Litya at 5:00 p.m. and the Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 23rd.

Following the services on Sunday we will have a **parish picnic** outside at the church. A sign-up sheet for food is on the bulletin board. There will be games for the kids and the young at heart. The week following Pentecost, May 24th through May 29th is FAST FREE.



MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE:



St. Tikhon's Monastery is celebrating the 106th Pilgrimage on Memorial Day, May 31st. Fr. David will be traveling to the monastery for the liturgy and festivities. If anyone would like to attend, please inform him so we can car pool or caravan.

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, May 29th.

The May monthly charity collection is for **Pathways/Senderos** [*Greater New Britain Teen Pregnancy Prevention*]. Their mission is to eliminate teen pregnancy by addressing its root causes, assuring high school graduation, and promoting adult self-sufficiency.

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

To provide long-term, comprehensive, holistic services by creating a parallel family structure with at-risk, poverty-stricken, neighborhood youth and parents. (Diplomas before Diapers) 97% of the participants remain pregnancy free and 100% of the participants graduate from high school

The collection is taken on the last Sunday of the month but you may donate early by using the envelope provided in your monthly mailing.

<http://www.pathways-senderos.com>

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday evening, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

Preliminary and secondary meetings between Baker Renovations Inc., Artech and Hlywa Construction and members of the Parish Council has taken place over the past few months. In the coming months a systematic plan for the restoration of the interior of the church will be formulated with sketches and pricing. Once these plans are known they will be presented at a Special Parish meeting.

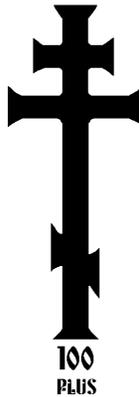
- ◆ Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls and Paint the interior of the church. *[summer '12]*

It is important to remember that our church building is approaching 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 2010 we have collected \$ 200.00

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB



Birthdays & Anniversaries in MAY:

3	Diane Karabin	1949
4	Gale Dilger	1961
4	Sophia Zurawlew	1924
17	Mary Bogdan	1913
18	Melissa Dresko	1983
21	Rebecca McCallum	
24	Mark Myszka	1959
26	Nicholas Kokus	1987
30	Sonia Matyczuk;	1929
30	Tessa Mah	1982
31	Matthew Ferrandino	1988
31	Andrew Wykes	2005

8	Peter & Diane Steffick	1971
15	Nelson & Arlene Potter	1965
20	Gabriel & Nadine Cabrera	1978
21	Enrico & Ellen Santoro	1983
24	Ed & Olga Skotnicki	1940
25	Kevin & Leslie Delaney	2003



“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

Apple Rehab, Rocky Hill

Jean Prusik

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



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Child Joseph Hayevsky	5	May 1926
Child Paul Horacha	5 mo	May 1 1912
Joseph Belonitsky	66	May 1 1934
Nicholas Ramiani	46	May 1 1936
Mit. Apr Joseph Dankevich	83	May 1 1956
Rector: 1921 - 1956		
Mit. Apr. Konstantine Kamonsky		May 1 1984
Rector: 1964 - 1966		
Olga Hamilla Palm	95	May 1 1998
Child Mark John Shimchick	4 days	May 3 1959
Mary Turko	28	May 4 1941
Michael Hason	68	May 4 1952
Anna Belomyzy	86	May 4 1978
Andrew Zamila	34	May 6 1920
Anna Kovalik	76	May 6 1966
Peter Lashenka, Sr.	84	May 6 1972
Alice (Olga) Gasukevich		May 6 1984
Katherine Pikalovich	22	May 7 1919
John Skovich	66	May 7 1978
Vera Tschaplinsky	65	May 7 1989
Moesey Korolko	71	May 8 1957
Anna Gribb	91	May 8 1979
Lubov MacKendrick	46	May 9 1966
John Horbal, Sr.	76	May 9 1971
Stephen Kotlarz	66	May 9 1986
Child Mary Molchan	1	May 10 1909
Child Andrew Hrut	3 wks	May 10 1913
Peter Bardeck	69	May 10 1963
Valentina Maney	70	May 10 1976
William Procko	73	May 10 1980
Walter Anop	54	May 10 1980
Michael Karabin	52	May 12 1946
Gregory Srogi	28	May 13 1921
Child Vladimir Kovalchuk	1	May 13 1921
David Ankuda	88	May 13 1946
Child Nicholas Martinuk	10 mo	May 14 1922
Child Nicholas Matyschsyk	13 mo	May 14 1922
Child Daria Dochuk	1 mo	May 14 1927

Mary Molchan	68	May 14 1961
Child Eugenia Mut	2 wks	May 15 1922
Anna Tavoronok		May 15 1931
Peter Matyschsyk	90	May 15 1978
Constanty Chodziutko	91	May 15 1985
Alice Murr		May 15 1986
Alexander Panevich	83	May 16 1983
George Kotrady	83	May 18 1960
Child Mary Stropunov	8 mo	May 19 1913
Child Kiril Marnov	3 mo	May 19 1913
Catherine Bardeck	102	May 19 1996
Pauline Seleyo	95	May 19 2001
Katherine Semenyuk	67	May 20 1936
Louise Cote		May 20 2001
Alexander Shevchuk	92	May 20 2003
John Truhan	43	May 22 1955
Wasily Zaiko, Jr.	42	May 22 1960
Zenaida Zapatka	96	May 22 2008
Elia Panut	67	May 23 1941
Vladimir Dubovsky	72	May 23 1963
Stephen Demko		May 23 1982
Leon Murawski		May 23 1983
Jesse Mazur	74	May 23 1997
Jewett H. Foster		May 24 1986
Nadezhda Keyko	83	May 25 1970
Eusimonia Martilov	26	May 27 1911
Child Sally Krish	5 mo	May 27 1941
Haig Beristain	92	May 27 2000
Child Anna Panasevich	2 mo	May 28 1926
John Keyko	67	May 28 1951
George Horbal		May 28 1986
Catherine Ellard	92	May 28 1998
Melanie Stepanuk	85	May 29 1933
Mary Kurtz	36	May 29 1947
Steve Koren	43	May 29 1963
Stephanida Lamberg	91	May 29 2004
Child Olga Martinchik	4 mo	May 31 1910

ВѢЧНА ПАМЯТЬ



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council 7th Sunday of Pascha - May 16, 2010

The First Ecumenical Council was held in Nicea in A.D. 325 and set a pattern for all later Ecumenical Councils. It is also referred to as the First Council of Nicea.

The council was assembled according to tradition on May 20, 325 by the Emperor St. Constantine the Great, who desired unity in the Roman Empire and thus called the

Church's bishops together to settle the raging of the heresy of Arianism, the doctrine that Jesus Christ was a created being and therefore not truly the one God.

Besides the question of Arianism, the First Ecumenical Council also addressed a number of other concerns. Of particular note is the matter of the Paschalion, the method for the calculation of the celebration of Pascha. Up to this point there had been a number of different methods for determining Pascha's date, but at Nicea the bishops assembled there chose to accept the Alexandrian practice of making a calculation independent of the Jewish Passover, stipulating also that the Paschal celebration had to follow the vernal equinox. They thus rejected the Antiochian practice of making reference to Jewish reckoning when choosing the day of Pascha's celebration.

A list of bishops at the council exists, including about 230 names, though there are indications that the signature lists are defective. St. Athanasius of Alexandria puts the number at 318, which is regarded as a mystically significant number, as in Genesis 14:14, the number of servants whom Abraham (then still named "Abram") took with him to rescue his nephew Lot.

Only a few bishops from the West were present (a pattern common to all the Ecumenical Councils): Marcus of Calabria, Nicasius of Dijon, Domnus of Stridon, Hosius of Cordoba, and Caecilian of Carthage. Pope St. Sylvester I of Rome was represented by two of his priests. A number of renowned Eastern saints were also present: besides Athanasius the Great were Nicholas of Myra, Spyridon of Trimythous, Alexander of Alexandria, and Paphnutius of Egypt.

The Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council are commemorated on May 29 and also on the seventh Sunday after Pascha.

From http://orthodoxwiki.org/First_Ecumenical_Council



The Holy Spirit and Personal Guidance

What is the Orthodox doctrine about the Holy Spirit?

We believe that the Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Holy Trinity, co-eternal and one in essence with the Father and the Son. The basic doctrine on the Holy Spirit is found in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed: "...And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, Who together with the Father and Son is wor-

shipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets." I would refer you to John 14:13-17 & 26 for the words of Jesus Christ Himself on the Holy Spirit.

Does the Holy Spirit provide personal guidance?

We believe that the Holy Spirit guides us personally and as a community, the People of God. In the Sacrament of Chrismation each one of us was "sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." In this mystery our personal relationship with the Holy Spirit is imparted and underscored. However, this mystery is imparted within the context of the entire faith community, not apart from it. Hence, while being filled with the Holy Spirit personally, this is done in the midst of the Church -- the worshipping and believing community -- just as it is impossible to be a Christian apart from the People of God.

[While some religious groups may stress the ultimate importance of having a "personal relationship" with Christ or the Holy Spirit, Orthodoxy sees the fulfillment of such personal relationship within the context of the Christian community, not apart from it.]

There is a well known quote from Saint Seraphim of Sarov, in which he says that the goal of our lives as Christians is to acquire the Holy Spirit. This is essential, yet it is impossible to acquire the Holy Spirit apart from the Christian community, as some non-Orthodox may teach.

How is this guidance provided? Most importantly, how can we be sure of this guidance -- how can we tell what is the voice of the Spirit, from our own wishful thinking or pre-conceived thoughts?

The Holy Spirit guides us in various and diverse ways.

First, as professed in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, the Holy Spirit "spoke by the prophets," indicating that there are those whom the Holy Spirit "uses" to guide, to encourage, to inspire, and to challenge the People of God to repent. There are still prophetic voices at work within the Church today, and we can say that in such cases the Holy Spirit continues to make His presence felt through those whom He chooses.

Second, we continually call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us in discerning His presence. Scripture warns of "other spirits" which can be deceptive and, hence, certainly not of God. The gift of discernment is critical in determining that which is genuine from that which is not -- or, as you yourself state, to discern "the voice of the Spirit, from our own wishful thinking or pre-conceived thoughts." On the one hand, the Holy Spirit guides us in discerning God's will from our own will; on the other hand, we need to discern that which is from the Holy Spirit from that which is not. In this, prayer and meditation is critical, as one cannot begin to "discern the spirits" apart from these realities. It is difficult to explain such things in human words, apart from those of of

Christ, Who says: "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you" (Jn 14:26).

Here we discover that the Holy Spirit teaches us all things, enlightens us, and commends to our memory the way to salvation revealed by Jesus Christ in discerning the presence and operation of the Holy Spirit, one must not do so apart from that which Christ revealed

Here we may say that discernment involves finding consistency in the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the revelation of Jesus Christ. In crass terms, we might say that if something seems to be of the Holy Spirit, yet it stands in opposition to all that Christ revealed in His life, actions, and words, then the "something" is probably not of the Holy Spirit.

Here we might make a simple example: Christ teaches us to repent, to shun sin, and to turn to Him and Him alone. Saint Paul expresses this by challenging us to "put aside the old man" and "clothe" ourselves in Jesus Christ, the express image of the Father. Now imagine that someone comes and claims that he or she has received a "new" revelation which states that, while we indeed must shun sin, we cannot do so unless we have first experienced sin -- thereby urging us to go out and willfully commit sins for the express purpose of repenting of them at a later point. [Believe it or not, there have actually been individuals and groups which have taught precisely this!]

Here discernment is critical: We need to weigh what the person claims in his or her "new" revelation and measure it against the life and teaching of Jesus Christ Himself, as well as the ongoing life of the People of God, the Church. If we do so, it becomes clear that the so-called "new" revelation is absolutely inconsistent with the revelation of Jesus Christ and the teaching of Saint Paul and the life and experience, the Holy Tradition, of the Church. Hence, the "new" revelation is discerned to be false, devoid of the Holy Spirit, and consequently it must be rejected. [This is a simplistic example, in which I hope the point becomes clearer.]

Often we find ourselves in situations in which we are unsure as to that which we feel or experience is of the Holy Spirit or of "another spirit." Carefully and prayerfully weighing such situations and measuring them against the revelation as delivered to us through Jesus Christ is critical. This may take time and patience, forcing us -- as the Prophet Elijah did -- to sit, quietly and patiently, in all stillness, and listen to the voice of the Lord. In discerning the promptings of the Holy Spirit, it is critical to lay aside our own desires, will, and wants, and to listen to what the Lord tells us.

On Holy Saturday, as we anticipate the revelation of eternal life through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, we sing precisely this reality: "Let all mortal flesh keep silent, and in fear and trembling stand, pondering nothing earthly minded. ..."

Sometimes we discover the answer on our own, through an-

other person, through the community with whom we worship, or through the "love of the brethren" -- but always in God's good time, not our own. "The Holy Spirit blows as He wills."

So discernment apart from prayer, fasting, listening, and spiritual openness firmly rooted in humility and the desire to discover God's will is impossible.

What I write is in no way intended to be an exhaustive treatment of the questions you pose but, rather, a springboard or starting point for further reflection, study, prayer, and contemplation. In every instance, such written answers cannot replace the one-on-one relationship one should have with one's spiritual father. But I pray that it gives further "food for thought" in terms of the specific questions you have asked.

From OCA - Q & A by Fr. John Matusiak at info@oca.org



CONTEMPLATION – THE DESCENT OF GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES

- ❖ How the Apostles stood in one mind at prayer.
- ❖ How, there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind.
- ❖ How there appeared fiery tongues, one on each of the Apostles.
- ❖ How the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in various tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance.
- ❖ How some mocked them saying, "They have had too much new wine."
- ❖ How the rest wondered and marveled, hearing the Apostles speak to them of the wonderful works of God in their own languages.
- ❖ How the small are made great by God the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ How the fearful are made fearless by Him.
- ❖ How He makes the simple wise.
- ❖ How He makes the inarticulate eloquent.
- ❖ How, from fishermen, He makes fishers of men for the Kingdom of God.
- ❖ How, from shepherds of an irrational flock, He makes shepherds of a rational flock – the true sheep of the House of Israel.
- ❖ How the Apostles, led by the Holy Spirit, traveled throughout the world without means and without friends.
- ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Apostles proclaimed the Lord's Gospel.
- ❖ How, through the Holy Spirit, the Church continues to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.



The March 2010 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on March 22, 2010. Warden Michael Wanik called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was noted and the meeting began with "O Heavenly King".

Pastor's Report Father David reported that we are all set for the Bridegroom Matins on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 4pm and for week long services until Bright Monday. Pascha is his main focus this month and next.

Warden's Report – Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report George Ludko asked that we adjust the February 2010 Council minutes stating the January reports were audited by Rosemary Delaney and to add under the Cemetery Funds section of *From the Floor* that "George Ludko suggested we use the Cemetery Funds in lieu of the Memorial Fund". Also George Ludko was the one to report on the elevator lift needing service and that there were plumbing repairs. Motion to accept the February 2010 minutes as corrected, Diane Dounouk/Nelson Potter. Motion carried.

Financial Report George Ludko presented the report.

February income	\$ 10,908.06
February expense	\$ 14,030.75
Expense/Income	(\$ 3,122.69)

(Large expenses were the property maintenance, fair share, with-holdings, utilities & candles)

February reports were audited by Jennie Everson.

George Ludko reported income is not keeping up with expenses but expenses are average. Overall income is down \$7,139.33 through February 28, 2010. However, our Wells Fargo investment went up \$7,000. Last year we ended with around \$20,000 less in cash donations than what was planned. George Ludko is looking into getting better returns on our funds. Nelson Potter asked if we can put the fund money into the cash flow and the council all agreed that we can't.

Motion to accept the audited February report Peter Steffick/Dan Bradanini. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Printing Services Specifications – Father David said he is using a printer in Bristol for the April Newsletter and should have for April 1st. A bid specification has been added to the Project Management Listing.

Church Cleaning We have people signed up on the weekly church cleaning list. This past weekend we got a lot done outside and in. The turnout was good.

Pascha Preparation Review – Per Mike Wanik the New Britain Police Department are all set. Ed Bichum brought the pussy willows today and the flowers are all ordered.

20/40 Club – Chris Dresko & Tim Bannon are to present a proposition to the Council to get this going. Chris Dresko stated they have already had informal gatherings after church and have signed up for cleaning the church and will for coffee hours too.

Project Management Review –

1. **Wall on south side of church** has collapsed. When Brian Baker proposes cost for interior of church they will also quote a price to repair outside walkways and walls.

2. **Church Interior** – Brian Baker who is based in Southington has come for a third time to meet with Paul Culton, Paul Salina &

Father David with renderings. Their illustrations are exciting. They will prepare a budget to do everything on a line item basis. Then we can make the decisions as to what the church can afford. Brian Baker would act as the general contractor. Sound, lighting and electrical work will be included in the proposal.

3. **Gift for GT Graphics** – Diane Dounouk was not sure what to get them and thought maybe an icon or wooden egg. Per Ed Bichum's suggestion, Diane Dounouk proposed we get them a \$100 restaurant gift certificate at the Cottage Restaurant in Plainville. Ann Myszka will pick up the gift certificate as she lives in Plainville.

Water Fountain/Dehumidifier – it was suggested we add to the Project Management List.

From the Floor

George Ludko said he will speak with **Fr Halverson** about coming to HTOC as soon as he's finished with the two other churches.

Ann Myszka mentioned the **Movie Night "The Island"** was successful and raised \$80 from the good will offering for the Sisterhood Chandelier fund with much help from various parishioners in the church.

NEW BUSINESS

Charity Motion for May Charity – "Pathways Sendeiros", a non-profit in New Britain that helps prevent teen pregnancies. Motion made by Jennie Everson, seconded by George Ludko. Motion carried.

CT Historic Trust Meeting & Application – Dan Bradanini is looking into applying for a Pre-Application to the Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grants (HPTAG) that would provide financing for the analysis of repair work to be done on the Church. We have filed a pre-application in order to get to the next step. The grant would fund \$1 for \$1 of what we put into it. A consultant would come and make an assessment of the exterior and interior of the church and would report on the condition of our church and work needed. Dan says as this may not be a good way to spend church money and he wants to inquire first as he's not sure if we will obtain any meaningful information that we don't already know about our church. He will also inquire if the Connecticut Historic Trust requires any easements or rules. Analysis will continue.

From the Floor

Bishop Nikon – coming to HTOC on Sunday, May 16, 2010. It was decided we would have an extended coffee hour. Fr David will address with the Sisterhood.

Pentecost, May 23, 2010 – Believe this to be the last day of Sunday School and it was suggested we have a Church picnic after this service.

Cemetery Costs – George Matyzczyk said the grave digging per John Baraglia, Cemetery Sexton, has increased from \$800 to \$1,000

Back Door of Kitchen - George Matyzczyk said the back door has been blocked and should not be as this is a fire hazard. He has taken appropriate action.

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

NEXT MEETING April 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by *Ann Myszka*