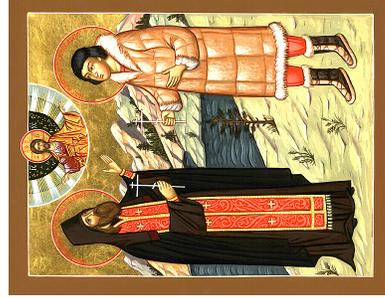




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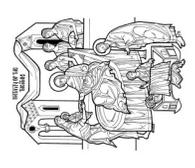
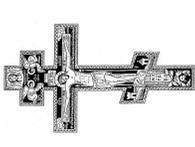
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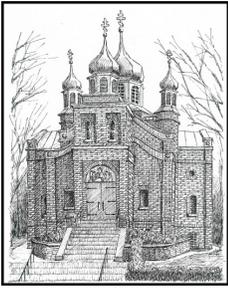


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Charity - 	Cleaners - ? ? ?	Greeters - E. Santoro			1 Church New Year	2 Great Vespers 5:00P.M. Confession
3 10th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Koles / Wagner	4 LABOR DAY	5 Martyr Raisa of Egypt Righteous Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist	6 Hieromartyr Maxim Sandowicz	7 St. Kassiani the Hymnographer Festal Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. @ St. Mary's	8 Nativity of the Theotokos Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. @ St. Mary's Ukrainian Church, NB	9 Holy & Righteous Joachim and Anna Great Vespers 5:00P.M. Confession
10 11th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Clark	11 Martyr Ia of Persia	12	13 Festal Vespers Liturgy 6:00 P.M.	14 Elevation of the Holy Cross [Strict Fast Day] Orthodoxy 101 @ 10:30 A.M.	15	16 Great Vespers 5:00P.M. Confession
17 12th after Pentecost Martyr Sophia & daughters Faith, Hope and Love Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Belonick	18	19	20	21 26 Monk- Martyrs of Zographou of Mt Athos	22	23 Great Vespers 5:00P.M. GENERAL CONFESSION
24 13th after Pentecost New Martyrs of Alaska Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Ahern / Mah	25 St. Sergius of Radonezh Parish Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	26 St. John the Theologian	27	28 Orthodoxy 101 @ 10:30 A.M.	29	30 Festal Great Vespers with Lituya 5:00P.M. Confession



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FEASTDAYS IN SEPTEMBER: The Nativity of the Theotokos (September 8th) will be celebrated with a Festal Great Vespers on Thursday, September 7th at 5:00 p.m. and Festal Divine Liturgy on Friday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. at 'St. Mary's' Ukrainian Church, New Britain (patronal feastday). The Elevation of the Cross (September 14th) will be celebrated with Festal Vespers Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13th.

The May charity collection is for the **Connecticut Family Support Network (CTFSN).**

They are committed to helping families of individuals with disabilities and special health care needs, and the professionals who work with them, find information, resources and supports to improve their lives.

CTFSN connects one-to-one with parents; provides emotional support, advocacy and guidance; holds workshops and trainings across the state for parents and professionals on a wide variety of topics including special education, transition, recreation and communication; works to empower families to become effective and successful advocates and encourages individuals with disabilities to become successful self-advocates.



Visit their website at: www.ctfsn.org

The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the 2017 Parish Council will be held on Monday evening, September 25th at 7:00 p.m. All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

APPLE PICKING: On Saturday, September

30th at 9:00 a.m. everyone especially our children are invited to gather at the **Karabin Farms** www.karabinfarms.com for Apple Picking. Please let Rachel Santoro or Gladys Labas know if



you are able to attend so we have an idea of numbers.

GENERAL CONFESSION: is normally held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular communicants should make every effort to attend each General Confession. General Confession this month will be held on the last Saturday of the month, September 30th.

FORCC: The 24th annual FORCC (Fellowship of Orthodox Churches of Connecticut) Benefit Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 1st, 1:00 p.m. at St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Rd., Orange, CT. Scholarship recipients will be honored. The guest speaker at this years dinner is Very Rev. Dr. Chad Hatfield, President of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Advance ticket sales only, call Nina Kosowsky 203-924-0936 or Bill Balamaci 203-876-2379 before September 25th. Proceeds of this dinner provide major funding for FORCC programs. See flyer on the bulletin board.



SISTERHOOD FEASTDAY: We will celebrate the Patronal Feast of the Sisterhood, **THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS** [October 1st] with the Festal Great Vespers with Litya on Saturday, September 30th at 5:00 p.m. and Festal Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on Sunday, October 1st 9:00 a.m. followed by the Annual Panikhida for departed members.



Archpriest David Koles, Rector
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Birthdays & Anniversaries in SEPTEMBER:

2	Grace Mah	2011
6	Greg Dresko	1981
16	Julianne Clark	2015
20	Larissa Rembisz	1976
21	John Mah	1970
22	Dorothy Kowar	1938
22	Nelson Potter	1946
22	Christopher Dresko	1979
24	Joseph Kowar	1927
24	Brian Veek	1982
25	John Steffick	1928
25	Thomas Kokus	2013
28	Danielle Salina	1971
1	Robert & Barbara Burrill	1974
2	Darrin & Larissa Rembisz	2001
4	Fr. John & Mat. Elizabeth Dresko	1977
6	Max & Marina Kaplan	2015
13	Fr. Paul & Mat. Natasha Lazor	1964



“WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME”

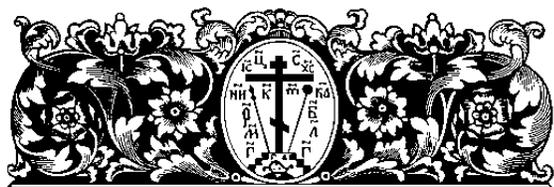
The following parishioners (and friends) are now home-bound or in long-term care facilities. If there are any names missing, please inform Fr. David. The regular schedule of visitations is included on the monthly calendar. Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to make regular visitations to nursing 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 and Katherine Szeszakow.



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Child Stephanida Avhustinov	5 mo	September 1 1907
Steven Slavinsky	72	September 1 1950
Joseph Roman	63	September 1 1970
Wasily Zaiko	84	September 1 1971
Mary Turek	78	September 1 1977
Child Mary Pristash	1 mo	September 2 1916
Natalie Panteleev	77	September 2 1938
Anthony Bichun	93	September 2 2010
O. Makuch		September 3 1927
Anna Semanchik	47	September 3 1953
Helen Hart Zaiko	70	September 3 1992
Anna Shaw	81	September 3 1995
Mary Olbuchen	8	September 5 1912
Child Helen Makula	5 mo	September 5 1916
Eugenia Pesesky	82	September 5 1979
Peter Horbal	83	September 5 2000
Matthew Holovchuk	20	September 6 1908
Child Helen Contiavelos	2 mo	September 6 1914
James Garlewski	94	September 6 1987
George Cherpak	79	September 6 1993
John Shuiko	37	September 7 1930
Dionisy Kochansky	42	September 8 1908
Anna Gromak	41	September 8 1937
Constant Sladkow	75	September 8 1989
Child George Zelena	5 mo	September 9 1906
Child Anastasia Ris	4	September 11 1913
Wasył Bondarenko	76	September 11 1970
Estelle Janelle		September 11 1985
Donald Bilas	56	September 11 1989
Anna Panasevich	42	September 12 1933
Michael Kaminsky	76	September 12 1951
Mit. Apr. Constantine Buketoff		September 12 1965
Rector: 1907 - 1914		
Eva Golyshko	64	September 12 1970
John Kulakowski	54	September 12 1972
Walter Karabin	69	September 12 1996
Mary Melnichuk	24	September 13 1914
Peter Zapatka		September 13 1982
Emily Zielinski	87	September 13 2005
John Honchar	42	September 14 1911
Child Olga Zardecki	17 days	September 14 1920
Nikofor Levchuk	18	September 15 1908
Anna Zenuk		September 17 1912
Child Helen Controvelos	9 mo	September 17 1914
Julian Hoseduk	49	September 17 1927
Pelagia Petlyanovich	21	September 20 1910
Helen Panot	48	September 20 1933
Eva Liwen	68	September 20 1962
Gary Prusik	47	September 20 2001
Child Catherine Kleya	2 mo	September 21 1916
Constantine Gadzik	56	September 21 1954
Nona Haschuk	79	September 21 1988
Mary Dyndiuk	79	September 22 1978
Constantine Ankuda	45	September 23 1929

Sergei Kovalchuk	44	September 23 1939
Mary Koles	68	September 23 1985
Dora Ludko	83	September 23 1987
Anatol Zawadzki		September 23 1987
Matushka Anna Dankevich	80	September 24 1966
John Bilas	23	September 25 1927
Child Vera Keyko	4	September 25 1935
Sarah Bogdan	83	September 25 1967
Evfassis Kondichuk	37	September 26 1927
Child Peter Buchena	11 mo	September 27 1908
Martha Stefik	19	September 27 1908
John Muzika	42	September 27 1909
Robert Balkun	57	September 27 2003
Mary Bilas	93	September 28 1982
Helen Zawadzka		September 28 1987
Alice Waskiewicz	83	September 28 1994
Agnes Makula	101	September 28 2010
John Koren	34	September 29 1947
Sophie Bogdan	76	September 29 1959
Harry Tompkins	74	September 29 1972
Adam Panish	73	September 29 1973
Erast Korneiczuk	85	September 30 1978
Victor Shevchuk	59	September 30 1978

ВѢЧНОА ПАМАТЬ

FEASTDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind.

The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness.

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child, since St Anna was barren.

Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God

everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age, as He had once overcome the barrenness of Sarah, spouse of the Patriarch Abraham. Ss Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple.



Childlessness was considered among the Hebrew nation as a Divine punishment for sin, and therefore the righteous Ss Joachim and Anna had to endure abuse from their own countrymen. On one of the feasts at the Temple in Jerusalem the elderly Joachim brought his sacrifice to offer to God, but the High Priest would not accept it, considering him to be unworthy since he was childless.

St Joachim in deep grief went into the wilderness, and there he prayed with tears to the Lord for a child. St Anna wept bitterly when she learned what had happened at the Jerusalem Temple. Never once did she complain against the Lord, but rather she prayed to ask God's mercy on her family. The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls".

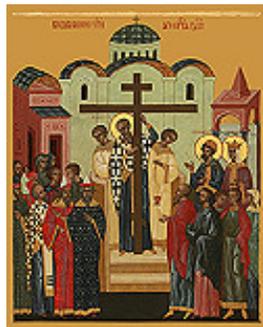
The Nativity of the Theotokos marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. The Theotokos is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse with filial devotion.

THE PRECIOUS AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS

On September 14th, the Church commemorates two events in connection with the Honorable Cross of Christ: first, the finding of the Honorable Cross on Golgotha and second, the return of the Honorable Cross from Persia to Jerusalem.

Visiting the Holy Land, the holy Empress Helena de-

cided to find the Honorable Cross of Christ. An old Jewish man named Judah was the only one who knew where the Cross was located, and, constrained by the empress, he revealed that the Cross was buried under the temple of Venus that Emperor Hadrian had built on Golgotha. The empress ordered that this idolatrous temple be razed and, having dug deep below it, found three crosses. While the empress pondered on how to recognize which of these was the Cross of Christ, a funeral procession passed by. Patriarch Macarius told them to place the crosses, one by one, on the dead man. When they placed the first and second cross on the dead man, the dead man lay unchanged. When they placed the third cross on him, the dead man came back to life. By this they knew that this was the Precious and Life-giving Cross of Christ. They then placed the Cross on a sick woman, and she became well. The patriarch elevated the Cross for all the people to see, and the people sang with tears: "Lord, have mercy!" Empress Helena had a silver case made and set the Honorable Cross in it.



Later, the Persian Emperor Chozroes conquered Jerusalem, enslaved many people, and took the Lord's Cross to Persia. The Cross remained in Persia for fourteen years. In the year 628 the Greek Emperor Heraclius defeated Chozroes and, with much ceremony, returned the Cross to Jerusalem. As he entered the city Emperor Heraclius carried the Cross on his back, but suddenly was unable to take another step. Patriarch Zacharias saw an angel preventing the emperor from bearing the Cross on the same path that the Lord had walked barefoot and humiliated. The patriarch communicated this vision to the emperor. The emperor removed his raiment and, in ragged attire and barefoot, took up the Cross, carried it to Golgotha, and placed it in the Church of the Resurrection, to the joy and consolation of the whole Christian world.

From the Prologue of Ochrid by Saint Nikolai of Zicha

Martyr Sophia and her three daughters at Rome September 17

The Holy Martyrs Saint Sophia and her Daughters Faith, Hope and Love were born in Italy. Their mother was a pious Christian widow who named her daughters for the three Christian virtues. Faith was twelve, Hope was ten, and Love was nine. Saint Sophia raised them in the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. Saint Sophia and her daughters did not hide their faith in Christ, but openly confessed it before everyone.

An official named Antiochus denounced them to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), who ordered that they be brought to Rome. Realizing that they would be taken before the emperor, the holy virgins prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking that He give them the strength not to fear tor-

ture and death. When the holy virgins and their mother came before the emperor, everyone present was amazed at their composure. They looked as though they had been brought to some happy festival, rather than to torture. Summoning each of the sisters in turn, Hadrian urged them to offer sacrifice to the goddess Artemis. The young girls remained unyielding.



Then the emperor ordered them to be tortured. They burned the holy virgins over an iron grating, then threw them into a red-hot oven, and finally into a cauldron with boiling tar, but the Lord preserved them.

The youngest child, Love, was tied to a wheel and they beat her with rods until her body was covered all over with bloody welts. After undergoing unspeakable torments, the holy virgins glorified their Heavenly Bridegroom and remained steadfast in the Faith.

They subjected Saint Sophia to another grievous torture: the mother was forced to watch the suffering of her daughters. She displayed adamant courage, and urged her daughters to endure their torments for the sake of the Heavenly Bridegroom. All three maidens were beheaded, and joyfully bent their necks beneath the sword.

In order to intensify Saint Sophia's inner suffering, the emperor permitted her to take the bodies of her daughters. She placed their remains in coffins and loaded them on a wagon. She drove beyond the city limits and reverently buried them on a high hill. Saint Sophia sat there by the graves of her daughters for three days, and finally she gave up her soul to the Lord. Even though she did not suffer for Christ in the flesh, she was not deprived of a martyr's crown. Instead, she suffered in her heart. Believers buried her body there beside her daughters.

The relics of the holy martyrs have rested at El'zasa, in the church of Esho since the year 777.

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2017/09/17/102638-martyr-sophia-and-her-three-daughters-at-rome>

SAINT JUVENALY OF ALASKA (+1796)

St. Juvenaly was the protomartyr (first martyr) of the Americas, dying as a martyr at the hands of natives in Alaska in 1796. He was born in 1761 in Ekaterinburg, in the Ural Mountains of Russia, and was named Jacob Govouchkin. When he was tonsured a monk, he took the name Juvenaly, after St. Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem in the fifth century. He was ordained a hieromonk (a priest/monk), and lived for some time in the Konyavesky Monastery on Lake Ladoga in Russian Finland.

In 1793, Father Juvenaly and Father (later, St.) Herman,

and others were assigned to be missionaries in Alaska, and they trekked 8,000 miles across Russia, Siberia, and the Pacific Ocean, arriving at last on Kodiak, Alaska on September 24, 1794. They worked with immense zeal, and within two years, more than 12,000 Alaskan embraced the Christian Faith.

Father Juvenaly began missionary work on the mainland the next year, baptizing more than 700 Chugach Sugpiag Indians, later many Athabaskan Indians, then moved northwest toward the Bering Sea, but then disappeared. Although nothing is known for certain about the circumstances of his death, local oral traditions among Alaskan peoples tell of the martyrdom of a priest, which appears to have been Father Juvenaly, who apparently frightened some Eskimos who did not understand his gestures in making the sign of the cross, and, by the immediate order of a Yupik shaman, Father Juvenaly was killed by arrows and spears.



His missionary activity was brief, but zealous and energetic, and showed immense success in a short time in bringing the saving Gospel to the native peoples of Alaska.

SAINT PETER THE ALEUT (+1815)

Saint Peter the Aleut was a native of Kodiak Island, who became the third martyr for the Orthodox Faith in America. He was a fur-hunter, baptized into the Faith by Russian missionaries. Spain was in possession of California in those days, and was deeply suspicious of Russian encroachment from the North. In 1815, the Spanish governor ordered an immediate halt to Russian trading and trapping in the region, and the arrest of nearly one hundred Russians and Aleuts who had not yet left the area.

The prisoners were treated as slaves, and some, notably Peter, were tortured in order to try to force them to accept the Roman Catholic faith, even though he confessed the Holy Orthodox Christian Faith. An eyewitness account stated that a Spanish priest ordered that Peter's fingers be cut off, one joint at a time, eventually cutting his hands completely off, and then that he be disemboweled. Peter died of his torture, without ever renouncing the Orthodox Faith.

When the incident was reported to St. Herman, back on Kodiak Island, the monk turned to his icon, crossed himself and exclaimed, "Holy, new-martyr Peter, pray to God for us!" Peter the Aleut was formally glorified as a saint, as the "Martyr of San Francisco;" in 1980. His feast day is commemorated on September 24.



Parish Council Meeting 06-26-2017

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

Meeting Called to Order at 7:08 p.m. and began with "O Heavenly King." Sarah Clark and Julia Boisvert Bress led the Council in the Daily Scripture Readings.

Pastor's Report:

Father will be away at the end of July and though we will not have Vespers on July 22, we will have Divine Liturgy on July 23, thanks to the availability of a substitute pastor.

The recent deanery meeting adjusted the costs for substitute priests for Vespers (\$100) and Divine Liturgy (\$200) and also asked that parishes consider mileage and tolls as additional potential costs that priests will handle to come serve at Holy Trinity.

Orthodoxy 101 and visits to shut-ins are continuing through the summer.

Warden's Report:

Chris Dresko reminded the Council of the August 19th meeting to go through the files/documents in the church basement. Also, with August in mind, so is year end and we need to start thinking about upcoming important council vacancies as well as some new processes for a streamlined 2018 Annual Meeting.

Chris also reminded the Council to respond quickly to the minutes for approval each month.

Secretary's Report:

The May minutes were provided to the Council via email and approved via e-vote.

Financial Report:

Al Hromi presented the budget figures from April. The figures were audited.

Total May income -	\$ 9,117.89
Total May expenses -	\$ 11,224.39
Expenses over Income -	(\$ 2,106.50)

Dan Belonick motioned to accept the June Report, as audited. Nadine Cabrera seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Al Hromi motioned that up to \$4000 (of the total approved \$10,000) be moved from the dividend income on the Endowment Fund to cover operating expenses. Dan Belonick seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Committee:

Chris Adams submitted a report via email and Chris Dresko will forward to the rest of the Council via email. Al Hromi noted that the committee met in June and all church funds and accounts are on track. The discussion to move accounts to an a different bank, and priced out different options. The recommendation from Chris Adams was to move to Farmington Bank because of the cheaper fees and the superb service.

Dan Belonick motioned to move all out bank accounts to Farmington Bank, seconded by Nadine Cabrera. Motion carried

unanimously.

Building and Grounds:

Chris Dresko updated the Council that the front door work was completed and is working. Father said that Baker is due to come next week to replace the lightbulbs. Timothy Clark, Chris Dresko and Dan Belonick will be testing out different LED light bulbs in the Choir Loft with a higher wattage.

At the Parish Picnic, ants were noticed outside. Timothy Clark and Dan Belonick will look into.

Also, Ed Bichun and George Matyczyk will address the mulberry bush in the pussywillows. Also, Tim, Chris and Dan will look into weed management along the property and the health of trees around the church property.

Cemetery Committee:

Chris Dresko updated the council on the status of the cross on the left hand side of the large archway. Baker said that the issue is a reaction between two bonded metals and needs further investigation.

Margaret Wagner purchased a new watering can for the cemetery.

George Ludko will be pursuing bids for various work needs around the cemetery grounds.

George noted that the committee needs to meet to possibly clarify the family's responsibilities in respect to cleaning monuments. The council had a brief discussion and decided that any language should go into the rules and regulations, not the bylaws.

Parish Life Committee:

Nadine thanked Matushka for assisting with the meals, at the last minute, in June.

The Parish Life committee is keeping up with the meals for the shut-ins through the summer and finding rides for the parishioners who have requested them.

Old Business:

The parish picnic was a success. Thanks to Dan Belonick for his leadership and to Gladys Labas for encouraging the involvement of the neighborhood. Dan also thanked everyone who donated food and supported. He also noted that June is a tough time and that maybe the event itself did not have to be as long. Chris added that perhaps a couple more lower key events through the year would help support our church community and the neighborhood community bond.

Dan recommended that the new flag display be against the wall in the entrance where there is a landing. The general consensus was to mount the flag to the wall where the firefighters' plaque is located.

Father updated the Council on the vestments he has ordered. Father reported that everything has finally arrived from Russia. Also, Father reported that new Gospel has returned from New York and the original pages were preserved and a new cover attached. The next thing is that Father David needs to measure the existing robes for our Altar Boy squad. He has been looking into different tailors. These costs will be covered by families, the Sisterhood and the Memorial Fund.

With many parishioners eager to support a specific project, Chris recommended that the parish be notified that altar boy vestments and re-plaiting various pieces of communion pieces (chalice, cups, etc.) this is what we are looking into and invite them to assist.

The bookstore - the Ansonia Parish is interested in taking our remaining inventory. Diane Dounouk needs to handle her portion of inventory and otherwise the parish inventory can be donated to Ansonia.

Church cleaning list is getting more and more sparse and Chris reminded that everyone needs to pitch in. Many parishioners' names have not appeared on the sign up list this year, and we need to stop having the same people "bail out" the church before Vespers and let our parish experience a Sunday service with a dirty building.

New Business:

Chris Dresko asked the council to help establish a plan for the August 19 meeting. He wants the council to arrive prepared to spend a good portion of the day meeting and working (Chris is envisioning starting in the late morning and working till Vespers.) He wants to know what member's expectations and needs are before he plans a whole day agenda. Al noted that the day may not work out for him, and cautioned Chris as to trying to attempt too much in the same day. Specific tasks should be arranged. The scanner situation needs to be addressed. Perhaps organizing that day and scanning at a later time. If the meeting is going to take place on the same day, then we should make efforts to streamline the reports and discussions. The Sunday prior to the meeting, we'll need to have all the July reports assembled for approval.

Loose agenda for the day:

Abbreviated Council Meeting
Retreat component
Pot luck
Organize/scan materials

September Charity – Julia Boisvert Bress motioned that we support the CT Family Support Network. Al Hromi seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chris would like to have a Jazz concert at the church and have a fundraiser - but since it would need to happen in the church basement the acoustics would not be compatible so this idea was dropped.

Rosemary Delaney noted that we should really make a better effort to participate in services where we join with other parishes and meet a lot of new parishioners. The Akathist service in Salisbury was a beautiful service, brief and with a lot of families in attendance.

Next meeting:

Saturday August 19, 2017, time TBD

Dan Belonick motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., Julia Boisvert Bress seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Submitted by,
Sarah Clark