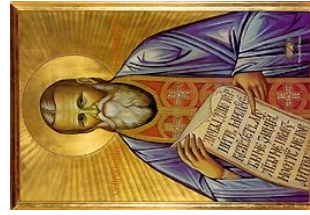
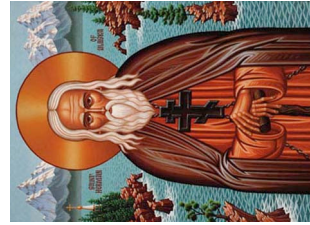




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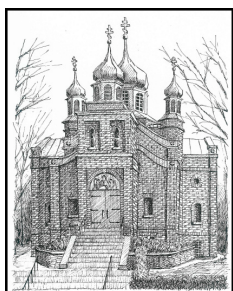


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <u>Visitation:</u> 9:30 A. M. JEROME HOME & ARBOR ROSE (for Communion)	3	4 St. Alexander Hotovitzky Confession 4:00 P.M. CTD Panikhida & meeting 7:00 P.M.	5	6 St. Nicholas  Confession 4-4:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM CONFESSION
7 26th after Pentecost  Church School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Clark	8	9  Confession 2:00 P.M.	10 <u>Visitation:</u> 10:30 A. M. CHERRY BROOK (for Communion)	11	12	13 St. Herman of Alaska  Confession 4-4:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM CONFESSION
14 27th after Pentecost Holy Fore-Fathers  Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Santoro	15	16	17  Confession 3:00 P.M	18 <u>Visitation:</u> 10:30 A. M. MONSIGNOR BOJNOWSKI	19	20 St. John of Kronstadt  Confession 4-4:30 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM
21 28th after Pentecost Holy Fathers  Church School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Cabrera	22	23  Confession 1:00 P.M	24 Eve of the Nativity Vespers Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Festal Vigil <u>4:00 P.M.</u>	25 Nativity of our Lord Festal Divine Liturgy 9:30 A.M. [fast free 12/25 – 1/4]	26 Synaxis of the Theotokos	27 Protomartyr Stephen  Great Vespers 5:00 PM CONFESSION
28 29th after Pentecost The Holy Innocents of Bethlehem Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Bartos	29	30	31 Leavetaking of the Nativity	JAN 1 Circumcision St. Basil the Great	2 St. Juliana of Lazarevsk	3  Great Vespers 5:00 PM
4 30th after Pentecost  Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – ? ? ?	5 (Strict Fast Day) Eve of Theophany Festal Vespers Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 6:10 PM	6 Theophany: Baptism of our Lord		Greeter -  Santoro	Cleaners –  Week	Charity –  Operation Fuel



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**PLEDGE FORM:** In order for the Financial Committee of the Parish Council to have a better idea of our income for next year the Pledge Form for 2015 has been included in this Newsletter. Please take time to fill it out and return it to Fr. David or Tessa Mah, Assistant Treasurer, by December 1st. THANK YOU!!

### GENERAL & PRIVATE

#### CONFESSION:

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, January 24, 2015 the second to the last Saturday of the month.

Also, with the Advent Fast, November 15th—December 24th, private confession will be held before & after vespers, on selected weekdays (see calendar) or by appointment.

**A REMINDER:** *The Holy Canons of the Church tell us that if we absent ourselves from the Eucharist three weeks in a row we are to be removed from the list of communicants until we rectify this irregular situation. This is for both clergy and laity. Actually, the clergy are to be deposed and the laity must do penance. At HTOC we offer numerous ways [scheduled private confession, after Vespers, appointments, General Confession - except during fasting, etc.] to be active recipients of our Lord's Body & Blood. If you have been away from church and the Eucharist for three weeks or more please, DO NOT get in line for communion until you have gone to private confession.*



**PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Monday, January 12th. All council members are reminded of the schedule change and asked to make every effort to attend the meeting. This is our budget and Annual Parish Meeting prep.

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** The schedule for house blessings will be posted in the later part of this month and will be included in the newsletter for January. The house blessings will begin on January 6th. If you are on the list and need to cancel or change your appointment, or if you are not on the list and wish to be added, please call or send an email to Fr. David. Anyone wishing to have the house blessed will be accommodated.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25th following liturgy and coffee hour. All voting members of the parish are asked to plan on being present and participating in the meeting. You are a voting member if:

- You are at least 18 years of age.
- You participate in the Sacraments of Confession and Communion regularly, but at least annually, in the parish.
- You have made a stewardship (financial) commitment to the parish and have signed a pledge form.

We are in need of your service on the council with a number of officers leaving the council for their 'break'. If you have served in the past please consider this again. If you have never been on the council now would be a good time to add your talent and become a leader in our Parish. Talk with our Vice-Warden, David Bartos or Fr. David about a position on the council!

The December charity collection is for **Operation Fuel, Inc.** which is the only statewide resource helping the working poor in our community pay their energy bills through the cold winter months. Thanks to everyone's generosity, Operation Fuel provided over \$2 million in energy assistance to more than 4,200 households last winter. Visit their web site at [www.operationfuel.org](http://www.operationfuel.org) Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month.

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries in DECEMBER:

1	Sarah Clark	1984
2	Dan Telychka	1945
5	Gladys Labas	
6	Martha Cherpak	1929
8	Nicholas Hamisevich	1919
14	Peter Labas	
16	Nicholas Pulcini	2002
23	Alan Hromi	1943
27	Izabela Krucko	



### “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.

*Middlewoods, Newington*  
Jennie Skovich

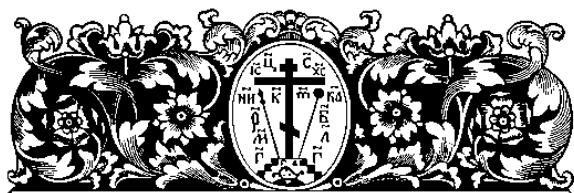
*Jerome Home, New Britain*  
Sadie Albino

*Arbor Rose, New Britain*  
Nona Belomyzy  
Mary Camarata

*Monsignor Bojnowski Manor, New Britain*  
Helen Karabin

*Cherry Brook Health Care Center, Canton*  
Barbara Raymond

*At Home:* Jim Dounouk, Michael Horbal, Joseph Kowar, Susan Labas, Stella Liwen, Jennie Pich, Irene Prigodich, Antoinette Rudy and John Steffick.



### PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Peter Mikeff	45	December 1935
Paul Garlewsky		December 1970

Anna Kupchik	28	December 1 1921
Anna Petrisko	61	December 1 1954
Peter Kovalevich	89	December 1 2008
Eugenia Jean Prusik		December 1 2011
Alexandra Sonmik	24	December 2 1910
Child Anton Mansko	5	December 2 1918
Child Vladimir Hladko	2	December 2 1918
Julia Dubovsky	25	December 3 1919
Peter Melnik	52	December 3 1942
Lydia Burak	53	December 3 1977
Andrew Pracalo	88	December 3 1982
Child Mary Kozlovsky	2	December 4 1920
Harvey L. Brown		December 4 1984
Nikifor Avhusminovich	64	December 5 1947
Milenty Stregotsky	85	December 5 2006
Anna Labas	78	December 6 1971
Nicholas Hamisewich	91	December 6 1981
Nicholas Zamayduk	90	December 6 2011
Dimitro Liwen	76	December 7 1963
Mary Cherpak	95	December 7 2013
Helen Procko	50	December 8 1956
Lillian Pyzon	50	December 8 1969
Eugene Hamisevich	77	December 8 2003
Anton Protsky	40	December 9 1934
Tatiana “Sophie” Bechum	94	December 9 1984
Joseph Baranovsky	53	December 10 1933
Peter Brown	56	December 11 1947
Stephen Marchik	61	December 12 1954
Nicholas Lashenka	42	December 12 1957
Anna Gadzik	70	December 12 1970
Angelo Albino	82	December 12 2002
Alexandra Manchuk	60	December 13 1907
Nina Zaiko	71	December 13 1986
Olga Prolesky	83	December 14 1994
Walter Waskey	58	December 15 1950
John Makuch	73	December 15 1958
John Balkun, Jr.	81	December 15 2001
Theodore Yacko	72	December 15 2009
Theodore Novik	56	December 16 1946
Joseph Uhroros	79	December 17 1918
John Shimchick	79	December 17 1997
Child Anna Demanuk	1 day	December 18 1932
Antonina Hamisevich	64	December 18 1961
Joseph Szafran	58	December 18 1961
John M. Labas	92	December 18 2006
Andrew Gel		December 19 1950
Methodius J. Kotrady	61	December 19 1980
Simon Galagan	74	December 20 1963
William Scott	16	December 21 1975
Michael Cherpak	91	December 21 1995
George Steffick		December 21 2001
Mary Cherpak	53	December 22 1922
Child Elizabeth Pruta	2 mo	December 22 1936
Natalie Augustinov	58	December 22 1941
Katherine Lehman	72	December 22 1962
Jacob Karpey	50	December 22 1972
Tanya Kosko	52	December 22 1978
Anastasia Pracalo	93	December 22 1996



Mary Dounouk	86	December 22 1999
Erioli Zhuk	49	December 23 1938
Anna Walls	70	December 26 1971
Peter Zuk	82	December 26 1972
Peter Burak	52	December 26 1978
Joachim Danilovich	29	December 28 1907
Child Mary Mifanlov	7 mo	December 28 1916
Katherine Ostapchuk	32	December 28 1932
Theodosius Bukentiev	31	December 29 1916
Constantine Kozlovsky	28	December 29 1920
Max Semek	63	December 29 1961
Klim Pesesky	78	December 29 1973
Michael Tynik	91	December 29 1973
Matrona Aguzzi	92	December 30 2007
Olga Halacio	84	December 30 2009
William Zamayduk	67	December 31 1957
Peter Wayda	69	December 31 1960
Nicholas Stankevich	64	December 31 1973
Michael Truhan	43	December 31 2013

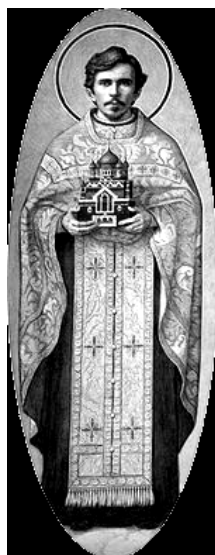
## ВѢЧНА ПАМЯТЬ

### THE LIFE OF ST. ALEXANDER HOTOVITSKY *Celebrated December 4<sup>th</sup> / From Antiochian.org*

Alexander Alexandrovich Hotovitsky was born on February 11, 1872, in Kremenetz, Russia, the son of a priest. He attended the Volynia Theological Seminary, which his father headed, and went on for graduate studies at the St. Petersburg Theological Academy. Upon graduation in 1895, he applied for a position with the North American mission and was accepted. He accompanied Bishop Nicholas to America that year.

In America, Alexander met Maria, and they were married the next year. A month later, Alexander was ordained a priest and assigned to the newly founded St. Nicholas parish in New York City, which was to become the Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Manhattan. At first, the parish rented a house: services were conducted on the first floor and Father Alexander's family lived on the second level. In 1901, Father Alexander traveled to Russia to raise funds to build the cathedral. St. Tikhon consecrated the magnificent, new cathedral on East 97th Street the very next year.

Father Alexander traveled up and down the east coast and Canada, as well, helping to establish new parishes. He worked also to bring the Uniates back into the Orthodox Communion. Everywhere he went people flocked to hear him speak, for his sincerity and conviction clearly shone through. He published the American Orthodox Messenger in English and Russian; and he assisted his friend, Bp. Raphael, in publishing The Word in Arabic.



From 1914 to 1917, Father Alexander served as a priest in Helsinki, Finland. He returned to Russia in 1917 and participated in the All-Russian Church Council of 1917-18, where he was a major proponent of the reestablishment of the Moscow Patriarchate. He thereafter served as a close advisor to the sainted Patriarch Tikhon.

Fr. Alexander served in a number of parishes in the ensuing years, including at the famous Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow. He spoke boldly, encouraging his flock, ravaged by the terrors of the Bolsheviks, to stand firm in the Faith and to protect the churches. He helped the needy and fed the starving. Because he was a leader and organizer, the communists made Fr. Alexander one of their chief targets. They exiled him to concentration camps numerous times for his pastoral activities, for refusing to surrender the sacred vessels to be melted down, and, especially, for disobeying the law by teaching children and holding church school classes. He disappeared following his final arrest, in 1937, suffering as a martyr for the Christian Faith at the hands of the Soviets.

In 1994, the bicentennial of the arrival of the first Orthodox missionaries to America, The Orthodox Church in America and the Church of Russia canonized Father Alexander jointly. He was glorified as the "New Hieromartyr of Russia and Missionary to America." His feast day is commemorated on December 4.



## The Nativity of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

From the Prologue of Ochrid

'And when the fullness of time was come, God sent His only-begotten Son' (Gal. 4:4), to save the human race. And when the ninth month had come after the archangel Gabriel appeared to the most holy Virgin in Nazareth, saying: 'Hail! thou that art highly favored... thou shalt conceive and bear a son' - at that time a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that all the inhabitants of the Roman Empire be taxed. In accordance with this decree, everyone had to go to his own town and there be inscribed. Therefore righteous Joseph came with the most holy Virgin to Bethlehem, the city of David, for they were both of the royal House of David. But, there being a great many people in that small city for the census, Joseph and Mary could not find a lodging in any house, and found shelter in a cave which the shepherds used as a sheepfold. In this cave the most holy Virgin gave birth to the Savior of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ. Bearing Him without pain, as He was conceived without sin of the Holy Spirit and not of man, she herself wrapped Him in swaddling bands, worshipped Him as God and laid Him in a manger. Then righteous Joseph drew near and worshipped Him as the divine Fruit of a virgin womb. Then the shepherds came in from the fields, directed by an angel of God, and worshipped Him as Messiah and Savior. The shepherds had heard a multitude of angels singing: 'Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace, goodwill among men' (Luke 2:14). At that time there also came wise men from the East, led by a wonderful star, bearing their gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh, and worshipped Him as King of kings, offering Him their gifts (Matt. 2:11). Thus He came into the world Whose coming had been foretold by the prophets and Who was born in the way that they had prophesied: of the most holy Virgin, in the city of Bethlehem, of the lineage of David according to the flesh, at the time when there was no longer in Jerusalem a king of the tribe of Judah, but Herod the stranger was on the throne. After many types and prefigurings, messengers and heralds, prophets and righteous men, wise men and kings, finally He appeared, the Lord of the world and King of kings, to perform the work of the salvation of mankind that could not be performed by His servants. May His be eternal glory and praise! Amen.

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## ON THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

By Metropolitan Hierotheos Vlachos

The Birth of Christ is a historical event, because it took place at a specific moment in history, when Caesar Augustus was Emperor in Rome and Herod was ruler of Judea. The Evangelists insist on emphasizing the historicity of the event, because they want to say that Christ is a historical person. This means that Christ assumed real human flesh, and the Incarnation was not merely seeming or imagined.

In spite of its historicity, this event remains a mystery. We know that the Godman, perfect God and perfect man, exists, but it remains a mystery how the divine nature united with human nature in the person of the Logos. Moreover, what happened to the person of Christ, that the divine nature was united hypostatically with human nature, happened just once. Therefore St. John of Damascus said that Christ is "the only new thing under the sun." This means that since the creation of the world and man, nothing new has happened in the world. Everything is repeated [according to the natural order and rules which govern the universe]. The [successive] birth of human beings is a consequence and result of God's words: "Let us make man in our image and likeness", and "Be fruitful and multiple; fill the earth and subdue it" (Gen. 1:26-28). The only new thing is the Godman Christ.

Thus the fact that the event is historical does not remove the mystery, but also the mystery does not do away with the historicity. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ, but at the same time we experience mysteriously in our hearts all the events connected with it, for when we are alive in the Church, we are participating in and experiencing all the stages of the divine Incarnation.



## WHO WERE THE MAGI?

The Magi were Persian priestly scholars, known for their expertise in medicine, philosophy, science, astrology, and dreams. When the Prophet Daniel was taken to Babylon in 605 BC, Nebuchadnezzar recognized his God as the "God of gods and Lord of lords, Who reveals mysteries". Daniel was renamed Baltasar and appointed the chief of this society. (Daniel 2:48; 4:6; 5:11). The prophetic and messianic writings of Daniel had a profound effect on these scholars, who also were familiar with Balaam's prophecy about the star shining forth from Jacob (Num. 24:17).

At the time of Christ, the Magi composed the upper house of the Council of the Megistanes whose duties included the absolute choice and election of the king of the realm. Their sudden appearance in Judea caused Herod great fear as he sought to keep his fragile control over the region. However, it was in the hope a divinely-imposed dominion that the Magi had made their lengthy journey to Judea.

Since the Magi believed that there was a mystical influence of the stars, they would constantly study the heavens seeking extraordinary sign which might herald the "Expected One." St. Theophylact explains how the Lord used the stars to draw the Magi to Him when he writes: "Because the Magi were astrologists, the Lord brought them in a manner natural to them, just as Peter, being a fisherman, came through the catch of a multitude of fish."

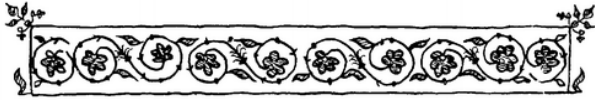


The wise men, on behalf of the entire human race, brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh: gold because they were returning to the acknowledgment that God is the only true King, frankincense because they were returning to the worship of the Lord as the only true God, and myrrh because Christ, as the bringer of the Resurrection, would abolish death and there would no longer be any more need for myrrh as a burial ointment. What subsequently happened to these gifts is never mentioned in the Scriptures, but several traditions have developed. One story has the gold being stolen by the two thieves who were later crucified alongside Jesus. Another tale has it being entrusted to and then misappropriated by Judas.

The number and identity of the Magi is not known for sure. Since three gifts were offered, it is often assumed that there were three in their company; the traditional names being Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthazar. Sometimes they are depicted as old, middle-aged, and young. Some consider them to be from Persia, Arabia, and Egypt as the descendants of Shem, Japheth, and Ham.

St. John Chrysostom rebukes an unbelieving Jewish nation by comparing them to the Gentile Magi: "The faith of the

Magi is the condemnation of the Jews. The Magi believed on the authority of their one soothsayer Balaam and the Prophet Daniel; but the Jews, from the testimony of many prophets, refused to believe. Whereas the magi acknowledged that the coming of Christ would terminate their profane knowledge and magical arts, the Jews would not accept the Lawgiver's doing away with their sacrifices and refused to accept the mysteries of the divine dispensation. The Magi confessed a Stranger; the Jews rejected their own.



## **“OUR SAVIOR, BOTH GOD AND MAN”**

*By Saint Ephraim the Syrian – 4<sup>th</sup> Century*

We confess one and the same individual as perfect God and perfect man. He is God the Word Which was flesh.

For if He was not man, why was Mary chosen? And if He is not God, whom does Gabriel call Lord?

If He was not man, who was laid in a manger? And if He is not God, whom did the angels who came down from heaven glorify?

If He was not man, who was wrapped in swaddling clothes, And if He is not God, in whose honor did the star appear?

If He was not man, whom did Simeon hold in his arms? And if He is God, to whom did Simeon say, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace?

If He was not man, whom did Joseph take when he fled into Egypt? And if He is not God, who fulfilled the prophecy: Out of Egypt have I called my Son?

If He was not man, whom did John baptize? And if He is not God, to whom did the Father say: This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased?

If He was not man, who hungered in the desert? And if He is not God, unto whom did the angels come and minister?

If He was not man, who was invited to the marriage in Cana of Galilee? And if He is not God, who turned the water into wine?

If He was not man, who took the loaves in the desert? And if He is not God, who fed the five thousand men and their women and children with five loaves and two fish?

If He was not man, who slept in the ship? And if He is not God, who rebuked the waves and the sea?

If He was not man, with whom did Simon the Pharisee sit at meat? And if He is not God, who for-gave the sins of the harlot?

If He was not man, who wore a man's garment? And if He is

not God, who healed the woman with the issue of blood when she touched His garment?

If He was not man, who spat on the ground and made clay? And if He is not God, who gave sight to the eyes of the blind man with the clay?

If He was not man, who wept at Lazarus' grave? And if He is not God, who commanded him to come forth out of the grave four days after his death?

If He was not man, whom did the Jews arrest in the garden? And if He is not God, who cast them to the ground with the words: I am He?

If He was not man, who was judged before Pilate? And if He is not God, who frightened Pilate's wife in a dream?

If He was not man, whose garments were stripped from Him and parted by the soldiers? And if He is not God, why was the sun darkened upon His crucifixion?

If He was not man, who was crucified on the cross? And if He is not God, who shook the foundation of the earth?

If He was not man, whose hands and feet were nailed to the cross? And if He is not God, how did it happen that the veil of the temple was rent in twain, the rocks were rent, and the graves were opened?

If He was not man, who hung on the cross between the two thieves? And if He is not God, how could He say to the thief: Today thou shalt be with me in paradise?

If He was not man, who cried out, and gave up the ghost? And if He is not God, whose cry caused many bodies of the saints which slept to arise?

If He was not man, whom did the women see laid in the grave? And if He is not God, about whom did the angel say to them: He is arisen, He is not here?

If He was not man, whom did Thomas touch when he put his hands into the prints of the nails? And if He is not God, who entered through the doors that were shut?

If He was not man, who ate at the sea of Tiberias? And if He is not God, on whose orders were the nets filled with fishes?

If He was not man, whom did the apostles see carried up into heaven? And if He is not God, who ascended to the joyful cries of the angels, and to whom did the Father proclaim: sit at My right hand?

If He is not God and man then, indeed, our salvation is false, and false are the pronouncements of the prophets.



## Parish Council Meeting 10-27-14

Members in Attendance: Fr. David Koles, Gladys Labas, Nelson Potter, Dave Bartos, George Matyczyk, Rosemary Delaney, Al Hromi, Dan Belonick, and Nick Kokus.

Meeting Called to Order at 7PM and began with “O Heavenly King.”

Gladys asked council to move presentation by Kevin M. Nichols (The Forma Group – Morgan Stanley Wealth Management) to beginning of the meeting. Motion from Nelson Potter, Al Hromi seconded, motion carried.

Kevin Nichols provided a variety of investment options that could be presented to parishioners. On Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> he will talk to parish about options such as: estate planning, donating appreciated securities, and donor advised funds.

Finance committee reported that our investments are now under Morgan Stanley. Our adviser Kevin, and his investment group moved together from Merrill Lynch to Morgan Stanley and we went with him. Concern was raised over the process only – council should approve decisions made by sub-committees.

### Pastor's Report:

Father and Rosemary recently returned from diocesan assembly. Notable items:

1. Revision of OCA statute. Process is ongoing.
2. Sexual Misconduct policy: background checks must be completed on anyone who has more than casual contact with children. Questions on process still remain.
3. HTOC moved from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> largest parish in diocese
4. \$176 per person assessment

Rosemary Delaney:

1. Open Bishop seat in Midwest, Canada, and South should be filled soon
2. We are still top donors to ONE Stewards & Bishops Circle
3. Closing of Chelsea, MA parish – diocese continues to shrink slightly

Honored to represent church and learn about diocese; great experience

Other Items:

- November begins Advent schedule – need for personal confessions
  - Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – no vespers at HTOC. Please attend Southbury parish at 5PM with relics of St. Nectarios
- Thank-you from Home Front Charity

### Warden's Report:

- Church School – working with Dori Kowar to sort out organization and curriculum; formalize process.
  - A big THANK-YOU to Bichuns and everyone who worked to make the Slavic Night a success. Over \$2,000 was raised and was great night to bring everyone together.
- Drafted letter to parishioners concerning giving. Al Hromi motioned that with changes the letter be sent to parishioners. Dan Belonick seconded, motion carried.

### Financial Report:

Nelson presented a balance sheet and a monthly summary of in-

vestments.

Al Hromi presented audited September figures:

September Income:	\$ 9,199.14
September Expense:	\$12,163.69
Expense/Income:	-\$ 1,414.36

Year-to-Date: -\$15,014.91

Dan Belonick motioned to accept September figures, Dave Bartos seconded. Motion carried.

The council examined a draft of the 2015 budget. Discussion over retaining line items with the understanding they will be funded by parish organizations.

### Secretary's Report:

November Charity should be “Manes in Motion.” New business should contain “Bookstore committee will be Father, Gladys, and Diane.”

Dave Bartos motioned to approved as amended, Nelson Potter seconded, motioned carried

### Building and Grounds:

George Matyczyk:

- Lift was repaired with brand new switch from France: approximately \$1,200
  - Awaiting invoice for work on grass and trees
  - Garage door – no action is needed at this time
  - Weber snowplowing contract is available, but needs closer examination
- Fertilizing – hold off for now

Dan Bradanini was not present but confirmed through email that exterior bricks were spalling because of trapped moisture. Solution for venting will be explored.

Cemetery archway: contract from Baker has been submitted to insurance company.

### New Business:

Nomination Committee: Nelson will not be treasurer next year. Gladys thanked him for all his work. Members at large Dave Bartos, Nick Kokus, and Tessa Mah are also out due to term limits. Nomination committee will look for new members.

December Charity: Operation Fuel

Dan Belonick motioned, Al Hromi seconded. Motion carried.

Rosemary asked about providing bibles for Sunday school. Father will look at what we have and order new ones if needed.

Next meeting:

Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> 7PM

Al Hromi motioned for adjournment at 9:13PM. The meeting concluded with “It is Truly Meet.”

Submitted by,

*Nick Kokus*