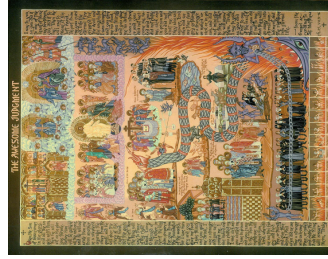
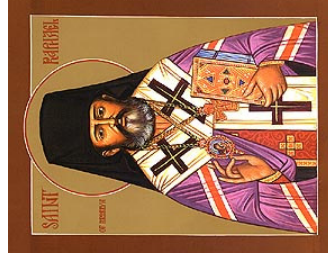


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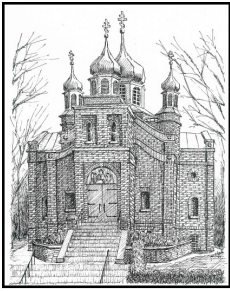
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cleaners – Santorio's	Greeter: Sonia Matyczzyk	Charity: Hospital for Special Care	1 Festal Vespers Liturgy 6:00 PM Pot Luck supper	2 Meeting of the Lord	3	4 Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
5 Publican & Pharisee Church School 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Coffee Hour – Belonick / Needham Study Group	6	7	8 FAST FREE WEEK	9	10	11 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
12 Prodigal Son Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Installation/Blessing of New Council Coffee Hour – Bichun, Labas, Steffick Study Group	13	14	15	16	17	18 Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
19 Meat Fare Church School 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM MEATFARE BRUNCH	20 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22 Diocesan Council Meeting@ Springfield, MA 6:30 PM	23 CT Deanery Clergy Retreat @ Southbury, CT 7:00 PM	24	25 Choir Rehearsal 3:00 PM Great Vespers 5:00 PM Confession
26 Cheese Fare – Forgiveness Sunday Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM & FORGIVENESS VESPERS Coffee Hour – UConn OCF	27 St. Raphael of Brooklyn BEGINNING OF GREAT LENT Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 PM	28 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 PM	29 Confession 5-5:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6 P.M. SOUP / BREAD	March 1 Canon of St. Andrew, 6:30 PM	2	3 Confession 4-4:30 P M Great Vespers 5:00PM Confession



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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 40+ homes. I also hope the list will grow so that we can get as close to 100% as possible. **Thank you, everyone,** for your kindness as I journeyed around central Connecticut.

Fr. David

NEWLY ELECTED: The 2012 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 Grace, Bishop NIKON. All elected members are asked to be present for that service.

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.

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!

The Orthodox celebration of PASCHA this year is April 15th, which is a week after western churches celebrate Easter. Forgiveness Vespers will be held after Divine Liturgy on February 26th. This liturgical entrance into the Fast, along with the moving Rite of Forgiveness, is essential for every Orthodox Christian. All parishioners are asked to be present for this service.

GENERAL CONFESSION: is normally

held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular communicants should make every effort to attend each General Confession. The next General Confession will be held after Pascha on Saturday, April 28th.

PARISH COUNCIL: The first meeting of the 2012 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.

DIRECTORY UP-DATE: It is time for us to update our directory both on-line and in print. If you haven't been receiving timely email up-dates or receiving mail from our parish or *The ONE* from our diocese, please submit changes &/or additions to Fr. David so that he can make things new for 2012.



The February monthly charity collection is for the **Hospital for Special Care Adaptive Sports Programs**. The Hospital for Special Care's commitment to sports and fitness extends far beyond the hospital grounds. For example, HSC is the managing sponsor of the **Cruisers**, a team of young, physically disabled Connecticut athletes who compete locally, regionally, and nationally in wheelchair track and field competitions, where many Cruisers have set several national records.

Through Hospital for Special Care's **Ivan Lendl Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp**—the first and only one of its kind on the East Coast—world-class disabled athletes provide campers with instruction in tennis, swimming, basketball, and track and field at no cost, thanks to the fundraising



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success of Hospital for Special Care's Annual Ivan Lendl Golf Tournament.

HSC also sponsors its own wheelchair basketball team, a Wave swim team, Skiers' Unlimited, and numerous clinics, conferences, and symposia, all part of an effort to champion the cause of athletes living with disabilities through education, information and advocacy.

Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month.

Visit the Hospital for Special Care web site at
<http://www.hfsc.org/>

Arbor Rose, New Britain
 Nona Belomyzy
 Mary Camarata

Walnut Hill, New Britain
 Olga Skotnicki
 Mary Cherpak

Middlewoods, Newington
 Jennie Skovich

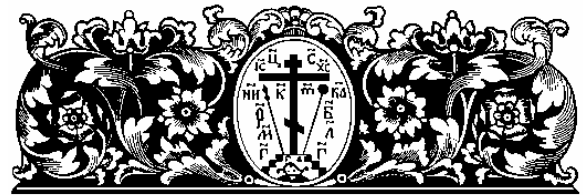
St. Lucian Residence, New Britain
 Mary Kotrady

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
 Natasha Zaiko

Home: Mary Fairbanks, Susan Labas, George Liwen, Stella Liwen, Irene Prigodich, Helen Roberts, John Steffick and Stella Tynik.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries
 in FEBRUARY:**

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|----|---------------------|------|
| 4 | Isabella Salina | 2008 |
| 6 | Diane Polzun | 1947 |
| 7 | Adam Salina | 1975 |
| 7 | Tania Bouteneff | |
| 8 | Ellen Santoro | 1953 |
| 10 | Philip Cook | 1986 |
| 12 | Stormie Morrison | 1974 |
| 14 | Natalie Zaiko | 1920 |
| 16 | Helen Anop | 1927 |
| 17 | Kristina Bouteneff | 1993 |
| 18 | Eva Zagorska | 1965 |
| 20 | Katarina Delaney | 2004 |
| 20 | Mike Wanik | 1958 |
| 25 | Kelsey Rembisz | 2009 |
| 25 | Nick Dresko | 1983 |
| | | |
| 5 | Peter & Ann Anop | 1994 |
| 21 | Paul & Janet Culton | 1959 |



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

“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
 Helen Karabin

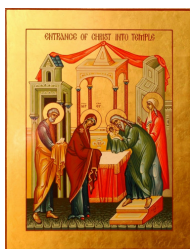
Child Lydia Hamisevich	7 mo	February 10 1917
Helen Velichko	56	February 11 1930
Alexei Lewczyk	69	February 12 1959
Protodn Nicholas Panteleff	85	February 12 1961
Michael Molchan	75	February 12 1964
Anna Horbal	84	February 12 1981
Child Nicholas Panasevich	2 mo	February 13 1916
Naum Sobchuk [Sovchuk]	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 Hiov	5 mo	February 17 1911
Pauline Dyranka	82	February 17 1996
John Fedorovich	38	February 19 1926
Stephen Klotz		February 19 1959
Nona Grusha	87	February 19 2000
Basil Pracalo	77	February 20 1968
George Cherpak	96	February 20 1983
Stephen Karpey	66	February 21 1942
Joseph Pich	77	February 21 1996
Mary Paquette	98	February 21 2002
Child Katherine Cherpak	7	February 22 1911
Child Tekla Russin	9 mo	February 23 1903
Mary Semanchik	15	February 23 1910
John Lehman	64	February 23 1950
Anastasia Pelik	62	February 23 1954
Helen Wlasuk	71	February 23 1960
Mary Gasparini	94	February 25 1998
Andrew Lenik	35	February 26 1930
Katherine Smoluk	73	February 26 1971
Alexander Kotrady		February 26 1985
Child (No name) Pruta	4	February 27 1937
Pearl (Paraskeva) Liwen	95	February 27 1987
Justina Sulima	69	February 28 1969
Barbara Steffick	75	February 28 2008
Elia Podubinsky	38	February 29 1916

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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 monastery. 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.

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.

St. Raphael came to New Britain when the new church building [our present temple] was built in 1913 to bless the cornerstone. His canonization took place at St. Tikhon's Monastery in May of 2000.



Forgiveness Sunday

In the Orthodox Church, the last Sunday before Great Lent – the day on which, at Vespers, Lent is liturgically announced and inaugurated – is called Forgiveness Sunday. On the morning of that Sunday, at the Divine Liturgy, we hear the words of Christ:

"If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses..." (Mark 6:14-15)

Then after Vespers – after hearing the announcement of Lent in the Great Prokeimenon: "Turn not away Thy face from Thy child for I am afflicted! Hear me speedily! Draw near unto my soul and deliver it!", after making our entrance into Lenten worship, with its special memories, with the prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, with its prostrations – we ask forgiveness from each other, we perform the rite of forgiveness and reconciliation. And as we approach each other with words of reconciliation, the choir intones the Paschal hymns, filling the church with the anticipation of Paschal joy.

What is the meaning of this rite? Why is it that the Church wants us to begin Lenten season with forgiveness and reconciliation? These questions are in order because for too many people Lent means primarily, and almost exclusively, a change of diet, the compliance with ecclesiastical regulations concerning fasting. They understand fasting as an end in itself, as a "good deed" required by God and carrying in itself its merit and its reward. But, the Church spares no effort in revealing to us that fasting is but a means, one among many, towards a higher goal: the spiritual renewal of man, his return to God, true repentance and, therefore, true reconciliation. The Church spares no effort in warning us against a hypocritical and pharisaic fasting,

against the reduction of religion to mere external obligations.

As a Lenten hymn says:

*In vain do you rejoice in no eating, O soul!
For you abstain from food,
But from passions you are not purified.*

If you persevere in sin, you will perform a useless fast.

Now, forgiveness stands at the very center of Christian faith and of Christian life because Christianity itself is, above all, the religion of forgiveness. God forgives us, and His forgiveness is in Christ, His Son, Whom He sends to us, so that by sharing in His humanity we may share in His love and be truly reconciled with God. Indeed, Christianity has no other content but love. And it is primarily the renewal of that love, a return to it, a growth in it, that we seek in Great Lent, in fasting and prayer, in the entire spirit and the entire effort of that season. Thus, truly forgiveness is both the beginning of, and the proper condition for the Lenten season.

One may ask, however: Why should I perform this rite when I have no "enemies"? Why should I ask forgiveness from people who have done nothing to me, and whom I hardly know? To ask these questions, is to misunderstand the Orthodox teaching concerning forgiveness. It is true, that open enmity, personal hatred, real animosity may be absent from our life, though if we experience them, it may be easier for us to repent, for these feelings openly contradict Divine commandments. But, the Church reveals to us that there are much subtler ways of offending Divine Love. These are indifference, selfishness, lack of interest in other people, of any real concern for them -- in short, that wall which we usually erect around ourselves, thinking that by being "polite" and "friendly" we fulfill God's commandments. The rite of forgiveness is so important precisely because it makes us realize – be it only for one minute – that our entire relationship to other men is wrong, makes us experience that encounter of one child of God with another, of one person created by God with another, makes us feel that mutual "recognition" which is so terribly lacking in our cold and dehumanized world.

On that unique evening, listening to the joyful Paschal hymns we are called to make a spiritual discovery: to taste of another mode of life and relationship with people, of life whose essence is love. We can discover that always and everywhere Christ, the Divine Love Himself, stands in the midst of us, transforming our mutual alienation into brotherhood. As I advance towards the other, as the other comes to me – we begin to realize that it is Christ Who brings us together by His love for both of us. And because we make this discovery – and because this discovery is that of the Kingdom of God itself: the Kingdom of Peace and Love, of reconciliation with God and, in Him, with all that exists – we hear the hymns of that Feast, which once a year, "opens to us the doors of Paradise." We know why we shall fast and pray, what we shall seek during the long Lenten pilgrimage. Forgiveness Sunday: the day on which we acquire the power to make our fasting – true fasting; our effort – true effort; our reconciliation with God – true reconciliation.

Father Alexander Schmemmann

Introduction to the DRE/OCA 1975-1982
Forgiveness Sunday Vespers.

St. Nikolai Velimirovich “On Forgiveness”



If your heart has been softened either by repentance before God or by learning the boundless love of God towards you, do not be proud with those whose hearts are still hard. Remember how long your heart was hard and incorrigible. Seven brothers were ill in one hospital. One recovered from his illness and got up and rushed to serve his other brothers with brotherly love, to speed their recovery. Be like this brother. Consider all men to be your brothers, and sick brothers at that. And if you come to feel that God has given you better health than others, know that it is given through mercy, so in health you may serve your frailer brothers. (Prologue, 31 March)

CLEAN WEEK

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Feb. 27, 28 & March 1; The Canon of St. Andrew of Crete - The canon is a dialog between St. Andrew and his soul. The ongoing theme is an urgent exhortation to change one's life. St Andrew always mentions his own sinfulness placed in juxtaposition to God's mercy, and uses literally hundreds of references to good and bad examples from the OT and NT to “convince himself” to repent.

Wednesday, February 29; Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - Great Lent is a season of repentance, fasting, and intensified prayer, and the Orthodox Church regards more frequent reception of communion as especially desirable at that time. However, the full Divine Liturgy has a joyful character not in keeping with the somberness of the season of repentance (Eucharist literally means "thanksgiving"). The Presanctified Liturgy is therefore celebrated instead.

The November, 2011 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on, November 21, 2011. Warden Michael Wanik called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was noted and the meeting began with “O Heavenly King”.

Pastor's Report – Father David reported that he and Diane Dounouk did not attend the All American Council as planned due to the October snow storm. He did follow the daily activities via webcasts. As Dean of the CT Deanery, Father David met with the other priest to discuss details of proceedings. One of the important messages that came out of the meeting was that His Beatitude and the Holy Synod admitted that they are not good administrators and need assistance in this area. Going forward, they will make a change by taking courses in the ad-

ministrative areas. The second item of note was that assessments for the parishes in the OCA over the next 3 years were determined to be 1) the same for 2012; 2) reduced (no exact figures) over the second and third years.

Notes from the Diocesan Assembly-

Fr. David noted that our parish, the second largest in New England Diocese, will be assessed for 119 adults. This is 6.7% of the diocesan budget. It was noted that New Britain had the most parishioners donating to ONE Stewards and five of our parishioners are in the Bishop's Circle. This was the first year that the amount topped \$20,000 as His Grace contributed \$7,000 to realize this figure.

Cycle of Services-

In December there will be a Vespertal Liturgy celebrated to commemorate the feast of St. Herman of Alaska, and Fr. David will be visiting other parishes in the Deanery to celebrate St. Nicholas Feast.

Greeters and cleaners are needed for December.

We will need to talk about setting up a committee our 100th anniversary celebration in 2013.

The exterior of our church was vandalized along with other places for the copper.

At the St. Vladimir Seminary Education Day people approached Fr. David about meeting the Seminarian James Parnell to discuss opportunities for him to do an internship at Holy Trinity Church. Seminarian James would like to become a military chaplain at the completion of his studies. D. Dounouk added that the Diocesan Assembly approved a grant program (\$10,000) to assist in outreach programs, such as the one at the Bridgeport Church. They have used it to assist the homeless. Warden Wanik asked Fr. David if the purchased airline tickets were refundable. The purchase price of \$730 for 2 tickets was not refundable.

Also, Protodeacon Paul Nimchek and Fr. David attended and served at the service of Unction for His Grace, Bishop Nikon.

Warden's Report – Warden will speak later.

Secretary's Report – Motion to approve the secretary's report Dave Bartos/seconded by Diane Dounouk. Motion carried.

Financial Report – Sarah Clark presented the report.

September income	\$ 9,887.85
September expense	<\$26,673.37>
Expense over Income	< \$16,785.52>

(Large expenses were Fair Share, utilities & repairs to the house)

Charity OED- \$412	
October Income	\$11,239.82
October Expense	<\$15,645.80>
Expense over Income	<\$ 4,405.98>

(Large expenses were Fair Share, utilities, water bills)

The August figures were audited. The above audits are incomplete. January report will contain finalized figures.

OLD BUSINESS

Project Management Review –

Church Renovation- Mike reported that Baker Liturgical Associates were paid all but \$6,000 as we are waiting for a final walk-through. Repairs on the front entry door are still to be completed. The renovation committee will proceed with a line by line accounting of all work completed thus far and payments that have been paid out of the general fund. Paul Salina managed the audio system replacement.

Parish house- The parish house concrete stairs were encased to prevent further crumbling and a railing was added for safety. A new screen door was purchased, also.

Mike inspected the front apartment and he determined that it had not been painted in awhile. The tenant agreed to paint the rooms if Mike purchased the paint.

Church interior- Basil Bronetsky hand cleaned the banners. The fire escape exit door on the right side is de-laminating. Need to get that checked.

Church exterior- The exterior items, including the concrete work, sidewalks and stairs need to be completed in the spring of 2012 due to weather limitations.

Question of how long the gold on the domes will last. Fr. David said that the domes will be checked every five years for weathering. Insurer advised of additional exposure.

Sale of adjacent land- Dan Bradanini spoke to Atty. Scalise and examined options on how to transfer land to the neighbor for use in building a handicap ramp. Our insurance company recommended that the church should dispose of the land in the neighbor's front yard as well as the previously discussed 780 sq feet.

Fund-Raising Commemorative book- George Matyszyk has some pictures for the book and wants some help with wording on the plaque honoring the Bisslands. Fr. David will offer suggestions.

Nominating Committee- Mike informed the Council that he will not be able to continue with his role as Warden. Diane Dounouk and Ellen Santoro volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

By-laws- Revision of the by-laws will need to be undertaken next year.

Endowment Fund- Mike asked Chris Dresko if he would chair this committee. The church warden and Fr. David would be members of the committee. We need to think of where to put the money and how should we use other monies. G. Matyszyk asked how the church will receive the estate money and how is it to be used. Mike said that photos have been taken along the way and sent to the executor of the estate. The executor is satisfied that all criteria is met.

Some questions we ask: Can funds be used for house razing? Where will Fr. David have his office then?

From the Floor

- G. Matyszyk asked C. Dresko if he can move his music from the bell tower when work is to be completed up there.
- G. Matyszyk suggested that the garage top floor may be a possibility for office, archives and storage space.
- Church cleaning is for December is taken care of reported S. Clark.
- Kitchen stove hood- E. Bichun contacted someone to look at the stove. The hood needs to be constructed. Warden Mike stated that our insurance agent asked about the hood. To be

continued G. Matyszyk.

- G. Matyszyk spoke with someone from Eagle Fence about repairing the gates in the parking lot. Proposal estimate was \$3950 to repair. Discussion followed about getting another bid. Motion to empower George to make decision when a second bid comes in. Dave Bartos/ second Chris Dresko. Motion carried.

Mark Myszka asked about putting away the cleaning supplies that are next to the freezer. G. Matyszyk stated he would like to have a cabinet made to place items for coffee hour and supplies along the wall where the coffee is served.

NEW BUSINESS

Christmas Survey- Chris Dresko reported on the Christmas service survey responses. The first option was to have a midnight service comparable to Pascha. The second option was that people would not attend the midnight service, but would attend Christmas Eve at an earlier time. And the third option was that parishioners would not attend either. The responders were split equally and a decisive conclusion could not be made. Chris commented that whatever decision was made, we need to focus on attending the services.

Some of the objections were that it was too cold at midnight, might be snowy, etc. some parishioners volunteered to pick up those who did not want to drive.

Father David stated that he made a decision that Christmas Vigil would be at 4:00pm and Divine Liturgy at 9:30am Christmas morning this year. Much discussion followed and it was suggested that the parish council re-visit the times next year in April.

Church Clean up- December 10.

From the Floor

- G. Matyszyk said that the treatment the hemlock trees received seems to have worked.

G. Matyszyk noted that many parishioners did not know that the Wykes were moving to South Carolina and that the parish was not able to send them off properly. He suggested that the parish council purchase 3 icons. Diane Dounouk will order them.

Finance Committee – will meet in January to discuss the 2012 budget.

Charity – For January Fr. David suggested FOCUS North America for which Jenny Everson made the motion/seconded by Ellen Santoro. Motion carried.

***Adjournment** Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm by Chris Dresko. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

NEXT MEETING Monday January 9, at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Santoro

