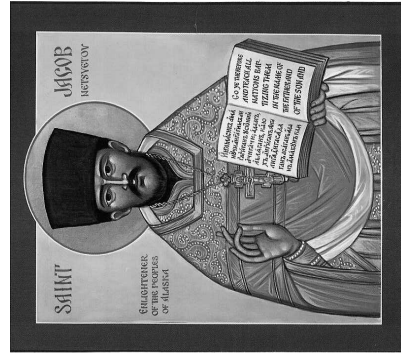
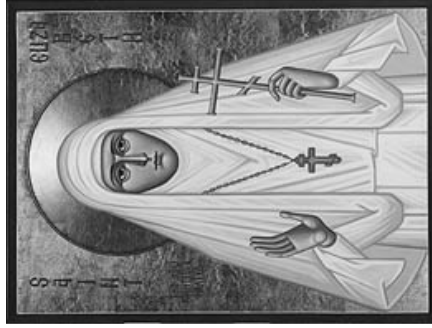




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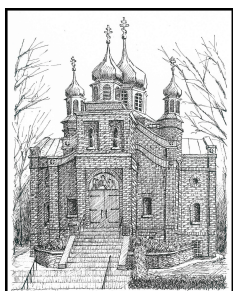
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Greeter - ???	Cleaner - ???	Charity - Special Olympics	1	2	3	4  <i>Independence Day</i> Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
5 4th Sun after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Santoro / Beck	6	7	8 ICON OF OUR LADY OF KAZAN	9	10	11 ST. OLGA Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
12 5th Sun after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Polzun / Wagner	13	14	15 ST. VLADIMIR	16	17	18 NEW MARTYRS ELIZABETH & BARBARA Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION
19 6th Sun after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Kowar / Kumor	20	21	22	23	24	25 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. GENERAL CONFESSION
26 7th Sun after Pentecost ST JACOB OF ALASKA Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Dresko / Dresko	27	28 ST. IRENE CHRYSOVLANTOV	29	30	31 NEW Hieromartyr BENJAMIN, BISHOP OF PETROGRAD	Aug 1 PROCESSION OF THE CROSS Dormition Fast (8/1 - 8/14) Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. CONFESSION

"The Way"

Basic
Christian
Education
at Ss. Peter
& Paul,
Meriden,
Mondays
June 1st
through
Aug 3rd
6:30-9:00
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The July monthly charity collection is for the **Special Olympics Connecticut**. The Special Olympics gives athletes, both children and adults, with intellectual disabilities opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with

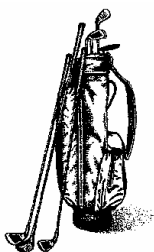


Special Olympics
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their families and other Special Olympians. Athletes, families, coaches and volunteers share in discovering the true meaning of courage, determination and sportsmanship!

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, July 25th.

MEN'S CLUB GOLF DAY: The Men's Club invites you to join them for a round of golf (18 holes) on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at Hawks Landing Country Club, 201 Pattonwood Dr. Southington, CT. Fees: \$37 for walking, \$52 with a cart. If you are interested please contact Dan Telychka 860-426-9606, Peter Anop 860-628-7303 or Peter Steffick 860-583-9987 with a foursome or as an individual by August 16th so we can notify the course with the total number of players.



UConn Football: It may seem early for Husky Football but the time has come to order tickets for our Tailgate party at Rentschler Field. We will be going to the Saturday, September 26th game against the University of Rhode Island Rams. Please see Matushka Melanie at coffee hour during the summer with \$\$ so that early in August we can but tickets.



PARISH COUNCIL: The The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held after our summer break on Monday, August 24th. All Council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

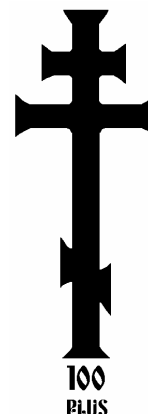
CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

A systematic plan has been developed to address the problems in the following manner:

- ♦ Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls [summer - fall '10]
- ♦ Paint the interior of the church. [summer - fall '11]

As you can see we are down to the last two items. These will take some research to determine the best course of action. 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.

Thank you to all who have contributed these past two years but we are not finished. Additional expenses are yet to be determined. We have 4 years until we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Consecration of our church on Washington Street.



As of this printing we have collected \$ 400.00

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB

Archpriest David Koles, Rector
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Birthdays & Anniversaries in JULY:

2	Zachery Truhan	1997
8	Olga Skotnicki	1917
12	Annette Salina	1949
14	Mat. Melanie	1956
14	Gavin Wykes	2003
14	Gloria Horbal	1924
20	Rebecca Ahern	1972
24	Alexy Rudy	1918
24	Stella Tynik	1921
30	Vera Luzietti	1951
31	Fr. David	1954
31	Ann Cook	1949

1	Richard & Jennifer Wykes	2001
5	Dan & Elizabeth Badanini	1970
5	James & Dori Ann Kumor	2002
6	Joseph & Alicyn Pulcini	1997
10	Alex & Diane Polzun	1971
12	Francis & Irene Ferrandino	1980
28	Adam & Danielle Salina	2000



“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
Ann Laska

Arbor Rose, New Britain

Sophia Johnson
Nona Belomyzy

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin

Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk
George Fedak

Walnut Hill, New Britain

Agnes Makula
Olga Skotnicki
Mary Cherpak

Brittany Farms, New Britain

Olga Halajko

St. Lucian Residence, New Britain

Mary Kotrady

Middlewoods, Newington

Jennie Skovich

Apple Rehab, Rocky Hill

Jean Prusik

The Summitt, Plantsville

Mary Shimchick

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



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Moisey Rostella	54	July 1 1941
Michael Fetzko	75	July 1 1955
Peter Shevchuk	68	July 1 1957
Samuel Sopko	67	July 2 1955
Mary Labas	78	July 2 1970
Child (No name) Ladutko	1 day	July 3 1928
Jennie Mandro	30	July 3 1959
Donna Stelman	77	July 3 1962
Nicholas Cherpak	63	July 4 1931
Pauline Gregorowich	77	July 4 1977
Andrew Truhan		July 5 1944
Diomid Gel	75	July 5 1972
Child Vladimir Martinchuk	4	July 6 1903
Peter Petrioka	24	July 7 1903
Natalie Mikuno	36	July 8 1914
Mary Garlewsky	57	July 8 1942
Prohor Novosett		July 8 1944
Richard Skovich, Jr.	56	July 8 1956
Evan Panysh	77	July 8 1979
William Aduskevich		July 9 1981
Catherine Rusinovsky	79	July 10 1970
Alexander Stepanec	59	July 10 1971
Paul Lechowicz		July 10 1976
Nadia Dwyer	63	July 10 1982
Nicolai Sotirov	54	July 10 1999
Alexander Alexieff	70	July 11 1962
Vera Martinook	73	July 11 1966
Aleksandra Lashenka	87	July 11 1981
Katherine Kolveka	23	July 12 1911
Walter Waskiewicz		July 12 1980

Child Anastasia Vilenin	10 days	July 13 1913
Child Sophie Panasevich	7 mo	July 14 1917
Michael Belomyzy	79	July 14 1964
Alexander Pyzow	87	July 14 1979
Andrew Bogdan	67	July 15 1940
Daria Dalidovich	55	July 16 1953
Paul Kislicki	67	July 16 1965
Melania Hamilla		July 16 1983
Anne Hamilla Christien	81	July 16 1993
Anthony Moskoluk	66	July 17 1952
Nicholas Romanuk	65	July 17 1953
Mary Zuk	62	July 17 1961
Ajanas Ludko	84	July 17 1979
Child Alexander Martinchik	1	July 18 1911
Child Alexander Kinon	6 mo	July 18 1913
Thaddeus Kostanchuk	77	July 18 1949
Mary Zuk	68	July 18 1962
Elbert Everson	55	July 18 1985
John Horbal	78	July 18 2003
Child Sergei Stankevich	2 mo	July 20 1909
Nadezhda Matyschysk	68	July 21 1966
Anna Colwick	80	July 21 1969
Sophie Comba	75	July 21 1990
Child Vladimir Kasperovich	2 mo	July 22 1916
Michael Roman	84	July 22 1957
Child Mary Perut	9 mo	July 23 1905
Elena Tabakow	59	July 23 1997
John Colwick, Sr.	76	July 24 1960
Antony Srogi	83	July 24 1965
Sophie ?		July 25 1914
Nina Cenekwicz		July 25 1963
Child Paul Zhoyka	7 mo	July 27 1909
Wasil Danilevich	63	July 27 1953
Nicholas Steffick	67	July 27 1975
Helen Lechowicz	92	July 27 1996
Child Anna Stankevich	4 mo	July 28 1908
Nicholas Trubeev	36	July 28 1917
John Tavorons	59	July 28 1932
Andrew Panasevich	54	July 28 1949
Sophie Novick	89	July 28 1986
George Augustinovich	58	July 29 1968
Olga Makula	65	July 30 1927
Isidore Prigodich		July 30 1960
Alexander Gregorowich	75	July 30 1963
Jean Janusonis	62	July 30 1996
Olga (Alice) Wilczek	81	July 30 1998
Anna Lewchik	78	July 31 1976
Arthur Pobrezny		July 31 1984



WHY SHOULD I PRAY?

By Fr. Michael Keiser

The other Sunday, a friend of mine who is a pastor took an informal survey of his congregation during the homily. "How

many of you struggle with your prayer life?" he asked. Every hand in this parish of nearly three hundred shot up! The priest admitted that prayer was his own greatest spiritual struggle. The fact is, practicing effective prayer is like fighting on the front lines in a war. Our greatest challenge is to pray!

This is an interesting time to be Orthodox. Our secular world provides little certainty for people's lives, and the Orthodox faith issues an unchanging message of truth and stability. Orthodox Christianity may be the last firm footing on which to stand, yet it would be fair to say that very few Orthodox Christians are aware of the depth and richness of the Church's spiritual tradition when it comes to personal devotion. We Orthodox are big on externals. Our liturgical worship is a drama of striking beauty and color, of scent and sound. But besides being beautiful, icons, vestments, chanting, and incense together constitute an important statement about God. He has created us as physical beings in a material world, and we approach Him using the elements of that material world. The way in which we Orthodox worship involves all of our senses and physical nature, so that we may respond to God with all of our being - our bodies as well as our minds and souls.

However, there is something else that is as essential to our spiritual growth as outward worship, and that is personal prayer. Anyone who wants to grow closer to God must develop a disciplined prayer life.

What Is Prayer?

Public worship and personal prayer are the twin support beams of the spiritual life for any believer. All our growing will take place within the framework they provide. But they are not the same thing, and they are not interchangeable.

Certainly we pray when we come to church, but we do other things as well - we sing, we learn, we offer. Worship is what we do as a group, when we gather as Christ's Body. The prayer that is offered by the Church is a united offering of prayer, "on behalf of all and for all," to the Father, in Christ, by the Holy Spirit.

One-on-One

Personal prayer is just that, personal and individual. It is my own personal conversation with God, in which no one else will be involved. In personal prayer I will pray for others, but not with others.

Jesus' teaching about prayer makes it clear: "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" (Matthew 6:6).

Personal prayer is our own private time with our Father. Everyone feels the need for a little personal attention at times, and in prayer we get that; but it never replaces our worship in church. The oneness of being in the Body of Christ, united in faith and love with other believers, is both glorious and necessary. But an individual relationship with God is just as important. In order to be a complete Christian one must relate to the members of the Body of Christ together, and relate to God as a person. St.

John of Kronstadt (1829-1908) wrote, "Why is it necessary to pray at home, and to attend divine services in church? Well, why is it necessary for you to eat and drink, to take exercise, or to work every day? In order to support the life of the body and strengthen it." Worship and prayer are the food and drink, the work and workout, of our life with God.

Your relationship with a personal God is what private prayer is all about. There are many things required for our growth, such as reading, study, and good works. But they will bear no real fruit unless they are supported by the life of worship and prayer.

Good Tools for an Effective Job

Why should we be concerned about being effective? Because we do not want to waste time when it comes to something as important as prayer. God has given us a job to do, and the job description is a dandy. "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). What could be simpler? We just have to be perfect!

If we are to meet such a challenge, we cannot waste time spinning our wheels. We must do the most efficient job of praying that we can. Being concerned about efficiency does not mean only making decisions about style and technique. We will deal with those things in the course of this book, but to be effective we must also be concerned about results. Is your prayer life helping you to reach the goal of Christian perfection? If not, then it may be worse than no prayer at all, because it is a waste of time! Prayer is not an end in itself, but a means by which we draw closer to God.

Jesus said, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit" (John 15:7, 8). Our Christian growth can be measured, just as you would measure the quality of a vine by the fruit it bears. Our grapes are our thoughts and actions. Are they like Christ's thoughts and actions? Are we becoming more Christlike? The more Christlike in action we become, the more fruit we will bear.

Being concerned about the effectiveness of our prayer also prevents, or at least helps us avoid, misdirection, and it allows us to correct mistakes as they occur. The problems we will encounter will not be new problems; untold numbers of people have faced them before us. We have good directions: in Holy Scripture, and in the writings of holy people who have cultivated God's Word abiding in them and have borne much fruit. We call these holy persons "saints." They are our fathers and mothers in the Faith, and their experience can prevent us from fumbling around if we pay attention to it.

The Love Connection

Americans are practical people. We like to know what is involved before committing ourselves to a program. It only makes sense to do things this way. Jesus certainly expressed this idea when He said, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it?" (Luke 14:28). So we need to count the

cost. Why bother with the effort of a disciplined prayer life at all?

There are several possible answers to the question, but I find two to be persuasive: We pray as a response to love, and we pray in order to love. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. . . . In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:7, 10).

God always takes the first step! We do not have to worry about getting in touch with Him, because He has already established contact with us by sending His Son to die for us. God is the primary Lover of the creation and everything in it - the One who sweeps us off our feet the first time we really encounter Him. And He does this not so much by what He does as by who He is.

Remember when you fell in love? Everyone has done so at some time or another. It may have been with your second-grade teacher or a high-school football star. Your new love probably did nothing in particular to get your attention, except show up! But when you discovered that person, you did not know what had hit you.

That is the kind of Lover our God is. He doesn't try to grab our attention with fancy clothes or a flashy car. The approach is more subtle. He is just here, always here. He introduces His presence into your life, and then one day you wake up with the knowledge that you cannot live without Him! He is the Great Lover, and when you are on the receiving end of His love, you just cannot help but respond. Prayer is our act of response. When we love someone, we want to be with him, do things with him, and respond to him.

Please notice the words act and do. For Christians, love is action, not feeling. Christian love is not the warm rush of desire and joy that can be experienced in a love affair, political rally, or charismatic power meeting. That is romanticism, not Christianity. So responding to God with warm feelings is not what prayer should be about. As we shall see, the Orthodox tradition is very cautious about such things.

Love experienced on the deep level of reality results in a conscious decision to act toward someone in a caring way and to communicate with that person. So God acts by sending His Son, the Eternal Word, to us. This is the ultimate declaration of love. We respond to the sending of His Word with our words. We pray.

The Act of Loving

Prayer is more than just our response to the way God loves us. It is part of how we love Him. Love breaks down separation because we want to be one with the person we love. If we love God, we want to become one with Him. St. Dimitri of Rostov wrote, "No unity with God is possible without an exceeding great love." Loving and joining go together.

But you cannot become one with someone if you never talk

to him. You cannot be in love with someone you do not know. Genuine lovers are always discovering things about each other. The more you know about the one you love, the more you will be in love with him.

Our relationship with God is like that, and it is not hard to understand what happens. In order to love Him, we have to trustingly open ourselves to Him, and He will open Himself to us. We become one with our Lover. "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). He already knows about us (He did create us, remember), but He will open Himself to us so that we can learn as much as possible about Him. This does not mean that we will learn everything there is to know about God, but we will learn all that we can possibly absorb. We can ask no more of any lover.

Our love will express itself in a desire for knowledge and union. Prayer is the way we express our desire and the way we achieve it. To understand the need for prayer, we must realize how much we need a personal relationship with God. Prayer is the encounter between two loving persons seeking to become one: God in us, and we in Him. "My beloved is mine, and I am his" (Song of Solomon 2:16).

God walks among the hills and valleys of His creation with something in His glance that pulls us toward Him. "You have ravished my heart . . . / With one look of your eyes" (Song of Solomon 4:9). Do not be afraid to respond to God. Never be afraid to love Him! He is calling for us: "Rise up, my love, my fair one, / And come away" (Song of Solomon 2:10).

What are you waiting for? Start to pray!

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The May/June 2009 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on June 8, 2009. Warden Paul Salina welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:55pm. A quorum was noted and the meeting began with "O Heavenly King"

Pastor's Report Father David thanked everyone that helped and participated in the festivities for Bishop Nikon's visit. Everyone appeared to have a good time. Father David will be away on vacation June 15-20. If there is an emergency in his absence, please contact Father John Hopko or Father Dennis Rhodes. Father David had planned to be away on Saturday June 27, 2009 to pick up his daughter from the airport and had arranged for Father Nick Timpko to serve Vespers. Plans have changed and Father will not be picking up his daughter but will be away and Father Nick is looking forward to serving again. Father also reminded everyone to check the bulletin boards for "fun stuff" at other parishes. "The Way" is a wonderful class and now being held in Meriden on Monday evenings. We will be joining Ss. Peter and Paul in Meriden for their feast day on Monday, June 29, 2009 for liturgy. The youth rally will be held in August. They are in need of female counselors. We will be hosting the services for Dormition as Fathers John Hopko from Terryville and Dennis Rhodes will be at rally. At a

recent Deanery meeting Father was asked to prepare a list of church supplies, ie. candles, wine, incense. Perhaps we can get a group discount if purchased with other parishes. Amber and Jason Fiedler had their first child, a boy, born this morning 6-8-09 at 1:25am - Kaiden Allen Fiedler.

Secretary's Report Motion to accept the corrected March report by Nelson Potter/Rosemary Delaney. Motion carried. Motion to accept the April report as submitted Jennie Everson/Dan Bradanini. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

April Income	\$16,551.50	(large expenses-utilities, withholding and soc. sec.,
Expense	\$14,443.10	candles, rectory roof repairs, Pascha flowers, fair share)
Inc/exp	\$ 2,208.40	

March charity \$ 891.00

George Matyczuk has audited April. Motion to accept the April audited report Dan Bradanini/Diane Dounouk.

George Ludko reported that the May figures are unofficial and unaudited.

May Income	\$28,578.00	
Expense	\$22,382.56	(Large expenses-property insurance, cemetery fund re payment, withholding and soc. Sec., Project Mexico, FOS, ONE Stewards, utilities, fair share, trans to memorial and endowment funds)
Inc/exp	\$ 6,195.44	
	+ \$ 3,100.00	(transfer to savings \$3100)
	\$ 9,295.44	

April Charity \$ 1,328.00 (orphanage in Guatemala)

George Ludko reported that he is waiting for the address to send the donation for the Alaskan clergy. He also noted that funds were transferred into the memorial and endowment funds to bring the balances over \$2500 to eliminate bank service charges. The transferred funds are really paying back previously borrowed funds from these accounts.

There was a discussion to think about changing the time when the pledge forms are sent out and when they should be returned. It would be best to have parishioners complete pledge forms in November/December in anticipation of the next year. This would give the finance committee pertinent information upon which to build the budget for the following year.

It was also suggested that we look at the kilowatt hours used on the electric bills. The bills seem high for the amount of time the church is used. It was noted that we pay for the outside spotlights, which nightly illuminate our property for security purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

***Pentecost/Bishop Nikon's visit** Paul Salina thanked everyone who helped make this visits a success. (The kitchen sink backed up and he will call the plumber.) Congratulations to the Gramota recipients-George Ludko, Ellen Santoro, and Nadine Cabrera. Thank you to Ellen Santoro and everyone else who helped make the picnic marvelous. After Saturday vespers Bishop Nikon was taken to The Hawthorne and then to the Farmington Marriott.

Bishop Nikon left our festivities to go to Syosett to attend the Pension Board meeting. Bishop Nikon was great with the children in the altar, he is so patient, good natured and down to earth. It is always a pleasure to have the OCF "kids" with us. Bishop Nikon goes to the UCONN OCF gatherings. Congratulations to David Wanik who was tonsured a reader. Bishop Nikon will not be with us in September as originally scheduled. Pictures are available for viewing on www.salinaphotos.com.

***Caretaker's House** Paul Salina received a message from Seth Feigenbaum (the town attorney) that the purchase of sale agreement has been completed and will be sent to the church for review.

***Project Management Review** George Matczyk reported that the current water fountain is not worth repairing. We did get a water cooler at no charge. Paul Salina will send a thank you note. Paul Salina reported that the vent for the stove works just fine without the hood so it will remain as in for now. There was no report on the sidewalk repairs. Paul will check with the town to see how far up Washington Street the sidewalk repairs are being done. Meanwhile Dan Bradanini and Paul Salina will get some price quotes for the necessary repairs. Peter Anop's wife Ann works for a company that does interior church repairs-they will be contacted to see if can make some suggestions/give us ideas. Brian Baker is the contact person. We need to look at all the options for the interior repairs, including upgrades to electrical wiring and other code changes in preparation for our 100th anniversary of the church building in 2013. We need to determine revenue sources and will look to parcel out parts of the renovations to solicit donations from parishioners and others. The chandelier needs a total renovation at approximately \$10K. The sisterhood will donate up to \$5,000 for the chandelier repair and will also be having projects to raise funds. The men's club may also donate some funds. We should have a better idea of what needs to be done by the annual meeting. George Matczyk reported that the cemetery cross should be replaced by Friday. George Ludko is scheduling the maintenance for the yearly air-conditioner check. Father David will contact the repair person for the lift.

***Church Demographics**

Father David presented some interesting information.

Ages 90-100	14	all but one are in nursing homes or at home
Ages 80-89	26	10 at nursing home, at home,
		or in a hospital

Ages 70-79	9	1 on the parish council
Ages 60-69	22	7 on the parish council
Ages 50-59	13	5 on the parish council
Ages 40-49	9	
Ages 30-39	11	3 church school teachers,
		and 1 choir director

Ages 20-29	29	1 on the parish council, 6 non-active,
		2 non-residents, 2 former college
		students, 7 active college students

Ages 10-19	3	1 church school member
Ages 0-9	14	6 church school members

Total 141 and the average age 54

George Ludko has not spoken to Father Sergius Halvorsen. He will contact him. Fr. Sergius is the chairman of the committee for Revitalization and Evangelization for the Diocese of New England. He is also a 'coach' for the National Church Development program. A few of our neighboring parishes have begun using NCD to look at the health of their parish. Perhaps this could be tied in with our next Strategic Planning session for our parish. Ellen Santoro suggested that we invite our neighbors/tenants to future activities-

they always seem to be helping take care of the grounds.

From the Floor

***Rosemary Delaney** has seen pictures of the repairs/renovations at the Dioscean Council meeting of the Holy Resurrection Church in Berlin NH. Our January charity assisted them in these repairs and a beautiful job was done. Father David has pictures too.

***CL&P** will be changing the lights on the poles used to illuminate the church at night. There is a federal law/ ordinance relating to shining and glaring lights and the lighting needs to be more focused. There will be no charge to us.

***Beaver St. Construction** - Construction from Broad/Beaver Street to the firehouse is in the planning process. It may end with a cul-de-sac near the firehouse. The city indicated there will also be new sidewalks along Beaver Street.

***Motorcycle Accident** - In a motorcycle accident during the summer of 2008, our front church fence was damaged by a person with no insurance. The repairs had been made and the deductibles paid but now the insurance company has hired an attorney to recoup their money and to recoup our deductible.

***The possible donation of a house to the church by a parishioner** noted at the last meeting, has been rescinded by the parishioner.

NEW BUSINESS

***Charity** Charities have been selected thru September and we will wait until the August meeting to make further selections for the Fall.

***From the Floor**

***Bookstore** The bookstore is not accepting items new or old from anybody. Please do not leave anything at the bookstore. The parish council agreed.

***Air-Conditioning** It was requested the temperature be consistent and have the fans run at the same time. George Ludko will see if the vents can be directed upward to avoid the blowing of cold air on those in front of the vents. Due to the configuration of the church interior, those in the front several pews feel the full affect of the air-conditioning, but as one goes further back under the choir loft to the candle stand, the cooling affect diminishes, almost to the point of being uncomfortably warm. The purpose of the air-conditioning is to cool the church building on hot, humid days. It is suggested that parishioners who feel cold at the front of the church move further back under the choir loft to warmer locations.

***Roof Flashing** George Matczyk Dmitiri Shafran made some samples of roof flashing installation. Dan Bradanini indicated that he has been on the roof and though some of the flashing is not perfect, what we have is working with no signs of water seepage. If at some time in the future we need to consider any further repairs or new shingles for the roof, we could meet with Dmitiri and use his models as samples for what we would want for specifications.

***Vespers** There was a discussion relating to the times of Vespers services. Father David hasn't noticed a change in attendance no matter what time services are.

***NEXT MEETING AUGUST 24, 2009 7PM**

***Adjournment** Motion to adjourn by Geoge Ludko at 8:12pm.

The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos