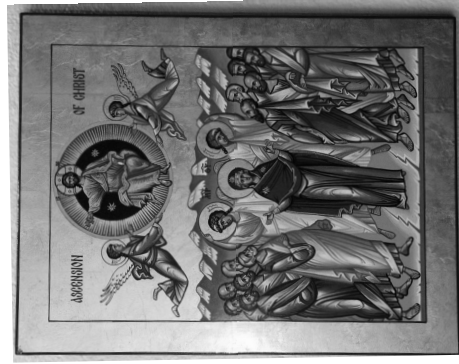


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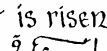


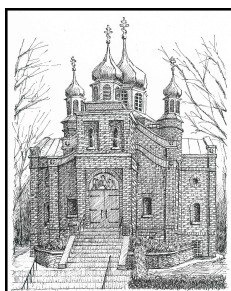
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Christ is risen  Χριστός Ἀνέστη</p>	<p>ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕСЕ!</p>	<p>Greeter: E. Beck</p>	<p>Cleaners: Santoro/Everson</p>	<p>Charity: Convent of the New Martyr Elizabeth in Minsk, Belarus</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 Baptism of Kelsey Elizabeth Rembisz 10:30 a.m. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.</p>
<p>3 3rd of Pascha MYRRBEARING WOMEN Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Raymond/Ludko</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Festal Vespers & CT Deanery Meeting @ Clinton 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>7 ST. ALEXIS TOTB OF WILKES-BARRE (100th Anniversary of his death) Festal Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Clinton, CT</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Panikhida 4:30 P.M. Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.</p>
<p>10 4th of Pascha THE PARALYTIC Mothers Day Ch. School 8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour - Men's Club</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.</p>
<p>17 5TH of Pascha SAMARITAN WOMAN Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Everson/Dilger</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>24 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M.</p>
<p>24 6TH of Pascha THE BLIND MAN Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour – Bartos</p>	<p>25 105TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PILGRIMAGE St. Tikhon's Monastery</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 LEAVETAKING OF PASCHA Festal Vesperal Liturgy 6:00 P.M. Pot Luck Super</p>	<p>28 ASCENSION OF THE LORD Daily Vespers 6:30 P.M. Diocesan Council, 7:30 P.M. NEW BRITAIN</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Great Vespers 5:00 P.M. GENERAL CONFESSION</p>



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BAPTISM: On Saturday, May 2nd at 10:30 a.m. we will baptize Kelsey Elizabeth Rembisz, daughter of Larissa & Darrin Rembisz.



PARISH COUNCIL: Please note that the schedule for parish council meetings has been adjusted due to the Memorial Day holiday. The May meeting will be held on May 18th instead of the last Monday of the month. Council members are asked to note the change and make every effort to attend the meeting.

MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE:

St. Tikhon's Monastery is celebrating the 105th Pilgrimage on Memorial Day, May 25th. Fr. David will be traveling to the monastery for the liturgy and festivities. If anyone would like to attend, please inform him so you can car pool or caravan.



DIOCESAN COUNCIL:

The Diocesan Council will be holding its next meeting at Holy Trinity on Thursday, May 28th starting with Daily Vespers at 6:30 pm.



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

The May monthly charity collection is for the **Convent of St. Elizabeth the New Martyr**

in Minsk, Belarus.

The convent named in dedication to the Holy New Martyr Grand Duchess Elizabeth appeared in the settlement of Novinki in the outskirts of Minsk in 1999. The basis for the convent was the Orthodox Sisterhood of the same name. Since 1996, the Sisterhood has served many care centers, including the well-known Republican Clinical Psychiatric Hospital and Municipal Clinical Hospital as well as boarding homes for children and adults with psychological and physical disabilities, a tuberculosis unit and a home care facility for mentally handicapped children. The main objective of the convent and sisterhood is to provide spiritual and social help to the sick and suffering. At the convent's farmstead, located in the village of Bald Mountain, thirty kilometers from Minsk, men and women experience healing from drug and alcohol addiction and formerly incarcerated individuals are given shelter and care. Father David has a video and will play it during coffee hour.



Visit their web site for more information.

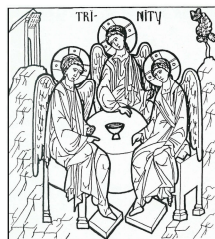
<http://www.obitel-minsk.by>

PARISH FEASTDAY: Our parish feast-day, PENTECOST, is on Sunday, June 7th and this year we will be reviving an old tradition and will have a special blessing.

Our diocesan hierarch, Bishop NIKON will be celebrating the Great Feast of Pentecost this year with us

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presiding at the Great Vespers on Saturday, June 6th and the Hierarchal Festal Divine Liturgy Sunday, June 7th. Following the services on Sunday we will have a parish picnic outside at the church. Please see Ellen Santoro who is coordinating the event in



order to help and make this day a joyous occasion.

Everyone, young and old, are encouraged to make this an important day in the life of our parish.

COME AND CELEBRATE WITH YOUR
BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST!

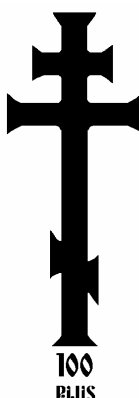
CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries in MAY:

3	Diane Karabin	1949
4	Gale Dilger	1961
17	Fr. John Dresko	1957

17	Mary Bogdan	1913
18	Melissa Dresko	1983
30	Sonia Matyczuk	1929
30	Tessa Karabin Mah	1982
31	Matthew Ferrandino	1988
31	Francis Myszka	1995
31	Andrew Wykes	2005

8	Peter & Diane Steffick	1971
17	Dan & Trudy Telychka	1967
20	Gabriel & Nadine Cabrera	1978
21	Enrico & Ellen Santoro	1983
24	Ed & Olga Skotnicki	1940
25	Kevin & Leslie Delaney	2003



"WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME"

The following parishioners (and friends) are now home-bound or in long-term care facilities. If there are any names missing, please inform Fr. David. The regular schedule of visitations is included on the monthly calendar. Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to make regular visitations to nursing homes and shut-ins. Our loved ones **NEED** to feel connected to their parish family.

Jerome Home, New Britain
Sadie Albino
Ann Laska

Arbor Rose, New Britain
Sophia Johnson
Nona Belomyzy

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin
Natasha Zaiko
Nicholas Zamayduk

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
(formerly Elm Street Nursing Home)
Jean Prusik

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



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Child Joseph Hayevsky	5	May 1926
Child Paul Horacha	5 mo	May 1 1912
Joseph Belonitsky	66	May 1 1934
Nicholas Ramiani	46	May 1 1936
Mit. Apr Joseph Dankevich	83	May 1 1956
Rector: 1921 - 1956		
Mit. Apr. Konstantine Kaminsky		May 1 1984
Rector: 1964 - 1966		
Olga Hamilla Palm	95	May 1 1998
Child John Mark Shimchick	4 days	May 3 1959
Mary Turko	28	May 4 1941
Michael Hason	68	May 4 1952
Anna Belomyzy	86	May 4 1978
Andrew Zamila	34	May 6 1920
Anna Kovalik	76	May 6 1966
Peter Lashenka, Sr.	84	May 6 1972
Alice (Olga) Gasukevich		May 6 1984
Katherine Pikalovich	22	May 7 1919
John Skovich	66	May 7 1978
Vera Tschaplinsky	65	May 7 1989
Moesey Korolko	71	May 8 1957
Anna Gribb	91	May 8 1979
Lubov MacKendrick	46	May 9 1966
John Horbal, Sr.	76	May 9 1971
Stephen Kotlarz	66	May 9 1986
Child Mary Molchan	1	May 10 1909
Child Andrew Hrut	3 wks	May 10 1913
Peter Bardeck	69	May 10 1963
Valentina Maney	70	May 10 1976
William Procko	73	May 10 1980
Walter Anop	54	May 10 1980
Michael Karabin	52	May 12 1946
Gregory Srogi	28	May 13 1921
Child Vladimir Kovalchuk	1	May 13 1921
David Ankuda	88	May 13 1946
Child Nicholas Martinuk	10 mo	May 14 1922
Child Nicholas Matyschsyk	13 mo	May 14 1922
Child Daria Dochuk	1 mo	May 14 1927
Mary Molchan	68	May 14 1961
Child Eugenia Mut	2 wks	May 15 1922

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



Greetings and the Festal Shout

When we come to church during the different times of the year we hear and respond to different 'greetings' or 'festal shouts' either when we meet each other or at different times during the service. Here are a few of these greetings and responses that we should learn along with those of the Paschal season.

Glory to Jesus Christ.
Glory forever.

Слава Иисусу Христу.
Слава На Веки.

Christ is in our midst. Христос по среди нас.
He is and will be. И есть и будет.

With the (joy of the) feast. Спраздником.

Christ is Born! Христос Рождается!
Glorify Him! Славите Его!

PASCHAL GREETINGS

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

SLAVSHIC: Khristos Voskrese! Христос воскрес!
Vo Istinu Voskrese! Воистину Воскресе!

GREEK: Christos Anesti!

Alithos Anesti!

Arabic: Almasikh Qam!

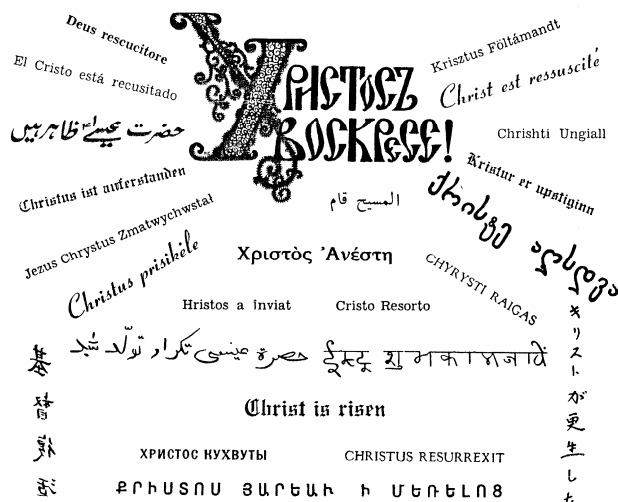
Haqam Qam!

Albanian: Krishti Ungjal!

Vertet Ungjal!

Romanian: Chritos a Inviat!

Adevarat a Inviat!



FROM PASCHA TO PENTECOST



The days between Pascha (Easter) and Pentecost are supposed to be the high holiday season of the Orthodox Church Year. The fasting days of Lent are over. Christ is risen from the dead. The Church is full of the light of His divine life. We have nothing to do but to delight in the joyful celebration of His Divine Presence.

The sad fact, however, is that it almost never happens this way. Usually just the opposite happens in most Orthodox churches. During Lent we build up a certain spiritual momentum, which instead of fulfilling itself in the Fifty Days of the season from Pascha to Pentecost, comes screeching to a halt after the final words of the last service on Easter Day.



All that is gained in Great Lent and Holy Week is lost. All that is experienced of Christ, victorious and alive, is forgotten. We return to "normalcy." And it is sad and dull and sinful.

The period from Pascha to Pentecost is a wonderful period. It begins with the Bright Week following Pascha when the Paschal Liturgy is celebrated daily. Then comes St. Thomas Sunday, the appearance of the Lord to us gathered together in Church, "the doors being shut." Then comes the Sunday of the Myrrhbearers and we hear once again all of the songs of Great and Holy Friday, now sung victoriously in the context of the Resurrection. And then it continues on and on, the events of the Gospel of St. John setting the tone.

There is the Sunday of the Paralytic which tells us that we too have been healed by Christ, placed down into the waters of baptism, dying and rising with Him into newness of life.

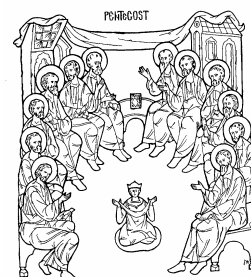
There is the Feast of Mid-Pentecost which gives us the experience of "drinking of the waters of true worship," the new life of the Kingdom of God which wells up in us by the Spirit of Christ Who is risen from the dead.

There is the Sunday of the Samaritan Woman announcing the universal salvation of all the nations in the resurrection of Christ, the light of the gentiles.

There is the Sunday of the Blind Man, the gift of illumination to all men in order to see and to know the meaning of life through the victory of Christ the Messiah.

Then comes the Ascension, the finalization of the resurrection of Christ, His entrance into Divine Glory at the right hand of God the Father, taking us with Himself into the depths of Divinity.

And finally at the end, the "great and final day" of Pentecost: the coming of the Holy Spirit upon us, the "seal" and "pledge" and divine "guarantee" of the



presence in our midst of the Kingdom of God: the birthday of the Christian Church in the history of the world.

Each Sunday from Pascha to Pentecost is a spiritual experience of the mystery of the victory of Christ. Each week has its sacramental, paschal theme. There is water involved in every one of the Gospels: the pool of the Paralytic, the well of the Samaritan Woman, the anointing and washing of the eyes of the Blind Man. All this is for us. It tells us of our experience in the Church of the Risen Lord. It witnesses to our own washing and anointing, our own eating and drinking, our dying and rising with Him.

Enter the Joy of the Lord

Everything possible must be done to keep the season from Pascha to Pentecost alive in the Church. We have only to follow the life of the Church and to enter the joy of the Lord.

First of all, the entire life of the Church during Eastertide is filled with the songs and services of the resurrection of Christ. The Paschal Tropicarium, Christ is risen, is present at every service. We stand in our prayers to indicate the absence of sorrow and the victory of life. The vestments, the flowers, the hymns and the readings, the entire atmosphere of the Church is that of the Holy Pascha leading to Pentecost. We have but to enter it and live.

Enter into Communion



Secondly, we must continue to enter into union with the Risen Lord during this time by continuing in communion with Him in the Passover Banquet of the Divine Liturgy. We must come to understand once and for all that Holy Communion is not a mystery tied to Lent and to penance. It is not a sacrament of penance at all! It is the sacrament of Presence - of the Presence of the Risen Christ in our midst. What better and more perfect time is there to meet Him and to be with Him than in the days following His resurrection when He remains in our midst, opening to us the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.

Live the Easter Spirit

Thirdly, we must make the conscious effort to keep the Easter spirit alive in our homes. Quite externally this may mean to keep our homes decorated with Easter flowers, to keep things bright, to continue a paschal menu, to continue to dress ourselves and our children in our Easter clothes. All of these things are important, for they continually allow us to dwell in the presence of the Lord

Who is risen and is with us always, even to the end of the ages.

This means as well that our family prayers must also retain the Easter spirit. Christ is risen must remain in our homes; in the morning and evening, at mealtime and all the time.

And finally, we must look forward to Pentecost, to the coming of the Holy Spirit. And we must prepare ourselves to meet Him at His coming. He will "come and abide in us." He will keep us always in the presence of Christ and God the Father. He will make us sons of Heaven. He will strengthen us to live the life that Christ gives us, risen from the dead.

From Easter to Pentecost - the most wonderful time of the entire Church Year. Let us keep it with a fervor befitting our God Who has given it to us.



The March 2009 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on Monday, March 30, 2009. Warden Paul Salina called the meeting to order at 6:58pm. A quorum was noted and the meeting began with "O Heavenly King".

PASTOR'S REPORT Father David greeted everyone. Great Lent is going well. Services during Great Lent will remain the same as in the past. However, one change to note is the St. Thomas services will be held at the cemetery and not in the church if inclement weather postpones the services to the following week. He reminded everyone the church clean-up will be this Saturday. Father David also received a thank you letter from the Gobezie Goshu Home for the Elderly. Father informed us that Bishop Nikon will be attending the Holy Synod of Bishops meeting this week to "tie up some loose ends" and discuss the necessary disciplinary action leftover from the crisis of the past year. Bishop Nikon will be joining us for Pentecost on June 7. Father would like to have some type of outdoor activity after services. Ellen Santoro volunteered to organize this.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Motion to accept the February 2009 minutes as submitted by Diane Dounouk /Dan Telechky. Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

February income	\$ 11,053.54	(large expenses-utilities, snow removal, fair share,
February expense	\$ 14,046.83	withholding and ss)
Exp/ins	(\$ 2,993.29)	
December charity	\$411.00	(Warm the Children)
January charity	\$437.00	(Holy Resurrection Church, Berlin, NH)

George Ludko reported that we started getting charged \$10 monthly fees by the bank. He has gone to the bank and the fees are being waived for 3 months. He is in the process of obtaining a certified letter to indicate "corporation status" from the Secretary of the State and this will be given to the banks so we don't get charged the fees. There was also a discussion on the electrical bill-it appears the mercury lamps, which light the outside of the church property are costly. It was noted that they do provide security for the church area at night. It was mentioned that perhaps we need to request an "energy audit". Jennie Everson has audited January 2009 and George Matyczyk has audited February 2009. Motion to accept the audited financial reports Dan Bradanini/Ann Myszk. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Caretaker's house Paul Salina reported that there have been many developments. We were able to withdraw from the contract to sell the house, since the purchase price had dropped to the low \$80,000's based on the buyer's inspection and addition repairs required by their lending institution. Paul Salina and Mike Wanik have had several conversations with Mayor Stewart. The city did indicate that they are interested in purchasing the home refurbishing the exterior, and renting it as part of their efforts to end homelessness. Our attorney has contacted Seth Feigenbaum. The property has to be surveyed and parceled out from the total church property. The boundaries need to be a "code compliant lot". The home will be purchased with city and federal funding at a price of \$94,5K. The realtor has worked very hard and has agreed to only take 3-1/2% profit rather than 5%. Paul is going to set up a meeting with Mayor Stewart-this is a long and frustrating process.

***Choir** Paul Salina informed us that Jason Ferrandino resigned from his duties as part-time choir director; he has increased responsibilities with his jobs and felt he would no longer be able to continue his duties. Juliana Koles did not want to assume the full time choir director due to her work schedule. Chris Dresko is now the full time choir director. Jason and Juliana have been asked fill in as needed. Paul has sent Jason and Juliana thank you letters on behalf of the church. We are so fortunate to have so many talented people to assist with choir directing duties.

***Additional Repairs to Former Rectory** Paul Salina has received an additional bid of \$2400 from Dorsey Home Improvement for additional repairs to the soffit and roof area. Due to the age and condition of the current roofing shingles-they need to repair and replace them as well as the underlayment and will also need a dumpster. The council discussed this and decided that no additional repairs would be done at this time-up to \$3K has already been approved and that we need to work within that range. Paul will inform the contractor to make the repairs and patches, as necessary, and to stay within the original bid.

***Project Management** George Matyczyk purchased a ladder to reach the higher sections and paint and touchup will begin. During Saturday's clean up - Dan Bradanini and oth-

ers will look at the sidewalks, stairs and wall. The cracks need to be patched up and the graffiti taken care of.

***Paschal preparations** the schedule is out and everyone has his or her assignments.

***From the floor**

- **Cemetery Cross** George Matyczyk spoke with Burritt Hill Funeral Home and the old cross at the cemetery will be removed and the new cross will be "installed" in late April.

- **Zoning Hearing** George Matyczyk, Mike Wanik and Dan Bradanini attended the zoning hearing for the property adjacent to the cemetery. The hearing was intended to have the property changed from industrial to business zone. The concerns were that some businesses allow a 15 ft sign on top of a 30 ft high building. Dan Bradanini indicated that no action was taken due to error in original advertisement but that we can demand some conditions if the zoning does change.

NEW BUSINESS

***Charity** Motion to have the May charity for the Monastery and Hospital of St. Elizabeth, Minsk, Belarus by George Ludko/Ann Myszk. Motion carried. Father David will play a copy of the DVD that Sister Yuliya had with her during coffee hour.

Motion to have June charity for the Veteran's Home in Rocky Hill by Nelson Potter/Diane Dounouk. Motion carried.

From the Floor

- **Strategic Planning** George Matyczyk expressed a concern over the demographics of our church population with a large percent of very senior citizens. He questioned our ability to sustain our parish in the future. It was noted that we have had high and low points in our younger population over the years. We have again seen a growth in the number of children in the parish. We must look to ways to keep those parishioners who seem to drift away when in their 20's. Some of the issues are due to job opportunities out of our area. It was suggested that we once again look at our numbers in the parish, where are we, where do we want to go etc... How can our parish attract more people?? Father Sergius Halvorsen is the Chairman of the Committee for Evangelization and Revitalization in the diocese. He is the team teacher for the Natural Church Development program which some parishes in CT have begun to use in order to look at their present condition and their growth or decline. Perhaps some families have slipped away. If you see them during Pascha, welcome them. It was also noted that about 48% of the parishioners have signed pledge cards and those people who pledged do fulfill their commitment.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn 8:10pm by Ann Myszk. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

NEXT MEETING Monday April 27, 2009 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos