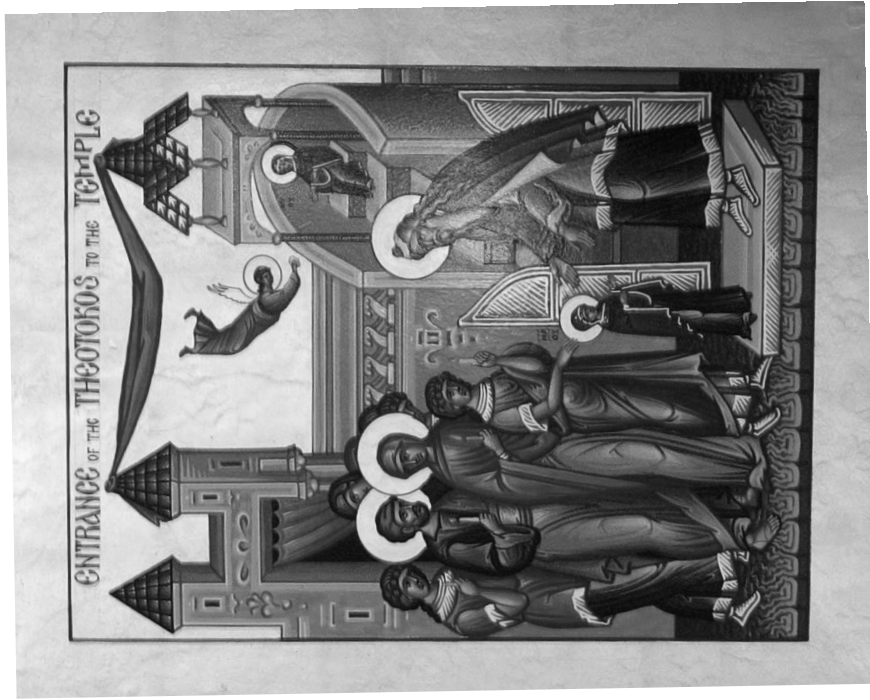




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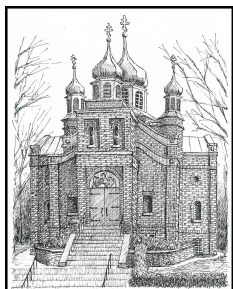


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СUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Baptism of Nadia Delaney 10:30 a.m. Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. CONFESSION
5 21st after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	6	7	8 Great Vespers @ Christ the Savior, Southbury, CT 7:00 p.m.	9 ST. NECTARIOS OF HESSENA Divine Liturgy @ Christ the Savior, Southbury, CT 9:30 am	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. CONFESSION
12 22nd after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	13	14	15 NATIVITY FAST [11/15 - 12/24]	16 Confession 11:00 a.m.	17	18 Choir Rehearsal 2:30 p.m. Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. CONFESSION
19 23rd after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	20 Vespers Liturgy 6:00 P. M.	21 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOPHOTOS INTO THE TEMPLE	22 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. MIDDLEWOODS WALNUT HILL (for Communion)	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24 ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR	25 Confession 3 – 3:30 p.m. Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. CONFESSION
26 24th after Pentecost ST. INNOCENT OF IRKUTSK Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	27 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.	28 Visitation: 9:30 A. M. BRITTANY FARMS JEROME HOME (for Communion)	29 6:30 p.m. Daily Vespers 7:00 p.m. Diocesan Council Meeting	30 Confession 2:00 p.m.	DEC 1	2 Choir Rehearsal 2:30 p.m. Great Vespers 4:00 p.m. CONFESSION



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BAPTISM OF NADIA DELANEY:

The second daughter of Kevin and Leslie Delaney will be baptized on Saturday, November 4th at 10:30 a.m.

VESPERS & CONFESSION:

Starting with the first Saturday in November we will switch to our winter schedule for Saturday Vespers. We will begin at **4:00 p.m.** Also, with the Advent Fast approaching, November 15th—December 24th, private confession will be held after vespers, on selected weekdays (see calendar) or by appointment.

BIBLE LECTURE:

The Connecticut Bible Lecture Series is pleased to announce the fifth of its highly successful Semi-annual Lecture Series. Fr. Paul Tarazi will talk on The 1st Letter to the Corinthians. The lecture will take place on November 3rd & 4th at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT. See bulletin board for flyer and additional details.

PARISH FEASTDAY:

Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT has invited everyone to participate in the Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Nectarios, Wonderworker of Aegina. Vespers will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 8th and Divine Liturgy on the 9th at 9:30 a.m. Christ the Savior has both primary and secondary relics of the saint. Please see bulletin board for flyer and additional details. The veneration of the relics of a saint is a great blessing for Orthodox believers.

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

There will be choir rehearsal on Saturday, November 18th and Saturday, December 2nd at 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested

in singing with the choir please see Juliana Koles and come to rehearsal!!

PARISH COUNCIL: The November meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 27th, the last Monday of the month. All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

CONFESSION & COMMUNION:

During with the Nativity Fast (November 15th—December 24th) Fr. David will be visiting those shut-in at home and in nursing homes for Confession and Communion. Please check the monthly calendars for when he will be at the nursing homes.

“WHEN I WAS SICK YOU CAME TO ME”

The following parishioners (and friends) are now homebound 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.

Ledgecrest Nursing Home, Berlin

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 Louise Matyczuk Bechum

Woodlake, Tolland
 Caroline Skerpan

At Home: Mary Bogdan, Anne Cherpak, Mary Glowacki,
 Nina Hair, Helen Karabin, Mary Roman, Lillian Madda-
 luno, Milenty & Maria Stregotsky, John & Susan Labas,
 Zenaida Zapatka and Sophia Zardecki.



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in
 your prayers.

Child Boris Hladko	2 mo	November 1 1918
Michael Truhan	52	November 1 1996
Paraskeva Spimar	36	November 2 1903
Osip Baranovsky		November 2 1918

Nicholas Mirza	26	November 3 1916
Alexander Cherpak	14	November 3 1919
Stephen Evanovsky	57	November 3 1942
Jacob Panesevich	66	November 4 1955
Dimitri Moyankovsky	23	November 5 1907
Child Anna Skalin	11 days	November 5 1908
Onisim Ludzko	86	November 5 1973
Mary Shimchick	76	November 6 1972
Michael Comba	87	November 6 2002
Child Vladimir Kochinok	1	November 7 1904
Julian Hardim	36	November 7 1916
Pauline Lehman	93	November 7 1996
Matthew Buriloh	39	November 8 1918
Child Constantine Motis	6 mo	November 8 1919
Child John Makul	1 day	November 9 1908
Peter Chernowski	66	November 9 1956
George Hamilla	77	November 11 1929
Child Irene Pierato	11 mo	November 14 1910
Nina Logwin	46	November 14 1964
John Bissland	75	November 14 2001
Boris Martinook	70	November 15 1949
Alik Kovalak	87	November 15 1976
Eugenia Shevchuk	75	November 18 1965
Paula Stepanec	63	November 18 1970
Alexander Dobosz	72	November 18 1993
Joseph Suski	82	November 18 1999
Pauline Prokopchuk	88	November 19 1938
Alexander Burak	45	November 19 1965
Anna Ludzko	80	November 19 1974
Andrew Katrenich	43	November 20 1942
Gregory Kulakovsky		November 21 1919
John Rudy	31	November 22 1925
Anna Anduskevich	46	November 24 1935
Gustave Belomyzy	52	November 24 1973
Helen Labas	77	November 24 1979
Child Mary Vileusno	3	November 25 1917
Anastasia Pogobinch	63	November 25 1928
Mary Waskiewicz	75	November 25 1962
Walter Murasheff	44	November 26 1932
Kosmo Dubrovsky	93	November 27 1977
Valentina Pramuka	76	November 27 1989
John Makula	83	November 27 1989
Anastasia Belomyzy		November 28 1928
Anna Dobosz	65	November 28 1958
Peter Kateshonek	78	November 28 1964
Joseph Beluka	67	November 29 1935
Michael Wanik	60	November 29 1955
Joseph Kovalevich	64	November 29 1960

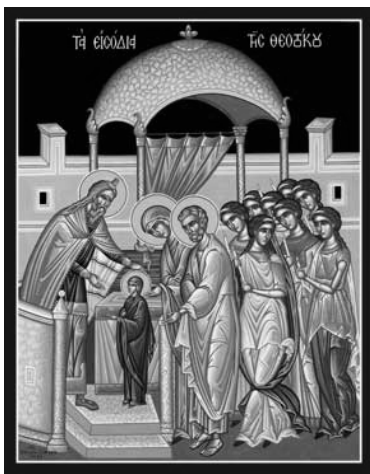
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FEASTDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

The second great feast of the Theotokos is the celebration of her entrance as child into the Jerusalem Temple which is commemorated on the twenty-first of November. Like the feast of her nativity, this feast of Mary is without biblical and historical reference. But like the nativity, is a feast filled with important spiritual significance for the Christian believer.

The text of the service tells how Mary was brought as a small child to the temple by her parents in order to be raised there among the virgins consecrated to the service of the lord until the time of their betrothal in marriage. According to Church tradition, Mary was solemnly received by the temple community which was headed by the priest Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist. She was led to the holy place to be “nourished” there by the angels in order to become herself the “holy of holies” of God, the living sanctuary and temple of the Divine child who was to be born in her.



There is no doubt that the verses of the Old Testament Psalm 45, used extensively in the service of the feast, provided a great inspiration for the celebration of Mary's consecration to the service of God in the Jerusalem Temple.

*Hear, O Daughter, and consider and incline your ear; forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your Lord, bow to him. ...
The princess is decked in her chamber with gold-woven robes, in many-colored robes she is led to her king, with her virgin companions, her escort, in her train. With joy and gladness they are led along, as they enter the palace of the king. Instead of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. I will cause your name to be*

celebrated in all nations, therefore, the peoples will praise ever and ever. (Psalm 45:10-17)

The Orthodox Church understands these words of the psalm to be a prophecy directly related to Mary the Theotokos. According to the Gospel of St. Luke which is read at the Vigil of each of her feasts, Mary herself speaks the following words:

My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has regarded the low estate of his hand-maiden. For behold, hence forth all generations shall call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. (Luke 1:47-50)

The main theme of the feast of Mary's entrance to the Temple, repeated many times in the liturgical service is the fact that she enters the Temple to become herself the living temple of God, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled prophecies of old that “the dwelling of God is with man” and that the human person is the dwelling place of the Divine Presence. (Ezekiel 37:27; John 14:15-23; Acts 7:47; II Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 2: 18-22; I Peter 2:4; Revelations 22:1-4)

Today is the preview of the good will of the preaching of the salvation of mankind. The Virgin appears in the temple of God, in anticipation proclaiming Christ to all. Let us rejoice and sing to her: Rejoice, O Divine Fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation. (Troparion)

The most pure Temple of the Savior, the precious Chamber and Virgin, the Sacred Treasure of the Glory of God, is presented today house of the Lord. She brings with her the grace of the Spirit, which the angels of God do praise. Truly this woman is the Abode of Heaven! (Kontakion)

The fortieth chapter of Exodus about the building of the tabernacle is read at Vespers, together with passages from the First Book of Kings and the Prophecy of Ezekiel. Each one of these readings all end with exactly the same line, “for the glory of the Lord filled the house (tabernacle) of the Lord God Almighty.” (Exodus 40:35; I Kings 8: 11; Ezekiel 44:4)

Once again on this feast, the Old Testament readings are interpreted as symbols of the Mother of God. This “glory of the Lord” is referred to the Mother of Christ and it “fills” her and all people after her who “hear the word of God, and, keep it” as the Gospel of the festal liturgy proclaims. (Luke 11:27-28) The epistle reading at the Divine Liturgy also proclaims this very same theme. (Hebrews 9: 1-7)

Thus, the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is the feast which celebrates the end of the physical temple in Jerusalem as the dwelling place of God. When the child Mary enters the temple, the time of the temple comes to an end and the “preview of the good will of God “is shown forth. On this feast we celebrate - in the person of Christ's mother - that we too are the house and tabernacle of the Lord.

*....We are the temple of the living God,
as God said, “I will live in them and
move among them, and I will be their
God, and they shall be my people.”
(II Corinthians 6:11; Isaiah 52:11)*

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko,
The Orthodox Faith, Volume II: Worship
Dept. of Religious Education:OCA 1972

St. Nectarios Nov. 9th (1798 - 1879): The title of saint is not easily come by in any age, but it is even more difficult in the twentieth century, when being a Christian presents none of the hazards of declaring faith in Jesus Christ which the early Christians met with such heroism, thereby earning sainthood. Nevertheless, there was a man in this century whose spiritual light shone with such brilliance that he took place alongside the saints, whose ranks have closed even tighter with the passing of the centuries. In an age when the only fear a Christian need have was the fear of a fellow Christian, a man named Nectarios rose above the complacency of the Christian community into which he was born to attain the stature of a most holy man among most holy men.



Nothing out of the ordinary concerning his birth or formative years carried any portent of the spiritual giant Nectarios was destined to become. He was born in Selybria, Thrace, now a part of modern Turkey, in October of 1846. He was an average figure in a prosaic setting - and possessed a very limited, degree of literacy - until he was fourteen, when he went to seek work in Constantinople. In that ancient capital, however, he evidently found himself and by the time

he was 21 he was an accomplished scholar and a most devout Christian. Conversant in the classics and immersed in religious learning, he entered a monastery on the island of Chios. Later he entered the service of Patriarch Sophronios of Alexandria, Egypt, who gave him a scholarship to study theology at the University of Athens. After his theological studies he was ordained a priest to server in Cairo, Egypt, where his success earned him elevation to the episcopate. The forces of envy, however, followed Nectarios with each success, and he soon found himself assailed by enemies in his very own Christian community. When so much pressure was brought to bear on Patriarch Spohronios, Nectarios was stripped of his authority and duty. This grievous injustice spurred him to greater achievements in Athens where his great wisdom was reasserted. It was not long before his popularity as preacher and theologian brought countless invitations to preach in the many churches of the ancient capital and led to his appointment as dean of a theological school in 1894.

This appointment could have been an oasis for a less determined clergyman, but for Nectarios it was the launching pad for meteoric achievements in the service of Jesus of Nazareth. Among other things, he established a convent for nuns - a lovely cloister named in honor of the Holy Trinity - on a small island just off the coast of Piraeus known as Aegina. When he reached the age of retirement, he left behind the ease and comfort of the city to go to a small retreat he had seen on the tiny island.

A man who walked with God, Nectarios was sought out on his island retreat by many of the faithful and his kindness and piety were seen by the countless pilgrims he welcomed. A second chapel within the convent walls was erected and it was in this chapel that Nectarios was buried when he died on November 9, 1920. But the story of Nectarios does not end with his death. People continued to travel to the island to pray at what was then the shrine of a renowned bishop, but not yet a saint. With reports of miraculous cures at his grave, the stream of pilgrims continued and the island teemed with those who sought a closeness to God by proximity to the late bishop. The pilgrimages to the convent of the Holy Trinity continued through the years and culminated in 1961 when a proclamation of the Patriarchate declared sainthood for Nectarios, forty-one years after his death.

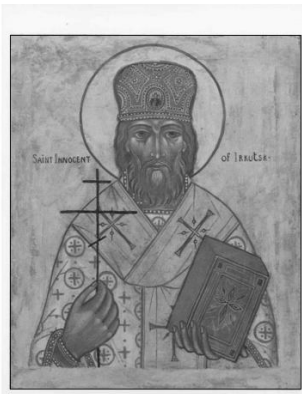
Considered as the patron saint of people stricken with cancer, heart trouble, arthritis and epilepsy, among other illnesses; Saint Nectarios reposes on his tiny island, is venerated by Orthodox Christians everywhere. Many of the elderly faithful were privileged to have seen him and now glory in telling their children or grandchildren how they were in the company of a man who is now a

Saint of God.

The veneration of St. Nectarios is quite widespread in America and is increasing daily. More and more churches now display his icon, which can also be found in thousands of homes of Orthodox Christians.

St. Innocent, 1st Bishop of Irkutsk (Nov 26th): St. Innocent (in the world John Kouchitzky) belonged to the nobility of Chernigov. He completed his studies at the theological school in Kiev, where he was particularly interested in patristic literature and homiletics. He pronounced his monastic vows and was given the name Innocent. At first a professor and then head Chaplin of the Russian Navy, Innocent was sent in 1721 to China as head of a mission to the “Albasin Christians,” descendants of Cossack captives of the seventeenth century who had adopted Chinese culture but kept their Orthodox faith.

The political situation in China, however, coupled with the activity of Jesuit missionaries who were influential in China at that time prevented that mission from reaching its destination.



The mission was dissolved, no new missionaries were sent, and the members of the mission were to provide for themselves as best they could. St. Innocent opened a school of iconography in which he himself taught painting. His companions made their living by fishing.

After many years Innocent was named first Bishop of Irkutsk. His initial efforts

there were towards reforming the Mongol school and converting its headmaster, the Mongol Lapsan. He preached to the Mongols and Buriats and founded many parish churches and schools for them. He was a gifted preacher, and in many Siberian homes copies of his sermons were to be found. They dealt primarily with Christian family life, the rules of the Church and the proper observance of feast days.

Bishop Innocent had a very rough flock. Many misunderstandings arose, but he put them to an end by pardoning those who offended him with his usual kindness. He lived in the Irkutsk Monastery of the Ascension keeping the same rule strictly and influencing the community to do the same. He had a particular veneration for the monastery's founder, Saint Gerasim, and liked to pray at his grave and in the cave where the Saint had lived. Every night he devoted to patristic studies and to writing sermons, after which he would go out and make a round of the monastery enclosure stopping at each corner to pray. The hard Siberian climate broke his health at last. On September 1, 1731 he became ill and on November 27 he fell asleep in the Lord. The miracles

which followed his Death were numerous, and we will recount but a few of them.

In 1770 one Pelagia Loudeykina, who was suffering from a severe fever, dreamed that Saint Innocent was blessing her in a church. She awoke healed. Paul Lebedeff, a town merchant, had broken his leg; Saint Innocent appeared to him in a dream, reproached him for his lack of faith and struck his staff on the floor. Lebedeff awoke healed, but the mark of the staff remained upon the floor. In 1786 the priest Jacob Zagorkin prayed at Bp. Innocent's grave and his arm was healed

In 1733 the wooden church where Saint Innocent's relics lay caught fire and Bishop Michael of Irkutsk said: “The Saint himself will protect his church.” Immediately the flames died down and at last went out; only the exterior walls of the church carried a trace of them.

In 1715 when the church was being repaired the relics of Saint Innocent were found incorrupt; and on December 1, 1804, he was recognized officially as a saint by the Church. All over Siberia Saint Innocent was venerated as much as Saint Nicholas.

[Note: St. Innocent of Irkutsk is the patron of St. Innocent of Alaska and is the patron of Fr. David's home parish in Tarzana, CA.]

Parish Council Minutes

The September 2006 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on Monday, September 25, 2006. Warden Michael Wanik called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. A quorum was noted. Father David Koles lead the opening prayer “O Heavenly King”.

Pastor's Report:

- Father David informed us that he has been invited to serve at St Vladimir's for Ed Day. This is the first time in 23 years and he's very excited.
- He also informed us that the OCA and Diocese will be conducting an analysis of the parishioner base. He discussed the criteria of an adult parishioner as being 18 years old and a participant in communion and confession at least once a year. It cost our parish approximately \$135 per adult per year to keep such on the active rolls.
- Our midyear envelope statements have gone out. A letter will be sent to those who have not returned a pledge card. He also reported that Deacon Paul uses Quicken maybe that is what we might use for an upgrade to our current envelope tracking system.

Secretary's Report:

Correction in the Cherpak Donation Acknowledgement section should be line drawing of the church not parish. Motion to accept the corrected minutes George Matyczuk/Diane Polzun. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Paul Culton passed out a report in Jennie Everson's absence.

August income \$9,643.00 large expenses-candles, water/sewer bills

August expense \$10,943.12 and mowing and mulching

Exp/inc (\$1,300.12)

August Charity \$268 Pathways/Senderos

Paul Salina has audited August. Motion to accept the financial report Paul Culton/Ellen Santoro. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

*Choir Pew: The pew will not be reinstalled. We will see what we can do with it on clean up day.

*Strategic Planning: It has been rescheduled for November 19 for 1 hour. Father will draft a letter seeking ideas and topics for discussion. We may have 3 short meetings rather than 1 long one. Church school will be a topic for discussion.

*Appointment of Diocesan Assembly Delegate: Motion to appoint George Ludko as delegate and Rosemary Delaney as alternate by Paul Culton/Diane Polzun. Motion carried.

*Parish Directory/Contacts: Paul Salina has contacted Jeff DiCosmo and has asked him to put a package together. Father David is going to update the church directory-names-addresses and telephone numbers.

*October 14 cleanup: Father David has made the announcement that Kevin Delaney will be organizing the inside and Peter Steffick will be organizing the outside.

*Knights of Columbus Museum Visit: Since no plans have been made and the exhibit soon terminates; no further action is deemed necessary.

*Project Management Review: Dan Bradanini has presented the church with a well documented report including pictures-a copy is currently hanging on the bulletin board and a copy is on file with the secretary. Bostwick has charged \$2500 and they are going to come up with a solution and a proposal including a price quote. Thanks Dan!

Westridge Construction will be repairing the 2 rooftops and gutters. They will also be replacing the vertical glass with safety glass. The Men's Club will be subsidizing this project. Motion to allocate up to \$4200 with the understanding that the men's club will be subsidizing this project by Amber Fiedler/Paul Salina. Motion carried.

*Paul Culton indicated the railings would be painted on

October 14 clean up.

*The dividing curtains will be coming down in the basement.

*Barbara Burrill will remind Peter Steffick about organizing the outside cleanup as will David and Phyllis Bartos remind Kevin Delaney on the inside cleanup.

*The lawn maintenance service on the church grounds has not met expectations and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss issues.

*George Matyczuk will talk with Dan Telchya and set up a meeting with John Baraglia regarding a rate increase for cemetery maintenance. John Baraglia has not received an increase in 5 years and he is preparing a proposal.

*George Matyczuk spoke with Dan McGuire to review a quote from Scotts regarding fertilizer. It will be \$824 for lime and seed on the church property and \$612 for the cemetery-weed killer for the fall only. Motion by Barbara Burrill/Ellen Santoro to proceed as submitted. Motion carried.

*Paul Culton reported that general military bronze flag holders cost \$32.10-he proposes we purchase 36 for a total of \$1200. Motion to order 36 flag holders at \$32.10 each by George Matyczuk/Ellen Santoro. Motion carried. (Amber Fiedler has also found the list of veterans and has given a copy to Father David.) Mike Wanik suggested that on Veterans Day we have George Fedak/Nona Belomyzy give small speech to children at cemetery with the flags.

*Paul Culton sent back the forms for the insurance policy-he hasn't heard anything back yet. Andy, an iconographer who visits our parish, has not been in church to ask for his assistance in the value of our icons for the fine arts rider. Father David will ask around to see if he can find someone who can assist with assigning a value to our icons.

*John Dorsey will work on the front door lock this week.

*From the floor- Upon question, we have not heard anything regarding Irene Czerwinski's will, although we had been notified by probate court that the church was mentioned within it.

NEW BUSINESS-

*Leaves-someone will be hired to remove the leaves this fall.

*Charity-Motion by Ellen Santoro/Paul Culton for the October charity to be the Christmas Stocking Project. Motion carried. (Amber Fiedler also made a suggestion that we consider a Liberian Refugee camp for a charity at some point.)

NEXT MEETING October 23, 2006 7pm
Adjournment-Motion to adjourn by Paul Salina.
The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos