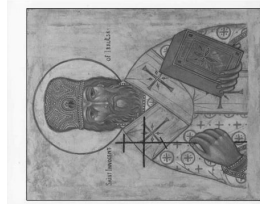
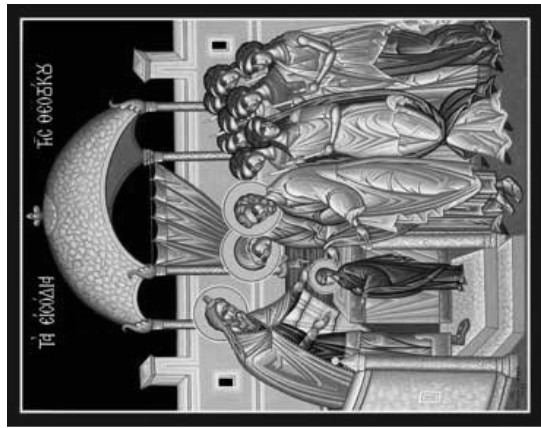




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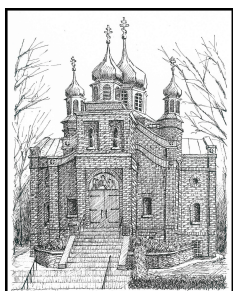


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 21st after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: Santoro / Beck	2	3	4	5	6	7 Great Vespers <u>4:00 P.M</u>
8 22nd after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: Santoro/Murphy Vespers 4:00 P.M. @ Christ the Savior, Southbury	9 ST. NECTARIOS OF HEGENA Divine Liturgy 9:30 A.M. @ Christ the Savior, Southbury	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY	12	13	14 Baptism of Zachery Truhan 10:00 a.m. Great Vespers 4:00P.M CONFESSION
15 23rd after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: UConn OCF NATIVITY FAST [11/15 - 12/24]	16	17 Confession 2:00 P.M.	18 6:30 P.M. Daily Vespers 7:30 P.M. Diocesan Council Meeting	19	20 Festal Great Vespers 6:30 P.M.	21 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00 A.M. Great Vespers 4:00P.M CONFESSION
22 24th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: Bartos	23	24 ST. KATHERINE THE GREATMARTYR <u>Visitation:</u> Walnut Hill 9:30A.M. (for communion)	25 Confession 11:00 A.M.	26 ST. INNOCENT OF IRKUTSK THANKSGIVING DAY	27	28 Great Vespers 4:00P.M CONFESSION
29 25th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour: Bradani / Cherpak	30 APOSTLE ANDREW Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.		Greeter - S. Matyczuk	Cleaner - Myszka's	Charity - Fr. Vadim's "Mission of Mercy" to Russia	



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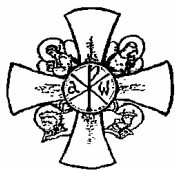
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VESPERS & CONFESSION: Starting with the first Saturday in November we will switch to our winter schedule for Saturday Vespers. We will begin at **4:00 p.m.** Also, with the Advent Fast approaching, November 15th—December 24th, private confession will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

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 Aegena. Vespers will be at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 8th and Divine Liturgy on Monday, November 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 saints is a great blessing for Orthodox believers.

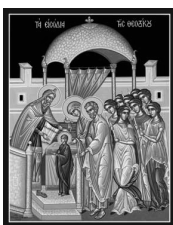


BIBLE LECTURE: The Connecticut Bible Lecture Series is holding its semi-annual lecture. Fr. Paul Tarazi will talk on the Book of Exodus. The lecture will take place on Friday & Saturday, November 13th & 14th at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, CT. See bulletin board for flyer and additional details.



BAPTISM OF ZACHERY TRUHAN: The son of Michael Truhan and Grandson of Margaret Wagner will be baptized on Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m.

FEASTDAY IN NOVEMBER: The Great Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple is Saturday, November 21st. We



will celebrate this day with Festal Great Vespers on Friday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. and Festal Divine Liturgy Saturday, November 21st at 9:00 a.m.

The November monthly charity collection is for **Fr. Vadim's "Mission of Mercy" to Russia.** Fr. Vadim Pismenny, Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, CT has taken it upon himself to return to Russia to assist orphans and most-needy families. On his last trip he assisted children from the Kaluga Orphanage and needy families in Rybinsk, Pushkino and Kaluga. This winter he plans to visit the Sofino Orphanage where more than 100 orphans, ages 3—18 await his visit. Fr. Vadim has asked the parishes of the Connecticut Deanery to assist by raising funds, to be sponsors and donors in his effort to bring comfort and material relief to children, abandoned and orphaned in Russia.

"Let the children come to Me; Do not hinder them, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven"

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, November 30th. All Council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

PLEDGE FORM: In order for the Financial Committee of the Parish Council to have a better idea of our income for 2010 the Pledge Form for 2010 has been included in this Newsletter. Please take time to fill it out and return in by December 13th. **THANK YOU!!**

GENERAL CONFESSION: is normally held on the last Saturday of each month (except for lenten periods) following Great Vespers. All regular com-

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municants should make every effort to attend each General Confession. The next General Confession will be held in January after the Nativity Fast and festal season of Christmas and Theophany.

E-mail ADDRESSES &

ON-LINE DIRECTORY: Just a reminder for those who have access to a computer. Our on-line directory can be accessed by going to our web site <http://www.htocnb.org> and clicking on the tab "Parish Directory" When you get there the *Username* is **htocpd** and the *Password* is **troitsa**. And if you are not receiving email notification of events, schedule changes, funerals, etc. please send a note to Fr. David at frdavid@htocnb.org and you will be added.



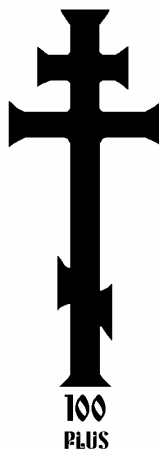
CHURCH RENOVATION UPDATE:

A preliminary meeting between Baker Renovations Inc. and members of the Parish Council has taken place in August. In the coming months a systematic plan for the restoration of the interior of the church will be formulated. Once these plans are known they will be presented at a Special Parish meeting.

- ♦ Repair and re-plaster the interior church walls and Paint the interior of the church. *[summer '12]*

As you review the points listed above, one can see that the additional expenses are yet to be determined. But it is important to remember that our church building is approaching the 100 year mark in 2013, not to be confused with the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2002.

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.



During 2009 we collected \$ 3800.00

JOIN THE 100 PLUS CLUB



Birthdays & Anniversaries in NOVEMBER:

8	Peter Steffick	1945
9	Dori Ann Kumor	1969
11	Arlene Potter	1946
11	George Matyczuk	1937
13	Noah Bobik	2004
18	Laura Burrill	1983
19	Albert Murr	1939
20	Anne Cherpak	1910
20	Jennie Pich	1923
20	Reed Martin	1994
22	Kevin Delaney	1979
25	Jane Gunning	1922
25	Ed Bichun	1941
27	Leo Matyschsyk	1917
28	Paul Culton	1935
30	Jean Murr	1941

9	George & Geraldine Matyczuk	1968
14	Albert & Jean Murr	1964
14	David & Phyllis Bartos	1980

15 Fr. David Ordination to Priesthood 1987



NEW ADDRESSES:

Fr. John & Mat. Liz Dresko
2801 Albemarle Way
Henderson, NV 89014

Daniel Belonik
30 Bellevue St #2
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Nicholas & Mallory Kokus
12 Regency Drive Apt 7
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Jennifer Needham
167 Loomis Dr Apt. A1
West Hartford, CT 06107

Olga Solovyova
25 Pheasant Run
Cromwell, CT 06416

“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

Arbor Rose, New Britain
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
Jean Prusik

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.

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	33	November 21 1919
John Rudy	31	November 22 1925
Zinaida Sotnick	94	November 22 2007
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
Valentin Zurawlew	57	November 27 2007
Anastasia Belomyzy	38	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

ВѢЧНАА ПАМЯТЬ

REGARDING TEMPTATIONS

*If thou come to serve the Lord God,
prepare thy soul for temptation. (Sirach 2:1)*

At the present time when, by God's Providence, the education and salvation of true Christians is beset by such a preponderance of trials and tribulations, the lessons regarding the withstanding of sorrows and temptations take on much greater significance. Whoever encounters temptation unprepared, unarmed, and without anticipation is easily distracted and often defeated.

In the lexicon of spiritual literature, the word "temptation" has two meanings. Firstly, "temptations" are all difficult and emotionally unpleasant sufferings which come upon man from without - by God's allowance - either for punishment or correction, or for testing of faith, and so on. These cases are categorized by illness, material needs, offenses, and insults from people, and the like.

Secondly, "temptation" refers to the state of the soul when, directed by dark forces or by someone's words, it is intruded upon by thoughts, and the heart by feelings and desires, which disturb peace of soul and urge it to transgress the Commandments of God and the demands of reason or conscience. The Holy Fathers say that only by overcoming temptations does a Christian gain experience and spiritual strength.

Temptation is a test, wherein the true characteristics of a man's soul are revealed - the good or the bad. In this way God tested Abraham (Gen. 12) and the Israelites (Deut. 8). However, the Lord does not tempt anyone, for He is not tempted by evil, but only allows the temptation of evil from the devil, from the flesh, or from the world, i.e., from people, in opposition to the true spirit of faith and pure teaching. Temptation is preceded by an idea, which can grow into the "mental enjoyment of sin" followed by the desire for something sinful and finally, the testing by temptation becomes the means for moral perfection. But a Christian should not tempt himself and should not look for it; lest he experience a fall as did the Apostle Peter.

The active fulfillment of God's commandments is referred to as virtue, whereas unexpected sorrow is referred to as temptation. That which aids the allowed temptation is called a series of events or circumstances. Sorrows and temptations are recognized by Holy Scripture and the holy fathers as a great gift of God (Bishop Ignatius Brianchaninov).

Temptation is a great gift, since the more a man is praised and, like Apostle Paul, enters the spiritual world, the more he requires fear and watchfulness, and in this manner reaps benefit from encounters with temptation (St. Isaac the Syrian).

Temptation is not evil - it is beneficial. It makes the good even better. It is the crucible for the purification of gold. It is the mill for the grist of hardy grains of

wheat. It is the fire which eliminates the weeds and thorns, which prepares the soil for the acceptance of the good seeds (St. John Chrysostom).

We must all be aware of the designs against us by the bodiless enemies, cunning in evil and enticing us to sin and that their snares of evil are very crafty and subtle. With all their power and cunning they above all strive to destroy in us love and respect for our neighbors placing in our minds evil, unbecoming and contemptuous thoughts of our neighbors, imagining in them some sort of outward or inner spiritual fault, and on this basis the evil ones suggest to us a feeling of indifference towards our neighbor or even revulsion. However, if the person we interact with is young and of the opposite sex, attractive, then the passions of the flesh are aroused and one is lowered to the same level as desiring a tasty morsel to enjoy. If we interact with co-workers below us in rank, we find many faults and deal with them with extreme strictness; but with those above us in rank we grovel and fawn over them (St. John of Kronstadt).

The category of physical temptations includes: painful, prolonged, complex and not easily-cured fits of illness and, constant encounters with wicked people and unbelievers. Either a person falls into the traps of his offenders, his heart suddenly and without reason is moved by the fear of God, or he often endures horrible, crippling falls from a high place; he finally experiences the lack of that which helps the heart-divine power and the reliance of faith. Simply put, those tempted and those close to them experience all that is seemingly beyond their strength and impossible to bear. Everything expounded upon here belongs to the category of the temptation of pride. They begin to appear in a person when, in his own eyes, he seems wise. So he must experience all these travails in accordance with how many proud thoughts he has accepted. Finally, one can add that one is tempted by the subtle movements of one's own mind.

The temptations which we experience from the spiritual staff of direction for the successful growth of our souls, and through which the soul is instructed, tested, and is led through struggles, are the following: laziness, heaviness of the flesh, weakening of its members, depression, confused thoughts, imaginary illnesses due to exhaustion, temporary hopelessness, darkened thoughts, lack of support, a dearth of bodily necessities, and the like. From these temptations a person acquires a spirit of defenselessness and loneliness, a deadened heart, and humiliation. This shows whether the person has begun to long for the Creator...

There are, according to Holy Scripture, two types of temptations: one occurs through that which is pleasant, and the other through that which is sorrowful or painful. The first are willful, the other are involuntary. The first give birth to sin. To avoid being captured by them we are captured by them we are commanded by our Lord to pray according to His instruction: and lead us not into temptation. The others are in essence the punishers of sin,

punishing our sin-loving disposition with the onset of unexpected heavy sorrows which, if one endures - especially those that are not too deeply fixated by the nails of sin - one will apply to himself the words of Apostle James, who says: *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith works patience, But let patience have her perfect work* (James 1 :2-4). During both of these kinds of temptations, the evil one looks on with sinister designs. During the first type he becomes more devious with the sowing and awakening of fleshly passions and attractions, to entice the soul away from a God-loving disposition. During the second type, he attacks with the deceit of persuading the soul, depressed by the weight of its sorrows and misfortune, to accept thoughts of ingratitude and accusations against the Creator (St. Maximus the Confessor).

To be continued.

*Translated from
"Regarding Temptation in Sorrows, Illness, and Comfort for
Them"
(in Russian), Moscow, 1994, pp, 5-9.*



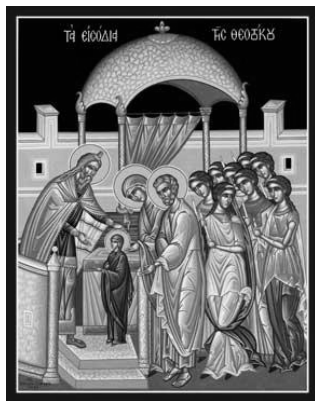
FEASTDAY IN NOVEMBER:

THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE – NOVEMBER 21st

From the Prologue of Ochrid by St. Nikolai Velimirovich

When the most holy Virgin Mary had reached the age of three, her parents, holy Joachim and Anna, took her from Nazareth to Jerusalem, to give her to the service of God in fulfillment of their promise. It was three days journey to Jerusalem, but, going as they were on God's work, they did not find the journey difficult. Many of Joachim and Anna's kinsmen gathered to take part in this celebration, in which the invisible angels of God also took part. Maidens went ahead with lighted candles in their hands, fol-

lowed by the most holy Virgin, led on either side by her father and mother. The Virgin was clad in royal and beautiful garments, like those of the 'king's daughter', the Bride of God (Ps. 44:9,10). Behind them walked many of their kinsfolk and friends, all bearing lighted candles. There were fifteen steps leading to the Temple. Her parents stood the Virgin on the first step,



and she ran quickly to the top on her own, where the High Priest, Zacharias, the father of St John the Forerunner, met her and, taking her by the hand, led her not only into the Temple but into the Holy of Holies, the holiest place of all, into which none could enter except the High Priest, and that once a year. St Theophylact of Ochrid says that Zacharias was 'out of himself, and moved by God' when he led the Virgin into the chief place in the Temple, beyond the second curtain - otherwise there could be no explanation of his action. Her parents then offered sacrifices to God, according to the Law, received the priest's blessing and returned home, leaving the most holy Virgin in the Temple. She dwelt in the Temple for nine whole years. While her parents were alive, they visited her often. When they departed this life, the holy Virgin was left an orphan, and longed to remain in the Temple for the rest of her days, without entering into marriage. This being contrary both to the Law and Israelite custom, she was confided at the age of twelve to St Joseph, a kinsman of hers in Nazareth, so that she might, under the protection of betrothal, live in virginity and thus fulfill both her desire and the demands of the Law, for it was unknown in Israel at that time for a girl to vow perpetual virginity. The holy Virgin Mary was the first to do this, and was later followed by thousands of virgin men and women in the Church of Christ.



The September 2009 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on September 28, 2009. Warden Paul Salina welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was noted and the meeting began with "O Heavenly King".

Pastor's Report Father David reported that we had a wonderful feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos. It was great to celebrate the feast with St. Mary's Ukrainian church and Father Andrey. It was nice to have the exchange /combining the feast with them - perhaps they can come here during Great Lent for Pre-sanctified Liturgy. The UCONN football game was Saturday - everyone had a great time and they had great weather. This Saturday the Sisterhood is planning an outing in Rhode Island. The Panikhida for the departed sisterhood members will be after Liturgy on Sunday. Saturday is also Education Day. Father noted that Metropolitan Jonah will be speaking at the banquet for the Diocesan Assembly and will also preside at liturgy.

Secretary's Report Motion to accept the minutes as submitted Ann Myska/Dan Telychka. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report George Ludko presented the financial report.

August income	\$15,366.51	(large expenses- utilities, fair share,
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August expense	\$11,716.31	withholding and
		SS, July lawn
Inc/exp	\$ 3,650.20	maintenance)

George reported that \$2,700 was transferred from the checking account to the money market account. This represents the 100+ club monies donated so far in 2009. George also reported that the utilities included the water bill. Some changes have occurred in banking names - Wachovia is now Wells Fargo and TD BankNorth is now TD Bank. George Matyczyk and Jennie Everson have audited the August financial report. Motion to accept as submitted Dan Telychka/Peter Anop. Motion carried. George reported that last year we budgeted monies to send to the Alaskan Clergy but due to some turmoil they were having, the monies were never sent and things seem to be much better now. They are now under Locum Tenens of Bishop Benjamin. Motion to send \$500 for 2008 and \$500 for 2009 to the Alaskan Clergy at this time by George Ludko / Jennie Everson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

***Church interior renovation** Paul Salina did speak with Brian Baker last week (he has been busy on a big job) and he will come to the church in mid October. He will bring people to look, measure and survey what we have, what we need and make suggestions. We are in a good position to have the work completed in 2012. It is still early to form a financing committee for this. George Ludko suggested contacting the historical society to see if our church can be designated as historical and be eligible for state and federal grants.

***Church property maintenance** The work outside to trim and remove shrubs/trees on the church property continues and already looks much better. They are going to remove the old mulch and put down a blanket barrier and good quality red mulch. Phase III of the project addresses the boxwoods and the hemlocks in the back of the church (the area along Beaver St). For now, we will have them trimmed and every other hemlock removed. We will also have Peter Baker take a look at the front wall and make some suggestions.

***Cemetery circle beautification** George Matyczyk reported that his niece spoke with Weber and the circle area is really more oblong. The footstones of Fr. & Matushka Dankevich have been re-set to match the final grade of the paving stones. The area where Father will stand on Thomas Sunday is now level. George will powerwash the headstone there. Paul Culton reported that the flag at the cemetery was tattered so George Matyczyk removed it. Paul Salina received a flag from Congressman John Larson that was flown over the Capital and will donate it for the cemetery. It was reported that 3 parishioners were killed in WWII and it would be nice to get their names inscribed on the current veteran's monument located in the cemetery. This will be brought up to the cemetery committee.

***Project management review** A copy is on file with the secretary. We have already discussed everything on it. The chart was started by Mike Wanik and it helps to keep us stay focused.

***Church demographics/future planning** George Ludko reported that Father Serge is willing to come and speak to us. He would like to come to a special council meeting as an info session to offer some ideas and various ways to do things.

***Tag / Food Festival** It is Saturday, October 17, 2009 9:00-

3:00. Ann Myszka will have sign ups available this weekend. The tag sale portion will be out in front. They will be renting a 20 x 20 tent. George Matyczyk will pick it up.

***From the floor** Paul Salina reported that the church school now has 2 classes that meet every other week, one for younger students and the other for the older students.

NEW BUSINESS

November Charity Motion to have Prudence Crandall be the November charity by George Ludko/George Matyczyk. Motion carried. Father David reported that he received a thank you letter from the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #8 for our donation. He also reported that Father Vadim Pismenny from Holy Ghost Church in Bridgeport is seeking donations for his winter trip to Russian orphanages. George Ludko/George Matyczyk rescinded the original motion for the Prudence Crandall to be the November charity and have now requested that donations for Father Vadim to take to the Russian Orphanages be November charity, Warm thy Children be December charity and Prudence Crandall for January charity. Motion carried.

Election of Diocesan Delegate Rosemary Delaney was elected at the Annual Meeting but she will be attending as part of the Diocesan Council. Motion for George Matyczyk to be the delegate and Paul Culton to be the back-up by Dan Telychka/George Ludko. Motion carried.

From the Floor

***George Matyczyk, Cemetery Trustee Chairman,** received a written request/appeal from a parishioner to buy a plot in our cemetery for a sibling who is not a parishioner. The parishioner submitted the request to the cemetery committee who declined the request, but has the right to appeal to the parish council according to the by-laws. A brief discussion ensued and has been tabled pending further information.

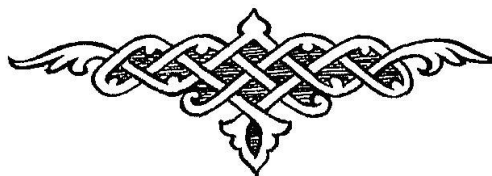
***Tenants -** Questions were asked as to how many people were actually living in the back apartment - it appears there may be more than on their lease. Paul Salina doesn't know of people living there that shouldn't be but it does seem they have a number of visitors. They have been good tenants, but Paul will check with the Karabins, who employ the tenant. It was also brought up if inspections were being done - Paul indicated that he has been in the apartments for various reasons and is satisfied with what he sees. Paul Salina will also inform them of the tag/food festival.

***Adjournment** Motion to adjourn at 8:05pm by Ann Myszka. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2009

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis Bartos



Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 2010 Financial Pledge Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

As you ponder your 2010 pledge to the parish, we ask that you remember the Scriptural teaching that the MINIMUM offering acceptable to the Lord is a tithe (10%) of your blessings. The Fathers of the Church teach us that we have sacrificed nothing until we surpass the tithe, because the first 10% of our blessings BELONG TO GOD. If we donate less than 10%, we are using what belongs to God for our own purposes.

At Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, we have asked even less over the years:

1. That you seriously consider pledging at least 3% of your annual income to the parish (as opposed to the Scriptural mandate of 10%). If you already give 3%, try to raise it to 4%. If you raise your pledge each year, you will reach the tithe and defeat inflation.
2. That you remember that the FIRST \$170.00 that you donate to the parish goes to support the work of the Diocese of New England and the Orthodox Church in America. If you donate LESS THAN \$170.00 to the parish, you have donated NOTHING to Holy Trinity Church.
3. That you prayerfully consider your pledge and then make every effort to MEET YOUR PLEDGE.

Please sign and return your 2010 PLEDGE to the church
no later than December 13, 2009.

Thank you!

2010 PLEDGE _____ per: week month year (please circle one)

Signed _____