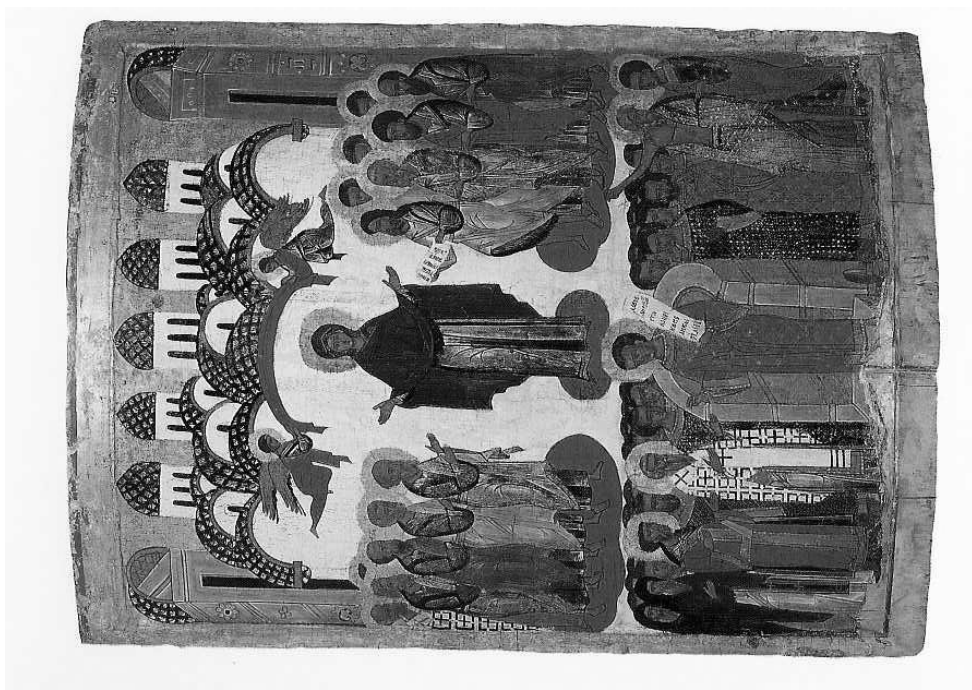




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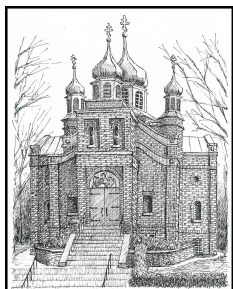
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 16th after Pentecost PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	2 St. Vladimir's Institute @ New Haven 7:00 – 9:00 P. M.	3 <u>Visitation: 9:30 A. M.</u> LEDGECREST WALNUT HILL	4	5 CT Deanery Mtg. @ St. Nicholas, Norwich, CT	6 ST. INNOCENT, APOSTLE OF AMERICA	7 Education Day at St. Vladimir's Seminary Great Vespers 5:00 p.m CONFESSION
8 17th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	9 ST. TIRSEON, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW St. Vladimir's Institute @ New Haven 7:00 – 9:00 P. M.	10	11	12 <u>Visitation: 9:30 A. M.</u> BRITTANY FARMS JEROME HOME	13	14 GENERAL PARISH MAINTENANCE DAY Great Vespers 5:00 p.m CONFESSION
15 18th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	16 St. Vladimir's Institute @ New Haven 7:00 – 9:00 P. M.	17 <u>Visitation: 9:30 A. M.</u> NEWINGTON MIDDLEWOODS BEL – AIR MANOR	18	19	20	21 Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. Great Vespers 5:00 p.m. GENERAL CONFESSION
22 19th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	23 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 P. M.	24 ICON OF THE THEOTOKOS: "JOY OF ALL WHO SORROW"	25 <u>Visitation: 9:30 A. M.</u> ARDEN COURTS, AVON INGRAHAM, BRISTOL	26 GREAT MARTYR DEMETRIUS OF THESALONIKA	27 DIOCESAN Maynard,	28 ASSEMBLY Mass. NO VESPERS!
29 20th after Pentecost Divine Liturgy, 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour	30	31 GREAT MARTYR JOHN KOSCIUSKO				



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GENERAL MAINTENANCE DAY:

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

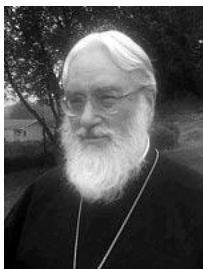
We need everyone, young & old alike to come to an all parish maintenance day. Kevin Delaney will lead the inside crew painting and ceiling tile replacement downstairs. Peter Steffick will be outside with grounds-keepers; leaf raking, pruning, weeding and sweeping.

SVS LECTURES: The annual fall series of lectures sponsored by St. Vladimir's Seminary will be held once again at Holy Transfiguration Church in New Haven. All sessions begin at 7:00 P.M. and end no later than 9:00 P.M. This year's theme is "A Christian Ending to Our Life: The Mystery of Death".

Three lectures remain this month: Oct 2nd: Death in the Fathers of the Church - Fr. John Behr; Oct 9th: The Development of the Christian Funeral - Dr. Paul Meyendorff; Oct 16th: What Happens when We Die? - Prof. Peter Bouteneff.

75th ANNIVERSARY LECTURE:

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Hartford, CT, celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year, will be



holding a lecture on Sunday, October 15th at 5:00 p.m. The speaker will be Bishop KALLISTOS [Timothy] Ware of England. He is a world renowned theologian and author of numerous books on Orthodoxy and a wonderful speaker. See bulletin board for flyer.

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. Our next General

Confession will be held on October 21st, following Vespers.

PARISH COUNCIL: The October meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 23rd, the second to the last Monday of the month. All council members are asked to make every effort to attend the meeting.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: The annual assembly for the Diocese of New England will be held Friday & Saturday, October 27—28 at Holy Annunciation Church in Maynard, MA. We will NOT have vespers on Saturday, October 28th but Divine Liturgy will be at its normal time on Sunday, October 29th.

"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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Nina Molchan

Nicholas Zamayduk

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Mary Cherpak

Milenty Stregotsky

Brittany Farms, New Britain

Olga Halajko

Olga Hallin

Jerome Home, New Britain

Sadie Albino

Ann Laska

Anna M. Makula

Jean Prusik

Newington Care

Zinaida Sotnick

Mary Salina

Middlewoods, Newington

Jennie Skovich

Bel—Air Manor, Newington

Mary Suski

Arden Courts, Avon

Mildred Dobrowolski

Ingraham Manor, Bristol

Juliana (Eulah) Chesky

Woodlake, Tolland

Caroline Skerpan

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



PARISH DIPTYCHS

Please remember our departed brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Joseph Mannon	37	October 1913
Child John Chernak	1 day	October 1 1918

Paul Blake		October 2 1959
Peter Fetzko	82	October 2 1991
Martha Cherpak	24	October 3 1918
Child Anna Hofedalko	1	October 3 1928
Juliana Dubovsky	72	October 3 1966
Alexandria Brown	79	October 3 1990
Mary Fetzko	81	October 3 1997
Stephen Hleschak	49	October 4 1928
Chile Zenaida Shumansky	1 mo	October 5 1906
Julian Hrusha	26	October 5 1915
Lavrenty Baldowsky	56	October 5 1938
Anna Wanik	55	October 5 1952
Walter Karpie	60	October 5 1975
Alexandra Kovalevich	99	October 5 1993
Child Adam Dziamba	4 days	October 6 1909
Peter Kosko	46	October 6 1995
Kashauka Uzefa	36	October 7 1914
Gregory Terasimov		October 7 1914
Mary Hanska	24	October 7 1942
Anna Klotz	84	October 7 1971
John Ludko	84	October 7 1994
Michael Chernak		October 8 1918
Antonina Gelazin	71	October 8 1961
Elizabeth Stankevich		October 9 1918
Anton Minchuk	33	October 10 1918
Stephanida Manchuk	23	October 10 1918
Alexander Muchinsky	23	October 10 1919
Stephen Piluten	35	October 11 1918
Andrew Lehman		October 12 1967
John Labas, Sr.	80	October 12 1969
Zenaida Burak		October 12 1987
Sophie Anop	89	October 12 1988
Elizabeth Kuhar	63	October 12 1992
Child Eugenia Chamilov	3 mo	October 14 1915
Carl (Cyril) Schaplak	73	October 14 1972
Peter Anop	53	October 15 1952
Child Peter Licki	5 mo	October 16 1908
George Uhroros	33	October 16 1918
Constantine Likuda	38	October 16 1918
Vera Panasevich	27	October 16 1918
Child Lydia Pyachetsko	5	October 16 1930
Mary Fetzko	74	October 17 1957
Andrew Belomyzy	53	October 18 1928
Katherine Novick	32	October 18 1954
Barbara Dimnitch	75	October 18 1962
Mary Karpey		October 18 1982
Theodore Urish	33	October 19 1918
Child John Zdanuka	2 mo	October 21 1911
John Panasevich	26	October 21 1918
Mary Alexeef	71	October 21 1960
Wasile Zurawlew		October 21 1979

Olga Ziegler	82	October 21 2001
Theodora Stefik	25	October 22 1949
Irene Dubovsky	65	October 23 1956
Antoinette Sachok	72	October 23 1984
Donna Balkun	55	October 23 2001
Child John Mayopit	1 day	October 25 1908
Ignatius Boytik	57	October 25 1932
Mary Baranov	64	October 25 1954
Nikita Bichun	63	October 25 1960
Eugenia Tilley		October 26 1976
Sophie Stankevich	66	October 26 1980
Anastasia Harko		October 26 1985
Simon Pazeychuk	26	October 28 1918
Peter Kunchik	64	October 28 1952
Anatole Zaiko	59	October 28 1973
Nadia Lashenka	67	October 28 1980
Walter Sitkiewicz	59	October 29 1947
Gregory Taran	18	October 30 1908
Sophie Karabin	71	October 30 1958
Gary Allen Karpey	18	October 30 1980
Joseph Burak	16	October 31 1934
Andrew Golyshko	69	October 31 1958
John Horbal		October 31 1979

ВѢЧНАА ПАМЯТЬ

FEASTDAYS IN OCTOBER:

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos: "Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, Since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ St Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. St John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop's Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread

it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed "more than the rays of the sun." St Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, "Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?" Epiphanius answered, "I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe."

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, "O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them not go away from my icon unheard."

Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and "for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation."

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting St Andrew in contemplation of her.



The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered important by the Slavic Churches but not by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of St Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does

not mention Sts Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer. These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate St Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication might be noted under (October 2) dating St Andrew's death to the year 936.

The year of death might not be quite reliable, or the assertion that he survived to a ripe old age after the vision of his youth, or that his vision involved some later pagan Russian raid which met with the same fate. The suggestion that St Andrew was a Slav (or a Scythian according to other sources, such as S. V. Bulgakov) is interesting, but not necessarily accurate. The extent of Slavic expansion and repopulation into Greece is the topic of scholarly disputes.

In the PROLOGUE, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, "For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!"

Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, "With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land." Moreover, it would seem that St Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

At Novgorod in the twelfth century there was a monastery of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (the so-called Zverin monastery) In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan the Terrible the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (known as the church of St Basil the Blessed).

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, "Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes,

for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you."

St. Innocent [Glorification] Oct. 6th (1798 - 1879): Born in Siberia, St. Innocent spent his early priesthood as a missionary in Alaska, and later (after the death of his wife), as first resident bishop there. Later in life he came to head the Russian Orthodox Church as Metropolitan of Moscow. He developed an Aleut alphabet and translated the catechism and the Gospel of St. Matthew into that Alaskan language.



St. Tikhon [Glorification] Oct. 9th (1865 - 1925): Presiding Bishop of the Russian Orthodox Missionary Diocese of North America from 1898 - 1907, during which time the Church in America, bolstered by recent immigration of Slavic peoples from Eastern Europe, grew rapidly. In 1907 he returned to Russia serving as archpastor of several dioceses there. In 1918 he was elected Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church. Until his death in 1925 he defended the Church, as best he could and knew how, from the Bolsheviks, who had come to power just as he was elected Patriarch.



Archpriest John Kochurov [Repose] Oct. 31st (1871-1917): A missionary priest in Mid-west America from 1895 to 1907, upon his return to Russia he served parishes in the St. Petersburg Diocese. The first clergy martyr under the Bolsheviks; he was shot and killed at the outbreak of the 1917 Revolution.



The Mother of God Joy of All Who Sorrow icon (Oct 24th) revealed itself as a miracle-working icon for the first time in Moscow in 1688. Euphemia, the sister of the patriarch at that time, Joachim, lived in Moscow and suffered since a long time from a severe incurable disease in her side. This exposed her inner organs and she was hardly alive. Once, in her prayer to our Lord Jesus Christ and to His Mother, she heard a voice, instructing her to pray before the icon called Joy of All Who Sorrow in one of the local churches.

The molieben was served and, following it, the icon was brought into her house. Euphemia was sprinkled with holy water. She got well and rose from her bed by herself. This miracle took place on October 24, and a feast to

the icon was established to commemorate that event. The Mother of God on this icon is portrayed in full figure with the Christ child in her arms. There is an angel on each side of her, and the faithful with their petitions for help



and cure are at her feet.

There are numerous recorded cases of divine help to all in need and in trouble, to those who suffer from seizure, infirmity in hands, throat diseases, trembling of muscles, stroke, and tuberculosis.

Another miracle took place in the village of Klochka near St. Petersburg, not far from a glass factory, in 1888.

An image of the Joy of All Who Sorrow was hanging in the village chapel. The building was struck by lightning, shattering the alms box and charring the chapel walls. The icon Joy of All Who Sorrow was found lying face down on the floor. When it was turned over, the image was found to have become fresh and clear, and coins from the alms box were sticking to its surface. Previously the icon, which had originally been found washed ashore on the Neva River, was dark and obscure. Its "Renewal" was seen as a sign from heaven, and its fame spread. Since then, the icon has been commemorated on July 23rd.



Parish Council Minutes

The August 2006 Parish Council meeting was held in the church hall on Monday, August 26, 2006. Warden Michael Wanik called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A quorum was noted. Father David Koles lead the opening prayer "O Heavenly King".

Secretary's Report- Motion to accept the minutes as submitted Ellen Santoro/Marion Bichun. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

June Income	\$10,448.00	large expenses-2 nd
Expense	\$12,806.86	Qtr withholdings & social security and discretionary fund
Exp/inc	(\$2,358.86)	
July Income	\$11,123.00	large expenses- insurance, taxes, 3 rd Q withholdings & social security, One Stewards,
Expense	\$15,961.49	

Exp/inc (\$4,838.49)

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June charity \$413 Prudence Crandall center

April/May charity an additional \$140 (gift cards-military families)

July charity \$309 Pathways/Senderos

Budget summary

Income \$ 99,162.58

Expense \$100,396.11

Exp/Inc (\$ 1,233.52)

The balance sheet does not reflect the 1,000 shares of Abbot stock donated by Mary Cherpak valued at approximately \$42K. The investment accounts are as of the first quarter. Al Hromi has audited June and July. Motion to accept the financial report Paul Culton/Diane Polzun. Motion carried.

Warden's Report: Michael Wanik welcomed everyone back from the summer. Mike informed us that due to a change in his job responsibilities it would not be possible for him to continue as Warden next term-however he will be able to remain on the council. We need to get more people involved.

OLD BUSINESS

Choir Director: Things appear to be going well, Mike Wanik has met with Juliana Koles. He did tell her that it is her responsibility to find her replacement-need to think long term and begin training new people. He also discussed salary and benefits. We also need to review the current job description of choir director. Juliana also expressed her "Thanks" for sending her to the Psalm conference-she had a wonderful experience.

Caretaker Situation/House: Father David and Mike Wanik will be handling this at this time.

Job Assignments

*Property Management - George Matzyzyk, Ed Bichun, and Peter Anop will team together.

*Bookstore - Nelson & Arlene Potter and Diane Dounouk.

*Cemetery - Dan Telychka.

A special thank you to Lydia Dorsey for all her hard works. Father David will send her a written acknowledgement.

Cherpak Donation Acknowledgement: Father David will send her a letter of thanks on behalf of the parish and also a line drawing of the parish.

Parish Directory

*contact-needs updating- this can be on the website and be printed too

*photo- Paul Salina to chair

Envelope Statements: The mid-year reports have not been done. Nancy Martin will contact Dave Bartos

for assistance in printing them. Father David will also contact other parish priests to see what system they use. Project Management Review: Mike Wanik reviewed the attached chart of the ongoing projects. Dan Bradanini has explored in depth our paint peeling problems and he is still uncertain to what the actual cause is. The next step is to expend \$2K (of the already approved funds) to remove the rear louvers on the northeast cupola and take and look at the interior-etc. Dan also noted that the gutters are clogged and should be cleaned. They are going to get cleaned at this time. It was mentioned that perhaps we should look into to some type of gutter guards. Thanks to Dan for his good works. Dave Bartos will need to get new carpet estimates for the church school. The Beck family has donated \$1K towards the new carpeting. Mike Wanik will see Kevin Delaney about the ceiling tiles. The kitchen mats are on "hold" at this time. Eddie Bichum is working on the stove hood. The strategic planning will be this fall. George Matczyk will contact Dan McGuire regarding cemetery fertilizer-we need to get rid of the weeds. Al Hromi will see Amber Fiedler and Rebecca Ahern about the veteran's list for placement of flags at the cemetery. Al Hromi said it will cost about \$90 to have the small oriental rugs cleaned and he will call to have it done. Phyllis Bartos will speak to Andy with pictures of the icons to see if he can assist in getting a value on them for the fine arts rider to the insurance policy. George Matczyk will contact John Dorsey to have the panic bar and lock replaced on the front door.

From the floor

Comment was made whether the choir utilizes the space in the front of the church, and if the pew should be re-installed. Father and Juliana Koles will discuss with the choir, and then report back feelings. Ellen Santoro reported on the landscaping cleanup recently held and indicated that there is much more to be done-overgrown roots etc....need to remove some overgrown flowers and plant grass.... Need to keep our grounds maintenance free. The next clean up will be October 14, 2006. We will also do any inside painting and ceiling work that needs to be done. There will be a sign up list posted.

NEW BUSINESS

Church School/Strategic Planning: Father David will meet with Rosemary Delaney to discuss the church school. It was also mentioned it would be nice to resume the adult classes. Strategic Planning will be October 8 after church. Father David will make a flyer. Rummage sale/fundraiser: Marion Bichun and Diane Dounouk would like to hold a rummage sale. Diane Dounouk has offered to organize it. Father David will discuss with her.

Appointment of Diocesan Assembly Delegate: It was

suggested that we appoint George Ludko-however Rosemary Delaney indicated that she will also be going-she will see George Ludko and they will discuss and let Father know.

Charity: Jennie Everson has made a chart listing the charities we have donated to. It is hanging on the bulletin board. Motion for September charity Orthodox Education Day at St. Vladimir's Paul Culton/Diane Polzun. Motion carried.

From the floor

Mike Wanik informed us that he received a letter from the United Way and he needed to complete a form for anti-terrorism compliance. It appears that an anonymous donor is donating \$300 thru payroll deductions.

Mike also informed us that the Easter Eggs and Art Exhibit in New Haven ends October 9. Ellen Santoro will contact Nadine Cabrera to see if she can organize a trip there to include some shut-ins and lunch.

It was mentioned that a piece of property across the street has a foreclosure sign posted-would we consider it-Mike Wanik ran out to get the date and the sign was gone.

Father David will look into getting the Orthodox Herald. Ss. Peter and Paul (Springfield MA) will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary Oct 1. Motion for full page ad \$100 Ellen Santoro/George Matczyk. Motion carried. Father David informed us that HTOC is listed as a benefactor in Irene Czerwinski's will. Everything is still in probate.

Father David also received information from Silverline films-they have a documentary "The Ancient Church" with proceeds going to the Antiochian Archdiocese Retired Clergy Fund. They are \$18 each for a DVD. See Father David if you are interested.

The FORCC banquet is October 1. The HTOC Sisterhood Feast Day will be celebrated with Vespers on Sept. 30.

Father Eugene Van Such-FOS director would like to visit our parish in 2007-Jan 13/14-Father David will make the arrangements.

Father David indicated it has been a slow summer-vespers has only a small crowd. Thank God for general confessions. He has been visiting our shut-ins. No news on the Syosett problems. It was suggested that HTOC be a forerunner in helping the OCA. We really need to wait and see what the outcome of the investigation brings.

Next meeting: September 25, 2006 7:00pm

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 9:25pm by Nancy Martin. The meeting concluded with "It is Truly Meet".

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Bartos