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Parish Grant Program accepting applications until June 1, 2012

Protodeacon Paul Nimchek

The Parish Grant Initiative of the New England Diocese is an opportunity to provide financial support to parishes in the diocese for new or existing parish outreach or charitable projects in their local communities. Parishes in the New England Diocese can apply for financial grants to support outreach and charity programs in their communities.

The 2011 Diocesan Assembly approved this initiative, and budgeted up to \$10,000 in grant monies to help support parishes in these efforts. The funding for 2012 comes from diocesan savings, creating no extra burden for parishes.

Check the diocesan website at www.dneoca.org for the grant guidelines and application.

The faithful of Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, Conn., are led by Fr. John Pawelchak in **blessing the waters of the Housatonic River** on the Feast of the Theophany of the Lord, Jan. 6.





Reflections on the 2011 Diocesan Assembly in Ansonia, Conn.

Brigid Solek

As a first time attendee at the New England Diocesan Assembly (as lay delegate from Christ the Savior, Southbury, Conn.), I wasn't quite sure what to expect. Would I be lost in a sea of reports, not knowing what was going on? As a convert to the faith, would I feel "left out" or somehow "out of step?" But when I registered on Friday morning, I collected my binder and immediately saw a familiar face: Fr. Theophan Whitfield of St. Nicholas, Salem, Mass. We visited and were soon called upstairs to the sanctuary for the opening service.

The sanctuary of Three Saints Church is exquisite and the opening service set the tone for the uplifting spirit that prevailed throughout the Assembly. It is always such a blessing to participate in a service with many priests and deacons serving.

After the service, we began the business of the Assembly with the report from His Grace, Bishop Nikon which was presented in his absence by Father Sergius Halvorsen. Regrettably, our bishop could not be with us in body, but he was surely there in spirit.

We then listened to a presentation by Fr. Marcus Burch of the Diocese of the South, who spoke about the growth of the church in the South and their efforts to continue to expand the church's outreach. His talk was encouraging and it struck many familiar chords, as a Southerner by birth who came into the Church through a ROCOR mission-parish in Virginia. It also made me think about why the church is seeing such growth in the South and not similar growth here in New England. The topic of church growth and development would be

addressed further on Saturday in Fr. Luke Veronis' presentation.

After a break for a wonderful lunch, served by members of the parish of Three Saints, the afternoon continued with more reports. After Vespers, the attendees retired to a local restaurant for the banquet. I sat at a table that was filled with spirited discussion and laughter, which made for a delightful evening.

We returned to Three Saints Church on Saturday morning for Divine Liturgy followed by brunch and the remainder of the business sessions. The first session was a presentation by Fr. Luke Veronis, Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Webster, Mass. This excellent session detailed some of the more recent history of Fr. Luke's church and their efforts to revitalize not only their church but also the community which it serves.

As with Fr. Martin's presentation the day before, Fr. Luke's session encouraged me to think about the spiritual growth and development of myself, my local parish and my church as



Above: The "Marthas" of Three Saints' kitchen, behind the scenes at the **Diocesan Assembly** in Ansonia.

Below: The new **Diocesan Council** is installed at their meeting at St. Peter & St. Paul Church in Springfield, Mass., in November, 2011.

a whole. The presentation was uplifting and encouraging and called all of us to be God's witness in the world and to work to build up His church.

The remaining agenda of Saturday included the adoption of the 2012 Diocesan budget, elections, and the proposing and voting on any resolutions. It was noted that the 2012 Diocesan Assembly will be held in Salem, Mass., at St. Nicholas Church.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those who worked to make the 48th Diocesan Assembly a success. From His Grace, Bishop Nikon to all the "Marthas" in the kitchen, I am truly thankful to have been a part of this Assembly.

After my initial trepidation, I am pleased to report that my experience was nothing but positive. I can not recommend any higher the benefit of serving your parish as well as the church at large as a lay delegate.

You will experience personal growth as well as satisfaction in knowing that you are assisting the church in its stewardship of the Lord's blessings. I will encourage others in my parish to serve in this way and, if asked again to serve, will be delighted to do so! Praise be to God from whom all blessings flow!



25th Anniversary of Youth Rally

Tim Tassmer

A great big thank you!

While traveling home after a week with my New England Diocesan Youth Rally brothers and sisters I was able to reflect on the highlights of the event. 2011 marked the 25th anniversary of the Diocesan Youth Rally which serves as an opportunity for all participants to experience Christian life together in a safe and organized community setting.

The main educational theme for this years rally was entitled "God's Undying Love for Us." During the week I witnessed the Holy Spirit move and act among the campers as we participated in various activities. Even the impromptu movie (Disney's *UP*) which we watched during a rain-storm showed us examples of love between the characters.

From the youngest camper (Henry) to the oldest (John) there was a spirit of *oneness* among us centered on worship, fellowship, and love. As we went about the week listening, teaching, learning, and exercising, it became evident how important this work is in the greater life of the Church. Young people were taking an active roll in making this Rally into something special and worthy of a blessing.

This is a big deal! Without your support—financially and spiritually—Rally would simply not exist.

Thank you for supporting the ongoing work of the Diocesan Youth Rally!

Tim Tassmer - (Mr. Tim)

On Sunday, November 13 at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, the Sacrament of **Holy Unction** was celebrated and His Grace, our Bishop NIKON was anointed by the clergy of his diocese before he underwent treatment. Clergy and faithful gathered for the service from across the diocese.



Giving Above and Beyond

Protodeacon Paul Nimchek

The 2011 ONE Stewards donations exceeded the budget goal of \$20,000 for the first time in many years. This was primarily due to the generosity of our Diocesan Bishop Nikon who made a significant personal donation to kick-off the 2011 appeal. In addition the “Bishop’s Circle” donors (\$500 or more) helped in putting us over the top.

The annual Diocesan Youth Rally is scheduled again for August and ONE Stewards donations provide a major portion of the rally costs which total over \$20,000.

Show your support of our diocesan Youth, our diocesan Seminarians, our

diocesan Missions, and our diocesan Charity donations by “Giving Above and Beyond” with a 2012 donation to ONE Stewards.

You should be receiving your ONE Stewards appeal envelope in late February or early March. Remember, March is ONE Stewards month. Let’s all join Bishop Nikon in supporting ONE Stewards.

Send donations to

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Torrington, CT 06790

Right: Fr. John Pawelchak visits the **Maine Mission Station** in the Bangor area, and blesses the waters of Deer Island.



On Faith

V. Rev. William DuBovik

I am struck often and impacted by the difficulties persons—all of us—face in life. We live in troubling economic times. We are alive at a time of much upheaval in the world. Crime appears rampant. More persons are taking to the streets in frustration at the difficulties they face, economic and otherwise.

As solutions are shouted, sought, debated, we often see in society at large an ignoring of the One solution gifted to all of us—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is in Christ that we are sustained. It is Christ Who we follow. It is Christ Who delivers.

St. Paul says all works for good in those who love God. We express that love best through having faith to trust in Him and to put ourselves in His hands regardless of what we face. We also need faith in God's Providence, the blessed unfolding of His Creation as He would have it.

St. James said faith without works is dead; and so likewise works without faith are ultimately fruitless. The saints and Church elders often wrote about the lack of faith among persons being what thwarts them

And Christ Himself spoke often about the need for faith in all of our endeavors. In one conversation with His apostles, He spoke of the power of faith.

I read the following commentary from St. Nicholas Church in Texas:

“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you” (Matthew 17:20).

What does the “mountain” signify spiritually?

The mountain Jesus refers to is our own hard-hearted soul, which is difficult to move, as it is weighed down by passions. Through faith, we will move the stone off our heart, and

truly know Christ, intimately, and without shame.

A mountain is high. Pride exalts itself, and raises itself up, as if to the heavens, like the tower of Babel. The Devil, the liar, the slanderer - he is like a mountain, exalting himself up to the heavens.

And we can say to this mountain move,

and it will move, if we have faith. Wherever this mountain might be, whatever affliction we might have, whether it be of ourselves, or of someone that we care about, indeed we can say to the mountain, “move”, and it will move, if we have faith as the mustard seed.

In another commentary from *Wisdom from the Church Fathers*, we read from St. John

Faith continued on 15

Holy Resurrection Church, Berlin, N.H.

Claudia Pelkus

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance recently named Holy Resurrection Church of Berlin as the seventh New Hampshire structure that needs to be saved.

The preservation society cited history, architecture, and scenic appeal as its reasons for its interest in Holy Resurrection. A historic example of Byzantine architecture in New England, the church was built in 1915. It sits on a high hill overlooking the city like a queen dressed in white, wearing a crown of six golden cupolas which are visible at certain points downtown.

The church had also attracted several local artists, who either sketched or photographed it and then shared their work with the public. The church annually draws tourists as well.

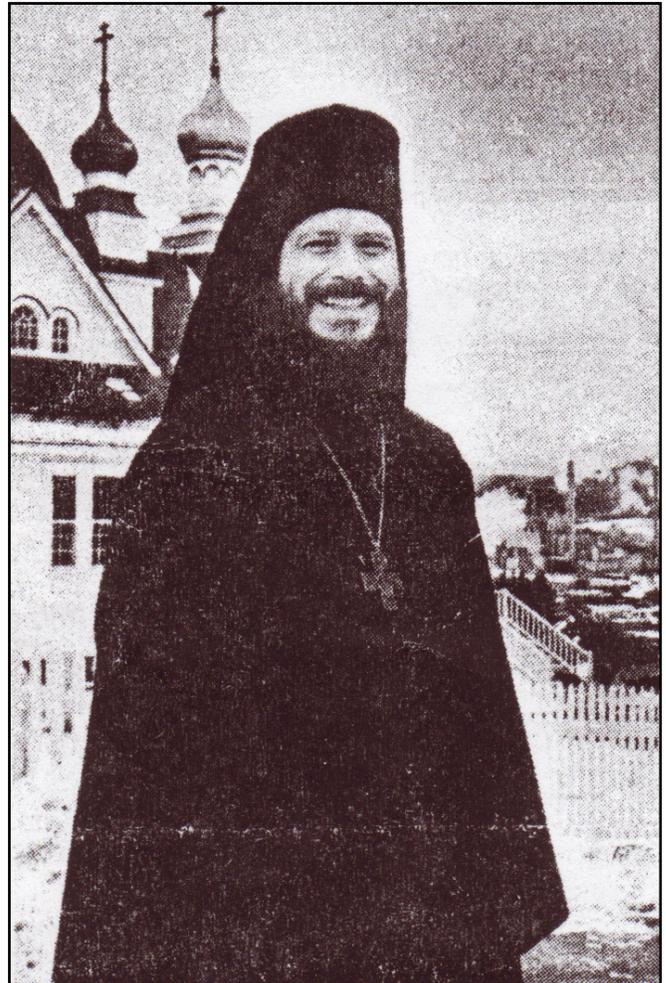
To restore the church and also to attract a priest to serve the parish, the faithful of Holy Resurrection undertook an overwhelming amount of expensive work. We improved the outside appearance both of the church and the rectory, and we also corrected several unlivable situations within the rectory.

After most these improvements were com-

pleted, Father Sergious Gerken accepted an assignment by His Grace, Bishop Nikon, to serve as our pastor. He had previously served the parish fourteen years ago. Under Father Sergious's direction and assistance, we hosted a traditional stuffed cabbage dinner for community residents as a fund-raiser.

[Claudia Pelkus is a member of the Holy Resurrection church council.]

Right: Fr. Sergious Gerken stands before Holy Resurrection Church, Berlin, N.H.



St. Alexis Church, Clinton, Conn.

Vinny Melesko

St. Alexis recently completed several major projects. The upper portion of the rear entrance to the church that was all glass, was recently enclosed. Our basement has had a complete makeover. The basement was repainted with a beautiful yellow on the walls; a floating wooden floor was installed over the old concrete floor, by several of our parishioners and everything was reorganized and modernized. Come check it out!



Above: The wedding of **Christine Sophia Brubaker** and **David Harrison Schauble**. **Right:** **Fr. Steven Hosking** blesses Long Island Sound on the Feast of Theophany.

Photo: Alex Martins

Our church picnic was held at the Clinton Town Beach in August. The weather, food and drinks were great.

On September 18 Father Steven celebrated the one year anniversary of his ordination and as our parish priest at St. Alexis. God grant him many years!

We continue to support the Shoreline Soup Kitchen in Clinton on a regular basis and are known for our great dinners. Luba Martins does a

terrific job heading up our volunteer effort.

The parish came out in force and humor to make gyros for Education Day at St. Vladimir's Seminary. We have done this for several years and it is always a rewarding experience.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was performed for Christine Sophia Brubaker and David Harrison Schauble on December 31, 2011. Performing the sacrament were Father Steven Hosking of St. Alexis and Father Robert Polson of St. John Orthodox Cathedral, Eagle River, Alaska. Christine is the daughter of William and Sophia Brubaker of East Lyme, Conn. Christine's sister, Kathryn Brubaker, was the Maid of Honor and Mr. Matt Huffman of Albuquerque, NM, was the Best Man. A small reception was held in Clinton immediately following the wedding, with the main reception held later that evening in Groton, Conn. The couple honeymooned in Mexico. God grant them many years!

On Sunday, January 8, 2012, Father Steven blessed the waters of Long Island Sound to celebrate the Great Feast of Theophany.



Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston: Walter Obleschuk's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Right: Walter Obleschuk receives an icon of his patron saint in honor of 25 years as choir director of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, Holy Trinity Cathedral celebrated the 25th anniversary of Walter Obleschuk's ministry as the cathedral choir director. Walter was awarded the commendation of the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA and presented with the family icon of his patron saint St. Vladimir. A festive banquet with HTOC choir presentation, a slideshow of Obleschuk's 25 years at the parish, and presentation of a number of highly useful professional gifts followed.

Fr. Robert Arida's Message to Walter on his 25th Anniversary as Choir Director:

Dear Walter,

Thinking about your twenty-five years at the Cathedral, I am reminded of the simple but profound words of the late Metropolitan Antony Bashir; "A parish without a choir is like a body without a soul."

What makes our parish a community rooted in prayerful celebration is due to the invaluable offering made by the choir under your watchful and caring direction. The music you have cultivated, arranged and taught to the choir has indeed given Holy Trinity Cathedral a prayerful soul that holds together our community in a bond of mutual love. It is the prayerful soul instilled by you and the choir that permeates the life of the parish transforming it into a living symphony of unity in diversity and diversity in unity.

During these twenty-five years I have enjoyed watching you hone your skills as a church musician who has

accounted for your comprehensive knowledge of the Typikon and its variations. Together we have worked hard to allow the Church's liturgical tradition to be, as Father Alexander Schmemmann loved to stress, an epiphany of the Kingdom. Our respective ministries and responsibilities have developed into a symphony of common vision and purpose. What a personal joy to concelebrate with a choir director who loves the services and understands them as being the means through which the Gospel is proclaimed and revealed.

Because of your love for the services and your insistence on singing with one voice, the Cathedral choir has cultivated

a unique sound that draws attentive listeners into the mystery of the sung word. Entering this mystery we who con-celebrate the services as one chorus encounter, through the Spirit, the pre-eternal Word of God who presides over our synaxis and who leads us to offer with the sung word praise and thanksgiving to our Father. The words of Clement of Alexandria perfectly express this reality:

The union of many, which the divine harmony has called forth out of a medley of sounds and division, becomes one symphony, following the one leader of the choir and teacher, the Word...crying out Abba, Father.

God's blessings upon you, Leslie, Elizabeth and Nicholas.

En Agape,
Father Robert



Three Saints Church, Ansonia, Conn.

Barbara Ann Dixon



Above: Three Saints' Bible study group meets at the Blue Colony diner.

Photo: Jenny Chaplick

Right: Participants in the Vacation Church School.

Photo: Nina Kosowsky

The Bible study group held their summer luncheon at the Blue Colony diner on July 7. Following the luncheon they all went to Rick's Farm in Oxford for their ice cream dessert. Paul Chaplick and his devoted seniors faithfully gather every Wednesday afternoon in the church auditorium for a two-hour

Bible study and prayer. They gather weekly ten months each year and have been doing so for over 29 years.

In spite of the intense heat and humidity on July 12, the senior group still held their barbecue, moving the event indoors to the church auditorium. Master Chef Burns (a.k.a. Father Patrick) cooked the hot dogs and hamburgers to perfection. The seniors outdid themselves with all the fixings and trimmings.

Father Patrick, assisted by Matushka Cindy Voytovich, Mary and

Ernie Pagliaro, Stacey Pimpinelli, Daria Kosowsky, Nina Kosowsky, Justine Tuz, Stephanie Savoyski, Mary Nescott and Richard Kendall conducted a Vacation Church School for children ages 5 and up on July 18-22 at Three Saints Park in Bethany. The theme was The Sacraments of the Church. Various activities (learning about the sacraments, praying, singing and swimming) were also included. Friday evening the children sang responses for the Vespers Service.

The children participating were members of local parishes: Three Saints, Ansonia; Holy Transfiguration, New Haven; Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Stratford; St Nicholas, Norwich; and Christ the Savior, Southbury.

The children learned by acting out the various lessons. They made crowns while learning about marriage, risen bread for communion, placed their hands in water for baptism and carried *Ansonia* to 15



Top Right: Fr. Robert Arida leads prayers for hospital chaplains **Jessica D'Angio** and **Larisa Waya**.

Middle Left: The **Shortes family**.

Bottom Left: The **church school youth** depict the Nativity story under the direction of Church School teacher Jennifer Paulin.

Bottom Right: The **Women's Group of St. Mark's** met at the home of Linda Hunchak Rohr for a Christmas Tea & Ornament Swap.

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, blesses Orthodox hospital chaplains

Inga Leonova

On Tuesday, January 17th, Holy Trinity Cathedral community celebrated a prayer service to bless Jessica D'Angio and Larisa Waya as Orthodox hospital chaplains. Jessica is a graduate of Holy Cross Seminary and is currently at Beth Israel Hospital. Larisa is a graduate of Boston University and is serving at Dana Farber and Brigham and Women's Hospitals.

Addressing the Cathedral parish, Father Robert M. Arida stressed that "the work of a hospital chaplain is demanding on every front. The spiritual, physical and emotional demands of a hospital chaplain are relentless. Contact with the sick and dying on a daily basis requires us as a Christian community to prayerfully support the ministries of these two women



who have dedicated themselves to offering the love of Christ to the suffering who often are alone and afraid as they face their illness and mortality."

The celebration of the Commissioning Service, sanctioned by the Orthodox Church In America, is a first in the history of our autocephalous Church.



St. Mark Church, Kingston, Mass.

Laura Geigle

St. Mark of Ephesus said "so long" to the Shortes family in August. Shell, Lisa and their four children: Evan, Anna, Elena and Lily will be living in China for two years.

Subdeacon Shell has worked tirelessly for St. Mark's in every capacity over the years and Lisa has been a devoted choir director and church school teacher for St. Mark's. We will miss them terribly and look

forward to their return in 2013! May God keep them safe!



Above & Below Right:

"There is a tiny village in the desert called Nakutan. All the inhabitants there are Orthodox, and an acacia tree is the church of St. Mark. On Sundays and Holy Days these people walk three hours round trip for Orthros and Liturgy.

"We were there in 2007 and again in 2010. Each time I ministered to an old man named Peter. As soon as we arrived in the main town of Lodwar to begin our Mission this year, Peter's widow and daughter asked Mama Appua (aka. M. Suzanne) and I to come do a Trisagion for Peter who died. Because of our time constraint, the local priest, Fr. Vladimir Paul decided to rent two motorcycles in town to get us there quickly. That is him with me. The two pictures are at the memorial (Panichida) with the family and villagers.

"Temperature, dress, language and customs could not be more different than New England. Yet human emotions, faith in the power of prayer and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Orthodox prayers to express that are the same in New England and Nakutan, Turkana."

—Fr. Vladimir Aleandro

Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, Conn.

Sarah Cole

Last summer, we welcomed back Father Vladimir and Matushka Suzanne from their mission trip to the Turkana in Kenya. The team went to work and teach the many newly baptized in the Orthodox faith. Classes were taught to over one hundred men, women and children, with the team working hard to share the Good News and the joy of our Salvation.

During the summer months our children were invited to join a Kid's Club each Sunday during coffee hour. Together the children learn Bible verses, read and discuss a Bible story and complete a craft. Eleven of our middle school and high school youth traveled to the Youth Rally in New Hampshire. The high school group also made two trips to the Greater Waterbury Interfaith Soup Kitchen to serve meals to the hungry. Our youth



were able to serve over three hundred and fifty meals and also share smiles and even answer some questions about their faith.

In August we marked the start of our twentieth year as a parish. We look forward to a year of reflecting and looking ahead with a fresh joy, strength and optimism.





Above: The children of SS. Peter & Paul, Meriden, offered their own gift in honor of the parish anniversary: a **huge Lego model of the church**. Using Lego Digital Designer and a copy of the plans of the church, they created the design, ordered the hundreds of Lego blocks, and built it over several months—all in secret. The model was unveiled as part of the parish St. Nicholas celebration.

Photo: Cindy Dennis

Right: The **assembled clergy and altar servers** for the Divine Liturgy on the hundredth anniversary.

SS. Peter & Paul Church, Meriden, Conn., celebrates one hundred years

Rev. Joshua Mosher

Our parish celebrated its hundredth anniversary on Oct. 8-9, 2011. Hundreds came to share in our joy.

We gathered with bishops, neighboring parishes, and friends for Great Vespers on Saturday, with a procession blessing the church, followed by a reception, as well as a meeting of college students with His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Jonah, who presided over the weekend at the invitation of our own bishop, His Grace, Nikon.

His Grace, Melchizedek, Bishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania (and formerly the pastor of our parish), also attended, along with diocesan chancellor Fr. John Kreta, our dean Fr. David Koles, former pastor Fr. Gregory DuDash and honored guest Fr. James Mason — as well as hundreds of family and friends from as far as Florida and Oregon. Many priests of the Connecticut Deanery came Saturday to join in the festivities.

On Sunday, we celebrated a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with our three bishops (though His Grace, our bishop Nikon was not able to serve), Protodeacon Joseph Matusiak (who serves with Metropolitan Jonah) and Protodeacon Paul Nimchek (of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Terryville) and our guest clergy. Even more of the faithful packed into the church to participate in this landmark in our parish.

Metropolitan Jonah preached on the providential joining of our anniver-

sary with the feast of St. Tikhon, who had established a missionary vision that led to the founding of a multitude of churches, including SS. Peter & Paul. Metropolitan Jonah called us to renew that vision in our own lives, to build up our worship, our spiritual lives, and our community.

Afterward, we enjoyed a banquet where Bishop Nikon awarded the Brotherhood of SS. Peter & Paul a Gramota honoring their more than one hundred years of service to the Orthodox Church. Other honored guests offered their own congratulations and hopes to share in future good work in Meriden. The day ended with a beautiful slideshow on our first 100 years.

The days were full of thanksgiving and joy (and excellent food and fellowship). Our parish is overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from all our friends. We are humbled by the example of devoted service from those who built and grew this parish over the generations, and we thank our Heavenly Father for all his gifts. May He lead us to serve His Kingdom for another hundred years.



Above: His Grace, Bishop NIKON presides at the **Service of Groundbreaking.** Fr. Barnabas Fravel, current pastor of St. Nicholas, is to his right; Fr. Joseph Petranin, Pastor Emeritus, is at the far left of the picture.

Below: His Grace and Fr. Joseph Petranin begin breaking ground for the new church.

Photos: Lisa Goudey



“Upon this rock I will build My church”

V. Rev. David Koles

On Saturday, July 23, His Grace, Bishop NIKON traveled to Pittsfield, Mass., for the Service of Groundbreaking for the new church for St. Nicholas parish. Fr. John Kreta, Diocesan Chancellor and Fr. David Koles, Dean of the Connecticut Deanery also participated.

At the end of the service Fr. Joseph Petranin (Pastor Emeritus) was awarded the Order of St. Innocent, Bronze Class, to commemorate the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood.



Ansonia from 10

backpacks with stones to learn about the power of confession. The children enjoyed the crafts and water sports and can't wait to see what Father Patrick is planning for next summer's session.

A family night cookout and awarding of certificates for completing the program was held following Vespers. A special thank you to Don and Betty Klischer, Rose Soncarato, Joann Griffin, Mary and Andy Hvizd for helping with the barbecue and clean up.

For the second year, the Blessing of vehicles for the "Holy Prophet Elijah" was held on Sunday July 24 following liturgy. During the coffee hour, Father Patrick was presented with a cake in celebration of his birthday. Many Years!

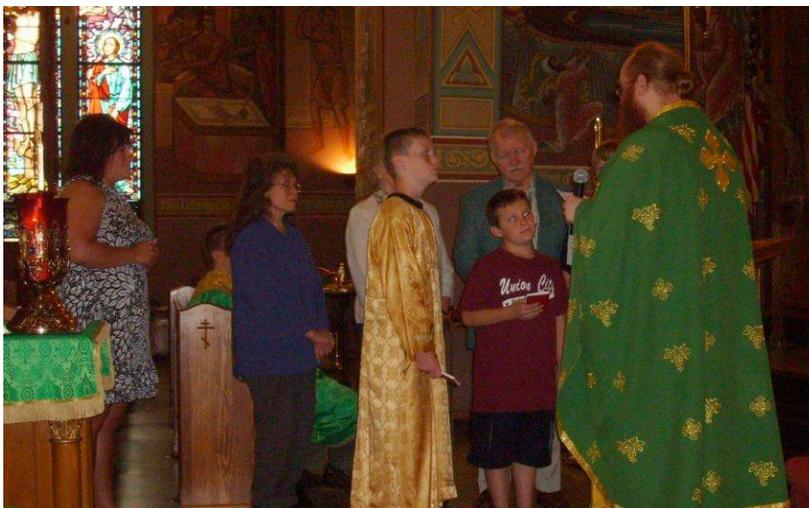


Right: Blessing of Vehicles at Ansonia.

Photo: Jenny Chaplick

Below: Prayer books presented to Matthew and Jason Pimpinelli in recognition of their First Confession.

Photo: Nina Kosowsky



Faith from 6

Chrysostom regarding Christ's words:

"Here Christ is not speaking of that faith which believes in Him undoubtingly and knows Him to be true God, but of the faith (needed) to work miracles. If ye have faith, He said, so exceedingly warm and burning as a grain of mustard seed (for these are its qualities), and if it is believed without a doubt that ye will perform signs, then ye will receive such power, that if ye desire to move the very mountains, ye will move them."

And further:

"For a man to have such faith appears simple, but it is, on the contrary, something very lofty, not easily attained by many. Such faith is born of boldness before God; but such boldness comes (only) from pleasing God. Beloved, great labour is needed to acquire, through pleasing God, such boldness before Him that one firmly believes that he will grant all that one asks; as it is written, Ask, and it shall be given to you."

—St. John Chrysostom, *The Gospel Commentary*: edited by Hieromonk German Ciuba, 2002., 4th Century

Let us then pray for God to strengthen our faith that we may do good works, and continue to witness for Him in the world. And let us always be comforted in the warmth of God's love, and in the assurance of Christ, that He has overcome the world.

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- Mar. 15** *Deadline for next issue of the ONE*
- Feb. 27** **Beginning of Great Lent**
- Mar. 4** Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Boston, and Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Waterbury, Conn. — both at 5 PM.
- Mar. 11** Lenten Vespers at Holy Trinity Church, Willimantic, Conn.
- Mar. 18** FORCC Vespers at St. George Church, Trumbull, Conn.
- Mar. 25** Lenten Vespers at Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, Conn.
- Mar. 31** St. Vladimir's Seminary, NY: Divine Liturgy, followed by brunch and Lenten Retreat: "Melody of Faith: Theology in an Orthodox Key," with Dr. Vigen Guroian
- Apr. 1** Holy Unction Service at Three Saints Church, Ansonia, Conn.
- Apr. 8** Bridegroom Matins at Christ the Savior Church, Southbury, Conn.
- Aug. 13-18** Diocesan Youth Rally
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