

HISTORY
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Dedication



St. John's Parish was born 56 years ago.
In order to celebrate this happy event - The Birth of a New Parish Family -

We Must First Remember the organizers - the founders who through their untiring work, sacrifices, steadfast faith and determination gave life to a parish.

We Must Remember our church hierarchy, all councils, all clergy of today and all of the years - for their guidance and support through all of these years.

We Must Remember the pastor that is serving today and each Reverend Father and his family who served our parish and led the way to this day.

We Must Remember our president and the parish executive board serving today and all presidents and boards that have served from the very beginning.

We Must Remember the energetic sisterhood executives and members of today and all that have ever labored in this most important organization of the parish.

We Must Remember each and every parish member of today - and all that have contributed in any way from the very beginning.

Dedication



We Must Remember the altar attendants of today - and all that have served at His Holy Altar for 56 years.

We Must Remember all the singers of today leading us in raising our voices in God's Praise and all the singers and cantors from the very beginning of our parish family.

We Must Remember our religious, cultural and social organizations, teachers, officers and members of today and all who have ever served in these important capacities from the very beginning of our life.

We Must Remember our children today - and all the children from the early beginnings - they are the life-line of the parish.

We Must Remember friends of the parish today and the many friends down through the years.

By the Grace of God and combined efforts of all - this day - the celebration of our 56th Anniversary as a parish family has been made possible.

In the above listing - which is very long, indeed - each and every one of us has been honored. We pray that Our Lord and Savior is smiling down upon us today - as He has been ever since our birth, for without His guidance, grace and love we would not be here today.

As always, we thank God for His blessings and ask His continued guidance in our future days.

EES POLLA ETI DESPOTA!





His Eminence Most Rev. Mstyslav

ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA

**Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of
United States of America**

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of U.S.A.

Most Rev. Archbishop Mark Hundiak
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April 5, 1976

Right Reverend
Protopresbyter Frank Lawryk, Pastor,
Executive Board and Members of
St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Johnson City, New York



Dearly Beloved in Christ
Father Frank, Members of the Board
and Faithful Brothers and Sisters:

By the Grace of God, your parish is observing its Fiftieth Golden Jubilee and I am indeed happy to extend to you my congratulations and prayerful wishes on this God given glorious occasion.

Some of the founding members of your parish are still among the hardworking and generous supporters of your beautiful House of Worship. They remember as I do the former Pastors and devoted communicants of the blessed memory who worked for and led your Parish through many hardships.

With God's abundant blessing, you, Beloved Father Protopresbyter, paternally and tactfully guided the Parish to the new and glorious achievements with the cooperation of the Members of the Church Committees and devotion of the Parishioners. You, too, deserve credit and congratulations which I am happy to offer to you and to the dedicated Pani Lawryk.

May the Blessings of God be upon you, your Committee, Parish Organizations and all its Members always, now and forever!

With my prayers and love in Christ,
Devotedly yours,

+Mark, Archbishop

Most Reverend Constantine
Archbishop of Chicago
Ukrainian Orthodox Church
of the U.S.A.

15157 Waterman Drive
South Holland, Illinois 60473

Very Reverend Father Franko Lawryk, Pastor
Parish Committee, Faithful Members of
St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Johnson City, New York



My Beloved,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

It affords me special pleasure to extend my personal congratulations and sincere best wishes to you on this festive and joyous occasion of the blessing of the newly erected and most impressive parish home.

I note with great happiness your testimony of the power of your faith in God which you continuously manifest by your labors, by your sacrifices, by your love of God's Church. Such manifestations, surely, are the extension of that faith possessed by the founders and pioneers of St. John's parish, those who gave to their children and grandchildren the love of God and His Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and, moreover, who imprinted that love through their example of praying, working and giving without any hesitation or limitation.

You, the children of our Church, have shown your faith in God, your love and devotion to the Church. Your deeds bear witness to your faith, and these manifestations are especially necessary in such critical times, in such an age as ours when the faith of man appears to be faltering.

Each of us must be filled with abundant joy and deep gratitude to Almighty God for having given the will, the strength and the faith to complete the building of the parish home. With deep prayer we enter into this special event and ask of our Lord Jesus Christ, who didst deign to enter under the roof of Zaccheus, unto the salvation of the same and of all who entered into the house, that He shall send His blessings upon the parish home and upon all who dwell and enter therein, preserving their lives free from aspersion.

On this most joyful celebration I send forth my warmest greetings to your Pastor, Very Reverend Frank Lawryk and His Pani Matka, to your Parish Committee, your Church Organizations, and to all of the faithful and dedicated members of your parish. May the blessings of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you always as you continue to manifest your faith in the Holy Trinity through your deeds.

With love in Christ,

+ Constantine

+Constantine



The Pastor of St. John's

RT. REV. FR. FRANKO LAWRYK

From August 1, 1945

What Is A Priest?

A Priest is many things to many people.

A mediator between God and man, when with consecrated hands he celebrates the Holy Sacrifice of the Liturgy.

An apostle who follows in the footsteps of the Master, his mission the salvation of souls.

A laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, working with his flock to grow spiritually in the practice of Christian virtue.

A soldier in the army of Christ, fighting to uphold what is good, and to overcome what is evil.

A comforter of the afflicted, a counselor of the doubtful, a physician of troubled souls, a healer of broken lives.

A father to his spiritual family on earth, his life dedicated to doing the will of his Father in heaven.



I pray that I am such a Priest; for God has allowed me to be His Priest without any merit of my own.

I love the Orthodox Church, not with calculation, not with careful reservations, but freely, joyfully and wholeheartedly. It is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, which is the Body of Jesus Christ in the world.

A king's royal robes cannot compare to the simple stole of the Priest.

A king's fortune in jewels about his neck are as nothing next to the Priest's white collar.

A king's power symbolized by his scepter are as weakness next to the forgiveness of a Priest.

At death, he is king no more, but the Priest is a Priest for all eternity.

I love you, my parish family. "My cup runneth over."

Father Lawryk

Our Golden Anniversary In the Bicentennial Year 1976

St. John's Parish celebrated its own Golden Anniversary as a parish—the Centennial of Ukrainian immigration to America and the Bicentennial of the American Revolution in the year of 1976.

The Anniversaries that we celebrated are each based on the one preceding it . . . we would not have had our birth as a parish 50 years ago if our forefathers did not come to America . . . and our forefathers would not have come to America 100 years ago, if America did not give birth to a great nation through a struggle 200 years ago.

Among the greatest achievements of our civilization is the making of a new and powerful nation by more than 45,000,000 immigrants from over 100 different countries. Immigrants are American history. Each immigrant has an important contribution to make for we are a rich assortment of people and cultures—encouraged to contribute our unique gifts to our "mosaic of nations."

In the early 1870's Ukrainians began arriving to this country of freedom. They worked hard and long hours for little compensation. Communication

was a problem. Parishes began to be organized by people who came from the same villages—the same ethnic backgrounds as did all Orthodox parishes in America. The first essential task of these pioneers was the building of churches. They needed a church to worship in, to baptize their children, perform weddings and the inevitable funerals—to focus on their Ukrainian culture and identity. It would be a link with the Mother Country. It was not only a religious—but also a social center. This was the historical period of the Church. It established Orthodoxy in America and gave it its organic roots and its basic structure.

Our parish was organized in 1926.

What kind of people were they—that in a world of hard times—depression—began to organize and build a church? Courageous people—daring people—but there is a word that describes the men and women who founded our church better than any other . . . the word is "Faith." Its birth, its life, its growth can be attributed to that one fact, and indeed its future depends on it too.

Our Golden Anniversary Award

In the life of a parish—as in the life of our nation—there are certain members that have contributed above and beyond the call of their duties—that have changed the course of our parish—and with their God-given talents have earned for themselves special recognition.

The founders of our parish **Frank (Theodore) Kovatz** and **Nick Ther** (May Their Memory Be Eternal!) have earned this special award.

To their families an Icon of Christ as a remembrance of our Golden Anniversary and our gratitude was presented.



Frank (Theodore)
Kovatz



Nick Ther



Діточий ХОР
при Українській Діточій Школі 1/17/25

Матеріал

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— *Highlights of 56 Years* —

These highlights of the years are taken from the minutes of the Parish & Sisterhood Executive Board and Annual Meetings and financial records that were faithfully kept from the first gathering until this day. It is interesting to note that two sets of financial records were kept—one by the elected official and one by the priest. This practice was eliminated in 1948. It is also interesting to note that the minutes were kept in fine detail, well written—and a history of the parish well kept. The credit is due to our pioneers who realized the importance of their parish life, problems and decisions to be recorded for the future generations to benefit from. These highlights are also taken from the many newspaper accounts printed of our different activities. A permanent record of our parish life on file for future historians to ponder over.

Our history includes the life of the parish through 56 years of praying and working together in the Love of Christ.

It includes the greetings of our parish family — the militant church.
Mnohaya Lita!

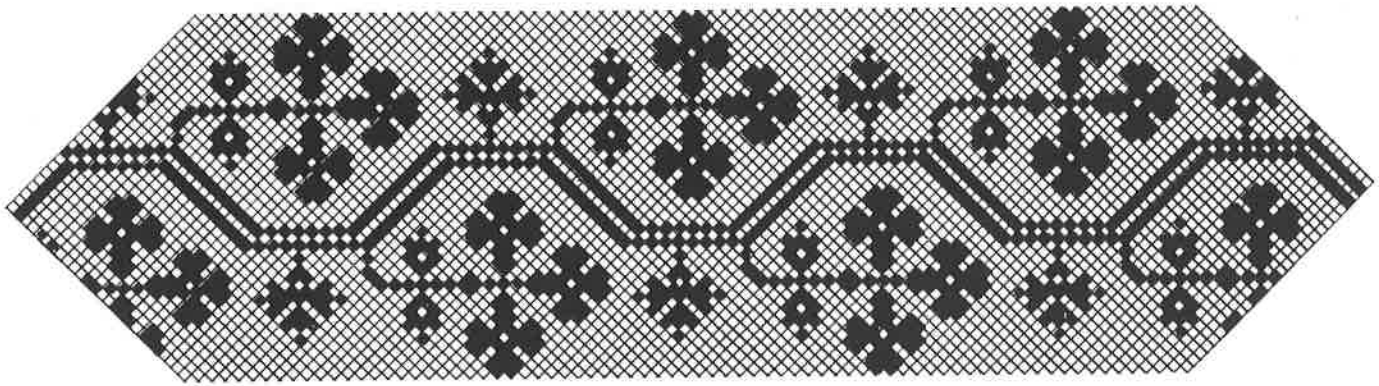
It includes the names of those that have gone before us and on whose work we base our efforts — the triumphant church. Memory Eternal!

We pray that this history book of St. John's will be treasured and handed down from generation to generation. A bright future depends on a sound past.

Please Note:

SYMBOLS used throughout the book are:

- ★ indicates that A PHOTO accompanies the article
- § indicates that the names of those in this GROUP PHOTO can be found in the back of the book in the "Photo Index"



February 1926

Theodore Kovatz, Nick Ther and Michael Kost conducted a door-to-door campaign in the Triple Cities area to find out how many were interested in organizing a church that would be like that of their forefathers. A list was compiled of 40 interested families.

March 1926

A meeting was called of these interested families and a committee was elected to initiate parish status:

Stephen Haluska, President
Peter Pankevich, Treasurer
Paul Potochniak, Secretary

It was decided at this meeting to name the church after the Saints Peter and Paul.

Trustees were elected and four lots bought where our first church and rectory stand. These lots were put in the names of the Trustees:

Peter Pankevich
John Martin
Nick Ther
Stephen Haluska
John Sawka
Michael Kost

May 25, 1926

Another meeting was held and a committee to contact Archbishop John of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA as to the need of a priest to help organize the parish.

June 26, 1926

The Reverend Fr. John Kosan of Newark, N.J. was appointed by Archbishop John to help organize the parish. A meeting was held with Fr. Kosan answering all questions. 40 charter members were present. An Executive Board was elected at this time:

Michael Pickney, President
Theodore Kovatz, Vice President
Nick Ther, Treasurer
Michael Kost, Secretary

Trustees:

Michael Melnyk
Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Dmytro Ceklynski
Theodore Klysh

June 27, 1926

The first Divine Liturgy of the newly organized parish was held in the Ukrainian National Home on Downs Avenue, Binghamton. Thereafter, services were held in Michael Kost's Hall on what is now Harry L. Drive.

July 12, 1926

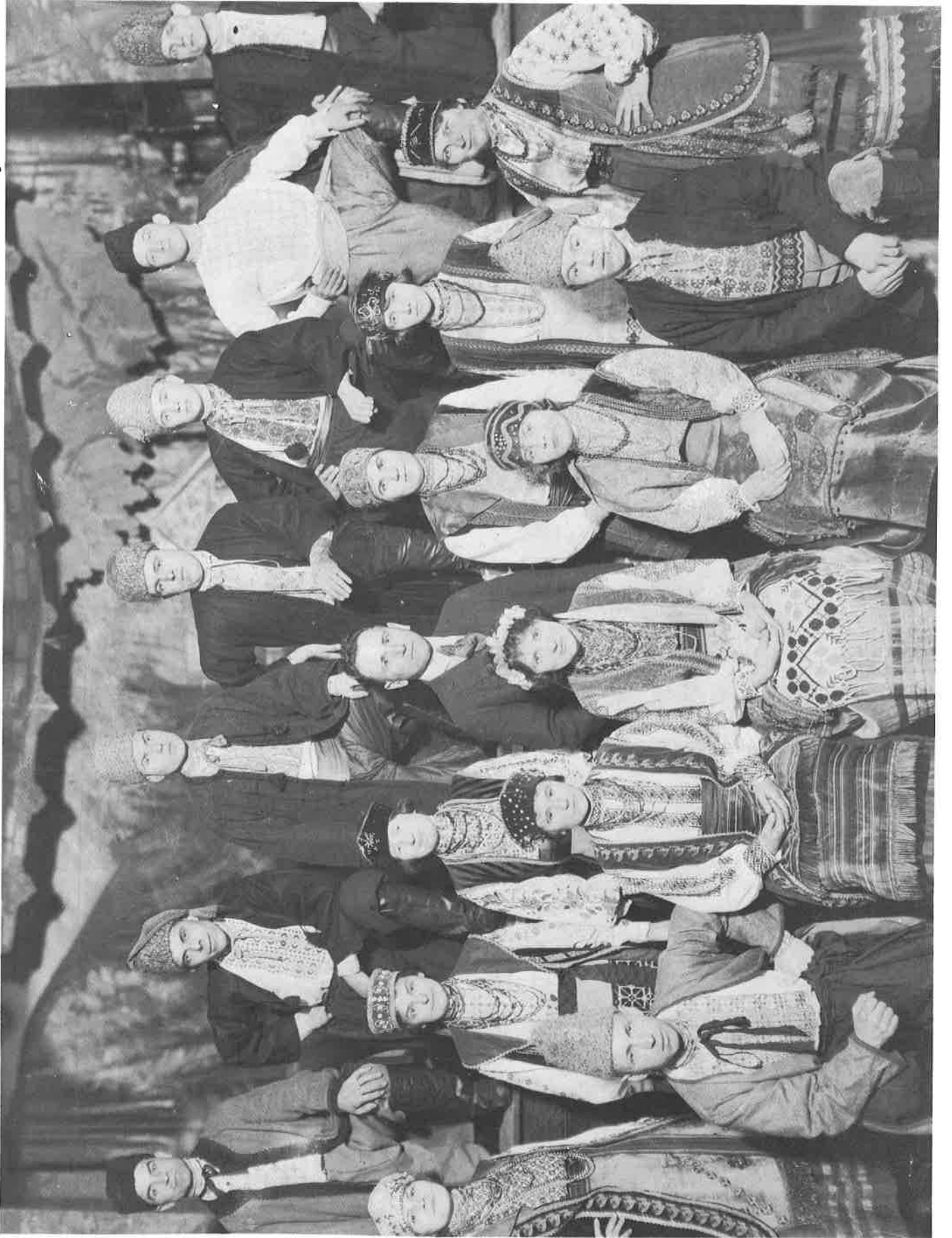
Charter of the new church was recorded and the name chosen at this time was St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Father Kosan came every two weeks and then once a month which made organizing the new church building most difficult.

October 1926

The Reverend Father Dmytro Lazar was named pastor; this lasted two months and he was transferred to Pittsburgh.

5 Drama Club — 1920



OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARD

All the names on that First Executive Board are resting with the Lord as we celebrated on Sunday, June 20th, 1976...except for one...**Theodore Klysh, Sr.** Trustee of that 1926 Executive Board. President of the Parish William J. Klish, his son presented the Award with these words:

"We honor you today Mr. Klysh, my father, for your part in the birth of St. John's Parish. For the many years that you held office as Trustee, as member of the Constitution and By-Law Committee, Auditor, President for three terms and worker-supporter through fifty years.

"We honor you today, and your late dear wife, Emilia—my mother—for instilling the love of God, His Church, His people into your children—for today 50 years later your efforts of that beginning are bearing fruit. You have a son that is a priest. You have a son that has been President of St. John's Parish for the past twelve years....

"All of your children, excluding none and their families, are active in the Lord's vineyard."



Bishop Constantine presenting **The Golden Anniversary Award to Trustee Theodore Klysh, Sr.** of the 1926 Board.

§ *Father Theodore Turchenko and Children — 1926*



★ December 1926

The Reverend Father Theodore Turchenko was assigned to the parish. Life began. A choir was organized—a dramatic club. Plays were presented often in the following years to raise funds to build the new church.

In 1926 the Divine Liturgy was celebrated every Sunday, Holy Day, and Vesper Services. Social events held were three dances, one picnic and a social evening.

December 3, 1926

After the Divine Liturgy, Father Turchenko suggested to the women of St. John's that they organize a Sisterhood. After the pastor explained the aims and purposes of such a Sisterhood the following became members:

Mary B. Haluska
Helen Chebiniak
Mary Ther
Helen Kovatz
Katherine Tchir
Amelia Kreczko
Josephine Maliwacki
Anastasia Malywiacki
Amelia Kosan
Pelahia Dzik
Anna Ceklynski
Katherine Pufky
Anna Sawka
Pelahia Kulik
Emilia Klysh
Mary Dobransky
Katherine Stasko
Julia Hryck
Irene Cenesky
Anastasia Zapp
Teklia Chyl

The Sisterhood unanimously elected:

Mary B. Haluska, President
Katherine Tchir, Treasurer
Mary Ther, Secretary

From that day on there has been no affair in the Parish that the Sisterhood has not been a part of. Unfortunately, the Sisterhood was so busy "doing" that they had little time for recording the minutes of meetings in a regular fashion. But their records are faithfully kept from 1945.

★ *Indicates photo accompanying article*

The Purpose of the Sisterhood

1. To unite all the women of the parish into one organization in order to accomplish the parochial work in a systematic and thorough manner.
2. To protect our Orthodox Faith, to help support our Church and to promote by every means possible the growth and development of the Church as a whole.
3. To promote the warmest fellowship, unity, and love within the Sisterhood and the parish of which it is a part of.
4. To care for the good of the Sisters and Parish by propagating ideas of Christian charity; assist the weak, help the distressed, console the afflicted, visit the sick and remember the deceased Sisters (or immediate members of her family) with a spiritual bouquet—the Divine Liturgy.
5. To keep the church clean and beautiful. Also, to see to the needs of the rectory and all the properties of the Parish.
6. To encourage the teenagers of our Parish to take an active interest and part in the Sisterhood and all its activities.
7. To make arrangements for lectures, discussions entertainment and receptions to provide knowledge and improvement; to preserve our national culture and heritage and provide healthy recreation.

January 1927

Officers elected:

Stephen Haluska, President
Theodore Kovatz, Treasurer
John Tchir, Financial Secretary
Theodore Klysh, Recording Secretary

Auditors:

Michael Kost
Harry Kuzemka

Trustees:

Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Dmytro Ceklynski
John Tchir
Stephen Haluska
Theodore Klysh

A bazaar was held as a means of earning money—plus the usual money-raising affairs. It was a very hard year; very little income. Father Turchenko left. Father Kosan returned.



Archbishop John blessing new cemetery — 1929

Excerpted from *The Binghamton Bulletin* (1927).

PASTOR MAKES PLANS FOR UKRAINIAN CHURCH Johnson City Congregation Expects to Raise Money for New Edifice

Now that construction on the new edifice of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Johnson City is scheduled to take place in the spring, Reverend John Kosan, who has been returned as pastor by Archbishop John Theodorovich of Chicago, is formulating plans by raising moneys to defray the expenditure involved.

Father Kosan indicated that the congregation expects to raise \$5,000 in the winter months and that an effort will be made to obtain a similar amount by solicitation in the Triple Cities, Scranton and Olyphant areas. In addition, a first mortgage for \$10,000 will be taken on the church property.

The edifice will cost approximately \$20,000 and the parsonage \$5,000, according to tentative plans furnished by the architect, he said. When the building is completed it will be the only Ukrainian church which Ukrainians may attend in the Triple Cities. "Therefore," he said, "prospects of a gain in the congregation are many."

OUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARD

There have been a number of times in our parish history when without Faith we would have perished. There were days when the question was: "Will we be able to continue?" Sometimes there was only a handful...no regular priest...changing priests...no income...but with Faith the building of the church became a reality. Loving, consecrated hearts and hands gave of their time, their equipment, their skill, their money and their artistic talents. The church was built and dedicated in 1930.

These few dedicated faithful gave all they had to complete the church and rectory. They were hopelessly in debt...now the real work began.

They came to services, they sang in the choir, they taught the children, they cooked at home, brought the meals to share with all, donated towards the meal, cleaned up afterwards and were happy in their efforts. They met in fellowship at every opportunity: birthdays, anniversaries, housewarmings, weddings, after weddings, after funeral lunches, Holy Day observances, picnics...they made every opportunity a special affair to be celebrated by the parish family.

They presented dramatic plays and operettas every few weeks—not repeating the work—the like that would dwarf most of the things we see today on television. And the more they did the more deeply they were in debt. Not monetarily in debt, but in debt of the spirit. For this is a paradox: the deeper you become involved with the Church the more you love it. You will go on getting in deeper and deeper the rest of your life.

Such is the woman we honored at our Golden Anniversary Banquet—Mary B. Haluska. She was the first President of our Sisterhood (organized in 1926). She held the office many times during the years as well as many of the other offices in both the Sisterhood and Parish...as well as being the wife of the Parish President which her husband Stephen was for a number of years. To this day she involves herself with the work of the Sisterhood and Parish. There is no affair at which she does not give of herself and her talents.



Mrs. Mary B. Haluska

At her side are members of her family: her son sings in the choir—he has held offices in the parish organization; her daughter-in-law is at her side at all affairs—and there are many of these affairs. Her grandchildren are at her side. They sing in the choir, they serve God at His Holy Altar, they serve on Boards, they teach, they take part in sports and cultural activities, they help where help is needed—following in the footsteps of their dear "Baba." A great help to all of us.

It began fifty years ago when she was President of the new Sisterhood and through the years—many offices and involvements. The saying is true: the deeper you get the stronger the hold.

The parish honors Mrs. Mary B. Haluska, our first Sisterhood President and dedicated member of St. John's parish to the present day.



Mrs. Mary B. Haluska



January 1928

Officers elected:

Stephen Haluska, President
Harry Kuzemka, Vice President
Theodore Kovatz, Treasurer
Michael Kost, Financial Secretary
Harry Charnetsky, Recording Secretary

Auditors:

Michael Kost
Harry Kuzemka

Trustees:

Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Dmytro Ceklynski
John Tchir
Stephen Haluska
Theodore Klysh

March 1928

Father Revera came as pastor and stayed until November.

May 1928

A meeting was held to build a church; architect to be contacted. Collection of funds was primary concern of parish board. Men went caroling; four plays given; six dances; seven social evenings; six picnics; one bazaar. Cantor (Diak) Anthony Kulyk.

August 1928

Special meeting held; unanimously decided to build a church. Power was given to the Trustees to build the church and rectory for not more than \$18,000.

October 1928

Foundation was dug. Contractor that was to build the church died and the building was halted with the basement dug out; the man putting up the foundation went bankrupt. The parish had to pay for the materials and labor. Individual members made donations to pay for this need.

December 1928

Father Yalechko came.

Sisterhood:

Mary Ther, President
Oksanna Kulyk, Vice President
Emelia Stasko, Recording Secretary
Mary B. Haluska, Assistant Recording Secretary
Anna Milchanosky, Treasurer
Emelia Kreczko, Assistant Treasurer

January 1929

Officers elected:

Harry Kuzemka, President
Harry Charnetsky, Financial Secretary
Michael Kost, Secretary
Andrew Malywiacky, Treasurer

Auditors:

Theodore Kovatz
Anthony Kulyk
Theodore Chyl

Trustees:

Stephen Haluska
Michael Kost
Anthony Kulyk
Harry Karaim
Theodore Kovatz
Nick Ther

Constitution and By-Law Committee:

Theodore Klysh
Theodore Chyl
Anthony Kulyk

April 1929

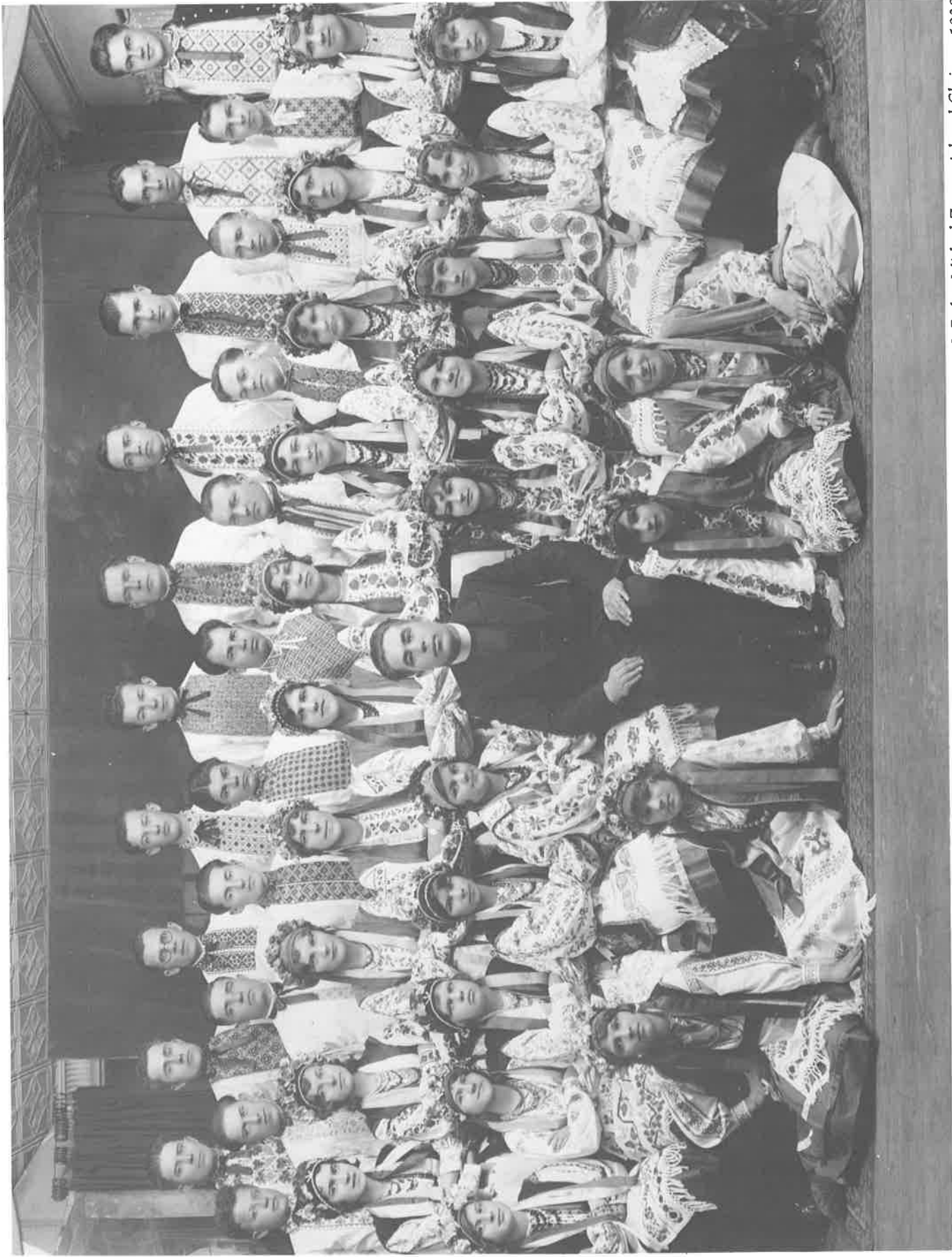
Building Fund Committee:

Harry Kuzemka
Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Harry Karaim

June 1929

Families ready to mortgage their homes to build the church. Attorney to be contacted to take proper steps for this fund. Father Yalechko thought it best to build just the basement of the church for the time being. People disagreed. Father Yalechko left the parish.





§ Father Michael Zaparyniuk and Choir — 1929

★ September 1929

Father Michael Zaparyniuk came. Critical times for the parish; neighbor was bringing legal action against the parish for undermining his property with the basement digging; his attorney was demanding restitution.

Fortunately for the parish their new pastor was Father Zaparyniuk. He had just finished building a church in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and had experience in building. Parish came to life once again. There were regular choir rehearsals; weekly play practices; weekly school hours.

Father Zaparyniuk looked over the church plans and found them not suitable. Committee gave him permission to make them suitable.

October 1929

Cemetery was purchased on Fairview Street, Johnson City.

October 24, 1929

Stock Market Crash. The crash wiped out hundreds of thousands of traders and investors, and sent the country into the Great Depression that was not to end until the late thirties.

Its effects were felt in Broome County, although the shock was cushioned by the paternalistic George F. Johnson, who continued to see that his workers were fed, and by Thomas J. Watson, who poured money into IBM at a time when other companies were forced to cut back.

★ November 1929

Archbishop John blessed the cemetery grounds.

November 1929

Building of the church and rectory began. The contract was awarded to Sass & Dubin—the cost \$23,088.00. Sixty families were numbered in the parish family at this time.

1 IN THE CHURCH REGISTER

#1 Wedding
Adam Dowhan
& *Maria Sadowitz*
23 February 1929
Officiating was Father Yalechko

#1 Baptism/Chrismation
Olga Ivanycky
(daughter of Michael and Helen Ivanycky)
4 July 1926
Officiating was Father Kosan

#1 Funeral
Maria Dykoshchak
(36 years old)
4 October 1928
Officiating was Father Revera

St. John's Cemetery — 1929





§ St. John's Choir — 1930



John Ceklynski and Mildred Kovatz — 1930

January 1930

Officers elected:

Nick Ther, President
Harry Karaim, Vice President
Andrew Malywiacky, Treasurer
Theodore Kovatz, Financial Secretary
John Tchir, Recording Secretary

Auditors:

Nicholas Chubiniak
Harry Kuzemka
Nicholas Tylko

Trustees:

Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Michael Kost
Nicholas Pufky
Andrew Malywiacky
Nicholas Chubiniak
Harry Charnetsky



Cemetery Blessing — 1929

February through April 1930

Money was needed desperately to continue building the church and rectory. Meetings lasted until midnight trying to solve the money crisis.



★ October 1930

The church and rectory were blessed by Archbishop John even though they were not completely finished. From that day on the church was the center of life. Services were on a regular basis; the hall was never empty—always something going on—lectures, plays, social affairs, dances, concerts, etc. Ten picnics were held.



Nick Ther, President, greeting Archbishop John — 1930



Church & Rectory Blessing — 1930



November 1930

First Executive Board meeting was held in the new church hall.

January 1931

Officers elected:

Nick Ther, President
Theodore Kovatz, Financial Secretary
John Tchir, Recording Secretary
Andrew Malywiacky, Treasurer

Auditors:

Harry Kuzemka
John Evanchoff
Michael Kost

Trustees:

Peter Milchanosky
Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Michael Kost
Nicholas Pufky
Andrew Malywiacky
Nicholas Chubiniak
Harry Charnetsky

Sisterhood:

Helen Kovatz, President
Mary B. Haluska, Secretary
Marie Karaim, Treasurer
Katherine Pufky, Auditor
Anastasia Kasprowitz, Auditor

The first Holy Supper was served.

March 1931

The bell was installed and blessed. It came from the Reformed Methodist Church in Ketchumville, New York, which was organized in 1837 with nine members. The church was erected in 1852 and demolished in 1926.

The bell was purchased by three brothers John, Peter and Wasyl Okrepkie and a cousin Charles Okrepkie and donated to St. John's. This information is documented in the *Historical Gazetteer of Tioga County, 1785-1888*.

During the year the following events were sponsored: five plays; five dances; a Mother's Day program; a Taras Shevchenko concert; six picnics; the fifth anniversary celebration; and a bazaar.



The Bronze Plaque reads:

"GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY BELL"

Cast in 1836 and used in a Ketchumville, New York church until 1926, the bell was purchased and donated by the Okrepkie family. St. John's used the bell until 1968. It was placed as a monument to St. John's Founders during the Bicentennial of the American Revolution and the Centennial of Ukrainian Immigration to America in the year of Our Lord 1976.

Johnson City, New York

January 1932

Father Zaparyniuk made his announcement at the yearly meeting that he was leaving the parish. It was a great surprise and blow to the faithful.

Officers leading the parish:

Nick Ther, President
Theodore Kovatz, Financial Secretary
John Evanchoff, Recording Secretary
Andrew Malywiacky, Treasurer

Auditors:

Stephen Haluska
Theodore Klysh
Joseph Kasprowitz

Trustees:

Andrew Malywiacky
Joseph Kasprowitz
Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Michael Kachynsky
Stephen Haluska
Theodore Cenesky

Sisterhood:

Mary B. Haluska, President
Marie Karaim, Treasurer



Music at the picnics and dances was provided by talented groups that were self-taught and played a mean kolomeyka. Their music could be heard throughout the community—and those were the days of pure sound—no microphones and speakers. Such musicians as Peter Dobransky, Andrew Sawka, Mike Stashko and Stanley Ziemba played at the parish affairs (weddings, after weddings, christenings, get-togethers, anniversaries) and all gatherings that needed their spirit and toe-tapping sound.

§ Players — "Childhood Dreams" — 1925



February 1932

Father Nyzankivsky came and, after 4 months of trying to lead an energetic parish that was heavily burdened with mortgage payments, his health made it necessary for him to leave in May.

June 1932

Father M. Maruschak came. Times were hard. Unemployment was high. Priests before received \$125 a month but starting with Father Maruschak the pay was \$80 a month.

The parish had to meet monthly payments for cinder blocks; monthly payments on the bank interest (no principle); monthly payments on the pews; interest on two mortgages; ordinary monthly bills. In spite of the weekly affairs of plays, concerts, suppers, picnics, dances, and Sunday offerings the income was always less than the expense.



January 1933

Officers elected:

Harry Charnetsky, President
Michael Stashko, Jr., Vice President
Michael Kost, Secretary
Joseph Kasprowitz, Financial Secretary
Theodore Steczko, Recording Secretary
Andrew Malywiacky, Treasurer

Auditors:

Anthony Kulyk
Harry Kuzemka
Andrew Potochniak

Trustees:

Joseph Kasprowitz
Theodore Cenesky
Michael Kachynsky
Andrew Malywiacky
Nicholas Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Peter Milchanosky

Sisterhood:

Mary B. Haluska, President
Marie Karaim, Treasurer
Katherine Maslak, Secretary

Auditors:

Claudia Bilon
Anna Ceklynski
Mary Charnetsky

February 1933

After nine months of struggle, Father Maruschak left the parish.

March 1933

Father Peter Bilon came; with his dedicated efforts leading the struggling, equally dedicated parishioners, much work was done.

The usual plays, dinners, concerts, picnics, dances and bazaar were sponsored—but with more spirit.

January 1934

Officers elected:

Stephen Haluska, President
Michael Gulachok, Vice President
Joseph Kasprowitz, Financial Secretary
Peter Yuchnyk, Recording Secretary
John Popowich, Treasurer

Auditors:

Nicholas Burdiak
Theodore Chyl
Nick Ther

Trustees:

Harry Charnetsky
Joseph Kasprowitz
Michael Kachynsky
Andrew Malywiacky
Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Peter Milchanosky

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Sisterhood officers:

Josephine Maliwacki, President
Helen Kovatz, Vice President
Julia Kuzemka, Secretary
Anna Dobransky, Assistant Secretary
Julia Klym, Treasurer
Mary Kanazawich, Assistant Treasurer

Auditors:

Claudia Bilon
Teklia Chyl
Mary B. Haluska

*** May 1934**

There was a parade honoring George F. Johnson held by the people of the Triple Cities. Our parish took part: there was a beautiful float with a Ukrainian Queen and her court of handsomely dressed men and women; there were Cossacks sitting on spritely horses leading the float; and following the float was a large group of parishioners dressed in native costumes.

George F. Johnson was the builder of Johnson City and creator of Endicott. His shoe factories employed or supported many of the families in the Triple Cities—among them our own Ukrainian community.

September 1934

Father Bilon left the parish. He felt that the parish was not supporting his actions.

October 1934

Father Kushnir came.

January 1935

Officers elected:

Nick Ther, President
Michael Dobransky, Vice President
John Evanchoff, Financial Secretary
Harry Charnetsky, Recording Secretary
John Popowich, Treasurer

Auditors:

Theodore Chyl
Theodore Kovatz
Michael Kost

Trustees:

Michael Dobransky
William Kosik

Sisterhood:

Helen Kovatz, President
Pauline Ewanow, Vice President
Anna Dobransky, Secretary
Josephine Merena, Assistant Secretary
Julia Klym, Treasurer

May 1935

Walter Puchir came to be Diak (Cantor) in the parish. He held this position until his death in 1968.



He will be remembered for his quiet and gentle manner; his dedicated service to the parish and his beautiful voice. Memory Eternal!



§ Father Anthony Stangry and Choir — 1935



§ Father Anthony Stangry and Parishioners — 1935

May 1935

The first Memorial Day service at our cemetery.

July 8, 1935

A flood devastated the Southern Tier. It began to rain on Saturday afternoon and stopped on Tuesday. In the First Ward, where some of our parish families lived, five hundred families were driven from their homes and had to spend the night in Daniel Dickinson School.

October 1935

Archbishop John made a visit to our parish.

November 1935

Father Kushnir left the parish of his own free will; the constant need for funds was too much for peace in the parish (between priest and members).

December 1935

Father Anthony Stangry came to the parish.

January 1936

Officers elected:

Nick Ther, President
Michael Dobransky, Vice President
John Evanchoff, Financial Secretary
Harry Charnetsky, Recording Secretary
Joseph Tchir, Treasurer

Auditors:

Frank Kovatz
Michael Kost
Nicholas Merena

Trustees:

Andrew Malywiacky
Dmytro Ceklynski

Sisterhood:

Mary Kaspyk, President
Josephine Merena, Secretary
Anna Dobransky, Assistant Secretary
Mary Evanchoff, Treasurer
Josephine Maliwacki, Assistant Treasurer

★ January 1936

St. John's Choir broadcasted Christmas carols over station WNBK Radio.

March 17, 1936

The second flood hit the First Ward area. Families, many of whom had just finished redecorating their homes after the July 1935 flood, saw their homes under two feet of water.

March 1936

Archbishop John paid a three-day mission visit to St. John's parish.

May 1936

Members of the choir organized an Endicott Johnson shoe club. "Every member of the church, where Father Stangry was pastor, was a member of at least one shoe club." A large picture of those in the shoe club accompanied the press release.

★ June 21, 1936

The tenth anniversary of the parish was celebrated. Archbishop John came, Father Kosan, Father E. Korolyshyn came with his choir from Scranton, and Father A. Stangry was host pastor.

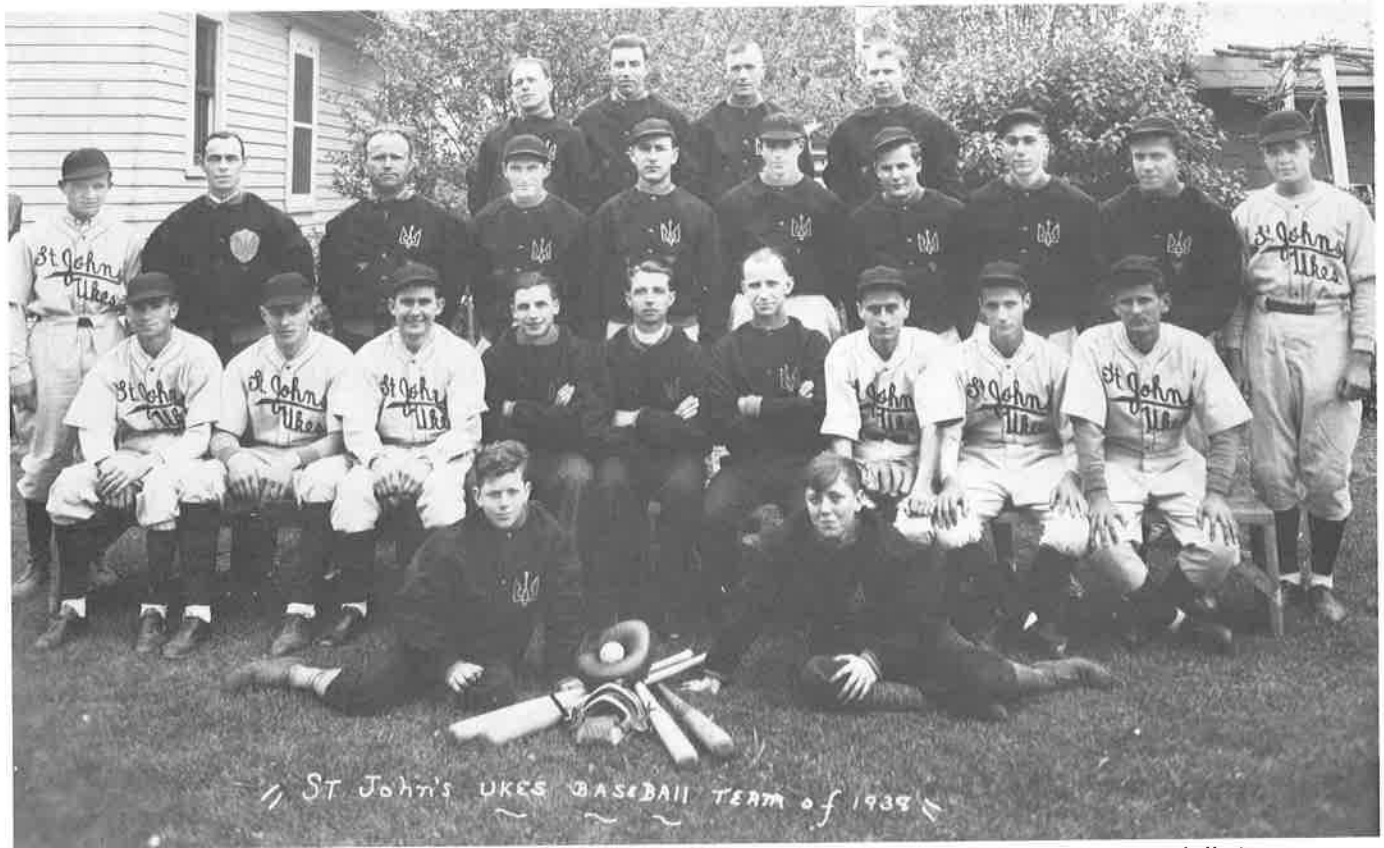
In describing the event a parish member wrote, "It was a beautiful celebration. Thanks to our pastor, and his energetic efforts. The parishioners are grateful that Father Stangry has been assigned to our parish. He has brought with him two needed things for our parish: moral and material assets."

In the tenth anniversary book, Theodore Kovatz had listed the number of affairs sponsored by the parish in ten years:

37 plays and operettas
11 concerts
19 vecheerkiv (*evenings of cultural merit*)
33 dances
66 picnics
31 dinners

The total cost of the church and rectory now stood at \$36, 141.45. The amount paid off in ten years was \$14,341.65. The remaining mortgage was \$21,800.00.

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§ Baseball Team — 1938



§ Basketball Team — 1940-1941

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Names of those that worked on the Executive Board in the first ten years and not previously listed were:

Nicholas Maliwacki
Roman Hayovay
Vasile Kreczko
Michael Demkowich
Nicholas Hatala
Harry Chervak
John Biloz
Stanley Petryshyn
Constantine Hryck
Michael Kaspryk
Andrew Potochniak
Peter Charnetsky
Steven Kayk
Nicholas Burdiak
Myron Shlitz



December 1936

According to the Binghamton Press, "Ukrainians from Johnson City's North Side will dance and sing in native costume as the opening feature of a musical and literature winter series at Your Home Public Library. Considered aptly chosen by the committee in charge, in view of world interest in the Near East, the Ukrainian program is intended to bring before the public here a glimpse of the customs and costumes of that area. The program sponsored by the library, and open to all interested persons, has been arranged through the cooperation of the Reverend Anthony Stangry, pastor of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox church here. In addition to the dancers, St. John's choir of 48 voices will be heard. John Haluska, one of the dancing troupe, will discuss the native Ukrainian costume as a third feature of the evening."



Christmas Caroling from home to home has been joyfully done from the very early beginnings of our parish. Here is a group of carollers shown with the Diak Walter Puchir.



Carollers — 1936



January 1937

Officers elected:

Andrew Malywiaky, President
John Kasprowitz, Vice President
Theodore Kovatz, Recording Secretary
Nicholas Tylko, Treasurer

Auditors:

John Rucky
Michael Dobransky
Joseph Tchir
Michael Kost

Trustees:

Steve Wenger
Stephen Haluska
John Klym
Nick Ther
Theodore Kovatz
Dmytro Ceklynski
Michael Dobransky

There were four plays, one supper, two dances, two card parties, seven picnics, one bazaar and five bingos held in 1937.

January 1938

1938 was again a time of great unemployment. Constant affairs needed to meet the obligations of the parish.

Sports programs began to flourish. St. John's Ukes were "the team." The sports program to this day is an important part of parish life.

The American-Ukrainian Girls' Club (A.U.G. Club) was organized.



Officers elected:

Michael Dobransky, President
Andrew Malywiacky, Vice President
John Tchir, Recording Secretary
John Rucky, Financial Secretary
Joseph Tchir, Treasurer

Auditors:

Theodore Kovatz
Nick Ther
Anthony Karaim

Trustees:

John Tchir
Frank Zavada
Theodore Kovatz
Dmytro Ceklynski
Stephen Haluska
John Klym
Nick Ther

§ Easter Sunday — 1938



S Father Anthony Stangry and Sisterhood — 1939



August 1938

A Ukrainian Day was held for the first time.

August 1, 1938

The Binghamton Press headline read: "More than 1,000 from Triple Cities and Scranton attend—Mass is held in St. John's Church—Johnson's praise group."

A description followed: "More than one thousand persons, including a large delegation from St. Michael's church at Scranton, Pennsylvania, attended Triple Cities' first Ukrainian Day celebration on Sunday at St. John's church on Virginia Avenue and at Kokalas' grove on the same street.

"Guests of honor included Mayor Benjamin W. Ash of Johnson City, Mayor Theodore Lainhart of Endicott, George F. Johnson, George W. Johnson and Charles F. Johnson, Jr. All paid tribute to the industry and law-abiding habits of Ukrainians residing in the community. Celebration opened in St. John's church Sunday morning, with solemn high mass, in which three priests of the Ukrainian Church officiated. They were the Reverend John Sawchuk of Philadelphia, the Reverend John Senchuk of Scranton, Pennsylvania and the Reverend Anthony Stangry, pastor of the host church. Dinner was served at noon in St. John's church.

The program during the afternoon was featured with talks, concerts by the choirs of St. John's and St. Michael's of Scranton and folk dances and songs. The day closed with the picnic supper in Kokalas' grove."

January 1939

Officers elected:

- William Baranyk, President
- Michael Kost, Vice President
- Andrew Hryck, Financial Secretary
- Theodore Steczko, Recording Secretary
- Andrew Malywiacky, Treasurer

Auditors:

- Walter Malowicky
- John Evanchoff
- Anthony Karaim

Trustees:

- Harry Charnetsky
- Stephen Haluska

Showing of movies now became another popular way to raise money, plus all of the other means found successful in the previous years.

January 1940

Officers elected:

- Nick Ther, President
- William Baranyk, Vice President
- Paul Kanazawich, Financial Secretary
- Nicholas Ceklynski, Recording Secretary
- Joseph Tchir, Treasurer

Auditors:

- Nicholas Merena
- Walter Malowicky
- Anthony Karaim

Trustees:

- Nick Ther
- John Kulik

Life in the parish was more of the same: need for money, need for understanding and cooperation. Father Stangry was seriously thinking of leaving the parish—but the Board persuaded him to stay. In 1940 the following events were sponsored: a Ukrainian Day, two picnics, two dances, two movies and one play.

In 1940 Congress imposed Selective Service, the nation's first peacetime draft, and 19,306 young Broome County men responded. Many of our own young men were among them.





§ *Father Joseph Zelechivsky and Choir — 1941*



§ *Father Joseph Zelechivsky and Parishioners — 1941*

January 1941

Officers elected:

Theodore Klysh, President
Andrew Malywiacky, Vice President
Paul Kanazawich, Financial Secretary
Nicholas Tylko, Recording Secretary
Harry Charnetsky, Treasurer

Auditors:

Peter Charnetsky
John Evanchoff
Anthony Karaim

Trustees:

Andrew Malywiacky
Nicholas Hatala
Michael Stasko, Jr.
Nicholas Ther
John Kulik
Harry Charnetsky
Michael Dobransky

April 1941

Father Stangry left the parish at his own choosing.

May 1941

Father Joseph Zelechivsky came to serve the parish. In his 50th anniversary of Holy Priesthood Book he writes this about his stay in Johnson City:

"I started my duties in Johnson City, New York on May 1, 1941. There I found an impressive church and residence in a very pleasant country-like atmosphere. As in other parishes, there was work to be done. The very first project was the building of an iconostas. This is an elaborately decorated wall which separates the Holy Altar from the church proper and which is a very important structure within an Orthodox church. Immediately we began work on the iconostas which is pictured here. It was a great pleasure to design the iconostas and the well-known Ukrainian artist, Michael Myrosh, painted the beautiful holy pictures which individual parishioners purchased. The consecration of the iconostas was performed by Archbishop John and a traditional banquet followed. To me, everything was blissfully completed at that time as far as the church was concerned.

A choir was organized and it was a joy to see the young people enthusiastically enjoying their heritage. They not only sang in the services but they had the opportunity to perform for many functions. The parishioners appreciated these performances because Ukrainian life and culture was nostalgically brought back to them. At that time we did not have an extra hall for activities such as they have today. All functions were held in the hall beneath the church which lacked a wooden floor. This was a hindrance which was eventually remedied. We also had an asphalt parking lot constructed next to the residence.

This was a very pleasant parish, but my stay there was marred by my wife's illness. She had been ill in Pittsburgh and Archbishop John advised me to move to Johnson City where better living conditions could be found for my wife, especially country air. We moved to Johnson City with hopes for her recovery but her condition worsened and finally God took her on December 2, 1942.

Also, during this time, the Second World War was in progress and most of our young men and some women were called to serve their country. The parish felt this great loss of youth within its social structure of church activities. We may thank the Good Lord that all returned safely to St. John's parish. And those who died for their country did not die in vain and will forever remain in our memories."

July 1941

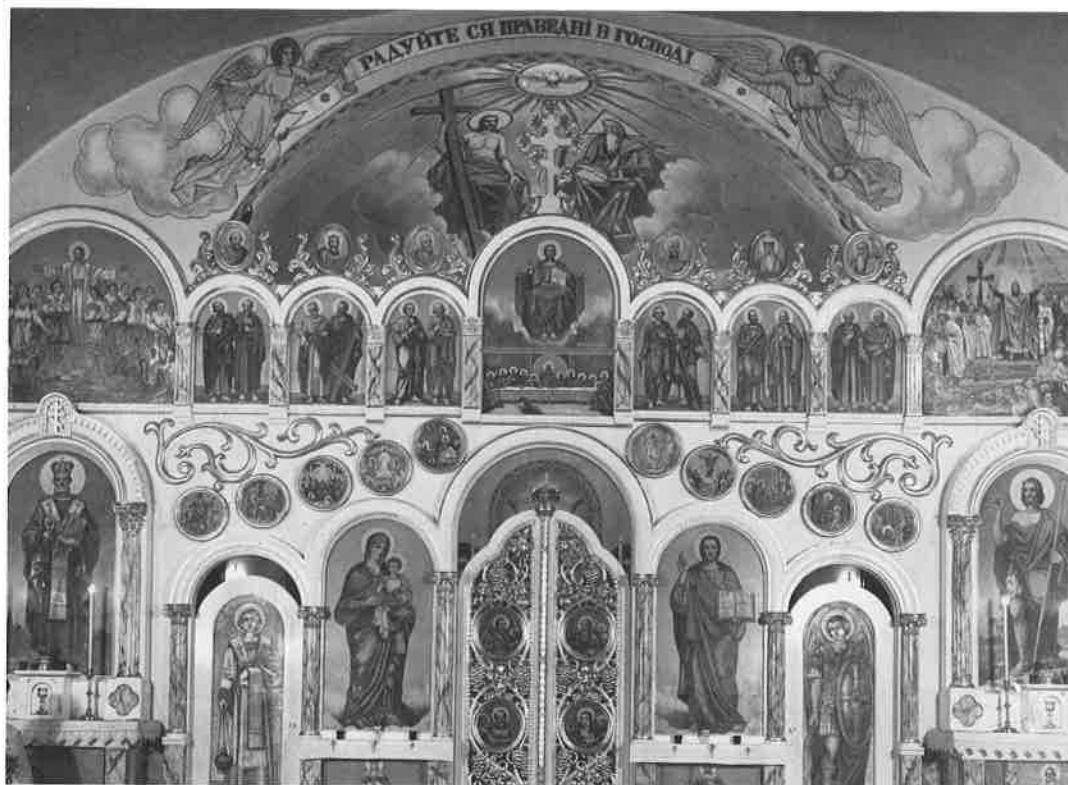
Father Zelechivsky was a delegate to the Sixth Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. In 1941 the following events were sponsored: a Mother's Day dinner, two suppers, two dances and two plays. An anniversary celebration book was printed.

January 1942

Officers elected:

Theodore Klysh, President
John Kulik, Vice President
Peter Charnetsky, Financial Secretary
Michael Kost, Recording Secretary
Walter Malowicky, Treasurer

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1942 ICONOSTAS MEMORIALS

Icons on Royal Doors:

- Evangelist Mark—*
William and Catherine Baranyk
- Matthew—*
Anna Zelechivsky
- Luke—*
Michael and Anna Sadowitz
- John—*
John and Anna Nadiak
- Jesus—*
Michael and Mary Kaspryk
- Virgin Mary with Child—*
Stephen and Mary B. Haluska
- St. John the Baptist—*
John and Ksenia Dolny
- St. Nicholas—*
Nicholas and Mary Ther
- St. John Chrysostom—*
John and Pauline Rucky
- St. Basil the Great—*
Basketball and Baseball Teams
- St. Gregory—*
Harry and Mary Karaim
- St. Demetrius—*
Anna Ceklynski
- Resurrection—*
Nicholas Kocan and Sons
- Holy Trinity—*
Nicholas and Mary Kanazawich

- St. Andrew—*
Andrew Potochniak
- St. Joseph—*
Nicholas Ceklynski
- St. Olga—*
Olga Farynyk
- St. Vladimir—*
Walter Stetszko
- Apostles—*
Mary Wasylyshyn and Sons
Paul and Irene Kanazawich
Peter and Kay Charnetsky
Sisterhood
Nicholas and Josephine Hatala
Nicholas and Anna Tylko
- Christ the King—*
Dmytro and Eva Okrepkie
- Last Supper—*
Joseph and Anastasia Kasprowitz
- Deacon Door:*
- St. Michael—*
- St. Stephen—*
Andrew and Anelia Potochniak
- Prophets—*
Michael and Anastasia Okrepkie
Daniel and Celia Matias
Alex Chepyha
Anthony Kulyk
Michael Kost

- Mary Pufky
- Michael Demkovich

Holy Days:

- Annunciation—*
Theodore and Emilia Klysh
- St. George—*
Theodore Zawada
- Presentation of Mary—*
A.U.G. Club
- Pentecost—*
Michael Soletzke
- Ascension—*
Simeon Chebiniak
- Birth of Virgin Mary—*
Michael and Anna Sadowitz
- Birth of Jesus—*
Peter and Katherine Yuchnick
- Beheading of St. John—*
John and Pelahia Kulik
- Resurrection—*
Peter and Julia Bycz
- Transfiguration—*
Anthony and Oksana Kulyk
- Christ with Ukrainian Children—*
Michael and Julia Gulachok
- St. Vladimir-Baptism of Ukraine—*
Michael Solensky

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January 1943

Auditors:

Harry Charnetsky
Anthony Karaim
George Boga

Trustees:

William Kosik
Anna Ceklynski
Stephen Haluska
Andrew Malywiacky
Michael Stasko, Jr.
Nicholas Hatala
Nick Ther

The iconostas was finished at the cost of \$2,196.63.



Officers elected:

John Kulik, President
Harry Charnetsky, Financial Secretary
Nicholas Tylko, Recording Secretary
Nicholas Kanazawich, Treasurer

Auditors:

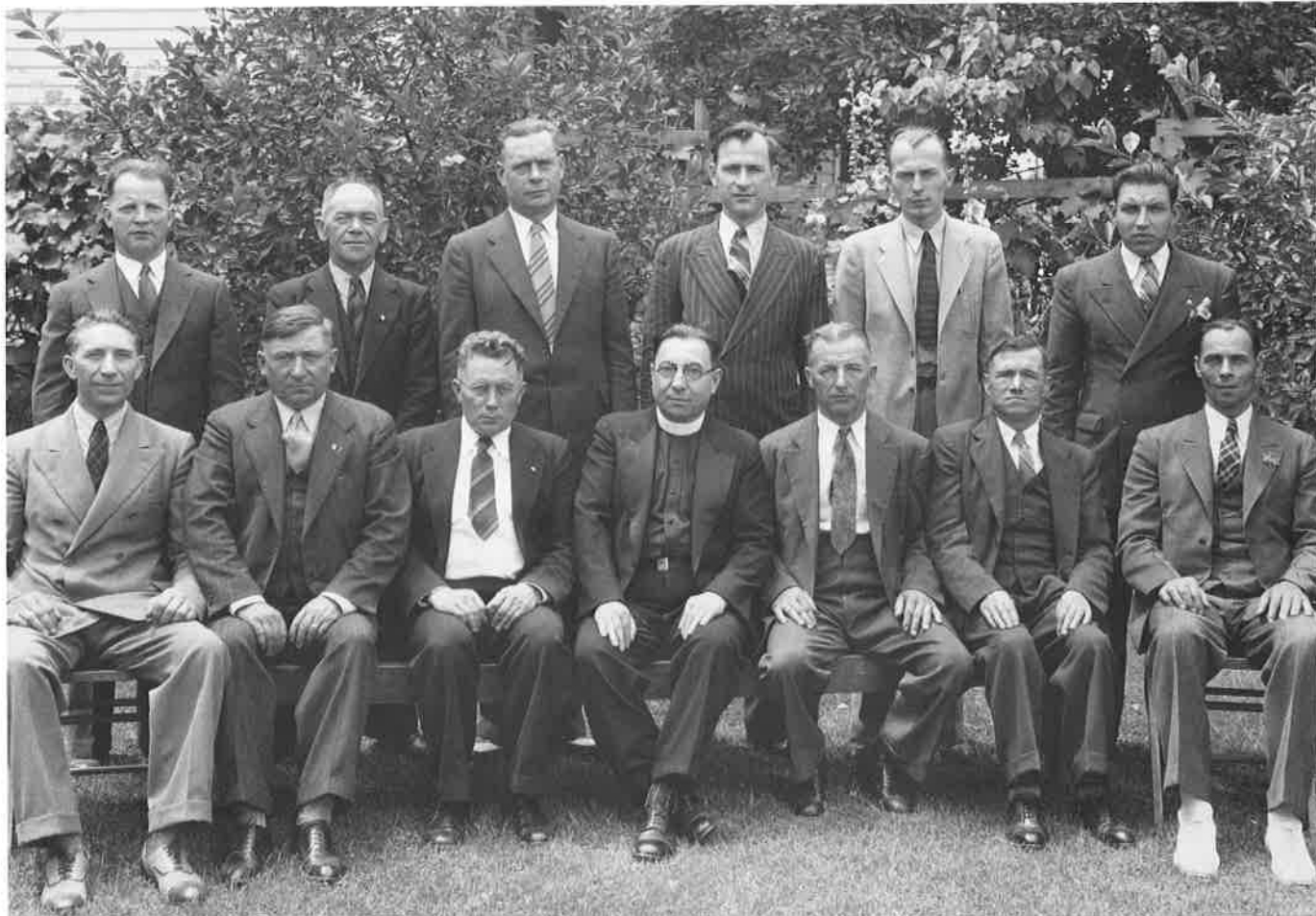
John Evanchoff
Michael Stasko, Sr.
Michael Kasprzyk

Trustees:

Andrew Malywiacky
John Klym

The following events were sponsored in 1943:
two concerts, one play, three dances and three picnics.

§ *Father Joseph Zelechivsky and Parish Officers — 1943*





§ Sisterhood with Pani Lechitsky — 1944

January 1944

Officers elected:

John Evanchoff, President
 Nick Merena, Vice President
 Peter Yuchnyk,, Financial Secretary
 John Rucky, Recording Secretary
 Nicholas Ceklynski, Treasurer

Auditors:

Michael Dobransky
 Nick Ther
 Walter Malowicky

Trustees:

Stephen Haluska
 John Klym

Andrew Malywiacky
 Nicholas Hatala
 Harry Charnetsky
 Nicholas Chubiniak
 Theodore Zavada

Sisterhood officers:

Josephine Hatala, President
 Mary Evanchoff, Treasurer

June 1944

Father Zelechivsky left the parish.

July 1944

Father Lechitsky came. During the year there were two dinners, four dances, two concerts and two picnics.



Reverend Father Frank and Pani Julia Lawryk — 1945

January 1945

Officers elected:

Theodore Klysh, President
Myron Shlatz, Vice President
John Rucky, Financial Secretary
Harry Charnetsky, Recording Secretary
Walter Malowicky, Treasurer

Auditors:

Theodore Kovatz
Theodore Steczko
Michael Stasko, Sr.

Trustees:

Mrs. Josephine Maliwacki
John Klym
Andrew Malywiacky
Nicholas Hatala
Harry Charnetsky
Nicholas Chubiniak
Theodore Zavada

Sisterhood officers:

Sophia Malowicky, President
Anastasia Malywiacky, Vice President
Josephine Merena, Secretary
Anna Shlatz, Treasurer

July 1945

Father Lechitsky left the parish due to his ill health.

August 1945

Father Franko Lawryk came to the parish.

President Harry S. Truman ordered the dropping of the atomic bombs on two Japanese cities and the newsboys yelled "Extra" on the streets of the Triple Cities for one of the last times. "The war is over! Read all about it!"

The servicemen and women came home—their military dufflebags tossed over their shoulders—their service uniforms wrinkled from long rides on crowded trains and buses—their campaign ribbons and medals flashing on their chests. They had fought World War II, the biggest war in history, and they had won.

All of our young men and women that served returned home safe, except for one—Michael Maslak. His whereabouts were not known.

But the Selective Service draft continued. Our boys left one by one to serve their country. This time in a peace time guard. For these young men, serving all around the world in a time of virtually no strife was an exciting and educational experience, never to be forgotten.

The first duty of the newly arrived Father Lawryk was the blessing of the Honor Roll which listed the names of all those who had served. The large plaque was the work of Walter Malowicky.

There were parties to welcome home the servicemen as well as concerts, dinners, movies, dances and prayers for the missing one.

A project for the future was initiated at this time—the building of a recreation center.

January 1946

Officers elected:

John Rucky, President
Michael Stasko, Sr., Vice President
Harry Charnetsky, Financial Secretary
Walter Malowicky, Recording Secretary
John Tchir, Treasurer

Auditors:

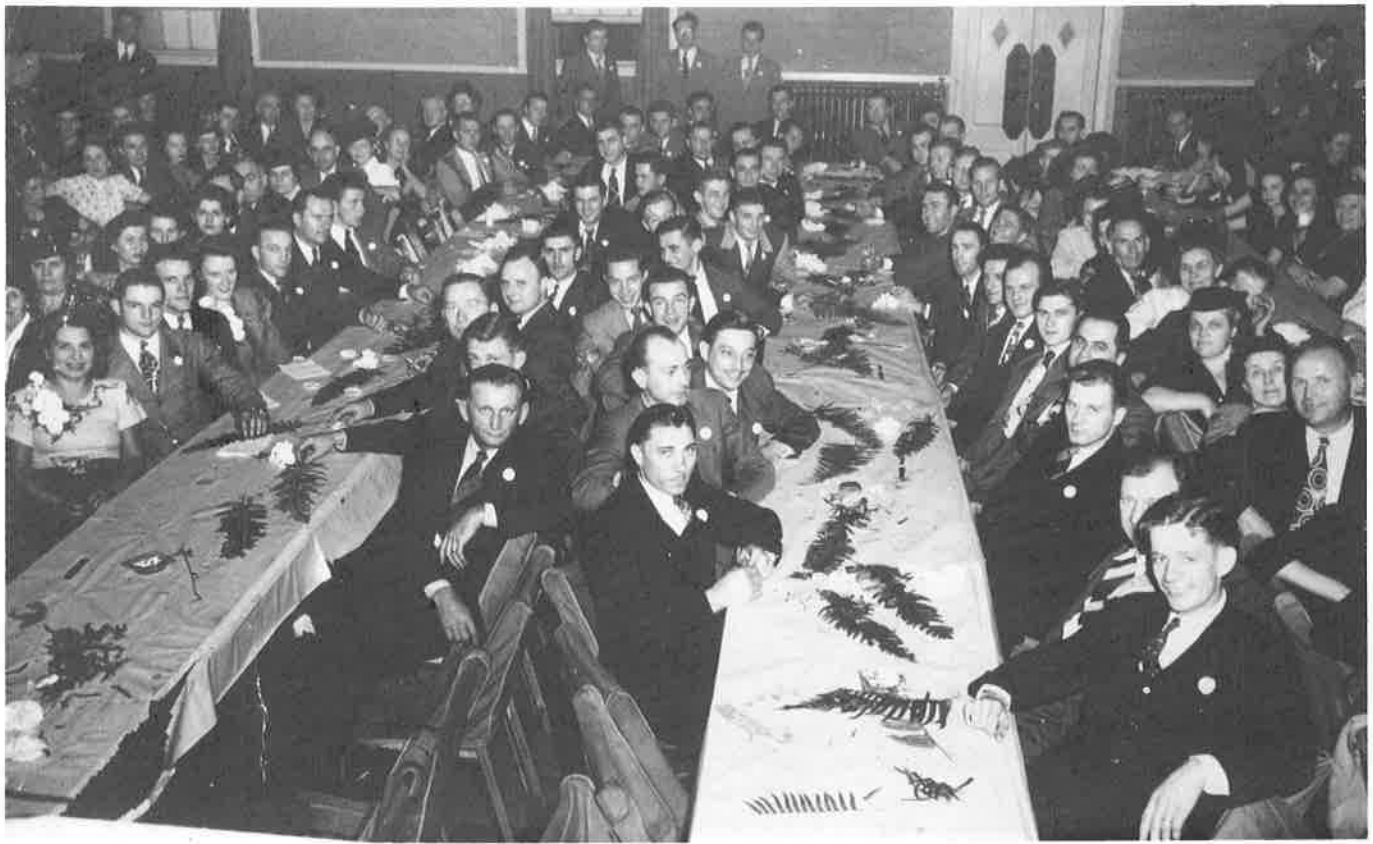
John Evanchoff
Myron Shlatz
Joseph Tchir

Trustees:

Andrew Malywiacky
Andrew Potochniak
Harry Karaim
Theodore Zavada
Josephine Maliwacki

Building Committee for a Memorial Center:

Joseph Tchir, President
William Sadowitz, Vice President
Julie Sadowitz, Financial Secretary
Peter Dobransky, Treasurer
John Haluska, Recording Secretary



§ Veterans' Banquet and Ball — 1946



§ Father Frank Lawryk and Choir — 1946

June 16, 1946

The twentieth anniversary celebration of the parish was held. The following is excerpted from the Memory Book:



"Twenty years ago, our Church and our Family Life surrounding it were born! The noble purposes which prompted the founders, the faithful membership, the unity of action and the determination to make our Parish an outstanding example of cooperation and progress, have justified the years of toil, and our unshakeable faith in our Church. Faith, hard work and love have borne rich fruits for us in the passing of twenty years. With a newly formed parish of forty-four families in our birth year of 1926, our Church Family has steadily grown with the number three times larger today.

A most beautiful God's temple is ours as the result of our early dreams and plans. With constant love and care, continuous additions to the church, we have attained the ideas set forth in our original plans.

Love is displayed most lavishly in our Church: in the hand-embroidered banners, altar covers and the numerous vestments; in the hand-wrought candlesticks; and in the magnificent Iconostas. All handiwork and generous gifts were donated by members of our Church Family.

With our church stands the rectory and around these two edifices is nature in all her resplendent beauty. Our property is now valued at fifty thousand dollars.

During the past twenty years we have been working hard to liquidate the large debt, and today, through our mutual efforts there is a debt balance of less than ten thousand dollars. With God's blessing and the cooperation of everyone, this debt will soon be disposed of.

We also have our own Cemetery which is for the use of church members only.

The organizations within our congregation propagate our rich Ukrainian culture of which we are so proud. Our active Choir, Sisterhood, pupils of Ukrainian School and Folk Ballet, the Church Committee and all the groups within our Parish strive to do their utmost to preserve and bring our cultural heritage before the general public.

Through choral concerts, exhibits of our colorful handicraft, traditional dinners, folk plays and our much publicized Ukrainian Days we have attracted much attention and public acclaim.

There have been dark days for our Parish in the course of twenty years. Days without the sunshine of hope. But, as in all families—rich or poor, large or small—these dark times passed and became obscure with only the good prevailing. With the spiritual guidance of our Pastors, we have accomplished much in our twenty-year existence. Religious, cultural and educational activities have been developed with our youth foremost in mind.



Looking forward...

In honor of our boys and girls who so gallantly served our Country America in her greatest crisis, a Memorial Hall is going to be erected. Plans and preparations for an early realization of a truly magnificent memorial are in full progress. With God's help the continued support and cooperation of our Family and Friends, our dream of a fitting Memorial Hall shall be realized.

Our labors are directed towards the complete liquidation of our debt. Our prayers, hopes and dreams picture a magnificent Memorial Hall, and a larger Parish Family. With the blessing of God and our continued efforts, our prayers will be answered and our dreams will come true.

Our future looks bright! We look forward with confidence!"



§ Father Frank Lawryk and Parish Officers — 1946



§ Father Frank Lawryk and Memorial Center Building Committee — 1946

*** November 3, 1946**

A "Banquet & Ball" honoring all Veterans was held in the American Legion in Johnson City. It was a gala affair.

We staged the affair as a welcome-home tribute to our men and women who returned after serving in the Armed Forces. Only one veteran was still missing—Michael Maslak. All others had returned home.

Seventy-three veterans attended. Theodore Mynyk of Scranton was toastmaster. Mayor Leon Youngs; Father Lawryk, pastor; George Roberts, Executive Secretary of the Frank A. Johnson Post 758; John Rucky, President of the parish; Walter Malowicky, Chairman of the affair; Anthony Batiuk of Scranton; Theodore Klysh; Theodore Smyk; Michael Gulachok; Alex Smyk; Nicholas Farynyk and Michael Dobransky gave short addresses.

The church choir sang and the highlight of the evening was the performance of Mrs. Olya Klem (Tkachuk) Travis—a U.S.O. entertainer and the first woman to ever receive the American Legion Award.

Sisterhood officers:

Ann Dobransky, President
Katherine Pufky, Vice President
Anastasia Malywiacky, Treasurer
Helen Zellers, Assistant Treasurer
Pani Lawryk, Secretary

December 1946

Brought the good news that the only missing veteran Michael Maslak was home! His experiences were recorded in the Binghamton Press. The headline read: "**30 Days on Pacific in Open Boat Only Part of Maslak's War Story**". The article was written by Richard H. Smith, staff writer:

"He covered 800 miles of Pacific Ocean in 30 days in a small, open boat. Then there were two and one-half months of dodging the Japanese along the coast of New Guinea. And then capture, and three years in a Dutch East Indies prison camp. That isn't all. There was also a month of struggle through the jungles of Mindanao, and some action at Bataan and Corregidor.

It adds up to one of the most harrowing Odysseys of the war. And it happened to a Johnson City soldier. He is T/Sgt Michael Maslak, 24, of 40 Jay Street. He's home for 90 days with his mother Mrs. Catherine Maslak. He says he's in pretty good shape now, back to his normal weight again after dropping to 112 pounds on prison fare.



Michael Maslak

His right foot bothers him a little, where a Jap officer was "fooling around with a sword" one day and there's a shrapnel wound in his right leg.

"I'm fine," he said. "But I can't get used to being here. It's a dream."

And he did a tough job last week. He went to see the mothers of two of the soldiers who were with him on most of the trip. They got as far as the prison camp. They died there."

January 1947

Officers elected:

John Rucky, President
Michael Stasko, Sr., Vice President
William Baranyk, Financial Secretary
Michael Kulik, Assistant Financial Secretary
Michael Kost, Treasurer
Nicholas Tylko, Assistant Treasurer
Walter Malowicky, Recording Secretary

Auditors:

John Ceklynski
John Evanchoff
Peter Sadowitz

Trustees:

Anastasia Kasprowitz
Katherine Pufky

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Sisterhood officers:

- Anna Klodowski, President
- Anna Dobransky, Vice President
- Pani Lawryk, Secretary
- Anastasia Malywiacky, Treasurer

Fixing of the cemetery was the big project of the year.

March 10, 1947

The land at the corner of Harry L. Drive and Virginia Avenue was purchased.

Local churches formed the Athletic Association. We were one of the original churches and to this day we are a part of this Association.

Many Easter egg demonstrations were given this year. Performances by our young people featuring our Ukrainian folk dances were many and varied. The choir performed. The Endicott-Johnson retirement dinner chairman asked us to perform again and again. When it was too often, our "Andrew Sisters" went into their act and entertained the E.J. Retirees. It was a busy, happy year.

"Andrew Sisters" — Charles Sarnoski, John Maliwacki, and Peter Hatala



January 1948

Officers elected:

- John Rucky, President
- Michael Stasko, Sr., Vice President
- Michael Kulik, Financial Secretary
- William Baranyk, Recording Secretary
- Walter Kanazawich, Assistant Recording Secretary
- Michael Kost, Treasurer
- Theodore Klysh, Assistant Treasurer

Trustees:

- Andrew Malywiacky
- Theodore Zavada
- Anastasia Kasprowitz
- Katherine Pufky



Sisterhood officers:

- Anna Klodowski, President
- Anna Dobransky, Vice President
- Anastasia Kasprowitz, Treasurer
- Pani Lawryk, Secretary

July 5, 1948

This was the date of the happy celebration of the "Burning of the Mortgage".

There was a Pontifical Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving with: Archbishop John; Very Reverend Father Michael Zaparyniuk, Sr.; Very Reverend Father John Sawchuk; Reverend Father Anthony Stangry; Reverend Father Joseph Zelechivsky; Reverend Father Dmytro Sawka; Reverend Father Anthony Beryk; and Father Lawryk, host pastor, celebrants of the Liturgy.

There was a dinner in the church hall followed by a concert. Then a picnic was held on the church grounds. A full and happy day. Also present at the celebration was Congressman Edwin Hall, Mayor Arthur Whitehouse and George Roberts, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

January 1949

Officers elected:

Michael Dobransky, Sr., President
(a post he would hold for 14 energetic years)
Joseph Leska, Vice President
Michael Kulik, Financial Secretary
William Baranyk, Recording Secretary
Theodore Klysh, Assistant Recording Secretary
Stephen Sadowitz, Treasurer
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"St. John's Church Scene of Holy Supper"

January 18, 1949

According to the press:

"The traditional Sviata Vechera or Holy Supper of Epiphany Eve will be served parishioners of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Johnson City tonight. The supper will follow the Great Compline service at 7 p.m. Parishioners will gather in the candlelit church hall. Supper will be in twelve courses, one for each of the twelve apostles. All the dishes will be without meat or dairy products.

The menu will include borsch, the Ukrainian soup made of beets, or sour cabbage pea soup. There will be fish in a jellied form and pirohy, small dough envelopes filled with mashed potatoes, plum jam or sour cabbage. Another dish will be holubtsi or cabbage stuffed with buckwheat groats or rice. Other servings will be mushrooms, griddle cakes fried in hemp oil and pampushki or doughnuts. The main delicacy will be kutya, served only at Christmas time. Kutya is made

from whole wheat grains cooked for many hours and seasoned with honey mixed with poppyseeds. The kutya is one of the most ancient Ukrainian dishes, going back to the early time when Ukrainian forebearers did not know the art of baking bread but fed upon cooked wheat grains.

At the close of the supper, the parishioners will sing Ukrainian Christmas carols. Many of these ancient songs, although Christian in outward form, date from pre-Christian times.

The supper will be prepared by the sisterhood of the church. Mrs. Josephine Merena, President, is chairman of the affair."

February 1949

The monthly meeting had on its agenda for planning: February 26-Dance before Lent; March 12-Building Fund Affair; March 26-Basketball Dinner; April 9-Building Fund Affair; May 7-Mother's Day Concert May 15-Choir will present a play; May 20-Building Fund Affair; June 11-Building Fund Affair.

Now that the mortgage was paid off, new building projects could be started and, again, the affairs began to be planned to raise the needed money.

The choir and dancers gave twenty-four performances in 1949.

GRAND WINNER IN THE SUNDAY PRESS' "CHARMING CHILD CONTEST"



Marianne Katherine Lawryk
November 20, 1949



§ Burning of Church Mortgage — 1948

§ Sisterhood — 1948





§ *Burning of Church Mortgage — 1948*



§ *Basketball Team — 1947-1948*

Bandurist Chorus — 1952



§ Basketball Team — 1949-1950

January 1950

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Pani Lawryk, Secretary

The choir and dancers gave twenty-six concerts in 1950.

*** The Bandurist Chorus**

On May 3, 1950 the famed Bandurist Chorus appeared in E.J. Recreation Center under parish sponsorship and energetic salesmanship of Miss Nell Preston.

Who can forget the night when 1800 people sat spellbound as the Bandurists performed as though by magic. Their conductor, Hryhory Kytasty sat with the performers and a nod of his head brought forth sounds that shall never be forgotten.



From the *Binghamton Sun*, April 16, 1950:

"The chorus is comprised of thirty lusty-lunged Cossack singers who have been arriving in this country, one by one, since May 1949. They have brought with them their banduras—strange, many stringed instruments which look like guitars flattened out.

With their beautiful dynamic male voices and their Ukrainian national instrument "Bandura" in every singer's hand, by which they accompany their singing, the Bandurists are on concert tour of all the principal American Cities, where their appearance will give added meaning to the American refrain which they symbolize, "Let Freedom Ring." For more than 500 years the poignant music of bandura singers has stirred fierce patriotism in Ukrainians. Like troubadours of the middle ages, they sing of battles and heroes and glories past. That's the reason Stalin's government clamped an iron hand on the chorus and that's the reason the group was hustled to a German concentration camp when the Nazis invaded.

After the German surrender, the chorus settled at an American DP camp in Munich. They gave concerts for U.S. troops, but were beset by a fear that they would be repatriated to the Soviet Union. They escaped that fate. When Congress passed a DP bill, the United Ukrainian American relief committee took steps to bring them to this country. It was a long arduous process, but now all but two have arrived. After years of wandering, the world's only Bandurist chorus has found a new home in Michigan."



And from the *Johnson City Journal*, April 27, 1950:

"The music presented is entirely of folk character—fierce narrative songs about battles with the Turks in the 15th century and the Bolsheviks in the 20th century; whimsical love songs; rapid dance songs with gypsy flavor. Many have an Oriental tinge; some of the martial Cossack songs will send shivers up the spine. What is a national song?

It is a song of the people, not the street tune that is sung for a few months and then forgotten, but a song that lives for generations. Generally its origin is unknown, as far as the individual who composed it is concerned. To be a true folk song it must be typical of the people who sing it, part of their daily life. Such songs will be presented in the concert—rich, diversified and original."



Metropolitan John Theodorovich and Archbishop Mstyslav — 1950



Orthodox Units Merge — 1950



ПЕРШЕ СОБОРНЕ АРХИПАСТИРСЬКЕ ПОСЛАННЯ

**Високопреосвященніших
Митрополита ІОАННА, Архієпископа МСТИСЛАВА і
Архієпископа ГЕННАДІЯ**

**До Високопреподобного і Всечесного Духівництва і всіх Членів — Побожних
Дітей — Української Православної Церкви в Злучених Державах Америки.**

Високопреподобні, Всечесні Отці,
Дорогі нам у Христі Члени — Діти Рідної Церкви!

Ділимось з Вами, улюблені, безмежно радісною вісткою: давнє бажання всіх Православних Українців у Злучених Державах Америки — мати в цій країні одну Українську Православну Церкву, замість двох, досі нарізно існуючих, — здійснилося.

Перемігши всі труднощі, що повставали з людських недочетів наших та подолавши всі перешкоди, що їх ставили нам переважно вороги Християнства і Народу Українського, — скликали ми Спільний Собор Духівництва і повноправних Делегатів від Парофій обох Православних Церков, при нашій архипастирській участі з почуттям великої відповідальності перед Господом Ісусом Христом, Його Святою Церквою і нашим Побожним Народом дня 14 жовтня 1950 року, в день Покрови Пресвятої Богородиці і Вседіви Марії в Церкві Святого Рівноапостольного князя Володимира, в Нью Йорку, на якому, сповнившись сили і натхнення Духа Святого, соборно, однодушно і одногласно **постановили:**

Від нині наші Церкви Американсько-Українська Православна Церква Злучених Держав Америки і Українська Православна Церква в Америці об'єднуються і творять Одну Святу Українську Православну Церкву в Злучених Державах Америки, яка від цього дня буде жити і діяти як Митрополія під одним духовним проводом і на підставі одного статуту, що його одночасно соборно схвалюємо і приймаємо.

Подаючи через Соборне Послання наше про постанову Собору до відома всіх вірних Дітей нашої Церкви, — ми, Ваші Архипастирі, закликаємо Вас поділити з нами і Членами — учасниками Спільного Собору цю всецерковну радість і просимо всіх Вас, вірних нашої ЄДИНОЇ тепер у Злучених Державах Америки Церкви, глибоко усвідомити ІСТОРИЧНУ ЦЕРКОВНУ ВАГУ постанов нашого Собору, в прийнятті яких брали через спільність Святого Духа соборну участь і всі Ви, фізично неприявні на Соборі.

Історична вага наших Соборних постанов полягає ще і в тому, що вони є першим етапом до всесвітнього Собору всіх частин Української Православної Церкви, поза межами поневоленої України існуючих.

Молімо ж Отця нашого Небесного, щоб Він допоміг нам досягнути і цю мету Йому на славу, а Побожному нашому Народові на спасіння.

“Благодать Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, любов Бога і Отця і спільність Святого Духа нехай будуть зо всіма вами” (2 Коринт. 13. 13).

† ІОАНН МИТРОПОЛИТ
† МСТИСЛАВ АРХИЄПІСКОП † ГЕННАДІЙ АРХИЄПІСКОП

Дано дня 16 жовтня 1950 року Божого в місті Нью Йорку.



★ A FESTIVAL OF COLOR

From the *Binghamton Sunday Press*, "For & About Women" section, October 15, 1950:

"Colorful folk costumes will brighten the fifth annual Community Folk Festival in the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences October 21 and 22.

Ukrainian village dress is still worn today in the villages of Ukraine, although modern dress predominates in the cities. A sleeveless embroidered jacket is worn over a long embroidered shirt blouse of handmade linen. The number of coral beads denotes the wearer's degree of wealth. The skirt of heavy wool plaid material does not meet in front. This gap is covered with an apron woven of bright wool.

The headdress, or vinok, is made of artificial flowers, but in Ukraine seasonal flowers are worn. Ribbons of many colors hang down from the back of the vinok, reaching to the knees. On the feet are worn pointed-toe leather boots. Mrs. Joseph Leska of Stella Ireland Road, Binghamton does a Ukrainian dance step."



TWO UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX UNITS IN U.S. MERGE

**30,000 Parishioners of 70 Churches Are
United to Create a Metropolitanate**

From the *New York Herald Tribune*, Oct. 25, 1950:

"Seventy Ukrainian Orthodox Church congregations in the U.S., with 30,000 parishioners, were merged this week into a new organization called the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. The merger took place at a sobor held in St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 334 East 14th Street, attended by 63 priests, 120 delegates and 280 guests.

This merger represented the culmination of plans which had been under consideration for more than a year by two groups, American-Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America. It was accomplished by the reading of an "act of consolidation," signed by the clergy and delegates from each parish.

Becomes Metropolitanate

By action of the sobor, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S.A. established itself as a Metropolitanate. The Most Reverend John Theodorovich, Archbishop of Philadelphia, was elected Metropolitan of the United States and he will also continue to serve as Archbishop of Philadelphia. The Most Reverend Mstyslav Skrypnyk, Archmandrite of the St. Nicholas Monastery in Grimsby, Ontario was elected Chancellor of the Church and President of the Consistory.

The sobor adopted a constitution and elected twenty members of the Church Council of the Metropolitanate. This council, equally divided between clergy and lay members, will be the highest legislative body between sobors, which will be held every three years."





Mrs. Joseph Leska



§ Parish Officers — 1951



§ Sisterhood — 1951





IT'S CHRISTMAS ALL OVER AGAIN

From the *Sunday Press Social News*, January 7, 1951 (one full page):

“Exclusive Delicacy—Anthony Kulyk, Johnson City RD1 hands Mrs. Kulyk the ‘kutya’, a Christmas specialty prepared from whole wheat grains cooked many hours. After wishing his wife the best of everything they both eat the kutya and then he repeats this with the others. Other members of the family dressed for the festive Holy Supper are (left to right) Nicholas Tarcha, Mrs. Olga Tarcha, Michael Tarcha, Mr. & Mrs. Kulyk, Joseph Leska, Natalia Leska, Michael Tarcha, Jr., Joseph Leska, Jr., Jane Marie Tarcha, front, holds some of the straw used on and under the table at the Holy Supper as a sign of humility.”

“Family Festival—The Christmas Eve Supper is a time when all members of the family come home to rejoin the family circle. The family of Mrs. Mary Kasprzyk, 25 Miriam Street, Johnson City, is gathered around the table set with twelve different foods, a course in memory of each of the Apostles. Left to right, Mrs. Anne Petras, Milan Petras, and Carol Ann Petras, Mrs. Mary Mihalko, John Mihalko, and John D. Mihalko, Mrs. Katherine Dobransky, Peter Dobransky, and Peter M. Dobransky, Mrs. Mary Kasprzyk, Michael Dobransky, Mrs. Anna Dobransky, Michael Dobransky, Jr., Robert Dobransky, Jean Dobransky, John Kasprzyk and Helen Kasprzyk.”

Adherents to the Julian Calendar Observe Their Most Festive Holiday

“Christmas comes but once a year, but for those people observing religious holidays according to the Julian calendar, it is today. This is the most festive day of the year and is preceded by a day of fasting.

The day before Christmas is one of great preparation and the women were busy yesterday cooking many special dishes to be served at last night’s festive Holy Supper. As night fell the children watched for the first star, for only then could the family eat.



Traditionally, the table is set with a white tablecloth covering hay, a sign of humility, and with twelve special foods in memory of each of the Twelve Apostles. At the home of Mrs. Anthony Kulyk, Johnson City, RD1, for example, where Ukrainian customs are followed, the family feasted last night on braided bread or kolach (with a candle inserted in it); fish, either baked or boiled; pirohy with mashed potatoes; holubtsi filled with buckwheat, rice and potatoes; mushrooms; cooked peas; cooked beans; rice with apples; fruit sauce made of dried fruit; griddle cakes fried in oil; tea; nuts and apples. Each of these dishes is a fast dish, prepared without meat and dairy products.

Before dinner all lights were dimmed except the candlelight and the entire family stood around the table while the head of the household led them in prayer. Then the family sang a traditional carol. The kutya was eaten first to bring good luck for the coming year.”





§ Christmas Eve — 1951



January 1951

Officers elected:

Michael Dobransky, Sr., President
Joseph Leska, Vice President
Michael Kulik, Financial Secretary
William Baranyk, Recording Secretary
Anthony Kulyk, Assistant Recording Secretary
William Sadowitz, Treasurer
Michael Kost, Assistant Treasurer

Auditors:

John Rucky
Nicholas Merena
Myron Shlatz

Trustees:

Katherine Pufky
Anastasia Kasprowitz
John Evanchoff
Andrew Malywiacky
Theodore Zavada
Andrew Potochniak
Harry Charnetsky

Collectors:

Anna Klodowski
Olga Kulik

Sisterhood officers:

Natalia Leska, President
Anna Dobransky, Vice President
Anne Petras, Treasurer
Katherine Dobransky, Assistant Treasurer
Pani Lawryk, Secretary

Advisory Board:

Anastasia Kasprowitz
Teklia Lubinec
Anna Sawka
Katherine Pufky
Catherine Baranyk
Mary Kaspryk
Anna Sadowitz
Oksanna Kulyk
Katherine Yuchnyk
Julia Bycz

April 1, 1951

The Bandurists came again for a concert, this time under the direction of Volodymyr Bozhyk.

★ August 12, 1951

The parish celebrated its 25th anniversary. Metropolitan John was the most honored guest. Official greetings of parish were extended by pastor Father Lawryk and parish President Michael Dobransky who presented the Bread and Salt at the church doors.

Assisting in the Pontifical Divine Liturgy were Very Reverend M. Zaparyniuk, Sr., Very Reverend John Sawchuk, Reverend Father Anthony Stangry, and pastor Father Lawryk. Other guests were Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, Representative Edwin Hall, Mayor Whitehouse and Anthony Batiuk, President of UWA Scranton.

Plans for a Memorial Recreation Center were presented by the Building Committee:

John Rucky, President
Miss Ann Chyl, Vice-President
Mrs. Julie Sadowitz, Financial Secretary
Miss Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Secretary
Miss Helen Kaspryk, Treasurer

The Center is to be a testament of thanks for the safe return of all members who were in military service during World War II.

November 9, 1951

The County Applauds Ukrainian Singers—A large turnout greeted the first appearance of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Choir and Folk Dancers of Johnson City, N.Y. at Watkins Glen Central School. The singers and dancers were greeted by an audience of over 300 and were sponsored by the Montour-Falls Watkins Glen Zonta Club. The funds obtained from the sale of tickets to the entertainment will be used by Zonta Club to furnish a new hospital room in the city.

1951 was a busy year. The choir and dancers gave a total of twenty-eight performances. There were PTAs, church groups, service clubs and E.J. retirement dinners. And trips: Watkins Glen, N.Y.; Little Falls, N.Y. (*U.O.L. Convention*); Bainbridge, N.Y.; Scranton (*U.W.A.*); Chester, Pa. (*25th anniversary*); Trenton, N.J. (*The blessing of the cornerstone of a new church. The choir sang the responses for the Pontifical Divine Liturgy, sang at the concert, and our young people danced. The bus left at 4 a.m. and we returned the following morning at 3 a.m. with a comment of a job well done.*).

January 1952

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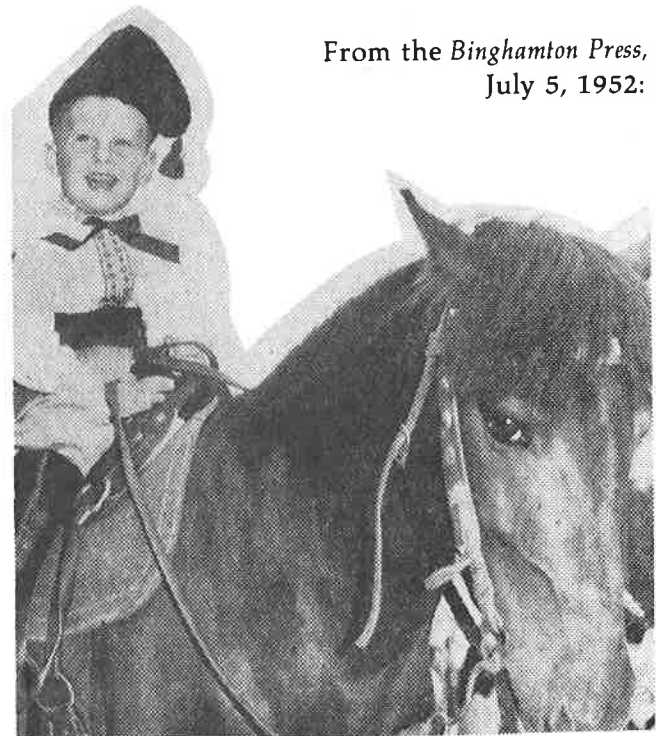
Gay Paraders—

Garbed in ancestral costumery, these children of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Johnson City, ride a float in their village's Fourth of July parade.

Left to right: Anna Krawecki, 6; Marianne Lawryk, 6; Carol Anne Petras, 7; John D. Mihlako, 3; Michele DUBY, 4; and Marsha Finch, 6.



From the Binghamton Press, July 5, 1952:



Riding High

Three-year-old John D. Mihalko strikes a Cossack pose as his unit from St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church marches through Johnson City in yesterday's Fourth of July parade.



§ Basketball Champions — 1950

E.J. Retirement Dinner



*Harry Charnetsky, Peter Charnetsky,
Ann Charnetsky, Michael Charnetsky, Charles F. Johnson*



Father Lawryk, Charles F. Johnson, Charles Belleo

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The choir and dancers had thirty-one performances in 1952: service clubs, churches, the Civic Art Society, our own programs, the 60-year celebration of J.C., E.J. dinners, the War Dad's convention, the Folk Festival, the N.Y. Women's Club of Otego and Unadilla, New York.

* Many, many newspaper articles about our work with Easter eggs, sports, social affairs, performances, farewell parties for our servicemen and church-sponsored affairs appeared during the year.

June 1, 1952

There was a blessing of the Church Center in South Bound Brook, N.J. Our choir and dancers were asked to perform; but it rained so hard that we didn't get off the bus. We turned around and made the trip home without even getting off the bus!

July 4, 1952

We took part in Johnson City's 60th anniversary parade where an estimated 75,000 people watched the largest, most colorful parade in the Triple Cities' history.

November 9, 1952

Archbishop Mstyslav blessed the newly installed stained glass windows on his first visit to our parish. Donors of the windows were:

Mr. & Mrs. John Dolny
Mrs. Joseph Kasprowitz
Mrs. Anthony Karaim
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Leska
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dobransky
Mr. & Mrs. John Klym, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Dobransky
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Sadowitz, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Myron Shlatz, Sr.



PRAISE GOD FOR 60 YEARS

The churches of Johnson City are thankful for the many blessings sent by God upon our community during its sixty years. With the Psalmist we say, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the praise."

January 1953

Officers elected:

Michael Dobransky, President
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Andrew Potochniak
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Nick Ther
John Haluska

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Julia Bycz
Teklia Lubinec
Oksanna Kulyk
Mary Haluska, Jr.



*Farewell for a Serviceman
1952
Father Lawryk
and John Maliwacki*



*Christmas Play
1953
Jean Dobransky, Michael Dobransky,
Peter M. Dobransky*

*Easter Egg Decorating
1953
Standing: Amelia Bednar,
Mary Klish, Olga Stasko
Seated: Nancy Klish,
Carol Finch, Ann Bycz*



July 27, 1953

The Building Fund President, Peter Dobransky, saw the "For Sale" sign tacked to a tree. That changed the destiny of St. John's parish.

July 28, 1953

A meeting was held to buy 5.2 acres of land east of Virginia Avenue. The asking price was \$5,500. We bought it this day.

August 16, 1953

The choir and dancers performed at the UWA resort in Glen Spey. There were a total of forty-one performances by the choir and dancers in 1953.

August 30, 1953

Ukrainian Day was held at Slovak Lutheran Fellowship grounds. Some 1,700 people attended the affair.

The story of the building of the Memorial Center of St. John's is an example of undivided cooperation of the parishioners in fulfilling the dream of a national, cultural and recreational center dedicated to the veterans of World War II for their safe return.

The first beginnings of the actual planning for the building of the Memorial Center were started in the latter part of 1945 with the election of a Building Fund Committee.

Through a series of collections at different social gatherings and functions expressly for the gathering of funds to build the Memorial Center, enough money was raised to purchase the corner lots on Harry L. Drive on March 10, 1947.

With purchase of the land, thoughts were seriously turned to a visual plan of an architect's drawing. This accomplished, the plan was much to our liking, but the spirit was never strong enough to begin another great task.



And time passed. Year after year flew by. Each year the Building Fund Committee tried to fan the embers of a dream, but it seemed as though the sincere promises made when our boys were serving all over the world were forgotten. When they returned home, a big celebration was staged in their honor at the American Legion (remember the Banquet & Ball of November 3, 1946) and, again, the promise of a recreation center in their honor was proclaimed as the work for the near future. But it ended there. The land was ours, the plans were ours, but the final step forward would not come.

The year 1953 arrived and yet another Building Fund Committee was elected:

Peter Dobransky, President
Michael Maslak, Vice President
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Recording Secretary
Julie Sadowitz, Financial Secretary
Helen Kasprzyk, Treasurer
and the entire Church Committee as Advisors

John Cenesky was unanimously chosen to be the church attorney.

Again the wheels began turning. Our veterans were graduated from the colleges and our hopes climbed with them. John Tylko offered to draw another set of plans with the help of Peter Dobransky and Michael Maslak, for the other plans had become obsolete with time and our own wishes had changed with the rise of material costs and further study.

The plans were drawn, but John wasn't satisfied with the location for the building; the other members of the Committee supported his views. Parking had become a problem for all the other buildings in the community—and it would become a problem for us too. Neighboring properties were approached with the parking situation in mind, but it seemed as though our "dream" would end here.

The unforgettable day of July 27th started as any other day. Bright and sunny. Just a day for a walk to ponder and be a little closer to God's beauty which is all around us. And so it was, that the Building Fund President Peter Dobransky took his two small sons for a walk through the grounds which are now ours. He noticed a "For Sale" sign which had just been tacked to a tree.

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§ Parish Officers — 1953

The Building Fund Committee under whose leadership the Memorial Center was built: John Cenesky, Attorney; Peter Dobransky, President; Michael Maslak, Vice-President; Helen Kaspyrk, Treasurer; Julie Sadowitz, Financial Secretary; Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Secretary; and Reverend Frank Lawryk, Advisor.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARD

One of the persons honored at our 50th anniversary celebration of the parish was Peter Dobransky, the Building Fund President, the "spark plug" of the building of the Memorial Center. Because of his knowledge and love of building, our dream of a Memorial Center to honor our veterans came true.

A giant step forward that gave us the ability to do many things which at the time were not even dreams. This Memorial Center gave us the means to continue working as a parish family.

Looking back over the years, the building of the Memorial Center was the turning point in our parish life. Here was the tool that together we could make use of and dream bigger and better dreams...and fulfill them.



Peter Dobransky

For his untiring efforts, Peter shall always be remembered. His work can be compared to an iceberg—only a little of it shows at the top. There was much more to it than can be seen.

As a parish, we are grateful!

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Immediately the Church Trustees were notified and with members of the Church and Building Fund Committees it was unanimously decided to purchase the 5.2 acres east of Virginia Avenue.

Those present at this all important meeting were:

Andrew Potochniak
John Kulick
Michael Kulik
Father Lawryk
Peter Dobransky
Michael Dobransky
Myron Shlatz, Sr.
Nicholas Ther
Andrew Malywiacky
William Sadowitz
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh

The property was purchased.

This was the "spark" that had been lacking. Here was the gift from heaven that set the motion on fire which resulted in the realization of a dream. The answer to all our prayers: room for parking, playground for our children, room for expansion, nature in all her beauty and so near the church home. With the purchase of the land, a contractor was found that would build a modified building such as John Tylko had planned, within our financial means. In a matter of weeks the entire parish was bustling with action.

Donations, loans and pledges were given as a positive fact that the Memorial Center would no longer be a dream but a reality.

On Sunday, October 4, 1953 the ground was broken with the entire parish in attendance (and a prayer in each heart that what was beginning would come to a good end).



October 1953

The Nikula Construction Company began digging the foundation for our dream. From that day, progress was seen at the setting of each sun. Members of the parish and friends visited the grounds faithfully. And on January 17, 1954, we held our first affair in the new Memorial Center. What more fitting way to start life in our new "home" than by sitting as one family, 300 strong, around the Holy Christmas Supper table and together praising God for His many blessings on us as a parish. After partaking of the blessed food, we all sang the traditional Christmas carols and the joy we felt was so great that our throats tightened with the unbelief that this was ours. Many cheeks were shining with the brightness of tears that would not hold back.

The organizers and charter members of our parish, more than anyone, could see that the fruits being borne of the seeds that they planted some twenty-eight years ago were strong and good.

May the Good Lord bless them with His love for the wonderful beginnings that have made this day possible.

The first outside group to use our auditorium was the Southern Tier PTA units when 355 persons attended a dinner that was prepared by our Sisterhood with everyone helping to make our first venture in our new "home" a huge success.

Honored guests at that dinner were Mr. & Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, Jr., who congratulated our parish on our achievement. They, as everyone else, were surprised at the largeness of the building and the quickness with which it was built and made ready for use. Others thought that it had "sprouted" overnight. Since this first dinner, there have been many, many affairs catered by our energetic Sisterhood.

1954

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Teklia Lubinec
Oksanna Kulyk

The choir and dancers performed for many groups; there were a total of 34 concerts in 1954. Some memorable ones included: Walton, New York, Glen Spey, Watkins Glen, Montour Falls, Utica, and Philadelphia. (The last was for Metropolitan John's daughter, Valentine Prossen and her Woman's Club. To the young people it was one of the biggest memory makers of a life time. The treatment given by this organization was "royal". It shall never be forgotten.)



St. John's Memorial Center — 1954



St. John's Social Club — 1954



Dedication

We, your parents, have chosen Memorial Day when all over this great nation of ours prayer services are celebrated to add our prayers and to dedicate and bless our Memorial Center honoring you, our children, the Veterans of World War II. We thank The Almighty God for returning all of you to us! We bow our heads to the memory of all the other Children of our nation, who gave their lives in the supreme sacrifice.

Today, we honor you the 130 young men and women of our parish who, as true soldiers of freedom and defenders of our God-given rights and liberties served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. We hope and pray that the sacrifices made by you will not be in vain, but that your efforts in defending a noble and humanitarian cause will prove to the world that the American way of life—is God's way. Our sincere prayers to God have been blessed with the safe return of all of you and the Memorial Center stands as a testament of Thanksgiving.

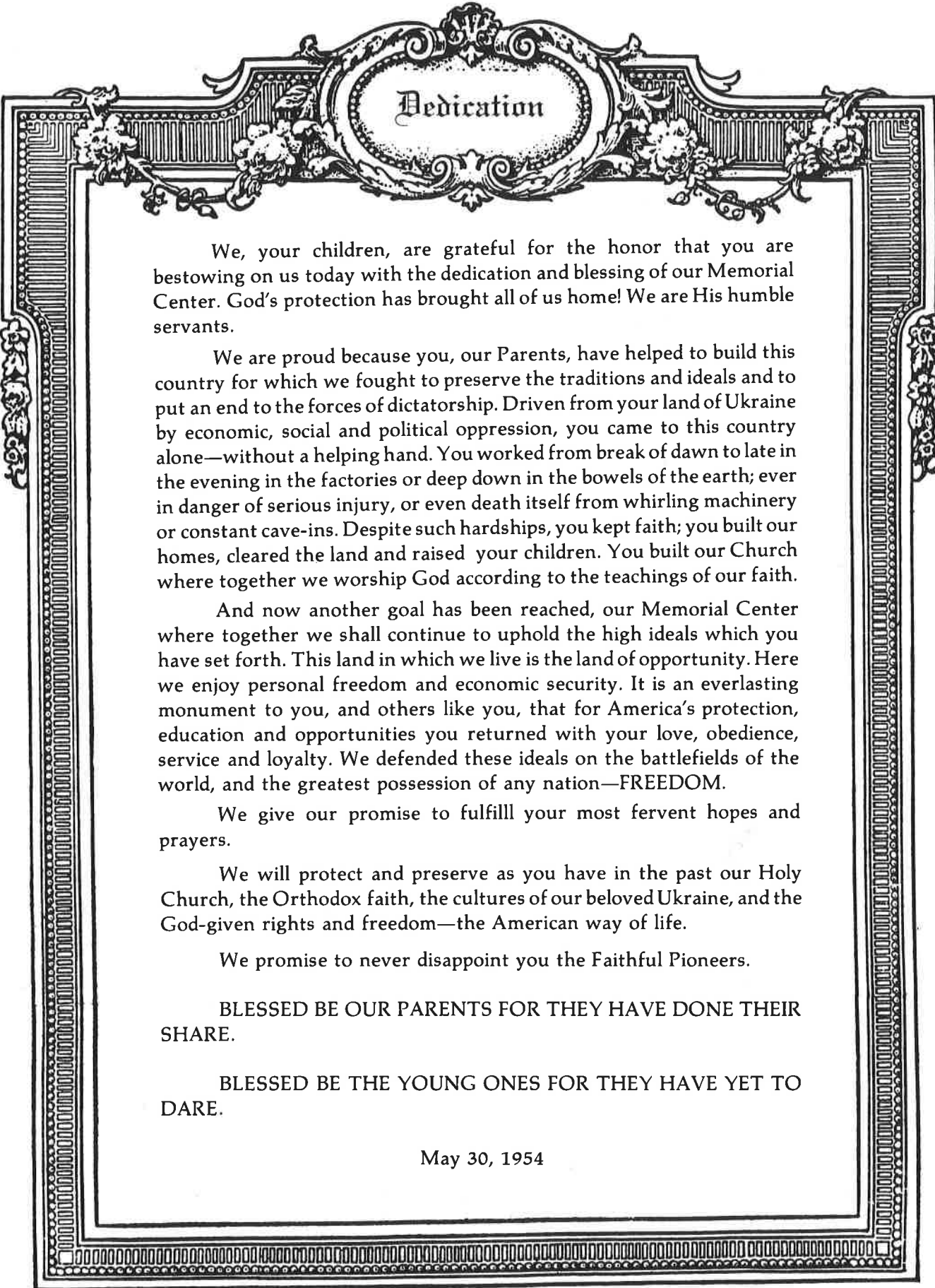
Many of you have worked night and day to make this Memorial a fitting one. This is as it should be. Together we will manifest in the life the works and acts of our Lord. It is our future work to make our Memorial the Center for community activities, recreational and cultural, for both young and old.

In this adopted Land of ours, we have protected and saved everything which was close and very dear to our hearts and souls. You do the same. Make all opportunities available to your children—all children—so that our Center will truly be a living Memorial to the Christian ideals you defended. This is not a Memorial to war, but a Memorial to the God-given rights and freedom which you defended so valiantly.

We dedicate this Memorial Center to you, the Veterans, to futher guard these most precious gifts of man—protect and preserve as we have in the past.

MAY GOD BLESS AND GUIDE YOU, DEAR CHILDREN!

May 30, 1954



Dedication

We, your children, are grateful for the honor that you are bestowing on us today with the dedication and blessing of our Memorial Center. God's protection has brought all of us home! We are His humble servants.

We are proud because you, our Parents, have helped to build this country for which we fought to preserve the traditions and ideals and to put an end to the forces of dictatorship. Driven from your land of Ukraine by economic, social and political oppression, you came to this country alone—without a helping hand. You worked from break of dawn to late in the evening in the factories or deep down in the bowels of the earth; ever in danger of serious injury, or even death itself from whirling machinery or constant cave-ins. Despite such hardships, you kept faith; you built our homes, cleared the land and raised your children. You built our Church where together we worship God according to the teachings of our faith.

And now another goal has been reached, our Memorial Center where together we shall continue to uphold the high ideals which you have set forth. This land in which we live is the land of opportunity. Here we enjoy personal freedom and economic security. It is an everlasting monument to you, and others like you, that for America's protection, education and opportunities you returned with your love, obedience, service and loyalty. We defended these ideals on the battlefields of the world, and the greatest possession of any nation—FREEDOM.

We give our promise to fulfill your most fervent hopes and prayers.

We will protect and preserve as you have in the past our Holy Church, the Orthodox faith, the cultures of our beloved Ukraine, and the God-given rights and freedom—the American way of life.

We promise to never disappoint you the Faithful Pioneers.

BLESSED BE OUR PARENTS FOR THEY HAVE DONE THEIR SHARE.

BLESSED BE THE YOUNG ONES FOR THEY HAVE YET TO DARE.

May 30, 1954

In Their Honor We Dedicate Our Memorial Center

We are grateful for their service—through the Providence of God, all have safely returned!

William Baranyk
George Bogdan
Michael Bojack, Jr.
Peter Bors
William Burke
John Byce
Joseph Byce
Peter Byce
Michael Byce, Jr.
Thelma Byce
John Ceklinski
John Cenesky
Michael Charnetsky
Peter Charnetsky
Harry Charnetsky
Frank Chebiniak
William Chebiniak
Nicholas Chebiniak
Paul Chebiniak
Andrew Chipella
Andrew Chubinsky
John Chubinsky, Jr.
Joseph Chubinsky
Charles Chubinsky
Ronald Chubinsky
Pauline Chubinsky
John Chyle
Peter Dobransky
Michael Duby
George Dudik, Jr.
Robert Echnoz
Charles Ellsworth
John Evanchoff, Jr.
Bohdan Farynyk
William Farynyk
Harvey Finch
Charles Ford
Joseph Gelinger
Paul Gormish
Walter Gulachok
Myron Gulachok
John Gural
Albert Gooley
John Haluska
Nicholas Hatala, Jr.
Peter Hatala

Andrew Hyrck
Michael Hryck
William Hryck
Louis Jurena
Paul Kanazawich
Michael Kanazawich
Frank Kanazawich
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Peter Kanazawich
John Karaim
Steve Karaim
Joseph Karaim
Robert Karaim
John Karaim
John Kaspryk
William J. Klish
Cypryan Klysh
Mirone R. Klysh
Theodore Klysh, Jr.
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Joseph Klodowski
John Klodowski
Eugene Klym
John Klym, Jr.
William Kosik, Jr.
John Kosik
Michael Kosik
Peter Kocan
Nicholas Kocan, Jr.
John Kolsun
Peter Kolsun
John Kostyun
Michel Kulik
John Kulyk
John Kravec
William Kravec
Steven Kravec
William Kreczko, Jr.
John Kreczko
William Kuzemka
Michael Lesko
John Lesko
John Lewkowich
William Lubinec
Michael Maslak
Peter Maslak
Daniel Matias

Peter Maliwacki
John Maliwacki
John Mihalko
Michael O'Krepki
Walter O'Krepkie
Charles Olmstead
Nicholas Oranchak
Charles Palso
Michael Patricia
Nicholas Palowitz
Milan Petras
John Pufky
Bohdan Rucky
Daniel Sass, Jr.
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Samuel Stasko
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Edward Stasko
George Stasko
Walter Stetzko
Joseph Tchir
Nicholas Ther, Jr.
John Tylko
Olya Travis
William Uhrinec
Andrew Wasylshyn
Nicholas Wasylshyn
Michael Wasylshyn
Steven Werezinsky
Lubo Zelechivsky
Melvin Zelechivsky
John Zelechivsky



Easter Dinner — 1954



§ Dancers — 1954



§ Dancers — 1954



§ Dancers — 1954



§ Choir — 1954



§ Dancers — 1954

1954

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August 15, 1954

Our Sunday *Bulletin* was born. In one of its first issues the following essay appeared:

**IS IT NECESSARY TO GO TO CHURCH
IN ORDER TO BE A CHRISTIAN?**

It is obvious that no one becomes a Christian by simply going to church. You do not become an automobile by living in a garage! But it is difficult to be a Christian and to fail to identify oneself with the church. If we are Christians and have accepted Christ as our Saviour, we shall certainly want to worship God in the fellowship of His people. And that is what "going to church" really means. As Christians we do not simply go to church, we *are* the church. For the church is not just a building of bricks and mortar. It is a company of people who, because they love God in responses to His own great love for them, are bound together in a mighty spiritual fellowship, in order that together they may worship and serve the Lord Christ and spread His Kingdom among men.

November 21, 1954

From the *Bulletin*: "Our Memorial Center for the month of December is taken for *Every Single Day*, except Sundays. That is, we shall have work every single day up to the 19th. On many of the days there will be two or even three dinners. This is the

time for work. Everyone's help is needed. Volunteer your services—come and help every time that you can—we shall gain much 'financially' and certainly each of us will gain spiritually."

In the Year of Our Lord 1954

Sunday and Holy Day Services
Baptismals (6)
Christmas Holy Supper
Christmas Caroling of the Choir—Men—Children
Christmas Play
Easter Holy Dinner
Easter Egg Dyeing
Blessing of Vestments—Stained Glass Windows (2)
Dedication—Blessing of the Memorial Center—
Sidewalk and Stairs Replaced Around
the Church and Rectory
Dances (8)
Concerts (2)
Dinners (3)
Picnics (6)
Ukrainian Day
Social Club Organized
Social Affairs (2)
Ukrainian—Religious—Cultural Classes
Performances of the Choir and Dancers (34)
Sports Achievements
Catered Affairs (74)

**ST. JOHN'S GROUP
SUGGESTS NAME
FOR ROADWAY**

Parishioners of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church have asked the Village Planning Board to designate a nameless roadway leading from Virginia Avenue northeast to the village playground as "St. John's Parkway".

The roadway extends past the St. John's Memorial Recreation Center which the church is constructing about 150 feet east of Virginia Avenue on a five-acre tract.

John Cenesky, attorney for the church, said his group is interested in naming the roadway "St. John's Parkway" because the recreation building will be widely used as a community center and therefore should be easy to locate.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AWARD

The family of Michael Dobransky, Sr., was presented an icon of Our Lord Jesus in remembrance of our golden anniversary and the part that Mike played in its history.

The Executive Board knows that God will bless Mike for his many years of dedicated work in his vineyard. . . Mike was President of the parish for 14 years. . . and then he turned over the gavel to his godson, William J. Klish, to keep up his untiring efforts. Mike was an officer, worker in the parish from its very beginnings. He was a singer, public relations man. Like Will Rogers, he "never met a man that he didn't like". He was a lover of life. . . and the living of it to its fullest. There wasn't a dinner that we served that he wasn't a part of it. There isn't a dinner today that someone doesn't remember Mike and his great capacity to help and give of himself. . . he lived his life to make his memory to be eternal when he fell into eternal sleep on March 8, 1973.

And it shall be, for members of his family are also giving of themselves to the cause that Mike loved—his Church. His wife is a member of the Sisterhood Executive Board. His daughter raises her voice in song to praise God. His sons, his daughter and son-in-law are using their talents as leaders, workers and supporters of the Church. His grandsons are learning to love God and how to serve Him.

This is the living memorial to Mike—the very best kind that he wished for himself.



§ St. John's Ukrainian Social Club Officers — 1954



§ Sisterhood — 1954

It Gives My Life a Purpose: To Serve God, My Fellow Men

By MICHAEL DOBRANSKY, SR.

Mr. Dobransky is a foreman at the Endicott Johnson Corp., and is director of the EJ Athletic Association and member of the EJ Worker's Chorus. He is secretary-treasurer of the Ukrainian Workingman's Association and a member of the Disaster Police in Johnson City. President of the parish of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church for the fifth consecutive year, Mr. Dobransky lives at 17 Miriam Street, Johnson City.

MY FORMAL education has been extremely limited, for when I was 12 years old my father died, leaving a family of four young children and mother.

I was the oldest and it was my duty to find work to help keep our family together, which I did with many different jobs. And I have been working ever since.

Looking back to those days, which were hard and trying—mother stands out above anything and everyone else. I have never known her to have an easy life. . . hers has been a life of hard work from early morn until long after the sun has set.

In recent years, this has been by choice, for her philosophy of life so dictates.

But with all of her work, to her the most important factor in life is the work of the church and its teachings.

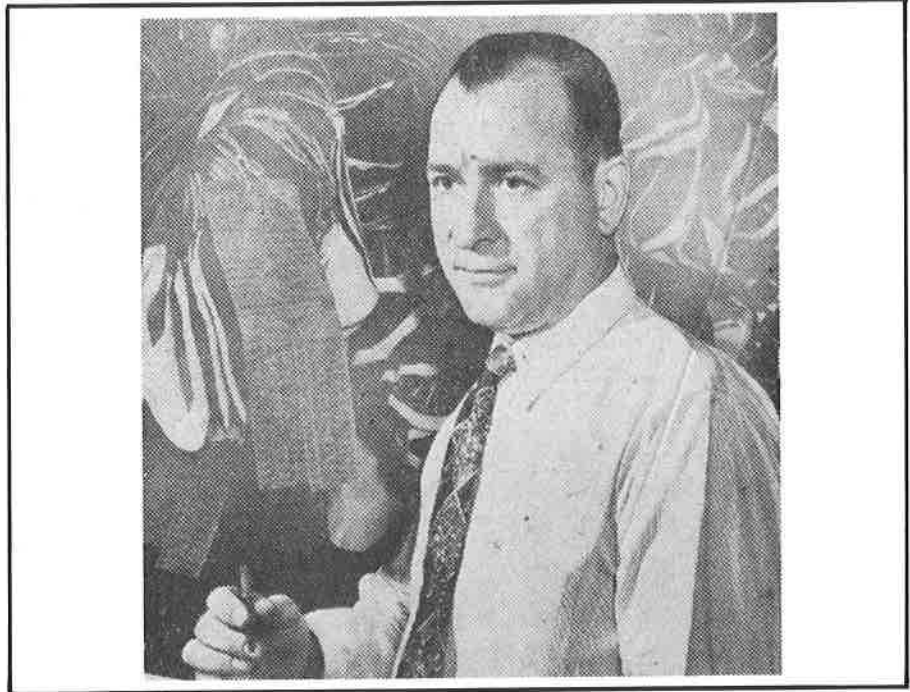
The two Great Commandments are the foundation of her life: Love of God with all her being, and love of neighbor as herself. Kindness and consideration for others has been her way of life, and her own feelings and wishes have always been of the other person.

These Christian virtues I absorbed through my mother's daily living. They say that children are the reflections of their parents and I believe this to be true.

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MY LIFE is very full; there is my work for the Endicott-Johnson Corp., my many interests in its organizations, my work in community projects, my family, my wife and our four children, my church and its organizations.

This is my fifth year as president of the parish of my church and as from my youth, I am more than happy to participate in its work.



Here I have found the real purpose for being—together with all of the people of the parish. Here, together, work is done to serve God and our fellow man.

No day is long enough for all of the different things that I am asked to do, or would like to do, and many reprimand me for taking on so many different tasks—some even laugh.

I thank God that He gives me strength and courage to do all of these tasks and I shall keep on doing the very best that I can to help and do my share. As long as He gives me the strength and His guidance, I shall keep trying and doing.

I might be physically tired after a long day, but never spiritually.

That feeling of knowing that I have tried to do that "which I would have others do unto me," helped in my way, and done my share to make life a little more pleasant—in my heart there is peace. I have to live with myself.

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THERE are many opportunities in my daily contacts with people for discouragement, but I know that man was created to serve God, to praise His Holy Name, to love Him—first here on earth and then in heaven.

We are not accomplishing God's purpose when we sit idly by and "let the next man do all the work."

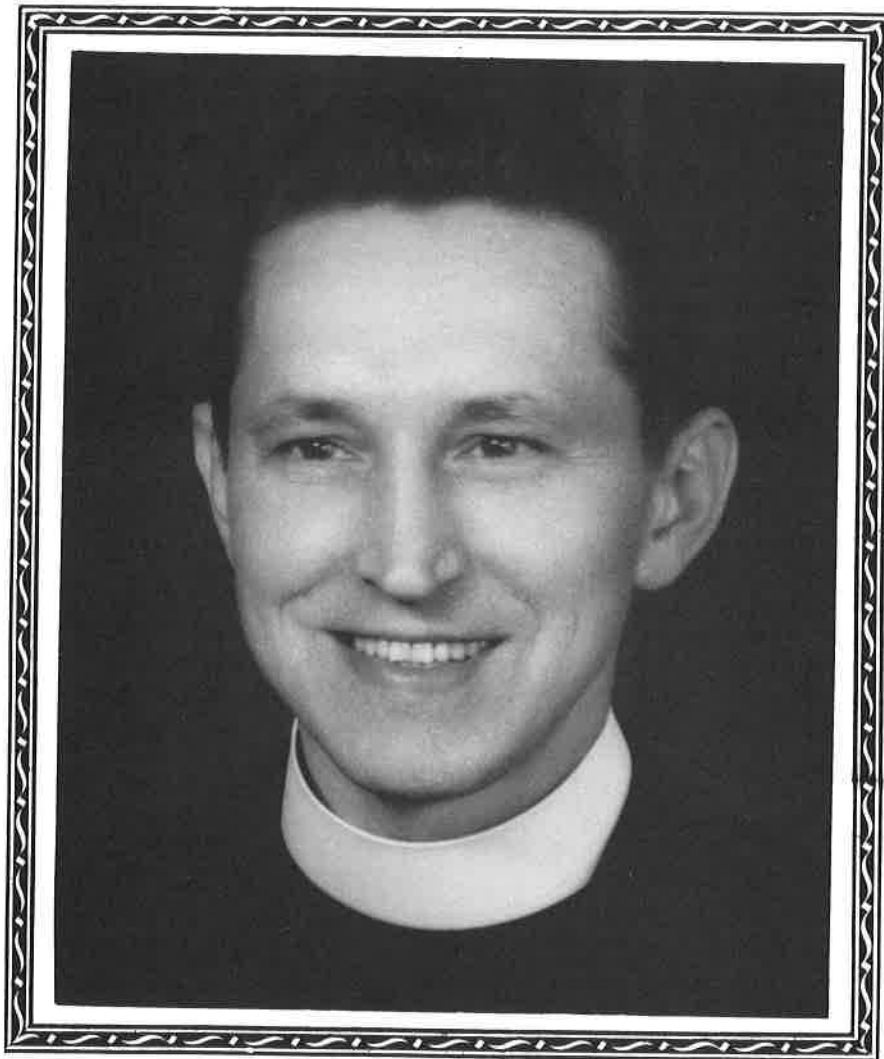
We are not helping God's work by constantly finding fault, criticizing, and demoralizing those who are sincerely trying to see if something goes wrong in an organization, and then shout loudly that it should be, or should have been, this way or that.

It's a simple matter to watch men and women literally sweating blood and tears over a pet project, and then dampen the fuse of these ambitions by saying: "They started it; let them finish it," or "They're doing well enough without my help," or "I think it should be done differently, therefore, I won't give any of my assistance."

Some of us lack a sense of unity, and most of all a deep faith—first of all in God, then in our fellow men, and finally in ourselves.

Some do nothing themselves and even hinder those who attempt to do something constructive . . . what a pity.

My religion is a way of life to me; the way I live from day to day. I am happiest when I serve God and my fellow man. I have purpose to my living and peace in my heart.



FATHER LAWRYK

He and his wife, the former Miss Julia Pylatiuk, have turned the parish into a Ukrainian Culture Center, recognized throughout the United States. Mrs. Lawryk has instructed the 64 Ukrainian folk dancers of the parish who have given performances throughout the Eastern United States.

Father Lawryk leads the parish chorus which was reorganized in 1945.

He said he and his wife attempt to keep alive the best of the old to combine fruitfully with the best of the new. They have encouraged the making of Ukrainian embroidery, pottery and continuing the tradition of the *a cappella* chorus.

Father Lawryk, a native of Chester, PA, was graduated from the West Indies Music Conservatory, Port au Prince, Haiti. There during the early 1930's he studied voice, piano, and conducting, going into both Santo Domingo, Cuba and Haiti.

Then he continued his music study at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

December 31, 1937 was accepted as a student of Theology, St. Mary the Protectress Seminary, Philadel-

phia, Pennsylvania and studied under Archbishop John and other theological teachers. During this time, as a theological student, he was sent to Minneapolis, Minnesota and then to Colechester, Connecticut.

On February 27, 1944 he was ordained a Deacon by His Grace Archbishop John. On March 25, 1945 he was ordained into the Holy Priesthood by His Grace Archbishop John in the St. Vladimir's Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Upon graduation he was assistant pastor at St. Vladimir Cathedral in Philadelphia.

Father Lawryk said what success he and his wife have had in the parish is due to the cooperative spirit of the people. He and his wife believe that in combining their talents they can both serve better.

Among the guests expected at the testimonial dinner September 4, besides Metropolitan John, will be Very Rev. Sawchuk, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson, the Rev. and Mrs. G. Clayton Melling of Johnson City, the Rev. Gregory Chomisky of Scranton, the Rev. Peter Kachmarsky of Rome, the Rev. John Jakubik of Johnson City, the Rev. Dimitro Sawka of Olyphant, PA, Mayor Donald Stocum, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eccleston, Miss Bertha Clarke, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Myers.

Ukrainian Parish Fetes Rev. Lawryk On Anniversary

During a 10-year pastorate at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the Rev. Frank T. Lawryk has earned the profound respect and affection not only of his parishioners but of the community at large. That admiration was fittingly demonstrated Sunday night as he shared testimonial honors with Mrs. Lawryk at a dinner in St. John's Memorial Center, Johnson City.

More than 450 guests numbering a large representation of local and visiting clergy, industrial, education and civic leaders attended the anniversary tribute. The program served further as a combined parish appreciation gesture to Father Lawryk for his outstanding work in the fields of religion and Ukrainian cultural development.

Presented Cross

In recognition of distinguished service, His Excellency, the Metropolitan Ioann of Philadelphia, head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States, blessed and presented a Pectoral cross to Father Lawryk during the 10 a.m. Sunday High Mass. Metropolitan Ioann officiated at the Mass, assisted by the Very Rev. John Sawchuk, pastor of St. Vladimir Cathedral in Philadelphia.

Evening ceremonies were highlighted by a surprise Golden Jubilee salute to Charles F. Johnson on this 50th anniversary with Endicott Johnson as he was presented a desk clock inscribed with a congratulatory message from St. John's parish.

Climatic event to the day's proceedings came at the close of the program when Father Lawryk received the keys to a 1955 Buick, a token of esteem from church members and community friends. Presentation was made by Michael Dobransky, president of the church and general chairman of the dinner.

As principal speaker for the dinner ceremonies, the Metropolitan congratulated Father Lawryk in the splendid performance of his religious duties, citing the cooperation and interest of a supporting congregation which has doubled in size since 1945. He pointed out that under Father Lawryk's guidance the parish has erected a \$125,000 Memorial center honoring the 136 veterans of World War II, all of whom returned safely, and has successfully upheld the preservation and encouragement of Ukrainian traditions and skills.

He commended Father Lawryk and the parish in joint efforts toward community betterment, expressing the hope that St. John's will continue successfully toward spiritual and cultural development.

Guest Speakers

Johnson City attorney John Cenesky, toastmaster for the evening, introduced dignitaries at the head table. Members of the clergy who spoke included, in addition to Metropolitan Ioann and Father Lawryk, the Very Rev. Sawchuk; the Rev. Clayton Melling, pastor of All Saints Episcopal Church; the Rev. Gregory Chomicky, pastor of St. Michael's parish of Scranton, Pa.; the Rev. Roman Kachmarsky of Herkimer, NY; the Rev. John Jakubik, pastor of All Saints Polish National Church; the Rev. Dmitro Sawka of Olyphant, Pa.; the Very Rev. Michael Zaparyniuk, former pastor of St. John's; the Rev. Peter J. Bohush, pastor of St. Mary's Russian Orthodox Church; Lt. Basil Stroyen chaplain at Sampson Air Force Base.

Other honored guests to address the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, Johnson City Mayor Donald Stocum, former superintendent of Johnson City schools, Howard Eccleston; school superintendent, Kenneth Myers; Miss Bertha Clarke, principal of Harry L. Johnson School; Harold Egan, president of the East Division EJ Athletic Association, and Pvt. Mirone Klysh.

Following presentations of the Golden Jubilee gift, Mr. Johnson expressed appreciation to parishioners, pointing out that approximately 90 percent of the 150 families enrolled with the church are employed with Endicott Johnson. "This is a typical EJ family gathering," he said, "and I feel right at home among so many company retirees, active workers and a large percentage of EJ babies born in Wilson Memorial Hospital whom I hope will make up the future worker ranks of EJ."

Service to Community

"Mrs. Johnson and I are pleased to attend this tenth anniversary tribute for in our opinion Father Lawryk has done a most remarkable service in our community, not only in directing his parish but in supervising the erection of the Memorial Center and in working for the good of Johnson City.

"He has rightfully gained the love, respect and affection of parishioners, also, of everyone in our community. We are very fortunate in having Father Lawryk and Mrs. Lawryk with us as outstanding citizens, and in recognition of the 10th anniversary I wish to present these wonderful people with a personal check as a gift from Mrs. Johnson and myself."

Mrs. Johnson also conveyed greetings to the group, adding that the Johnson City Village Board has distinguished Mrs. Lawryk with appointment to the Library Board. "I have been a lone member on that board for many years," she explained, "and I am happy that she will serve with me. I know we will accomplish a lot together. Both Father Lawryk and Mrs. Lawryk are an inspiration to me in the daily performance of their duties with tireless zest and energy."

Mayor Stocum, speaking on behalf of the people of Johnson City, emphasized the fine regard held by all in the valley for the honored couple. This parish is as well-known as any in the community," he asserted, "because of its activity and its leadership. They have brought to this community an admirable trait in their desire to lead the parish in religious needs, in social needs and in family needs, and have made a lasting impression on our community that will never be forgotten."

Cooperative Spirit

Modestly disclaiming the credit and recognition paid him, Father Lawryk said what success he and his wife have had in the parish is due to the cooperative spirit of the people and the belief that by combining talents a better service may be accomplished.

"In the period of time I have been here in Johnson City, I have never met so many fine and gracious people who have taken us to their hearts and home. They have been gracious not only to me and my wife but to our young daughter.

"We, in turn, have you in our hearts and I assure you our lives will be dedicated to all the good things of life that are fine and worth preserving. I hope that God gives us the strength and courage to continue on because this is the life I love. I am not in this profession for material gain, and I find myself a little embarrassed at just being presented these beautiful gifts.

"As the EJ president has said in many of his addresses to the workers... with the cooperation of all, we can accomplish much. This sentiment is mine also and with the faith and prayers, love and energy we will continue to work together toward a successful future.

"I will continue to work with all sincerity and love to honor the Metropolitan who has had faith in me during past years, and will continue to uphold his wonderful teachings. I wish to thank all the guests attending tonight's program, my parish and may God bless you all."

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February 1, 1955

The Friends of the Bandurists sponsored a Bandurist Concert at the Kalurah Temple.

During the year 42 performances were given by the choir and dancers. There were 175 catered affairs.

September 4, 1955

The parish honored Father Lawryk on his tenth anniversary as pastor of St. John's. An article appeared on September 5 in the *Bulletin*.

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MAGAZINE ARTICLES: 1955

Two magazine articles were published in 1955. *The Courier Magazine* (Sept. 1955 issue) published an article titled "Dance of the Steppes: a Fascinating Group of Ukrainian Dancers from Johnson City is Dancing Its Way into Everyone's Heart!" The story about our cultural heritage was five pages in length and included pictures!

The Prudential Log (April 1955 issue) published an article titled "Song In Her Heart: Tri-Cities' Nellie Preston lives her Binghamton life in a lilting way." The theme was her Ukrainian background; the time of year—Easter; the focus—music. There were five pages of story and pictures about our parish life!

December 18, 1955

From the *Sunday Press*

"Christmas Around the World"

Traditions vary but the tree remains a symbol of joy.

Peter M. Dobransky and Michele DUBY



Log



§ 1955



Marianne Lawryk, Nell Preston



Father Lawryk, Nell Preston



John Maliwacki



Jean Haluska



John Maliwacki, Nancy Klish



Courier Magazine — 1955



John Maliwacki, Peter Hatala, George Stasko, Charles Sarnoski



§ Basketball Team — 1957

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January 1, 1956

The church bulletin stated that on the previous Friday the Church Committee made the final payment on our mortgage with the UWA. The parish is grateful and our generous Ukrainian Insurance Company was surprised, to say the least.

We catered 228 affairs. The enthusiasm was God-given, as well as the strength.

We gave 27 performances of Ukrainian songs and dances. Who did we perform for?

- Theodore Roosevelt Family Night
- Zonta Club
- Binghamton Insurance
- Wilson Memorial Alumnae Association
- Dairy Council
- Mother's Day Program
- IBM Engineers
- G.E. Engineers
- Chenango Valley Central School
- Newcomers of Endicott
- Ukrainian Day
- Taras Shevchenko Concert

- Endicott Golden Jubilee (2)
- Arlington Hotel Insurance Women
- Auxiliary Police
- Broome County Extension Service
- Civil Defense
- PTA
- Listopadove Sviato Concert
- Community Baptist Church
- Endwell School Teachers
- E.J. Retirement Dinner
- Fowlers
- National Banker's Association
- Christmas Play
- Radio WKOP

*** May 13, 1956**

Our basketball team traveled to Syracuse to determine the winner of this section of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America winners. Our team won the sectional tournament. On the 19th they played a morning game on Long Island and defeated the Canadian team. An evening game was played against Bayonne. *Our team was National Champion of North America!* The 2nd National Championship won by our St. John's team!

*** August 12, 1956**

"Battle of the Knights" was the caption for the picture of our young dancing men. Through the years, the press has been generous with its space about our forthcoming events and special days. In preparing the material for this book, it has proven invaluable (and the best kind) for it is recorded history.

1957

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January 22, 1957

From the *Binghamton Press*

***"TC's Branches Predict Freedom Fight:
Executions Won't Stop Ukrainians!"***

Two Triple Cities Ukrainian groups today predicted that "neither mass executions of Ukrainian patriots...nor outright genocide "will break the determination of the Ukrainian people to regain their freedom and independence."

The pledge was contained in similar statements issued by the Binghamton and Johnson City branches of the national Ukrainian Congress Committee, marking today's observance of the 39th anniversary of the Ukraine's short-lived independence. Pointing out that people of Ukraine challenged Moscow rule during World War 2 and have staged bloody slave labor camp rebellions every year since 1953, the Triple Cities Ukrainian Congress Committee branches said in their statements: "It is the spirit of independence that keeps the Ukrainian underground forces alive even today and the Ukrainian people united against the alien rule of Moscow...Russian tyranny, as evidenced in Hungary, is by no means limited to Ukraine. It threatens to spread in Asia and in the Middle East, and, indeed, to the Western Hemisphere." Ukraine broke away from Russian domination at the close of World War I. On January 22, 1919, the Ukrainian Act of Union united all Ukrainians in a new, independent state. By 1920, however, Communist Russian troops had invaded Ukraine in force and ended the brief period of Ukrainian independence.

February 8, 1957

A technicolor film, "Treasures of the Ukraine," was sponsored.

March 31, 1957

There was a Taras Shevchenko Concert.

May 19, 1957

There was a concert at the Dedication of the Ukrainian Workingmen's Association Home and Community Center in Scranton, Pennsylvania.



May 30, 1957

**Record Memorial Day Gatherings
Fr. Lawryk and Mayor Stocum Speak
Five Thousand Watch J.C. Parade**

A small part of that main address: "Standing as it does today the only free and independent nation in the world, the duty of the United States is greater than ever before to maintain the precepts of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution so that they may survive this era of ebbtide carrying with it so many other countries backward into a precarious and dangerous dark age from which it has taken so long and cost so much to emerge. . . . Today bids us to remember that as men of this spirit redeemed the past, they are ready today also in preponderant numbers to redeem this present. Our national reserves of character always have been greater than in hours of gloom we believe. Perform, then, one act of remembrance ere this day passes—remember—our friends and loved ones that gave the supreme sacrifice to make the world safe for democracy."

June 2, 1957

Mirone Klysh became a sub-Deacon in Pittsburgh during the UOL Convention.

★ June 30, 1957

Metropolitan John Officially Visits

As recorded in the Press, Metropolitan Ioann (John), head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the U.S., will make an official visit tomorrow to the church's Johnson City Parish. This was announced by the Rev. Frank T. Lawryk, pastor of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Johnson City.

The Metropolitan, whose see is in Philadelphia, has visited the Triple Cities on one previous occasion since taking office. The visit was in September 1955 in observance of Father Lawryk's 10th year as pastor. A pontifical Divine Liturgy service will be celebrated by the Metropolitan at the Johnson City Church at 10 a.m. tomorrow. Father Lawryk will assist as well as Mirone Klysh of Johnson City (a theological student of St. Andrew's College, Winnipeg). Following the service, a dinner and concert in the primate's honor will take place in the church's Memorial Center. General Chairman for the observance will be Michael Dobransky, Sr. parish president.

September 1, 1957

Program Announced for UWA Day Event

The program for the fifth annual Ukrainian Workingmen's Association Day at the UWA Resort Center, Sunday, Sept. 1 has been announced by Jerry Pronko, general chairman of arrangements. Heading the stellar list of performers will be the celebrated and talked-about St. John's Choral Club of Johnson City, along with its famous folk dancers. The Choral Club is under the direction of Father Frank Lawryk and has been performing in the eastern United States for a number of years.

November 3, 1957

Archbishop Mstyslav presented our Sr. UOL Chapter with its charter.



In 1957 we catered 240 affairs, gave 26 performances, as well as did all the other scheduled and unscheduled things that make life interesting and full in the parish.



Ukrainians Donate New Books—Johnson City is the home of many Ukrainian people who are anxious to tell others the truth about their country and stories of their heritage. A village branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America has donated a group of books on Ukraine to Your Home Public Library. Making the presentation of seven books to Mrs. Ethel Smith (at right), a library official, are several members from the Ukrainian committee (left to right): George Pryhoda, President; Stephen Sadowitz, Advisor; John Baranyk, Secretary.



A History of Ukraine, by Michael Hrushevsky

After the Revolution, Hrushevsky was President of the Ukrainian government until it came under the rule of the Soviet Union. The purpose of this book is to acquaint the reader with the land. Its troubled history is background for understanding present-day Ukraine, as well as recent developments in Eastern Europe.

Spirit of Flame, by Lesya Ukrainka, translated by Percival Cundy

The author is a woman who has been unknown to Americans for decades—but who is now recognized as one of the leading literary figures of Ukrainian literature.

Spirit of Ukraine, by D. Snowyd

Snowyd tells of the Ukrainian contributions to the world's culture.

Taras Shevchenko, translated by Clarence Manning

Here are many poems from the man who has been acclaimed the greatest Ukrainian poet.

Twentieth Century Ukraine, by Clarence Manning

Manning is a member of the Slavic Department of Columbia University. This book gives to American readers the little-known facts about the significant role that modern Ukraine plays in world politics. It portrays a people that have suffered from Russian oppression from the time of the Czars, as well as people who are struggling to re-capture their independence and maintain their language and tradition.

Ivan Franko, translations of Percival Cundy, edited by Clarence Manning

This book provides information on the life of the man whose poems made him the second greatest poet in Ukraine. A biographical sketch is followed by many of the poems which brought him fame.

Ukrainian Arts

This is a collection of authoritative articles on Ukraine's Folk and Fine Arts. The book was dreamed of at a Christmas party in 1949 when several leaders of North America decided that there should be a book which would give a panoramic sweep of Ukraine's culture, both in Europe and in America.

1958

January 4, 1958

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Two spots in the *Binghamton Press*:

***"TC Julian Churches to Observe
Christmas Next Week . . .***

Local parishioners will join some 3,000,000 persons in the United States, Monday, Christmas Eve, at midnight services marking the beginning of the holiday season."

Along with that article was a picture with Father Lawryk and his four altar boys.

***"Channel 12 to Spotlight
J.C.'s St. John's . . .***

St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City will be featured at 9 a.m. tomorrow over Channel 12. A member of the parish, Mirone R. Klysh, will explain the celebration of Christmas according to the Julian Calendar during the "Church Day by Day" program. Mr. Klysh, a subdeacon and student at Ukrainian Orthodox Seminary at Winnipeg, Canada will be interviewed by the Rev. John E. Donovan, executive secretary of United Churches of Broome County, Sponsor of the program. The Rev. Frank T. Lawryk, pastor of St. John's, will give a brief devotional message. The program will include recorded selections by the church choir."

January 22, 1958

**Johnson City Branch U.C.C.
Donates Books to Library
Narodna Volya 46**

Most people are proud of their heritage and to those whose way of life has ever been challenged or denied altogether, keeping this heritage alive becomes an urgent duty, and justly so. Here in Johnson City we have such a group of people descended from those valiant people of Ukraine who are proud of that heritage and anxious that others shall know the truth about their country and their efforts to survive the onslaught of communism. Many of these people belong to the local branch of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. The local branch has as its officers at the present time: George Pryhoda, President; John Rucky, Vice President; John Baranyk, Secretary; Michael Gulachok, Treasurer; Stephen Sadowitz, Public Relations; and Peter Sadowitz, John Kulick and William Madejchuk, Advisors. Through the generosity of this group of people, Your Home Library has just been given several books on Ukraine which will be available to the reading public.



His Excellency Most Reverend John Theodorovich
Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the
United States of America



Mirone Klysh, Father Lawryk, Metropolitan John, Michael Dobransky — 1958

January 22, 1958

This day marked the first annual observance of Ukrainian Independence Day held in the Triple Cities. About 500 persons are expected to attend a banquet to be held in St. John's Memorial Center, according to the Binghamton Press. Dr. Michael Pizniak of New York City, Vice-President of the Central Ukrainian Congress Committee of the United States will be guest speaker at the banquet.



March 30, 1958
Interest Checks Paid

From the *Church Bulletin*: "This week is a very *special one* in the life of our parish. In the mail this week all that loaned their money for the building of our Memorial Center received interest checks on that money. Not only has the original cost of the Center, some \$150,000 has been completely repaid, but now the interest on that money has been given, and a nest-egg for the future is growing in the Savings Account. For our blessings as a parish family, let us remember to thank God for His Gifts to us—often!"

232 affairs were enthusiastically catered in 1958! Looking back at the records it is hard to believe that this was possible. *But it was!*

April 26, 1958

The Sisterhood sponsored a Bake Sale at the Public Market. It was a success.



July 18, 19 and 20, 1958

The eleventh convention of UOL was held in our city. From *Narodne Slovo* (July 31, 1958): "His Eminence Metropolitan John and His Grace Archbishop Mstyslav, spiritual leaders of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA and other high officials as well as about 300 delegates and visitors from various states attended the 11th annual convention of the UOL in Johnson City, NY. The convention was held in the quarter-million dollar Memorial Center of St. John's. The Binghamton, NY television station presented a 15-minute program on the opening day of the convention, and included a televised interview with Bohdan Hryshchyshyn, president of the UOL.

Among convention highlights was the Saturday evening banquet at which principal speakers were Dr. Steven Sawchuk and His Eminence Metropolitan John. The theme of their addresses was "The Meaning of Immortality". Other speakers included His Grace Archbishop Mstyslav; Mr. B. Hryshchyshyn; Joseph Lesawyer, representing the UCCA; William Hussar, of UNA; Mr. Anthony Batiuk, President of UWA Scranton; and others. A very warm greeting was extended by the representative of "Narodna Pomich" in Pittsburgh by Juriy Burlaka, supreme advisor of the UNAA.

A plaque honoring him as the "Orthodox of the Year" was awarded to R. Skorupski of New Britain, CT. Mrs. M. Shiwarski of Carnegie, PA and Irene Pashesnik of Coatesville, PA were runners-up for the award.

Pontifical Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Sunday morning by two church dignitaries on the spacious lawns outside of the Memorial Center. Father Lawryk, pastor of St. John's for 14 years was elevated to the rank of Very Reverend during the service by Metropolitan John.

In the afternoon conventioners and local citizens filled the Center to view the two-hour concert of colorful Ukrainian dances and songs.

Performers included the Ukrainian Church Choir of St. Peter and Paul, in Utica, NY, directed by Mr. Serhij Shevchenko; the Ukrainian Church Choir of the host parish directed by Father Lawryk; and the junior and senior dance groups of Johnson City under the direction of Mrs. Frank Lawryk.



§ UOL Convention Committee — 1958



§ Dancers — 1958

July 27, 1958

From the *Church Bulletin*: "And it is all over (except for the memories). The convention of our UOL loomed so great in front of us last week. And this week past—only wonderful memories remain. Wonderful memories because of *you the parish*. The cooperation for the three days was even greater than it has been these past four years of our work in the Center (if this can be possible). From the Metropolitan, Archbishop, the Clergy, visiting guests, we heard only high praise for our work together as a parish. Letters are coming in every day to express admiration, gratitude, praise, and hope that they can do the same in their respective parishes. This was one of the reasons our local chapter accepted the convention bid—to prove that a small parish can do a great job and enjoy doing it. We hope others will take courage and do the same—then our convention will have been a successful one."

September 1, 1958

EJ Labor Day Celebration Draws 35,000

Some 20 attractions feature the 12-hour continuous show, starting at 9 a.m. and ending at 9 p.m. with a spectacular fireworks display. Our dancers went on at 1:30 p.m. They did beautifully according to the Press.



§ UOL Convention — 1958

1959

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Women of Ukrainian Parish 'Build' With Their Talents



ABOVE: 'HOLUPKI MAKERS'
 Julia Hryck, left, and Katherine Pufky check holupki ingredients.

LEFT: A FAITHFUL WORKER
 Anna Sadowitz chops onions in the kitchen.

RIGHT: SMILING SERVICE
 Julie Sadowitz serves a dinner guest, William Brain.



'MANY HANDS...'
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"A SAMPLE OF THE EVENING'S DINNER FARE"
 Paul Lawryk and Michael Dobransky, Sr. check thickness of ham slice.

They Cater to Pay for Church Hall



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Dr. Stepan Wytwytzky

President of Ukraine

February 15, 1959

We gave a concert in Scranton, PA for the 41st anniversary of Ukrainian Independence Day at the UWA Center. According to the *Church Bulletin* of February 22: "It was a spiritual uplift for the choir. Dr. Wytwytzky, the President of the Ukrainian Republic in exile, was generous in his praise of our choir and the work that we are doing. After the concert, the choir was treated royally at a buffet luncheon at which the president was honored. Following the dinner, everyone sang—with the requests coming from the president himself. He was very surprised to hear that our choir knew the old folk songs and carols that he wanted to hear—and he sang right along with the choir. It was a very memorable day."

April 12, 1959

Our Sisterhood took part in a "Conference of Sisterhoods" held in our Church Center in South Bound Brook, NJ. Representing our Sisterhood were: Anna Sadowitz, Teklia Farynyk, Emilia Klysh, and Mary B. Haluska.

May 24, 1959

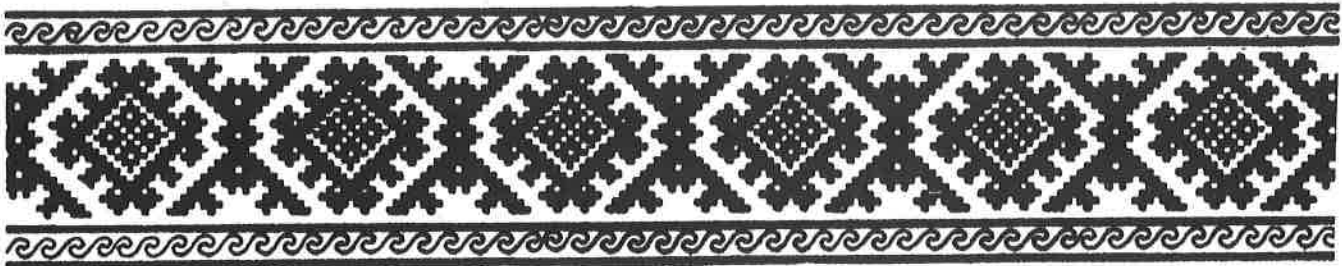
Our senior basketball team went to Troy, NY for the UYLNA Sports Rally and won the National Basketball Championship.

**May 17, 1959
Nurse Pierce Honored**

A reception was held in our Center to honor Miss Pierce, a nurse who worked with crippled children over the past 41 years (much overtime and not much pay). Only the crippled children and their family and friends knew of her work. Some 500 persons attended the reception, most of the guests were handicapped children and grown-ups coming to thank her for her many years of patient and unselfish service. Members of our church committee were present and it was decided to return their check of \$100 which was to pay for the rental of the Center. The money in turn, according to Miss Pierce's wishes, will be used to purchase needed equipment for the children. It was little that we as a parish could do, but it was appreciated a great deal by the committee in charge for the day and Miss Pierce herself.

We received renewed energy to work hard (because this is a gift of God), work without praise or compliments (this is only good when it is carried in one's heart). And the joy found in everyday life (for to love what one is doing makes each task a light feather).

In the many years of service as a parish, we have tried to help others.





§ FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND
"BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE CELEBRATION"



§ Waitresses — 1959

A Dream Came True

THE FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMORIAL CENTER

or

"THE BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE!"

Five years have quickly passed. The years have flown by so rapidly because we, as a parish, have been so very busy. Busy with the goal of completely liquidating all debts on the Memorial Center—keeping the name of our Church on the very highest level in our community through our combined efforts and working to build up a new fund which will be used to beautify our Church. Working together with these three goals ever present in our minds, God has blessed our efforts for there are no debts on the Memorial Center—our Church and its family enjoy a dignified position in the Triple Cities—and the Building Fund for the new Church and educational building has now grown to over \$50,000.

Through the Grace of God and the combined efforts of members, young and old in our parish, THIS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE. Under the leadership of our Pastor, the energetic Church Committees, ever-dependable Sisterhood, sincere Social Club Officers, eager and willing Choir and Folk Dancing groups and individual members of our parish all have helped to achieve and make possible this wonderful celebration.

An article with pictures, published in the Sunday *Binghamton Press* of March 29, 1959 describes authentically and sympathetically our past work. It was written by a young woman, Margaret King, Sunday Press Writer, after she attended one of our dinners. Our work so impressed her that she wrote the following article under the heading of:

WOMEN OF UKRAINIAN PARISH "BUILD" WITH THEIR TALENTS; THEY CATER TO PAY FOR CHURCH HALL

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," wrote Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

A simple faith in these words, combined with more than the proverbial lion's share of hard work, spells out the reason for the phenomenal financial success of a small Johnson City parish. The memorial hall of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, better known to non-parishioners as the Ukrainian Hall, in the last five years has become a byword of good eating in the Triple Cities. In 1958, 232 local organizations, from P.T.A.'s to kennel clubs, feasted in the huge dining hall on home-cooked food prepared by the church women.

Although the Center wasn't planned as a dining hall for the public, the church people have capitalized on their catering talents in order to pay for the \$150,000 building.

Fourteen years ago, St. John's congregation of 300 wanted to erect more than an ornamental plaque to honor their World War II servicemen. Their "shoot-for-the-moon" dream was for a place where they could carry out a more extensive church and family program.

Nebulous plans for the memorial began late in 1945 with the election of a building fund committee, but years passed before the project got started.

Every parishioner was present with a prayer on his lips when ground finally was broken October 2, 1953, on a long overlooked lot a stone's throw from the Virginia Avenue church.

From the 150 families, the church had borrowed life savings totaling \$120,000. The people loaned their savings with an agreement that the church wouldn't have to pay interest, and with no guarantee of when they would be repaid.

This year, because their ceaseless work justified their faith, each loan has been repaid. In order to pay for the 80 by 120-foot building, the women of St. John's Sisterhood have, since 1954 prepared and served 936 dinners for 140,353 persons. They publicized it "by word of mouth," but good news travels fast.

The story of how the dinners are prepared is as amazing as their financial success.

There is no boss. There is no official distribution of jobs. But according to the pastor's pretty wife, Mrs. Frank T. Lawryk, it takes about the same amount of time whether serving 100 or 500. The larger the dinner, the more workers turn out to make it a success.

Volunteer. This is the magic word which makes St. John's suppers possible. Operating without a telephone list or schedule of persons to work at any one dinner, it's up to each person to check the church bulletin's list of the week's activities. From there, the ball is in the hands of the parishioners to carry or fumble. Theirs is a shining success story of team work. Upon notice that a supper for 450 is on the books, each woman's conscience is "alerted" that the dinner is her responsibility. There has yet to be a lack of workers at even one of the nearly 1,000 dinners served.

The day of a scheduled dinner begins early in the morning when a crew of about 10 women arrive at the hall's gleaming kitchen and spend two hours preparing food. These women are generally all retired workers and though many are in their 70's, the hours spent washing pots and peeling potatoes are a living testament to their philosophy "what will I leave but my good deeds?"

The hour before serving time is spent setting tables and putting last minute touches on the meal.

It's usually about 9 p.m. when the last dish is done and the floor scrubbed, but then, the quiet concentration of work erupts into gay banter as workers sit down for a relaxed meal and party.

A steaming cabbage leaf, wrapped around rice and ground meat and called holupki, is the specialty of the house. The remainder of the menu is typical dinner fare of meat, potatoes, vegetables and salad. But hardly typical in goodness or quantity.

Cooks portion generous amounts into large serving dishes, for they say that family style eating is less wasteful. Their experience is that guests take only what they can eat, knowing if they want more, seconds are always available.

The market list, often larger than a hotel's, is no headache for Mrs. Lawryk, who has learned quantity cooking from the last five years' experience. Amounts are ordered according to what organization is being entertained. If some 200 men or teenagers are on the agenda, she plans more food than for the same number in couples.

Mrs. Lawryk orders 10 percent more than estimated for the number of persons scheduled to attend. And luckily so, according to the unofficial maitre d', who recalls one group which scheduled 300 guests and showed up with 80 extra, hungry diners.

Each week's work roster usually contains three dinners. However, during December and May there may be one every night. Saturdays are booked up until March 1960 and no weekday dates are open until August of this year.

"All we ask of our people is that they give of their time" says the pastor's wife, who suggests that perhaps the people are so giving because they get so much in return. Laughter, companionship and a sense of accomplishment.

The burden of the operation is on the shoulders of persons who fortunately believe—someone has to do the work, why can't it be me?

Each year, when men and women of the church vote as to whether they want to continue opening their building and giving their time, it has been a unanimous yes.

At a mortgage burning celebration May 31, the Memorial Center will be paid for—a dream come true for the congregation of St. John's.

No man needs sympathy because he has to work," said Theodore Roosevelt," because he has a burden to carry. Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."

So wrote Miss King about our activities for the past 5 years. With the story were the following pictures:

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"A SAMPLE OF THE EVENING'S DINNER FARE" Mrs. Frank T. Lawryk, wife of the pastor of St. John's and Michael Dobransky, Sr., parish president, check thickness of ham slice as Mr. Dobransky lends a hand with dinner preparations.

The Miracle

Handicapped with the limit of one whole page of the Sunday Press, Miss King couldn't tell the entire story. For there is more. This is the most wonderful part of the work done in the past five years . . . for it has taken many, many hands and talents to accomplish all that has been done since the doors opened on our Center in 1954. No one person can be singled out for any part in this tremendous operation—for it has taken each and every one giving and doing to make this a success. This is the most wonderful accomplishment of all . . . that we have been able to work together for the past five and 20 years!

This miracle of the past five years began when the Church was first organized in the early 1930's. From the very difficult beginnings, by working together and praying for continued guidance and strength, today the road has become less rocky and the fruits of our labor are quicker to ripen. For this we thank God sincerely and humbly AND ask His blessings on our labors. Let us never forget the early pioneers that organized our Church, each and every year's Committees, pastors, members of the parish and its organizations—for each in his own way has brought this DAY into being. Be joyous in heart today if you have in any way in these past 30 years helped your Church—for because of your love this DAY is possible.

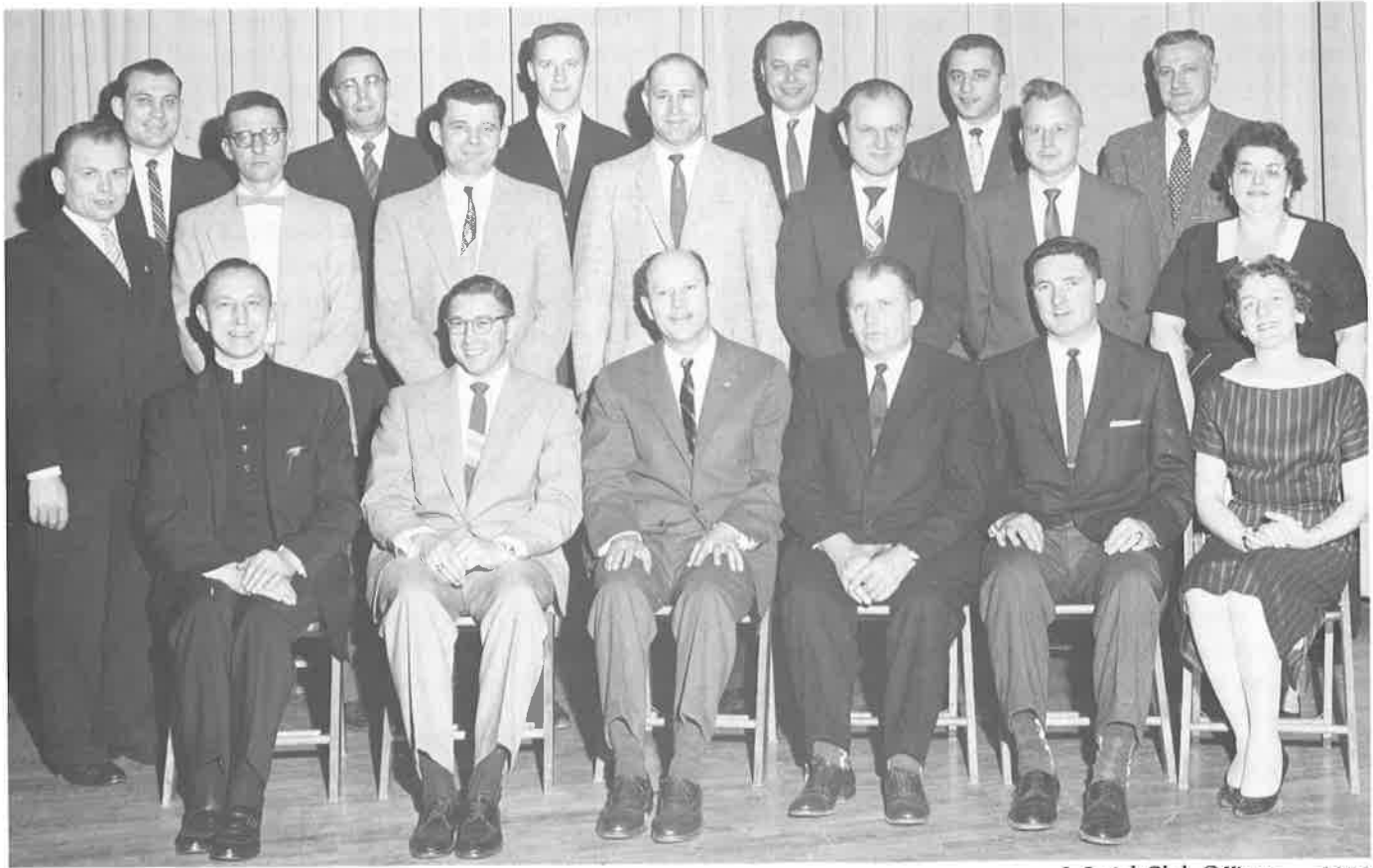
God Bless Each and Every One!
Let Us Rejoice and Be Thankful This Day!



§ Sisterhood — 1959



§ Parish Officers — 1959



§ Social Club Officers — 1959



§ Church School — 1959

**"St. John's Clears Memorial Center Debt
Metropolitan Coming
Burn \$120,000 Mortgage"**

(May 31, 1959 headline to the following article in the *Press*):

"His Eminence Metropolitan Ioann, head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States, other prominent clergymen of the denomination and civic, industrial and educational leaders will participate in a ceremony for the burning of the mortgage on St. John's Ukrainian Memorial Center. In the brief span of five years since the \$150,000 building off Virginia Avenue was completed, St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church has paid off the \$120,000 it borrowed for construction of the edifice. Incidentally, the \$120,000 was loaned by the 150 families of the parish, representing the life savings of most of them, with the agreement that the church would not have to pay interest. Each of these loans has been paid this year.

The funds with which to clear the mortgage on the 80 by 120 foot building have been earned almost entirely by the preparing and serving of dinners to the public by St. John's Sisterhood, according to the Very Rev. Frank T. Lawryk, St. John's pastor. He says that in five years the Sisterhood has served 936 dinners to 140,353 persons. The cooking and serving has been done voluntarily by the women and girls of the church, headed by the pastor's wife, who is chairman of the Sisterhood Committee. Hence, the program will include a five-year anniversary celebration as well as the burning of the mortgage. The latter event will take place at the 1 p.m. banquet in the Center. Addresses will be given by church dignitaries and honored guests. Mrs. Harvey Travis will be heard in vocal solos and Mrs. Paul Kanazawich will play piano interludes.

The day's first event at 9:45 a.m. will be the greeting of Metropolitan Ioann and other clergymen at the doors of the church by Father Lawryk. The parish president, Michael Dobransky, Sr., will extend to them the parish's greeting with the traditional presentation of bread and salt. Pontifical Divine Liturgy is scheduled for 10 a.m. This will include a prayer service for the health of the parish and a Panachyda Service for the repose of the souls of departed members of the church.

Following the 1 p.m. banquet and program, a concert will be given by the choir and folk dancers of the parish. This is expected to begin about 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. a picnic will begin with dancing to the music of the Silver Crown Orchestra. In addition to the Metropolitan, clergymen scheduled to attend are: the Very Rev. John Sawchuk of Philadelphia, PA the Very Rev. Omelan Mycyk of Chester, PA and the Rev. Michael Zaparyniuk of Trenton, NJ. Other special guests will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mayor and Mrs. William F. Ott, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eccleston, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Batiuk, Mr and Mrs. Theodore Mynyk, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Popil and Miss Bertha Clarke. Father Lawryk said today that in addition to clearing the mortgage on the Memorial Center, St. John's parish has increased its building fund for a new church edifice and educational building to more than \$50,000."

**"Vets Hold Convention:
Wolynetz Commander"**

(June 21, 1959 headline to the following article in *Narodna Volya*):

"The Ukrainian American Veterans held their 12th annual national convention at the UNA Resort "Soyuzivka" at Kerhonkson, NY during the weekend of June 19, 20, and 21. It was one of the most well-attended veterans' conventions and was well balanced with serious business sessions, sports and entertainment.

The Honorable Michael Starr, Canadian Minister of Labor, honored the convention with his appearance during Saturday afternoon and addressed the convention delegates and guests. He stated that he was pleased to learn of the solidarity and progress of the Ukrainian Americans in America and wished them God-speed and hoped that they would never again have to make the sacrifices that they did during the past World War and Korean conflict.

On Saturday evening a banquet was held in the dining salon of the resort and was attended by prominent distinguished guests, delegates and their families and friends. The Johnson City Choral group under the direction of Father Lawryk entertained the gathering with a fine selection of Ukrainian folk songs. The choral group's performance was one of the outstanding events of the evening."

June 28, 1959

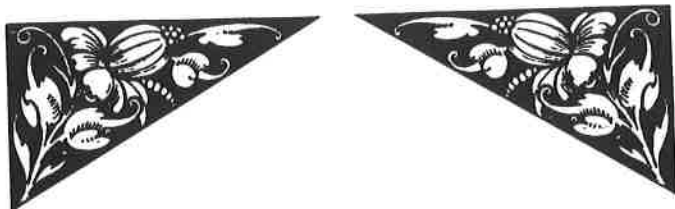
Our dancers performed at Ukrainian Orthodox Day as sponsored by the Philadelphia Deanery in Chester, PA.

August 9, 1959

"The Divine Liturgy was not celebrated in our church." According to the *Church Bulletin*: "Choir and dancers took part in the Pontifical Service at Glen Spey, NY. You will be proud to hear that the Choir sang beautifully at the morning service and in the afternoon concert. The dancers performed in the hot sun and difficult platform like professionals. Many favorable comments were heard. The Archbishop noted that he was very pleased to see the number of teenagers that are members of the Choir." *Narodna Volya* wrote: "The seventh annual Ukrainian Workingmen's Association Day is just two days away. The gala celebration, marking the liberation of Kiev, Ukraine's capital city, promises to be one of the finest ever held. Highlighting the affair will be the appearance of the President of Ukraine in exile, Dr. Stepan Wytwytzky, who will speak at the Sunday afternoon program. The St. John's Chorus and Dancers under the capable directorship of Rev. Frank Lawryk will present a concert at the afternoon program presentation. The Chorus and Dancers are perhaps one of the finest Ukrainian groups ever to perform at the Resort and they will be making another appearance having been at the Resort three years ago. The demand for bringing back this group has been great, and a repeat performance will be enjoyed by all."

October 4, 1959

Two chartered buses left at 6 a.m. from our parish to attend the 40th anniversary celebration of our sister parish in Trenton, NJ. Our choir and dancers gave a concert.



November 8, 1959
Mirone Klysh Ordained

In Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada our Mirone Klysh was ordained into the Diaconate of the Holy Orthodox Church. His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion sanctified him during the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at the Holy Trinity Cathedral.

From the *Press*: "Mr. Klysh is a graduate of Johnson City High School and Broome Technical Community College. He attended Harpur College and Western Reserve University, and is presently a senior in the faculty of theology of St. Andrew's College, Winnipeg. An active member in the Student's Theological Society, he presently holds the offices of Treasurer and Student Librarian. He is a member of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, where he was active in the choir and the Ukrainian Folk Dancers. Mr. Klysh was married on October 10 to the former Lillian Kapetz of Roblin, Canada."

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§ "Soyata Vechera" — 1960



§ Ukrainian Independence Day — 1960

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*** "SVYATA VECHERA"**

From the Binghamton Sunday Press
January 7, 1960

"The Christmas Eve Holy Supper is served on the eve of the Julian calendar Christmas which is observed today by all the Eastern Orthodox Christians. Mrs. Emilia Klysh pictured amid her grandchildren, has prepared the twelve dishes traditionally served at this supper. To the right of Mrs. Klysh is Marlyn Lou Klish 5; Jonathan Klysh 3, and Cypryan Klysh 8. To the left of Mrs. Klysh is Kathleen Klysh 9, and Wilma Klysh her daughter holding Miranda Lee Klysh 1. The hay beneath the

tablecloth is in remembrance of the hay-scented stable where Jesus was born. It is traditional to have hay sprinkled both on the floor of the kitchen and also under the tablecover of the festive table."

*** January 22, 1960**

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of Johnson City, as a feature of its celebration of the 42nd anniversary of "Ukrainian Independence Day," presented a Ukrainian flag to Mayor William F. Ott, Sr. in his office in the Municipal Building.

March 3, 1960

Father Lawryk spoke at the Noon Community Service. According to the *Press*: "There are two ways in which we fall into becoming servants of evil and never realize it: by our neglect of goodness and our willingness to compromise with evil."

March 24, 1960

From *Endicott Today*: "A colorful display of 37 hand-decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs are now on display in the Education Center lobby. The display, loaned by St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City, also includes a step-by-step exhibit showing how the eggs are decorated. All IBM employees are invited to view the display weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until April 15. The public is invited."

April 8, 1960

The contract to build the Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ was signed.

May 5, 1960

The Memorial Center was redecorated with a new drop ceiling, new wall coverings and lighting. Cost: \$20,000.





§ Ukrainian Independence Day — 1961



§ Birth of Christ — 1961

June 17, 1960
FLOODWATER DISASTER!

Disaster has hit our hometown! Many times when others are hit we read about it and feel no pain. We think "it can't happen to us—it happens to the other guy." It didn't this time—it happened to most of us. We must thank God that a greater disaster did not occur for no lives were lost.

There is much property damage. But, as always in a crisis, many hands volunteer to help. Our backbones become stronger. And little by little things will become normal again. Many of our parish members have much personal property damage and yet, in spite of this, clean-up measures were started almost immediately at the church. This is how it should be! Have courage, faith and God will help us to overcome this blow.

Our Memorial Center was untouched—but a portion of our parking lot was washed away. But this is minor, considering the tremendous force of the roaring "creek". When the water subsided from the parking lot it left mounds of mud and debris. The most heart-warming sight was our parish members, their children and friends working side by side—cleaning up almost immediately following the storm. The energy and cooperation was amazing to our neighbors.

Tuesday, June 21, 1960

We catered a dinner honoring the Governor of New York State, Nelson Rockefeller.

June 26, 1960

The House of Representatives Sub-Committee approved the erection of a statue of Ukraine's most famous poet, Taras Shevchenko in Washington, D.C.

*** August 28, 1960**
Mirone Klysh Ordained

Reverend Mirone Klysh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Klysh, was Sanctified in the Priesthood during Pontifical Divine Liturgy, by His Excellency Metropolitan John Theodorovich, in St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and other Ukrainian priests of the area assisted the Metropolitan. After the ceremony, a dinner was held in the Memorial Center where clergy, relatives and friends expressed sincere wishes and hearty congratulations to Reverend Klysh in dedicating himself and his life to God.

September 16, 1960

Grace Archbishop Mstyslav and Fr. Bohdan Zelechivsky made an official visit to our parish. The subject matters were the assignment of Father Mirone and the need of a loan from our parish to awaken other parishes and continue the started project of a Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ. Our Church Committee made the loan in the sum of \$30,000.

September 24, 1960

Golden Jubilee of UWA celebrated by combined branches of said organization of Triple Cities with a dinner in our Memorial Center. Stephen Sadowitz was chairman.

October 1, 1960

Fr. Mirone Klysh is assigned to the Church Center in South Bound Brook, NJ.

October 2, 1960

News reached our parish that our loan for the Memorial Church has inspired the Youngstown, Ohio parish. Although they have a mortgage of over \$120,000 on their property (which they built because "if Johnson City can do it *we can too*") they are loaning \$10,000 to the Memorial Church!

October 9, 1960

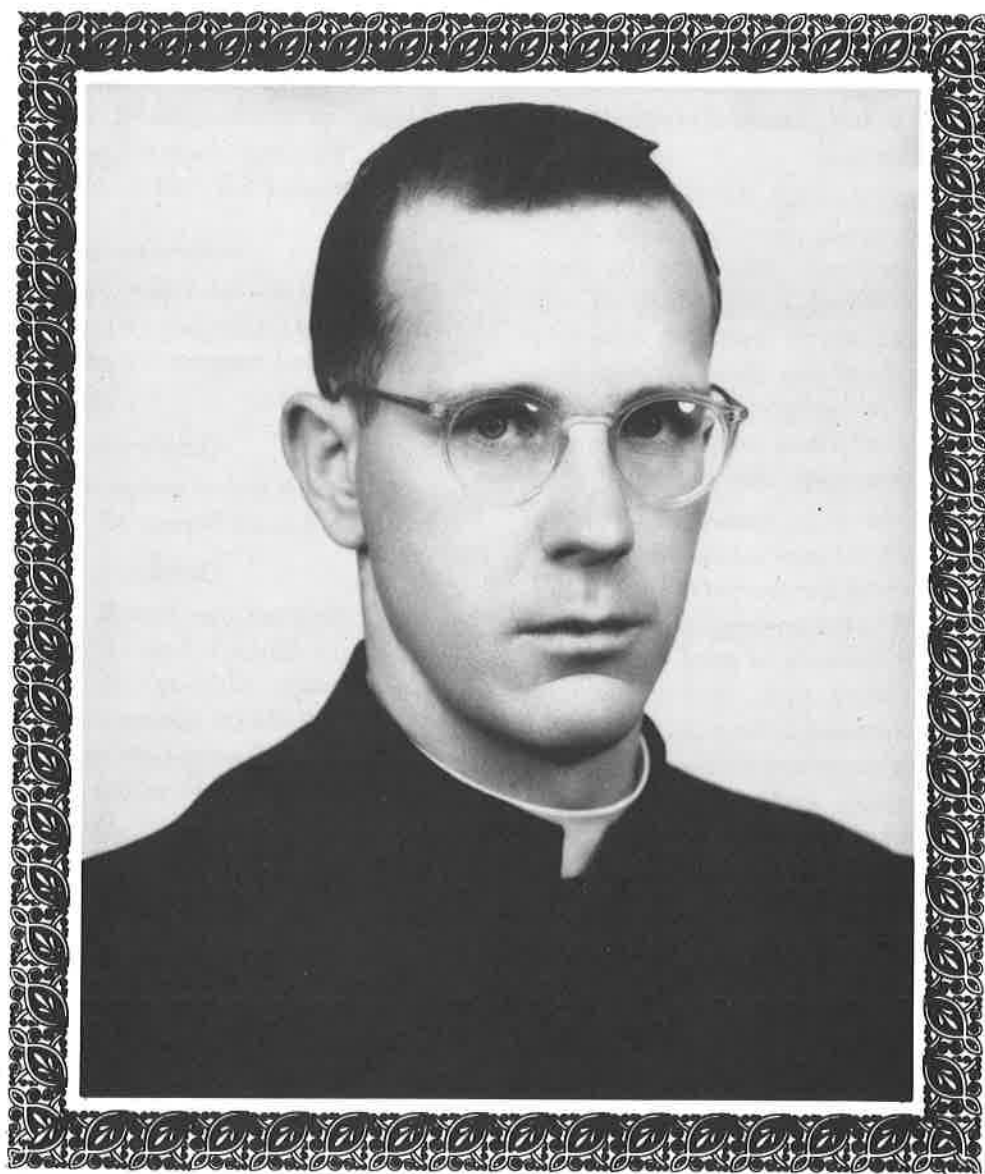
Father Lawryk celebrated a Vesper Service in Wells College, in Aurora, NY. It was followed by a lecture on the Orthodox Faith.

CENTENNIAL YEAR

"JC Ukrainian Church Preparing for Annual Tribute to Taras Shevchenko Patriot-Poet"

From the December 16, 1960 *Sunday Bulletin*.
Written by Charles Terboss.

"Members of St. John's Ukrainian Church in Johnson City are making plans for an annual observance honoring Taras Shevchenko, Ukraine's poet laureate and national hero. Joining with them next March will be Americans of Ukrainian descent throughout the nation and the Congress of the United States. Next February 26 will mark the centennial of Shevchenko's death in 1861. The House of Representatives already has published a pamphlet outlining and discussing the career of the man known as "Eastern Europe's Champion of Liberty" and the House has also authorized the erection of a statue of Shevchenko in Washington, D.C."



Reverend Mirone Klysh

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January 15, 1961

Blessing of the American flag, a gift of the local Sr. UOL Chapter and the Ukrainian flag, gift of the local chapter of the Ukrainian Congress Committee.

February 12, 1961

SPIRIT—WE'VE GOT IT!

This past week was one of the hardest in our catering history. Beginning with the snow on Saturday morning, and ending last night . . . but we did it. We thank God for His Guidance. Last Saturday, our party called and cancelled the dinner in the morning . . . but our ladies and a couple of men braved the snows, walking in drifts of three feet—they knew that there was work to be done and they were going to do it. Good thing, too.

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In the late afternoon the party called to say that 125 guests had arrived from out-of-town, and the hotels could not accommodate them (for their help didn't arrive) we would have to do it. We did. Then came the call that the people from Utica could not make it for the Millie Kulick-Theodore Herbowy wedding. *But they did come*, and we were prepared. We had a dinner every night except Monday—and we did it. Thank God and our parish members that have the "spirit". There is work to be done and they are right there to do it.

March 26, 1961
100-YEAR COMMEMORATION
OF
TARAS SHEVCHENKO 1814-1861

Following the Divine Liturgy there was a Panachyda. In the evening a concert with the beautiful words, songs, paintings, thoughts of Taras presented. There was a free-will offering for the monument which is to be built of Shevchenko in Washington, D.C.

June 4, 1961

The Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ was blessed. Our Sisterhood delegates, Mrs. Anna Sadowitz and Mrs. Mary B. Haluska, had the honor to carry the treasured relics in the procession preceding the Liturgy. The "bricks" from the communist-destroyed cathedrals of the Conception of the Virgin and St. Sophia were walled into the Memorial Church. William Sadowitz represented our UOL Chapters in the procession. More than 40 parishes were represented with about 5,000 persons attending. Johnson City was there... a bus with 40 persons and 8 known private cars.

We thank our Sisterhood delegates for their fine representation and to Bill and Julie Sadowitz for their gracious offer to aid our delegates. To our young people that performed - thank you. Even under most difficult circumstances (tests of a good performer) they did well. Thanks to Julie Sadowitz, Lesia and Nancy Klysh, Ann and Mike Dobransky for their help in the Main House. It was greatly appreciated by the honored guests and Church dignitaries.

August 12, 1961

The regional UOL conference was held in our parish.

August 13, 1961
HIGH STEPPERS

Joseph Krawecki, 10, and Mary Ann Lewkowicz, 11, will perform Ukrainian folk dances at the annual Ukrainian Day picnic program sponsored by St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Johnson City. Activities will start at 3:30 p.m. Other features of the public picnic include an all-day bake sale and dancing.



August 27, 1961

The advanced dancers traveled to Chester, PA to perform at that parish's 30th-Anniversary Celebration.

September 3, 1961

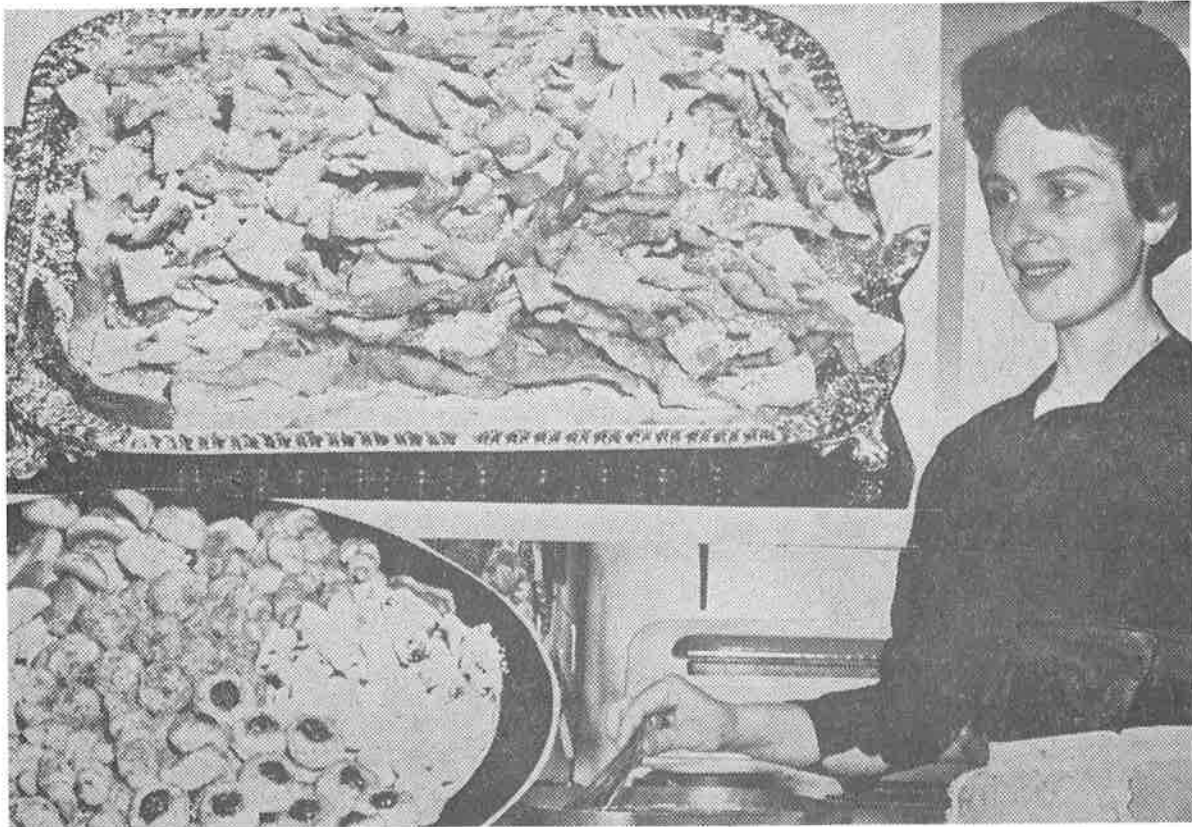
All the dancers took part in the UYLNA concert held in the Scranton Central High School.

November 17, 1961

The advanced dancers traveled to Unadilla, NY to perform for the Women's Club. Beautifully done.



Pani Lawryk teaches Ukrainian egg-coloring to Eric Sadowitz



Traditional treats prepared for Ukrainian Christmas by Mrs. Zenna Chebiniak

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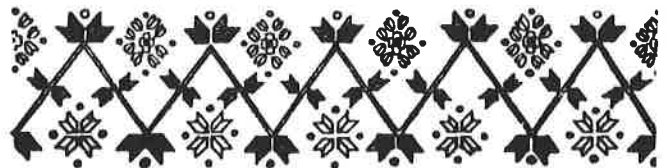
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January 22, 1962

Mayor John J. Burns proclaimed this day Ukrainian Independence Day. The Ukrainian national flag replaced the United Nations emblem from the staff in front of the Collier Street Building. Mayor Burns noted in his 180-word proclamation that while new nations, especially in Africa, acquire free status in the world, the Ukraine in Europe continues under Soviet domination.





Julie Sadowitz

March, 1962

From the Evening Press
by Florence Sands

The beauty of Ukrainian Easter eggs has long been recognized. Yet it is only recently, with increased study of folk arts and a realization of their importance, that artists and scholars have sought to study and analyze their designs. What once seemed to be only an ancient tradition is now credited as a distinct and well developed branch of folk art, a definite contribution to world culture.

The knowledge that she plays a part in the important contribution of this cultural pastime is particularly rewarding to Mrs. Julie Sadowitz, EJ Employee of the Boys and Youths Cutting room office. Highly skilled in the technique of egg decorating, Mrs. Sadowitz has been practicing the art since childhood since the tradition is handed down from generation to generation. Its origin traces back some 5,000 years, she explains.

With the Easter season almost here, Mrs. Sadowitz devotes every moment of her spare time to working on the colorful eggs. To the amazement of co-workers, she remains at the plant over the noon-hour lunch break as her desk converts to a work center.

Special classes conducted by Mrs. Frank Lawryk, wife of the pastor of St John's, aided Julie in perfecting her decorating skills. She is extremely active in work at the church and for five years was hostess at the Memorial Center. She still acts as occasional waitress for evening dinner parties, and has held the post of financial secretary at the Center for the past 16 years. This year she was elected national secretary of the Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League which has chapters throughout the United States, the EJ employee spends considerable time in traveling to regional board meetings. In July, she plans to attend the UOL convention at Philadelphia.



§ Junior UOL — 1961



§ Church School — 1962

April 22, 1962

There were two blessings: (1) of the church banner honoring the Virgin Mary (gift of Dmytro and Eva Okrepkie); and (2) of the Senior Altar Boys' Dalmatics (gift of the Sisterhood).

1962 UYLNA Sports Rally in Johnson City
(From a long article by Alexander F. Danko
which appeared in *Easter Trend*)

§ UYLNA Sports Rally Committee — 1962



The Sports Rally was held the weekend of May 18-20. Stephen Smyk, who was appointed district attorney of Broome County on January 1st of this year told members at their sports rally, "After checking information in the district attorney's office for the last 20 years, so far as I know no one has been involved in crime in this country who was a letterman in athletics in high school or college."

And from an editorial in *Narodna Volya*: "A tribute of the highest is worthy of a job well done. And the St. John's Church and Social Club, hosts of the 1962 UYLNA Sports Rally deserve high praise for their wonderful promotion of last weekend's affair. As the more than 500 persons can attest, the promotion end of the Sports Rally was well taken care of and can be noted as perhaps the best Sports Rally ever conducted under the auspices of the UYLNA."

July 22, 1962

Our dancers performed for the 15th annual UOL convention held in Philadelphia, PA.

August 11 and 12

We sponsored a Ukrainian Weekend.

December 23, 1962

There was a blessing of a banner (gift of the Senior UOL Chapter). We also sponsored a communion breakfast and furnished St. Nicholas with gifts for all the children of the parish.

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March 24, 1963

Upper New York State Region installation ceremonies with a concert honoring Taras Shevchenko.

April 7, 1963

The film "King of Kings" was shown.

May 11 & 12, 1963

Our delegates to the United Sisterhood Convention in South Bound Brook, NJ were: Marie A. Karaim and Nancy Klish. Junior members were: Carol Petras and Marianne Lawryk.

July 15-18, 1963

The first Church School Teacher's Conference (sponsored by the Education Commission) was held at Thiel College. Attending: Mildred Bogdan, Zenna Chebiniak, Olga Gooley, Marianne Lawryk, Father & Pani.

June 2, 1963

We showed "Song of Mazeppa", a color film based on historical facts which took place in Ukraine before the tragic famine of 1933.

August 10, 1963

A Ukrainian Weekend was held.

August 31, 1963

The first "Eastern Orthodox Religious Cultural Festival" was held in Pittsburgh, PA.

August 21-25, 1963

Two altar boys, Peter M. Dobransky and Joseph Bycz, attended the Youth Conference near Carnegie, PA.



September 1963

Father Lawryk was ailing and a guest pastor, the Very Reverend Father Leonid Dolynsky of Amsterdam, NY, was called in for two weekends. He made the following observations:

There are many children in church and they are extremely well behaved.

The House of God is sparkling clean and most beautiful. (He was reminded of the church in Ukraine that he served for 20 years.)

There is order and dignity in that all kneel, sit, stand, etc. in unison.

There is a warm friendliness and he "felt at home" in our parish.

He marveled at the cooperation—the work that is being done constantly (e.g., in the Center, under the Church).

Our altar boys are excellent.

The responses of the choir to the priest are as they were in Ukraine.



September 21, 1963
Ground-Breaking Ceremonies for
Monument in Washington, D.C.

From the *Press*: "Thousands of Ukrainians from far and near will gather to partake of the festivities of the dedication and ground-breaking ceremonies for the Taras Shevchenko Monument. This will mark the beginning of yearly festivities, culminated with the eventual unveiling of the monument on May 30, 1964—the 150th anniversary of the great poet's birthday. The memorial will be located on a small triangular park bounded by 22nd, 23rd, and P Streets, N.W. and will consist of a plaza and a 14-foot statue of Shevchenko to be executed by Leo Mol, a Ukrainian-born sculptor."

October 6, 1963

Classrooms under the church were completed. Thanks to: John Maliwacki, the designer and engineer of the work; Bill Klish, the manpower assigner; John Mihalko and John Kaspryk, go-getter assistants; John Haluska, who spent his week's vacation painting the rooms; the Chubinsky Family (Michael, Andrew, John and Charles), all faithful workers; George Dudik, for the "like-new" floors; Peter Maliwacki, Nicholas Tarcha, Michael Charnetsky and his two sons Michael and Richard, for their help; Cypryan Klish, John Klym, Jr., Eugene Klym, Bill Sadowitz, Peter Sadowitz, Jr., Al Gooley and the Junior Chapter of UOL, for their untiring efforts.

October 27, 1963

There were blessings: (1) of the church banners (gift of Dmytro & Eva Okrepkie and Theodore & Emilia Klysh) and (2) of the Service Books (gift of Walter Puchir and the Senior UOL Chapter).

November 22, 1963

President John F. Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States, was killed by an assassin.

EVENTS of 1963

In addition to the 119 days that work was done in catering to the public in our Memorial Center, the following affairs were held by the parish:

12 lectures on Orthodoxy and Ukraine

6 dancing performances

1 concert honoring Shevchenko

1 play honoring Christ's birth and St. Nicholas

4 communion breakfasts

2 religious films

2 annual dinners (Christmas/Easter)

1 Ukrainian Day

1 Appreciation Night for all workers

4 receptions for out-of-towners

1 family picnic

1 children's picnic

1 party for children

4 parties for parish members

*The national publication of *UYLNA Trend* and *Trendette* was capably managed by Anne Petras. She wisely chose John Maliwacki and Peter Tymczyna to create the covers for the magazines.

THE UKRAINIAN
TRENDETT



Work of John Maliwacki



"DEDICATED TO THE LIBERATION, FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE OF ALL CAPTIVE NATIONS."



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Joseph Kulyk
John Maliwacki
John Tytko
Pani

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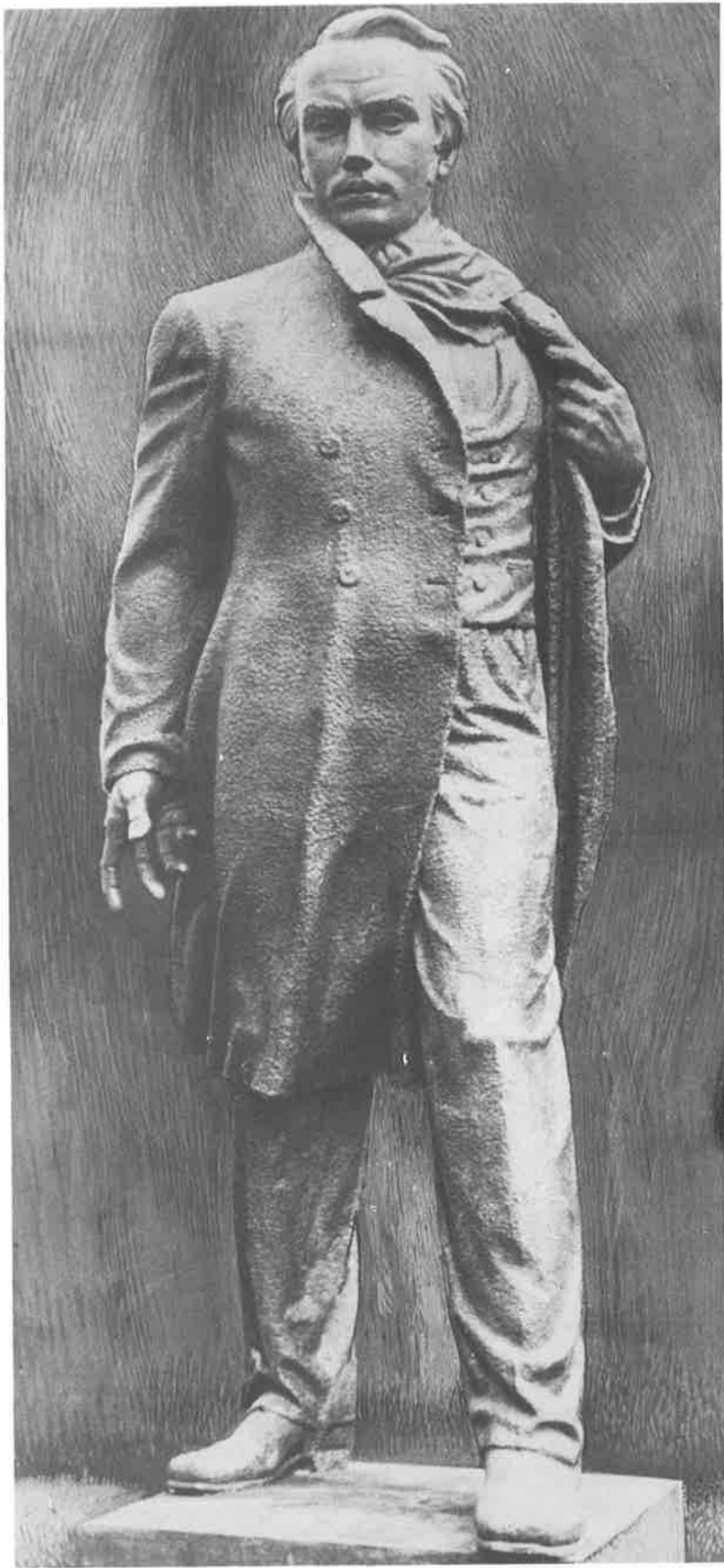
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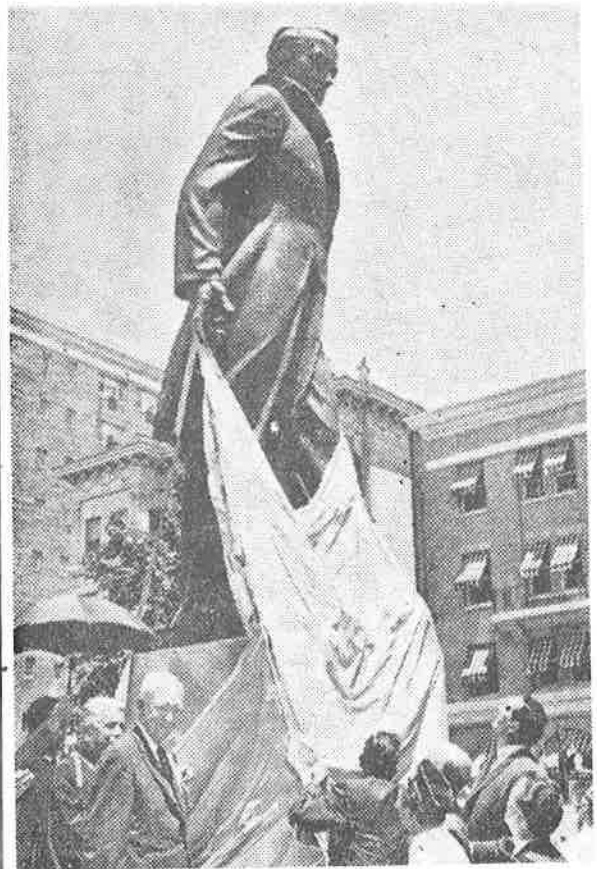
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Ike Unveils Statue Of Ukrainian Hero



EISENHOWER AND UKRAINIAN HERO—Former President Dwight Eisenhower appears at unveiling yesterday in Washington, D.C., of statue of 19th Century Ukrainian poet Taras Shevchenko, whose memory has become a symbol of the fight for freedom of Ukrainian refugees against Communist Russia. Several Triple Cities residents of Ukrainian descent attended the ceremony.



§ Dancers at World's Fair — 1964



§ Church School — 1963

April 12, 1964

A church committee was formed to prepare necessary information as to the improvement of our present property and the building of a new church. *A majority vote has ruled to build a new church.*

May 31, 1964

Ground breaking and blessing for our new church on the 38th anniversary of the founding of our parish and 10th anniversary of the Memorial Center. At the Pontifical Divine Liturgy: Metropolitan John celebrating with the Very Reverend Fathers John Sawchuk and Omelan Mycyk, and Father Lawryk assisting. *Procession and Blessing—Ground Breaking (12 noon); Dinner (1 p.m.); Concert—Surma Male chorus (our children too) (3:30 p.m.); Social Hour (5:00 p.m.).*

June 26-28, 1964

The bus left at 11 a.m. on Saturday and returned early Monday morning for the Washington, D.C. trip for the unveiling of Shevchenko's monument. With pride you can shout "I am Ukrainian!" along with 100,000 others. The statue-monument is beautiful, inspiring and well-located. The manifestation was dignified and orderly. According to the *Binghamton Press*, some 200 Triple Cities residents attended the dedication. To all that made the trip—God bless you.

July 28-31, 1964

A Memory Maker: The World's Fair

The bus left at 5 a.m. for the World's Fair in New York City where our dancers performed. Our mission, to represent Broome County, was a huge success! Our dancers performed exceptionally well. It was heartwarming to hear so many people coming up after each performance and congratulating our group for their exciting interpretations of the Ukrainian dances.

September 3, 1964

Anne Petras was elected President of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America.

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Greeting Metropolitan John — 1964: William Klish, John Tymczyna, Joseph Bycz, Metropolitan John, Peter M. Dobransky



Groundbreaking for new church — 1964: Father Lawryk, Metropolitan John, Parishioners

Plans to Build A Larger Church

Another five years have quickly passed since our last joyful celebration. The years have flown by so rapidly because we, as a parish, have been so busy. Busy keeping the name of our Church on the very highest level in our community—through our combined efforts—and with our dedicated work and love to build up the fund for our new Church. God has blessed our efforts. Our parish enjoys a dignified position in the community and the building fund for the new Church has reached the goal needed to start construction. Through the grace of God and the combined efforts of members, young and old in our parish, this has been made possible. It is now time to “Make Another Dream Come True” with the building of a larger Church.

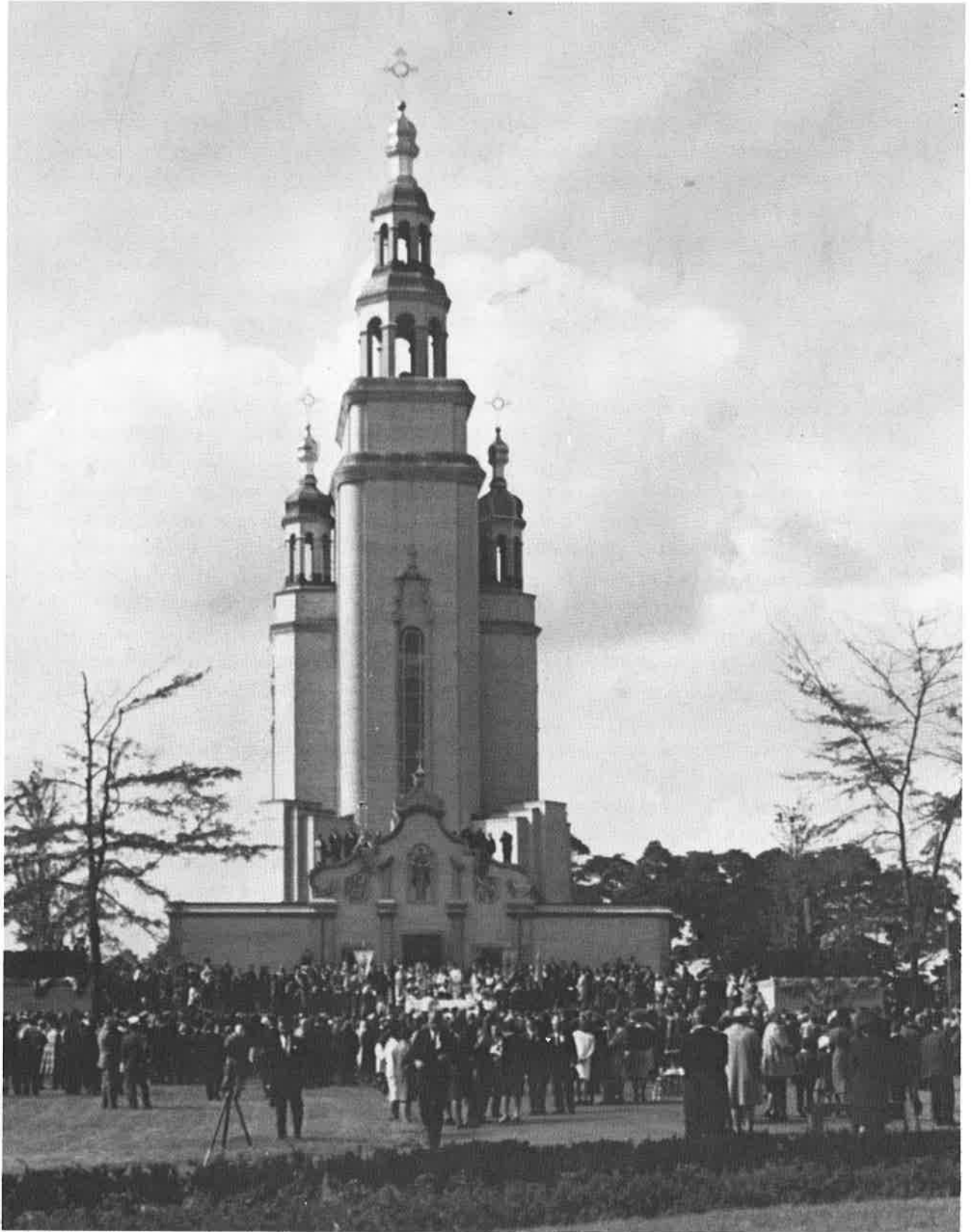
Our present Church is dear to all of us; with loving hearts and hands we have kept it beautiful and shining. For over 30 years we have worshipped, praised and glorified God in it, and He has blessed us with a growing parish and the conscious need for a larger house of worship. Only through His guidance has this been possible. Thirty-eight years of working together is not an easy task—voluntary help in most organizations nowadays is unheard of. In our work it has been the rule. To those who have given of their time and labors, this “Miracle” of working together is a never-ceasing wonder. To the dedicated workers who have pledged themselves for every doing—the parish is grateful—and the reward of the worker is in his own knowing that what was done was for God.

A worker is aptly described as one who works for the good of the parish, whose name will pop into the priest’s mind whenever there is something which must be done. The worker is the person you will see pitching-in with every parish activity. He will do what he is asked to do and would not think of doing anything without being told to do it. He may be short on ideas, but he possesses an overabundance of willingness to work and goodwill. He will make real sacrifices of his time and his talent what he does—he does it for God. He talks little but accomplishes much. He is too busy correcting the faults he sees in his own work to criticize someone else’s work. He accepts direction humbly for he realizes that there may be a better way of doing the job than the way he has found. He respects his pastor’s priesthood and his own share in Christ’s priesthood. He realizes his debt to his Church and is eager, in his own way to pay it off. This is the worker and our parish has been blessed with many. God Bless You!

Because our present Church is a glowing example of love, the entire heart of the Church will be moved to its new location, not too far distant, with a larger new body to enclose it. As times change, needs change. By erecting the new Church on spacious grounds, with ample parking and landscaped grounds, the future needs should be taken care of for many years to come.

The present Church will become the Church School Building, which is desperately needed for the youth of our parish.

With God’s help, and the continued cooperation of our entire parish—“Another dream of a larger Church, will soon come true.”



Memorial Church, So. Bound Brook, N.J. — 1965

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April 1965

Marianne Duby, 15, of Johnson City colors a decorative egg at the Binghamton Savings Bank.



June 26, 1965

Teacher's Conference in Cartaret, NJ.

★ June 27, 1965

The Altar Boy's Conference in Chester, PA was attended by: Gregory Bogdan, Joseph Gelinger, Cypryan Klish, Ronald Dobransky, Gary Gelinger, Michael Charnetsky, Joseph Kasprowitz, Richard Charnetsky, Michael Duby, Raymond Crnkovic, John Lewkowicz, Father.

August 27, 1965

Participants in Camp Kon-O-Kwee: Marianne Duby, Maria Haluska, Marianne Krawecki, Melanie Klish, Sandy Pufky, Jane Tarcha, Marianne Uhrinec, Marianne Lawryk-Counselor.

October 10, 1965

We went by bus to the blessing of our Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ. Our parish was presented a founder's banner at the dedication. It will be a constant reminder that there is much work yet to be done—and a visible sign that when we were called we answered. It is an honor to be presented with the banner.

★ October 16, 1965

More than 300 persons were on hand at St. John's Memorial Center to pay special tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sadowitz, Sr. who marked the Golden Anniversary of their marriage. Married in Newark, NJ, the couple came to the Johnson City-Binghamton area a few years later and settled on a farm on the outskirts of the city. A few years later they moved into Binghamton proper and have remained in that area ever since. Mr. & Mrs. Sadowitz have been active in Ukrainian affairs all their life. They are well known in the Johnson City area for their work on behalf of their church, their Memorial Center, and their various Ukrainian Clubs and organizations (both civic and fraternal).

October 18, 1965

Dr. Stepan Wytwytsky, Ukrainian President in exile died in New York City at the age of 81. Our choir will always remember him as the gentle person that wept tears of joy when he heard a familiar Ukrainian song...and what was more astonishing was the fact that he would sing along with us, and would remember all the words, even to the fast folk tunes. Dr. Wytwytsky spent the greater part of his lifetime working for the Ukrainian cause. Memory Eternal!

Golden Anniversary — 1965: Peter and Anna Sadowitz, Sr.



§ Altar Boy's Conference — 1965

1966

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Cover Girl — 1965:
Carol Petras in Trendette



April 9, 1966

★ March 6, 1966

Sisterhood held a Fashion Show.

March 27, 1966

The decision was made to build a new church.

★ "Youngest Press Entry
8½-Month American"

From the *Press* "Don't let lack of bowling experience keep you out of the 21st annual Press Doubles Handicap Tournament. John Kreczko didn't. Kreczko, a Ukrainian who has been in this country only eight months, has already filed his papers for entry in the 21st annual Press Doubles Tournament. His bowling partner is John Baranyk."

★ April 1966

"An Egg Can Be Beautiful"



From the *Sunday Press* by Robert Elfers: "It's a commonplace activity, during the Easter season at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City, to try to improve on nature. The attempt is generally a dazzling success. This is due in the first place to the skill with which members of the church use a technique that's been handed down to them from preceding generations. Left to right: John Maliwacki; Amelia Kulick; Jean Haluska; and Mirone Klysh."

From *Sun Bulletin* reporter Al Lamb: "For a change, Eastern Orthodox churches this year will observe Easter on the same date as Western and Reform churches. A colorful custom of the Eastern church is the blessing of Easter baskets. The Very Reverend Frank T. Lawryk, pastor of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, blesses the food held by Kevin and Lauren Skellett, the children of Mr. & Mrs. Emory Skellett, RD #5, West Chenango Road, Binghamton."

★ August 7, 1966

For Ukrainian Day there were fashions of Ukraine. It was exciting and educational. Costumes from the following regions were presented: Volyn, Boyko, Bukovina, Sniatyn, Yavoriw, Podillya, Borschiw, Kiev, Tarnopil, Lemko, Polissya, Poltava and Hutsul.

September 25, 1966

Jan Kostyun received the "Alpha-Omega Award" for Boy Scouts of the Eastern-Orthodox Faith. This award helps to foster the growth of scouting throughout the parishes. It provides scouts with a new motivation to be more faithful in their religious duties, become more informed about their Church, take a greater interest in the activities of the Church and express their faith in the service of their Church.

October 1966

We had eleven community service affairs scheduled as parish projects.

October 10, 1966

Adoption of St. John's Church Constitution and By-Laws. Committee: Nicholas and Nancy Tarcha, Father and Pani Lawryk, William Sadowitz, William Klish.

1966 saw the publication of the Divine Liturgy in English with illustrations and descriptions to help better understand the worship service.



[above] Fashion Show — 1966: Jean Dobransky Klym, Olga Tarcha and Jane Tarcha.



[right] Fashion Show — 1966: Sharon Kostyun, Josephine Vimislik, Kay Gelinger



"An Egg Can Be Beautiful" — 1966: John Maliwacki, Amelia Kulick, Jean Haluska, Mirone Klysh



21st Annual Press Doubles — 1966
John Kreczko and John Baranyk



*Blessing of Easter Baskets — 1966:
Kevin Skellett, Father Lawryk, Lauren Skellet*

§ Church School — 1966





§ Fashions of Ukraine — 1966



§ Dancers — 1966

1966 - The Year That Was - 1966

In Our Memorial Center of St. John's

Parish Sponsored or Affiliated Organizations held the following:

Christmas Holy Supper
Social Club Membership Dance
Worker's Party
Entertained National UOL Board
Sisterhood Dinner
Sisterhood Style Show
2 Easter Communion Breakfasts
UOL Spring Family Dinner
Holy Easter Dinner
Social Club Dinner for Bowlers
Church School Picnic
UOL Family Picnic
Ukrainian Day
Rummage Sale by Sisterhood
Reception for Jan Kostyun-Alpha-Omega Award
UOL Fall Family Dinner
Social Club Sport's Dinner
Halloween Party for Children
2 Christmas Communion Breakfasts
Social Club Christmas Party
Christmas Program
New Year's Eve Affair
3 After Funeral Lunches
Sisterhood Meetings - Programs
Parish Meetings
UOL Meetings - Programs
Folk Dancing Rehearsals
Folk Dancing Performances:
 YMCA
 Harpur College
 Business & Professional Women
 Park Terrace Methodist Church
 YWCA
 Ukrainian Day
 Union Presbyterian Church
 Ukrainian Workingmen's Assoc.
14 Easter Egg Lectures &
 Lectures on Ukraine
162 Newspaper Notices
Donated Services For:
 J.C. Chamber of Commerce Style Show
 Wilson Memorial Hospital Style Show
 J.C. PTA Sample Fair
 Business & Professional Women's Style Show
24,357 persons served (not counting the above affairs)
118 WORK DAYS
132 GROUPS SERVED

By helping ourselves - we helped many others in their projects - an immeasurable DONATION on our part.

Such organizations as:

Boy Scouts
Sheltered Workshop
Lions Club
American Civic Association
Seton High School
Maine Endwell High School
United Fund
Ukrainian Workingmen's Association
Wilson Memorial Hospital
Masonic Family Night
Endicott Little League
4H Club
Babe Ruth League
Endwell Little League
Endicott Teener League
J.C. Pony League
J.C. Little League
Susquehanna Teachers
Binghamton Central High School
West Junior High School
YMCA
Johnson City High School
Aahmes Grotto
Vestal High School
Speed Skaters
Broome Tech Alumni
Catholic College Alumni
Association Mentally Retarded
American Red Cross
Social Planning Council
State Hospital
Greene Teachers
Woodrow Wilson PTA
All Saints Episcopal Church
District Attorney's Office
Democratic Party
Republican Party
Community Church League
North High School

Thank God for His Guidance, Blessings and Perseverance in good things.

*Bless all who make the time to do - to help - to make life worthwhile - and to all that pray for continued success -
GOD BLESS ALL.*

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January 22, 1967

49th Anniversary of the proclamation of the independence of the Ukrainian National Republic. Mayor Esworthy in his proclamation said that the "citizens of Ukrainian descent have been in the forefront of the battle against Soviet Russian colonialism and imperialism."

John Tylko

*God builds no churches, by his plan
that labor has been left to man.
No spires miraculously arise,
no little mission from the skies
falls on a bleak and barren place
to be a source of strength and grace,
the church demands its price
in human toil and sacrifice.
The humblest spire in moral ken,
where God abides, was built by men,
and if the church is still to grow,
is still the light of hope to throw
across the valleys of despair,
man still must build God's house of prayer,
God sends no churches from the skies,
out of our hearts they must arise.*



John Tylko, William Klysh

John was Honored at the 50th Anniversary celebration of Our Parish

When the question is asked - and it is asked many times - Who was the architect for your new church? With grateful pride we state that it was one of our own parish members. . . John Tylko. This unique good fortune to have our own architect-engineer in the parish family is just one more reason to believe that our gift to God is really our gift. John has used the talent God gave him to benefit us all.

February 23, 1967

Special Building Fund Committee Meeting - It was unanimously decided that NOW is the time to start building our new church. The contract has been awarded the Nezelek Construction Company and work shall begin immediately. Through us, God can do His work. We are the workers in His vineyard. He needs us to make the plans, to work to make these plans a reality, and prayers to guide us in all that we do.

In PLANS - WORK - PRAYERS - there is something that each one of us in our parish family can do, from the youngest to the wisest. NOW IS THE TIME! The most exciting, gratifying, thrilling, awesome experience is about to begin.

Be a part of it - by helping in deed and prayer, God will bless our efforts!

May 1, 1967

There must be joy in all our hearts at this time, for we have much to be thankful for. The architect-engineer of our new church is a member of our parish, JOHN TYLKO.

May 21, 1967

Notes of interest about our new church. . . So many of our parish members have wondered why our Contractor is using wood forms and not the steel ones in the construction of our church, and from this questioning an idea has been born. Every week some interesting phase will be explained - so that together we will watch and understand the growth of our new church.

WOOD FORMS have to be used because the design of the church is varied and interesting—steel forms would not be flexible enough. Wood forms are used in deluxe work.

May 23, 1967

From the Binghamton Press:

**ST. JOHN'S PARISHIONERS MAY
GET CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

The Edward L. Nezelek Construction Company began work on the new church last month, on a plateau across St. John's Parkway from the Memorial Center. John Tylko, a member of the parish who is a professional engineer, designed the church.

August 20, 1967

Camp Kon-O-Kwee Campers: Michael Charnetsky, Ron Dobransky, Marianne Uhrinec, Maria Haluska, Cynthia Leska, Melanie Klish, Katherine Junko and Sharon Klym.

August 20, 1967

Building progress - we are now patiently waiting for the brick layers to finish another job so that they can start on ours. It is hard to wait patiently.

September 17, 1969

These are the festivities that our parish took part in celebrating Johnson City's 75th Birthday: Ecumenical Service of Worship; Parade; Many Nations Night and Rededication Ceremonies.

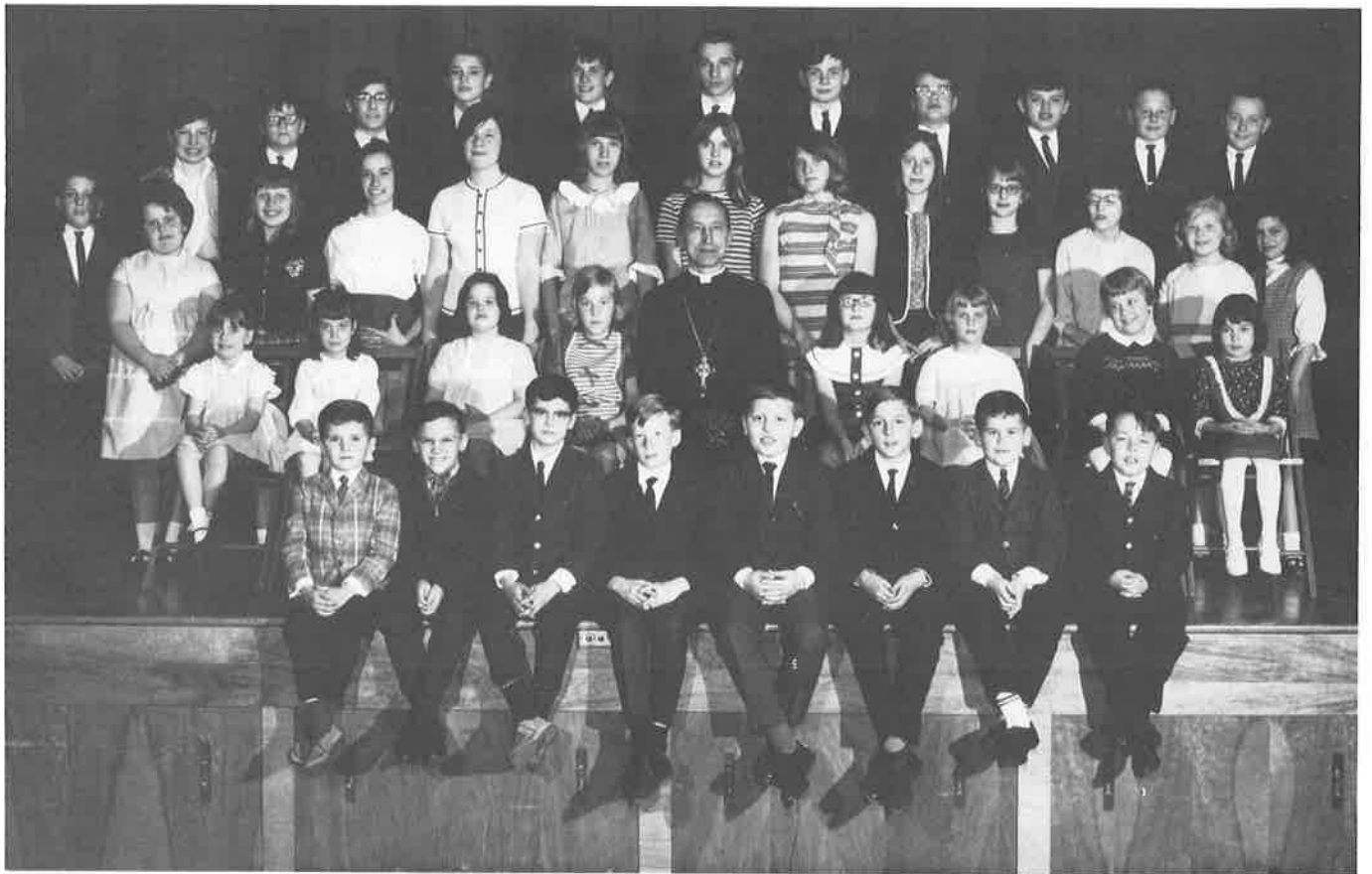
September 24, 1967

The brick is slowly rising; the vestry windows are already framed in stone and the very large windows are framed almost half way. The brick layers expect to be working until the last of October, so there is much to be done.

If you are ever passing on R.D. # 5 and see two large spaceships in the back yard of our architect-engineer John Tylko, you will know that they are not spaceships, but the two large domes that will grace the front of our new church. After much searching and deliberation, John decided that the only way to get the domes done correctly (and our John is a perfectionist in every sense of the word - for which we can all thank God) would be to do it himself, with the happy help of his family.

October 15, 1967

According to Ray Nezelek, supervisor on our new building project, the masons have now completed one-half of the work on our church. All the beautiful stone work is yet to be done. Let us pray for good weather so that all the work can be finished, and the roof can be put on to enclose the building for winter's labor.



§ Church School — 1967



§ First Communicants — 1967

October 22, 1967

Your pastor was elected to the Metropolitan Council at the Sobor held last week in Cleveland, Ohio. The work of this Council, first of all, is to elect from its members a new Consistory. It observes and governs the work of the Consistory, seeing to it that this body fulfills all the directives of the Council and Sobor. The Consistory is the representative of our Church in her daily life.

On this same date, your pastor was honored with an award for zeal for the faith and for the salvation of Christ's flock, called the *PALITZA*. This is an oblong piece of brocade, which is suspended by one corner upon the hip of the priest, and signifies the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. It is also explained as being symbolical of the towel wherewith the Saviour girded Himself to wash the disciples' feet. The *Palitza* is worn on the right hip. It is conferred as a reward or honor.

November 5, 1967

Roof insulation is up - even if winter sets in, the work can continue. Also, the towers are rising. The material is Indiana Limestone. Each stone is cut on the job, different shapes and sizes to give an interesting texture and natural stone pattern of lasting beauty.

November 12, 1967

Would you believe that the carload of bricks that have been holding up the finish of work on our church came Friday only to find that in transporting them from Ohio, half of the bricks were broken? Another two week wait is the result. The top dome has to wait for the brick, but the stone front is rising higher and higher.

Did you know that the sand and water used for the mortar are heated in this cold weather?

November 16-19, 1967

FIRST WORLD CONGRESS OF FREE UKRAINIANS (WCFU) held in New York City. A bus was chartered. Vitaly Halich was chairman.

November 19, 1967

Panachyda Service in memory of heroes who died on November 1, 1918 in the battle for a free Ukraine.

—WHAT TO DO—

\$310,000 plus, has already been earned for our new church. We need approximately \$435,000 to complete the first phase of the building program. (Not included in this total are the *MEMORIALS* (pews, windows, etc.)

A local bank is happy to loan the parish the needed \$125,000. Our payments will be \$1,800.00 a month.

Eight dinners a month (two a week) and we have the payment, plus, God willing! Can you think of a better, more dignified "together" (old and young, men and women) project that can bring such a profit as this from the dedicated efforts put forth? All our work is directed to God's glorification: working together, building together, helping others as we help ourselves.



November 26, 1967

Celebrated Golden Anniversary of John and Eva Melnyk in our Center.



December 3, 1967

Our new church is now wrapped in plastic, keeping warm and the work continues no matter what the weather.

December 10, 1967

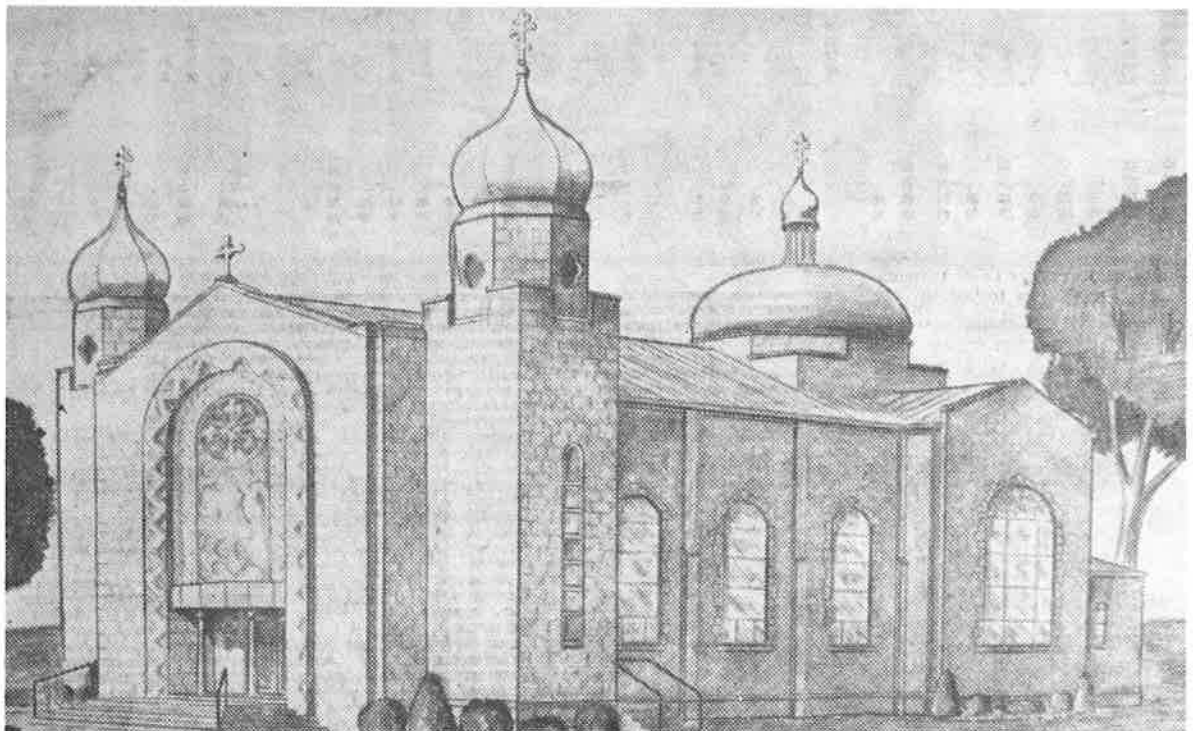
The weather had been good, consequently, the copper roof is being attached, the stone front is rising, and thanks to Mayor McCabe's word - the sidewalk and retainer wall are being installed on St. John's Parkway. The warm days are a blessing.



Center Dome — 1969



William Sadowitz and Dorothy Skellett



Rendition of future St. John's — 1967

December 17, 1967

Another week of November weather in December, and the work is progressing beautifully. All except the last shipment of brick. The company sent it from Indiana to Johnson City, Tennessee! At a time like this, a sense of humor is very important. The foreman (responsible for the work and the meeting of the deadline) was heard to say, "It's a lucky thing they didn't send it to Johnson City, Texas!" Being able to whistle helps a lot, too.

December 24, 1967

Another week of beautiful weather; as a result, the entire structure was encased in plastic for the workers kept saying: "just the calm before the storm." Maybe they were right. In any case, work will continue no matter what the weather. Most of the windows are in; stone front is rising, copper roof in the back portion is on; but we are still waiting for that last shipment of brick. With the last opening high in the center dome, birds have found a safe, warm place to gather. It is strange to hear birds sing, and hear their song re-echo sweetly through the nave of the church.

1967

We sponsored all the normal affairs during the year, plus catering for 120 organizations, sponsoring 15 lectures on our faith and ethnic background. It was another very busy year.

1968

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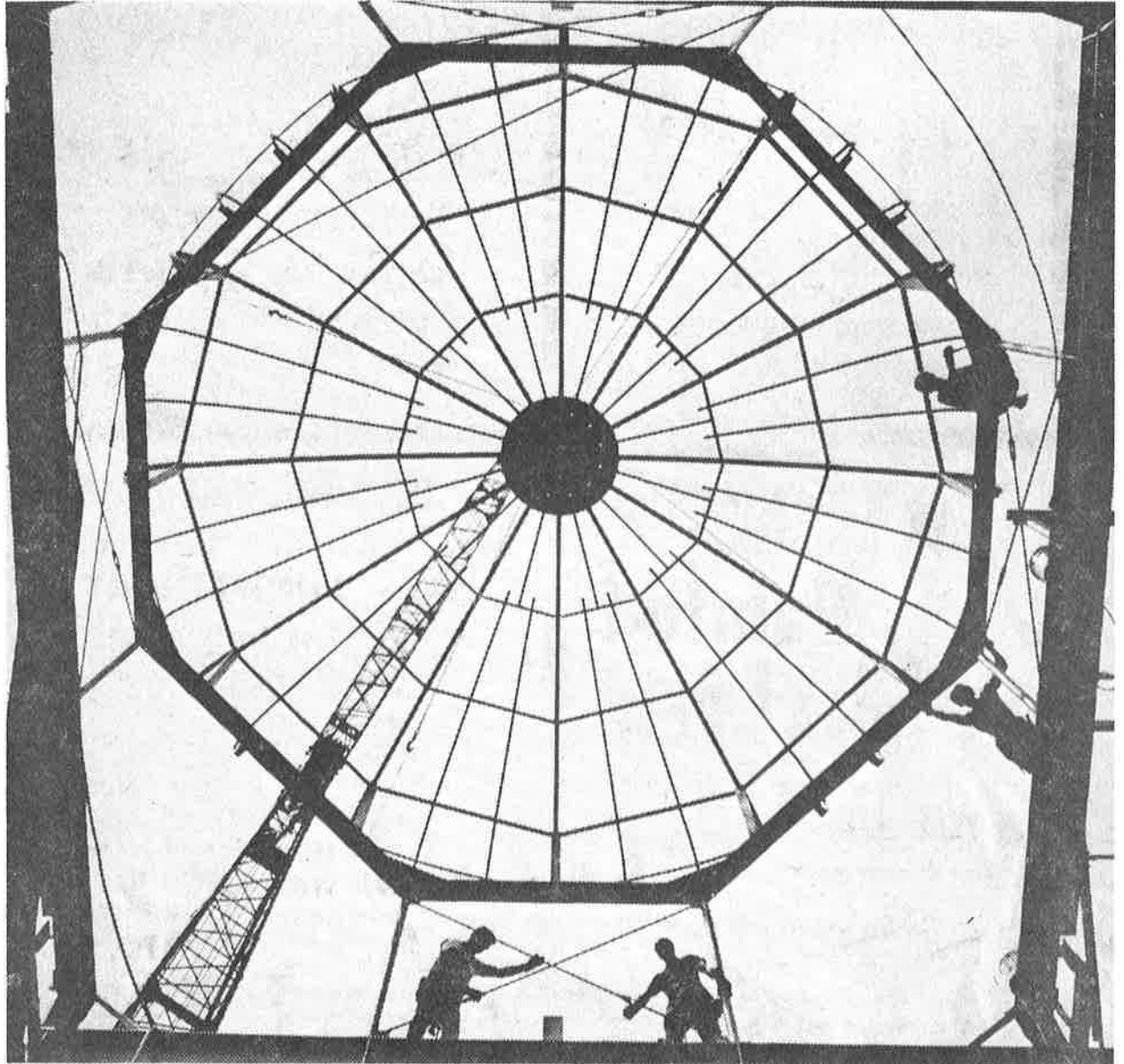
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Teachers

Father & Pani
Zenna Chebiniak
Olga Gooley
Martha Maliwacki
Paul Chebiniak



Center Dome Frame — 1967

★ **January 22, 1968**

Binghamton Mayor Joseph Esworthy raises blue and yellow Ukrainian national flag during ceremonies at City Hall today. Area residents of Ukrainian descent sing that country's national anthem during the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of "Ukrainian Independence Day" and the start of a week of festivities.

★ **January 28, 1968**

50th Anniversary of the Proclamation of the Independence of Ukraine. Banquet at 5 p.m. in our Center.

The main English speaker was Professor Lev Dobriansky of Georgetown University, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and author of the book, "The Vulnerable Russians." Dr. Matthew Stachiw of Scranton, and author of the book, "Ukraine and Russia," addressed the guests in Ukrainian. Our dancers performed.

March 3, 1968

Work was finally started again on our church, after seven weeks of waiting. But it was short-lived. Another cold wave has set in. Our building schedule is now three months behind. The Building Committee, after consulting with the contractor, feels that the date of the blessing will have to be postponed until the Labor Day weekend. . . Sunday, September 1st.

March 24, 1968

It stopped snowing, so now it is raining. Spring, and nicer weather can't be far behind. Our new church is almost finished in front; the towers of stone are reaching to the sky; the carved stone front is majestically towering over the entrance. The center dome needs three days of ideal weather to be completed. Then the interior work will begin.

March 31, 1968

Remember to make your gifts of love for the new church now - all gifts will be remembered with a plaque. Pray for good weather, Monday is the day that the dome will be covered with concrete. This day is four months behind schedule, but, God willing, by next weekend the dome will be completely covered. . . and then the work will really progress.

May 5, 1968

Plasterers begin work on Monday. Marble wainscoting is finished. All other areas are progressing. God willing, September 1st will be the DEDICATION-BLESSING-DAY OF THANKSGIVING.

May 26, 1968

These are the times when patience and faith are needed. The young man that fell from the roof while working on the rain spouts of our new church, at this time, seems only to have a broken finger and suffers minor aches and pains from his 30' fall. This is a miracle! Jumping down from the roof onto a plank, the plank broke under him and he went plummeting to earth. Because there is a shortage of tin-smiths in our area, this young man commutes between his home in Syracuse and our work here. We are grateful that the accident was not more serious.

The roof is almost finished and the dome, too. Before the accident, the work was to be finished by the first of June. There might be a little delay. We understand, and are patient. The plasterers are making ready for their extensive work ahead. Stained glass windows are being made, mosaic is being designed, pews are being made, chandeliers are being assembled, Iconostas is almost ready; little by little all things will fall into place.

July 21, 1968

The roof is finally completed.

July 28, 1968

After this morning's Divine Liturgy - you can go and see our church. The plasterers are finished, the scaffolding is down. You will have a good idea of what it looks like. Do it today, this morning, next week more scaffolding will go up for the painters. President Bill Klish and John Tylko will be on hand to answer your questions.

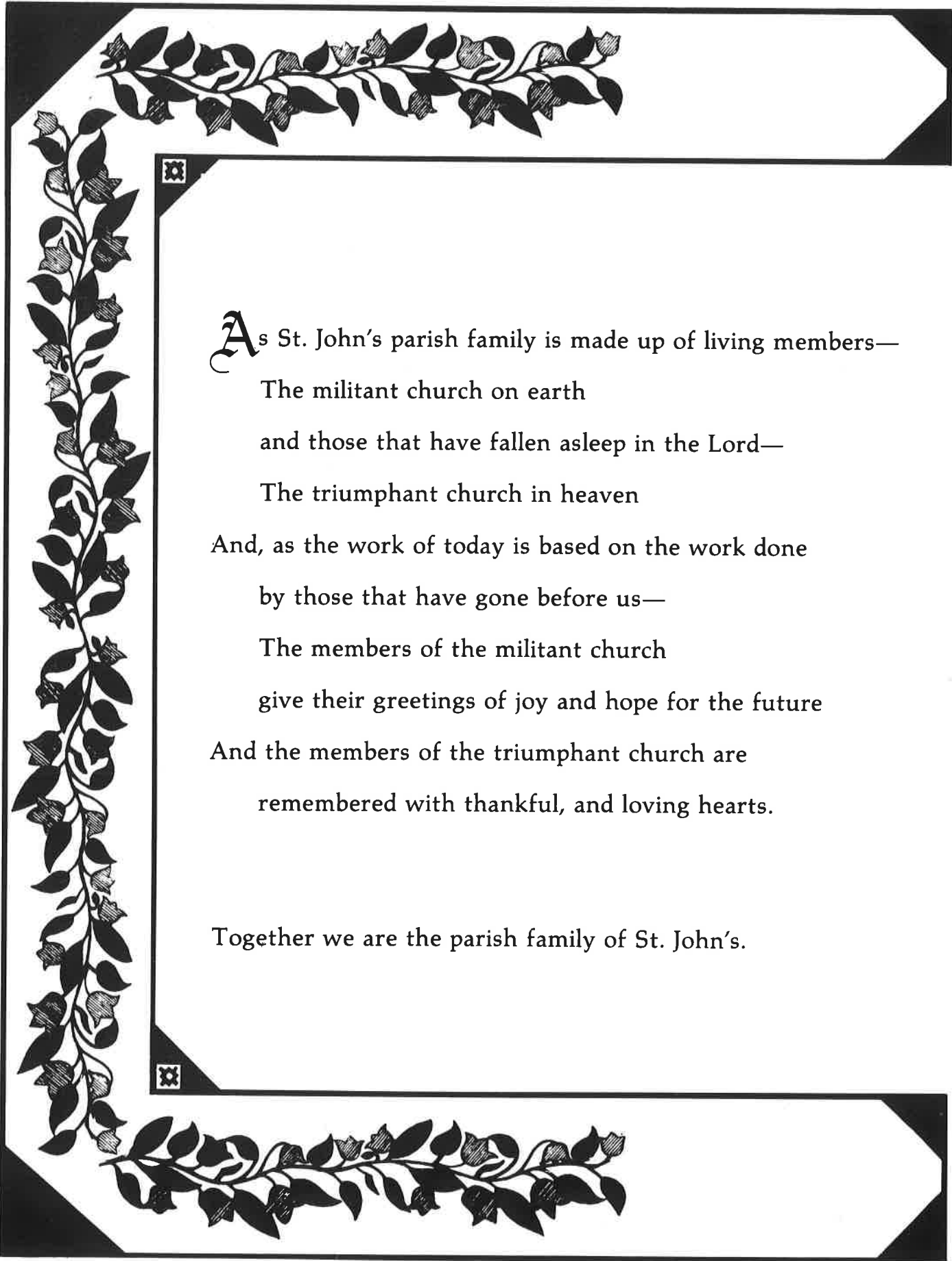




[above] Dressed in Ukrainian costume and raising the Ukrainian Flag — 1968: Mary Ann Lewkowicz, Johnson City, Irene Krajnyk and Helen Kurylo of Binghamton.



[right] 50th Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence Day — 1968: Professor Lev Dobriansky, John Cenesky.



As St. John's parish family is made up of living members—
The militant church on earth
and those that have fallen asleep in the Lord—
The triumphant church in heaven
And, as the work of today is based on the work done
by those that have gone before us—
The members of the militant church
give their greetings of joy and hope for the future
And the members of the triumphant church are
remembered with thankful, and loving hearts.

Together we are the parish family of St. John's.

1955-1969

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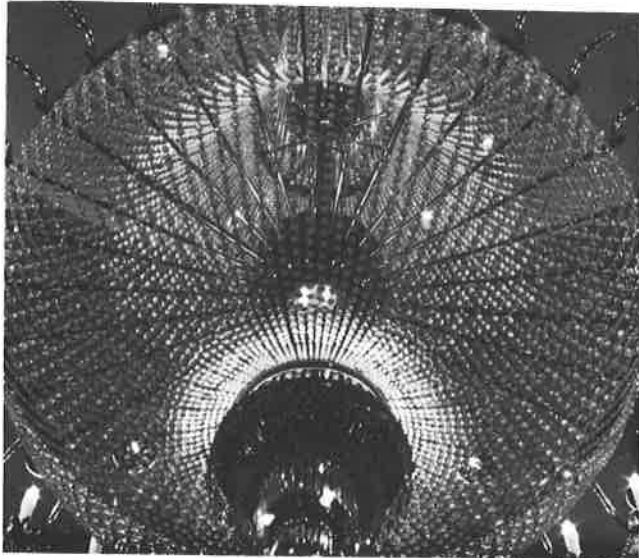
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John Klym, Jr. Family - Sharon
Michael and Anna Klodowski



Main Chandelier

Children's Icon Tables

In Memory of Alexis Mihalko

Palms

Albert and Olga Gooley

Bronze Crosses

Baptism of Peter A. Hatala

Flower Stands

Wayne and Mary Ann Lombardo

Blessed Virgin Icon

In Memory of Mother Emilia Klysh, by Daughter Lesia

Holy Water Sprinklers

Walter and Evelyn Kanazawich

Vestments

*On occasion of marriage of Barbara and Robert Hill,
William and Helen Farynyk*

Vestments

In Memory of wife Mary, by Michael Rosinsky

Nativity Set

Made by Linda Ellsworth, Gift of the Junior UOL

1951 Chalice Set

Nicholas and Teklia Farynyk

1952 Vestments

Dymtro and Eva Okrepkie

1953 Holy Gospel

Nicholas and Anna Tylko and Family

Lenten Altar Cloths

Sisterhood

Red Vestments

Dmytro and Eva Okrepkie

1956 Easter Vestments

Dymtro and Eva Okrepkie

1958 Votive Light Stands

In Memory of Mother Mary, gift of Helen Kaspryk

Altar Cloths

Sisterhood

Altar Attendant's Robes

Sisterhood

1959 Chalice

*In Memory of Mary Lesko Kocan
Gift of Nicholas Kocan and Lesko Families*

1960 Votive Lights

*Anna Owczaryk
Nell Leska
Anna and Mildred Charnetsky
Ksenia Dolny*

Plashchanytsia

Dymtro and Eva Okrepkie

1961 Easter Vestments

Sisterhood

Church Articles

Fr. Mirone Klysh

1962 Church Banners

*Dmytro and Eva Okrepkie
Theodore and Emelia Klysh*

1964 Christmas Vestments

Sisterhood



Mosaic — Baptism of Christ

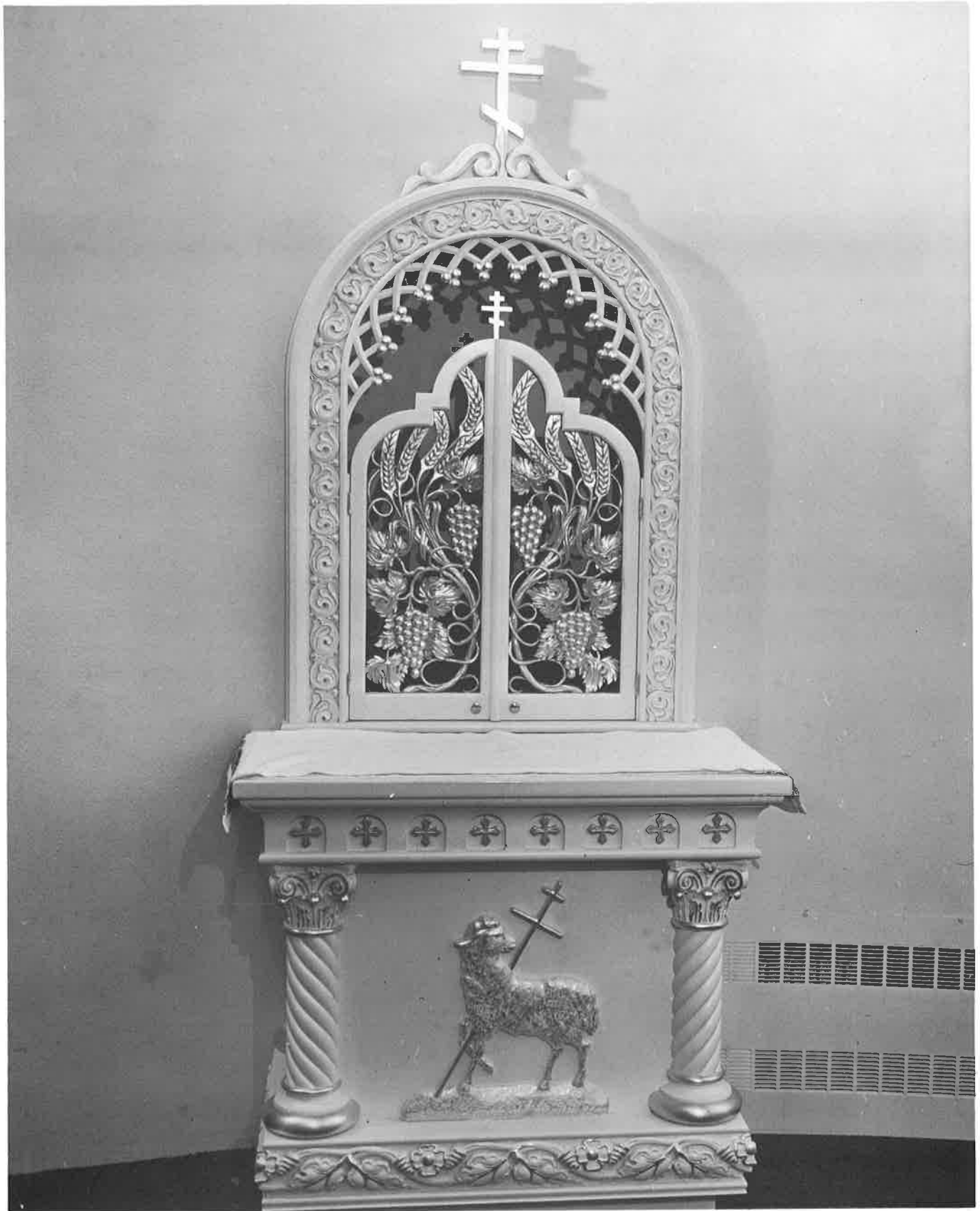


Table of Oblation



Tetrapod



Carillon Bells

Olga and Anna Tylko

Julia Palso

*In Memory of Mother Helen from Frank Chebiniak, Sr.,
and Family*

Michael J. Dobransky

Peter and Mary Bors, Caryl and David

William and Helen Farynyk, Ruth and Barbara

Dmytro and Eva Okrepkie

Sophia Casper

In Memory of Alex Symk

In Memory of Alex Pylatiuk offered by Parish

Hand Cross

Cypryan and Margaret Klish and Family

Sick Call Kit

Pani and Marianne Lawryk

Icon of Mother's Room (Blessed Virgin Mary)

In Memory of Anna Tkachuk

Icon in Mother's Room (Our Lord Jesus Christ)

*In Memory of Alex Smyk offered by Peter Sadowitz Sr., and
Family*

Gold Vestments in Honor of Father Lawryk's 25th Anniversary as Priest

Anna Sawka

Embroidered Icons of Christ and Mother Mary

Sophia Smyk

Encrusted Icon Frame

Baptism of Karen Buchma

Encrusted Hand Cross

Baptism of Kristi Hatala

Encrusted Offering Plate

Baptism Roxanne Halich

Holy Gospel and Epistle Reader (English)

Baptism of Julieanne Rucky

Book Cart

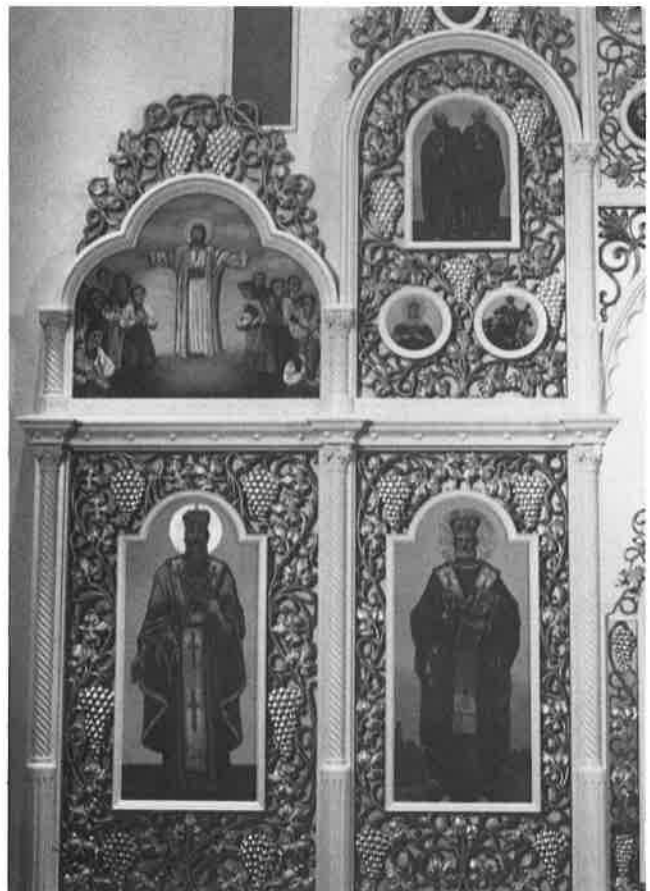
Baptism Paul Chebiniak

Children's Icons

Baptism of Colleen Rucky

Wedding Crowns

Ivan and Stephanie Moroz



Gospel Stand

Michael and Patricia Maslak

Processional Cross and Fans

Senior UOL Chapter

Vestments (Embroidered), Encrusted Cross and Offering Plate

Vitaly and Olya Halich

Holy Gospel

Nicholas Tylko Family

Chalice

To remember 50th Wedding Anniversary of Steven and Anna Grech, gift of John Klym, Jr. Family, Dorothy Grech and Steffie Kolota

Confessional

John and Martha Maliwacki

Tetrapod Cross, Icon, Candle Stands

Albert and Olga Gooley, Sr., and Family

Vestments

Father and Pani Lawryk

Censer Boat and Stand

Albert and Olga Gooley, Sr., and Family

Eternal Light

Frank and Eva Kovatz

Choir Stands

Nicholas and Nancy Tarcha

Main Doors

Walter and Evelyn Kanazawich and Family

Vesper Wine and Wheat Tray

In Memory of Katherine Byce

Priests Vestry Furniture

William and Julie Sadowitz

George and Mildred Bogdan and Family

Frank and Olga Kanazawich

Candelabra (2) Encrusted - Carved

In Memory of Grandmother from Vitaly and Olya Halich

Pews

In Memory of Anthony Kulyk

Anna Chyl

In Memory of Theodore Chyl

Teklia Lubinec

Peter and Julia Bycz - Anne

Pews (continued)

Family of Thomas Zellers

Michael and Blanche Charnetsky and Family

In Memory of Mother Teklia - from the Chyl Family

Marie A. Karaim - John and Patricia

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John, Marie, Sandra - Katherine, Ann, Sophia Pufky

Katherine Stasko

Paul and Zenna Chebiniak and Family

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John Sr. and Julia Klym

Paul and Mary Gormish

Michael and Anna Demkovich

Emelia Lensky and Victoria Williams

In Memory of Anthony Kulyk - Wife Oksana

Eugene and Jean Klym

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In Memory of Parents - Peter Maliwacki, John

Maliwacki and George Dudik Families

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In Memory of Emelia and Michael Stasko from

All The Children

John and Anna Lewkowicz and Family

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In Memory of John, Sr. and Mary Evanchoff -

Edward and Stella Pinkowski

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In Memory of Katherine Byce

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Lillian Farynyk

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Walter and Mary Gulachok and Children

Stefan Kit

Joseph and Gabrielle Ewansew and Children

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Memorial Gifts

Sisterhood of St. John's:

Main Altar
 Mosaic-Baptism of Christ
 Nativity Stained Glass Window
 Tetrapod
 Table of Oblation
 Robes for Altar Attendants

Stained Glass Windows:

Resurrection

St. John's Ukrainian Social Club

Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*In Memory of Mary Kasprzyk, made by Michael Kasprzyk,
 Helen Kasprzyk, John and Mary Mihalko and Family*

St. Nicholas

*In Memory of Father Nicholas Tylko made by John Tylko
 and Family*

St. Anne

*In Memory of Wife Josephine made by John Kanazawich
 and Family*

Archangel Gabriel

*Theodore and Emilia Klysh, Sr., Wilma (Lesia) Klysh,
 William Klish and Family*

St. Olga

Michael and Olga Tarcha, Sr., and Family

St. Andrew

*In Memory of Mother Josephine Hatala by Dr. Peter Hatala
 and Family*

Confessional

Marianne Lawryk

Priest's Vestry

*In Memory of Parents, Emelia and Michael and Sister Olga
 by Mary, Irene, Julia and Amelia*

Altar Attendant's Vestry

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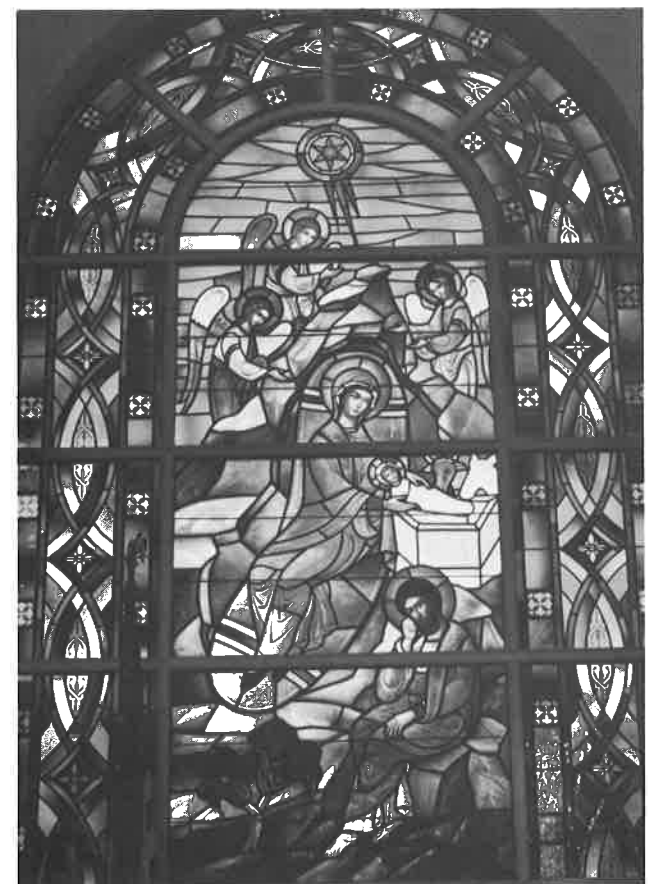
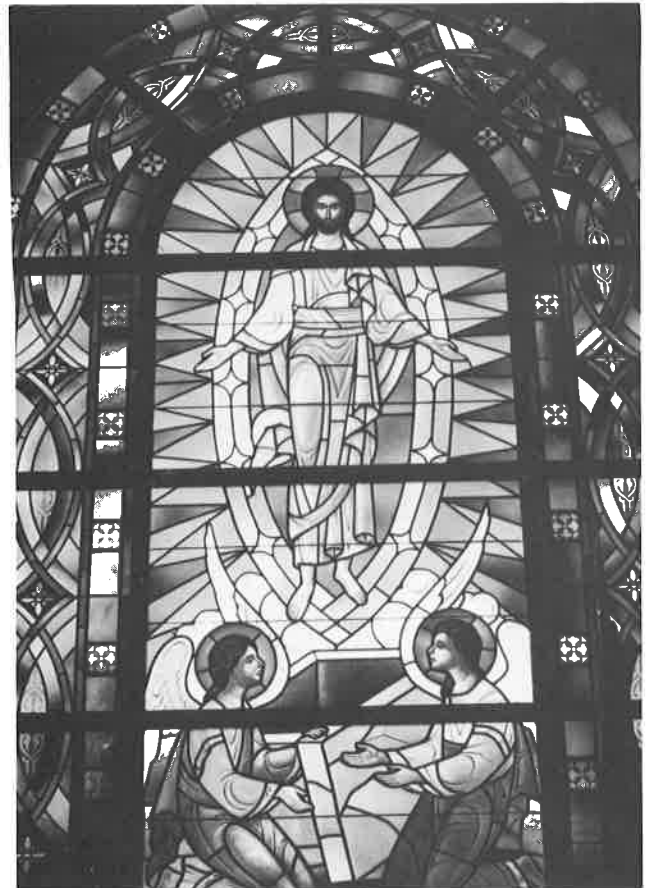
In Memory of John and Ksenia Dolny

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 Dudik, Sr., and Anthony Binkiewicz made by George and
 Julia Dudik, Jr.*

*In Memory of Charles Okrepkie from wife Anna and son
 Myron*

*In Memory of Joseph Leska and Margaret Boser from
 Francis and Natalia Boser*

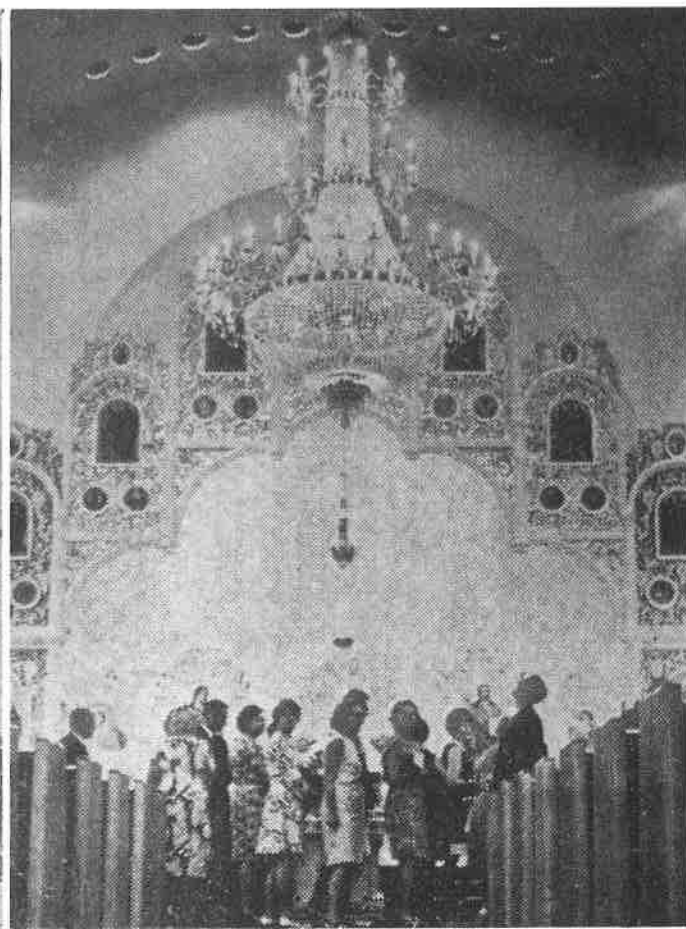
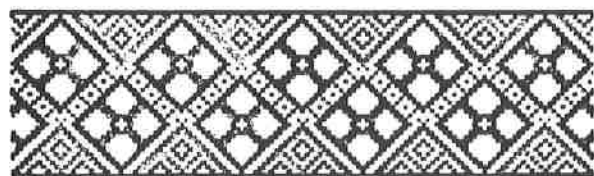
Alfred and Stephanie Gorick and Family





Altar and Tetrapod

Blessing of new church — 1969





Blessing of new church banquet — 1969: William Klish (above), John Tylko (below)





Father Lawryk is awarded the honor to wear the MITRE

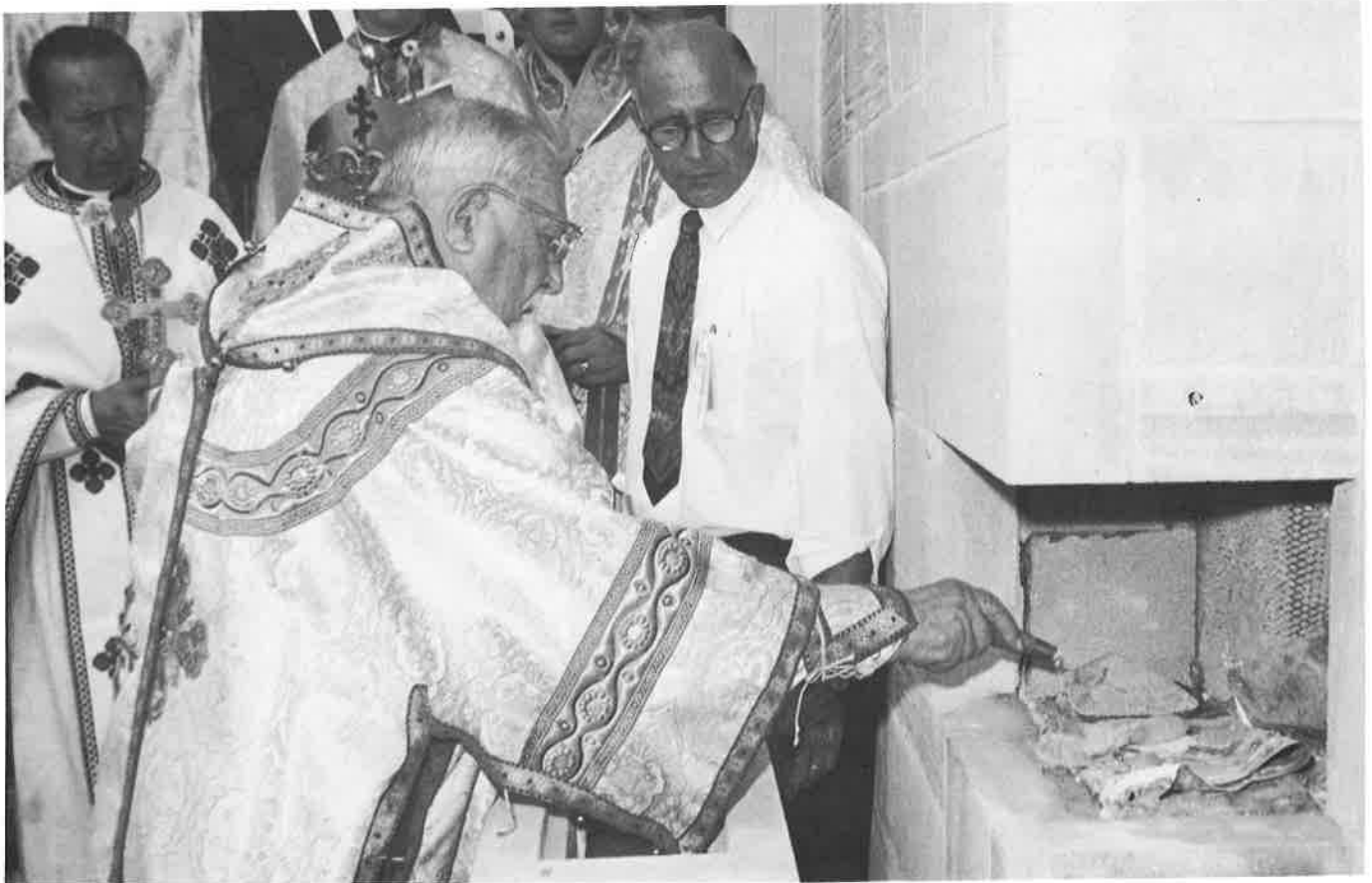


Blessing of new church — 1969





Blessing of new church — 1969





President William Klish with traditional greeting



Metropolitan John approaching President William Klish



§ Blessing of new church — 1969





§ Blessing of new church — 1969



August 24, 1969

New publication was released called *Symbolism*. In this book you will find all the answers to why, how, where, concerning our new church.

★ August 31, 1969

We ask the presence and the blessing of God upon the newly completed church.

- 9:30 a.m. Procession from the old church to the new. Priests and faithful together.
9:45 a.m. Blessing of the cornerstone. President Klish will greet his Excellency with the traditional bread and salt. Blessing will take place by his excellency, Metropolitan John.
10:30 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy.
1:30 p.m. Banquet, Concert, Reception

Tours of the church will be given during the day with guides.

*The Priests That Honored Us
That Day With Their Presence:*

Subdeacon O. Mycyk	Very Rev. O. Mycyk
Very Rev. A. Beck	Very Rev. J. Kreta
Very Rev. S. Bilak	Very Rev. A. Kist
Very Rev. A. Dworakiwsky	Rev. Fr. M. Klysh (<i>native son</i>)
Rev. N. Kowal	Rev. M. Zaparyniuk
Rev. E. Narusevych	Rev. Fr. T. Buggan
Rev. B. Zabrodsky	Rev. Fr. S. Slipko

Local Clergy

Very Rev. N. Cheselka	Very Rev. S. Dutko
Rev. G. Sudick	Rev. B. Wlassenko
Rev. C. Combitchis	

There were 600 dinner guests and 75 workers. It was a memorable day!

On this day your pastor was awarded the honor to wear the *Mitre*. This is the highest ecclesiastical award for Orthodox priests and is given for outstanding service to the Church. The mitre is a crown-like headpiece that is beautifully decorated with icons and semi-precious jewels.

"My receiving this sign of honor - is the reward for work done as pastor and parish. The priest cannot do it by himself; he needs the cooperation of his people to help him in his work. To all of you that have helped my gratitude! The work is not finished. With God's guidance, and if it be His will, there is more work to be done in His vineyard."

September 15, 1969

FIVE YEARS TO BUILD, BUT WORTH IT



Visitors to the twin-spired St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City took part in an open house celebration yesterday from 4 to 8 p.m. Each of the 2,000 visitors was given a postcard showing the interior of the new church. The visitors were taken on guided tours, shown how the church was built and served refreshments. Built in neo-Byzantine style, the church will seat 400 in the nave and 50 in the choir. It was designed by John Tylko, a parishioner and architect-engineer. Construction of the new church took five years.



December 7, 1969

Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Church school will follow the morning service.

The normal affairs were held during the year: 25 parish sponsored and 97 catered affairs.

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John Cenesky, Attorney
John Maliwacki
Nicholas Tarcha
Pani Lawryk

*** April 19, 1969**

Ukrainian Festival held at American Civic Association. Eugene Skarvinko is President of the Executive Board of the Association and Chairman of Ukrainian Night.

Such outstanding performers as the Male Chorus from Syracuse, Bandurists from New York City, Opera Star Alicia Andreadis and Melodytones of Syracuse made up the evening's entertainment. Also, food and exhibit.

May 14, 1969

Bus went to New York City for the premier performance of the Ukrainian Opera at Carnegie Hall.

June 1, 1969

The two front gold domes are in place. Next week the mosaic will be started, the landscaping too.

July 27, 1969

In our prayers, remember our president William Klish and architect-engineer, John Tylko. They both gave a great deal of their time and themselves to see our project come to a successful end. The hours are long, the working with different people is not always easy; they both have their responsible positions to take care of first, and then our church building, too. Combined, this is a great deal of work.

Prayers are needed for their health and the health of their families; a kind word of complete faith in their abilities would help, but is not necessary; they will do their best in every situation. Be a good listener, it helps to get ideas out in the open. Help when and where needed. As a parish we are blessed with these two, Bill and John, let them know how much we appreciate their leadership. God bless Bill and John and all who do their best to make our Gift to God our best effort.





Ukrainian Festival — 1969



★ November 14, 1968

From the Pittsford Post

FOR THE GLEAM THAT LASTS--GOLD LEAF

"At the curb of a quiet side street in Johnson City about \$7,000 worth of 23-carat gold has rested unguarded for a couple of months, and nobody, so far, has made any attempt to steal it. It would be unprofitable larceny anyway. Metal is in the form of gold leaf that has been painstakingly applied to the twin cupolas of the almost-completed St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church."

December 1, 1968

We greet warmly and thank sincerely the Reverend Fr. Nestor Kowal from our sister parish in Scranton for serving the Divine Liturgy in our church this morning in the absence of our pastor, who suffered a heart attack. Today was to be our big day, as we had planned, but not as God willed it to be!

Your pastor is getting stronger daily, and the doctor sees no reason why he can't resume normal duties after a much needed rest.

December 15, 1968

With the permission and blessing of His Beatitude Metropolitan John, we will begin celebrating the Diving Liturgy in our new church, beginning Sunday, December 29th. There will be a small blessing at 10 a.m. on that morning followed by the Divine Liturgy.

After the church is completed, there will be a Consecration-Blessing by His Excellency to which all our neighbors and friends will be invited.

December 15, 1968

New altar boy robes made by Marion Kaspyrk, Olga Tarcha, Martha Maliwacki, Olga Gooley, Anna Grech, Julia Dudik, Genevieve Sadowitz, Sophia Smyk and Mary Duby.

December 29, 1968

Small Blessing did take place. Refreshments were served in the Center.

The year 1968 was filled with the new church building, but also life in the parish did not suffer. We had twenty parish affairs plus the usual Ukrainian Day, Fashion Shows, Steak Roasts, Golf Tournaments; performed some twenty times and had about ten lectures; altar boys went to a conference; teachers did too, and managed to cater to 105 groups.



1969

Parish Executive Board:

William Klish, President
William Sadowitz, Vice President
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Secretary
Nancy Tarcha, Assistant Secretary
Marie A. Karaim, Financial Secretary
Ann Uhrinec, Assistant Financial Secretary
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Financial Secretary
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Treasurer

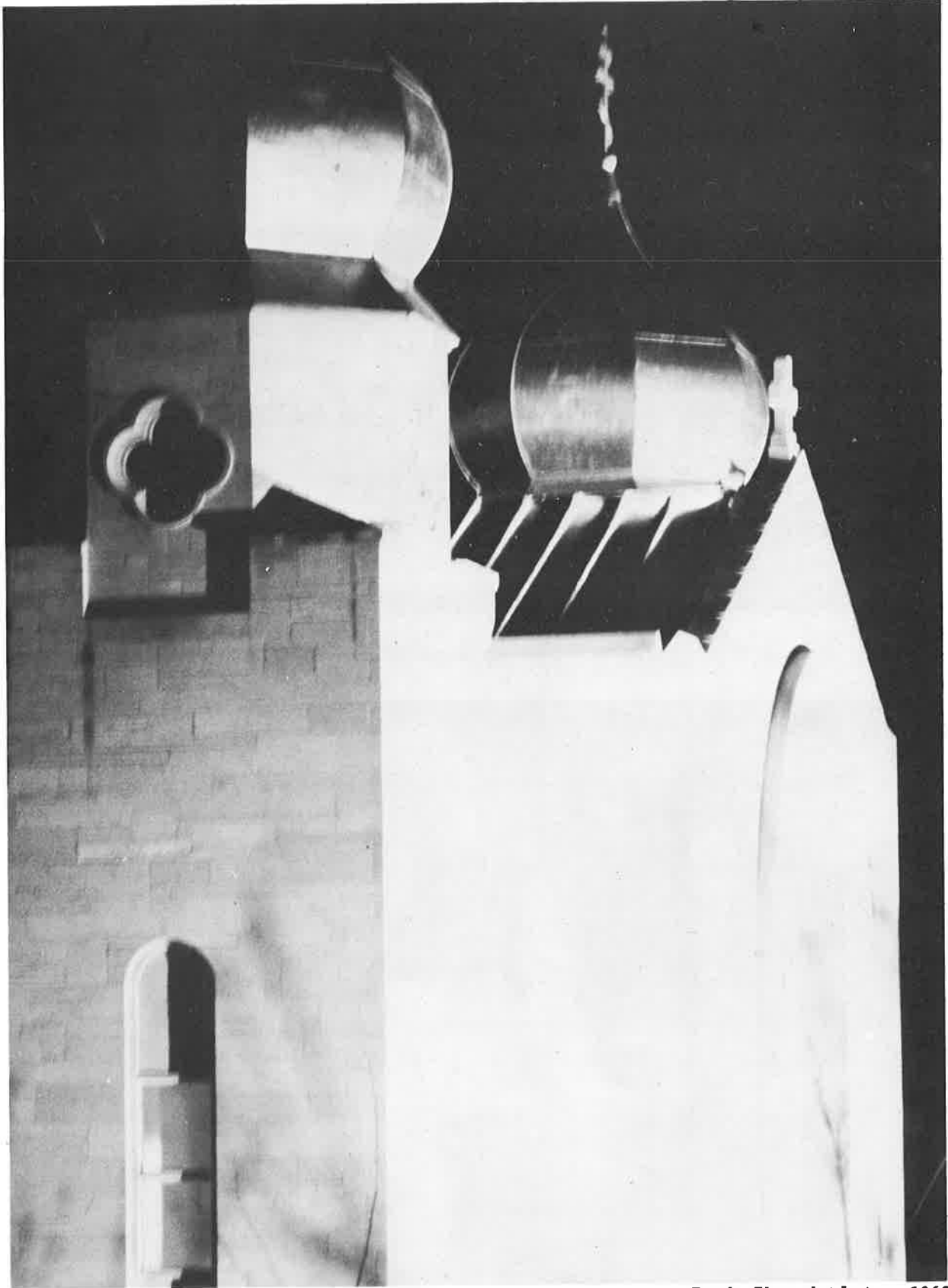
Auditors:

Cypryan Klish, Sr.
John Mihalko
John Buchma

Trustees:

Sophia Casper, 1972
Michael Tarcha, Sr., 1972
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Michael Chubinsky, 1971
John Maliwacki, 1971
Dr. Peter Hatala, 1970
Mary Kostyun, 1970

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For the Gleam that Lasts — 1968

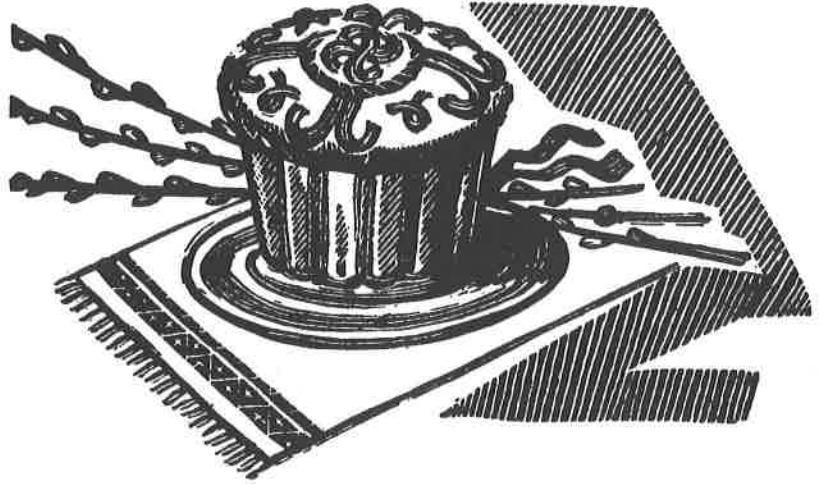


Program on Ukrainian Independence Day — 1968



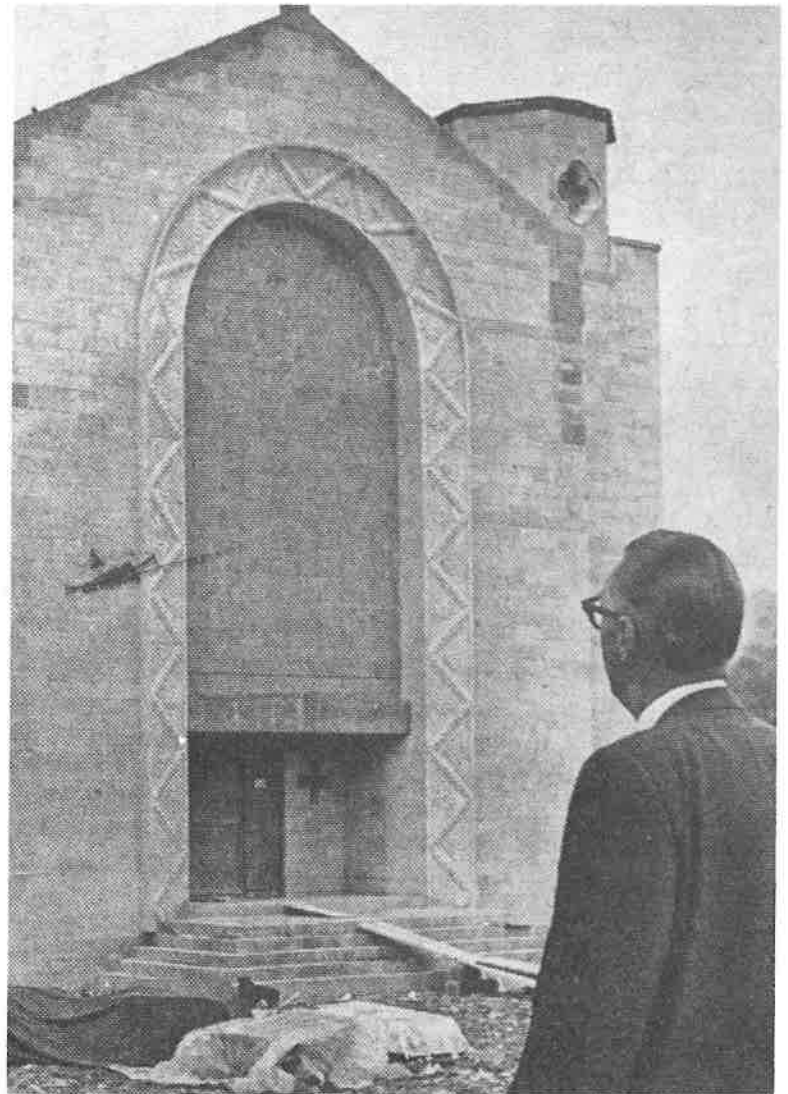


Golden Anniversary — 1968: Julia and John Klym, Sr.



COMING ALONG Stephan Sadowitz of 36 Zoa Avenue, Johnson City, and a past officer of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, looks over the progress of the congregation's new structure on St. John's Parkway.

Cook Book — 1968



August 4, 1968

—CHANGE IN PLANS—

The Dedication-Blessing of our new church will not take place on September 1st as planned. The Building Committee after careful consideration, feels that too many aspects of our new church will be unfinished by that date, and abiding by the majority, have postponed the dedication until the Thanksgiving weekend.

There are delays in the completion of the mosaic and the stained glass windows. Mr. Baransky, working with the windows states: "Your church will last a lifetime, I need more time to create windows that will match this ageless beauty. What are months that you have to wait compared to the years that your church will live?" When you hear comments such as these, what do you say?

*** August 4, 1968**

Sisterhood Cook Book is published. Over 300 pages and more than 700 recipes. The cook book was a special feature of Ukrainian Day. The committee was comprised of Marion Kasprzyk, Helen Rucky and Pani Lawryk, with the help of the sisterhood, members and friends that shared their treasured recipes.

*** August, 1968**

Celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Klym Sr., with a dinner-dance in our Center.

September 1, 1968

The heating system has been installed, and carpenters are near completion, the stone masons are working on the front lintel and stairs—and, hopefully, next week the church will be dry enough to begin the work of the painters.

September 15, 1968

The first chair of Ukrainian History at Harvard University will open this academic year with a seminar of Ukrainian History of the 17th and 18th Centuries. The Ukrainian Studies Chair Fund has the support of all major Ukrainian organizations in America and our Consistory urges all parishes to help in this Fund Drive. Vitaly Halich was chairman of this drive.

September 15, 1968

Carpenter has finished, but electrician is still working. Heat has been on full time this past week...hopefully, the painters will start on Monday.

September 29, 1968

Painters have just about finished their work in the nave portion of the church. Next week they should be finished. Then the sidewalks and curbs will be started.

October 20, 1968

Iconostas is beautifying our church. Another week and it will be completely installed. Chandeliers, hopefully, will be started this week. The domes are being gold-leafed.

November 3, 1968

A Church is Man's Gift to God.

Into that building goes the characteristic of man's faith and his method of aspiring to and reaching the next world which is beyond and something different from the everyday things of earth.

The Building Committee is trying to do just this, make this a fitting gift to God and show the type of people our forefathers were who came with the faith and a wonderful understanding of it and a love for God which is deeply rooted.

But oh, it isn't easy. Patience, perseverance, prayers and a sense of humor are needed.

November 10, 1968

The three chandeliers are sparkling. The rug comes next, and then the pews. After weeks of telling us that the mosaic was on its way, we have learned that it is still being constructed and will not be shipped until the last week of November. The weather will be too cold for mosaic installation. It will have to wait for spring.





IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

**WILLIAM
BARANYK**

Past President
of
ST. JOHN'S UKRAINIAN
ORTHODOX CHURCH
and
SOCIAL CLUB



GREETINGS
and
BEST WISHES

from
CATHERINE
ANDY
CONNIE
and
CARMEN
BARANYK





ВІТАЄМО

із 50-літнім Ювілеєм Української
Православної Церкви, Св.Івана
Хрестителя, в Джансон Ситі, Н.Й.
Бажаємо нашим Дерегинтам Хору
Отцви Лаврикові і Пані, Всім
членам Хору, як найкращого розвитку
і великих успіхів у їхній дальшій
праці, для добра Церкви і Українського
Народу.

ІВАН І ЙОСИФІНА БАРАНИК



ЩИРИЙ ПРИВІТ

СКЛАДАЮТЬ

ВАСИЛЬ І

**СТАСЯ
БАРАНИК**

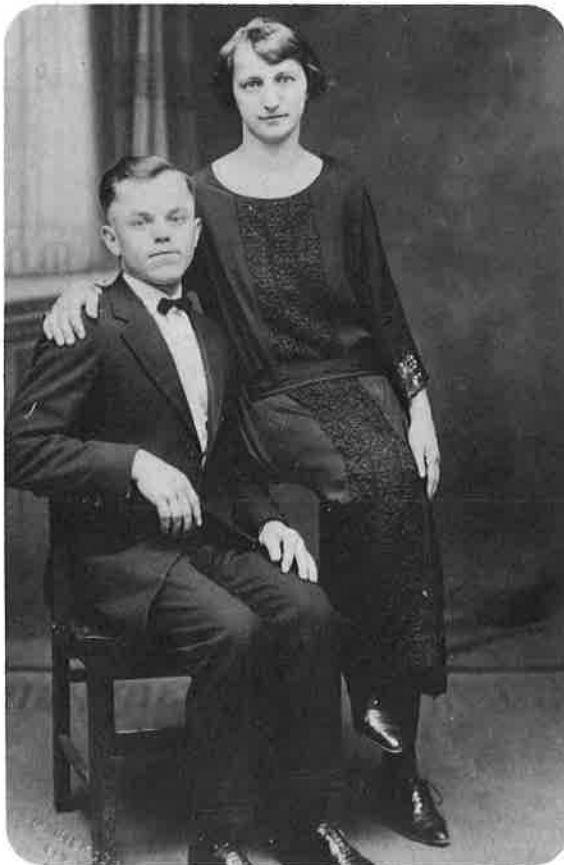




GROWING UP IS AN ADVENTURE
FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT AND
LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE
WITH HOPE, EXPECTATIONS
AND WONDERMENT.



*Mildred & George Bogdan
Gregory and Audrey Bogdan
Damon and Pam Bogdan
Nathan Bogdan*



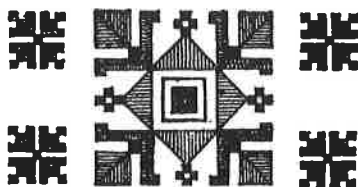
Frank & Helen Kovatz

Early Pioneers dedicated with love and devotion to their church. Very interested also in keeping and fostering their heritage—The Ukrainian Culture and Customs.



from married daughters:

*Mary (Kovatz) Kostyun
Mildred (Kovatz) Bogdan
Olga (Kovatz) Mazilewski*



IN MEMORIUM
JOSEPH STEPHAN LESKA (1914-1955)

*devoted and faithful member of St. John's and Vice President (1949-1955)
also, an ardent fisherman*



THE FISHERMAN'S PRAYER

God grant that I may fish until my dying day,
And when it comes to my last cast, I then must humbly pray,
When in the Lord's safe landing net I'm peacefully asleep,
That in His mercy I be judged as good enough to keep.

Wife, NATALIA

Son, JOSEPH S. LESKA and DAYUS (DEE) M. LESKA

Grandchildren, MICHAEL A., KEVIN J. and JOSEPH S. LESKA, JR.

Daughter, CYNTHIA A. and LOUIS R. LIGOURI

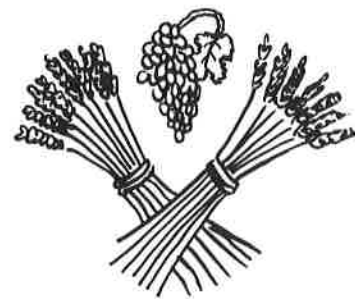
Grandchildren, HEATHER E. and LOUIS R. LIGOURI



У СВІТЛУ ПАМ'ЯТЬ
НАШОЇ ДОРОГОЇ ДОНЕЧКИ
бл.п. АННИ



Родичі Николай і
КЛАВДІЯ БАГРЯК



"Lord, Our Father, You have blessed this land of ours and this Holy Church. Make us worthy of your blessing."



Francis and Natalia (Leska) Boser

*Joseph Stephan and Dayas Maria Leska
& Sons, Michael Anthony, Kevin Joseph
& Joseph Stephan, Jr.*

*Louis Richard and Cynthia Ann Ligouri
& Daughter, Heather Elizabeth
& Son, Louis Rocco*





*We are the BUCHMA FAMILY
and we're happy as can be
to be a part of St. John's 50th Jubilee.
We wish you many happy years with continuing success,
and we sure are glad to be with you because St. John's is the best!*

JOHN, SHIRLEY, BONNIE, CATHY, J.J., and KARRIE



MAY WE CONTINUE
PRAYING TOGETHER

THE BYCZ FAMILY

JULIA, ANN, JOSEPH, LINDA, LISA



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR DEAR
HUSBAND-FATHER-DIDO
PETER BYCZ



Best Wishes and God's Blessings!

from

JUDITH and DANIELLE ABRAHAM



IN LOVING MEMORY

of

Dear Wife and Mother

KATHERINE BYCE

from Husband

MICHAEL

and Children

ROSS & MARY BRINK

ANN PANKIEWSKY

JOHN & ANN BYCE

JOSEPH & STELLA HATTALA

PETER & JANE BYCE

PETER & CATHERINE DOBRANSKY

MIKE & JANE BYCE

JOSEPH & THELMA BYCE



In Memory of Our Beloved Parents

MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!



**ANNA and HARRY
CHARNETSKY**

OFFERED BY:

*Peter and Kathryn Charnetsky
Harry and Helen Charnetsky
Michael and Blanche Charnetsky
Sophie (Charnetsky) Tomik
Mary Charnetsky
Mildred Charnetsky*

May God Almighty Continue to Shower His Blessings Upon Us!



MEMORIAL TO
Anna and Harry Charnetsky
Mary and Tony Hoch

PARENTS OF
Helen and Harry Charnetsky

GRANDPARENTS OF
Denise and Tom Charnetsky
Diane and Jerry Albrecht

GREAT GRANDPARENTS OF
Eric and Greg Albrecht

M E M O R I E S — M E M O R I E S

Oh, that old building on Harry L. Drive
 That for a Liturgy with my father I did arrive,
 The old wood building scrubbed clean by the
 First ladies of St. Mary's Sisterhood,
 Then God was beginning to be understood.

By love of the early fathers and mothers,
 That the best place for sisters and brothers
 Was a building for religious studies
 Where then the young lads brought their buddies.
 Where the traditions of our people in the old country
 Are now loved by many in this Land that's free.

Those people's children yet toil year after year;
 Work is something Ukrainians do not fear.
 Thus a wooden church could begin in a stable
 And on to a cathedral structure-like building,
 They, the Ukrainians of Johnson City, were able
 To show that generosity of giving and forgiving
 Is the greatest inspiration for Living and Let Living.



M A R Y C H A R N E T S K Y

BEST WISHES & GOD'S BLESSINGS



Paul Chebiniak
 and
 Daughters
 Nadine, Tamara & Pamela
 and
 Son
 Paul



IN MEMORY OF

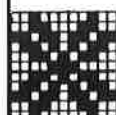
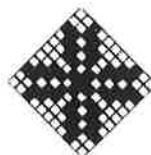
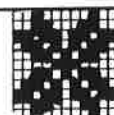
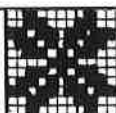
Son, WARREN

December 3, 1976



BEST WISHES
 FOR
 CONTINUED SUCCESS!

MARY CASE





Congratulations as we celebrate the "Golden Years" of St. John's Parish.
May the good Lord continue to bless us with His graces
for many, many years!



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Anna and Harry Charnetsky
Frank Gaydorus

Blanche and Michael Charnetsky
Michael Charnetsky, Jr.
Richard, Kathy and Justin Charnetsky
Pete and Sue Charnetsky



IN LOVING MEMORY OF HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

FRANK T. CENESKY



Wife, IRENE CENESKY
JOHN and DOROTHA CENESKY
Granddaughter, JACQUELINE

OUR PERSONAL BEST WISHES TO FATHER & PANI LAWRYK
AND EACH AND EVERYONE IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY!

TO ALL



**Both, those here today and those who have gone before us,
Who have made this day possible—**

THANK YOU and MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

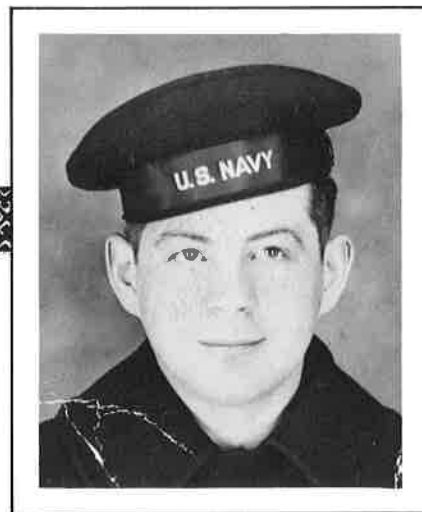
*Frank and Edie Chebiniak
Frank, Susi, Stephanie, Jennifer and David
CHEBINIAK*

IN LOVING MEMORY

HELEN CHEBINIAK
Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother



IN LOVING MEMORY



BILL CHEBINIAK

*Nicholas Chebiniak
Nick Chebby, Rita and Bob
Edie and Frank Chebiniak
Frank, Jr., Jesusa, Stephanie, Jennifer and David
Mary and Peter Bors, Caryl and David
Mary Chebiniak, Lisa and Kim
Paul Chebiniak, Nadine, Tamara, Pamela and Paul
Jane and Chuck Ellsworth, Chuckie, Linda and Gary*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM CHEBINIAK



Wife, MARY
Daughters, LISA RENEE and KIM MARIE



CONGRATULATIONS

*As we celebrate the "Golden Years" of St. John's Parish
May the Good Lord continue
To Bless Us With His Graces for many, many years!*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY MOTHER AND DAD
ANASTASIA and JOSEPH KASPROWITZ



*May the Lord Bless Our Parish on Our Golden Anniversary
and Grant Us Many, Healthy, Happy Years*

SOPHIA CASPER

IN MEMORY
of our beloved Parents
JOHN and BESSIE CHUBINSKY



MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

offered by:

ANNA and JOSEPH PECKA
PAULINE and EDWARD HORBEY
CATHERINE and JOSEPH GELINGER
MICHAEL CHUBINSKY
JOHN CHUBINSKY, JR.

ANDREW and BEA CHUBINSKY
CHARLES CHUBINSKY
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RONALD and MARY CHUBINSKY



IN LOVING MEMORY
of Beloved
WIFE, MOTHER and GRANDMOTHER

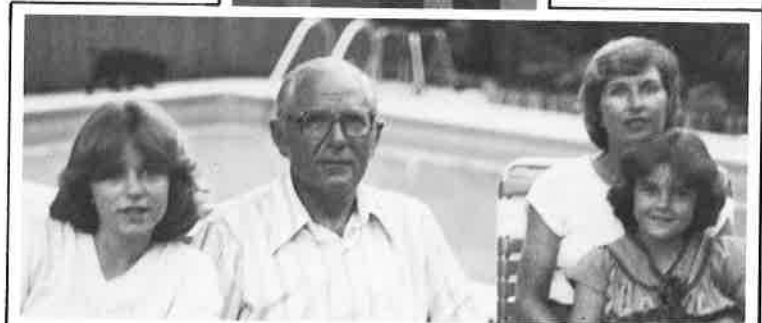
HELEN CHUBINSKY

Husband, MICHAEL

Daughter, MARYLYN (CHUBINSKY) SANFORD



COLLEEN
&
KATHRYN



OUR PERSONAL
BEST WISHES
TO EACH AND EVERYONE
IN
ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY



ANDREW & BEA CHUBINSKY
BILL & ELAINE KRAMER



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOTHER
TEKLA CHYL

*Shown with her family of daughters, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren*

Daughter, MARIAN SARNOSKI



GREETINGS!

from sunny Palm Springs, California

BOB SARNOSKI





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR PARENTS
TEKLA AND THEODORE CHYL
"VICHNAYA PAMYAT"



OFFERED BY:

*Anna Chyl
Marion Sarnoski
John and Alice Chyle
Genevieve and Stephen Sadowitz
Olga and Nick DiPaolo
Dorothy and Emory Skellett
Donna and George Bobrick*



BEST WISHES and PRAYERS
for
CONTINUED SUCCESS
and
PROGRESS



GOD'S BLESSINGS!

*Zenna, Nadine, Tamara
Pamela and Paul Nicholas
CHEBINIAK*

JOSEPH and GABRIELLE EVANSEW
and
Daughters
JOANNE, JACQUELINE and MICHELLE

ST. JOHN'S

*A stronghold
of love
and spiritual faith
for
fifty-six years*

MAY IT
CONTINUE
FOREVER
MORE...



Robert, Diane and Michael
CIBULSKY



Vera and John
CIBULSKY



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY FATHER
D M Y T R O



AND WITH LOVE FOR MY MOTHER
ANNA CEKLYNSKI SIENKIEWICZ

John Ceklynski

BEST WISHES
to All Members of
ST. JOHN'S PARISH



We thank God for Father and Pani Lawryk
God Bless Them for Their Great Devotion to All of Us!



JOHN, MARIA, GAIL and DAVID DUDACK



**IN
MEMORY OF
OUR
GRANDPARENTS**



Mary & Peter Dobransky



Teklia & John Lubinec

GRANDCHILDREN

*Michael J. Dobransky
Robert E. Dobransky
Jean M. Belleman
Ronald P. Dobransky*

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN

*Eric R. Dobransky
Steven E. Dobransky*

In Loving Memory



MICHAEL DOBRANSKY, SR.



ANNA L. DOBRANSKY

MICHAEL J. DOBRANSKY
ROBERT E. DOBRANSKY

RONALD P. DOBRANSKY
JEAN M. BELLEMAN

MAY GOD BLESS OUR CHURCH and ITS MEMBERS
for MANY, MANY YEARS



BOB, ERIC and STEVEN
DOBRANSKY



WHEREVER I GO
ST. JOHN'S
Is Always in My Heart

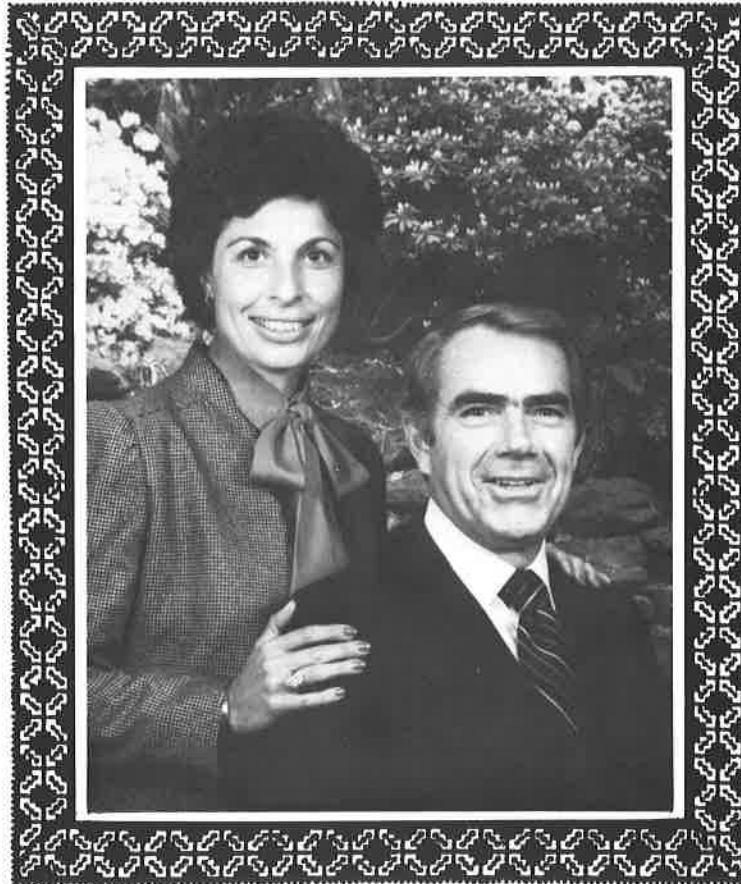


MICHAEL J. DOBRANSKY



THOUGH MILES MAY SEPARATE US

ST. JOHN'S IS HOME



YOU GIVE US ROOTS

YOU GIVE US PEACE

YOU GIVE US LOVE

*We are not able to be there in person often,
But we feel present in Spirit always.*

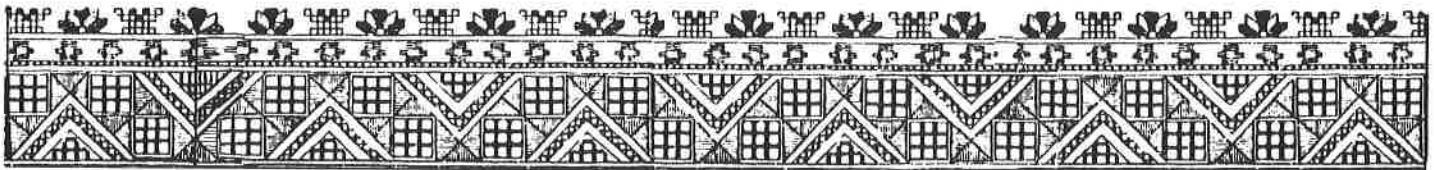
THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S

JEAN and AMMON BELLEMAN



*We extend our best wishes and
God's grace on the occasion
of our golden years as a parish:*

*Peter and Catherine Dobransky
sons
Peter Michael and Gary Edward*



GOD GRANT US MANY MORE!



*May the blessings of
our loving Lord
Be with us all
for many, many years!
from*

**Peter M. and Nancy Dobransky
and their children
Kristi Lynn
Peter John
and
Kevin Michael**



*May God Shower Us With His Blessings
as we continue to*

“Labor with Love”



for His Glory, for our Church and Its Members



GEORGE, JULIE and NICKY DUDIK

IN LOVING MEMORY

of our dearly beloved

PARENTS



ANNA & WILLIAM DUBY



AMELIA & MICHAEL STASKO



SISTERS



OLGA (DUBY) FARRENCE



OLGA ANN STASKO

*Michael and Mary Duby
and Family*

BEST WISHES WITH ALL OUR LOVE & DEVOTION

from
THE
DUBY
FAMILY



*Michael
and
Mary
Duby
and
daughter
Melanie*



*Michele
and
Richard
Mitchell
and Family
Ricky,
Marissa
and
Michael*



*Mary Ann
and
Andrew
Huray
and sons,
Matthew
and
Andrew, Jr.*



*Michael William
and
Barbara
Duby
and
Daughter
Jennifer*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



JOHN EVANCHOFF, JR.

from his Wife

MARY EVANCHOFF

BEST WISHES



from

SUSAN, KELLY & JASON
DILLIARD

Our Personal Best Wishes

to

EACH
and
EVERYONE

in

ST. JOHN'S
PARISH FAMILY



Charles
Jane
Chuck
Linda and Gary
Ellsworth

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER AND FATHER

A Servant of Christ - Psalm 23

TEKLIA and NICHOLAS FARYNYK



*Mary & Keith Hassinger
William & Helen Farynyk
Bohdan & Lillian Farynyk
Olga & Albert Gooley*

and our GRANDPARENTS and our GREAT GRANDPARENTS



*Barbara & Donald Miller
Keith & Donna Hassinger
Albert, Jr. & Constance Gooley
Mary Kay & Richard Summermatter
Ruth Farynyk
Barbara & Robert Hill*

*Leslie & Denny Mosher
Eric, Stephen & Kurt Miller
Debra, Kerri, Holly & Karla Hassinger
Jody & Tracy Gooley
Paul Robert Summermatter*

and my GREAT, GREAT GRANDPARENTS and my SISTER & BROTHER-IN-LAW

Joshua Mosher

John Bendyk

IN UNITY — WE HAVE STRENGTH



"THOUGH WE HAVE BEEN SEPARATED BY
THREE THOUSAND MILES, I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN
YOUR BEAUTIFUL SMILES.

THE DAYS LONG AGO I REMEMBER WITH LOVE,
I KNOW I WAS BLESSED BY OUR FATHER ABOVE.
I DID EASTER EGGS, SANG AND DANCED FOR THE CROWD
AND OH, HOW I MADE MY BABA AND DIDI PROUD.
I THANK OUR GOOD LORD FOR MY HERITAGE SO DEAR,
AND I TELL ALL WHO WILL LISTEN OF HOW IT WAS HERE.
SO MUCH LOVE HAVE I FOR YOU; IT COMES STRAIGHT
FROM THE HEART,
AND THROUGH MY JOYFUL MEMORIES,
WE'LL NEVER BE APART!"

BE JOYFUL! JESUS LOVES YOU!

*Marsha (Finch) and Allan Smith
& Children, Michael and Melanie*



*In Loving Memory
of My Dear Wife*

MILLIE

*"Give peace and rest unto
Thy departed servant,
Oh Lord, Our God..."*

HAPPY GOLDEN YEARS TO
**ST. JOHN'S
UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

My late wife, Millie and I
have always been proud
to have had the opportunity
to be part of such a wonderful church,
our many friends
and especially
Father and Pani Lawryk.

**GOD BLESS YOU ALL
WITH CONTINUED SUCCESS.**

Love,
HARVEY FINCH



IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS



JOSEPH & CATHERINE GELINGER
JOSEPH JR., DAVID & SCOTT
GARY & DIANE GELINGER
IAN, ERIC, & DANA



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
STEPHEN GRECH



Wife, ANNA GRECH
 Daughter, PAULINE & JOHN KLYM
 Daughter, DOROTHY & GEORGE DAVIS
 Daughter, STEPHIE & JOSEPH KOLOTA



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 PARENTS

Theodore and Pauline Ewanow

FROM THEIR FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS

as we celebrate the "GOLDEN YEARS" of

ST. JOHN'S PARISH

May God's blessing be with us for many, many years!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED PARENTS,

JOHN and MARY EVANHOFF

along with their sons

CHARLES, JOHN, JR.

and sons-in-law

EDWARD PINKOWSKI and WILLIAM R. MYERS

May They Rest in Peace. VICHNAYA PAMYAT!

ANN MYERS • JULIA & CLARENCE PARSON • HELEN & WILLIAM WHITE
 STELLA PINKOWSKI • MARGARET EVANHOFF

REMEMBRANCE KEEPS THEM NEAR

Dear to our Memories You Always Will Be!



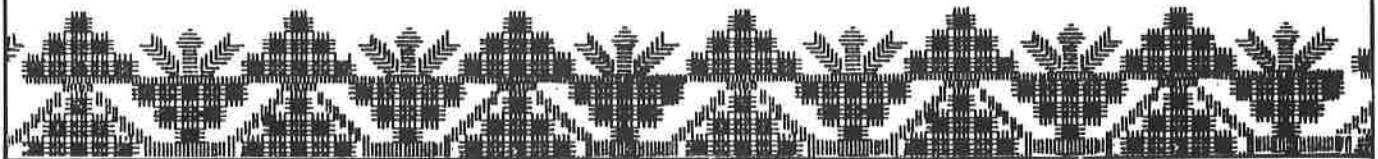
Anna and George Ketchuck, Sr.



Michael and Julia Gulachok



Julia Gulachok
Mary and Walter Gulachok
Cheri, Mark and Matt Gulachok
Julene (Gulachok) and Mystix Broisher
and
Freida Ann and Jacob



In Loving Memory of My Dear Parents
KATHEREN and PETER PETERSEN

And My Granddaughter
KATHERINE MERKEL



MEMORY ETERNAL!

STEPHANIE GORICK



**Our Personal Best Wishes to Each and Everyone
in the St. John's Parish Family.**



Paul and Mary Gormish



Linda and Paul Kocich



**In Loving Memory of Our Dear Father and Mother
*Nicholas and Josephine Hatala***

Mary and Paul Gormish

HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
TO OUR CHURCH!



THE ALFRED GORICK FAMILY

"MNOHAYA LITA!"

CONGRATULATIONS ST. JOHN'S

on your many successful years!

MNOHAYA LITA!



We thank St. John's for giving us so many years of family memories—the christenings and confirmations, First Holy Confessions and Communions, Ukrainian dancing performances, the many beautiful pysanky, the graduations from mother's room to front pew, to altar boy or choir, the classes of religion, the activities of the Sisterhood, Junior and Senior UOL, the Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball, and the "togetherness" we share every Sunday attending Divine Liturgy. All are happy memories that fill us with pride and joy only a family can feel with one another.

We also remember the unhappy moments shared at St. John's; the funeral and memorial services of parents, loved ones, and dear friends. With each service, we became a little stronger in our faith and closer in the comfort of each other.

With all of these and the many more memories we HATALA'S share as a family of St. John's parish, two people were *always* there making these memories with us—laughing, crying, helping, guiding and praying together.

WE LOVE YOU ST. JOHN'S!

WE LOVE YOU FATHER AND PANI LAWRYK!

**PETER, PHYLLIS, PAMELA, MARK
JEFFREY, NICOLE, KRISTI, & PETER A.**

WE'RE SO VERY PROUD OF ST. JOHN'S and ITS OUTSTANDING PROGRESS

MNOHAYA LITA!



THANK YOU ST. JOHN'S
for giving us
THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW
and
FATHER and PANI
for your love and guidance!!

PAMELA, MARK, JEFFREY, NICOLE, KRISTI, PETER A. HATALA



With grateful appreciation to our parents, MARY (BLUEY) HALUSKA and STEPHEN HALUSKA, for their forethought and tireless efforts as one of the founding families of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Johnson City, New York.

Lovingly Yours, The Families of Your Children,
 JOHN HALUSKA
 MARY (HALUSKA) DOWELL
 JEAN (HALUSKA) SADOWITZ



IN LOVING MEMORY

of our beloved Father

ANDREW HRYN

who left us May 3, 1939

and our beloved mother

ANNA HRYN

who left us March 10, 1971

THOUGH DAYS ROLL ON AND YEARS GO BY
 LOVE AND MEMORIES NEVER DIE.

Devoted Daughters

MARY GOFFA
 KATHRYN BREEN
 DELLA HRYN





**PETER & KATHERINE
LEWKOVICH**

from loving children and grandchildren

MARY (LEWKOVICH) JUNKO

and

JOHN LEWKOVICH

KATHERINE JUNKO

THEODORE P. JUNKO

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*For none of us liveth to himself,
And no man dieth to himself.
For whether we live,
We live unto the Lord;
And whether we die,
We die unto the Lord:
Whether we live therefore
Or die,
We are the Lord's.*

—Romans 7:8



THEODORE JUNKO

from loving wife and children

MARY JUNKO

KATHERINE JUNKO

THEODORE P. JUNKO



*Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting:
The soul that rises with us, our life's star,
hath had elsewhere its setting,
And cometh from afar:
Not in entire forgetfulness,
And not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory, do we come from God,
Who is our home...*



—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

В І Ч Н А Я П А М Я Т Ь !



CONGRATULATIONS

as we celebrate

The "GOLDEN YEARS" of ST. JOHN'S PARISH

God Grant Us Many More Years of Growth and Spiritual Success



NICHOLAS & MARY KONAZEWICH

Blessed Memory PAUL KANAZAWICH *Blessed Memory* JULIE KANAZAWICH NEWCOTT

JOHN KANAZAWICH

WALTER & EVELYN KANAZAWICH

MICHAEL & MARY LOU KANAZAWICH

FRANK & OLGA KANAZAWICH

PETER KANAZAWICH

IN LOVING MEMORY - WIFE & MOTHER
JOSEPHINE KANAZAWICH

6 - 23 - 65



JOHN KANAZAWICH, M.A.I.
Daughter, YVONNE (KANAZAWICH) and ROBERT HYNES and children ROBBIE and JODI



BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS



IN MEMORY
- PAUL KANAZAWICH -
12-2-69

WIFE -Irene
CHILDREN - Paula, Karen and John

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISH



▲
Walter & Evelyn
Kanazawich
Greg & Rhoda
▼

▲
Robert and Melodye
Onysko
Christopher
and
Michael Robert
▼

OUR PERSONAL BEST WISHES
TO EACH AND EVERYONE
IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY



IN MEMORY OF
ANTHONY KARAIM



Robert and Carolyn Karaim

*Tanya, Robert,
 Conretta, Jared,
 Lynn, Diana
 and
 Denise*



John and Arlene Karaim



Patricia and Rex Hoover

*Robert
 and
 Angela*



Marie (Karaim) Brink and Ross Brink

**Friendship is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold,
 But its value is far greater than a mountain made of gold—
 For gold is cold and lifeless, it can neither see nor hear
 And in time of trouble, it is powerless to cheer.
 It has no ears to listen, no heart to understand.
 It cannot bring you comfort or reach out a helping hand.
 So when you ask "God" for a gift, be thankful if he sends
 Not diamonds, pearls or riches but love of real, true friends.**

*(We were fortunate to be the first couple
 to be married in our church on
 Virginia Avenue - Sunday, June 7, 1931.)*

**ANTHONY KARAIM
 and
 MARY GABLUSH**

"MNOHAYA LITA"

TO: *St. John's Parish on its 56 Years*
FROM: *Mary H. Karaim in her 95th Year*



A FOUNDING MEMBER OF
ST. JOHN'S PARISH
LIVING IN THE BUILDING WHICH WAS THE FIRST
ST. JOHN'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH



IN MEMORY OF
HARRY KARAIM



from
MARY H. KARAIM
and
KARAIM-UHRINEC FAMILIES



K O S I K

In loving memory of father WILLIAM (died July 1, 1971) and mother EVA (died May 27, 1982) and the many wonderful founders of our church. YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS. From children:

Bill, John, Michael, Mary & Lillian

AND

In loving memory of brother FRANK, who passed away at the age of 26 on January 10, 1949. MAY HE REST IN PEACE AND MAY HIS MEMORY BE EVERLASTING. From Brothers and Sisters:

Bill, John, Michael, Mary & Lillian.



May God Bless Our Church and Its Members For Many, Many Years!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEARLY BELOVED ONES

Our Mother
MARY KASPRYK



Fathers

PETER DOBRANSKY, MICHAEL KASPRYK

Brothers and Sister

**MICHAEL DOBRANSKY, ANDREW DOBRANSKY, JOSEPH DOBRANSKY
STEPHANIA DOBRANSKY**

Memory Eternal, Dear Loved Ones

FROM

**Peter & Catherine Dobransky, Ann Dobransky, John & Mary Mihalko,
Anne D. Petras, John & Marion Kasprzyk, Helen Kasprzyk**

GRANDCHILDREN

**Michael Dobransky, Robert Dobransky, Jean Belleman, Ronald Dobransky, Peter Dobransky,
Gary Dobransky, Carol Wasylko, John Mihalko, David Mihalko, John Kasprzyk, James Kasprzyk**

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

**Eric Dobransky, Steven Dobransky, Kristi Dobransky,
Peter J. Dobransky, Kevin Dobransky, Alexander Wasylko, Nadya Wasylko, Adrian Mihalko**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR DEAR FATHER and GRANDFATHER

MICHAEL KASPRYK

A Veteran Who Served His Country In World War I



MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!

Daughter, HELEN KASPRYK
Son, JOHN and Daughter-in-Law, MARION
Grandsons, JOHN and JAMES KASPRYK

**"LOVE MY BEAUTIFUL CHURCH AND PROUD OF MY
RICH UKRAINIAN HERITAGE!"**



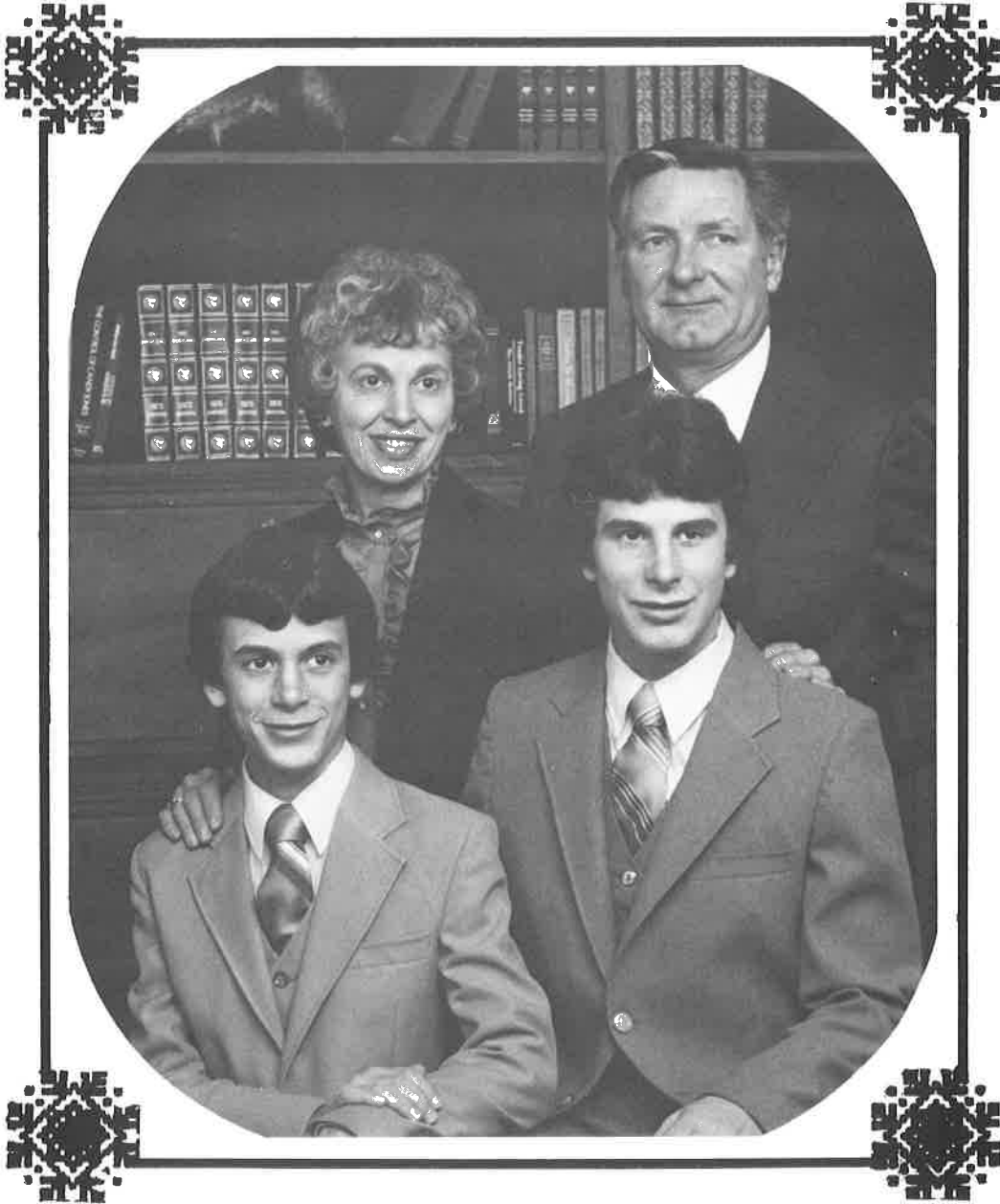
HELEN KASPRYK



Best Wishes and God's Blessings

John - *President of Social Club - 1964, 1965*

Marion - *President of Sisterhood - 1965, 1966, 1974, 1975*



THE KASPRYK FAMILY

John, Marion, John and Jim



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

HUSBAND ♦ FATHER ♦ GRANDFATHER
GREAT GRANDFATHER



**JOHN
KASPROWITZ**



wife, MARY
daughter, YVONNE OLENICK and FAMILY
daughter, JUANITA GLASS and FAMILY
daughter, JOHANNA
son, JOHN
son, JOSEPH
Grandchildren
Great Grandchildren



БАЖАЄМО

ЩЕДРИХ БОЖИХ ЛАСК У ДАЛЬШІЙ
ПРАЦІ ДЛЯ ДОБРА УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ
ЦЕРКВИ Ї НАРОДУ

СТЕФАН КІТ З РОДИНОЮ
ВОЛОДИМИР КІТ З РОДИНОЮ

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
OUR DEAR PARENTS



JOHN and JULIA KLYM

one of the First Founders of

ST. JOHN'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

of Johnson City

May Their Memory Be Eternal!

FROM CHILDREN



Daughter, JULIE and BILL SADOWITZ

Son
JOHN
and
PAULINE
KLYM
Children
VICKI
SHARON
and
MARK
ITALIANO
and
ADRIENNE

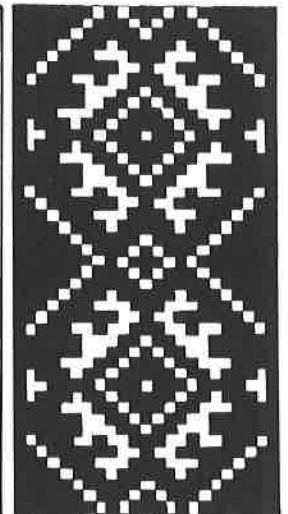
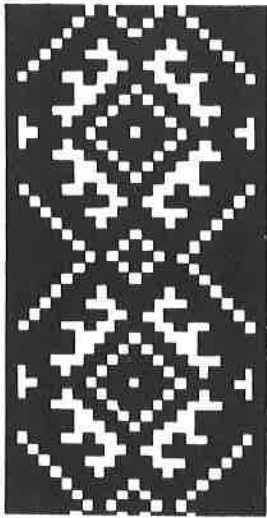


Daughter
BETTY
and
BILL
HLAVAC
Children
CHERIE
NANCY
and
GEORGE
DONAHUE
MARYBETH
TINA
JULIE ANNE



Son, EUGENE and AUDREY KLYM; Children, JODY, TOMMIE, BETH ANNE,
JOHN SMEY, MIKE and COLLEEN SMEY and BILLY and JOEY

WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER AND THERE HE HAS BLESSED!

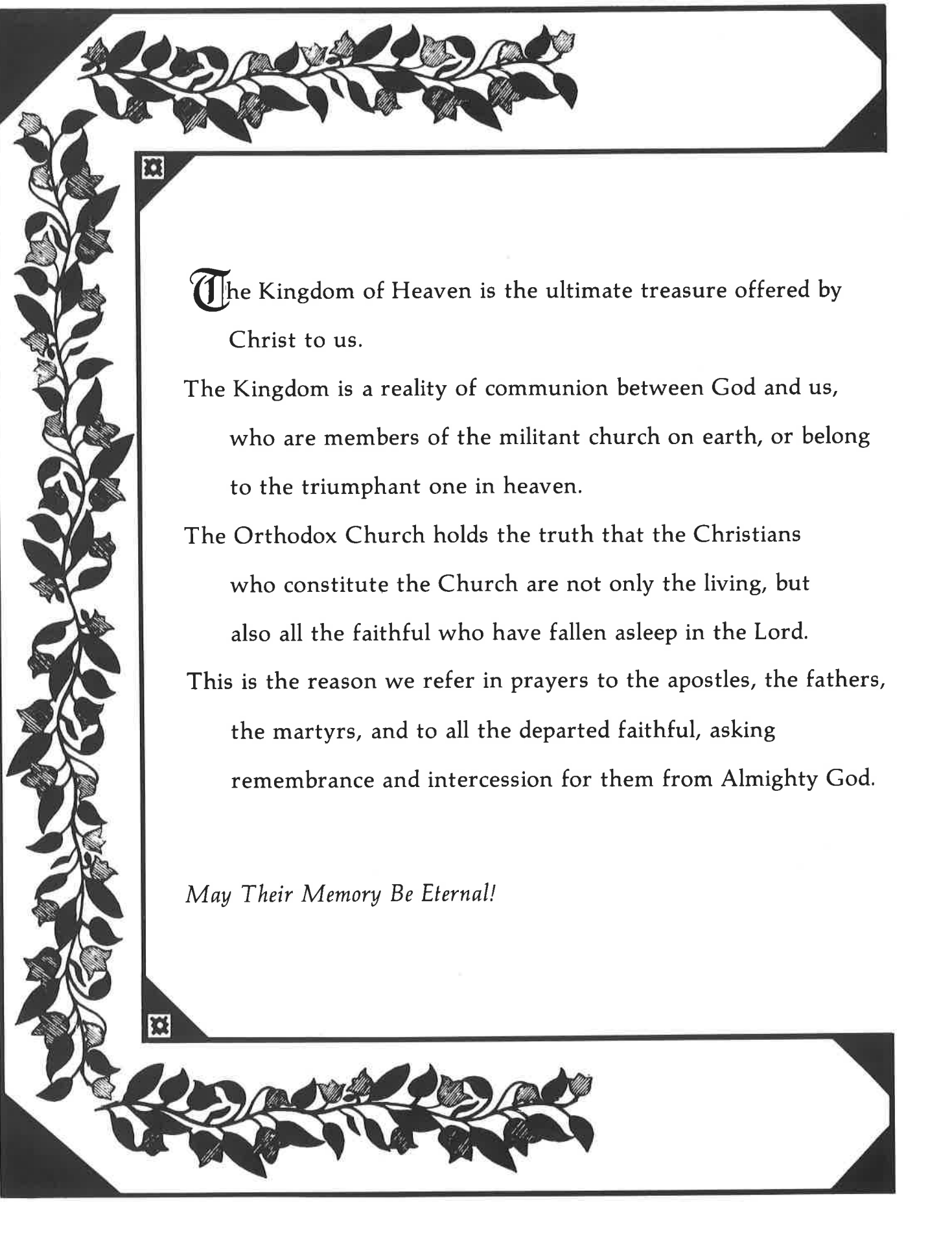


EUGENE and AUDREY KLYM

JOHN MARK
JODY LYNN

THOMAS ANDREW
BETH ANN





The Kingdom of Heaven is the ultimate treasure offered by Christ to us.

The Kingdom is a reality of communion between God and us, who are members of the militant church on earth, or belong to the triumphant one in heaven.

The Orthodox Church holds the truth that the Christians who constitute the Church are not only the living, but also all the faithful who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

This is the reason we refer in prayers to the apostles, the fathers, the martyrs, and to all the departed faithful, asking remembrance and intercession for them from Almighty God.

May Their Memory Be Eternal!

Memory Eternal



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|---|--|--|
| MARIA DYKOSHCHAK
<i>4 October 1928</i> | PAUL WASYLYSHYN
<i>1 April 1941</i> | TEKLIA CHYL
<i>8 February 1953</i> |
| MICHAEL STASKO
<i>3 February 1931</i> | OLENA PETRYSHYN
<i>1941</i> | BARBARA NYKOLYCZYN
<i>21 July 1953</i> |
| NICKOLAS PUFKY
<i>18 July 1931</i> | GREGORY ZOPP
<i>9 April 1942</i> | JOHN EVANCHOFF
<i>19 October 1954</i> |
| PARASKA KOPYTCHAK
<i>20 August 1931</i> | ANNA CHIPELLA
<i>15 August 1942</i> | MICHAEL KOST
<i>1 March 1955</i> |
| ANDREW KULICK
<i>11 October 1931</i> | ANNA ZELECHIVSKY
<i>2 December 1942</i> | PETER LEWKOWICH
<i>3 April 1955</i> |
| LUKA DZIK
<i>18 June 1933</i> | JOHN OKREPKIE
<i>13 May 1943</i> | JOSEPH LESKA
<i>16 August 1955</i> |
| MARIA KACHYNSKY
<i>13 September 1933</i> | JOHN MACKO
<i>30 October 1943</i> | ISIDORE LENSKY
<i>11 January 1956</i> |
| BARBARA DOWHAN
<i>2 November 1933</i> | JAMES M. TOMIK
<i>18 November 1945</i> | MARY PUFKY
<i>19 March 1956</i> |
| SOPHIA STASKO
<i>21 September 1934</i> | JOSEPH KASPROWITZ
<i>8 May 1945</i> | KATHEREN PETERSEN
<i>14 July 1956</i> |
| EMELIA KOCAN
<i>19 January 1935</i> | ANTHONY KARAIM
<i>26 May 1946</i> | JOHN CHARYDCZAK
<i>22 August 1956</i> |
| KOST HRYCK
<i>16 November 1935</i> | WILLIAM WARSKI
<i>27 December 1946</i> | NICHOLAS MALIWACKI
<i>23 February 1957</i> |
| JULIA NASEVICH
<i>24 June 1936</i> | ANNA PALOWITZ
<i>19 February 1947</i> | OLGA STASKO
<i>28 March 1957</i> |
| MARIA GIBBORE
<i>30 June 1936</i> | HARRY HALLICK
<i>5 April 1947</i> | TESSIE (SAWCHUK) COLE
<i>31 March 1957</i> |
| HELEN KOVATZ
<i>20 December 1937</i> | JULIA FOYT
<i>1 June 1947</i> | HARRY CHARNETSKY, SR.
<i>5 April 1957</i> |
| JOHN MALIWACKI
<i>9 April 1939</i> | STEPHEN HALUSKA
<i>3 March 1948</i> | MICHAEL OWCZARYK
<i>19 April 1957</i> |
| ANDREW HRYN
<i>3 May 1939</i> | ANNA ZOPP
<i>16 April 1948</i> | JUSTINA BURYLA
<i>3 May 1957</i> |
| STEPHAN SOSNICKI
<i>17 August 1939</i> | CATHERINE PRESTON
<i>15 November 1948</i> | JOHN BEREZIAK
<i>20 May 1957</i> |
| DIONOZY MOROZ
<i>13 March 1940</i> | ALBAN BREEN
<i>27 July 1949</i> | MARY (DOBRANSKY) KASPRYK
<i>20 April 1958</i> |
| DMYTRO CEKLYNSKI
<i>21 March 1941</i> | JOSEPHINE MALIWACKI
<i>20 July 1951</i> | ANDREW BURYLA
<i>28 November 1958</i> |
| GEORGE LYTWINIUK
<i>29 March 1941</i> | THEODORE (FRANK) EWANOW
<i>19 February 1952</i> | WILLIAM SEDOR
<i>11 June 1958</i> |



PETER PETERSEN
14 January 1959

MARY THER
20 January 1959

MATTY KRAWEC
15 May 1959

MARY (LESKO) KOCAN
26 September 1959

MICHAEL STASKO, SR.
26 November 1959

STANLEY PETRYSHYN
5 March 1960

NICHOLAS TYLKO
13 July 1960

PELAHIA KULICK
21 March 1961

MICHAEL STASKO
31 August 1961

MICHAEL KASPRYK
28 January 1962

JOHN CHUBINSKY, SR.
9 March 1962

JOSEPH DWORNIK
12 April 1962

JOHN DOLNY
15 May 1962

HELEN CHUBINIAK
31 October 1962

ANNA BAHRIAK
15 April 1963

ANTHONY KULYK
30 April 1963

HARRY KARAIM
4 November 1963

ANNA MILCHANOWSKY
1 January 1964

WASYL PUFKY
27 May 1964

AMELIA KRECZKO
2 July 1964

LUBOMYR ZELECHIVSKY
7 July 1964

CHARLES OKREPKIE, SR.
21 July 1964

JOHN LUBINEC
7 October 1964

ANELIA POTOCHNIAK
21 February 1965

THEODORE STETZKO
28 March 1965

KATHERINE MASLAK
1 July 1965

JOSEPHINE KANAZAWICH
23 June 1965

ANDREW POTOCHNIAK
19 July 1965

KSENIA DOLNY
9 August 1965

ZACHARY ZYLAK
10 July 1966

EMILIA STASKO
7 August 1966

FRANK ZAVADA
31 October 1966

MICHAEL KLODOWSKI, SR.
9 November 1966

THEODORE CHYL
9 March 1967

JOSEPHINE HATALA
10 August 1967

KATHERINE BYCE
11 January 1968

JOHN EVANCHOFF, JR.
4 March 1968

KATHERINE LEWKOWICH
3 May 1968

ANNA CHARNETSKY
26 May 1968

WALTER PUCHIR
29 May 1968

WASYL OKREPKIE
5 October 1968

MARY EVANCHOFF
25 October 1968

ANNA TERPAK
20 November 1968

ANNA TKACHUK
5 February 1969

ALEX SMYK
25 March 1969

KATHERINE TCHIR
15 November 1969

PAUL KANAZAWICH
2 December 1969

NICHOLAS KOCAN
3 January 1970

JOHN KULICK
18 January 1970

CATHERINE YAREMA
3 April 1970

EUDOKIA SASS
11 May 1970

BESSIE CHUBINSKY
27 June 1970

DMYTRO (PETER) OKREPKIE
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WALTER PERCHAK
5 October 1970

ANTHONY TOMIK
5 October 1970

ANNA SILECKYJ
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ANASTASIA MALYVIACKY
8 January 1971

EVA MELNYK
8 January 1971

CATHERINE STASKO
30 January 1971

OKSANNA KULYK
4 February 1971

VASILE KRECZKO
3 March 1971

ANNA HRYN
10 March 1971

WILLIAM KOSIK, SR.
1 July 1971

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24 July 1971

ANDREW GIBBORE
15 September 1971

PETER YUHNICK
8 February 1972

NICK THER
21 March 1972

ANNA TYLKO
20 May 1972

PETER SADOWITZ, SR.
3 July 1972

MICHAEL DEMKOVICH
24 November 1972

MARY WASYLYSHYN
11 December 1972

FRANK KOVATZ
14 December 1972



ANNA O'KREPKIE
8 February 1973

MICHAEL DOBRANSKY, SR.
8 March 1973

KATHERINE PUFKY
1 April 1973

ANNA SAWKA
10 April 1973

STEPHEN GRECH
25 April 1973

NICHOLAS HATALA
5 May 1973

JOHN KLYM, SR.
26 May 1973

ANNA OWCZARYK
1 July 1973

CATHERINE CAPP
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MICHAEL GULACHOK
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NICHOLAS CEKLYNSKI
15 October 1974

MARY BREZAK
11 February 1975

ANASTASIA KASPROWITZ
8 March 1975

JULIE NEWCOTT
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EMILIA KLYSH
3 June 1975

NELLIE PRESTON
6 July 1975

TEKLIA LUBINEC
11 December 1975

EMILIA LENSZY
21 December 1975

WILLIAM CHEBINIAK
24 December 1975

ANNA STETZKO
27 December 1975

FRANK PINDZOLA
19 January 1976

WILLIAM BARANYK
17 February 1976

ANNA OKREPKIE
5 April 1976

TEKLIA FARYNYK
18 June 1976

MYRON SHLATZ, SR.
19 July 1976

HELEN CHUBINSKY
23 August 1976

WARREN CASE
3 December 1976

ANNA SADOWITZ
4 February 1976

CHARLES J. EVANCHOFF
20 January 1977

EVA KOVATZ
10 February 1977

WILLIAM MYERS
11 February 1977

MARY YACHIW
22 February 1977

PELAHIA (DZIK) LOCKE
9 April 1977

PETER BYCZ
24 June 1977

EDWARD PINKOWSKI
23 September 1977

ANDREW SEAMAN
11 October 1977

JOHN LEWKOWICZ
23 October 1977

KATHERINE SEAMAN
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MARY (EWANOW) ROSINSKY
7 June 1977

FRANK T. CENESKY
9 January 1978

MICHAEL TARCHA, SR.
11 May 1978

MARION YAROSLOSKI
3 June 1978

ANDREW MALYVIACKY
21 August 1978

MARY SEDOR
9 September 1978

JOHN MELNYK
19 November 1978

MILDRED FINCH
9 January 1979

EVA OKREPKIE
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GREGORY MOHILA
7 June 1979

DANIEL SASS
25 April 1980

RICHARD VIMISLIK
17 June 1980

PAULINE EWANOW
22 August 1980

ANNA DEMKOVICH
27 August 1980

ANNA (KARAIM) UHRINEC
4 November 1980

ALEXIS (KULYK) MIHALKO
6 November 1980

RT. REV. JOSEPH ZELECHIVSKY
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KATHERINE YUHNICK
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MARY LOPKE
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MARTHA MALIWACKI
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JULIA KLYM
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JOHN TYMCZYNA, SR.
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4 March 1982

THEODORE JUNKO
2 May 1982

JOHN KASPROWITZ
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EVA KOSIK
27 May 1982

JOSEPH CHUBINSKY
19 June 1982

JULIA PALSO
19 June 1982

NICHOLAS KANAZAWICH
12 July 1982

STEFAN KIT
4 October 1982

NICHOLAS CHUBINIAK
27 October 1982



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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Husband, Father and Grandfather

MICHAEL KLODOWSKI, SR.



Wife, ANNA KLODOWSKI
JOSEPH & MARGARET KLODOWSKI
JANET (KLODOWSKI) & DONALD KUBISA, MICHAEL & MARLENE KLODOWSKI
MICHAEL KLODOWSKI, JR.
JOHN & ROSE KLODOWSKI, CAROL, TOM, JEAN

OUR PERSONAL BEST WISHES
TO EACH AND EVERYONE IN ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY



JOHN & ROSE KLODOWSKI



CAROL



TOM



JEAN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF A BELOVED WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER & GREAT GRANDMOTHER

EMILIA KLYSH

(June 3, 1975)

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"

"VYCHNAYA PAMYAT"



THEODORE KLYSH, SR.

CYPRYAN, MARGARET, MELANIE, MIRANDA, MINDEN, MELINDA and MELISSA KLISH

CYPRYAN II, WENDY, CYPRYAN III, ANDREW and JENNIFER KLISH

JOHNATHAN, KIM, JOHNATHAN II KLISH

THEODORE J., HELEN, KATHLEEN and JoANNE KLISH

PETER and CAROL (KLYSH) SOSENKO

LESIA KLYSH

REVEREND FATHER MIRONE, PANI LILLIAN, MARIANNE, MYRON and WILLIAM KLYSH

MARY (KLISH) CHEBINIAK, LISA RENEE and KIM MARIE CHEBINIAK

NICHOLAS AND NANCY (KLISH) TARCHA, NICKY and NANCY LYNN TARCHA

WILLIAM, MARY ANN, EMILY ANN, WILLIAM and JULIE KLISH



In gratitude, I thank God for all the fruitful "firsts" in my life throughout these eighty-nine years and the opportunity to witness the tremendous accomplishments of our beloved St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church from its beginning in 1926:

Entrance Into This World — July 23, 1893

Arrival In These Great United States In 1912

Seven Years Of Service In The United States Army — 1914 to 1921

2nd Machine Gun Battalion, 1st Division

(Rank of Corporal) — Participated in the Mexican Expedition (1914)

Awarded Mexican Service Medal (12/1/19)

Veteran of World War I — Battles of Montdidier-Noyon, Arsne-Marne,

St. Michiel, Meuse-Argonne and Defensive Sector (Victory Medal Awarded 7/3/20)

United States Citizenship Papers Bestowed Upon Me In Washington, D.C. — (9/16/19)

Marriage To Emilia Warska — November 10, 1923

Blessed With Seven Loving Children Dedicated To Their Faith and Church

Founding Member Of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

Member of First Executive Board

Parish President In 1945 — The Year In Which Our Beloved Father And Pani Lawryk

Arrived And Have Remained With Us Over These 37 Years,

Serving Our Every Need With Love And Dedication.

Father Of The First Parish Son To Answer The Call To The Priesthood

Father Of The Youngest Parish President, Serving 16 Consecutive Years

Special Blessing — Observance of "Golden Wedding Anniversary" — 11/10/73

TEODOR KLYSH

"IN UNITY - WE HAVE STRENGTH. LET US CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD IN LOVE AND HARMONY!"



As I celebrate my "GOLDEN YEARS" as well as the "GOLDEN YEARS" of our beautiful St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, I thank God for all my special blessings:

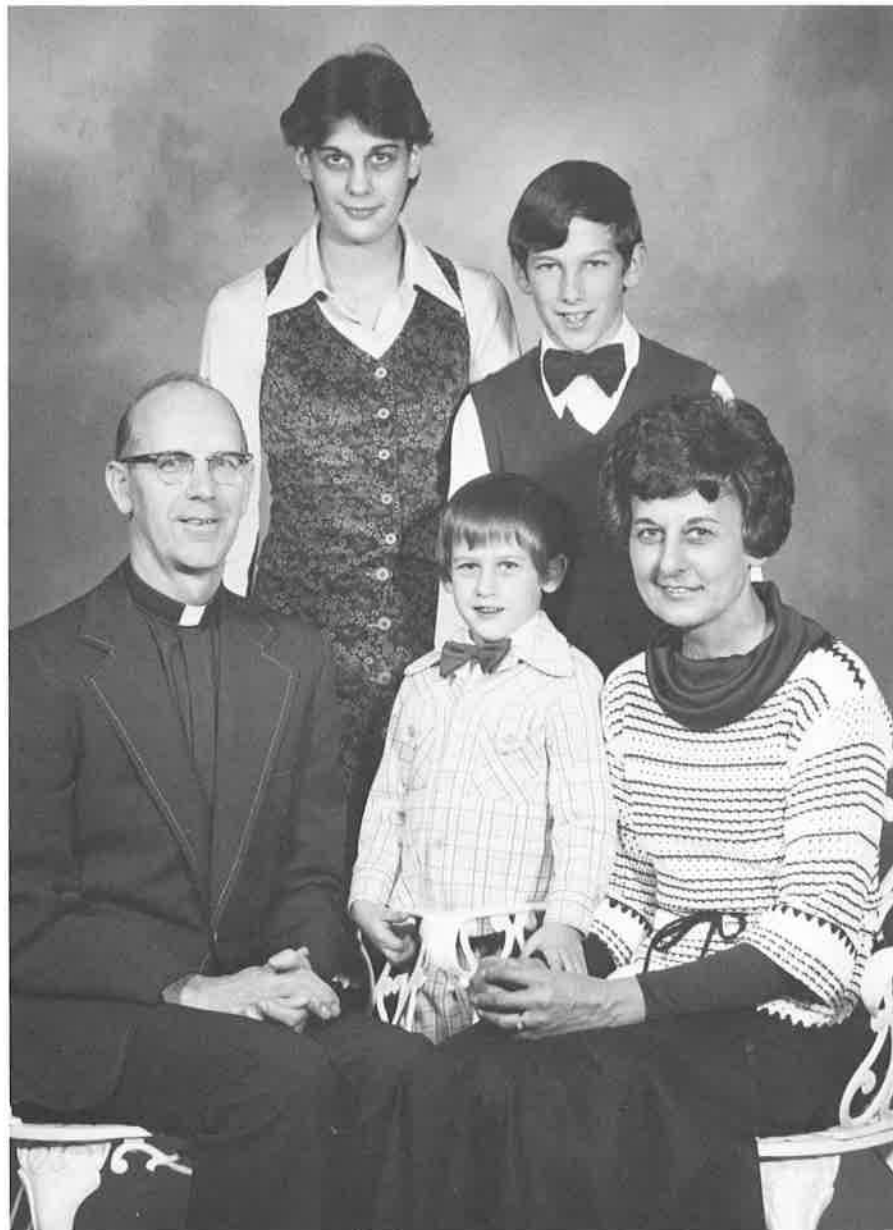
*My beloved Mom (God rest her soul) and Dad, my Sisters and Brothers-in-Law
My Brothers and Sisters-in-Law and their Families,
Our beloved Father and Pani Lawryk and "Sunny" and my dear Family here at St. John's
I have experienced true joy and happiness in the "Labor of Love":
Serving my Church, her People and All Whose Lives I Touch*



I take this special opportunity to express my deep love and devotion to our beloved Father and Pani Lawryk for the love and guidance they have given us since their arrival in 1945. You have made St. John's alive and special and I sincerely thank you for your shining examples, your wisdom, your unselfish dedication to our needs, your untiring efforts to serve and lead us in accomplishing our goals (especially the construction of the Memorial Center, New Church and Rectory) and your inspiration and motivation which has instilled in us a great love for our Ukrainian Orthodox Faith and Ukrainian Heritage and has made us proud American-Ukrainians.

*May God's Blessings Be With Us All
For Many, Many Years! MNOHAYA LITA!*

Lesia (Wilma) Klysh



An occasion such as the Fiftieth Anniversary of this parish gives one an opportunity to reflect upon the past, the present and the future. The passing of time can only increase love and respect towards the clergy, founding members and early supporters. The labors of love have now fallen upon children and grandchildren and others who have shown themselves to be worthy successors under the spiritual leadership of Father and Pani Lawryk. With continued trust and faith in God and His love, and with continued dedication and devotion by all, the future can only bring new blessings of spiritual and material successes.

Father Mirone, Pani Lillian, Marianne, Myron and William Klysh

WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

*Being part of ST. JOHN'S Family, under the wise
and loving guidance of Father and Pani Lawryk
has enriched our lives religiously, culturally and socially.*

WE ARE THANKFUL!! MNOHAYA LITA FATHER AND PANI!!



FROM
THE
FAMILY
OF

Cypran and Margaret Klish

Melanie Ann Klish

Cypryan II and Wendy Klish, Cypryan III, Andrew and Jennifer

Marlyn Lou Klish

Jonathan and Kim Lan Klish, Jonathan II

Miranda Lee Klish

Minden Amy Klish

Melinda Lou Klish

Melissa Sue Klish



CONGRATULATIONS

and



BEST WISHES

to

Father and Pani Lawryk and the Members of St. John's

THEODORE J. and HELEN KLYSH
KATHLEEN and JoANN KLYSH
CAROL (KLYSH) and PETER SOSENKO

Our Best Wishes are Extended to All:

May the Blessings of Our Loving Lord be with Us All for Many Many Years

JOHN & MARY KOSTYUN



Daughter, SHARON



LITTLE NIKKI



Son, JAN & DEBI

DEAR FRIENDS,

Let's take a stroll down Memory Lane, to the 1920's. I can remember a small group of Ukrainian Orthodox people meeting in the building on Harry L. Drive; Harry Karaim years later bought this building and now Lucy Bishop has a grocery store there and Mrs. Karaim still lives in the building. It was a one story building at that time and we held church services there.

When we had a church supper or dinner there, my father and mother (Blessed Memory Frank & Helen Kovatz) used to bring dishes from home and carried them in market baskets down the hill on Albany Avenue, and then back home again. After the church was built on Virginia Avenue, I can remember my father sewing the black robes for the priest that was worn for funerals and during the Lenten season. Black with silver trim. I can still see him sewing the vestments at night on the old treadle Singer machine we had in our dining room. He sewed them at night; during this time people worked about 60 hours a week in the factories. Work for the church had to be done at night.

During the depression, money was very scarce and the various committees had to think of various ways to try to raise some money for the expenses. One idea was to hold a bazaar and that ran almost a whole week. Dances were held periodically. One Halloween Dance I remember because Joseph Kasprowitz Sr., dressed in a costume and surprised everyone—no one could recognize him.

In the summer, we used to hold dinners or picnics on the Kasprowitz farm; or the Foyt farm. They were happy occasions and all looked forward to them. I can remember that Mrs. Anastasia Kasprowitz always baked a honey cake.

I can remember Stephen Haluska coming to our house quite often to discuss some church problem. There were many—especially financial ones.

I can remember Ukrainian school. Peter Maliwacki, Bill Hryck and I, among others, were students.

There were many times that a couple of girls would go soliciting from door to door of the members' homes for donations for suppers. I can remember Mary Mihalko and I going for donations. We were happy to receive fifty cents. And many others did this, too, otherwise St. John's would not have grown and prospered.

These are a few of my recollections of the growth of St. John's from the beginning.

Family life revolved around the church and its activities. It meant a great deal to us and it still does even though we are hundreds of miles away. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you and always will be. We are always happy to receive the weekly church bulletins and other news from 'home'—so that we are always in touch.



Love,

Mary Kostyun



IN THE MEMORY
OF THE FOLLOWING
WHO HAVE ENTERED
ETERNAL LIFE



John and Maria Krawecki



Anna and Demian Czarnyk

We wish to extend our sincerest wishes for continued prosperity to our church community and our heartfelt gratitude to Right Reverend Father Frank T. Lawryk and Pani Lawryk for their dedicated service throughout the years!



Congratulations and God Bless to All!

Wasył and Eugenia Krawecki

*Ann & Barry Kinney & children
Kelly and Nathan*

*Mary Ann & Dennis Eagan
& son David*

Joseph & Brenda Krawecki

MAY GOD GRANT US
MANY MORE YEARS OF
GROWTH and SPIRITUAL SUCCESS



JOHN, MARIANN, PAUL, BRIAN and BOBBY
KOSAK
Parents, WILLIAM & JENNY
MADEJCHYK
Sister LYDIA COX and Daughter



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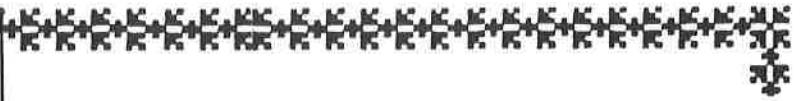
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ЮСКА КЛАДОВСЬКА

SINCEREST
CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR PARISH

*Michael and Olga Kulik
Daughter, Natalia
Son, Michael*

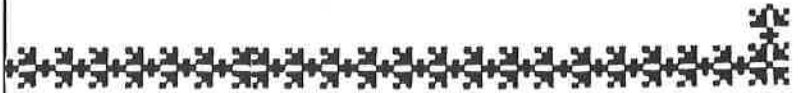




IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS &
GREAT GRANDPARENTS

JOHN
and
PELAHIA
KULIK

DANIEL and CELIA MATIAS
NADINE (MATIAS) KALADA, TINA and HOLLY
DANIEL and LINDA MATIAS, TOM, JOHN
and DAWN



from:

THEODORE & MILLIE (KULICK)
HERBOWY
(Utica, N.Y.)

and children:

BOHDAN
LESIA
MARY ANN
JOHN
ALEXIS



BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

IN MEMORY
OF PARENTS



RT. REVEREND MITRED JOSEPH
ZELECHIVSKY

1890 - 1980

ANNA
ZELECHIVSKY

1894 - 1942

Daughters

MRS. IRENE KANAZAWICH
MRS. OLGA KULIK

IN LOVING MEMORY
of our dear parents
ANTHONY AND OKSANNA KULYK
Founders of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church



*When the trails of life are ended
and the path no more you trod
May your name in gold be written
in the autograph book of God.*

Daughters

Olga (Tarcha) and William Drost
Natalie (Leska) and Francis Boser

Grandchildren

Michael and Mary Tarcha
Nicholas and Nancy Tarcha
Joseph and Dee Leska
Carol and Willard Corprew
Robert and Cheryl Kulyk
Jane and Edward Cordick
Alexis (Blessed Memory) and John D. Mihalko
Cynthia and Louis Ligouri

Sons

John and Mary Kulyk
Joseph (Blessed Memory) and Alice Kulyk

Great-Grandchildren

Michael and David Tarcha
Nicholas and Nancy Lynn Tarcha
Laurie Kalivoda
Amy and Jennifer Cordick
Michael, Kevin and Joseph Leska
Heather and Louis Ligouri
Adrian Mihalko



Some of my fondest childhood memories are of folk dancing. My parents would take me to class with them to watch and learn. I grew up surrounded by our heritage—but in dancing, it came to life for me.

Today, miles from my childhood home, the joy of folk dancing remains in my life and has afforded me the opportunity to share my heritage with those around me. By doing so, each city has seemed more like home.

We are the recipients of a rich Ukrainian heritage whose various facets can remain vital within the context of our lives, wherever we live. Whatever our individual talents, each of us has the opportunity to share, enjoy and preserve the legacy.

Taras Shevchenko said it best: *"Absorb all cultures: Neglect not your own."*

MARIANNE K. LAWRYK

IN THESE GOLDEN YEARS

*of Our Parish which we are Celebrating, and of which I have been a part for the past 37 years,
first I want to express my heartfelt Gratitude to my Parents...*



**KATHERINE and Blessed Memory OLEKSA
PYLATIUK**

*for their Love, Guidance and for Imbuing Me with Love for the Church,
Mother Ukraine, America—and all good things.*

*And, add my Prayers that God will continue to Guide and Bless us in the future, as we work together
in His Vineyard. With love for my Parish Family and All God's Children,*

PANI JULIA LAWRYK



I WAS GIVEN ROOTS
and **THE WINGS TO FLY**

IN GRATITUDE TO MY MOTHER OF BLESSED MEMORY

TATIANNA

and

SISTER OF BLESSED MEMORY

MARUSIA

AND LOVE FOR MY FAMILY

POP, Sister NUSIA, Brother MICHAEL



The **LAWRYK BROTHERS**



PRIEST FRANKO



Дорогий мужу Іване — Батьку і Дідо —
нехай Американська земля буде тобі
легкою, у якій ти уже спочиваєш. Твоя
наука яку ти нас навчив любити нашу
Церкву і працювати для неї се залишить-
ся у наших серцях і пам'яті на завжди.

Вічная Пам'ять!



When we think about all the good things that have happened in our lives, we realize that everything has centered around the church. As we grew, we acquired a strong faith and pride in our Ukrainian heritage. We learned that by working together, we became a solid unit that could meet any challenge and beam with pride at the results. Through all the hard work (that somehow never seemed like work) we gained lasting friendships and a real sense of belonging. Thank you St. John's for all of these most cherished memories. You will always be a part of us—and we a part of you.

With love from:

**BILL, MARY ANN, EMILY, BILLY
and JULIE KLISH**

JOHN and CHERYL LEWKOWICZ
(Blessed Memory) JOHN and ANNA LEWKOWICZ





З НАГОДИ ЗОЛОТИХ РОКІВ
НАШОЇ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ
ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ
СВ. ІВАНА ХРЕСТИТЕЛЯ
СКЛАДАЄМ НАЙСЕРДЕЧНІЙШІ
ПОБАЖАННЯ ДЛЯ ОТЦЯ І ПАНІ
ЛАВРИК, ЦІЛОМУ УРЯДОВІ
ПАРАФІЇ І ВСІМ ПАРАФІЯНАМ.

ВІЧНА ПАМ'ЯТЬ БРАТУ ІВАНОВИ
І ЩИРА ПОДЯКА БРАТОВІ АННІ
ЛЕВКОВИЧ ЯКІ НАС ЗАПІЗНАЛИ
З ЦЕЮ ПАРАФІЄЮ, ЯК МИ
ПРИЇХАЛИ ДО АМЕРИКИ ДНЯ
18-го СІЧНЯ, 1966 року.

ЩИРІ ПОБАЖАННЯ СКЛАДАЮТЬ:
НИКОЛАЙ І ЕМІЛІЯ ЛЕВКОВИЧ
З ДІТЬМИ РОМАНОМ І АННОЮ
І ВНУЧКАМИ РЕНАТКОЮ І РОМЧИКОМ

БАЖАЄМ ДАЛЬШИХ ДОБРИХ
УСПІХІВ В НАШІЙ ЦЕРКВІ!

З НАГОДИ ЗОЛОТИХ РОКІВ
НАЙЩИРІШІ ПОБАЖАННЯ ТА
НАЙКРАЩОГО РОЗВИТКУ НАШІЙ
ЦЕРКВИ ТА ЦЕРКОВНІЙ ГРОМАДИ!

БАЖАЄ РОДИНА
РОМАНА ЛЕВКОВИЧА

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Dear Wife

M A R Y

FRANK LOPKE

God has Blessed St. John's Parish
with the leadership of

FATHER and PANI LAWRYK

May His Blessings Continue for Many More Years



"MNOHAYA LYTA"



MR. & MRS.
ANDREW MALANCHUK



*May God Bestow His Blessings for the
Continued Growth of our St. John's Parish*

WILLIAM and ELEANOR LUBINEC





IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR NEVER-FORGOTTEN

FATHER and MOTHER and GRANDPARENTS



NICHOLAS and JOSEPHINE MALIWACKI

*Mrs. Paul Maliwacki and Family
Peter and Eloise Maliwacki and Family
The Family of the Late Anthony and Mary Bienkiewicz
George and Pauline Major and Family
George and Julie Dudik and Family
John Maliwacki and Family*



GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



ELOISE & PETER MALIWACKI and FAMILY



*May God's Blessings Continue
Upon Our parish Family and
May We in Faith and Perseverance
Uphold the Traditions, Customs
and Beliefs of Our Forefathers
has Always been our Prayer*

*John
Blessed Memory Martha
John, Jr.
Marty
Michael*

THE MALIWACKI FAMILY



MARTHA

*Your Memory to Us is a Keepsake,
With which we will never part;
Tho' God has you in His keeping,
We always have you in our hearts.*

SADLY MISSED
BY HUSBAND
JOHN,
CHILDREN, JOHN JR.,
MICHAEL and MARTY
FAMILY and FRIENDS

MEMORY ETERNAL
DEAR MARTHA



IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION
FOR GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

from

JULIA AND STEFAN MALEWIACKI



З НАГОДИ ЗОЛОТИХ ЛІТ ПАРАФІЇ
СКЛАДАЄМО НАЙЩИРІШІ ПОБАЖАННЯ

СТЕФАН І ЮЛІЯ МАЛИВЯЦЬКІ



COMPLIMENTS OF

MR. & MRS.
NICKLAS MERENA
AND
FAMILY



З НАГОДИ ЗОЛОТОГО ЮВІЛЕЮ

нашої Церкви Св. Івана Хрестителя
від щирого серця і з глибокою
пошаною гратимемо о. Протопре-
світереві Лаврикові і Пані Лаврик,
рівнож Парафіяльному Проводі та
всім Парафіянам — НА МНОГАЯ ЛІТА!

РОДИНА МОРОЗ



IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
PARENTS

Anastasia and Andrew
MALYVIACKY

WALTER & SOPHIA MALOWICKY
and
FAMILY



I N L O V I N G M E M O R Y
O F

'BRATCHYK'

ANDREW MALYVIACKY

for Many Years of Loving Service at God's Altar

FROM A

GRATEFUL PASTOR,
FLEDGLING ALTAR ATTENDANTS
AND

PARISH FAMILY



Від Широкого Серця



ПАМ'ЯТЬ ПРО ВАС
ЗАВЖДИ БУДЕ У
НАШИХ СЕРЦЯХ

РОДИНА ВОЛОДИМИР МЕЛЬНИЧЕНЬКО

CONGRATULATIONS ST. JOHN'S

ON ALL YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS—

OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH, RECTORY

AND MEMORIAL CENTER



THE MIHALKO FAMILY

John, Mary, John D. and David

IN LOVING MEMORY
of our
Dearly Beloved Wife and Mother

ALEXIS



MEMORY ETERNAL DEAR LOVED ONE

JOHN D. MIHALKO
ADRIAN JOHN MIHALKO

MEMORY
ETERNAL!



JOHN and EVA MELNYK

DEDICATED
WORKERS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS



PETER and ANNA MILCHANOSKY

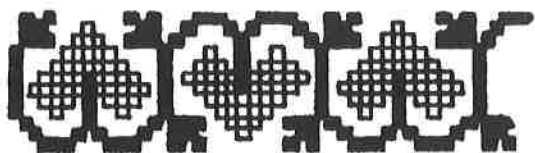
Their Foresight and Fortitude is not Forgotten

MR. and MRS. RONALD DANAY and FAMILY MRS. TIMOTHY J. DEMPSEY and FAMILY



ПОЗДОРОВЛЯЮ Я ВАС БРАТТЯ І СЕСТРИ
У НАШОМУ ВИНОГРАДНИКУ.
ЗА СВОЄ ЖИТТЯ Я БАЧИВ ЯК НАШ
НАРІД І ЦЕРКВА СТРАЖДАЛИ.
А ТУТ НА ВІЛЬНІЙ ЗЕМЛІ ВАШИНГТОНА
МИ НАЙШЛИ ПРИТУЛОК І ЗМОГУ ВТРИМАТИ
СВОЄ РІДНЕ-МАТЕРИНСЬКЕ СЛОВО.
ПРОДОВЖУЙМО НАШУ ПРАЦЮ У СВЯТОМУ
ДІЛІ І ЗА ЦЕ БОГ НАС НАГОРОДИТЬ.
ВІРТЕ В БОГА!

ЙОСИФ ПАЙТАШ





IN
LOVING
MEMORY

of
MY DEAR WIFE

JULIA

RAY NEWCOTT



IN LOVING MEMORY
 PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

DIMETER and EVA OKREPKE



Parents of Charles

STEPHAN and ALICE MAKSYMICZ



Parents of Anna

with LOVE, Children



CHARLES and ANNA OKREPKE



Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren



Katherine (daughter of Charles & Anna)



William (son of Charles & Anna)

KATHERINE and CORNILUS GEERKEN
 and children, CHRIS, ERIC, EILEEN
 and KAREN

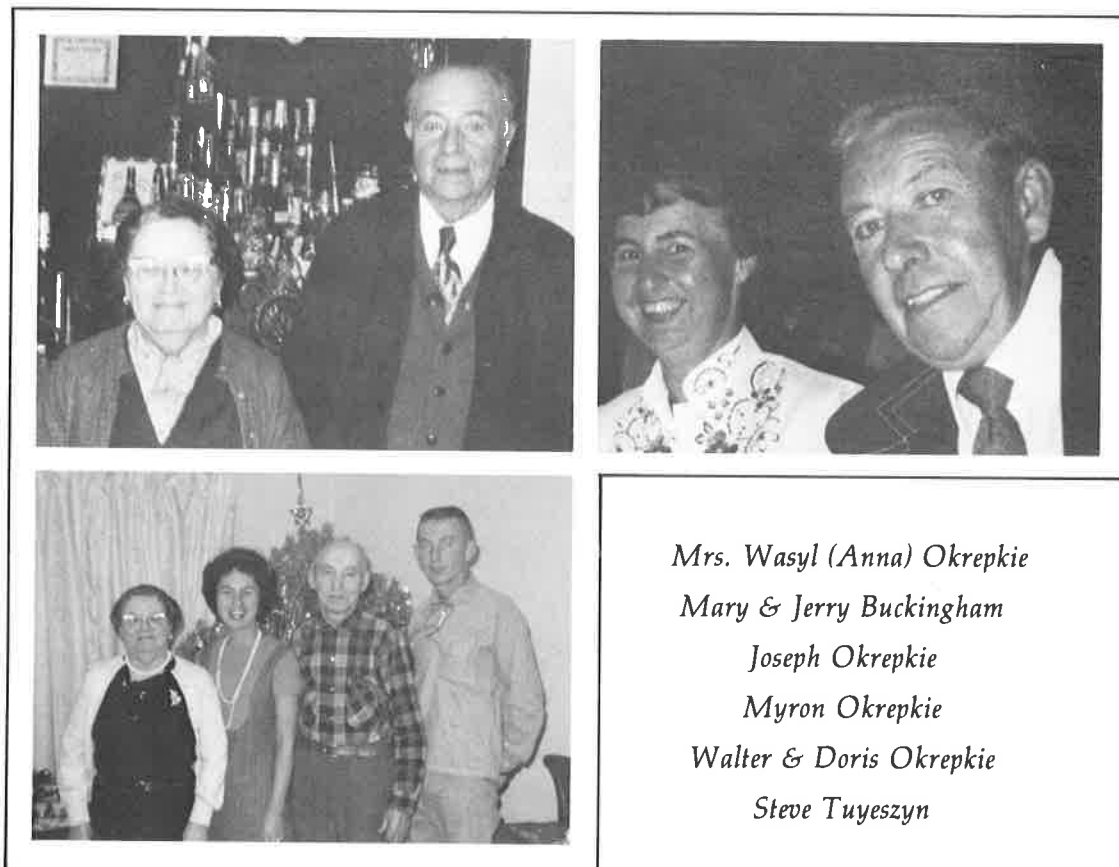
Lt. WILLIAM and JEAN
 OKREPKE

IN MEMORY OF

*Wasyl Okrepkie
John & Anna O'Krepkie
Onesko Moroz
Peter (Dmytro) & Eva Okrepkie
Mary Tvyeszyn
Charles & Anna Okrepkie*



MAY GOD BLESS US ALL!



*Mrs. Wasyl (Anna) Okrepkie
Mary & Jerry Buckingham
Joseph Okrepkie
Myron Okrepkie
Walter & Doris Okrepkie
Steve Tvyeszyn*

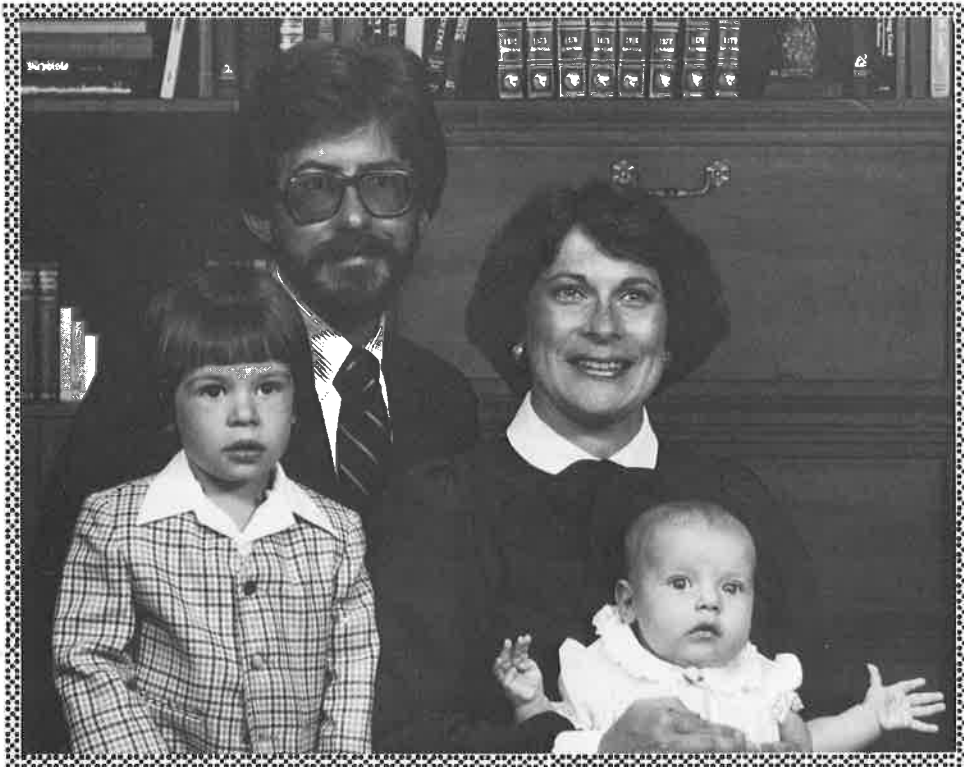




Anne
Dobrasky
Petras

President of St. Mary's Sisterhood
1953-1955 1980-1982

**Thankful for
God's Blessing**



United
States
Embassy

Prague,
Czechoslovakia

**Stephan, Carol, Alexander, Nadya
WASYLKO**



FROM THE BEGINNING
1926-1982

In Loving Memory of Our Beloved Parents and Grandparents



NICKOLAS and KATHERINE PUFKY

Your Children

Ann Pufky



Sophia Pufky

John and Marie Pufky



Sandra



(Blessed Memory) Bob Pufky

Grandchildren

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR WIFE

Mary

AND OUR DEAR PARENTS

Anastasia and Paul Ponas

Mary and Michael Kochis



HARRY PONAS





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FRANK PINDZOLA

from wife, HELEN

Would have celebrated 25th Anniversary

August 3, 1977

*Married in first St. John's
Ukrainian Orthodox Church*

on

August 3, 1952



**З НАГОДИ 50 літ. Ювілею
УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ
Св. ІВАНА ХРЕСТИТЕЛЯ, ДЖАНСОН СІТІ, Н.Й.**

складаю найкращі побажання о. Митр.
Лаврикови, Пані Лаврик, Парафіальному
Урядові, та цілі Парафії.

Вірую, що наша парафія збереже наш
звичай, традицію, та на українську мову
до 100 літнього Ювілею.



З пошаною

ГРИГОРІЙ ДЖОРДЖ ПРИГОДА





OUR PERSONAL BEST WISHES
TO EACH AND EVERYONE
AND MAY GOD'S BLESSING
BE WITH US
FOR MANY, MANY YEARS!

David and Marie Richardson
and sons
Bryan and Daniel

MNOHAYA LITA!



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL SZPYLCZYN
MISS OLGA SZPYLCZYN
MR. MARK SZPYLCZYN

OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES!



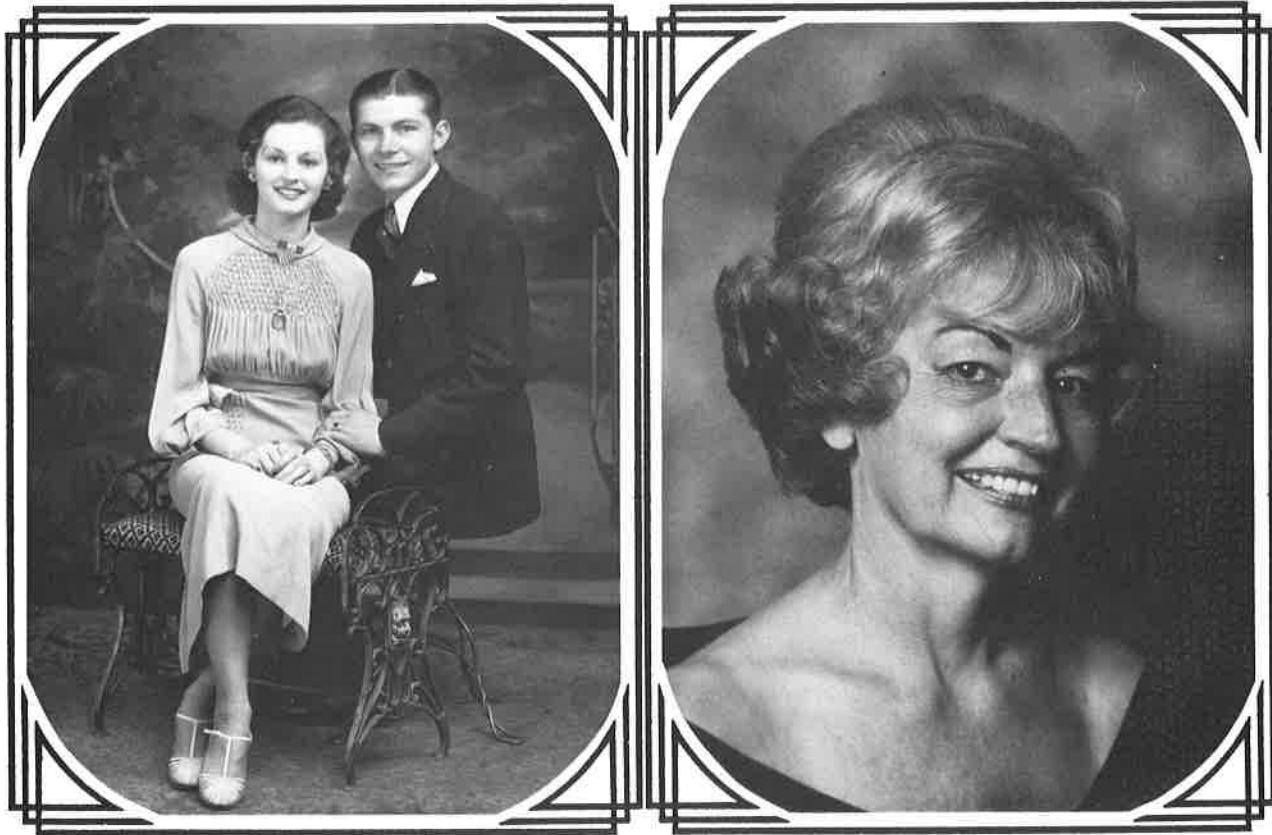
Bohdon, Helen, Julianne and Colleen Rucky

BEST WISHES TO ALL...

From All Of Us



THE JOHN RUCKY FAMILY
THE BOHDON RUCKY FAMILY
THE WAYNE LOMBARDO FAMILY



IN MEMORY OF MY DEARLY BELOVED WIFE
MARY (EWANOW) ROSINSKY

— *My Most Cherished But Brief Possession* —

My Mary was an elegant, stylish, beautiful person. Mary was always dressed to perfection, including hat, gloves and just the right amount of accessories. She wore her clothes like a model and it made me feel so proud when people looked and admired her no matter where we went. People would stare at her because she looked so stylish and beautiful. Mary also was an excellent cook and her house was always in order—spick and span and very meticulous, just like herself. She also kept me on my toes—cleaning, fixing and painting—everything had to be perfect for her.

I met my Mary at a church play on December 2, 1932, in St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church on Virginia Avenue. We were married on September 24, 1939, in St. John's Church. My Mary was laid to rest as Ronnie Juracek sang our Wedding Song (Ava Maria) in St. John's Cemetery on June 10, 1977. Her last wish was to be buried beside her father whom she loved dearly. God willing, it is also my wish to be laid to rest beside my ever loving wife, Mary.

*She was my Hope, my Life, my Lovely Queen.
May God and all the Angels help rest her Soul in Peace.*

Her loving husband, MICHAEL M. ROSINSKY.





ЩИРИЙ ПРИВІТ

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ЗГАДУЄМО

З ПОШАНОЮ ОСНОВАТЕЛІВ ПАРОХІЇ

З ГЛИБОКОЮ ВДЯЧНОСТЮ І ЛЮБОВЮ

ОТЦЯ І ПАНЮ

З НАДІЄЮ НА НОВЕ ПОКОЛІННЯ

РОДИНА Е. СКАРВІНКІВ



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FATHER *and* MOTHER *and* GRANDPARENTS

Peter and Anna Sadowitz

Steven and Genevieve Sadowitz

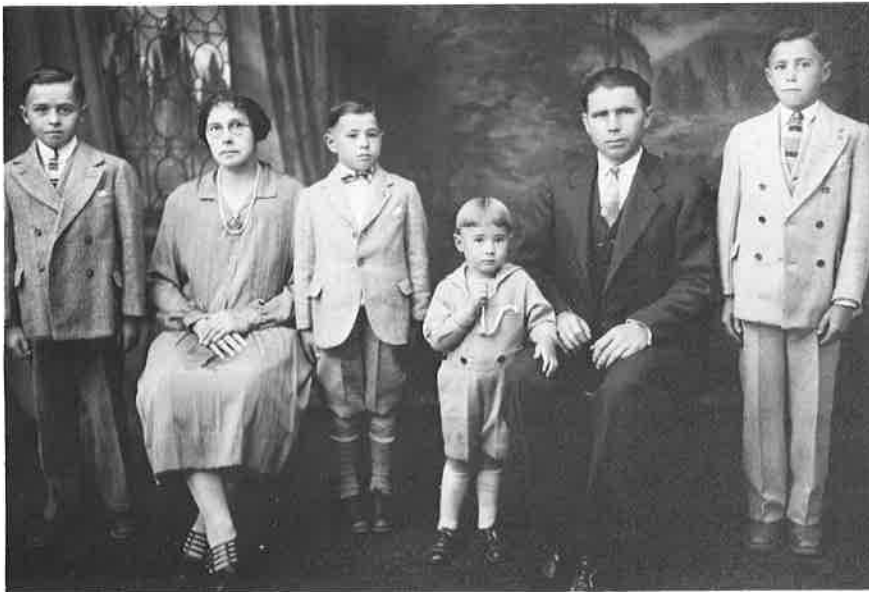
Andrew and Rose Sadowitz

William and Julie Sadowitz

Peter and Jean Sadowitz

&

*David
Eric
Stephan
Chris
Jon*





*In Memory
of our Never-Forgotten*
WIFE AND MOTHER

- MARION TERPAK -

May She Rest in Peace
and
Her Memory Be Everlasting.

ANDREW and LARRY TERPAK

BEST WISHES

on the occasion of

ST. JOHN'S PARISH

**"GOLDEN
YEARS"**

SOPHIA SMYK

May God Shower Us With His Blessings As We Continue To

"LABOR WITH LOVE"

For His Glory, For Our Church and Its Members



WILLIAM and JULIE SADOWITZ

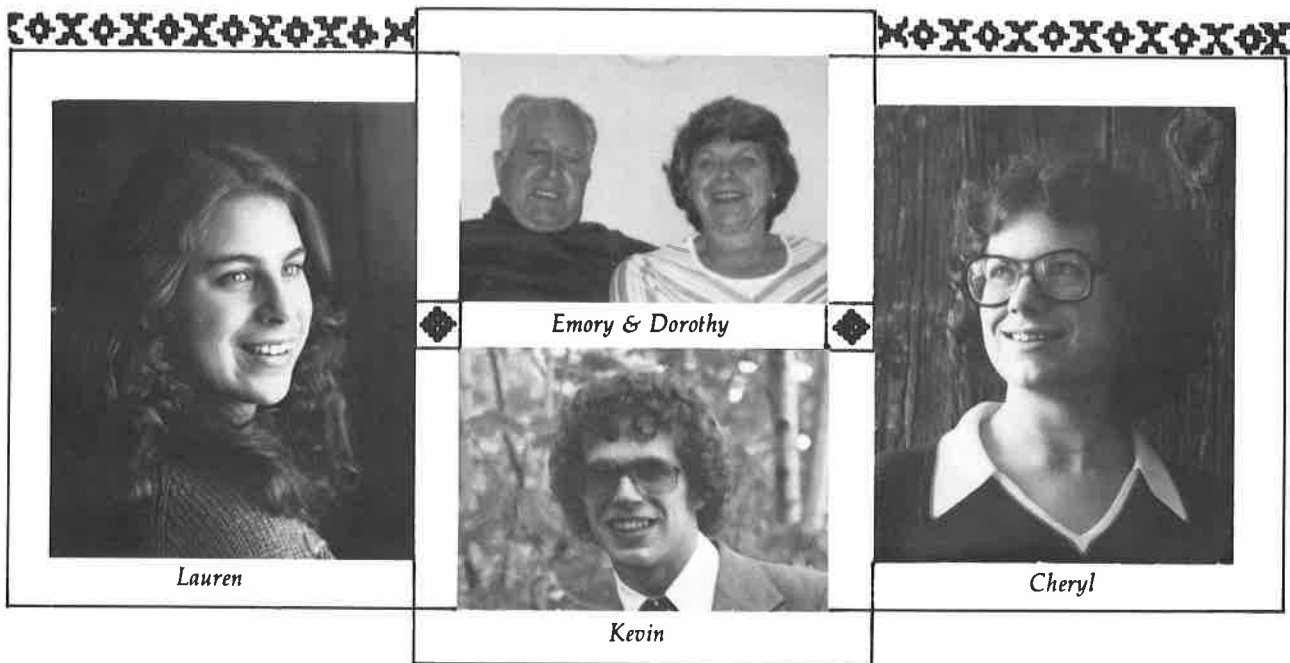
CONGRATULATIONS

As We Celebrate The "GOLDEN YEARS" Of St. John's Parish

*May the Good Lord Continue to Bless Us with His Graces
for Many, Many Years!*



CHARLES, ANNETTE, CHUCK, RENAE and MICHAEL
SARNOSKI



GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM
 ♦ THE SKELLETT ♦



CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

*May the Lord bless and
 grant us many, many years!*

Vichnaya Pamiat Husband and Father
 John, Sr.

(Died December 16, 1981)

Anna Tymczyna
 and sons
 John, Peter and James



IN LOVING MEMORY
 OF DEAR WIFE AND MOTHER

A N N A

FROM WASYL & MARUSIA (HARDER)
 SILECKYJ





BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU!

FROM LUKAS AND TESSIE SMYK

**З НАГОДИ ЗОЛОТИХ ЛІТ НАШОЇ ПАРАФІЇ
НАЙКРАЩІ ПОБАЖАННЯ ОТЦЮ НАСТОЯТЕЛЄВІ,
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IN MEMORY OF ALEX SMYK AND EUGENIA MURPHY



*Anna Smyk
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*May God Continue to
Shower His Blessings
upon Right Reverend Father
and Pani Lawryk and
All Members of Our Holy Church
Also Remembering
Our Past and Departed
Members*

STEFFIE STASKO



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY BELOVED PARENTS

CATHERINE *and* MICHAEL STASKO

AND BROTHERS AND SISTER

PETER, MICHAEL, JR. *and* SOPHIE

MAY THEIR MEMORIES BE ETERNAL!

IN
LOVING MEMORY
OF

THEODORE & ANNA
STETZKO

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DAUGHTER
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER

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Tarcha*

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Cordick*

"BLESSED BE HE WHO ENTERS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!
LORD IS GOD.
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD:
HIS STEADFAST LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!"

— Psalm 118



IN LOVING MEMORY OF FATHER
ANTHONY TOMIK

OUR BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED
AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR AND ALL THE
YEARS THAT FOLLOW

Gary, Carol, Kristen and Aaron
WILLIAMS





Remember the children's game—"This is the Church, This is the Steeple, Open the Doors and See All the People"? PEOPLE are a most important part of the church and we are proud of you! We are also glad that we could be a part of it. We give credit to the previous church leaders that worked so hard to achieve what we have today; and most especially, dear FATHER and PANI LAWRYK, for their sincere love and dedication—we wish that they could be here for the next 50 years and the next, and the next...

To all of our fellow parishioners—we wish you well and continued enthusiasm to achieve.

YOURS IN CHRIST
NICK, NANCY, NICKY and NANCY LYNN TARCHA

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF

Dear Mother and Grandmother

MILDRED FINCH

"Always In Our Hearts"

CONGRATULATIONS

*to all the tremendously talented and dedicated people,
past and present*

who make up this beloved ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAMILY.

So many great accomplishments have been made over the last fifty-six years
from working, teaching and learning together.

This will continue on because of the deep sense of pride and love shared among this parish family
and with Father and Pani Lawryk's constant, extraordinary guidance.

LOVE

JIM and CAROL TAYLOR



WENDY, CHRIS and KEVIN
(California)

IN MEMORY OF

NICHOLAS and ANNA TYLKO

FOUNDING MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S

"Giants in the Earth"



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OLGA TYLKO
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Marianne & Ron Tulley



"STARA"
"MOM"
"GRAMMA"

IN MEMORY OF *Anna Uhrinec*

PERSPECTIVE

"I am standing on the seashore. A ship spreads her sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean. I stand watching her until she fades on the horizon, and someone at my side says, 'She is gone!'"

"Gone where? The loss of sight is in me, not in her. Just at the moment when someone says, 'She is gone,' there are others who are watching her coming. Other voices take up the glad shout, 'Here she comes!'"

"And that is dying."

IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND GREAT GRANDPARENTS
PETER & KATHERINE YUHNICK

May Their Memory Be Eternal!



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ANNA & WALTER MICHALAK
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WE THANK GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS!

To Honor Our Beloved Mother
YUSTYNA (JOSEPHINE) VIMISLIK

&

In Memory of Our Dear Father
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From Their Children and Grandchildren

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from

MICHAEL & STELLA YASCHAK

**BEST
WISHES**



**WILLIAM and OLGA
WOYTEW
and
FAMILY**





IN LOVING MEMORY
OF OUR LOVED ONES!



**“Always
in our
Hearts”**

**ROMKO
YAROSLOSKI**



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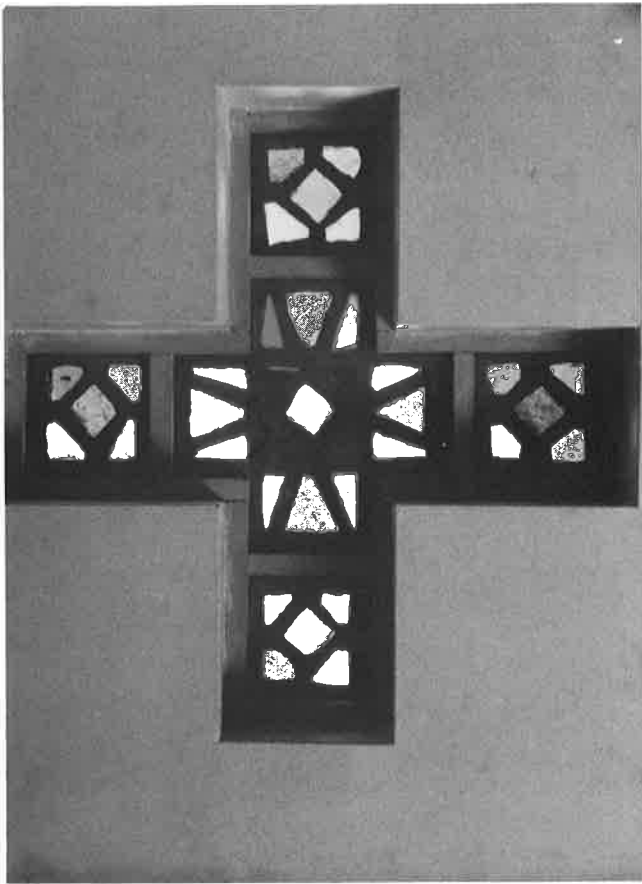
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Sunday of Orthodoxy — 1970



1970

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January 25, 1970

We began having an annual parish meeting with lunch served to families.

March 15, 1970

The first "Sunday of Orthodoxy" Vesper Service was held in our church. Fellowship hour followed. Paul Chebiniak, Chairman.

March 27 - 29, 1970

Mission was held. Father Nestor Kowal was guest pastor.



Route 17 — 1970

★ April 12, 1970

Sister Victoria gave an inspirational address at 3:30 p.m. She is the first American woman to respond to the monastic calling of the Orthodox Church. She is the daughter of Father and Pani Shnurer.

May 3, 1970

There was a blessing of new vestments and mitre (gift of the Sisterhood).

★ June 23 - 25, 1970

The Altar Boy's Conference in Atlantic City, NJ was attended by: David Bors, Michael Duby, Jan Kostyun, Stephen Haluska, John Tytko, John Maliwacki, Michael Maliwacki, Charles Ellsworth, Peter Charnetsky, Jonathan Klish, Scott Gelingier, Damon Bogdan and Father.

★ August 2, 1970

Annual Ukrainian Day

There was a blessing of new gold vestments (purchased by Mrs. Anna Sawka).



August 16, 1970

Camp Kon-O-Kwee Conference all week: John Tytko, Jonathan Klish, Charles Ellsworth, Mary Lynn Ford, Sharon Klym and Melanie Klish (Counselor). Paul Chebiniak was driver.

The goals of the teenage UOL conference are faith, fellowship and fun. These goals were fulfilled at the week at Camp Kon-O-Kwee. The activities ranged from religious lectures to Ukrainian dancing and skitnight where every cabin thinks of their own original skit. The friends made at camp are another aspect that can never be forgotten.

August 30, 1970

From the *Binghamton Press*: "New Interchange Opens... This is the Stella-Ireland Road interchange off Route 17 Expressway at Johnson City. St John's is at extreme right."



Sister Victoria



Gold Vestments — 1970: Father Lawryk

§ Teacher's Conference — 1970





§ National UOL Officers — 1971



§ Altar Boy's Conference — 1970



*** September 16-17, 1970**

Teacher's conference in Philadelphia. Attending: Zenna Chebiniak, Martha Maliwacki and Father Lawryk.

*** October 18, 1970**

Did you in your wildest dreams ever imagine that Harry L. Drive and Route 17 would pass in front of our new church? So many travelers are surprised to see the church and make it a special point to come and see the church, drive in its circle and stop and take pictures. You might be interested to know that one of the Lane Construction engineers building the new road came to see your pastor and excitedly tell him that one of the most beautiful sights on the new 17 Expressway is our church. Thank God for His guidance!

November 29, 1970

There was a Ukrainian Fashion Show at Roberson Center with costumes from as early as the second century B.C. presented by the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, New York City.

The year found us doing all the scheduled things that are planned for the year—plus unexpected things that need doing. We catered for over 100 organizations and in helping them we helped ourselves. It was a good year.

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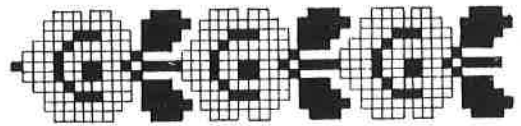
January 22, 1971

Vitaly Halich, Victoria Dziuba and Marianne Lawryk were part of the television production on WINR called "Thoughts of Ukraine". Only through such energetic dedication as Vitaly has—his love for Ukraine—his hopes for the future of his Mother Country—can such wide publicity be given Ukraine and her plight. This was a part of the Commemoration of the Proclamation of Independence of Ukraine.

*** March 14, 1971**

An Orthodox League Basketball dinner was held in our Memorial Center. We had two teams playing in the League. *Seniors:* Jan Kostyun, Adrian Skarvinko, David Gelinger, David Sadowitz, Michael Duby, John Lewkowicz, Charles Ellsworth, Michael Mohila, Larry Terpak. *Juniors:* Peter Charnetsky, Jonathan Klish, John Maliwacki, Stephen Sadowitz, Steven Haluska, Michael Maliwacki, Tommy Klodowski, Scott Gelinger, John Dudack. *Coaches:* William Klish and Terry Haluska. *Manager:* Walter Kanazawich.

The year also found us active in the JC Church League with John Maliwacki, Michael Maliwacki, Mark Hatala, Stephen Haluska, Stephen Sadowitz, Chris Sadowitz, Greg Kanazawich, Scott Gelinger, Tom Klodowski and Robbie Terpak participating. Uncle Walt managed and as from its beginning was an officer in this League.



**WALTER
KANAZAWICH
HONORED**



During our "50th Year Anniversary" as a parish, Walter

Kanazawich was honored for his many years of service through his work with the young people. His work was honored in this way:

The Church brings Christ's message of love... it feeds us with the Bread of Heaven when we are spiritually hungry; it helps us battle the tensions and the selfishness; it helps us stand for the hard right against the easy wrong.

A Church enables our children to grow up in this machine age, yet not thinking of themselves as machines, but as children of God—that strengthen our family ties and enrich our family lives. A Church helps to make our neighbors more forgiving, more unselfish, more righteous, more understanding, more tolerant.

A Church helps us make God real and translate Christ's spirit into terms of everyday living. Our next special honoree has all of these qualities that a Church helps to provide.

He is quiet, friendly, always smiling, always cheerful. Loves the young people as though they were all his own. He always concentrates on their good points and minimizes their faults. Helps them to be the best that they possibly can. Not for one season, but for many, many years. He encourages, and that encouragement is not only lip service, that encouragement involves doing—picking up the youngsters, treating them after the game, taking them home, making sure that their desire to be a part of the team isn't missed because of some small detail—like not having a way to get where the action is.

He, himself, is ageless. Working with the young, he stays young in body and spirit. He is loved by those that he works with and he has his praises sung by those that are the hardest to please. He works on the parish level, the inter-Orthodox level, the community level, the national level. He is never too tired or too busy. From your parish family, our never-ending gratitude for your work with the young people.



§ Happy Team — 1971



April 5, 1971

A concert was held at West Junior High School by Harvard University Center for Ukrainian Studies. On the program were: The Kuban Cossacks; Roma Pryma, Ballerina; Alisia Andreadis, Soprano; Orchestra from Canada; Peter J. Shelley, Comedian; Maria Cizyk, Pianist.



Mark Hatala



Nadine Chebiniak

April 7, 1971

From an article in *Tempo* entitled "Ukrainian Heritage Lives On": "Easter usually means the Crucifixion, colored eggs and chocolate rabbits. Historically, eggs have served as the bridge between the religious observance and the more secular activities. According to area members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the tradition of decorating Easter eggs goes back more than 1,000 years. The decorating of eggs, handed down through generations, has evolved into an art form." There were pictures of Greg Kanazawich and Pani Lawryk; Mark Hatala, Nadine Chebiniak and some eggs. The article was well written and was two pages long.

April 8, 1971

From *Vestal News*: "Young Egg Artist—Beeswax is studiously traced on an egg during the decorating process which is traditional in many area families of Ukrainian descent. Lisa Chebiniak tries her hand at the art of decorating eggs."

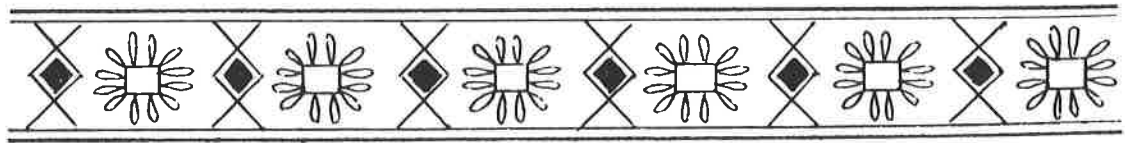


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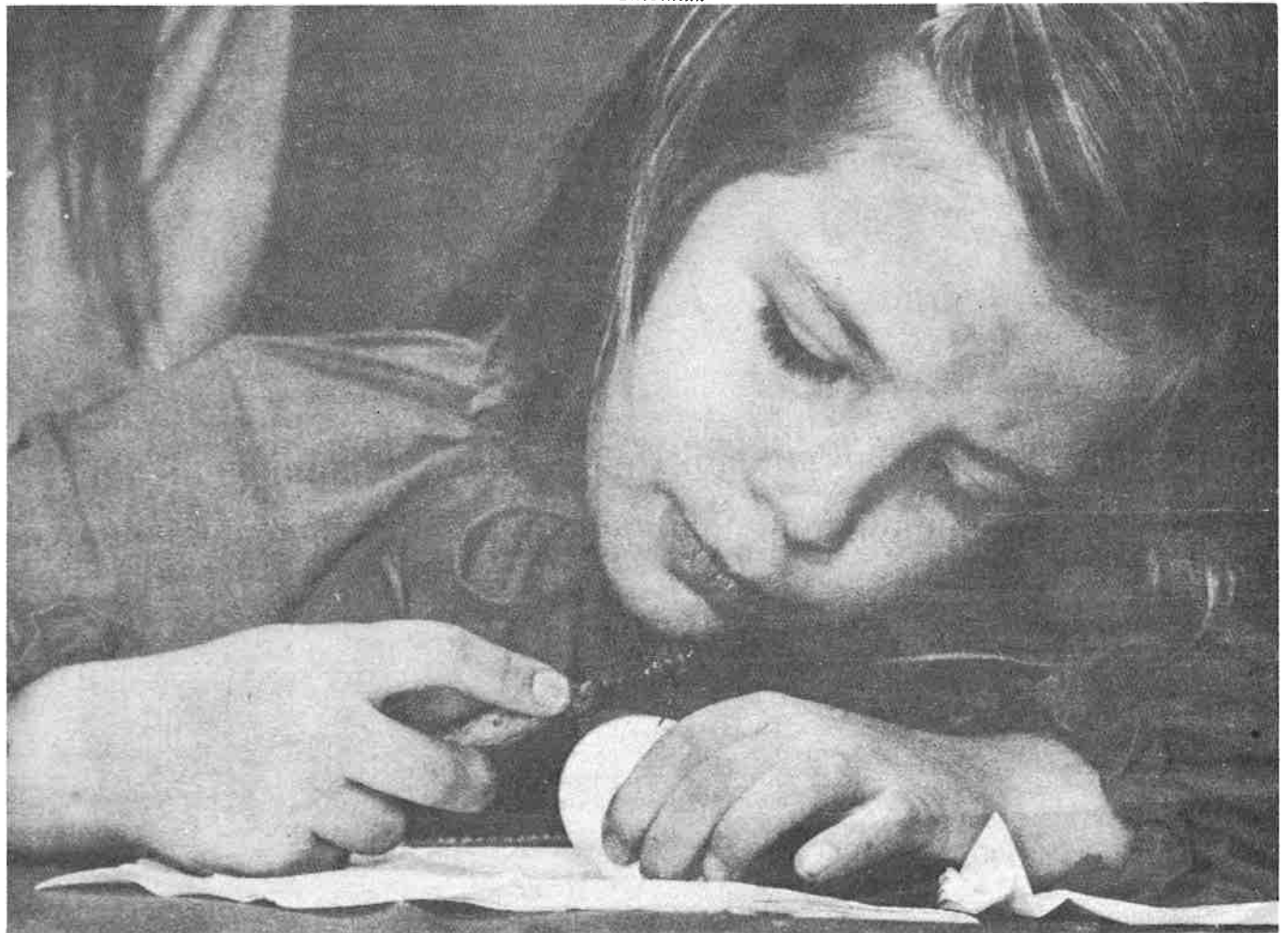




Greg Kanazawich and Pani Lawryk



Lisa Chebiniak



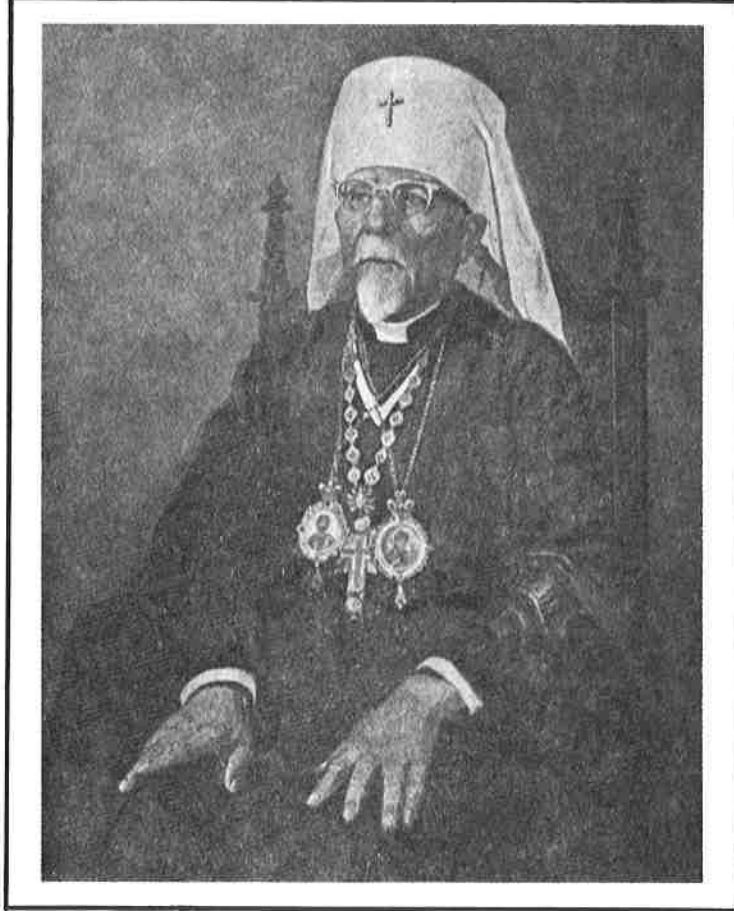
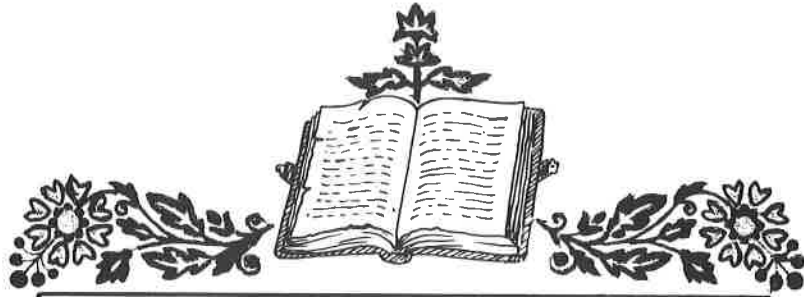
Holy Great Good Friday

Grave of Our Lord Jesus

Altar Attendants read from the New Testament during the guarding of the tomb from after the Great Good Friday Services until the Easter Matin Service Saturday Night.



Guarding of the Tomb — 1971



His Beatitude, Metropolitan John

1887 - 1971

METROPOLITAN JOHN OF BLESSED MEMORY

— from *Ukrainian Orthodox Word* (May 3, 1971) —

On the third of May, at 7:30 in the morning, in a Philadelphia Hospital, the Primate of our Church of the U.S.A., His Beatitude, John, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of North and South America, fell asleep in the Lord.

The Funeral Services and Eulogies on his behalf, witnessed unto the entire world the extreme sorrow to which the clergy and faithful accepted his departure from this life. Thousands of his spiritual flock along with all the clergy and others of other Churches and other faiths paid last homage while he lay in state. Ukrainians of different faiths came to pay their last respect. Faithful of other Orthodox Churches with their hierarchies and clergy participated in prayers. There were those who knew and respected him.

These services, eulogies, farewells and sincere sorrows plaited a never withering wreath, which all of us have placed upon his fresh grave.

HIS LIFE

Metropolitan John was born in the town of Krupets, October 6, 1887. Krupets, is a community of Volyn, where his father served as a priest and where others of his ancestry also served the church.

Here in this community he began his studies and later entered the Seminary Preparatory school in the city of Kievan. From there he went on to the Zitomir Theological Seminary from which he graduated with high honors. Following graduation, he continued pedagogical studies and received his teachers certificate which he utilized by teaching for five years in the schools of the Duben and Ostros Districts.

He was ordained a Deacon, in 1914, by the Archbishop of Volyn, Evlohiy and was ordained a priest May 10, 1915 by the Bishop of Volodymyr, Faddey. During the first World War, he became a widower during August of 1915. Following this tragedy, he joined the army and served as a priest and with the Red Cross in the Southwestern front.

Father John later joined the Ukrainian freedom movement and became an active participant until the end of actual armed contention. In 1917, he was appointed Chaplain to the Ukrainian Division of the Russian Army. Accordingly he became the Chaplain of the famous division (Sirodzupannikiv), and then he was assigned Directing Chaplain of the right-bank front, which included the Holmska, Podilska and Kiev armies of the Ukrainian National Republic. Along with many of the soldiers of this army, Father John suffered Typhoid Fever in 1917.

ALMOST SHOT TO DEATH

Following the tragic war against Moscow's Bolsheviks, Father John was assigned to a parish in Mitinsk, in the District of Starokostantiniv. At this time he began his activities along with the Ukrainian Church movement. He was a participant in the Diocesan meeting in Zitomir and the All-Ukrainian Orthodox Church Congress of Kiev. He was assigned by this Council to organize parishes in Volyn and Podillia. This assignment was extremely dangerous because of Bolshevik control. He was placed in a concentration camp and only by miracle was he saved from being shot to death. Upon his release from camp just before the opening of the First All-Ukrainian Church Sobor in Kiev, he immediately made arrangements so that he could be a participant of the Sobor.

He was particularly active during this Sobor and became one of three candidates who were to become Bishops of the then proclaimed independent Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church. He was consecrated Bishop by the Metropolitan of All-Ukraine, Wasyl Lipkiwsky and Archbishop

Nestor of Sharayiv on the 26th of October, 1921. At this time he became the Bishop of the Podil'skoy Eparchy. This Eparchy consisted of only eighteen Ukrainian parishes. In 1923 the Podil'skoy Eparchy had over 300 Ukrainian parishes and it was in this year that the Ukrainian people of the U.S.A. were in need of a Bishop. At the request of the American Ukrainians, Bishop John, was assigned by the All-Ukrainian Church Council to Arch-pastoral duties in the U.S.A.

HIS LIFE IN THE U.S.A.

Bishop John arrived in the United States in February of 1924 and served a first Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Holy Ascension in Newark, New Jersey.

The Sobor of the Church of America which took place on the 11th, and 12th of June of 1924, elected the now Archbishop John to be its Primate. He was elevated to Archbishop before he left for the U.S.A. The Sobor of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church of Canada which was held the 16th and 17th of July in 1924, also elected him as its Archpastor and Spiritual leader. He served the Canadian Church until 1947.

The Sobor of October 1950, which united into one Metropolia the majority of the Ukrainian Orthodox parishes in the United States, selected Archbishop John as Metropolitan. He served this Metropolitanate until the day of his death, which was almost twenty-one years.

During these years of continual growth of our Church in the United States, the Orthodox Ukrainians of South America were embraced under his leadership. During this time not only was there an increase in the number of parishes in the U.S.A., but a Church administration was organized as well, i.e., the Consistory and its various commissions.

The continual expansion and organized life of Orthodox Ukrainians in many countries of the free world, especially after the last world wars, became factual because of the arrival in 1924 of Metropolitan John upon the American continent, and because of his untiring labors in Christ's Ukrainian Orthodox vineyard in the U.S.A. and Canada. He served Canada twenty-three years, and in the U.S.A. forty-seven years.

Of Blessed Memory, Metropolitan John, was a gifted writer. He not only wrote poetry, but to his pen belonged thousands of Arch-pastoral messages and church teachings and many other messages of national interest. Among his greatest works was the book, "Apostolic Succession of the Hierarchy of the Autocephalous Ukrainian Orthodox Church," and three tomes on religious and philosophical thought and reason, "In the Distant Unknown."

We possess so many of these facts which distinguish Metropolitan John in the history of the Ukrainian Nation, Her Church, and her forefathers. His many years of Archpastoral service not only enriched our churches' spiritual treasury, but guide her continuity into a never-ending future.

Following the reading of the Gospel, Bishop Boris of Canada, bid farewell to the Metropolitan in the name of the Metropolitan's former parishioners and the Canadian Church. Before the final panachyda, Archbishop Mstyslav, eulogized his Beatitude with a farewell sermon on behalf of the Bishops, the Clergy and the faithful of our church of the U.S.A. The final eulogy before leaving for the cemetery was delivered by the Mitred Very Rev. Father F. Lawryk, who spoke on behalf of Metropolitan John's family and in the name of the priests that were ordained by His Beatitude.

Metropolitan John was laid to rest close to the Memorial Church in a reserved area of the cemetery.

July 14-18, 1971

From *UWA Narodna Volya*: "St. John's Senior and Junior UOL Chapters cordially invite all pastors, parishes, members, chapters, regions and friends of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of USA to attend the 24th Annual Convention in Johnson City, NY. This will be the second time that this great event will be hosted by the Johnson City chapter. The date is July 14th-July 18th. The Convention will be held at the new, beautiful Treadway Inn in downtown Binghamton, NY. Reports of the past years progress and plans for the future will be discussed in business sessions. An interesting Workshop (Church Sobor) is also being planned for the convention program. Moleben services will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the hotel preceding the opening of the sessions. The Keynote speaker for the convention will be Most Rev. Bishop Mark. He will address the Thursday session. All social events will be held jointly with both Senior and Junior members. Thursday evening at St. John's Memorial Center, the Welcome Dance will take place. We are happy to introduce from our sister parish of St. Michael's in Scranton, PA, a young people's band called "The Cousins" who will provide the music for your entertainment. On Friday night, delegates and guests will be treated to a concert of Ukrainian songs and dances at the Memorial Center. One of the featured artists will be Mr. Roman Levitsky, a well-known bandurist. Also, the choir and folk ballet groups of St. John's parish will participate under the direction of Very Rev. Mitred Father Lawryk and Pani Lawryk. A midnight Bar-B-Que is also being planned that should be a delight to everyone. The Grand Banquet and Ball will be held at the Treadway Inn. The guest speaker for this event will be, William J. Klish, President of St. John's parish. A very popular polka band, "The Rhythm Katz" will complete the evening for dancing pleasure. On Sunday, the Pontifical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the new St. John's Church. A luncheon will follow and final farewells will take place."

Awards received at the convention: "Metro J Baran Award"—Very Rev. Fr. Lawryk; "Orthodox of the Year"—William J. Klish; "Junior Orthodox of the Year"—Mary Lynn Ford; "Easter Egg Contest" (First Place)—John Tytko.

July 16, 1971

From an article by Alan Koonse in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "Bishop Hits Handling of Drug Problem": A bishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church said in Binghamton today the federal government is inconsistent in its concern over the problem of drug abuse in this country. Crusading on behalf of his Church, Bishop Mark told of

attending a recent White House Conference on Drug Abuse and speaking out vigorously against what he called "the administration's inconsistencies in dealing with drug abuse." *continued...*



UOL Convention — 1971:
Archbishop Mark [top left],
Metropolitan Mstyslav [top right],
Nancy Tarcha and
Children [bottom].



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"The President said it is a spiritual problem and a spiritual need, and if there is an answer, you [spiritual leaders] have it." Bishop Mark said the government is not helping in this spiritual need when "the U.S. Supreme Court banishes prayers and gives a green light for pornographic trash to be sent through the mails."

Bishop Mark, 76, has served as pastor of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Cartaret, NJ since 1932. He was consecrated as bishop last May. "We are concerned by the pollution of the air, rivers, lakes and oceans that is menacing the lives of American people," he said in an interview. "We are concerned also by the moral and spiritual pollution that is so evident in our society, in our institutions of learning, among our youngsters."

July 18, 1971

From an article by Mike Meyers in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "Ukrainian Archbishop Says Reds Aim to Destroy Church": "The Soviet Union has embarked on a campaign to destroy the world movement of Ukrainian Orthodox Churches, according to Archbishop Mstyslav Skrypnyk, acting Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States. The Soviets have all but dismantled the Orthodox Church in Ukraine, but will not be successful in their attempt to dominate the world movement of the Church, Archbishop Mstyslav said last night."



August 2, 1971

Johnson City Parish Stages UKRAINIAN DAY

This year's celebration of the annual Ukrainian Day at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church had a special significance for the members of the parish here because it marked the 25th anniversary of Fr. Mitred F. Lawryk's arrival at St. John's.

Almost unknown 25 years ago, St. John's, through the hard work and dedication of Father Lawryk and his wife, grew and prospered until this year when the new church built in the Ukrainian style was consecrated. The ceremonies of this, the 40th Ukrainian Day at Johnson City were held in the Memorial Center hall on Sunday, August 2. Launched by a Divine Liturgy conducted by Father Lawryk, the Memorial Center was opened at noon, greeting guests with a display of Ukrainian arts and crafts.

In addition to the permanent display of two large cases of ceramics, woodcarvings and Easter eggs, which were artistically done by some parish members, special counters were set up to display more Ukrainian folk arts. Guests were able to purchase souvenir items as well as the many Ukrainian dishes and baked goods.

The program started with singing of both the American and Ukrainian national anthems. The guests, many of them from the Triple Cities area, others coming from as far away as Utica, Scranton and Syracuse, were given a special treat in the performance of the "Soloveyky" girl sextet from Soyuzivka.

The program was also enhanced with folk dancing. Parish youngsters from age two to their teens, some of the younger ones hardly able to walk, but energetic in their dancing, performed to the audience's delight. Afterwards an evening of general dancing followed. "This day will long be remembered by St. John's" said a spokesman for the committee.

★ From the *Sun Bulletin*: "Mrs. Nicholas Tarcha leads a group of children through a 3,000-year-old Ukrainian dance called Hopak Kolom during Ukrainian Day.



§ Day of Celebration — 1971: [below] Father Lawryk



★ September 5, 1971
DAY OF CELEBRATION

President Bill gave Father and Pani the keys to the new car. Sisterhood President Eugenia Skarvinko and Senior UOL President Olga Tarcha represented their organizations. The "old timers" performed for the program as did the "Andrew Sisters". Family came from near and far. "Old timers" from the beginning days of the parish enjoyed the affair: Theodore Klysh, Nicholas Chubiniak, Nick Ther and Nicholas Hatala. John Rucky, President in 1946, spoke; he has worked in one capacity or another since then. As did Michael Dobransky, President for 15 years. Parish family made the celebration an unforgettable one.

Father Lawyrk's comment:

Thank You:

Parish Executive Board
Parish Family
Sisterhood
St. John's Social Club
Senior & Junior UOL Chapters
Young People/Children
Friends

The Day of Celebration that you planned to remember our 26 years of praying, working and living together was perfect. Your gifts most generous and truly outstanding.

In all fairness, the next celebration should be hosted by your pastor and his family...for his parish...for together we do God's work!

It is hard to accept such fabulous gifts from you, knowing how much we love our work in His vineyard. It isn't a chore. It is our life! It is dangerous to be proud, but it happens that we love the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Not with calculation, not conditionally, not with careful reservations, but freely, joyfully and wholeheartedly.

I love the bright young families proudly ranged in their pews on Sunday morning, and the little congregations on weekdays whose hushed devotion to our Lord is a joy. I love the liturgical, sacramental life of our Church and the glorious Divine Liturgy. I love the old priests whose eyes show the compassion learned in a lifetime, and the

young priests who are sure that the world can be won in five years, at the most. I love the young and old reverently receiving the sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood. I love the stories told about departed dignitaries that are told wherever priests gather and have time for small talk. I love having the privilege and honor of two generations of weddings and christenings. Of being with my parish family at their time of greatest need. I am pastor when you let me care for your souls by talking to me about the things that deeply trouble you.

I am priest offering sacrifices to God. I offer at the altar in our church those parts of your life which you offer up to God—your money—the wine and bread represent the toil of your lives. I offer you to be used for His work. I offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice.

I am teacher; teaching in sermons, bulletins, classes, individuals, groups of other faiths about what the Orthodox Church is, believes and teaches. I am teacher through the living of my own life.

I am all those things and more. I love them all. The greatest gift that any parish can give to the pastor is an opportunity for him to use his talents in God's work. My Parish has done this for me. Bless you.

FATHER and PANI LAWRYK



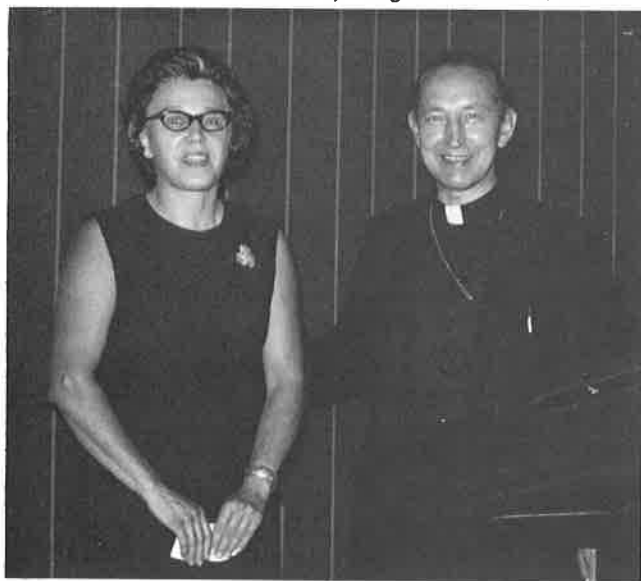
Metropolitan Mstyslav — 1971

October 14-17, 1971

Archbishop Mstyslav Skrypnyk was elected Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA at its Seventh Synod held in Philadelphia, PA. Archbishop Mstyslav, who had been acting Metropolitan of the Church since the death of His Beatitude John Theodorovich on May 3, was elected unanimously.



*Day of Celebration: [top] Father Lawryk, Pani Lawryk, William Klish;
[bottom left] Eugenia Skarvinko, Father Lawryk; [bottom right] Olga Tarcha, Father Lawryk.*





*Day of Celebration: [top left] John Rucky; [top right] Michael Dobransky;
[bottom] Theodore Klysh, Nicholas Chubiniak, Nicholas Ther, Nicholas Hatala.*



December 5, 1971

A blessing of church articles took place: silver chalice, encrusted candelabra, hand cross, frames, and other important articles.

One gift has not been received to date. We have been waiting for two years now. It is a tetrapod cross, gift of Lubomyra Halich. As all the encrusted articles were made in Ukraine, which is behind the Iron Curtain where no religious object may be made, they come to us under different forms. The people in Ukraine know what they are making, but make them look like something else. Here in America, artisans transform them into their original shapes. The large tetrapod cross must be hard to disguise—and so we wait. It is worth waiting for. They work hard to outwit their oppressors, to preserve their culture and art of encrusting, and most of all to preserve their Orthodox Faith. We will patiently wait and pray for these courageous brethren.

December 26, 1971

The church school presented the play "The Littlest Angel". There was a visit from St. Nicholas. Joy for all.



St. Nicholas (Mark Hatala)

1972

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January 30, 1972

There was a concert commemorating the 54th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence. Our own attorney, John F. Cenesky, gave the main address. Our choir sang.

During the year we had: church school, choir rehearsals and performances, Ukrainian school, Ukrainian folk dancing classes and performances, basketball teams, softball teams, bowling teams, and classes in the mastery of making Easter eggs the Ukrainian way.

A Special Note—

We would be remiss if we did not record the fact that for many years **Michael Chubinsky** has made all of the kistkas that we use in decorating the eggs. He also repairs them out of the goodness of his heart. Michael's hobby of making the kistkas has filled a great need, not only in our area, but wherever the ancient custom of dyeing Ukrainian Easter eggs is perpetuated. Thank You!



May 7, 1972

Harpur College had its first "Slavic Festival". Our dancers participated in this 3-day festival.

May 21, 1972

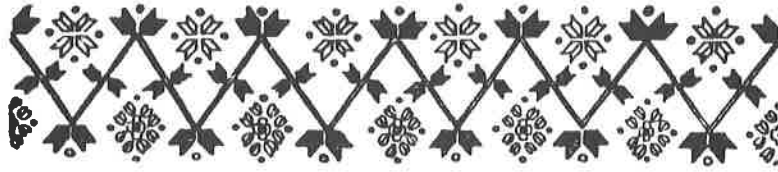
The Ukrainian Opera Ensemble presented "Cossacks Beyond the Danube" in the Watters Theater at Harpur College. We hosted a reception for the artists after the show. Their presentation in our area was made possible through the efforts of Eugene Skarvinko, Sr. He has taken the parish by-laws literally... "to promote knowledge of our Ukrainian national heritage", and took it upon himself to bring the national opera ensemble to our area.

January 18, 1972

Holy Supper was served.

January 22, 1972

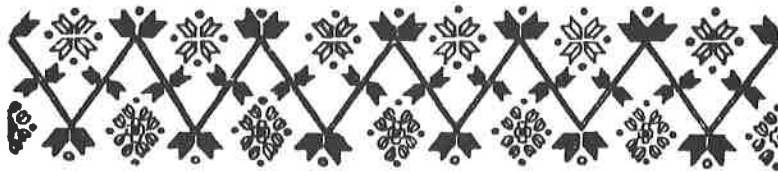
Raising of flags and signing of Proclamations Commemorating Ukrainian Declaration of Independence.



"Cossacks Beyond the Danube" — 1972



§ Altar Boy's Conference — 1972



★ May 22, 1972

From an article by Susan Vanderkulk in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "The Story of Cossacks is a Lively Opera to Enjoy": "Even if you're not Ukrainian, you can enjoy the lively music, bright costumes and comedy of "Cossacks Beyond the Danube," by S. Hulak-Artemowsky, an opera presented yesterday by the Ukrainian Opera Ensemble in the almost-filled Don Watters Theater. It is the story of Cossacks forced to live in Turkey after Russian Empress Catherine II drove them out of Ukraine in 1775. At the turn of the century, the hero, an alcoholic Cossack, roams the country disguised as a Turk, while his daughter and her lover plot to return to Ukraine."

May 28, 1972

Memorial prayers were held for our 7,000,000 brethren that were systematically starved to death by the communists. At the Memorial Day service in our cemetery we remembered all who are asleep in the Lord. This has been tradition since the first days of parish life.

June 4, 1972

A First for Our Parish



Father Lawryk attended the graduation of parish son, honor graduate, Joseph Gelinger, Jr. from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. The proud parents are Joseph and Catherine Gelinger.

★ June 27-29, 1972

There was an Altar Boy's Conference at PMC College. Attending: Jonathan Klish, John Tylko, David Mihalko, Mark Hatala, Nick Melnychenko and Father Lawryk.

July 9, 1972

Our young people took part in a sport's tournament in Cartaret, NJ. Our team won the championship.

"First Lady" — 1972: Mary Beck



July 19-23, 1972

UOL Convention in Pittsburgh

The anniversary convention was well represented by our parish. Elected: Paul Chebiniak, National Senior President; Jonathan Klish, National Junior President; John Tylko, National Junior Treasurer; Melanie Klish, National Senior Auditor; Jane Ellsworth, Senior of the Year Award; John Tylko, Junior of the Year Award.

Our basketball team came in second place. Coach George Bobrick and players: John Tomik, Mike Mohila, Chuck Ellsworth, Peter Charnetsky, David Mihalko, David Geling, Adrian Skarvinko and Jonathan Klish. "Most Valuable Player Award" went to David Mihalko. "Sivulich Award" ("tried the hardest") went to Chuck Ellsworth, Jr.

Cultural Awards: "Easter Eggs" (1st), Chuck Ellsworth, Jr.; "Easter Eggs" (2nd), Linda Ellsworth; "Embroidery" (1st), Carol Klodowski; "Embroidery" (2nd), Linda Ellsworth; "Metro Baran Award", Pani Lawryk; "Junior Chapter Achievement Award", Our Chapter.

Previous awards winners were: "Junior UOL-Father Bukata Memorial Award"—Denise Haluska (1961), Melanie Klish (1967), Mary Lynn Ford (1970), John Tylko (1972); "Orthodox of the Year Award"—John Maliwacki (1964), Nancy Klish (1965), William Klish (1970), Jane Ellsworth (1972); "Metro Baran Award"—Father Lawryk (1971).

August 6, 1972

Annual Ukrainian Day.

August 13-20, 1972

Ten of our young people attended an enjoyable conference at Camp Kon-O-Kwee.

September 3, 1972

After many setbacks and delays suffered through by President Klish, the work has started on the class rooms. A book could be written about this struggle.

September 14, 1972

There were two full pages from the *Press* with the headline "Saturday: Preview the Most Unique Bank in America". Standing a little off center were our own Carol Klodowski and Linda Ellsworth in full Ukrainian costume. Our young people/dancers helped to open this new bank. "A special added attraction will be the feature of the talented Ukrainian Dancers from Johnson City," read the publicity.

September 24, 1972

There was a blessing of the property in our Church Center in South Bound Brook, NJ. Fifty acres adjoin the Church Center, Memorial Church, Museum and Cemetery. The Sisterhood sponsored a bus and many went in cars. It is a beautiful location and has great possibilities for the future building program.

October 22, 1972

A special meeting was held immediately following the Divine Liturgy to discuss and decide what is to be done on the sale, or not, of the old church and rectory. At this time, 95 percent of the new rectory plans are complete.

October 29, 1972

The Processional Cross and Fans were blessed (a gift of the Senior UOL Chapter).

November 12, 1972

The enthronization of His Grace Bishop Constantine took place in St. Vladimir's Cathedral in Chicago, IL. This historical and never-to-be-forgotten event in the life of our Church here in America was due to the fact that this was the first time in several hundred years that a Monk was consecrated Bishop in the Church who was not a native of Ukraine, but who is a descendant of Ukrainian parents. EES POLLA ETI, DESPOTA, ARCHBISHOP CONSTANTINE!

December 2, 1972

The Sisterhood sponsored their first "Holiday Bake Sale". Bless Mary B. Haluska and Sophia Smyk for their untiring efforts and wonderful leadership in behalf of our Church and its Sisterhood. It was a great holiday sale! Margaret Klish was chairman for this one and each one through 1982.

December 29-31, 1972

The Junior UOL Chapter sponsored a "Winter Camp". Thirty campers from near and far took part in the many activities one of which was learning to make pirohi/varennyky—and then enjoying them for lunch. The program for the three days was ambitious and worthy of the young people's stamina. Services with responses by the campers, lectures, ice skating, swimming, movies and parties were enjoyed. Memories for a lifetime.



1973

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January 7, 1973

From an article in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "Light Up the Sky": "A spire of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Johnson City, is illuminated by flood lights on Christmas Eve as it is celebrated by the Eastern Orthodox Catholic churches."

★ January 21, 1973

There was a dinner commemorating the 55th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence. Mary V. Beck was the main speaker. Although the title of "First Lady" is accorded the wife of the mayor, Mary Beck, during the course of her long public career was, in effect, the First Lady of Detroit as well as the lady of many firsts. She was the first woman elected to the Common Council of Detroit; the first female President Pro Tem of the Council; the first female Acting Mayor of Detroit. Four hundred people attended the dinner. Our dancers performed along with other local entertainment.

January 22, 1973

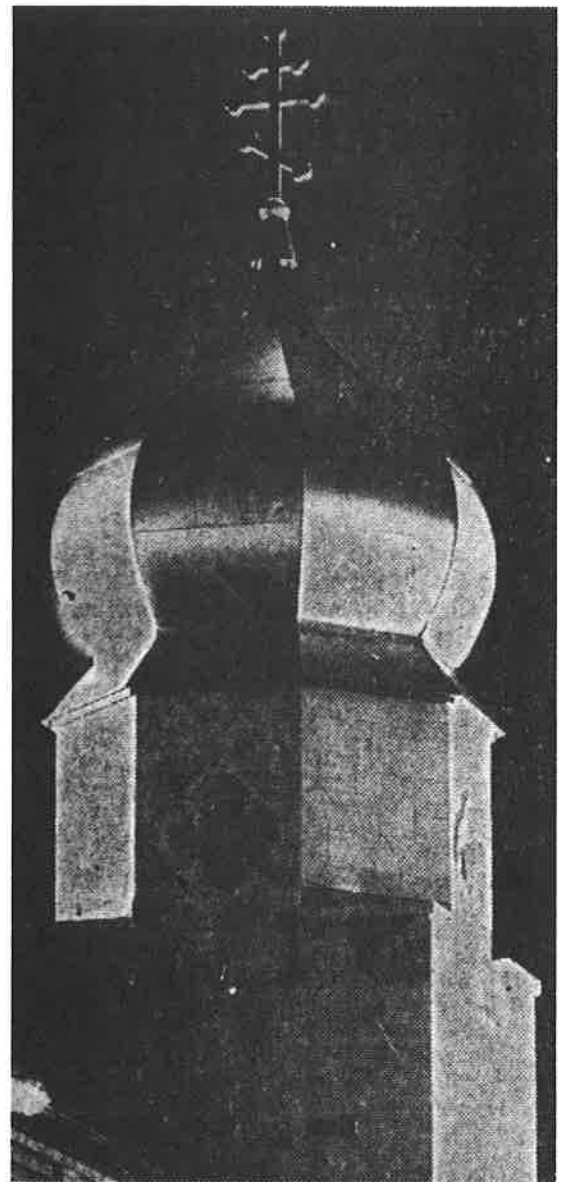
From an article by Laura White which appeared in the *Sun Bulletin*: Mary V. Beck says she has a fighting passion for truth, justice and the American way. She has the same passion for her parent's homeland—the Ukraine. "I'm here to remind Ukrainian-Americans that the Ukraine is a separate nation with a culture and a history all its own."

January 24, 1973

From an article on "Ukrainian Art" in the *Binghamton Press*: "An art display commemorating Ukrainian Independence is at George F. Johnson Memorial Library in Endicott. Support of this week's observance has been urged in proclamations from Triple Cities' mayors."

March 8, 1973

Michael Dobransky Sr., fell into eternal rest. Past president of the parish for 15 years, officer, worker, supporter, encourager in the parish, dedicated worker in the community and national organizations, and a most neighborly person to all. Memory Eternal!



"Light Up the Sky" — 1973



Ukrainian Art — 1973

★ April 19, 1973

From an article by Laura White in the *Sun Bulletin* entitled "Making Ready for Easter": "Fill your Easter basket this year with decorated eggs as usual. But add sausage, cheese, cooked eggs, ham, horseradish and beet relish, cheesecake and a loaf of Paska." There was a full page of delicious recipes plus a picture of Marion Kasprzyk and her son Jimmy.

★ July 7, 1973

The 2nd Eastern Divisional Basketball Tournament was hosted by St. John's Junior UOL. Five teams participated: St. Michael's of Scranton, PA; St. Vladimir's of Philadelphia, PA; St. Demetrius of Carteret, NJ; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Northampton, PA; and St. John's of Johnson City, NY. Our team won the championship. The "Most Valuable Player Award" went to John D. Mihalko. The banquet held in our Memorial Center was followed by a swim party at Vestal High School. Sunday morning after the Divine Liturgy, a buffet luncheon was served. Directors of this event: William J. Klish, George Bobrick, Walter Kanazawich and Charles Ellsworth. Players: Chuck Ellsworth, John Tomik, Peter Charnetsky, John Tylo, David Mihalko, Jonathan Klish, Bob Harris, Adrian Skarvinko, John D. Mihalko, William Klish, David Gelinger and Jan Kostyun.

July 9-11, 1973

There was an Altar Boy's Conference in Downingtown, PA. Attending: Jonathan Klish, John Tylo, Mark Hatala, Jeff Hatala, Nick Melnychenko, Andy Melnychenko and Father Lawryk.

July 15, 1973

An oath of office was taken by Michael Tarcha, Sr. who was elected at the half-yearly meeting to fill the vacated position of Trustee Michael Dobransky, Sr. who fell into eternal rest in March.

★ July 17-22, 1973

At the UOL Convention in Cartaret, NJ: Reverend Peter Melech, Bishop Constantine and National UOL President Paul Chebiniak chat during a break from sessions.



Conference room is dedicated to the memory of Michael Dobransky, Sr., Parish President 1949-63.



Michael Dobransky, Sr.



§ The first learning center donated by the Sisterhood of our church



UOL Convention — 1973: Father P. Melech, Archbishop Constantine, Paul Chebiniak

*"Making Ready for Easter" — 1973
Marion Kaspyk and son, James*



*"Most Valuable Player" — 1973
John D. Mihalko*



August 5, 1973
Annual Ukrainian Day

The special attraction was a rare exhibit of beautiful Hutzul treasures by John Lelet of Clifton, NJ. Mr. Lelet's is the largest collection of Hutzul costumes, ceramics, embroideries, wood carvings, Easter eggs, and other Ukrainian items. The exhibit lasted two days and was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these Hutzul arts. The collection is so valuable that Mr. Lelet lived at the Center, protecting his collection, during the exhibit.

1973

The following persons did the work on the conference and classrooms: William Klish, John Maliwacki, Charles Sarnoski, Walter Melnychenko, Walter Kanazawich, John Kasprzyk, John Buchma, Cypryan Klish Sr., Jonathan Klish, Greg Kanazawich, John Mihalko Sr., Al Gooley, Gary Dobransky, Peter Kanazawich, John Kostyun, Michael Tarcha, Sr., Michael Chubinsky, John Klodowski, Eugene Klym, John Klym, John D. Mihalko, William Sadowitz, Bob Dobransky, Michael Duby, Joseph Gelinger.

September 1973

The new Broome County Veteran's Memorial Arena in Binghamton was opened. Our dancers were asked to perform at 3:30 for 15 minutes. First the organist didn't show up—so Father Lawryk had to fill in for the missing artist. Then the performers that were to go on at 3:15 didn't show up—so our dancers filled in. Then our dancers did their scheduled spot. Then the group following us didn't show up—so the dancers filled in for that group too. And they did it with zest and enthusiasm.

September 10, 1973

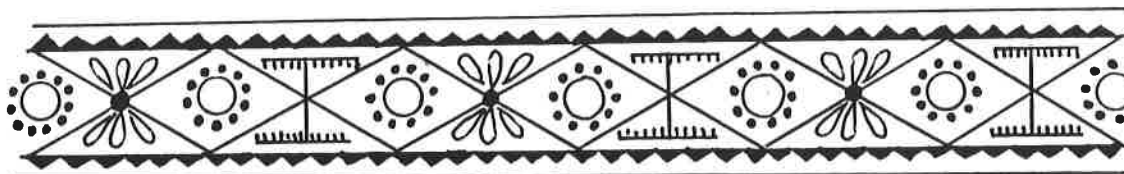
From the *Sun-Bulletin*: "Vicky Klym, daughter of John Jr. and Pauline Klym, does a solo at the new Arena opening."



Solo at Arena — 1973: Vicky Klym

December 30, 1973

John Maliwacki, Jr. was named Eagle Scout—the highest honor bestowed by the Scouts. John is not only active in scouting but he is involved in sports, all parts of his Church, cultural activities, school and community. He has earned the Eagle Scout Award. He is the son of John and Martha Maliwacki.





§ Classroom presented in loving memory of John Klym, Sr.

*§ Learning Center presented by
Dr. Peter Hatala Family
in loving memory of parents
Josephine & Nicholas Hatala.*



§ Classroom presented in loving memory of Stephen Grech.



§ Classroom presented in loving memory of Anna Sawka.



Future museum



Ukrainian arts



Art gallery



*§ Young people with teacher in Michael Dobransky Board Room.
One of the many uses for this spacious, comfortable meeting place.*

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John Melnyk
Michael Tarcha
Michael Kulik
Dr. Peter Hatala
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Myron Shlatz
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Kristi Dobransky
Pani Lawryk

*(choir members range in age
from 4 to 80)*

IN 1974, INSTEAD OF A FINANCIAL STATEMENT, we prepared an annual report. A financial statement seemed too narrow in scope. It could not present the true picture of our parish. Thus, the decision to prepare an annual report of work done by all parish members. If you worked at any of the catered affairs, your name has been recorded for parish files and for government audit. *This has been and continues to be our dignified and constant means of raising money. Your help is always needed. Please volunteer your services.*

Not included in the list were the names of people that: did housekeeping chores; cleaned; set up for the dinners; polished, perfected the settings; ordered; did cooking preparation; repaired-painted; landscaped; kept books; paid bills; met the public; planned; called; checked on deliveries; decorated; baked; took care of correspondence; handled publicity;

OR

served; waited on; cooked; did the 101 things for a parish affair; said "that was delicious", "beautiful", "moving", "thank you" (whatever the need) (kind words of praise have a medicinal value—all tiredness disappears with the saying); attended the parish affairs;

OR

taught church school; prepared lessons; planned, chauffeured and chaperoned young people in their needs; chaired affairs; served on committees; were President of the parish, Sisterhood, Social Club and UOL chapters; rehearsed; performed; gave talks and demonstrations about our cultural and religious heritage; were active in cultural programs; were active in sports programs; coached sports; transported teams; encouraged; refereed;

OR

served at God's altar; ushered; sang; regularly took part in the Divine Liturgies; brought a friend to church; offered taxi service whenever needed; entertained visitors to our parish; gave tours of our church; gave overnight lodging; prayed for other's needs; wrote letters, phoned, or kept in touch with parish members who moved away; prayed for all those actively working for the good of the parish; visited shut-ins; served at the coffee hours;

OR

attended meetings; audited; served on Executive Boards, Community Boards, National Boards and National Affairs; used talents for parish needs (carpentry, rug laying, rug repairing, electrical, painting, plumbing); used talents to beautify our church (embroidery, sewing); kept it spotless and bright; took care of the lawns; took care of the snow; painted posters and signs; typed and retyped necessary materials; did handcrafts; arranged parish activities (anniversaries, etc.); tape-recorded; hosted;

and LAST, BUT NOT LEAST—
the one that cleaned up after all was done.

Bless Each and Every One!



Mezzo-soprano — 1974: Hanna Kolesnik

Ukrainian Day — 1974: Jeff Hatala, Paul Chebiniak, Len Melnychenko



§ UOL Convention Committee — 1974

January 22, 1974

Flag raisings in Johnson City and Binghamton; 4-year-old Luba Halich led the Pledge of Allegiance during the flag raising.

March 9, 1974

The basketball team from our Troy, NY parish came to play our team.

March 10, 1974

The Orthodox Basketball League held their dinner in our Memorial Center. Representing St. John's were: the Varsity, the J.V.'s and Girls' teams.



*Honorary Membership — 1974: William Sadowitz,
Father Lawryk, Julie Sadowitz*

March 24, 1974

Our local UOL chapter bestowed upon Bill and Julie Sadowitz "Honorary Membership" in the chapter for their dedicated efforts for over 20 years. Bill and Julie have worked for the success of the UOL on the national, regional and local levels. This accomplishment they achieved through their personal love and dedication to our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Our chapter expressed their gratitude to Bill and Julie for their leadership and deeds. Over the past years, we can recall the many times that Bill and Julie have made it possible for both Senior and Junior members to actively participate in the varied activities sponsored by the UOL, in the exciting far-away places of this great land of ours. These "memory makers" will always be remembered with much love.

JULIE SADOWITZ
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1962-63	Recording Secretary
1963-64	Financial Secretary
1964-65	Financial Secretary
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1970-71	Corresponding Secretary
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BILL SADOWITZ
Terms of National UOL Office

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1970-71	Auditor
1971-72	Auditor

April 26, 1974

The Ukrainian Congress Committee sponsored a concert given by Hanna Kolesnik, mezzo-soprano soloist from the Kiev State Opera Theater in Harpur College. After the concert, we hosted a reception in our Memorial Center in honor of Miss Kolesnik.

**What We Did As A Parish
in 1974**

Catered Dinners (65); Parish Affairs (26); Sobor (5 days); Dances (2); Holy Supper; Annual Meetings with Lunch (2); Reception-Hanna Kolesnik; Ukrainian Day; Rummage Sale; Children's Halloween Party; UOL Movies-Picnic-Talk; Style Show; Bake & Handcraft Sale; Christmas Program; Easter Egg Talks (18); Dancers Performed (6); Out-of-Town Trips (numerous). We were busy with projects 136 days out of a possible 365 days in the year. That was a busy year!





§ Memorial Day Service — 1974



May 5, 1974

20th anniversary dinner of our Memorial Center followed by an afternoon of happy fellowship. Invitation to this happy celebration read: "If you have helped in any way these past 20 years in the Center or Social Club—you are invited. If you have contributed in any way these past 20 years—donated money, baked goods, your services—by cleaning, singing, dancing, helping, cooking, baking—you are invited. If you have prayed that those that are working will have health, enthusiasm, fruitful efforts—you are invited. No charge for this anniversary celebration."

May 5, 1974

The following is but a short excerpt from a lengthy article by Dave Rossie in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "Rites of Spring: Woodland Stream and A St. John's-Style Pheasant": "At the end of last March's annual Trout Unlimited dinner, Sid Neff, of Trout Magazine, the evening's guest speaker, told the local TU people that of all the dinners at which he's spoken in the last few years he'd never had a better meal. The dinner, it goes without saying, was at St. John's Ukrainian Memorial Center. The St. John's dinners, with those great holupkis and the succulent pot roast of beef, probably don't need any advertising in the Broome County area. There cannot be more than a handful of people who have not, for one occasion or another, attended a dinner there."

★ May 27, 1974

Memorial Day services were held at our cemetery. We remember all war dead and members of our families that are resting with God.

June 9, 1974

There was a lunch honoring the church school teachers.

June 22, 1974

A chartered bus traveled to Washington, D.C. to be a part of the All-National Manifestation in Defense of Human Rights in Ukraine. Vitaly Halich and John Baranyk were in charge of these arrangements.

June 23, 1974

A short film about Ukraine was shown called "With Faith We Hope." Carol Petras made arrangements to make this film available to us.

June 29, 1974

The Junior UOL planned a trip to Hershey, PA. Advisors Walter Melnychenko and Steffie Stasko publicly announced their joy and satisfaction on the behavior and general conduct of the 31 young people making the trip. With such a good group the trip was pleasant, most enjoyable and memorable.

July 16-21, 1974

During the UOL Convention in Chicago, Paul Chebiniak was elected to his third term as President. Wolodymyr Kit became auditor.

★ August 5, 1974

From an article by Robert Irwin in the *Sun Bulletin* entitled "Ukrainians Exhibit Independence": "It was the first Sunday in August yesterday, the day of every year set aside as Ukrainian Day by the people of St. John's parish. While the young dancers pound and skip across the stage, the youngest dancer looks around, befuddled to find out what he is supposed to be doing. Jeff Hatala, Paul Chebiniak and Len Melnychenko are pictured."

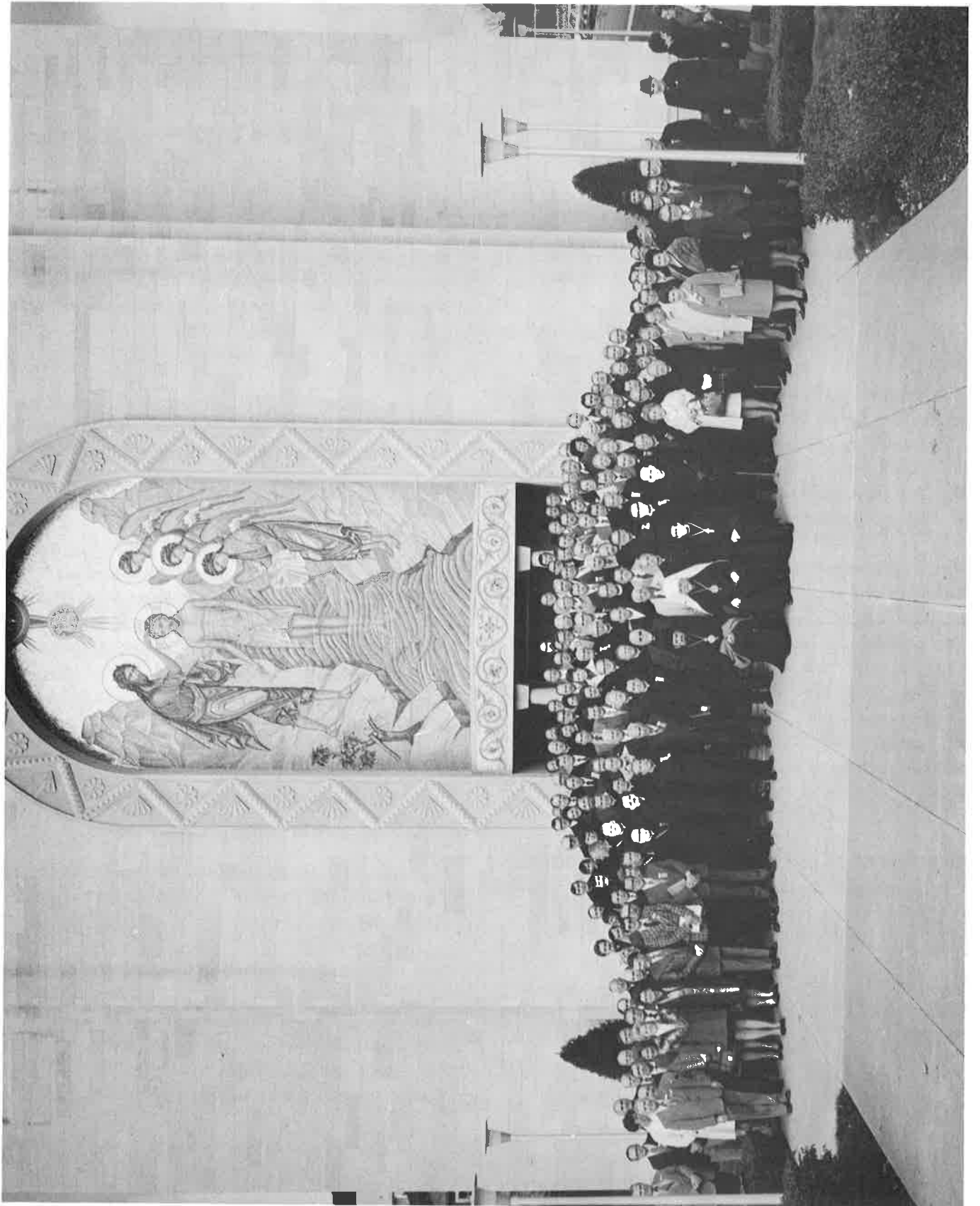
"We are Ukrainians and see how proud of that we are!"

For this celebration our guest performers were the Lesia Ukrainka Bandurist Ensemble from Bound Brook, NJ.

August 27-September 2, 1974

The New York State Fair was held in Syracuse, NY. The Ukrainian booth was sponsored by UOL Upstate New York Region because of the active leadership of Paul and Zenna Chebiniak.





Sobor — 1974

September 8, 1974

It was the fifth anniversary of the blessing of our church and the blessing of the plaque honoring John Tylko.

The crowning joy in your life of labor for God and others should be hearing the Lord say on Judgement Day: "Well done, good and faithful servant. Because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many, enter into the joy of Thy Master."

These words aptly fit the man we honor today on the fifth anniversary of the blessing of our church. Every year that passes, we realize more and more how grateful we are to John—how much his work, his talents, his eye for detail and perfection has made possible our beautiful Gift to God. The plaque reads:

*"The Faithful of
St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
shall always remember
the Architectural-Engineering Efforts
put forth by Parish Member
JOHN TYLKO
in the Building of this Church.
Our Appreciation and Everlasting Gratitude
We hereby Express to John
for our Beautiful Gift to God."*



John Tylko, Archbishop Constantine

October 16-20, 1974

SOBOR HELD AT ST. JOHN'S

The Sobor of our church was held in our parish. The highest honor that can be afforded a parish was ours. Our Hierarchy, His Eminence Metropolitan Mstyslav, His Grace Archbishop Mark, and His Grace Bishop Constantine were our honored guests. Our elected delegates were Julie Sadowitz and Cyprian Klish. Nancy Tarcha and William Klish were alternates.

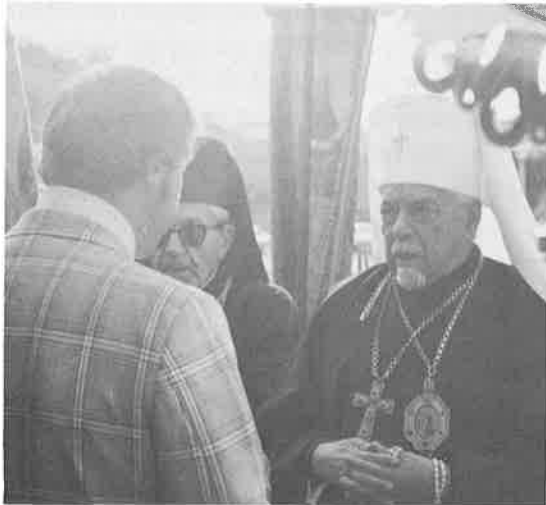
From Wednesday to Sunday we were the hosts. All services and sessions were held in church. All meals were served in our Memorial Center...3 meals a day, with a banquet on Saturday. There was a concert by our choir and dancers after the banquet. Sunday included a brunch and farewells.

In the delegates' report it was noted that: "The work of the ladies in the kitchen, waitresses, workers, was highly commended by the delegates as we had the privilege to visit with them during the meals. The delicious meals will long be remembered and the pleasantness of the waitresses was complimentary. We were very proud to say that we were representing the Johnson City parish. Last, but not least, we all are grateful and blessed to have Father and Pani as our leaders in helping and being an inspiration to being dedicated to the spiritual, educational, cultural and financial needs of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Also, William Klish and his workers should be complimented for their many hours of service in arranging all details for this Sobor. The five days of the Sobor certainly amounted to many hours of work, however, the kind words of the Metropolitan, clergy, delegates and guests gave everyone a spirit of renewed strength and a fellowship of warmth and happiness. This type of atmosphere prevailed throughout the Sobor days and hopefully will rededicate our parishioners to the needs and programs for success of our Church in the future. We wish to thank the parish members for the opportunity to represent our parish at this Sobor and participate in all the sessions, Divine Liturgies, events. This is an experience we shall always remember with many happy memories."

October 18, 1974

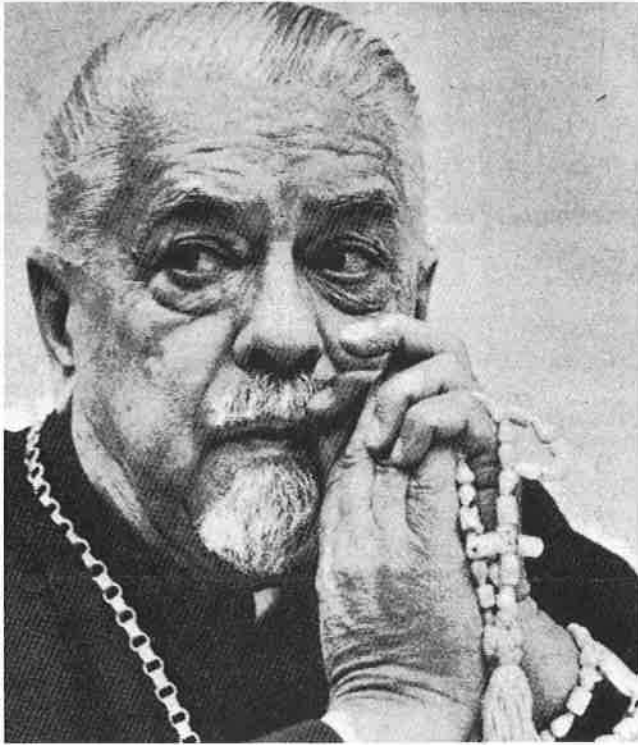
From an article by Steve Hambalek in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "Ukrainian Leader Warns Against Policy of Detente": The head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States today attacked the U.S. moves for detente with the Soviet Union. Metropolitan Mstyslav said in Johnson City today that the U.S. "is digging its own grave" with the current policy of "giving everything and not getting anything back" from the USSR. He was in Johnson City to preside over a nationwide conference of bishops and priests at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church."

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During the interview, he wore the handmade medallion of silver, studded with rubies that was given to him when he was consecrated as a bishop. He also carried a rosary that identified him as a monk of the Church.



Metropolitan Mstyslav — 1974

October 22, 1974

From an article in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "Orthodox Priest is Honored": The Very Rev. Frank T. Lawryk, pastor of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City, has been given the title of protopresbyter, an honor given an Orthodox priest for outstanding service. Father Lawryk was given the title by Metropolitan Mstyslav, head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States last Sunday at ceremonies at the church. More than 300 bishops, priests and laymen from churches throughout the country met at a national convention at the Johnson City church last week. Father Lawryk was also recently elected to the Church Court. William J. Klish was elected to the Metropolitan Council of the national church at the convention. He is one of seven laymen on the council.

November 10, 1974

The Senior UOL sponsored a movie night of parish activities. John Maliwacki has recorded parish events for many years; these are the pictures we enjoyed along with popcorn and cool drinks.

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*"She Must Be Most 'Noted' Pianist Around" — 1975:
Irene Kanazawich*



Church Library — 1975



Father Lawryk

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Martha Maliwacki, Advisors

★ January 5, 1975

From an article by Jerry Handte in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "She Must Be Most 'Noted' Pianist Around": "If you want to bet on who strikes the most notes on a piano in Broome County in the course of a year, don't bet against Irene Kanazawich of 66 Lusk Street, Johnson City. Mrs. Kanazawich is rehearsal pianist for Tri-Cities Opera, the Binghamton Choral Society, the Harpur Chorale and for Thelma Morris' ballet school. She also teaches piano to children in the front room of her home, serves as a voice coach preparing professional and amateur singers for specific assignments and sings 'minor lead roles'

with the Tri-Cities in what she calls, borrowing from P.D.Q. Bach, 'her mezzanine soprano.' Mrs. Kanazawich says she owes her interest in music and whatever skill she has acquired to her parents, her late mother and her father, the Right Rev. (mitred) Joseph Zelechivsky, who at 84 is still active as the priest of an Eastern Orthodox parish in Providence, R.I."

Irene's parents were a great influence on her life, and the life of her brothers and sisters. The growing-up years were filled with the sound of music: family orchestra, family choir, and the growing love of music. Today Irene sings in the church choir, as does her sister Olga Kulik. Brother Melvin is active in a men's chorus in Chicago. Brother John and sister Hope are using their lovely voices in the Woonsocket, R.I. area. Father Joseph's and mother Pani Anna's memory is eternal because their children carry on the traditions that were near and dear to them.

February 22, 1975

The Sisterhood sponsored the first Flea Market and Craft Fair. Margaret Klish was chairman of this affair and all following ones.

March 2, 1975

A meeting was held to decide whether now is the time to build a new rectory. It was decided to build. Plans should be completed.

April 13, 1975

A beautiful black Lincoln Continental automobile was delivered. President Bill and Gary Dobransky took care of details.

May 20, 1975

The bus went to Scranton to hear the famous Bandurist Chorus under the direction of Hryhory Kytasty. Julie Sadowitz made arrangements.

July 6, 1975

John Kasprzyk, Jr. was first prize winner in a poster contest sponsored by the UOL.

August 3, 1975
Our Annual Ukrainian Day

From an article by Steve Hambalek in *Binghamton Press* entitled "Bill of Fare—St. John's Holubtsi Special": "Without question, one of the best places in which to eat at this part of the Southern Tier is at the St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church hall in Johnson City. The parish has paid for a new church and center on St. John's Parkway, Johnson City, mostly through volunteers' work in the church's catering service. The volunteers once catered as many as five dinners a week—for weddings, organizations and meetings of other churches. Today the catering is limited to two days a week. And on and on..."

September 6, 1975

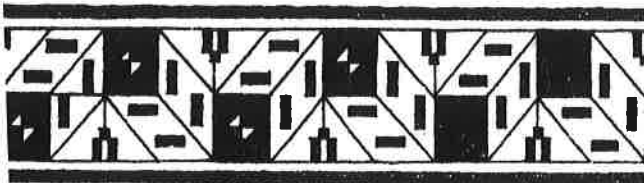
Blessing of St. Sophia Seminary in Church Center,
South Bound Brook, NJ.

*** September 28, 1975**

The church library was opened. A library is a place to know, to grow and to go. It is a pleasure palace, a chapel, a university. It is a meeting place—a place wherein you can meet and converse with the most exciting minds of the ages and of today. Like coal, its contents need to "catch fire" to unleash their energy. Your "burning curiosity" provides the spark. The magic of reading does the rest. *Our church library is now open. Use it!*

October 31, 1975

A bus went to Syracuse to hear the Byzantine Male Chorus Concert. It was a unique experience listening to 35 male voices all of Dutch descent—under the direction of a Ukrainian conductor—singing an all Ukrainian program of church music and folk songs and all in Ukrainian. Living proof that music succeeds where words cannot—that it crosses national, cultural, religious and linguistic barriers.



November 2, 1975

There was an organizational meeting of local Ukrainian Congress Committee for observance of the Bicentennial of American Revolution and Centennial of Ukrainian Settlement. Vitaly Halich headed this committee.

November 9, 1975

The 65th anniversary dinner of Ukrainian Workingmen's Association was held in our Center. John Rucky made arrangements.

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January 4, 1976

The Tetrapod Icon of Mother of God with Christ Child was blessed in memory of Emilia Klysh. Gift of daughter Wilma (Lesia) Klysh.

January 11, 1976

Holy Supper was served. Also a concert presented commemorating Ukrainian Independence Day. Guest speaker was attorney Andrew Semotiuk from New York City. The choir took part in the concert. Holy Supper was prepared by Mary B. Haluska, Anna Grech, Sophia Smyk, Julia Klym, Mary Haluska and helpers too numerous to name. No easy task for so many guests for supper.

February 15, 1976

A special bicentennial meeting was held with lunch. Guest Yaroslaw Haywas from New York City was speaker. He is the organizing chairman of the Ukrainian Bicentennial Committee of America.

February 22, 1976

The bus traveled to Shamokin, PA for the UNA Bicentennial Festival. John Baranyk and Vitaly Halich made arrangements.

March 14, 1976

Sunday of Orthodoxy

A joint Vesper Service was held in our church. The Rev. James Dutko, rector and academic dean of Christ the Saviour Seminary in Johnstown, PA was the guest speaker. The service book for the evening service was very special. It was printed by Ammon and Jean Belleman in their Washington, D.C. printing company. The colored cover was of the Virgin of Kiev made by a Byzantine artist about 1132 for Prince Mstislav of Kiev. This religious painting, by a Greek, reflected the taste of the Kiev royal family and is the first great work in the Ukrainian school of icons.

★ March 21, 1976

The Triple Cities Orthodox Catholic Basketball League held their dinner in our Center. Our girls won both the League and the Play-Offs: Carole Tylko, Carol Klodowski, Jodi Klym, Kim Sexton, Sandy Martin, Marty Maliwacki, Tammy Chebiniak, Pam Hatala and Jean Klodowski. Coach: Melodye Kanazawich.

★ March 28, 1976

Communion Breakfast honoring First Communicants: Kathy Glass, Jody Gooley, Stephanie Chebiniak, Eric & Stephen Dobransky, Melissa & Melinda Klish, John Buchma and Jim Kasprzyk. Teacher: Sharon Klym Italiano.

April 4, 1976

UOL Eastern Tournament was held...our boys won: John D. Mihalko, David Mihalko, Peter Zelechivsky, Charles Ellsworth, John Maliwacki, Mike Maliwacki, Steve Haluska, John Tylko, Greg Kanazawich, Rob Terpak.

May 23, 1976

The blue altar boy robes were blessed this morning (gift of our Sisterhood). The work was done by Marion Kasprzyk, Olga Gooley, Olga Kulik, Olga Tarcha, Anna Grech, Gen Sadowitz and Julie Sadowitz.

★ May 30, 1976
Groundbreaking

There was a blessing of the land for the new rectory. Another project was begun. First we asked God's blessing and then we promised to give our support.



★ June 20, 1976

We celebrated our Golden Anniversary by welcoming His Grace Archbishop Mark and His Grace Bishop Constantine, Very Rev. Father Nestor Kowal and Rev. Father Mirone Klysh.

Pontifical Divine Liturgy

1 p.m. Dinner

3:30 Concert

(our choir & dancers)

5:00-10:00 Dancing

6:30 Supper

June 21, 1976

From a caption reading "The Littlest Angel" in the *Binghamton Press*: "She's a little young, but that doesn't stop Julie Rucky, 5, from enjoying the singing. Julie and the church choir members were celebrating the Golden Anniversary of St. John's Church on St. John's Parkway, Johnson City.



"Littlest Angel" — 1976: Julieanne Rucky



Groundbreaking — 1976



Groundbreaking — 1976



Groundbreaking — 1976



§ Girl's Basketball Team — 1976



§ First Communicants — 1976



Golden Anniversary — 1976





*Golden Anniversary — 1976: Father M. Klysh, Archbishop Constantine, Father Lawryk, Archbishop Mark, Father N. Kowal [above];
Father Mirone Klysh [lower left]; John Cenesky, William Klish [lower right].*





Golden Anniversary Honoree — 1976: William J. Klish

1976

Our Golden Anniversary

(Speech given by Father Lawryk at the Golden Anniversary Banquet Honoring President Bill Klish)

My life as pastor has been made gratifying by the dedicated officers and members that I have worked with during my years of pastorate at St. John's. When I first came to you as a newly ordained priest—told NOT to unpack my suitcase, because I wouldn't stay that long—I found leaders of the parish willing to cooperate, to help, to encourage, to teach and thereby bring about a happy union of priest, parish board and parish members. I believe we still enjoy this happy union today.

The first President I worked with was Bill's father, Theodore Klysh, Sr.; then John Rucky for three years; blessed memory Michael Dobransky for fourteen years and now Bill these last thirteen years. Each President has approached his position with his own personal touch—all have contributed greatly to the parish. It has been my privilege and joy to work with all of them. Of course, my youngest leader is close to my heart. . . I have been a part of his growing to manhood. I know him well enough to say that Bill takes Christ in earnest. He does not live for outward show or passing pleasure or physical comfort. He knows deep in his heart to take Christ in earnest means a life lived as if the things Christ stood for are true. That means a life of irreproachable honesty. A life of unfailing kindness. . . never hurt with word or deed. A life of true devotion to church—people—all God's people—all things that life touches. A life of constantly helping those in need, and as parish president that comes in many, many forms, none of these requests is too complicated, or bothersome, or inconvenient. Each to him is a loving duty. Never asking for public praise but accepting the challenge of his God-given talent of leadership.

Leadership—what is it? To put it into very simple terms, it is the ability to bring out the very best in the people that you are working with. The art of getting average people to do superior things. Our President, Bill, does that!

Bill knows there is no substitute for interest. His interest is genuine. He gives his full backing and support and makes good his promises. When he asks someone to do something, he takes the time to explain why. He knows that people who understand why they are doing something will be able to do their best. He treats all as intelligent human beings. . . young and the mature. Nothing is boring to him. He knows that every task contains within it a hidden challenge. He loves this word, "challenge". How can it be done better?

Bill keeps his eye on results. . . not method. He teaches those working with him the best way he knows of doing things—and he is happiest when occasionally they try something different. Just because it has always been done one way doesn't mean that it is the best or only way. It's the only possible way to keep imaginative and capable people happy to work with him on the executive board or any committee. And he is blessed with these; a joy to every president.

President Bill has the ability to communicate with people. A most important asset for all of us. He is able to communicate the sense of urgency to those working with him without being unpleasant or bossy about it. He shows his personal interest in the many projects the parish constantly has on the fire—checks on progress—is quick to help in any and every way that he can.

Our Mr. President doesn't begrudge having problems; he thrives on them. He welcomes them as a challenge (there goes that word again that he loves so much) to show what can be done. He realizes that *the bigger the problem* the more difficult, trying and demanding it's bound to be. To him the reward is in doing the best that he possibly can. He has been doing that for thirteen years as our President. With a love of Christ that is so warm that his soul instinctively pours out its inner good feelings to all who are touched by his life—the people he works with, his family, the community, our national Church, its organizations, and of course our parish family. The saying, 'Give it to the busy person and it will get done,' is certainly true with President Bill. He truly believes in what we do, regardless of how few, is like the offering of those Holy Things elevated God-ward: *'On behalf of all, and for all.'*

It is the sermons that officers and parish members preach by the manner of their lives which, far more than those preached by any priest, bring other people to Christ or drive them away from Him. It is not what we say, but what we do that is so important. Bill has witnessed for Christ and His Church, not only by word, but in that far more difficult and far more significant way—by the manner of life he lives. This is our President Bill.

We honor him today on the Golden Anniversary of our parish. He has helped in a great measure to bring us to this day. From your grateful pastor, and parish family, our love and grateful hearts for your dedicated leadership. Many, many happy years we wish for you and your dear wife, Mary Ann!"

In the Life of a Parish President — 1976



Archbishop Constantine, Archbishop Mark, Father Mirone Klysh, William Klish



William Klish overseeing construction



Nancy Tarcha, Father Lawryk, William Klish



Wife Mary Ann and William Klish



William Klish and William Sadowitz

June 21, 1976

From an article by Mary Stillwell in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "JC Church Marks 50th Anniversary":

"In 1926 a group of 35 families, all of them Ukrainian immigrants and their descendents, banded together to form St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church parish in Johnson City. Yesterday that same parish, now 200 families strong, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. For 39 years St. John's parishioners worshipped in a simple wood-frame building on Virginia Avenue. Then in 1969, the parish moved to its new home on St. John's Parkway, the church whose three gold domes and brightly colored mosaic attract the eyes of travelers along Route 17 near the Stella Ireland Road exit. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church took root in the U.S. during the massive immigration from Eastern Europe in the early 1900's. In the meantime, Archbishop Mark said members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the free world must work to ease the situation of their relatives in the communist-dominated Ukraine. 'We have a great responsibility to make the plight of our brothers known,' he said. 'Our people suffer very much'."



Dressed in traditional Ukrainian peasant costumes, two members of St. John's [Marianne Lawryk and Pam Hatala] perform during yesterday's celebration of the parish's 50th anniversary.



One-Step-Two . . . Arms folded before them in uniform style, girls try to keep in step with each other during folk dances yesterday at St. John's 50th anniversary celebration. [Nicole Hatala, Carol Deraco, Pam Chebiniak, Lisa Chebiniak, Bonnie Buchma, Minden Klish]

1976
Golden Anniversary
also honors
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh

Wherever you see a progressive and highly-thought-of parish, one thing immediately comes to mind: "This parish must have good leadership and a lot of good people in it"—for the officers can't do much without the cooperation of the faithful, and the people can't do much without good officers. Together (hand in hand) good is achieved.

What makes an individual accept an office in one of the many parish organizations—or may be two or three offices? Why do they take upon themselves such a burden and responsibility? There is no money in it, no material advancements of any kind. What do they receive for their constant, dedicated work? Sometimes thanks, sometimes criticism, and sometimes indifference.

Is it worthwhile? YES—because the only ones who will advance in this life are those who do more than their share. The officers have their jobs. The members have theirs. All work hard. The more you work the more you have to show for your effort. It is important to do more than just work for a living. Don't live to eat and drink—but eat and drink to live. Find the energy and time to do the important things in this world—one of them is to work for the Church.

We have such an officer-member in our parish. She gives of her time above and beyond the call of duty. She has been Recording Secretary of the parish for the past 21 years and was Assistant Secretary for 3 years. She has been the only Secretary of our Social Club and the Building Fund Secretary before that—which totals 23 years. She reminds everyone that there is a meeting. She takes the minutes. She makes sure that all are informed by printing the spoken word—to visually remind and clarify points. She makes sure that motions made are carried out.

She is interested in all phases of parish life. As Secretary of the Social Club, she must carefully record, remind, keep up to date and inform memberships. When this runs into the thousands, this is a full time task in itself. She is a part of all Social Club deliberations and functions—planning, hosting, cleaning up and tying up.



But that isn't enough for her... there have been very few dinners (you could count them on one hand) in these past 22 years that she hasn't polished the dishes and silverware to make sure that when our guests arrive everything is as perfect as it possibly can be. She sees to our guests' needs. She waits on them. She is at their beck and call all evening long. And when the last guest has gone, she begins the phase of the evening's work that is as important as the first phase—the clean-up. And all is done with a smile. *How many dinners have we catered in these years?* At least 1,500. She has been the first person at 1,495 of these "important-to-someone" affairs. And the last.

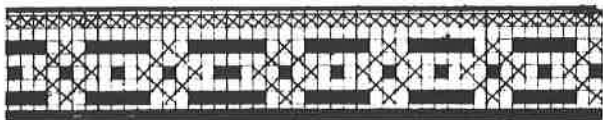
But that isn't all. According to Father Lawryk's praises, she sings like an angel. She takes personal time from work to sing at church services because she knows that there is no greater gift than the gift of one's presence. She is in church every Sunday. She is at all choir rehearsals. She is a part of any project that the parish has in motion—and there are many behind-the-scenes efforts that she puts forth for she uses her energy to make everything the best that it can possibly be.

Without giving her name, we would all know there is only one person that fits this description. Our own Wilma (Lesia) Klysh!

1976

In preparing for our Golden Anniversary the Memorial Center was painted. It took the following volunteers to finish the job in one day: Bill Klish, Bob Dobransky, Jonathan Klish, John Maliwacki, Chuck Ellsworth, John Lewkowicz, Sr. & Jr., John Mihalko, Sr. & Jr., Gary Dobransky, William Sileckyj, Bob Rucky, Peter Maliwacki, John Baranyk, Michael Chubinsky, Nicholaj Lewkowicz, Roman Lewkowicz, John Buchma, John Klym, Eugene Klym, Mike Smey, Chuck Sarnoski, Michael Duby, Stephan Malewiacki, Mike Tarcha, Sr., Bill Sadowitz, Walter Melnychenko, and Walter Kanazawich.

The church bell from the old church was placed on a pedestal as a monument near the new church in commemoration of our 50th Anniversary in the Bicentennial Year. Thanks to Al Gorick, Gary Dobransky, Peter Tymczyna, Peter Dobransky, Bill Klish, Jon Klish, Bob Rucky, John Rucky, and John Lewkowicz, Sr., this work was done.



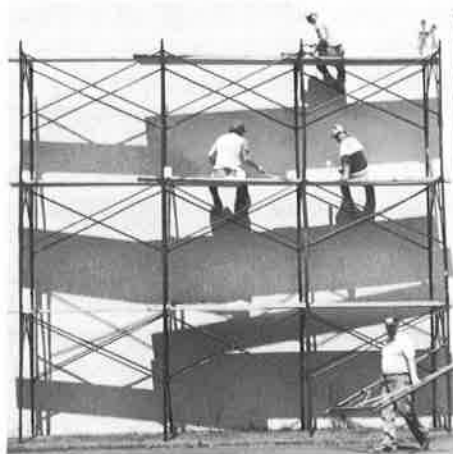
Awards

*for the First 50 Years of Outstanding Effort
on behalf of our parish
were made to:*

Frank Kovatz, Founder
Nick Ther, Founder
Theodore Klysh, Sr., First
Executive Board Member and
worker through the years
Mary B. Haluska, First
Sisterhood President and
worker for 50 years
Michael Dobransky, Sr.,
President for 14 years
Peter Dobransky, Memorial
Center Builder
John Tylko, Church
Architect-Engineer
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, dedicated
efforts above and beyond
duties of office
Walter Kanazawich, work with
our youth
John Cenesky, legal council
Al & Stephanie Gorick,
outstanding efforts in behalf
of the parish
President Bill Klish, for
leading the parish for the
past 12 years



Preparing for Golden Anniversary — 1976



In Honoring
our own attorney
JOHN F. CENESKY



President Bill said the following: "I have had the opportunity to work very closely with our next award recipient. His integrity, constant advice and work, knowledge of our problems and solving of them have brought us to this happy 50th anniversary. There has never been a time when I have called and he would not give me immediate attention to resolve a problem. He has shown good foresight in highlighting potential areas that could create many problems for us. He is very firm about having all items documented. He knows that this avoids any chance of us going forward without his check and approval. St. John's parish is very proud of our veteran and attorney, John Cenesky. Just having him there, in time of need, makes my job much easier as well as the operation of the Social Club. We are grateful for untiring efforts on behalf of our church and parish these many years, John.

Bicentennial Parade — 1976





§ Bicentennial Parade — 1976



June 26, 1976

Trip to Washington, D.C. Parade to Shevchenko Monument and a concert in Constitution Hall. John Rucky, John Baranyk, Walter Melnychenko, and Vitaly Halich made arrangements.

June 30, 1976

The decoration of the float for the upcoming Bicentennial Parade was begun. The General Chairman of the day's events was Vitaly Halich. The Float Chairman was President Bill Klish.

★ July 3, 1976

The Bicentennial Parade began at 9:45 a.m. from Grand Boulevard and Crestmont Road. The theme of our float: *Ukrainian Heritage—A Part of America!*

"The float is decorated in a traditional Ukrainian embroidery pattern that has been used by the women for centuries. In honor of America's birthday the predominate colors are red, white and blue. Arts and crafts of today enjoy these arts of the ages. A large trident, Ukraine's national symbol, will also be seen. The love of freedom is basic to both countries. American-Ukrainians love America."

Bandurist, Jonathan Klish
Mother, Shirley Buchma
Grandfather, John Melnyk
Fiddler, Joseph Buchma
Children, Melissa and Melinda Klish,
Kristi & Peter A. Hatala,
Julieanne Rucky, Lisa Melnychenko,
Jim Kaspyk, Nicole DeClerq

On one end of this large float were women dressed in Ukrainian costumes from all regions of Ukraine. In the center there was lively music and dancing throughout the parade. At the other end was a family group with mother and child, father, grandparent, children. Behind the float were persons dressed in costumes that marched in spritely fashion.

At 7:30 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Arena the choir and dancers performed. There were Ukrainian exhibits; food; and along with other nationalities, we celebrated America's 200th birthday in a festive manner.

July 11, 1976

Our big weekend is a pleasant memory. We built a float under the wing of John Maliwacki. We marched in the parade. All that did will have beautiful memories of a happy event. Sisterhood cooked. There was a lovely display. We sang. We danced. The parade and festival were not a talent show to see who was best. It was a showcase for each nationality that makes up America. Each showed what they have contributed to this great land of ours. If you did your best, you have the joy of a job well done. If you came to rehearsal, week after week, your efforts have been rewarded with the applause of an appreciative audience. It was a great weekend! To all that actively participated, God Bless You! Special thanks to our untiring President Bill. This great challenge was well met by him. To all, thanks. It was great.

DID YOU KNOW?

As early as the 17th century, Ukrainian names appear in American chronicles. In his memoirs, Captain John Smith, who fled from a Turkish prison by way of Ukraine and came to Jamestown, Virginia, mentions a physician who accompanied him, Lavrentey Bohoon (Bohun).

Another colorful figure among the immigrants in America was Nicholas Sudzilovsky-Russel (1850-1930). He was a doctor and revolutionary leader from Kiev who came to California in the 1880's and later moved to Hawaii. In 1896 he helped to organize the Hawaiian Medical Society. In 1901 he was elected to the Hawaiian Senate. Later he became its presiding officer.

August 22, 1976

RECTORY PROGRESS REPORT

The foundation is finished. The first and second floors are sectioned off. You can see what it will look like (with a little imagination). Another exciting parish project!

August 22, 1976

The Church League Championship was won by our St. John's team: John Maliwacki, Sr., John Maliwacki, Jr., Mike Maliwacki, Chuck Ellsworth, Jr., John Buchma, Greg Kanazawich, David Mihalko, Steve Haluska, Peter Zelechivsky, John Karaim, Peter Charnetsky, Mike Charnetsky, Jr., Dan Tomik, John Tomik, Frank Chebiniak, Jr., Walter Kanazawich, coach.

August 28, 1976

As a parish we are blessed. Whenever there is a specific need, someone steps forward to do the job. Our rectory building needed an overseer: capable, experienced Francis Boser came forth. We needed someone to put our library in order: Olga Szpylczyn came forth. She received her Master of Science degree in Library Science from Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania.

October 3, 1976

The rectory progress is good. Brick layers are busy. It looks beautiful. Electricians, plumbers, carpenters and our volunteer helpers are making progress together.

November 21, 1976

The Holiday Bazaar was held with a program of folk songs and dances. It was well attended and very successful.



Rectory Begun — 1976





1977

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Secretary
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Financial Secretary

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Michael Duby 1978
Michael Tarcha, Sr. 1979
William Sadowitz 1979
John D. Mihalko 1980
Bohdan Rucky 1980
Nell Boser 1978

Auditors:

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John Buchma
Charles Sarnoski

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Carol Williams, Executive Secretary
Rose Klodowski, Recording Secretary
Phyllis Hatala, Treasurer

Auditors:

Jane Ellsworth and Nancy Tarcha

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Nell Boser 2
Julie Sadowitz 2
Dorothy Skellett 3
Steffie Stasko 3
Sophia Pufky 2
Martha Maliwacki 3
Valerie Melnychenko 1
Ann Dobransky 2
Olga Tarcha 1
Marion Sarnoski 1
Sue Dilliard 1
Jean Klodowski, Jr.

Social Club Officers:

Walter Melnychenko, President
Walter Kanazawich, Vice President
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Secretary
Andrew Baranyk, Treasurer

Directors:

John T. Haluska 1978
Peter Zelechivsky 1980
Joseph Evansew 1979
Wasył Sileckyj 1979
Jonathan Klish 1980
Robert Dobransky 1980

Teachers:

Dr. Peter Hatala
Mary Chebiniak
Zenna Chebiniak
Olga Gooley
Margaret Klish
Melanie Klish
Sharon Italiano
Jonathan Klish
Pani Lawryk
Nancy Tarcha
Walter Kanazawich

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Junior Chapter UOL Officers:

Pamela Hatala, President
Charles Baxter, Vice President
Jean Klodowski, Secretary
Tammy Chebiniak, Treasurer





§ Parish Council — 1976



§ Sisterhood — 1976

January 31, 1977

From an article by Jan vonUffel in the *Binghamton Press*: "Local Ukrainian nationalists concluded their observation of the 59th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence Day, January 22, 1918, with a celebration and choral concert last night at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Center in Johnson City. 'The celebration signifies the memory of independence and helps revive our consciousness of it,' said guest speaker Roman Procyk, 24, from the Ukrainian Studies Fund in Philadelphia."

March 13, 1977

The Orthodox Basketball League celebrated its ninth season of play. St. John's JV team won first place under the coaching of Doc Hatala (Dr. Peter). Team: Mark Hatala, Tom Klym, Lenny, Andy and Walter Melnychenko, Jeff Hatala, Chris and Jon Sadowitz, Gary Ellsworth, Mike Kulik and Jim Glass.

May 22, 1977

The old church dome was placed on the chapel in our cemetery. Another landmark. Architect-John Maliwacki.

The rose window from the old church now graces the new rectory entrance; a beautiful, lasting memory.

The stained glass windows from the old church choir loft now grace the new rectory chapel. Unbelievable effect created with lighting.

A woman from our community came to Pastor Lawryk and said: "Whenever we come back from a trip and see the golden domes of your church, we remember to thank God for a safe journey. We know that we are 'home' when we see St. John's."

June 12, 1977

Our choir and dancers took part in the Folk Fair held in the BC Veteran's Arena.



Cemetery Landmark — 1977

August 1, 1977

The move from the old rectory to the new rectory was made. The blessing will take place at some later date when all things are finished.

August 21, 1977

Camp Kon-O-Kwee delegates: Tammy Chebiniak, Jean Klodowski and Marty Maliwacki.

Delegates to the Altar Boy Conference in Columbia, PA were: Mark and Jeff Hatala, Charles Baxter, John Kaspyrk, and Father. This was a convent—a good place to hold the annual affair.

September 1-4, 1977

The UOL Convention was in Pittsburgh, PA. St. John's was well represented. A bus was chartered for this "once-in-a-lifetime experience": UOL Convention and CEYOLA Festival of Orthodoxy.

From the *Pittsburgh Press*: "Thousands of Eastern Orthodox youth leaders, representing many organizations, attended the ceremony at the Civic Arena. Some of the groups (UOL was one) concluded their weekend conventions here today."



A yearly program telling of Christ's birth and a visit from St. Nicholas with gifts for all children.

Church School children learn first hand the teachings of the Church and share in the joy of being present at the Baptism/Chrismation of Deanna Haluska, held by her mother Beverly. Teacher is Mary Chebiniak. Dad is John T. Haluska (the photographer that took some of the pictures for this book).



"Taking the Long Road to America"

(From an article by Mary Stillwell
in the *Sun Bulletin*, November 30, 1977)

John Baranyk tends bar at St. John's Social club in Johnson City, but he has more to offer the club's patrons than a well-mixed drink. With a little prompting, Baranyk will tell the story of how the tumultuous history of his native land, Ukraine, shaped and molded his life. If his listeners are interested, he will tell about the time he was forced by the German Army to leave his family and about his long struggle to reach the United States.

Baranyk, 56, a man of medium height and build, silvery white hair and clear blue eyes, preferred not to have his picture taken. But he was willing to share his story, told in a rich eastern European accent, with a total stranger. Three years before Baranyk's birth, Ukraine declared itself an independent republic. That independence did not last long.

In 1921, the year Baranyk was born, his country was divided, with Poland dominating the western portion, including Baranyk's village, and Russia the east, with some other parts of the country falling under the rule of Romania and Czechoslovakia. "They tried to Polonize our people," Baranyk said. "I had to learn two languages in school, Ukrainian and Polish."

In August, 1939, Baranyk recalled sitting with his cousin beside the one radio in his village, listening to news of the German invasion of Poland. The next day German soldiers invaded western Ukraine. Later that year, he said, the Russian army occupied the western portion of the country. "For two years, everything looked bright," he said. "Then many people were taken away, families were split and some were taken to Siberia." Men 21 years of age and older were drafted into the Russian army. But Baranyk, still in his late teens, was allowed to stay home.

Despite another declaration of Ukrainian independence in June, 1941, Baranyk said the Germans continued arresting people and putting them in concentration camps. They also began taking young people from their families and sending them to Germany to work in place of young Germans who had been drafted.

In 1942, the Germans came to Baranyk's house. He was then 20. They took him from his mother and father and sent him to Germany to work on a farm. It was the last time Baranyk saw his parents and his village. His parents died within three weeks of each other in 1946, the year his village was burned to the ground. His two younger sisters were forced to relocate in central Ukraine. And in later years, Russia retook Ukraine and it was made one of the Soviet Socialist Republics.

Baranyk described the German farmer he was forced to work for as "...not a bad man. He was an older man whose own son had been drafted. I was supposed to take his son's place. But how can you take the place of a man's son?" The farm was near a gunpowder factory. Baranyk recalled a day when American bombs hit the plant, sending a rain of fiery ash down on the surrounding fields. Baranyk, standing shirtless in a nearby field, suddenly felt dozens of tiny burns on his skin. "I thought I was finished," he said. When American troops occupied Germany in 1945, Baranyk and thousands like him were placed in refugee camps. "At least we knew we were free," he said.

His homeland was again under Russian domination and people from Ukraine were being forced to leave the refugee camps in Germany to return there. But before Baranyk could be forced to return to Ukraine, emigration to South America, Australia, Canada and Western Europe was opened up. The U.S., however, was open only to people who had relatives there. Baranyk's older brother and sister had emigrated to the U.S. in the early 1930's. They were born here during a brief period of time when his father and mother lived in Pennsylvania. His parents moved back to Ukraine shortly after their second child was born.

Baranyk decided to contact his brother and make arrangements to come to the U.S. He knew only a part of his brother's address, but it turned out to be enough. "For some reason I remembered the words 'Johnson City,'" he said. "I don't know why, but I remembered that much." The letter Baranyk sent to his brother arrived in Johnson City while his brother, a soldier in the U.S. Army, was in Italy. The letter was forwarded to him there.

But by the time the letter arrived in Italy, his brother's unit had been transferred to the Pacific. The letter was forwarded there. Just before the letter arrived in the Pacific, his brother was sent back home. Baranyk's brother finally received the letter in Johnson City, nine months after it had been sent. Even so, it would be 1951 before all the papers necessary to bring Baranyk to the U.S. were processed.

Baranyk had married in 1946. In 1948, still waiting for his papers to the U.S., Baranyk heard that single men and women in the refugee camps were being allowed to go to work camps in Great Britain.

Eager to get closer to the U.S., Baranyk and his wife, Josephine, signed up to go to Scotland. Mrs. Baranyk signing under her maiden name.

For nearly three months after they arrived with separate groups in Scotland, Baranyk did not know where his wife was. Only after writing to a mutual friend in Germany did he discover that she was a two-hour bus ride away. For more than a year before they were able to get an apartment of their own they saw each other only on Sundays. Finally, in June of 1951, the Baranyks arrived in the United States. A New York City customs official, seeing the name "Johnson City" on their papers said, "So you're going to be shoemakers!" Baranyk recalled.

Baranyk had never heard of the Endicott-Johnson Corporation and did not comprehend the man's remark. As it turned out, both the Baranyks went to work for E-J.

In 1957 they became U.S. citizens. Nine years ago Baranyk retired from E-J and took the job as bartender at the Social Club.

His older brother died two years ago. His older sister lives in Castle Creek. And from time to time, Baranyk said, he hears from his two younger sisters in Russian-controlled Ukraine.

"After ten years without a home of our own, after all those years, we finally adopted a new land," he said. Baranyk looked out his living room window, his eyes filling with tears as he recalled the long struggle that ended in 1951. "That was a lucky year," he said. "We finally got to a really free land."

A Note:

John Baranyk's story is an historical interview. It describes the lives of our people, their struggle, their spirit and their courage.

St. John's parish shall always remember this time of welcoming family and friends with a prayer of gratitude. It was a time of renewed energies and enthusiasm. We shall always be thankful that America opened her doors to our people and to freedom!

John Baranyk is still "hospodar" in our Social Club as we go to print in 1982. Another blessing for the parish.

§ "Taking the Long Road to America" — 1977



John and Josephine Baranyk





Billy Klish, Kelly Kinney



Josephine Kladowska, Eugenia Krawecki, Anna Lewkowicz, Emelia Lewkowicz



Choir



Roman Lewkowicz



Our Heritage — 1977

1978

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Important Moments — 1978



January 23, 1978

There were flag raisings in Johnson City and Binghamton in observance of the 60th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence.

January 29, 1978

The 60th Anniversary Banquet of Ukrainian Independence was held in our Center. The guest speaker was Dr. Myron Kuropas of Washington, D.C. He was the Special Assistant on Ethnic Affairs for President Gerald Ford. Our choir sang.

*** March 5, 1978**

There was a blessing for the white vestments (with icon of the Blessed Mother Mary and Son Jesus). They were a gift of Michael Rosinsky in memory of his wife Mary (Ewanow).

We remembered Taras Shevchenko with a program and lunch. There were words, songs, music and dances—all that Taras loved. Everyone who came to the program, performers and public alike, wore Ukrainian costumes to remember Taras in a living way. The soloist was Wasyl Sileckyj.

*** April 2, 1978**

There was a Communion Breakfast honoring the following first communicants: Carrie Buchma, Jennifer Chebiniak, Nicole DeClerq, Kristi Dobransky, Tracy Gooley, Nancy Tarcha, Kristi Hatala, Kristen Williams.

April 11, 1978

A Ukrainian Luncheon was served at the American Civic Association. In their newsletter the following was written: "Our sincere thank you to St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Johnson City, for arranging such a superb luncheon. The extra effort made by the Sisterhood will long be remembered as the delight of all who attended. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and the beautiful display in the lobby."

April 16, 1978

Our UOL chapters hosted the UOL Eastern-Western Basketball tournament. Teams attending were: Scranton; Philadelphia; Cartaret, NJ; Parma, OH; and our St. John's team. John D. Mihalko was awarded MVP of seniors. Robert Terpak was awarded MVP of juniors. Steve Sadowitz and Mike Maliwacki were awarded All-Star Team.

*** May 7, 1978**

Our Royal Ukrainian Fire Department did their part to keep our traditions alive. We were "sprinkled" heartily with the pressurized water cans.

June 17-18, 1978

We took part in the Folk Festival at the Veteran's Arena. There was a beautiful exhibit and food. Our dancers took part in the program. This was a great deal of work. Everything (from show cases, tables, food, serving needs—plus all of the food) had to be brought in. Our Sisterhood publicly thanked Eugenia Skarvinko and Steffie Stasko for chairing the Ukrainian Booth.

*** July 19-22, 1978**

UOL Convention in Philadelphia. Our junior delegates were: Pam Hatala, Marty Maliwacki, Jean Klodowski, Tammy Chebiniak, and Chuck Baxter. Our senior delegate was: Melanie Klish. Our National Recording Secretary was: Nadine Chebiniak.

On Friday evening our dancers performed. With the above names, the following should be added: John Maliwacki, Mark & Jeff Hatala, Tom Klym, Randy Klish, Karen & John J. Buchma.

But our youngest performers stole the show—Karen and J.J. Buchma—a brother and sister team.

"Your pastor was happy and thankful for the beautiful performance of the young people—and more so for their loving behavior the entire convention. It is easy to say 'They are my young people' or 'We're from Johnson City' (that magical place)."



Royal Ukrainian Fire Department — 1978



John J. Buchma



Wasył Sileckyj



First Communicants — 1978: Kristi Dobransky, Nancy Tarcha, Kristen Williams, Jennifer Chebiniak, Nichole DeClerq, Tracy Gooley, Lisa Melnychenko, Karen Buchma.



Duet — 1978: John and Karen Buchma

September 24, 1978

Learn to Embroider. Capable teacher Josephine Baranyk began to teach the art of embroidery to the novices...to those with experience, she helped start new projects. As this history book is being prepared for publication, Josephine is still teaching and helping to the joy and gratitude of her pupils.

*** November 14, 1978**

There was fantastic publicity for our Holiday Bazaar. The *Binghamton Press* had lots and lots of pictures and this to say: "A mouth-watering aroma of freshly baked bread and kolachky has been wafting through the Memorial Hall kitchen of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church for eight nights this month. In the kitchen, skilled volunteer bakers, gleaned from the women of the church, have kneaded enough dough for 200 loaves of bread and pinched together countless pastry squares around savory morsels of walnuts and apricots. These baked goods, along with Ukrainian imports, Christmas decorations and various handcrafted items, will be sold from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday as part of St. John's fourth annual fund-raising Ukrainian Holiday Bazaar."

Eugenia Krawecki, Mary Haluska, Anna Grech and Sophia Smyk are the bakers pictured.



*** November 27, 1978**

From the *Binghamton Press*: "An 85-year old member of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church collapsed, and later died, yesterday while performing his labor of love—playing a tambourine-type instrument at the church's Ukrainian Holiday Bazaar. John Melnyk of 2207 Watson Boulevard, Endicott, died in C.S. Wilson Memorial Hospital's emergency room. 'He died doing what he loved,' one of the people who attended the festival said. 'He just lived to go on stage and perform.' Observers said Melnyk collapsed offstage while playing his 'ryshyto', a tambourine-like instrument in the choir's rhythm section."

John Melnyk was a pioneer worker in our Church. He began with the building of our church in Northampton, Pennsylvania.



Learn to Embroider — 1978: Josephine Baranyk

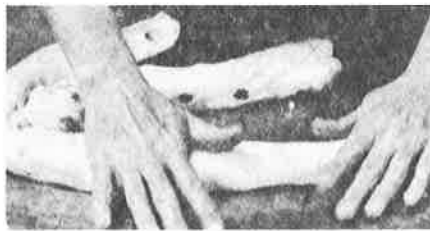
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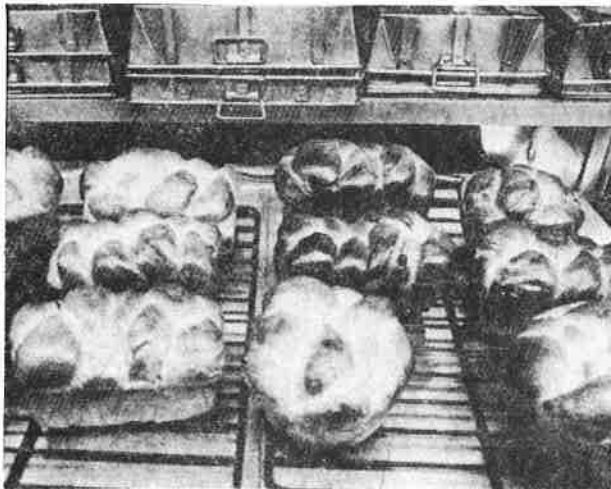
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Eugenia Krawecki, Mary Haluska



Anna Grech, Sophia Smyk



Mary Haluska



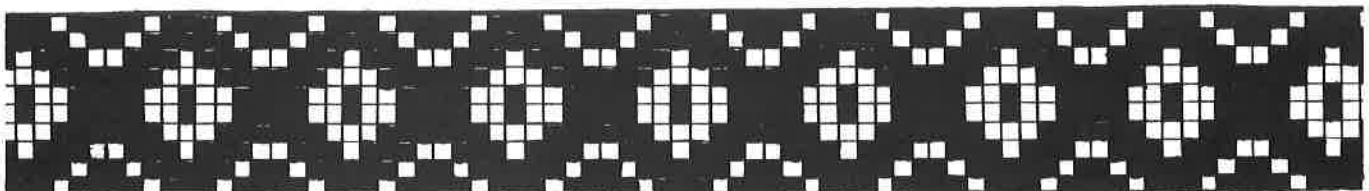
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Memory Eternal — 1978: John Melnyk



It was in 1978 that Ammon and Jean Belleman made a gift of 1,000 copies of our Divine Liturgy service book; it was printed in their Bel-Jean Printing Co. in Washington, D.C. It was in 1974 that Father Lawryk blessed their establishment and asked God's blessing upon it.





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*** March 25, 1979**

There was a Communion Breakfast honoring the following first communicants: Paul Chebiniak, Paul DeClerq, Michele Evansew, Allan Harder, Peter A. Hatala, Julieanne Rucky. (Mary Chebiniak was the teacher.)

April 7, 1979

Marty Maliwacki and Jean Klodowski appeared on *TV Action News* for kids. They talked about the art of decorating Ukrainian Easter eggs.

*** April 26, 1979**
Walls Come Tumbling Down!

From an article in the *Binghamton Press*: "Workmen remove radiators during demolition of the old St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church on Virginia Avenue, Johnson City. The church has stood unused for the last 15 years."

May 2, 1979
Under the Wrecking Ball!

From *Tempo of the Towns*: "The old St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City is no more. The brick and woodframe structure on Virginia Avenue was torn down last week."

May 17, 1979

A busload of people traveled to Syracuse to hear the Bandurist Chorus. John Baranyk took care of arrangements.

May 27, 1979

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Memorial Center. At noon we had lunch, informal program, dancing, fellowship, and a light supper. This was a family get together. Truly enjoyable.

Bless all that have helped in any way in our 25 years of service in the Memorial Center...helping others and helping ourselves. The reward for each worker has been the joy of doing-seeing the proof of our hard labors of love. If you haven't helped as yet, it is not too late to give of yourself in this work of the parish.

July 19-21, 1979

The UOL convention was held in Hammond, Indiana. Julie and Bill Sadowitz were the senior delegates. Tammy Chebiniak, Jean Klodowski, Jodi Klym and Marty Maliwacki were junior delegates.

July 22, 1979

The bus traveled to Glen Spey for the Ukrainian Festival. John Rucky and John Baranyk handled details.

August 5, 1979

The Annual Ukrainian Day was dedicated to our children. In the Declaration of the Rights of the Child one of the points listed is that the child has the right to a name and nationality. We can boast of two heritages: *we are Americans of Ukrainian descent.*

September 2, 1979

We had a chartered bus travel to Ellenville, NY for a day in the Ukrainian Youth Camp (programs, reunions, good fellowship). John Baranyk took care of details.

August 29, 1979

The first rectory was sold to good parishioners Eugene and Audrey Klym.

October 31, 1979

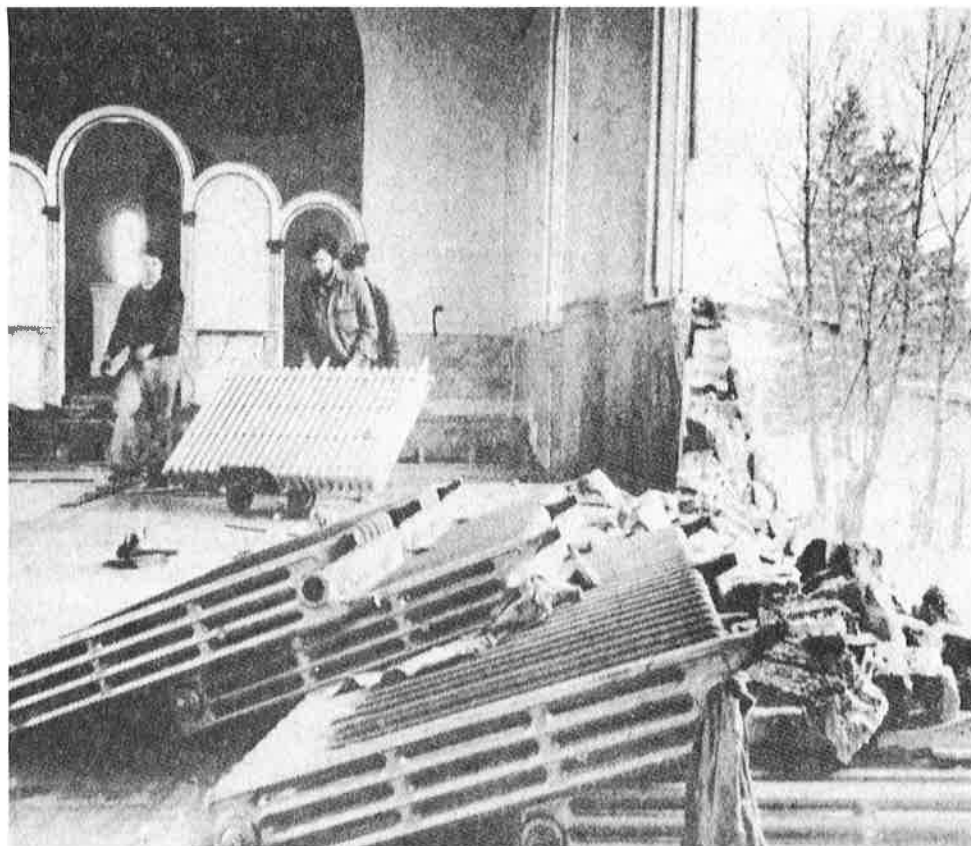
The Sisterhood sponsored a Halloween Party for all the children of the parish. First, spaghetti supper. Then, games and fun. This is a yearly joy. Any excuse is a good one for a happy get together. The costumes are always original and clever.

November 11, 1979

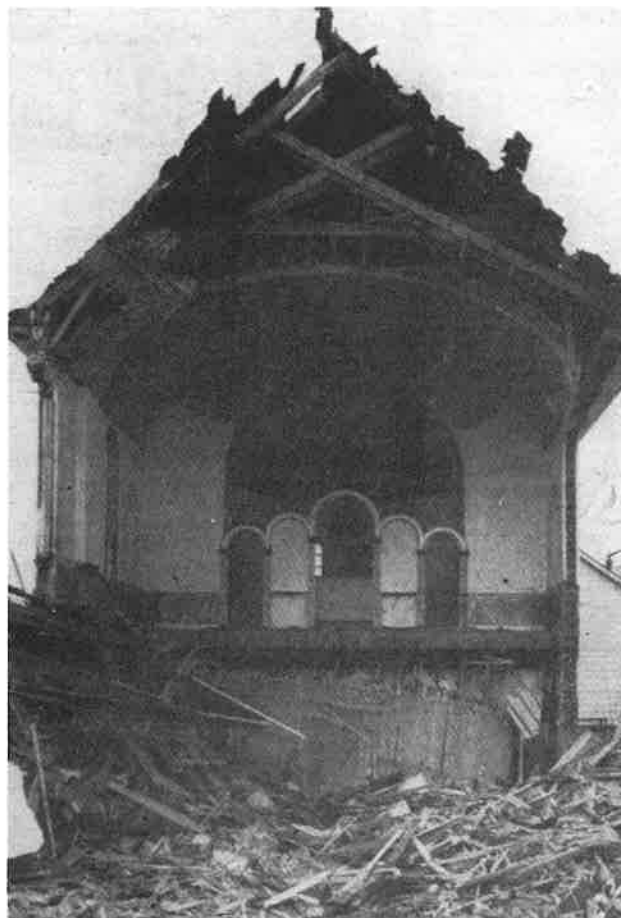
A new roof was put on the Memorial Center plus insulation and coping. The cost: \$31,000. Inflation is really here when you remember that the building cost for the Center, 26 years ago, was somewhere around \$60,000.

*** November 19, 1979**

Sisterhood sponsored the annual Ukrainian Holiday Bazaar. From the *Binghamton Press*: "Rose Klodowski, of 135 Virginia Avenue, Johnson City, packs food where hundreds gathered for a Ukrainian Holiday Bazaar yesterday."



Walls Come Tumbling Down — 1979



Holiday Bazaar — 1979: Rose Klodowski

Thank You!

Thanks to Alfred and Stephanie Gorick (of Gorick Construction Company), parishioners of St. John's, the work was done. Neighbors were on guard for fear that the debris would land on their property. But it did not. With the skill of a surgeon Al took down the old church with dignity and care. Surrounding properties were not damaged. The yawning cavity where the church once stood was filled. Only memories remain.

On our Golden Anniversary, Al and Steffie were honored with these words by President Bill: "The lovely young couple we are going to recognize next will be cherished in the hearts of our parish forever. Their generosity and sincerity towards their church have been a blessing for many years. I'm sure we might have achieved similar end results in some requests that they have responded to, but not

with the same end quality. Recently we called upon them again. Without a blink of an eye, they came to our aid. By now you may have guessed who this couple is. They are none other than our beloved Al and Steffie Gorick. The recent project was removal of the dome and bell from our first church. It never ceases to amaze me, the patience and understanding that Al possesses. The tight area at the church presented quite a challenge. But this in no way concerned Al. I might say, from the perspective of his workers and several sidewalk superintendents total disaster seemed imminent. Yet, in a quiet and confident voice, Al calmed one and all and the job was done. A psychology major could learn much by working with Al. For your outstanding generosity and kindness, St. John's parish would like to bestow this award upon you with all our love for all that you have done. For daughters Patty, Diane, Sally and son Al, we wish good things!

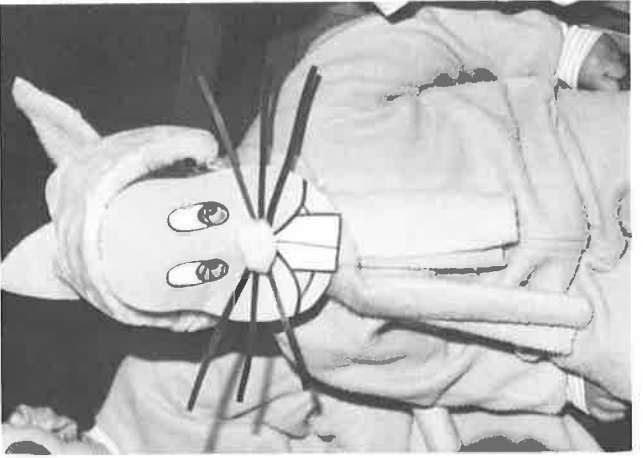


With the Skill of a Surgeon — 1979: Al Gorick





Happy Moments-Halloween Party — 1980: [upper row—left to right] Emily Klish; Harder Boys; Deanna Haluska; Nicole Hatala; [lower row—left to right] Michael Haluska; . . . ; Cynthia Ligouri and Peter Hatala; Nancy Tarcha; Billy Klish.





God Bless Our Secret Workers

The family that has volunteered to keep our church clean (and at the time of this writing is still doing it) . . . GEORGE and JULIE DUDIK and son NICK.

The father and son that took care of the old Memorial Center coping and made a super drainage system in our cemetery . . . JOHN and BOHDAN RUCKY.

The family that accepted an invitation to perform for a teacher's group at the Vestal Public Library this past week . . . the BUCHMAS.

The YOUNG PEOPLE that help in our catering service (this includes all, for there are no oldsters—only the young in heart).

The dependable person that took charge of moving the press and its many things, and then seeing to it that it was put back together in working order . . . BILL SADOWITZ.

The ever-faithful person who makes it "her" task to see that needed things are done, from the biggest task to the smallest, with a happy heart . . . LESIA KLYSH.

The gentlemen gardeners that grow the flavoring needed for Sisterhood cooking . . . CHARLES and JOHN CHUBINSKY.

The husband and wife team that prepares the flavoring pouches for the freezer—and these are used when needed . . . MARY and JOHN HALUSKA.

The TEACHERS of many things that week by week share their talents with all of us.

The energetic gal that did (and does) the holiday season decorating and much more and makes it cheerful for all . . . NANCY TARCHA.

The SUNSHINE SISTERS that visit our shut-ins with loving hearts.

And . . . ALL WHO DO THINGS FOR OTHERS.



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*Church School Teachers Helping Children
with Jesus' Birthday Celebration*



Emily Klish and Mary Chebiniak



Audrey Klym, Sharon Italiano and Children



Miranda Klish and Children



Nancy Tarcha and Children

January 19, 1980

Holy Supper. Official tasters: Anna Grech, Sophia Smyk and Mary Haluska.

January 22, 1980

This day commemorated the 62nd anniversary of the Proclamation of Ukrainian Independence. There were flag raisings and a concert in the evening in our Memorial Center. An address in Ukrainian was given by Ivan Smoliy, Editor of *Narodna Volya*. An address in English was given by Eugene Botman, Editor of the English-language version of *Narodna Volya*. Our choir sang. We had a reception. Our two eye witnesses to this great event Lukas Smyk and Ivan Moroz were honored!



§ First Communicants — 1980

March 16, 1980

There was a Communion Breakfast honoring the following first communicants: Peter J. Dobransky, Michael Haluska, Robert Maliwacki and Aaron Williams.

April 20, 1980

There was an Orthodox Basketball League Dinner. Our varsity boys were winners: Mark & Jeff Hatala, Chris Sadowitz, Gary Ellsworth, Andy & Len Melnychenko. Coach: Doc Hatala.



Carol Petras Wasytko

June 10, 1980

From the *Binghamton Press*: "International luncheon-Ukrainian menu at American Civic Association. The main theme was the different breads of Ukraine. Carol Petras-Wasytko is showing a bread used for greeting guests; a mound of salt is placed in the center of the bread."

June 30, July 1-3, 1980

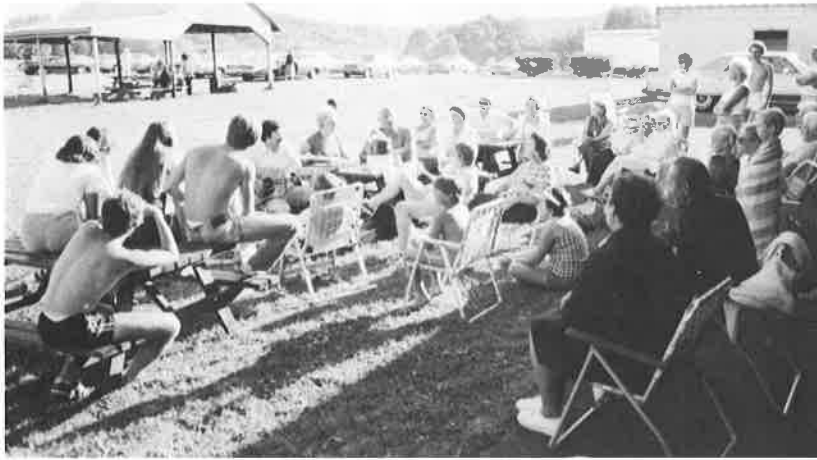
There was an Altar Boy's Conference in Glen Spey. Mark & Jeff Hatala, Rick Dobransky, Jim Kaspryk and Father attended.

July 13, 1980

A Family Picnic at GE Park was sponsored by our local UOL chapters—lots of eating, playing games, swimming and singing with Louis Liguori leading the sweet sounds.



UOL Family Picnic — 1980



Louis Liguori, Sr.



Louis Liguori, Jr.



Anna Grech & Julia Klym



Karen Haluska



Edward Popil, Ivan Oleksyn, John Rucky

**August 4, 1980
Ukrainian Day**

Stephan and Carol Wasylo announced the program, helped set up the displays and took part in the program. Our parishioners that keep in touch, commute from Washington, D.C. and are active members. Program was full of singing and dancing. A memorable day!

August 4, 1980

It was a happy week for UOL campers: Gary Ellsworth, Tom Klym, Mike Kulik, Chuck Sarnoski, Lisa Chebiniak, Pam Chebiniak, Minden Klish and Cheryl Skellett.

September 28, 1980

John and Vera Cibulsky presented a program on the Holy Land. Following the "arm chair tour" lunch was served/hosted by our UOL chapters.

October 4, 1980

The Triple Cities Branches of the Ukrainian Fraternal Association sponsored the 70th Anniversary Banquet in our Memorial Center. Ivan Oleksyn, President of the Association, was the main speaker. Our choir and dancers performed. President Bill Klish was toastmaster. John Rucky was chairman.

November 13, 1980

Father Joseph Zelechivsky was peacefully called to be with His Lord at the age of 90 in Manville, R.I. Father Joseph served our parish from 1941 to 1944. The funeral was in St. John's on November 17. Fathers Bohdan Zelechivsky, Nestor Koval and Franko Lawryk celebrated the Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of Father Joseph. Memory Eternal!

December 21, 1980

Communion Breakfast. A Walt Disney educational film called "A Christmas Tree" was presented. It was all about Ukrainian Christmas customs. A program by the children was presented and there was a visit from St. Nicholas. Joy...joy...joy. Teachers Melanie Klish, Sharon Italiano, Mary Chebiniak, Nancy Tarcha, Miranda Klish and Audrey Klym.



Ivan Oleksyn, William Klish



Choir — Father Lawryk, Director



Stephan Wasylo, announcer



Pamela and Mark Hatala



Carol Wasylo, announcer



Ukrainian Day — 1980

§ More Ukrainian Day — 1980





*Waiting their turn: Holly Kalada, Renata Lewkowicz,
Kevin Dobransky, Colleen Rucky, Kelly Kinney,
Danny Richardson. In back: Peter A. Hatala,
John J. Buchma, Steven Dobransky.*



Kevin Dobransky & Billy Klish



John J. Buchma



Mark & Jeff Hatala "Woodcutters"

More Ukrainian Day — 1980





St. Nicholas (Mark Hatala), Billy Klish & Father Lawryk



*Colleen Rucky, Deanna Haluska,
Heather Ligori, Billy Klish, Emily Klish*



Christmas Programs





Robert Maliwacki, Danny Richardson



Julianne Rucky, Deanna Haluska



*Michael Haluska, Aaron Williams,
Emily Klish, Beth Klym*



Christmas Programs



1981

WE HAVE CHOSEN THE YEAR OF 1981 AS A SAMPLE YEAR OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH

Listed for the previous years were the more unusual happenings—recorded in newspaper articles for the most part. This is important for future historians to have a source where they can search out what St. John's Parish was really like.

For the year 1981, we have recorded all of the happenings and more: our traditions, our faith in action, our aspirations. Hopefully, a good insight into our parish life...its spirit.

The Sunday and Holy Day Divine Liturgies, daily Liturgies, the annual affairs, programs, and yearly happenings—all could have been listed for each and every year since St. John's birth, with few changes. In comparing the early beginnings to today, the biggest difference has been in the way we work together. In the early years plays were presented with a regular schedule. Today we have a catering service to help us with our finances. Plays are a small part of our program—due to home entertainment centers for the most part. Picnics are not as popular as they once were—due to our better means of transportation. We are a mobile people,

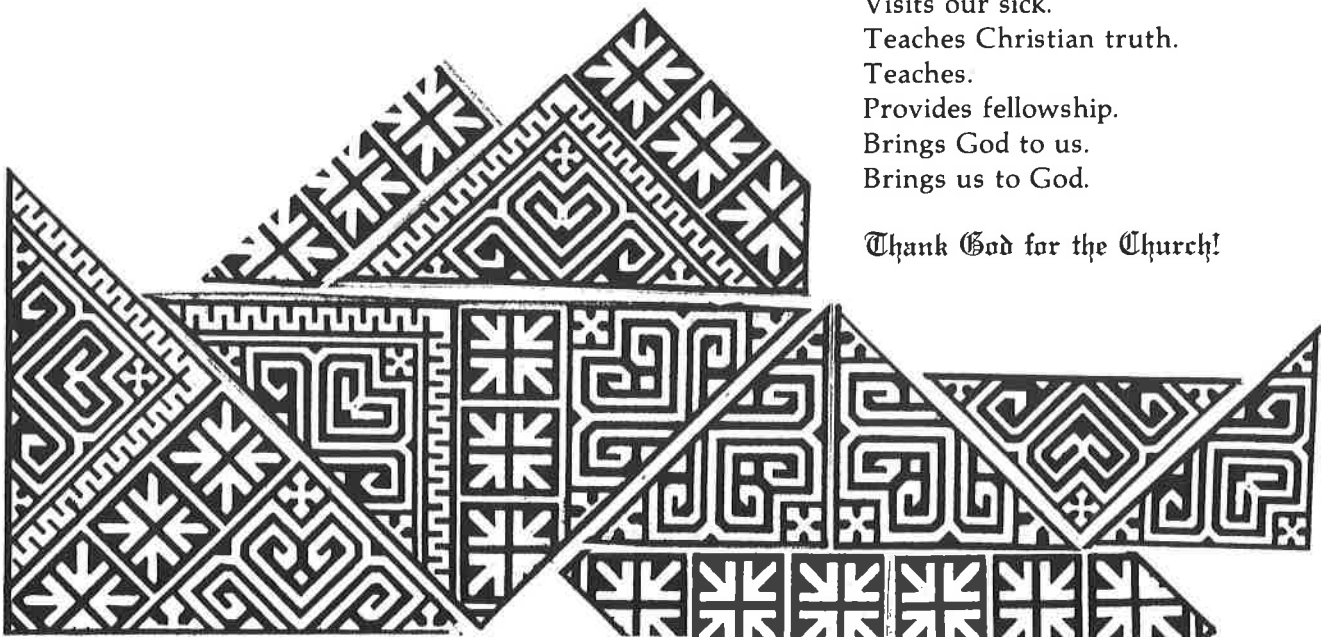
and because of it, more interested in the people and world around us and the summer months are ideal for this education. There are a few changes in the things that we sponsor—because of trends and interests. Fashion shows were once a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Today, with a slow economy, merchants are not interested in presenting their new lines in clothing and accessories. Flea & Craft Fairs have taken over. There is a great interest in making things today. A healthy sign. In our parish program we have weekly classes in embroidery and crafts. In season, classes in making Easter eggs, encouraging the children from 4 years and older to take an interest in this old Ukrainian art.

Putting it very simply:

Our Church

Baptizes our children.
Chrismates them.
Hears our confession.
Gives us Holy Communion.
Solemnizes our marriage.
Buries our dead.
Visits our sick.
Teaches Christian truth.
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Provides fellowship.
Brings God to us.
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Thank God for the Church!



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January 5, 1981

From an article by Sue Carroll in the *Binghamton Press* entitled "Holiday Tour": "Broome's domed churches offer a look at their Christmas season. Listed with other churches of the area was the following: St. John's Ukrainian Church. If you drive down Route 17 or Harry L. Drive in Johnson City, you can't miss the massive gold art on the entrance of St. John's, St. John's Parkway. But that art pales next to the sight that greets you as you walk into the church. Members of the Landmark Society of Broome County of the Tuesday afternoon tour emitted a breathless 'Ah' as they entered the church and saw what faced them. At the end of the aisle lighted by three crystal chandeliers is an icon wall—a white-columned screen filled with gold branches and leaves and silver grape clusters. The wall's purpose is to hold the paintings (icons) of Biblical characters. This is

all set in front of a robin's egg-colored wall. Behind the wall lies the altar. The gates are opened at the beginning of the Liturgy."

January 6-7, 1981

We celebrated Christ's birth as we do each year. Beautiful services—carollers went from house to house singing of His Birth. Some of the people that asked the carollers to visit their homes invited their friends and neighbors in to share our Ukrainian custom of announcing Christ's birth. The carollers represent all age groups. Truly a season of joy!

January 10, 1981

Our Social Club sponsored its annual Malanka. Supper was served and then dancing and good fellowship. This affair has been growing yearly and now has reached its maximum capacity for our Memorial Center which is 400.





THINGS YOU CAN DO for your CHURCH



Volunteer your time and talents to your parish council.
Visit a shut in. Give a helping hand...put your faith into action.
Share your parish bulletin.
Encourage the members of your family to attend the Divine Liturgy regularly.
Support the many activities of parish organizations; a little from many makes any affair a success.
Come to daily services.
Serve at God's Altar.
Sing in the church choir.
Bring a friend to church; greet; entertain visitors.
Volunteer to be a Church School Teacher; Substitute.
Give tours of the church.
Give over-night lodging to travelers.
Pray for other's needs.
Visit hospitals, nursing homes—cheerfully, gladly.
Do housekeeping chores in the church, Memorial Center, Social Club, Cemetery, Rectory.
Give yourself in parish need of plumbing, carpentry, painting, snow removal, electrical work, etc.
Take time to talk with someone and really listen.
Make the necessary phone calls for parish needs.
Set up for dinners; polish, perfect the settings; take care of reservations and seating.
Come to prepare—cook—the many affairs that we commit ourselves to during the year. (Can you think of a more dignified or better way to earn a good reputation, help others and in doing so benefit financially to do more good things?)
Keep books—pay bills.
Bake when asked to.
Chair the many affairs.
Mail out information (time and time again).
Rehearse—perform.
Give talks about our cultural and religious heritage.

Be active in cultural and sports programs.
Serve at coffee hours; visit; clean-up.
Audit the books.
Paint posters, make the many signs—type and retype all necessary things.
Write letters—phone—keep in touch.
Smile.
Say nice things to those that are doing; to those that aren't, encourage.
Add your recipes to Cook Book Vol. 2.
Share your treasured recipes.
See what has to be done—and do it.
Take pictures for parish history.
Say "I will try" instead of "No".

*To you that do the above,
God Bless You!
To you that don't—try,
You will be glad that you did!*

To the Presidents of our Parish Council, Sisterhood, Social Club, UOL Chapters;
To the Executive Board Members of each of these organizations; those that serve on Committees; those that come to meetings—members; those that take an active part in sports programs—coach—referee—provide transportation—encouragement, treat;
To the teachers that teach embroidery—folk dancing—singing—art of Easter Egg decorating—arts and crafts—cooking, baking;
To those that take care of our Ukrainian Gift Shop—shop, order, display, sell—take care of books...

God Bless You. Thank You.

To those that stay to the end of each affair...

Bless You!

January 18, 1981

Our annual Eve of Epiphany Holy Supper was prepared under the watchful guidance of mother-cook Anna Grech. We continue a tradition that has been preserved for us by many generations before us. The first Holy Supper is on the Eve of Christ's Birth and is attended by each family at home. On the second Holy Supper the parish partakes of the blessed food as one family (which it truly is) in the Center.

Delicious 12 course supper in memory of the 12 Apostles; with the traditional meatless dishes. The women also bake the bread for the supper, under the watchful eye of Kay Gelinger who has been chairman of the baking ladies for a number of years. Her energetic, enthusiastic team of bakers are: Mary J. Haluska, Genevieve Sadowitz, Marie Pufky, Anna Dobransky, Sophia Pufky, Anna Tymczynna, Julia Malewiacki, Nancy Tarcha and blessed memory Mary Ponas.



Anna Grech

January 23, 1981

From an article in the *Sun Bulletin* titled "Lest They Forget": "On January 22, 1918 Ukrainians declared their independence from all foreign aggressors with the establishment of the Ukrainian National Republic. In commemoration of that event, local residents of Ukrainian descent yesterday took part in flag-raising ceremonies in downtown Binghamton followed by a press conference that featured the playing of Ukrainian songs. In a statement on this year's observance, a spokesman for the local Ukrainian community said the commemoration of Ukrainian independence is a reminder to the rest of the world that a country whose entire history manifests its people's intense desire for freedom now suffers political and cultural repression. There was a concert in the evening in Sacred Heart Ukrainian Hall; our choir took part.

Kay Gelinger





Singing the national Ukrainian anthem are, among others, Josephine Baranyk, Anna Lewkowicz, Emelia & Nikolaj Lewkowicz, Walter Melnychenko and Stephanie Moroz.



Ulana Klufas plays the bandura at press concert.



Binghamton Major Libous raises the Ukrainian flag yesterday morning.



January 25, 1981

Annual parish meeting was held with lunch served to all families. At this meeting President Bill relinquished his post which he held for 16 years due to a heavier work load and a growing family. Time to share and enjoy these fleeting years! Nicholas A. Tarcha was elected president.



Bill...

what words of grateful thanks can adequately express our feeling for your 16 years of leadership as president of our parish?

With a soft word, a kind approach and true leadership, you have brought out the very best in all of us. These past 16 years have flown by quickly. We have been busy taking care of the needs of the parish. May these years be remembered by you as a part of life's exciting adventure—God given to you by your acceptance of His talents—taking on many responsibilities and challenges in His vineyard and doing your best in all of them.

You have been a leader by leading and not by dominating.

You have endured misunderstandings instead of seeking glory.

You have shown initiative when most were apathetic.

You plunged ahead when it would have been so easy to drift with the tide.

You took a courageous stand when others succumbed to expediency.

You blended gentleness with firmness.

You encouraged rather than discouraged.

You laughed at your own shortcomings and were cheerfully patient with those of others.

You found the good in every person or situation and built on that instead of complaining.

You recognized the parish needs and directed plans through to completion.

As a parish, with your leadership, we have accomplished many good things.

Christ speaks of you when He says: "He that shall be first among you, shall be your servant. Even as the Son of Man is not come to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life for many." (Matt: 20: 27-28).

Thank you Bill.

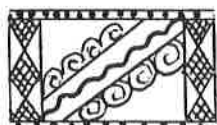
God continue to bless you and your family with good health, love of life, and enthusiasm to do His will is our prayer.

—Grateful Pastor and Parish Family

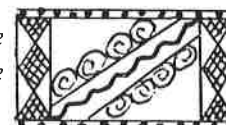




Ukrainian Art & Culture — Director Anne Petras



The official invitation to the festival was the "Girls from the Poltava Region Embroidering". From the Archives of the Ukrainian Museum, New York City.



February 1, 1981

Sisterhood annual meeting was held with lunch served to families. Vera Cibulsky and Helen Charnetsky were chief cooks.

One of the new ideas put forth by the Sisterhood was the operation of a Ukrainian Gift Shop. This was originally the idea and labor of love of president Anne Petras; she made contact with many Ukrainian manufacturers and from an idea was the birth of a place that unusual gifts may be purchased.

Sophia Pufky is assistant to Anne. Sisterhood has many projects during the year...this is one of many.

February 14, 1981

Hutzul Ukrainian Evening—Cheremash, a dancing and singing group from Philadelphia, performed. "Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors", a film shot in a Hutzul village and recipient of many awards, was shown.

February 1 through March 15, 1981

The Roberson Center for the Arts and Sciences sponsored "Our Shining Heritage: Textile Art of the Slavs and their Neighbors".

Ukrainian Festival was on the weekend of 14 and 15.

On Sunday our dancers and choir performed. Craft demonstrations of Pysanka (egg decorating), embroidery, Ukrainian arts and food was our contribution to the festival.

There was a great deal of publicity about this event.

Under the heading of "Tradition is Theme at Ukrainian Festival" by Barbara Machalek, *Binghamton Press* was a picture of Jeff Hatala, Romko Lewkowicz and John Maliwacki, Jr.

And another picture of John J. Buchma in the *Binghamton Press* performing the Sword Dance.

A picture of Josephine Baranyk was also included in the Festival publicity—showing her teaching the art of embroidery.

Chairpersons: Anne Petras, Sophia Pufky, Phyllis Hatala, Father and Pani, and Nancy Tarcha.



Jeff Hatala, Romko Lewkowicz — 1981



John J. Buchma — 1981



Walter Kanazawich



Easter Paska



Kolachky — Miranda Klish,
Phyllis Hatala — 1981



§ JV Champs — 1981

§ Varsity Team — 1981



February 21, 1981

St. John's Ukrainian Social Club held its annual Membership Dance. This affair represents an expression of thanks and appreciation for members continuous support.

March 1, 1981

Thanks to all who attended the bowling and pizza party. It was a lot of fun for all. Special thanks to Mrs. Peter Hatala for her wonderful hospitality and to the drivers for their good hearts in seeing to our needs.
—Jr. UOL Chapter

**March 9, 1981
GREAT LENT BEGAN**

Our parish is a family, experiencing God as the Father, the Church as our Mother, and the members as brothers and sisters who share all the joys and love of siblings as well as their jealousies and rivalries. It is a fountain of refreshment which gives peace to the troubled and comfort to those who grieve. We, as members of this family, have much to do in order that our family increases and remains faithful, making our journey one of love and spiritual growth.

*Mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust.
Write a letter of love.
Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage the young.
Show your loyalty in word and deed.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forego a grudge.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.
Apologize if you were wrong.
Try to understand.
Examine your demands on others.
Think first of someone else.
Appreciate.
Be kind; be gentle.
Laugh a little.
Express your gratitude.
Go to church; participate.
Welcome a stranger.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Speak your love.
Read the New Testament 15 minutes a day.
Come to Confession and Communion.*

March 15, 1981

Sisterhood sponsored a Flea and Craft Fair. This has been a very popular showcase for people in the community to display their arts and crafts. A very well-attended affair. Margaret Klish has been chairman of this affair since the first one which was held in 1976. Sue Dilliard, Anne Petras and Sophia Pufky were her chairpersons.

March 29, 1981

Communion Breakfast. Over 200 faithful attended this annual repast. Chairpersons: Jane Ellsworth and Rose Klodowski. Sweet Angels receiving Holy Communion for the first time: Karen Haluska, Tina Kalada, Beth Klym, Renata Lewkowicz. "The Way of the Cross" was shown. Inspirational film.

April 11, 1981

Easter Bake Sale—Two months of preparation for fewer than 2 hours of sale. Months of working joyfully together. Kay Gelinger. Co-chairpersons for this annual event: Phyllis Hatala, Marion Kasprzyk, this annual event: Phyllis Hatala, Marion Kasprzyk, Nancy Tarcha, Anne Petras and Sophia Pufky.

April 12, 1981

Orthodox League Basketball banquet was held. Walter Kanazawich was our Board representative. Our JV Team was honored. They won the championship. President Nick had these words to say about the team: "You made me very proud to be your coach. All through the year I asked that you be good sportsmen and good Christians. You certainly were! You are a tribute to your parents and I am sure that they are proud of you, too. I think that it is important to note that every young man on the team is an altar boy. Father Lawryk has a good team.

Congratulations Champs: Mike Kulik, John Kasprzyk, Walter Melnychenko, Taras Moroz, Nick Tarcha, John Breckner, John Buchma, James Kasprzyk and Steve Dobransky."

—Coach-President Nick Tarcha
—Assistant Coach Chuck Ellsworth, Sr.

Varsity Team: Jeff Hatala, Andy and Len Melnychenko, Gary Ellsworth.

—Coach Dr. Peter Hatala
Assistant Coach Chuck Ellsworth, Sr.

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*Easter Basket Blessed —
Colleen Rucky, Julieanne Rucky,
Father Lawryk — 1981*



§ Girls Basketball Team — 1981



§ Altar Attendants — 1981



continued...

Girls Team: Kim and Lisa Chebiniak, Bonnie, Cathy and Karrie Buchma, Pam Chebiniak, Cheryl Skellett, Minden, Melissa and Melinda Klish, Nancy L. Tarcha.

—Coach Nancy Tarcha

Additional altar attendants: Nathan Bogdan, Eric Dobransky, Peter A. Hatala, and John J. Buchma with Father Lawryk.

April 20, 1981

Passion Week—The suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Thursday—The reading of the 12 Gospels describing in detail the *Passion of Christ*.

Great-Good Friday—Is the most sorrowful day in the year. We relive the agony of the crucifixion. We go through a funeral service involving the burial of Christ. There is a procession. He is placed in the tomb, and we come to weep at it. The faithful are not observers of the Passion of Christ—we are participants.

Holy Saturday—Is dedicated to Christ's entombment and His descent into Hell to save the souls of the just and to open for them the gates of Heaven.

★ *Easter Baskets*—During the day Easter baskets are blessed. These baskets are a humble offering to Christ and have in them the essentials of the Easter meal: Paska (Easter Bread) symbol of Christ Himself who is our true Bread; decorated eggs, which we call "pysanky"—these are indicative of new life and resurrection; ham (or lamb) precooked so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast; sausage of pork meat, symbolic of the joy and abundance of Easter; cheese shaped into a ball having decorations made of cloves or perriwinkle (barvinok). On the cheese is placed a small lamb or cross made of butter...to remind us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things; a mixture of horseradish and beets to remember the bitter drink offered by the soldiers to Christ when He hung on the Cross. These foods are placed in a basket and covered with an embroidered cloth and brought to church to be blessed. Julieanne and Colleen Rucky are having their baskets blessed.

The Resurrection of Christ—Is the GREATEST OF ALL CHRISTIAN FEASTS and it is only natural that the eating of special foods for a special day be a part of the happy celebration.

8 P.M. *Easter Matins*—We imitate the myrrh-bearing women as they run to anoint the Body of Christ. A joyous service.



April 26, 1981

GLORIOUS RESSURRECTION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST — VELYKDEN. It is the foundation of our Faith.

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION — PASCHA — THE PASSOVER FROM DEATH INTO LIFE. CHRIST IS RISEN!

Our services are filled with songs of the Resurrection of Christ, led by the choir: Lesia Klysh, Olga and Natalie Kulik, Julie Sadowitz, Mary Mihalko, Marty Maliwacki, Miranda, Minden, Melissa and Melinda Klish, Pam Chebiniak, Pam Bogdan, Lisa Chebiniak, Bonnie, Cathy & Karrie Buchma, Nancy Tarcha, Linda Ellsworth, Kay Geling, Helen Davenport, Helen Kaspyrk, Raisa Schuter, Mildren Bogdan, Anne Petras, Julie Dudik, Kristi Dobransky, Nancy L. Tarcha, Kristi Hatala, Kelly Breckner, Julieanne Rucky, Charles Sarnoski, Sr. and Jr., John Maliwacki, Sr. and Jr., John Buchma, Bill Klish, John Lewkowicz, Jr., Michael Kulik, Dr. Peter Hatala, Walter Melnychenko, Walter Malowicky, John Haluska, John Cibulsky, Nick Tarcha, William Sadowitz and when home: Mark Hatala, John Tylko, Carole Tylko, Jean Belleman, Carol Wasylo, Marianne Lawryk, Pam Hatala, Jean Klodowski and Tammy Chebiniak.



*Cathy Buchma —
Mother's Day Program*

Lu Ann Taylor, Mary Chubinsky with Granddaughter, Kay Wiser



*Mother's Day
Ann Dobransky, Anna Tymczynna, Julia Malewiacki*

Bonnie Buchma is the lucky girl

EASTER MONDAY: The Royal Ukrainian Fire Department kept the tradition alive of "sprinkling" all girls and women: Gary Ellsworth, Mike Kulik, Eric Dobransky, Nick Tarcha are shown.

★ May 10, 1981

Mother's Day. We prayed for our living mothers and those that have fallen asleep in the Lord. We honored our mothers with a program and special coffee hour as we do each year. There were gifts from the Junior and Senior UOL. Choir sang. Children and young people read words of love and tribute. It was a happy beginning to Mother's Day.

May 24, 1981

Memorial Day services, first in church then at the cemetery. This is the weekend we remember all who gave their lives so that we can enjoy. All our dear family members and all who have enriched our lives and are now resting with the Risen Christ! Memory Eternal!

May 27-30, 1981

Church Sobor held in South Bound Brook, NJ. Our delegates were: Nicholas Tarcha and Bill Sadowitz. Alternates: John Baranyk and Julie Sadowitz. The sessions were held in the newly built Cultural Center.

June 14, 1981

Paul Chebiniak, Jr. won the 1981 Essay Contest sponsored by the Education Commission of the Ukrainian Orthodox League. His essay was on "The Special Gift God Has Given Me!". A \$50 Savings Bond was his prize.

June 21, 1981

Father's Day. We prayed for living Dads and for those that have fallen asleep in the Lord. There were gifts from the Senior and Junior UOL Chapters; special coffee hour. We also honored high school graduates on this morning.

July 15 - 19, 1981

UOL Convention in Carteret, NJ. We had 15 representatives from our Chapters. We had some winners: Junior Chapter won the Junior UOL Achievement Award for 1980-81. Gary Ellsworth—Pysanka Contest winner; Minden Klish—Embroidery Contest winner.

★ August 2, 1981

Annual Ukrainian Day. Energetic Chairman: Nick Tarcha, president. Program presented by choir and dancers. Food, baked goods prepared by our Sisterhood; arts and crafts—everything Ukrainian. One of the nicest aspects of our Ukrainian Day has always been the greetings of parish family and friends that come from all over to be with us on this day.



Was Our
UKRAINIAN DAY
A Success?

*If you came to dancing rehearsals all year long—
and did your best;
If you came to choir rehearsals all year long—
and sang your heart out;
If you embroidered all year long—
so that our culture would be rich and alive;
If you saw to it that as much of our culture and arts
would be evident on our Ukrainian Day;
If you baked for months—
preparing with tender, loving care;
If you baked;
If you cooked—and cooked—
and cooked;
Prepared—prepared—prepared;
If you invited—hosted—and made all that visited
on this big day happy and memorable and glad
that they came to join us;
If you set-up, cleaned up;
If you smilingly waited on the many customers;
If you prayed and worked for success;
If you painted signs;
If you made a donation to share in this day;
If you enjoyed the meeting and the greeting;
If you "had a ball" enjoying the good music;
If you look forward to next year's
Ukrainian Day;
The Day Was A Success.*





President Nicholas Tarcha — "Nick"



Louis Liguori leading in singing of Christmas Carols



Walter Melnychenko entertains



"Uncle Bill" Sadowitz and Bob Dobransky at the grill

August 23 - 26, 1981

Altar boy's conference held in Glen Spey, NY. Ukrainian Fraternal Association's Verhovyna. An experience long to be remembered by Jeff Hatala, Nick Tarcha, John Breckner, Paul and Brian Kocak, Johnny J. Buchma and Father. One of the rules of every year's conference is—if the boys attend—the pastor must too. This can be a trying four days. It was pure joy for your pastor.

September 9, 1981

Annual Rummage Sale as sponsored by our Sisterhood. In helping others we help ourselves. Steffie Stasko and Nancy Tarcha were the energetic co-chairmen.

*** September 13, 1981**

Annual Social Club Barbecue was held. Cooking the delicious chicken were President Bob Dobransky and past Director Bill Sadowitz. This is a very popular affair.

October 15 & 16, 1981

Deanery priests met in our parish for their meeting. Nine priests and 5 Pani Matkas attended. All parishioners that bought tickets to support the All Saints UOL Camp were hosted to a delicious supper. Each guest priest sat with 20 "newly-made friends". We sang. It was special.

October 24, 1981

St. John's Social Club sponsored a Harvest Dance. An opportunity for happy fellowship.

October 28, 1981

Children and the "young at heart" enjoyed the annual Halloween Party, as sponsored by our Sisterhood.

November 15, 1981

Annual Ukrainian Holiday Bazaar. A year of making and amassing the arts and crafts—months of baking—days of cooking—preparing—doing—and in a few short hours—our happy customers cleaned the shelves of everything. Because so many worked—donated—it was successful in every way.

December 6, 1981

Sisterhood sponsored a Flea and Craft Market. Very well attended.

*** December 20, 1981**

Communion Breakfast and a program about Christ's Birth with a visit from St. Nicholas with gifts for all the children. Louis Liguori led us in singing the carols.

December 31, 1981

Our annual New Year's Eve Party co-sponsored by the Memorial Center and Social Club was held. This has been a tradition ever since the opening of our Center.

With these special happenings—church school was held weekly, as well as Ukrainian school, folk dancing rehearsals; embroidery and craft classes; choir rehearsals; sports program; Easter egg classes; dancers performed for others in the community; talks were given about our Ukrainian culture; we were blessed with marriages; christenings; and happy affairs with them; we doubled their joys. We visited the sick and the shut-ins. We were saddened with the falling asleep of dear members; we shared the sorrows. We had meetings—planned for the future. We enjoyed Sunday fellowship hour. While the young people were in church school, the others stayed and talked—kept in touch—special thanks to the church school teachers that volunteer this most important service: *teaching of our young*. And with all of this we managed to cater over 50 affairs during the year. A letter received from a local church tells it quite well: "What a lovely evening we spent with you on Tuesday night. Your hospitality was most appreciated, your dinner was excellent and your dancers, outstanding. It was truly the nicest Mother and Daughter banquet we have ever had and you and your people made it that way for us. Out thanks goes out to the ladies who prepared and served our dinner, and to each and everyone of the dancers for their time and sharing their talents with us. I'm sure you are, and rightfully so, very proud of your organization at St. John's. You and the people of your Church are a blessing to our community. Thank you all, once again."



§ Parish Council — 1982



§ Sisterhood Executive Board — 1982

1981 PROJECTS COMPLETED

Memorial Center Storage Area Completed:

J.D. Mihalko
John Kasprzyk
Terry Haluska
Bill Sadowitz
John Mihalko
Nick Tarcha
Peter Tymczynyna
Gene Klym
John Buchma
John Lewkowicz

Memorial Center Painting:

John Cibulsky
John Pufky
Walter Malowicky
Michael Charnetsky

Memorial Center Storm Windows:

A gift of our Sisterhood
\$3,000

Church's Limestone Was Cleaned
And Sandblasted And Then A Protective Coat
Was Applied To Keep It Looking Beautiful:

Cost: \$10,000
(Sisterhood made a gift of \$5,000 for this work)



1982

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Nicholas Tarcha, President
John Lewkowicz, Jr., 1st Vice President
William Sadowitz, 2nd Vice President
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Secretary
Steffie Stasko, Assistant Secretary
Albert Gooley, Financial Secretary
Walter Kanazawich, Assistant Financial
Secretary
H. Thomas Charnetsky, Treasurer
Ray Newcott, Assistant Treasurer
Julie Sadowitz, Memorial Center
Treasurer
John Buchma, Memorial Center
Financial Secretary

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Dr. Joseph Zapach 1984
Eugene Klym 1983
Dr. Peter Hatala 1983
William Klish 1985
Walter Melnychenko 1985

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Gary Williams
Charles Sarnoski

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Mary Ann Klish, Vice President
Linda Zapach, Executive Secretary
Nancy Tarcha, Recording Secretary
Jane Ellsworth, Treasurer

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Rose Klodowski
Marion Kasprzyk

Advisory Board:

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Eugenia Krawecki 1985
Catherine Dobransky 1983
Sally Shirk 1985
Helen Rucky 1985
Margaret Klish 1984
Edith Chebiniak 1983
Marie Pufky 1983
Vera Cibulsky 1984
Helen Charnetsky 1984
Minden Klish, Jr. 1984
Genevieve Sadowitz 1984
Mary Haluska 1983
Anne Petras, Ex-Officio



§ St. John's Social Club Officers — 1982



St. John's Basketball Team: Taras Moroz, Eric Dobransky, Jim Kaspyrk, Steven Dobransky, Peter A. Hatala, John J. Buchma, John Breckner. Coaches: Dr. Peter Hatala, John Maliwacki, Jr.



§ Senior Chapter UOL Officers for 1981 - 1982

§ Junior Chapter UOL Officers for 1981 - 1982



*Insert of Lisa (President).
She was absent when picture was taken.*

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January 18, 1982

Social Club Officers:

William Klish, President
John Lewkowicz, Vice President
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Secretary
Andrew Baranyak, Treasurer

Directors:

Walter Kanazawich 1985
Walter Melynchenko 1983
Maria Haluska 1985
H. Thomas Charnetsky 1983
George Pryhoda 1985
Evelyn Kanazawich 1984

Teachers:

Miranda Klish
Mary Chebiniak
Olga Gooley
Josephine Baranyak
Melanie Klish
Sharon Italiano
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Holy Supper. In the words of President Nick: "To make it a blessed evening—come to the Great Compline Service which begins at 5:00 p.m. with the Blessing of Water. Following the service, we will have the opportunity to share in the Holy Supper. There are no masters and there are no servants. This is a family event—we all share and enjoy it."

January 22, 1982

Our annual Ukrainian Day commemoration and flag raising have grown from a simple flag raising ceremony to a cultural event offering a unique opportunity to inform our neighbors about Ukraine. Whether justly, or not, the strength and cohesiveness of our Ukrainian community here is judged, in part, by such public events. With new administrations in Johnson City and Binghamton, we urge all to take time off from work or school and come to City Hall in Binghamton. Come meet the new mayor and enjoy the program prepared for this event.

In the evening the concert was held in our Memorial Center. Our choir took part. Refreshments were served.

January 23, 1982

First big snowfall fell. To the ladies that braved the bad conditions and came to prepare the evening's dinner—and the men—God bless each and everyone of you. Our catering service is a commitment; our guests depend on our service. We must make every effort to do our best; excuses are not valid. Thanks to those that understand and come. In 28 years of service we have not failed; thank God for His blessings on us!

February 16, 1982

Began baking Easter breads for the sale on April 3. Goal: 500 Paskas decorated in the traditional way with a cross, flowers, birds, braids, etc. We reached the goal. With the Paska baking—baked over 300 nut, poppyseed and lekvar rolls; also 900 dozen kolachky and other mouth-watering goodies. Two months of dedicated efforts. Mmmmm...

ST. MARY'S SISTERHOOD
of
St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church

ONE ST. JOHN'S PARKWAY, JOHNSON CITY, N.Y. 13790
(Organized 1926)



Language

1982
Our Heritage



Arts

"THAT WHICH IS INHERITED.... Possessions,
Characteristics, Cultural Traditions,
HANDED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION"

"GAIN KNOWLEDGE, BROTHERS! THINK AND READ,
AND TO YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GIFTS PAY HEED, —
YET DO NOT THUS NEGLECT YOUR OWN;"

Taras Shevchenko



Foods



Embroidery



Faith



Folk Dancing



Pysanky

Jim



Folk Songs

EASTER SALE 1982

DONATIONS FROM:

John and Vera Cibulsky (Blintzes)
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Mary Ford
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Marianne Kocak
Della Hryn
Marianne Lawryk
Julia Bycz

The Easter Sale was a successful affair. Thank you to all who baked, donated, displayed the Ukrainian art, demonstrated the art of Easter egg writing, and helped in any way to make our sale run so smoothly.

A special thank you to the "early morning crew" who so lovingly and faithfully worked over two months baking to allow the public to buy such beautiful paskas, babkas, rolls and kolachky. Thank you for the hundreds of dozens of holubtsi. Special thanks to the man-power: your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the blintzes: the beet-horseradish relish: the extra baking of cheese cakes, angel food cakes, Mary's dundeeds, Lekvar-nut cakes, cookies and everything.

Thank you for setting-up, getting everything ready: decorating: calling on the phone: arranging all schedules: and for the clean-up.

Thank you for bringing everything together: the young people and their Dads... they had to run up and down the stairs many, many times.

If you prayed that our day would be successful and added your energies to make it so—
BLESS YOU.

If our customers enjoy the fruit of our labors—look forward to our next event—then our Easter Sale was truly successful and WE THANK GOD FOR HIS GUIDANCE.

—The Sisterhood Executive Board



§ Easter Sale
1982



February 20, 1982

Held Annual Social Club Membership Dance.

*** March 4, 1982**

Nicholas Farynyk, 94, faithful parish member died. He was known for the sale of almost \$3 million in war bonds during World War II. He received several citations from the government and was commissioned as a Lieutenant General of the Blue Star Brigade for outstanding patriotic service in the sale of bonds. Memory Eternal!

March 14, 1982

Craft and Flea Market held. Fantastic crowds.

*** March 28, 1982**

Communion breakfast. First communicants: Roman Lewkowicz, Colleen Rucky, Carman Tedino. Teacher: Sharon Italiano. Over 200 communicants attended.



April 3, 1982

Easter Bake Sale from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. In two hours what took months to bake was gone. Happy adventure! The *Evening Press* took a picture of John Breckner working on an Easter egg. And on April 13 there was a recipe for a Babka published under the title of "Set Your Table for Easter".



April 11, 1982

Binghamton Press
Susquehanna section

On the cover is an icon at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Johnson City. It serves to introduce the art splendor of local Eastern Christian churches. The story "Beneath the Golden Domes" was written by S. Eurich.

1982 PROJECTS - RECTORY

Rectory Basement:

Chuck Sarnoski	Eugene Klym
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John Pufky	Walter Kanazawich
Bill Sadowitz	Peter Kanazawich
Cyp Klish	Bob Rucky
Steve Malewiacki	

Finishing Touches:

Walter and Peter Kanazawich

Lighting:

Bill Klish

Carpet Installation:

Bob Rucky

1982 Church Painted Inside





Christmas Holy Supper

Blessed Memory Nicholas Farynyk



Easter Bake Sale



*First Communicants: Carmen Baranyk,
Colleen Rucky, Roman Lewkowicz
with teacher Sharon Italiano.*

Metropolitan Mstyslav Consecrated Forty Years Ago



*His Beatitude
Metropolitan Mstyslav*

● On May 14, 1982, forty years will have elapsed since His Eminence, Metropolitan Mstyslav, was consecrated as a Bishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

After accepting the consecration as a Bishop, Archbishop Mstyslav never broke with the Ukrainian public-ethnic life. Very often from his lips we heard:

"I assume that, as a Bishop, it is not permitted for me not to know — how the faithful of our Church are living outside of her walls. Moreover, — literally nothing can make me free from the obligation to be an active participant in the struggle of the Ukrainian Nation for its freedom and independent state. On the contrary, I am deeply convinced that the Bishop's robes make that obligation even more compulsory."

The basic mark of the character of His Eminence — is constant activity and aspirations to be creative in every situation. During the Second World War, his early years as a Bishop were filled with a mountain of evidence, that in the most crucial situations he could add to the treasurehouse of the Mother Church and the Ukrainian Nation in greater or smaller measure, depending upon the circum-

stances, but always a certain value.

In the year 1942 — his first year as a Bishop, he travelled continuously throughout cities, villages and collective farms, to recognize the necessities of the life and religion of the faithful who, over twenty years, remained under the rule of atheistic Moscow. In his native city Poltava, he visited all the reborn Parishes and helped to conclude the organization of the Diocesan Administration of Poltava. In the city of Kharkov, he aroused great enthusiasm toward the rebirth of the Mother Church, in the city of Ukraine which was the most Russified by the Bolsheviks. With a solemn act, the elderly Metropolitan Theophil Buldowsky, who incidentally was the priest who baptized His Eminence as a child, was united with the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church.

WITH ARCHBISHOP NIKANOR

In October 1942, Bishop Mstyslav was already in Wolenya, where he took part in the secret (forbidden by the Germans) Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church, which was held in the city of Lutsk. With the assignment by the Council, he traveled with Archbishop Nikanor to the Pochaiwska Lavra to persuade Metropolitan Alexei Hramatskoho to join the Mother Church, and the conversion was concluded with the signing of a pact of unity and creating one Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in Ukraine. The Germans immediately understood the great meaning of that pact and requested the Metropolitan to withhold his signature, which he did, and then arrested Bishop Mstyslav in the city of Rivno and transferred him to the city of Chernehow, and then to the city of Preluk, where he remained to the Spring of 1943. He was then transferred to the city of Kiev, where he was confined. At the same

time, they forbade him to serve Holy Liturgies, preach, and to go out of the city of Kiev.

On September 22, when the Bolsheviks' invasion rolled up to the city of Kiev, friends imperceptibly took His Grace out of Kiev, first to the city of Lviv, and later, to the city of Otwodschka near Warsaw, where Bishop Mstyslav remained incognito in the Villa of Metropolitan Dionesey. The catastrophe of the German Army in the East forced the Germans to change their hostile politics toward the Ukrainians and they began to liberate the Ukrainian political leaders such as Colonel A. Melnyk, Bulba Borovca, S. Bandera and others from the concentration camps. This gave His Grace Bishop Mstyslav the opportunity to move first to Warsaw and then to Kharkow and Krinetsya where, by the recommendation of Metropolitan Polycarp, he began to organize the evacuation of Ukrainian clergymen and their families to the West.

WORK OF 1944

In June of 1944, His Grace was in Brateslawa in Slovakia where, thanks to the help of the President of the Slovak's republic, the late Prelate Father Tisso, he organized a large camp for displaced Ukrainian people. The Communist revolution in Slovakia, at the end of the Summer of 1944, forced the people to think of further evacuation. Thanks to the energy of His Grace Bishop Mstyslav, in October a group of 700 persons, among them 12 Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops, 120 Orthodox and 30 Greek Catholic Ukrainian Clergymen, moved farther to the West. None of the German city wanted to accept that transport, and it was bombarded every day. During that bombardment, the elderly father and widowed sister of His Grace Bishop Mstyslav were killed.

In 1944-45, His Grace overcame great difficulties. He travelled through the Western part of Germany, looking for a place to locate the Ukrainian Bishops, Clergymen and their families, a place

where they could hope for the earliest arrival of the alien army. Bad Kissingen was a happy center, because in April the first American patrols were there. Later, Bad Kissingen became the center through which all the prominent people went through, saving their lives before the Communist invaders.

In 1944, the tragic days under the German rule were over, but the uncertainty was not overcome because in the beginning, the Americans very often helped Communist officers to capture Ukrainians and take them "narodino" (back home). The American Commandant arrested Bishop Platon with the desire to give him to the Communists. Not wasting any time, and without any permission which was so very necessary in those times, in a small covered automobile which delivered bread, His Grace Mstyslav went to the city of Frankfurt to the seat of the General's Staff of Eisenhower. The few days of accomplishment to get to the General's Staff were in vain. Then His Grace dressed himself in the Bishop's robe, put on his Cross and Panagia and stood for hours at the gate of the General's Staff. One of the Colonels noticed His Grace and helped him to visit General Eisenhower. A brief conversation between His Grace and the General gave His Grace the opportunity to make clear the character of the Ukrainian immigration and, as a result, His Grace Bishop Platon was freed from arrest, and His Grace Mstyslav received permission of free movement through the American occupation zone and the right to organize the religious life of the Orthodox Ukrainians. His Grace took advantage of this, and the rest of the year 1945 was devoted to organizing individual Ukrainian camps for displaced persons and organizations, and in them, the Ukrainian Orthodox Parishes. The Province of Gross-Hessen was the first, that at the end of 1945, had organized the Church life, had its own Church Diocesan Administration and systematic service for the faithful.

FIRST COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

His Grace is the initiator of convoking the first Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church in exile, which was held in the Spring of 1946 in the city of Eslingen. That Council of Bishops assigned the plan of activities, determined the Constitution of the Church and Parishes to meet the new situation, divided the terrain of activities among the Bishops and assigned His Grace Mstyslav to France, with the aim to organize a Church Center there for England, France, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland, and with the aim to clear the road for the Ukrainian immigrants farther to the West.

In January 1947, His Grace travelled through France, visiting the Centers of the old and new Ukrainian immigration. He worked within his powers to acquire his own Church in Paris, and on Easter he succeeded in having Church Services in his own Church. From Easter, regular church services began and the Parish was in the process of organization. The Parish Council was elected and later, the first in the history of our Church, the Diocesan Church Administration for Western Europe was organized.

In July and August, His Grace travelled through Belgium and particularly England, where he helped to organize religious services. During that period he did not have any priests to help him. Everywhere he was alone; in hospitals he visited the sick, hearing confessions and giving the Sacraments of Holy Penance and Eucharist and performed all the religious rites. In England, he was the first to visit the camps of the captives, to which they brought the "Halychyna" Division from Italy. In London, together with Captain B. Panchuk, he visited various Federal Institutions and received assurances that the members of the "Halychyna" Division would soon be free from the enforced stay and life in the camps of the captives. His Grace imparted this news in the Camps during Moleben, arousing great happiness among those living in the strictly guarded camps, sur-

rounded by barbed wire.

In the beginning of September 1946, all Ukrainian Orthodox Clergy, headed by His Grace Archbishop John Theodorovich greeted His Grace Bishop Mstyslav upon his arrival in New York. Immediately after a banquet, Bishop Mstyslav left for Canada where he was invited to be the head of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. His Grace accepted the invitation to become a bishop of the Canadian Church because he considered the Canadian Church as called by God's Providence to head the action for the unity of all Orthodox Ukrainians behind in the Fatherland. For the cause of all Ukrainians Orthodox Church unity outside the Ukraine, His Grace Bishop Mstyslav has served consistently and tenaciously since the Council of Bishops in 1946, during which the appeal was accepted for such unity, and the motion was made for such an appeal to our brothers in the United States and Canada.

GREAT SOBOR OF UNION

Unfortunately, the expectations of His Grace were not fulfilled. The leading body of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in Canada did not accept the call to such a great appeal and His Grace Bishop Mstyslav, in June 1950, asked the Canadian Church to relieve him of the responsibilities of Ruling Bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church in Canada. In June 1950 free from the obligations in Canada, His Grace Bishop Mstyslav devoted himself to the work and unification of Orthodox Ukrainians in the United States. Unification came about of two separately existing Ukrainian Orthodox Churches into one great unified Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A.

During the past twenty-seven years in the U.S.A., God's Providence has guided Archbishop Mstyslav's abilities of leadership to tremendous successes for the glory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, not only in the U.S.A., but throughout the free-world as well. There are 100 parishes in the U.S.A. The Church has acquired a 50-acre estate which today houses the Central Institutions and Administration. A

Memorial Church of St. Andrew has been erected in memory of the more than 7,000,000 Ukrainian faithful who were purposely starved to death by Stalin. Presently a 20-acre cemetery, the only one of its kind in the entire world . . . truly a Ukrainian Pantheon . . . is the resting place for thousands of Ukrainians, many of them having been reinterred from such far away places as Europe, South America, Canada and from many states of the U.S.A.

MUSEUM

Archbishop Mstyslav has been responsible for the establishing of a Museum where rare and priceless historical Ukrainian church and ethnic treasures are kept on display. For the past twenty-five years a print shop has existed in South Bound Brook which printed the Ukrainian edition of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word and thousands of books under the supervision of Archbishop Mstyslav. Today, another Print Shop in New York City owned by the Church prints all Ukrainian needs while the South Bound Brook Shop prints the English edition of the UOW and all English material.

In 1971, following the death of Metropolitan John, His Grace Archbishop Mstyslav was unanimously elected Metropolitan of the Church of the U.S.A., during the Sobor held in Philadelphia. During his Primacy, in 1972, the church acquired another adjoining 50 acres of land upon which today stands the present St. Sophia Seminary which had its beginning in 1975. The acquisition of this adjoining property was indeed God's Providence for the Township having reserved it for commercial usage which would have been hedged-in by factories with noises and pollutants. Leadership preserved it from such a fate.

In 1977, the start of the construction of a large Cultural Center began and today houses a 1,000 capacity hall, 600 dining, Sunday School rooms, Seminary Library, meeting rooms, large kitchen, projecting room, UOL Room, United Sisterhoods Room and more.

Not only did His Eminence edit the Ukrainian Edition of the Ukrainian Orthodox Word

for twenty-five years, he also is responsible for the printing of many books, including the Large and Small Gospels, The Service Book, The Memoirs of Lototzky, The Book of the Bookplates of the Sixties, all five Ukrainian tomes of Wladowsky's History of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the first volume of the English translation of the first tome. The second volume is presently being printed in the South Bound Brook Print Shop.

Since 1972, His Eminence has been successful in solidifying the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Free-world. Today, he is the Metropolitan of the Churches of the U.S.A., South America, England, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. He is world-renown for his fiery defense of human-rights. He has kept in contact with the President and Congress of the U.S.A., leaders of free countries, the leaders of various church denominations, and secular organizations and has personally visited Patriarchs, the Pope, the Archbishop of Canterbury and other notables all for the sake of the freedom of mankind, especially for his beloved Ukrainian people. All of his contacts, all of his activities, regardless of how they may have been understood . . . have always been for the sake of dignity of the individual, for human-rights and for protection from oppressors, and above all, for the good of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

EES POLLA ETI DESPOTA
FOR MANY YEARS,
YOUR EMINENCE!





§ Parish Council at the start of the rectory — 1976

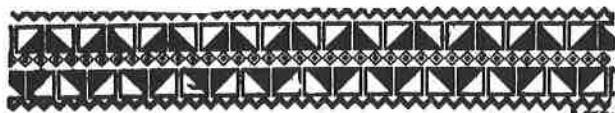
§ Rectory Building Committee — 1976



June 19 & 20, 1982
Weekend of CELEBRATION

On Saturday, children and young people met with His Grace, Archbishop Constantine in the parish rectory. First he was met by young Emily Klish with a bouquet of sweet-smelling flowers—representing the children. Then Lisa Chebiniak, representing the Junior UOL presented the Archbishop with a lithograph of an old Ukrainian church as a gift from the young people.

Mnohaya Lita was sung for his Grace. An informal get together was held with questions and answers, flowing between his Grace and the young people. This moment will be remembered by all. It was precious. Then a pussy willow tree was planted as a remembrance of this special weekend. Supper followed; a program of folk dances by the young people; a fellowship hour. And the day ended.



On Sunday, his Grace was met by the president, Nicholas Tarcha, pastor Father Lawryk, and the parish family; Pontifical Divine Liturgy was celebrated with Father Nestor Kowal of Scranton, Pennsylvania adding to the joy of the occasion. Following the service, the rectory was blessed. At the dinner, his Grace was honored guest. The choir presented a concert of lively folk tunes; Walter Melnychenko added his voice in a number of solos; as did Emily, Billy and Julie Klish and Renata Lewkowicz. Andrew Sisters #2 were born; sons of the original act; it was pure joy. The parish honored Mary B. Haluska, first president of the Sisterhood; Anna Grech, present day inspiration and mother-figure in the sisterhood projects.

Also John Tylko for his gift of labor of love in the designing of our church; Former president William J. Klish, for his 16 years of leadership; and the men that helped with the design of our rectory: Norm Davies, Architect; John Judski, builder; George Hamarich, advisor; James Way, electric. It was truly a weekend of CELEBRATION; as a parish, we have much to be thankful for—and we are!



Children and young people led by Emily Klish to meet His Grace

Dedication of the Rectory UP TO THE PRESENT

RECTORY BUILDING COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE TO PLAN DEDICATION:

President Nick Tarcha
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh
Bill & Julie Sadowitz
Harry & Helen Charnetsky
Dr. Peter & Phyllis Hatala
John Buchma
Nancy Tarcha
Bill Klish
Father and Pani

Details of this event
Will be described
In the next History Book
Of St. John's.

John Maliwacki
John Tylko
Father Lawryk
President Bill Klish
John Judski, Builder
Norm Davies, Architect
Francis Boser



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR WORK ON THE RECTORY:

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Rick Dobransky
Jonathan Klish
Jeff Hatala
John Rucky
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John Klodowski
Terry Haluska
Robert Dobransky
John Buchma
Mark Hatala
Bob Rucky
Nick Lewkowicz
Eugene Klym
Nick Tarcha

PARISH COUNCIL, AT THE START OF THE RECTORY:

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Father Lawryk
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Dorothy Skellet
Mary Mihalko
Michael Duby
Nell Boser

PROGRAM FOR THE CELEBRATION:

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Young people will greet His Grace
Archbishop Constantine

5:00 p.m. Picnic Supper — Parish Family is invited

6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Orchestra from Syracuse (Ukrainian) will play. Our young people will perform Ukrainian folk dances at this time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th

9:00 a.m. Procession from Rectory to Church

9:30 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy; Archbishop Constantine will be chief celebrant

Following the Liturgy — Blessing of the Rectory

1:00 p.m. Dinner — honored guest and speaker will be His Grace Archbishop Constantine

Choir will entertain

GOD BLESS EACH WORKER IN HIS VINEYARD! WORKING TOGETHER DREAMS COME TRUE.



Greeting given by Emily Klish

Greeting and gift given by Junior UOL President Lisa Chebiniak



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Meeting with His Grace in the new rectory



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Young people and children with His Grace Archbishop Constantine and Father Lauryk



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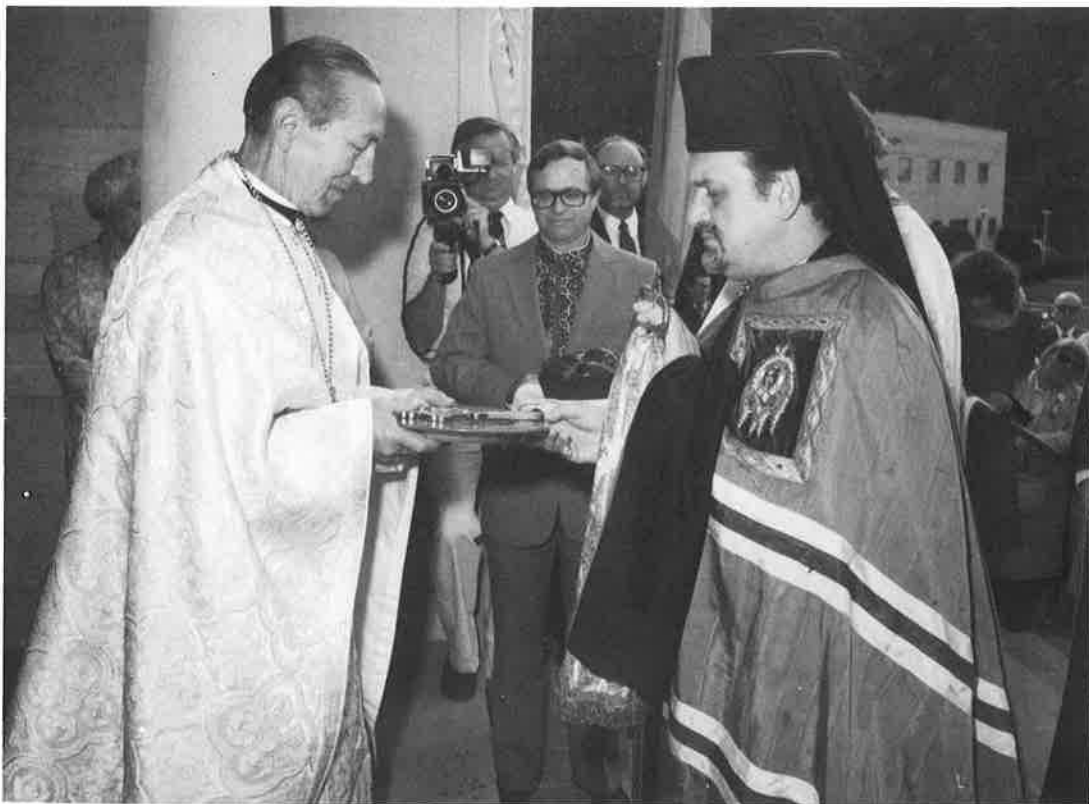
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President Nicholas Tarcha greeting His Grace Archbishop Constantine with bread and salt; Michael Kulik, altar attendant.



Father Lawryk greeting His Grace. Photographer, Dr. Peter Hatala; President Nick; Dr. Joseph Zapach; Jeff Hatala.



Blessing the rectory — 1982; Father Lawryk, His Grace Archbishop Constantine, Father Nestor Kowal.



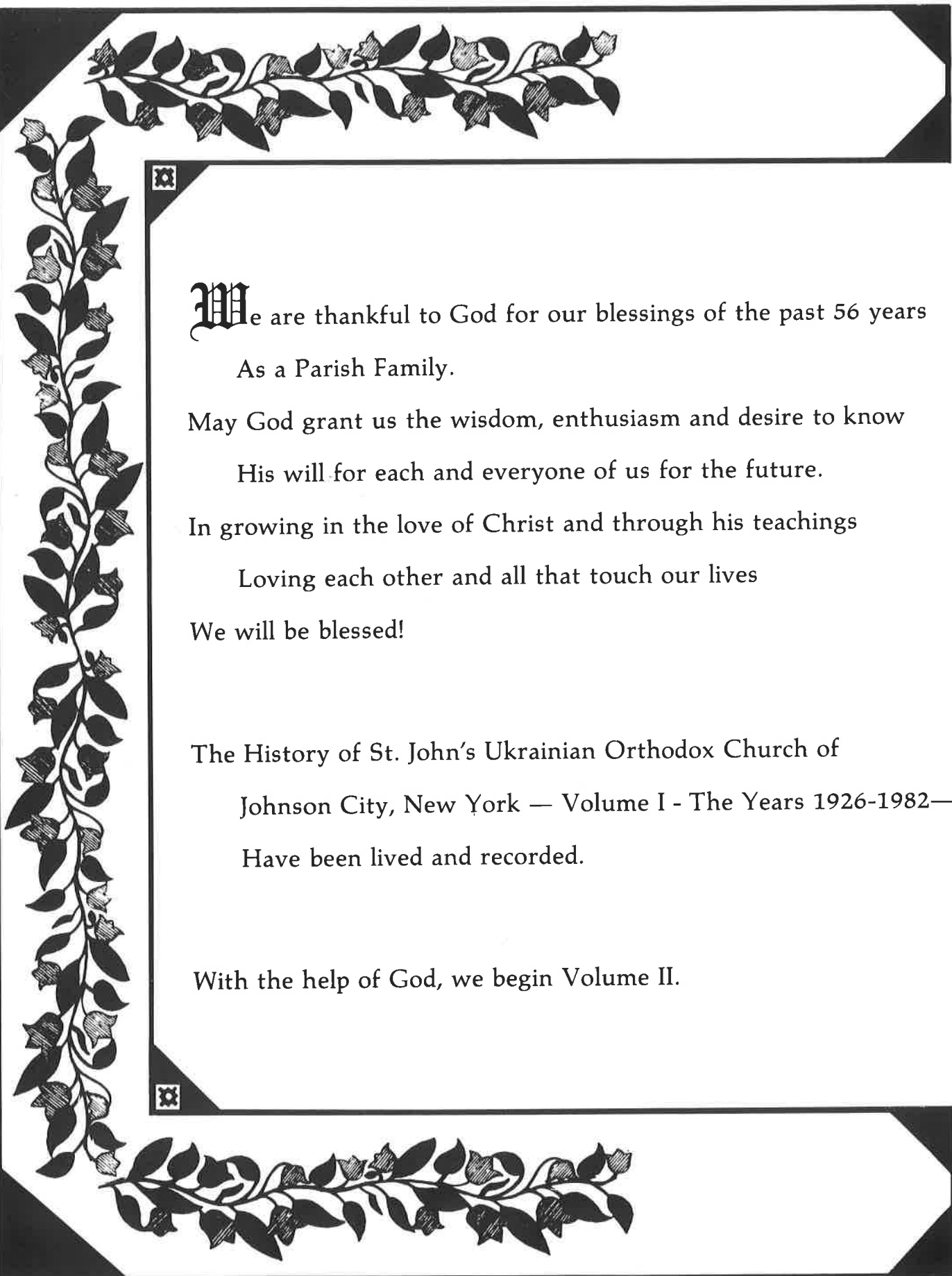
§ Pontifical Divine Liturgy

Rectory Dedication Concert — Julie Klish, Renata Lewkowicz, Emily Klish, Billy Klish



§ Choir





We are thankful to God for our blessings of the past 56 years
As a Parish Family.

May God grant us the wisdom, enthusiasm and desire to know
His will for each and everyone of us for the future.

In growing in the love of Christ and through his teachings
Loving each other and all that touch our lives

We will be blessed!

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The Early Years

Drama Club — 1920

First Row: Michael Kost, Mrs. Chechivsky, Julia Preston, Nell Preston, Theodore Kovatz
Second Row: Ella Preston, Parania Lech, Mary Green, Petro Tkachuk, Mary B. Haluska,
Alexandra Smyk, Anna Preston Tkachuk
Third Row: Theodore Smyk, William Woytew, Peter Ciatyk, Vasile Soroka, Theodore Mynyk,
Michael Gulachok, Stephan Lech

Ukranian School Children — 1925

First Row: Pearl Onysko, Andrew Sadowitz, Anne Ewanow, Nicholas Kocan, Mildred Gulachok,
John Haluska, Anna Hawryluk, Stephen Smyk
Second Row: Stephanie Tabaka, Stephen Sadowitz, Anna Onysko, Steve Martin, Mary Melnyk,
John Pankevich, Olga Mynyk, Walter Mynyk
Third Row: Michael Yaschak, Stephania Doronchuk, Caroline Pankevich, Anna Lusik, Nell Preston,
Olga Tabaka, Tillie Martin, Michael Pankevich, Anna Lubinec

Father Theodore Turchenko and Children — 1926

In Foreground: John Ceklynski, (Portrait of Taras Shevchenko), Olga Kovatz
First Row: Mary Kovatz, Celia Kulick, John Haluska, Mary Haluska, Mary Sawka,
Father Turchenko, Mary Kreczko, Helen Tchir, Anna Ceklynski, Olga Chyl, Andrew Stasko,
Joseph Tchir
Second Row: Michael Kulik, Peter Maliwacki, Amelia Stasko, Walter Mynyk, Genevieve Sadowitz,
Nick Ther, Ann Harlost, Sophia Pufky, Ann Dobransky, Michael Stasko, Walter Stasko
Third Row: Julia Stasko, Peter Dobransky, Peter Stasko, Anna Sadowitz, Anna Pufky, Anna Lubinec,
Mary Savich, Paul Maliwacki, Andrew Hryck, Sophie Ceklynski

Father Michael Zaparyniuk and Choir — 1929

In Foreground: Mary Harlost, Mary Haluska, Anne Ewanow, Amelia Stasko
First Row: Olga Chyl, Mary Kovatz, Mary Milchanosky, Helen Tchir, Sophia Pufky,
Father M. Zaparyniuk, Mary Ewanow, Sophia Charnetsky, Mildred Charnetsky, Anne Evanchoff,
Genevieve Sadowitz
Second Row: Mary Kasprowitz, Sophia Ceklynski, Julia Stasko, Ann Baranyk, Mary Charnetsky,
Dorothy Petrovich, Ann Dobransky, Anne Pufky, Anna Ceklynski, Olga Baranyk
Third Row: John Kanazawich, Joseph Kariam, Theodore Steczko, Nicholas Hatala, Jr., Michael Pufky,
Nicholas Hatala, Harry Kuzemka, Theodore Kovatz, Michael Kost, Nick Ther, Jr.
Fourth Row: Harry Karaim, Nicholas Kocan, John Evanchoff, Walter Malowicky, Joseph Hatala,
John Kulick, William Kosik, Michael Dobransky, Nick Ther, Peter Charnetsky

St. John's Choir — 1930

In Foreground: John Ceklynski, Mildred Kovatz
First Row: Mary Kovatz, Mildred Charnetsky, Mary Ewanow, Anne Pufky, Julia Stasko,
Mary Charnetsky, Ann Lubinec, Sophia Ceklynski, Sophia Charnetsky, Mary Milchanosky
Second Row: Peter Charnetsky, Nick Ther, Myron Shlatz, Mary Haluska, Ann Yuchnyk,
Anna Maslak, Anna Ewanow, Mary Hatala, Nick Ther, Jr., Paul Kanazawich, Michael Pufky
Third Row: John Haluska, Michael Kulik, John Kanazawich, Theodore Kovatz,
Joseph Tchir, Joseph Karaim, Walter Kanazawich, Joseph Hatala

Players — "Childhood Dreams" — 1925

First Row: Anne Onysko, Pearl Onysko, Mildred Gulachok, Stephanie Tabaka

Man in the Center: William Woytiw

*Second Row: Tillie Martin, Mary Melnyk, Caroline Pankevich, Michael Yaschak,
Anna Lubinec, Stephania Doronchuk, Anna Lusik, Walter Mynyk, Olga Tabaka*

Parade — 1934

Frank Stern, John Brown, Alex Smyk, Michael Gulachok, Paul Kanazawich

On Float: Peter Charnetsky, . . . Olga Chyl, (Mary Charnetsky — Miss Ukraine)

Father Anthony Stangry and Choir — 1935

First Row: Anna Milchanosky, Anna Goblosh, Vera Stangry, Olga Kovatz, Walter Puchir,

Father A. Stangry, Anne Evanchoff, Mary Kovatz, Mary Stasko, Mary Charnetsky

*Second Row: Paul Kanazawich, Sophia Pufky, Mary Milchanosky, Ann Karaim,
Genevieve Chyl, Ann Dobransky, Anna Chyl, Anne Pufky, Julia Klym, John Ceklynski*

*Third Row: Michael Kost, Nick Merena, Walter Kanazawich, William Sadowitz,
Mary Haluska, Michael Dobransky, Mary Dobransky, John Haluska, John Kanazawich,
John Rucky, Michael Kulik*

Father Anthony Stangry and Parishioners — 1935

In Foreground: Peter Charnetsky

*First Row: Nick Ther, Michael Charnetsky, Michael Kanazawich, Ann Karaim, Walter Puchir,
Father A. Stangry, Olga Tylko, Julie Kanazawich, Julie Sadowitz*

*Second Row: Michael Maslak, Peter Maliwacki, Anne Evanchoff, Sophie Charnetsky,
Anne Dobransky, Mary Maliwacki, Anna Milchanosky*

*Third Row: William Kosik, Jr., Michael Petrician, Mary Charnetsky, Mildred Charnetsky,
Anne Ceklynski, Olga Kovatz, Mary Dobransky, Anna Chyl, Mary Haluska*

*Fourth Row: Paul Kanazawich, John Kolson, Nick Ther, Jr., Sophia Pufky, Julia Stasko,
Mary Kovatz, Mary Milchanosky, Anne Pufky*

*Fifth Row: Nick Merena, . . . , Michael Dobransky, John Haluska, John Pufky, William Kosik,
John Kanazawich, Joseph Tchir*

Sixth Row: John Karaim, Walter Malowicky, William Sadowitz

A Second Generation

Baseball Team — 1938

In Foreground: Michael Klodowski, Joseph Klodowski

First Row: Len Novitske, William Kosik, Anthony Karaim, Joseph Tchir, Father A. Stangry, Michael Gulachok, Michael Hryck, Michael Kulik, Bill Hryck

Second Row: John Klym, Nick Ther, John Klym, Sr., Andrew Hryck, Michael Dobransky, William Sadowitz, John Haluska, John Karaim, John Kanazawich, John Ceklynski

Third Row: John Tchir, John Rucky, Stephen Haluska, William Baranyk

Basketball Team — 1940-1941

First Row: Frank Kanazawich, John Klym, John Kanazawich, Frank Sakal, Michael Kulik, Joseph Tchir

Second Row: Father A. Stangry, Paul Simek, John Palaschak, John Karaim, Bill Kosik, Peter Maslak, Michael Gulachok

Easter Sunday — 1938

In Foreground: Mary Ewanow, Anne Ewanow, Olga Kovatz, Mary Kovatz, Mary Haluska, Julia Evanchoff

Second Row: Julie Sadowitz, Bill Sadowitz, Mildred Kovatz, Julia Stasko, Della Hryn, Sophia Pufky, Helen Zellers, Nick Merena, Theodore Klysh, Walter Malowicky, Mary Dobransky, Julie Kanazawich

Third Row: John Klym, Frank Kanazawich, . . . , Cypryan Klish, Peter Kanazawich, Pani Stangry, Ann Dobransky, Teklia Chyl, Teklia Smyk, Dorothy Chyl, Nell Preston, Olga Travis, Anne Dobransky, Anthony Tomik, Sophie Tomik

Father Anthony Stangry and Sisterhood — 1939

First Row: Pani Stangry, Gloria Stangry, Vera Stangry

Second Row: Teklia Farynyk, Anna Ceklynski, Pauline Rucky, Father A. Stangry, Julia Bycz, Anna C. Okrepkie, Anna O'Krepkie, Anna W. Okrepkie, Eva Okrepkie

Third Row: Josephine Hatala, Mary Kaspyrk, Katherine Pufky, Sophia Malowicky, Mary Kanazawich, Anna Klodowski, Mary Ther, Anna Hryn, Catherine Baranyk, Ksenia Dolny, Helen Chebiniak, Julia Klym, Katherine Maslak

Fourth Row: Teklia Chyl, Josephine Maliwacki, Katherine Yuchnyk, Anna Sadowitz, Maria Pufky, Eva Kosik, Julia Hryck, Justina Buryla, Anna Tylko

Fifth Row: Helen Hryck, Anna Baranyk, Tessie Cole, Oksanna Kulyk, Emilia Klysh, Anna Sawka, Anna Steczko, Josephine Merena, Anna Dobransky

Father Joseph Zelechivsky and Choir — 1941

First Row: Anne Ewanow, Ann Karaim, Olga Zelechivsky, Mary Haluska, Irene Zelechivsky, Mary Dobransky, Mary Kovatz, Hope Zelechivsky, Julie Kanazawich

Second Row: John Zelechivsky, Melvin Zelechivsky, Lubo Zelechivsky, Walter Malowicky, Father J. Zelechivsky, Paul Kanazawich, Cypryan Klish, Frank Kanazawich

Third Row: Walter Puchir, Theodore Klysh, Michael Dobransky, Nick Merena

Father Joseph Zelechivsky and Parishioners — 1941

In Foreground: John Klodowski, John Kasprzyk, Mary Dobransky, Mary Kovatz, Theodore Klysh, Andy Stasko

First Row: Mirone Klysh, Peter Stasko, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Jean Haluska, Olga Stasko, William Klish, Gloria Malowicky, Nancy Malowicky, Ann Bycz, Nancy Klish, Mary Klish, George Stasko, Michael J. Dobransky, Helen Kasprzyk, Jane Chebiniak, Amelia Kulick

Second Row: Walter Zelechivsky, John Zelechivsky, Anna Baranyk, Julia Hryck, Amelia Potochniak, Anna Ceklynski, Anastasia Kasprowitz, Pani A. Zelechivsky, Father J. Zelechivsky, Eva Okrepkie, Oksanna Kulyk, Tessie Cole, Anna C. Okrepkie, Ksenia Dolny, Anna Sadowitz, Melvin Zelechivsky

Third Row: Peter Yuchnyk, Nick Ther, Celia Kulick, Pelahia Kulick, Julia Bycz, Emelia Stasko, Anna Sawka, Sophie Malowicky, Katherine Yuchnyk, Olga Zelechivsky, Lillian Kosik, Mary Chebiniak, Hope Zelechivsky, Helen Chebiniak, Paul Kanazawich

Fourth Row: Irene Zelechivsky, Anna Steczko, Catherine Baranyk, Mary Kanazawich, Anna Demkovich, Anna Klodowski, Anastasia Malywiacky, Mary B. Haluska, Julie Kanazawich

Fifth Row: John Pylypciw, Frank Kanazawich, Nick Merena, Ann Karaim, Sophie Okrepkie, Stephanie Ewanow, Mildred Kovatz, Irene Stasko, Emilia Klysh, Mary Demkovich,

Andrew Malywiacky, John Rucky, Cypryan Klish, Theodore Zawada, Walter Malowicky

Sixth Row: Nicholas Ceklynski, Peter Bycz, Nicholas Maliwacki, Michael Sadowitz, Charles Okrepkie, William Kosik, John Klym, Theodore Steczko, Andrew Potochniak, Stephen Haluska, Vasile Kreczko, Harry Charnetsky, Lubo Zelechivsky

Seventh Row: John Kulick, Michael Stasko, Sr., John Kulyk, Dmytro Okrepkie, Walter Puchir, Wasyl Okrepkie, Theodore Chyl, William Baranyk, Theodore Kovatz, Peter Milchanosky, Michael Kotchick, Michael Stasko, Jr., Michael Dobransky

On Top: Theodore Klysh, Sr.

The War Years

Father Joseph Zelechivsky and Parish Officers — 1943

First Row: Theodore Klysh, Michael Stasko, Jr., Walter Puchir, Father J. Zelechivsky, Andrew Malywiacky, Harry Charnetsky, Nick Ther

Second Row: Peter Yuchnyk, Theodore Zawada, John Kulick, Michael Dobransky, Paul Kanazawich, John Rucky

Sisterhood with Pani Lechitsky — 1944

First Row: Eva Okrepkie, Anna C. Okrepkie, Pani Lechitsky, Anna Donahue, Anna W. Okrepkie, Ksenia Dolny

Second Row: Anelia Potochniak, Mary Kanazawich, Julia Gulachok, Anna Ceklynski, Teklia Farynyk, Mary Wasylshyn, Anna Sadowitz, Justina Buryla

Third Row: Julia Hryck, Anna Solensky, Katherine Pufky, Teklia Lubinec, Anastasia Malywiacky, Anastasia Kasprowitz, Mary Kasprzyk, Josephine Maliwacki, Anna Sawka, Mary Ther

Fourth Row: Anna Shlatz, Anna Dobransky, Josephine Hatala, Mary B. Haluska, Mary Karaim, Helen Chebiniak, Oksanna Kulyk, Tessie Cole

Fifth Row: Josephine Merena, Katherine Yuchnyk, Katherine Tchir, Julia Bycz, Anna Demkovich, Helen Zellers, Emilia Klysh, Eva Kosik, Catherine Baranyk, Emelia Stasko, Julia Klym

Veterans' Banquet and Ball — 1946

From left to right as seated at tables: Olya Klem Travis, . . . , Joseph Byce, Thelma Byce, John Byce, Peter Dobransky, Michael Klodowski, . . . , Sam Karaim, Joseph Tchir, John Pylypciw, John Chyl, . . . , John Karaim, Paul Kanazawich, Lubo Zelechivsky, Frank Kanazawich, Peter Kanazawich, Michael Kulik, . . . , Charles Ford, . . . , Michael Duby, Peter Charnetsky, Harry Charnetsky, John Klym, Michael Charnetsky, Stephen Sadowitz, Andrew Sadowitz, Peter Sadowitz, John Tylko, Bohdan Farynyk, . . . John Klym, Julia Klym, Anna Grech, Stephan Grech, Teklia Chyl, Marion Sarnoski

Father Frank Lawryk and Choir — 1946

First Row: Helen Kasprzyk, Donna Chyle, Anne Dobransky, Walter Puchir, Father Frank Lawryk, Dorothy Chyle, Mary Duby, Dorothy Echnoz

Second Row: Julie Sadowitz, Olga Kulik, Amelia Kulick, Anne Pufky, Sophie Malowicky, Anna Chyl, Sophia Pufky, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh

Third Row: Michael Kulik, Robert Sarnoski, Walter Malowicky, William Sadowitz, Stephen Sadowitz, John Klym

Fourth Row: Michael Kost, Nick Merena, John Maliwacki, Peter Sadowitz, Charles Sarnoski

Father Frank Lawryk and Memorial Center Building Committee — 1946

First Row: Anne Pufky, Sophie Malowicky, Father Frank Lawryk, Joseph Tchir, Anna Chyl, Julie Sadowitz

Second Row: John Tchir, Michael Kost, Andrew Malywiacky, Theodore Zawada, Harry Charnetsky

Third Row: Peter Sadowitz, John Klym, Michael Dobransky, John Kulick, William Sadowitz

Father Frank Lawryk and Parish Officers — 1946

*First Row: Walter Malowicky, John Rucky, Father F. Lawryk,
Michael Stasko, Sr., John Tchir*

*Second Row: Harry Charnetsky, Joseph Tchir, Andrew Malywiacky, Michael Dobransky,
John Evanchoff, Andrew Potochniak, Theodore Zawada*

Burning of the Church Mortgage — 1948

*First Row: Father M. Zaparyniuk, George Roberts, Arthur Whitehouse,
Metropolitan John, Edwin Hall, . . . , Father A. Beryk, Father Lawryk*

*Second Row: Michael Kulik, Father A. Stangry, Mr. Dubin, William Baranyak,
Michael Dobransky, John Rucky, Michael Kost, Daniel Sass, Theodore Klysh*

Sisterhood — 1948

*First Row: Anastasia Malywiacky, Katherine Pufky, Ann Dobransky, Father Lawryk,
Helen Zellers, Pani Lawryk, Teklia Chyl*

*Second Row: Anna Demokovich, Emilia Klysh, Katherine Tchir, Amelia Stasko,
Josephine Merena, Mary Kasprzyk, Pelahia Kulick, Katherine Byce, Josephine Maliwacki*

Third Row: Anna Tkachuk, Oksanna Kulyk, Anastasia Kasprowitz, Anna Hryn,

Sophia Malowicky, Katherine Yuhnick, Julia Hryck, Anna C. Okrepkie, Anna W. Okrepkie

*Fourth Row: Nell Leska, Tessie Cole, Julia Gulachok, Anelia Potochniak,
Ksenia Dolny, Anna Sadowitz, Anna Steczko, Ella Kosko*

Burning of the Church Mortgage — 1948

*Father A. Stangry, Katherine Pufky, Father Lawryk,
Andrew Malywiacky, Father M. Zaparyniuk, Frank Kovatz*

Basketball Team — 1947-1948

First Row: Frank Kanazawich, John Klym, Peter Biloz, Peter Sadowitz, Michael Kulik

*Second Row: Father Lawryk, William Sadowitz, Ed Radin, Michael Biloz,
John Maliwacki, Joseph Tchir*

Basketball Team — 1949-1950

Row: Peter Stasko, William Klish, Raymond Merena, Eugene Klym

*Second Row: John Kasprzyk, Mirone Klysh, Peter Biloz, Father Lawryk,
Michael Kulik, Michael Biloz, John Maliwacki*

*Third Row: John Karaim, Peter Smyk, Ray Stepneski, Michael Dobransky,
Peter Maslak, Myron Shlatz, Peter Sadowitz*

Building for the Future

Parish Officers — 1951

First Row: Michael Kulik, Joseph Leska, Father Lawryk, Michael Dobransky, William Sadowitz
Second Row: Harry Charnetsky, Katherine Pufky, Anna Klodowski, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh,
Olga Kulik, Anastasia Kasprowitz, Andrew Potochniak
Third Row: Nick Merena, John Evanchoff, John Rucky, Andrew Malywiacky, Walter Puchir,
Myron Shlatz, Theodore Zavada, Michael Kost

Sisterhood — 1951

First Row: Katherine Yuhnyk, Anna Sadowitz, Katherine Pufky, Nell Leska, Father Lawryk,
Pani Lawryk, Ann Dobransky, Katherine Dobransky, Anastasia Kasprowitz
Second Row: Mary Kocan, Josephine Hatala, Julia Gulachok, Anelia Potochniak, Anna Sawka,
Josephine Merena, Amelia Stasko, Mary Kasprzyk, Julia Bycz, Anna Milchanosky
Third Row: Mary Evanchoff, Ksenia Dolny, Julia Hryck, Teklia Chyl, Mary Haluska,
Emilia Klysh, Eugenia Krawecki, Helen Chebiniak
Fourth Row: Marie Pufky, Genevieve Sadowitz, Olga Tarcha, Mary Mihalko, Mary Duby,
Mildred Finch, Marie Karaim

Choir — 1951

First Row: Nell Preston, Ann Chyl, Ann Bycz, Pani Lawryk, Father Lawryk, Jean Haluska,
Helen Kasprzyk, Betty Klym
Second Row: Olga Stasko, Amelia Kulick, Olga Kulik, Anne Pufky, Julie Sadowitz,
Sophia Pufky, Ella Kosko, Nancy Klish
Third Row: Michael Kost, Peter Sadowitz, Mary Klish, Donna Chyle, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh,
Michael Kost, Nick Merena
Fourth Row: Myron Shlatz, Charles Sarnoski, Eugene Klym, Mirone Klysh, Michael Dobransky,
Peter Hatala, William Sadowitz, George Stasko, Michael Kulik

Dancers — 1951

First Row: Charles Sarnoski, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Donna Chyle, Bob Sarnoski
Second Row: George Stasko, Amelia Kulick, John Maliwacki, Jean Haluska, Betty Klym,
Peter Hatala, Helen Kasprzyk, Mirone Klysh

Sword Dancers — 1951

John Maliwacki, Peter Hatala, Charles Sarnoski, George Stasko, Bob Sarnoski

Dancers — 1951

First Row: Michele Duby, Carol Petras, Mary Ann Rucky, Patricia Karaim,
Ann Krawecki, Marianne Lawryk, Marsha Finch
Second Row: Patricia Burke, Joseph Zelechivsky, Richard Hryck, Glen Zellers, Joseph Leska,
Michael Hryck, Daniel Matias, David Zellers, Jean Dobransky
Third Row: Father Lawryk, Olga Stasko, Mary Klish, Ann Bycz, Nancy Klish,
Carol Finch, Pani Lawryk
Fourth Row: Bohdan Rucky, William Klish, Myron Shlatz, Michael Dobransky,
Eugene Klym, John Karaim, Raymond Merena, Robert Dobransky

Christmas Eve — 1951

Left to right: Anne Petras, Carol Petras, Milan Petras, Mary Mihalko, John D. Mihalko, John Mihalko, Catherine Dobransky, Peter Dobransky, Peter M. Dobransky, Mary Kasprzyk, Michael Dobransky, Ann Dobransky, Michael Dobransky, Robert Dobransky, Jean Dobransky, John Kasprzyk, Helen Kasprzyk

Christmas Eve — 1951

*In front: Jane Tarcha
Left to right: Nicholas Tarcha, Olga Tarcha, Michael Tarcha, Anthony Kulyk, Oksanna Kulyk, Joseph Leska, Nell Leska, Michael Tarcha, Jr., Joseph Leska, Jr.*

Basketball Champions — 1950

Michael Kulik, Charles Sarnoski, Mirone Klysh, Peter Hatala, Michael Dobransky, Peter Biloz, Chet Howell

Parish Officers — 1953

*First Row: Andrew Potochniak, Andrew Malywiacky, Nick Ther, John Kulick, Michael Dobransky, Father Lawryk, William Sadowitz, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, John Haluska, Myron Shlatz, Theodore Zawada
Second Row: Harvey Finch, Steffie Grech, Betty Klym, John Klym, John Cenesky, Michael Klodowski, Donna Chyle, John Maliwacki, Michael Kulik, Stephen Sadowitz, Michael Maslak, Nicholas Maliwacki, Julie Sadowitz, Helen Kasprzyk, Walter Puchir*

Dancers — 1954

Ann Bycz, Michael Dobransky, Mary Klish, Myron Shlatz, Nancy Klish, William Klish, Olga Stasko, Raymond Merena, Carol Finch, Bohdan Rucky

Dancers — 1954

*First Row: John D. Mihalko, Sandra Pufky, Peter M. Dobransky
Second Row: Melanie Klish, Gary Dobransky, Marianne Duby, Peter Zelechivsky, Cathy Zellers, Jim Echnoz, Marianne Uhrinec
Third Row: Michele Duby, Linda Uhrinec, Andrew Baranyk, Sharon Kostyun, Denise Haluska*

Dancers — 1954

*First Row: John Terry Haluska, John Tymczynya
Second Row: Marianne Lawryk, Peter Tymczynya, Carol Petras, Larry Ford, Linda Shlatz, Frank Chebiniak, Ann Krawecki
Third Row: David Zellers, Patricia Karaim, Richard Hryck, Daniel Matias, Mary Ann Rucky, Joseph Zelechivsky*

Choir — 1954

*First Row: Bohdan Rucky, Helen Kasprzyk, Amelia Kulick, Donna Chyle, Mirone Klysh, Betty Klym, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, William Klish
Second Row: Julie Sadowitz, Ella Kosko, Walter Puchir, Father Lawryk, Nell Preston, Jean Haluska, Joseph Leska
Third Row: Olga Kulik, Michael Kulik, Anne Pufky, Olga Stasko, Pani Lawryk, Ann Bycz, Anna Chyl, Carol Finch
Fourth Row: Eugene Klym, John Haluska, Mary Klish, Myron Shlatz, Charles Sarnoski, Michael Dobransky, Nancy Klish, Nick Merena, Sophia Pufky, Peter Sadowitz, Nick Tarcha, Amelia Bednar*

Dancers — 1954

First Row: Mirone Klysh, William Klish, Patricia Burke, Bohdan Rucky, Eugene Klym

*Second Row: Robert Dobransky, Carol Finch, Betty Klym, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh,
Charles Sarnoski, Helen Kasprzyk, Donna Chyle, Nancy Klish, Raymond Merena*

*Third Row: Joseph Leska, Nicholas Tarcha, Jean Dobransky, John Karaim, Amelia Bednar,
Olga Stasko, Michael Dobransky, Ann Bycz, Michael Hryck, Mary Klish, Glen Zellers*

St. John's Ukrainian Social Club Officers — 1954

First Row: Nell Preston, Robert Echnoz, Peter Dobransky, Frank Chebiniak, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh

*Second Row: John Klym, John Chubinsky, John Mihalko, John Kulick, John Cenesky,
Michael Duby*

Sisterhood — 1954

*First Row: Mary Kasprzyk, Katherine Pufky, Anastasia Kasprowitz, Amelia Finch, Pani Lawryk,
Anne Petras, Genevieve Sadowitz, Marie Pufky, Anna Sawka, Anna Sadowitz, Oksanna Kulyk*

*Second Row: Anna Demkovich, Teklia Lubinec, Ksenia Dolny, Julia Guachok, Mary Ther,
Anelia Potochniak, Teklia Farynyk, Ann Dobransky, Mary B. Haluska, Eudokia Sass,
Julia Bycz, Anna Klodowski, Katherine Byce, Mary Kocan, Emilia Klysh, Julia Hryck,
Helen Chebiniak*

*Third Row: Mary Haluska, Katherine Dobransky, Anna Grech, Catherine Baranyk,
Katherine Yuchnyk, Mary Duby, Mary Kostyun*

The Prudential Log — 1955

*Anna Steczko, Anastasia Kasprowitz, Pelahia Locke, Katherine Yuchnick, Helen Chebiniak,
Catherine Baranyk, Emilia Klysh, Nell Preston, Katherine Pufky, Mary Kasprzyk, Anna Grech*

Basketball Team — 1957

First Row: Eugene Klym, Edward Melodict, William Klish

Second Row: Jerry Pronko, Michael Kulik, Mirone Klysh, Peter Biloz

UOL Convention Committee — 1958

*First Row: Helen Davenport, Olga Kulik, Julie Sadowitz, Marilyn Chubinsky, Mary Klish,
Amelia Finch, Nancy Klish, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Carol Finch, Sophia Casper,
Dorothy Grech, Thea Chubinsky*

*Second Row: Mary Duby, Nell Leska, Stella Yaschak, Genevieve Sadowitz, Anna Chyl,
Olga Tarcha, Pani Lawryk, Father Lawryk, Walter Puchir, Harvey Finch, Nicholas Tarcha,
Ann Bycz, Martha Maliwacki, Anne Pufky*

*Third Row: Eugene Klym, George Pryhoda, Andrew Malywiacky, Joseph Chubinsky,
Michael Yaschak, Paul Chebiniak, John Karaim, William Klish, George Stasko,
Raymond Merena, John Maliwacki, Joseph Leska, John Baranyk, William Sadowitz*

Dancers — 1958

*Dancing: Ann Bycz, Robert Dobransky, Mirone Klysh, Betty Klym, Mary Klish, William Klish,
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, George Stasko, Peter Tymczynna*

Watching: Ronald Dobransky, Marsha Finch, Drew Gooley

UOL Convention — 1958

*George Stasko, Father Lawryk, Donna Chyle, Father S. Hallick-Holutiak, Father N. Fedorovich,
Bohdan Hryshchyshyn*

Five Year Anniversary and "Burning of the Mortgage Celebration" — 1959

*Metropolitan John, Pani Lawryk, Father John Sawchuk, Father Lawryk, William Sadowitz,
Michael Dobransky*

Waitresses — 1959

*Jean Haluska, Donna Chyle, Ann Bycz, Mary Klish, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Julie Sadowitz,
Nancy Klish, Dorothy Grech, Olga Kulik*

Sisterhood — 1959

*First Row: Teklia Farynyk, Anna Sadowitz, Emilia Klysh, Julia Hryck, Anastasia Kasprowitz,
Pani Lawryk, Father Lawryk, Katherine Pufky, Katherine Yuchnyk, Anna Demokovich,
Sophia Smyk, Mary B. Haluska, Julia Klym*

*Second Row: Ella Kosko, Ksenia Dolny, Anna Klodowski, Teklia Farynyk, Anna Grech,
Katherine Byce, Ann Dobransky, Dorothy Skellett, Olga Gooley, Josephine Baranyk,
Eugenia Krawecki, Catherine Baranyk, Eva Melnyk, Anna Tymczyna, Jenny Madejchuk*

*Third Row: Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Anna Milchanosky, Irene Kanazawich, Mary Kostyun,
Helen Farynyk, Jane Ellsworth, Anna Chyl, Mary Mihalko, Genevieve Sadowitz,
Edith Chebiniak, Mary Karaim, Olga Tarcha, Nell Leska, Marion Kasprzyk*

*Fourth Row: Julie Sadowitz, Sophia Pufky, Margaret Klish, Thea Chubinsky, Nancy Klish,
Dorothy Grech, Jean Sadowitz, Mary Klish, Anne Petras, Katherine Dobransky,
Anelia Potochniak, Teklia Smyk, Julia Gulachok, Anna Sawka*

Parish Officers — 1959

*First Row: William Sadowitz, Joseph Chubinsky, Father Lawryk, Michael Dobransky,
John Cenesky, George Pryhoda*

*Second Row: Sophia Casper, Dorothy Grech, Nancy Klish, Julie Sadowitz, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh,
Mary B. Haluska*

*Third Row: Peter Bors, Charles Ellsworth, Paul Chebiniak, Michael Maslak,
Andrew Malywiacky, Andrew Potochniak, Theodore Zawada*

Social Club Officers — 1959

*First Row: Father Lawryk, Peter Sadowitz, John Cenesky, William Baranyk, John Kasprzyk,
Wilma (Lesia) Klysh*

*Second Row: John Baranyk, Michael Kulik, Frank Chebiniak, William Sadowitz, John Klym,
Charles Ellsworth, Sophia Pufky*

*Third Row: Paul Chebiniak, Stephen Sadowitz, William Klish, William Sileckyj,
Charles Sarnoski, Michael Charnetsky*

Church School — 1959

First Row: Cherri Gulachok, Irene Maliwacki, Sandra Pufky, Tina Uhrinac, Ruth Farynyk, Marianne Uhrinac, Dorothy Zylak, Mary Ann Madejchuk, Mary Mohila, Marianne DUBY
Second Row: Anna Bahriak, Karen Kanazawich, Mary Ann Lewkowicz, Melanie Klish, Carol Bors, Father Lawryk, Cyprian Klish, Robert Chubinsky, Myron Gulachok, Paul Chubinsky
Third Row: Patricia Karaim, Denise Haluska, Cathy Zellers, Jane Tarcha, Marie Maliwacki, Joanna Kasprowitz, Melanie DUBY, Andrew Baranyk, Jim Tymczyna, Joseph Kasprowitz, Walter Bahriak, Ronald Dobransky, Robert Pinkowski
Fourth Row: Luba Zylak, Linda Uhrinac, Theresa Maslak, Olga Szpylczyn, Joann Byce, Walter Kit, Peter M. Dobransky, Peter Zelechivsky, Joseph Bycz, Gary Dobransky, John D. Mihalko
Fifth Row: Lydia Madejchuk, Mary Sileckyj, Marianne Lawryk, Carol Petras, John Tymczyna, John Kasprowitz, Frank Chebiniak, Peter Tymczyna, Larry Ford, John T. Haluska
Sixth Row: Mary Ann Rucky, Paula Kanazawich, Juanita Kasprowitz

"Soyata Vechera" — 1960

In Foreground: Marlyn Klish, Jonathan Klish, Mrs. Emilia Klysh, Kathleen Klish
Back Row: Cyprian Klish, Melanie Klish, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh holding Miranda Klish

Ukrainian Independence Day — 1960

Mary Sileckyj, George Pryhoda, Mayor Ott, Michael Gulachok, Mary Ann Rucky, John Rucky

Ukrainian Independence Day — 1961

Linda Shlatz, Mary Ann Rucky, Mayor Ott, Father Lawryk, George Pryhoda

Birth of Christ — 1961

Father Lawryk, Larry Ford, Andrew Baranyk, John T. Haluska, Peter Tymczyna

More Expansion & Growth

Junior UOL — 1961

First Row: William Sadowitz, Carol Petras, Drew Gooley, Marianne Lawryk, Father Lawryk, John Tymczyna, Mary Sileckyj, Zenna Chebiniak

Second Row: Melanie Duby, Gail Dudack, Jane Tarcha, Mary Kay Gooley, Patricia Karaim, Mary Ann Rucky, Ann Krawecki, Lydia Madejchyk, Denise Haluska, Marianne Duby, Melanie Klish, Jim Tymczyna

Third Row: John D. Mihalko, Peter Zelechivsky, Joseph Bycz, Andrew Baranyk, Peter Tymczyna, Joseph Zelechivsky, Frank Chebiniak, Larry Ford, John T. Haluska, Peter M. Dobransky

Church School — 1962

First Row: Patricia Maliwacki, Mary Lynn Ford, Dolly Maliwacki, Katherine Junko, Nadine Matias, Dorothy Zylak, Sharon Klym, Maria Haluska, Roxanne Byce, Irene Maliwacki, Debra Pinkowski

Second Row: David Gelinger, Michael Duby, David Sadowitz, Theodore Junko, Michael Charnetsky, Eugene Skarvinko, Jan Kostyun, Gary Gelinger, Adrian Skarvinko, Richard Charnetsky, Paul Chubinsky

Third Row: Joseph Krawecki, Robert Chubinsky, Mary Ann Krawecki, Bernice Malewiacki,

Mary Ann Lewkowicz, Mary Ann Madejchyk, Cynthia Leska, Robert Pinkowski, Gregory Bogdan

Fourth Row: Cyprian Klish, Ronald Dobransky, Joseph Gelinger, Peter Zelechivsky, Joseph Kasprowitz, George Skarvinko, John Lewkowicz, Father Lawryk

UYLNA Sports Rally Committee — 1962

First Row: Donna Chyle, Frank Chebiniak, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Genevieve Sadowitz, Michael Kulik

Second Row: Stephen Sadowitz, William Klish, Eugene Klym, John Kostyun, Michael Charnetsky

Dancers at World's Fair — 1964

Nancy Klish, Jim Tymczyna, Carol Petras, Peter Zelechivsky, Patricia Karaim,

Peter Tymczyna, Theresa Maslak, William Klish, John T. Haluska, Linda Shlatz

Church School — 1963

First Row: Marianne Duby, Cherri Gulachok, Bernice Malewiacki, Carol Bors, Mary Ann Madejchyk, Mary Ann Lewkowicz, Cynthia Leska, Marianne Krawecki, Ruth Farynyk

Second Row: Larry Terpak, Charles Ellsworth, Jim Chubinsky, Patricia Maliwacki, Barbara Farynyk, Debra Pinkowski, Mary Lynn Ford, Katherine Junko, Dolly Maliwacki, Paul Chubinsky, Peter Charnetsky, Matt Gulachok

Third Row: Irene Maliwacki, Nadine Matias, Sharon Klym, Gary Gelinger, David Sadowitz, Jan Kostyun, Michael Duby, Adrian Skarvinko, Richard Charnetsky, Sandra Pufky, Maria Haluska, Irene Wonsowiat, Father Lawryk

Fourth Row: John Lewkowicz, Michael Charnetsky, Joseph Krawecki, George Skarvinko, Gregory Bogdan, Joseph Kasprowitz, Cyprian Klish, Eugene Skarvinko, Robert Chubinsky, David Bors, Bernice Malewiacki

Altar Boy's Conference — 1965

Attending: Gregory Bogdan, Joseph Gelinger, Cypryan Klish, Ronald Dobransky, Gary Gelinger, Michael Charnetsky, Joseph Kasprowitz, Richard Charnetsky, Michael Duby, Raymond Crnkovic, John Lewkowicz, Father Lawryk

Church School — 1966

First Row: David Gelinger, Eugene Skarvinko, Richard Charnetsky, Jan Kostyun, David Bors, Adrian Skarvinko, Gary Gelinger, Michael Charnetsky, Michael Duby
Second Row: John Maliwacki, Larry Terpak, David Mihalko, Charles Ellsworth, John Dudack, Jonathan Klish, John Kanazawich, Matt Gulachok, Peter Charnetsky, Damon Bogdan, Eric Sadowitz, Mark Gulachok
Third Row: Joseph Gelinger, Michael Maslak, Barbara Farynyk, Katherine Junko, Patricia Maliwacki, Nadine Matias, Sharon Klym, Irene Maliwacki, Lynn Karaim, Mary Lynn Ford, Pat Crnkovic, Debra Pinkowski, Ray Crnkovic, Cypryan Klish
Fourth Row: Tammy Chebiniak, Jean Klodowski, Joann Evansew, Tommy Klodowski, Diana Karaim, Carol Klodowski, Linda Ellsworth, ... Crnkovic, Julene Gulachok, ... , Jacqueline Evansew, Nadine Chebiniak
Fifth Row: Mildred Bogdan, Zenna Chebiniak, Joseph Kasprowitz, Ruth Farynyk, Dolly Maliwacki, Father Lawryk, Mary Kay Gooley, Cynthia Leska, Cherri Gulachok, Gregory Bogdan, Olga Gooley, Jean Klym

Fashions of Ukraine — 1966

Tina Uhrinec - Lemko; Carol Petras - Poltava; Carol Bors - Yavoriw; Jane Tarcha - Sniatyn; Marianne Duby - Podillya; Marusia Sileckyj - Tarnopil; Marianne Lawryk - Hutzul Bride; Mary Ann Lewkowicz - Borschiw; Linda Uhrinec - Kiev; Maria Haluska - Bukovina; Maria Kulasza - Boyko; Marianne Uhrinec - Boyko; Nancy Tarcha - Polissya; Sandra Pufky - Vollyn

Dancers — 1966

First Row: Jane Tarcha, John Tymczyna, Marianne Duby, Marianne Lawryk, Linda Uhrinec, Peter M. Dobransky, Tina Uhrinec
Second Row: Sandra Pufky, John Lewkowicz, Maria Kulasza, Ronald Dobransky, Carol Bors, Peter Zelechivsky, Carol Petras, John D. Mihalko, Mary Ann Lewkowicz, John T. Haluska, Maria Haluska, Michael Charnetsky, Marianne Uhrinec

Church School — 1967

First Row: Scott Gelinger, Gregory Kanazawich, Ray Crnkovic, Charles Ellsworth, John Tylko, Larry Terpak, Steven Haluska, Tom Klodowski
Second Row: Denise Karaim, Nadine Chebiniak, Joann Evansew, Carol Klodowski, Father Lawryk, Miranda Klish, Vickie Klym, Jean Klodowski, Jacqueline Evansew,
Third Row: David Mihalko, Diana Karaim, Carole Tylko, Patricia Crnkovic, Lynn Karaim, Nadine Matias, Dolly Maliwacki, Sharon Klym, Patricia Maliwacki, Barbara Farynyk, Marlyn Klish, Linda Ellsworth, Melodye Kanazawich
Fourth Row: John Kanazawich, Jonathan Klish, ... Crnkovic, Gary Gelinger, David Sadowitz, Eugene Skarvinko, Michael Duby, Adrian Skarvinko, David Gelinger, John Dudack, Damon Bogdan

First Communicants — 1967

*Joanne Evansew, Diana Karaim, Maryln Klish, Scott Gelinger, Steven Haluska, Father Lawryk,
Tom Klodowski, Carole Tylko, Miranda Klish, Vicky Klym*

Blessing of New Church — 1969

*Procession: Michael Dobransky, John Mihalko, Peter Maliwacki
Altar Attendants, Priests, Faithful*

Blessing of New Church — 1969

*Subdeacon O. Mycyk, Very Reverend O. Mycyk, Very Reverend A. Beck, Father Lawryk,
Very Reverend J. Kreta, Very Reverend S. Bilak, Very Reverend A. Kist*

Blessing of New Church — 1969

John Buchma, Father Nestor Kowal, Metropolitan John

Blessing of New Church — 1969

*Michael Duby, Gary Gelinger, Jan Kostyun, Subdeacon O. Mycyk, Reverend M. Zaparyniuk,
Reverend B. Zabrodsky, Very Reverend A. Kist, Very Reverend J. Kreta,
Very Reverend S. Bilak, Very Reverend A. Beck, Father Lawryk, Very Reverend O. Mycyk*

Teacher's Conference — 1970

Attending: Zenna Chebiniak, Martha Maliwacki, Father Lawryk

Altar Boy's Conference — 1970

*Attending: David Bors, Michael Duby, Jan Kostyun, Stephen Haluska, John Tylko,
John Maliwacki, Michael Maliwacki, Charles Ellworth, Peter Charnetsky, Jonathan Klish,
Scott Gelinger, Damon Bogdan, Father Lawryk*

National UOL Officers — 1970

Paul Chebiniak, Julie Sadowitz, William Sadowitz

Happy Team — 1971

*David Mihalko, Greg Kanazawich, Walter Kanazawich, John Maliwacki, Robbie Terpak,
John D. Mihalko, John Tylko, Stephen Haluska, Charles Ellsworth*

Day of Celebration — 1971

*First Row: Linda Zapach, David Zellers, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Nancy Tarcha, Nicholas Tarcha,
Betty Hlavac, Charles Sarnoski*

Second Row: Ronald Dobransky, John Lewkowicz, Jean Klym, Mary Ann Lewkowicz,

Pani Lawryk, Father Lawryk, Helen Kasprzyk, Ann Bycz, Julie Sadowitz, Joseph Krawecki

Third Row: Robert Dobransky, William Klish, William Sadowitz, Jonathan Klish

Altar Boy's Conference — 1972

*Attending: Jonathan Klish, John Tylko, David Mihalko, Mark Hatala, Nick Melnychenko,
and Father Lawryk*

First Learning Center Donated by Sisterhood

Melanie Klish (Teacher), Billy Klish, Emily Klish, Deanna Haluska, Joey Zapach

Classroom in Memory of John Klym, Sr.

*Brian Kocak, Peter A. Hatala, Pani Lawryk (Teacher), Julieanne Rucky,
Paul Chebiniak, Jr.*

Classroom in Memory of Josephine and Nicholas Hatala

Holly Kalada, Mary Chebiniak (Teacher), Danny Richardson

Classroom in Memory of Steven Grech

*Carmen Barynk, Roman Lewkowicz, Jr., Colleen Rucky, Brian Richardson,
Sharon Italiano (Teacher), Karen Haluska, Renatta Lewkowicz*

Classroom in Memory of Anna Sawka

Kristi Hatala, Kelly Breckner, Miranda Klish (Teacher), Nancy L. Tarcha

Board Room in Memory of Michael Dobransky

*Lisa Chebiniak, Bonnie Buchma, Kim Chebiniak, Cathy Buchma, Nicky Tarcha, Melinda Klish,
John Breckner, Melissa Klish, Paul Kocak, Jim Kasprzyk, Nancy Tarcha (Teacher)*

UOL Convention Committee — 1971

*First Row: Greg Kanazawich, Charles Ellsworth, Jonathan Klish, John Maliwacki,
Father Lawryk, William Sadowitz, William Klish, Eugene Skarvinko, Adrian Skarvinko,
Vitaly Halich, George Bobrick*

*Second Row: Jane Ellsworth, Nell Boser, Pamela Hatala, Linda Ellsworth, Carole Tylko,
Carol Klodowski, Sharon Klym, Josephine Vimislik, Nancy Tarcha, Cynthia Leska,
Mary Chebiniak, Rose Klodowski, Olga Tarcha, Jean Klym, Olga Gooley, Eugenia Skarvinko,
Steffie Stasko, Mary Ann Lewkowicz, Helen Kasprzyk, Donna Bobrick, Dorothy Grech,
Julie Sadowitz, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh*

The Golden Years

Memorial Day Service — 1974

First Row: Mary Ann Lewkowicz, Mary Mihalko, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Anna Lewkowicz, Pani Lawryk, Josephine Baranyk, Kay Gelinger, Olga Tarcha, Sophia Pufsky, Julia Dudick, Emelia Lewkowicz, Helen Kasprzyk
Second Row: Peter Hatala, Michael Kulik, William Sileckyj, John Melnyk, Jean Belleman, Gary Dobransky, John Maliwacki
Child in front: Renata Lewkowicz

Girl's Basketball Team — 1976

Carol Klodowski, Carole Tylko, Sandy Martin, Pamela Hatala, Kim Sexton, Jean Klodowski, Tammy Chebiniak
In Foreground: Jodi Klym, Marty Maliwacki
Child: Beth Klym

First Communicants — 1976

Steven Dobransky, Eric Dobransky, Melissa Klish, John Buchma, Melinda Klish, Jim Kasprzyk, Jody Gooley

Bicentennial Parade — 1976

First Row: Melissa Klish, Peter A. Hatala, Nicole DeClerq, Julieanne Rucky, Lisa Melnychenko, Melinda Klish, Jim Kasprzyk
Second Row: Jonathan Klish, Kristi Hatala, Shirley Buchma, John Melnyk, Joseph Buchma

Parish Council — 1976

First Row: Michael Tarcha, Vitaly Halich, William Klish, Father Lawryk, John Maliwacki, Charles Sarnoski, John Buchma
Second Row: Julie Sadowitz, John Mihalko, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Mary Ann Klish, William Sadowitz, Dorothy Skellett, Mary Mihalko, Michael Duby, Nell Boser

Sisterhood — 1976

First Row: Ann Dobransky, Anna Grech, Mary B. Haluska, Jane Ellsworth, Helen Kasprzyk, Mary Mihalko, Father Lawryk, Pani Lawryk, Margaret Klish, Phyllis Hatala, Carol Williams, Rose Klodowski, Marion Kasprzyk, Josephine Vimislik, Sue Dillard
Second Row: Steffie Stasko, Mary Evanchoff, Esther Wandell, Mary Case, Sophia Casper, Emelia Lewkowicz, Nell Boser, Anna Chyl, Mildred Bogdan, Anne Petras, Anne Myers, Nancy Tarcha, Mary Kasprowitz, Julia Palso, Sophia Pufsky, Marie Pufsky, Martha Maliwacki
Third Row: Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Mildred Charnetsky, Alexis Mihalko, Stephania Moroz, Edith Chebiniak, Mary Haluska, Dorothy Skellett, Marian Sarnoski, Julia Dudik, Olga Tarcha, Eugenia Skarvinko, Blanche Charnetsky, Anne Pufsky, Mary Ann Klish, Melanie Klish, Olga Gooley
Fourth Row: Mary Chebiniak, Valerie Melnychenko, Mary Charnetsky, Della Hyrn, Anna Tymnczyna, Josephine Baranyk, Eugenia Krawecki, Josephine Klodowska, Anna Lewkowicz, Julia Malewiacki, Genevieve Sadowitz, Audrey Klym, Helen Rucky, Julie Sadowitz, Julia Klym, Katherine Dobransky, Miranda Klish

Taking the Long Road to America — 1977

*First Row: Roman Lewkowicz, John Baranyk, Julie Sadowitz, Lenny Melynchenko, John Rucky,
George Pryhoda, Nikolaj Lewkowicz
Second Row: Josephine Klodowska, Eugenia Krawecki, Anna Lewkowicz, Emelia Lewkowicz,
Shirley Buchma, Joseph Buchma*

First Communicants — 1980

*Michael Haluska, Aaron Williams, Father Lawryk, Robert Maliwacki,
Peter J. Dobransky*

Ukrainian Day — 1980

*Julianne Rucky, Minden Klish, Charles Sarnoski, Carol Deraco, Gary Ellsworth,
Bonnie Buchma, Jeffrey Hatala, Nicole Hatala, John Kasprzyk, Pamela Chebiniak,
Nicholas Tarcha, Danielle Abraham, Tom Klym, Kathy Buchma, John J. Buchma, Pamela Hatala,
John Maliwacki, Jean Klodowski, Mark Hatala, Karen Buchma*

Ukrainian Day — 1980

Tom Klym, John Maliwacki, Jr., Jeff Hatala, Mark Hatala

JV Champs — 1981

*First Row: Steven Dobransky, Jim Kasprzyk, Nicholas Tarcha, John Breckner, John J. Buchma
Second Row: Coach Nicholas Tarcha, John Kasprzyk, Taras Moroz, Michael Kulik*

Varsity Team — 1981

*Andy Melnychenko, John Kasprzyk, Gary Ellsworth, Michael Kulik, Jeff Hatala,
Taras Moroz, Coach Dr. Peter Hatala*

Girls Basketball Team — 1981

*First Row: Tina Breckner, Karrie Buchma
Second Row: Coach Nancy Tarcha, Minden Klish, Bonnie Buchma, Cathy Buchma,
Lisa Chebiniak*

Altar Attendants — 1981

*First Row: Peter A. Hatala, Jim Kasprzyk, Nicholas Tarcha, Father Lawryk, Steven Dobransky,
John Breckner, John J. Buchma
Second Row: John Kasprzyk, Gary Ellsworth, Michael Kulik, Taras Moroz, Nathan Bogdan,
Eric Dobransky*

Parish Council — 1982

*First Row: Dr. Peter Hatala, Charles Ellsworth, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Nicholas Tarcha,
Father Lawryk, Steffie Stasko, Julie Sadowitz, John Lewkowicz
Second Row: Walter Melnychenko, Albert Gooley, Walter Kanazawich, Dr. Joseph Zapach,
William Sadowitz, Eugene Klym, Charles Sarnoski, John Buchma, William Klish*

Sisterhood Executive Board — 1982

First Row: Rose Klodowski, Jane Ellsworth, Nancy Tarcha, Mary Ann Klish, Phyllis Hatala, Linda Zapach, Marion Kasprzyk, Anne Petras
Second Row: Marie Richardson, Margaret Klish, Edith Chebiniak, Marie Pufky, Genevieve Sadowitz, Father Lawryk, Helen Rucky, Eugenia Krawecki, Kathy Buchma, Minden Klish

St. John's Social Club Officers — 1982

First Row: Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Father Lawryk, William Klish, Evelyn Kanazawich, John Lewkowicz
Second Row: George Pryhoda, Andrew Baranyk, Walter Melnychenko, Robert Dobransky, Maria Haluska, Walter Kanazawich

Senior Chapter UOL Officers for 1981-1982

Linda Ellsworth, Nancy Tarcha, Father Lawryk, Miranda Klish, Margaret Klish, William Sadowitz, Julie Sadowitz

Junior Chapter UOL Officers for 1981-1982

Cathy Buchma, Minden Klish, Gary Ellsworth, Bonnie Buchma, Nancy Tarcha, William Sadowitz, Father Lawryk, John Maliwacki, Jr., Linda Ellsworth, (Lisa Chebiniak insert)

Easter Bake Sale — 1982

Picture in upper left: Thomas Zellers, Bev Haluska, Anne Petras, Melanie Duby, Mary Gormish, Mary Mihalko, Sophia Pufky
Picture in upper right: Julie Sadowitz, Cherly Lewkowicz, Helen Rucky, Marion Kasprzyk, Miranda Klish
Picture in middle on left: Natalia Kulik, Steffie Stasko, Nancy Tarcha, Mildred Charnetsky, Marianne Huray, Olga Drost, Kay Geling, Helen Davenport, Pam Bogdan
Picture in the middle on the right: Marion Sarnoski, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Margaret Klodowski, Genevieve Sadowitz, Marie Pufky, Jane Ellsworth, Blanche Charnetsky, Rose Klodowski
Picture at bottom on the left: Mary Ann Klish, Sue Chebiniak, Ann Myers, Audrey Klym, Constance Baranyk, Della Hryn, Stella Pinkowski, Olga Gooley, Constance Gooley
Picture at bottom on right: Marianne Tully, Margaret Klish, Linda Zapach, Phyllis Hatala
Picture at bottom in center: Jim Kasprzyk, Peter A. Hatala, Eric Dobransky, John Breckner (in front row); Nancy Tarcha, Kelly Breckner (in back row)

Parish Council at the Start of Rectory — 1976

First Row: Michael Tarcha, Sr., Vitaly Halich, William Klish, Father Lawryk, John Maliwacki, Chuck Sarnoski, John Buchma
Second Row: Julie Sadowitz, John Mihalko, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Mary Ann Klish, William Sadowitz, Dorothy Skellett, Mary Mihalko, Michael Duby, Nell Boser

Rectory Ground Breaking / Building Committee — 1976

John Maliwacki, John Tylko, Father Lawryk, William Klish, John Judski, Norman Davies, Francis Boser

Young People & Children with His Grace Archbishop Constantine and Father Lawryk — 1982

First Row: Heather Liguori, Renata Lewkowicz, Deanna Haluska, Jayson Dilliard, Kelly Kinney, Robert Maliwacki, Danny Richardson, Kelly Dilliard

Second Row: Roman Lewkowicz, Joey Zapach, Timothy Zapach, Billy Klish, Emily Klish, Kevin Dobransky, Beth Klym, Karen Haluska, Colleen Rucky, Julieanne Rucky

Third Row: Bryan Richardson, Kristi Dobransky, Kristi Hatala, Melissa Klish, Kelly Breckner, Carrie Buchma, John Breckner, Peter A. Hatala, John J. Buchma, Adrian Mihalko, Peter J. Dobransky, Michael Haluska, Bryan Kocak

Fourth Row: Miranda Klish, Adrienne Italiano, Jodi Klym, Nancy L. Tarcha, Bonnie Buchma, Melinda Klish, Lisa Chebiniak, Cathy Buchma, Father Lawryk, Archbishop Constantine, Pamela Hatala, Steven Dobransky, Paul Kocak, John D. Mihalko

Fifth Row: Eric Dobransky, Tom Klym, Mark Hatala, Nicole Hatala, Minden Klish, Jim Kasprzyk

Pontifical Divine Liturgy — 1982

Taras Moroz, Michael Kulik, Father Nestor Kowal, Archbishop Constantine, Father Lawryk, Jeffrey Hatala, Nathan Bogdan (Senior Altar Attendants)

Rectory Dedication Concert — 1982

Choir:

First Row: Julie Sadowitz, Natalia Kulik, Pamela Bogdan, Olga Kulik, Mary Mihalko, Wilma (Lesia) Klysh, Pani Lawryk, Jean Belleman, Father Lawryk, Nancy Tarcha, Kay Gelinger, Mildred Bogdan, Helen Kasprzyk, Anne Petras, Eugenia Krawecki, Sophia Pufky

Second Row: William Sadowitz, Nicholas Tarcha, John Haluska, Walter Malowicky, Walter Melnychenko, Michael Kulik, Dr. Peter Hatala, John Cibulsky, Charles Sarnoski, John Maliwacki, John Buchma

Directed by: Father Lawryk



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*The Parish Council - 1982
Nick Tarcha, President*





St John's Rectory