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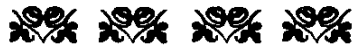
“Those who have truly decided to serve the Lord God should practice the remembrance of God and uninterrupted prayer to Jesus Christ, mentally saying: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”

St. Seraphim of Sarov



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The glorious Elias, incarnate messenger of God, pillar of Prophets, and second Forerunner of the Coming of Christ, sent grace from on high to Eliseus that he might cleanse lepers and heal sickness for all those who honor him.



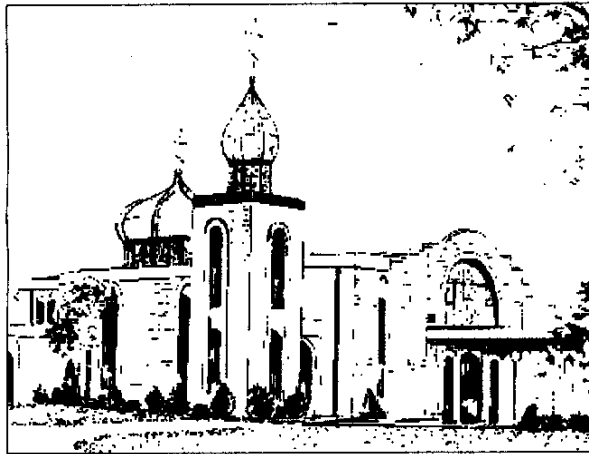
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Divine Liturgies at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Summer 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Holy Day Vigil 7 p.m.



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St. Ann Festival

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Ann by attending the Festival at Saint Ann Byzantine Catholic Church on Sunday, July 28. Join family and friends as they

Respect Life News

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On July 28, in conjunction with the celebration of the feast day of St. Ann, our parish family will once again hold its annual Slavic-American Picnic. On this day, people from all over Pennsylvania – and beyond – join with us to celebrate our heritage. While not all of us are of Slavic descent, we do share a common faith heritage: we are Eastern Catholics. Many of us come from an “immigrant people.”

Some of us came to this country ourselves, in search of freedom and opportunity. For others, it was our ancestors who made the journey to America, so that we could have a better life. They brought with them tradition, history, and great faith.

While America truly is the “land of opportunity,” our immigrant forebears sometimes encountered resistance in their search for a place in American

society. They were, at times, viewed as not worthy of the same rights and privileges as “real” Americans. Perhaps it was because they couldn’t communicate as well, or they were uneducated, or because no one could see in them any real value. In the eyes of some, the immigrants were unwanted.

As an immigrant people we can understand what it is to struggle for acceptance in society. As sharers of a common faith – Eastern Catholicism – we are a people of *life*. We know that each of us is an *icon* of God – created in His image and likeness, each of us a unique and precious sign of his love. Even so, there are certain members of our human family are viewed as not worthy of the same rights and privileges as the rest of us. They are seen as

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Congratulations to Our College Graduates

Damian Joseph Dyckman, Villanova University, BS in Chemistry

Theodore Robert Dyckman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology,

MS in Aeronautics and Astronautics

Dustin Michael Nace, Lafayette College, BA in Engineering

Christina Dietman, Rosemont College, BA in Biology (Cum Laude)

Paul Urbansky, Penn State University, BS in Finance

Maria Yarolin, New York University, Masters in Psychology

Stephanie Yarolin, HACC, Associate Degree in English

(Plans to attend Bloomsburg)

Thomas Tomcanin, Jr., Temple University, Doctor of Pharmacy

Respect Life

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having no real value. Instead of the immigrants of our past, however, today's unwanted are the old, the weak and the dying, the handicapped, and the unborn. They are denied a place in the American culture, and are instead given up to the *culture of death*.

This year, as we proudly celebrate our common heritage with food, drink, music and fellowship, we do well to remember that the *light of the East - our light* - shines for all persons, from conception to natural death. We are a people who celebrate and cherish *all* life: the immigrant and the native-born, the weak and the strong, the old and the young, the born and the unborn.

Stop by the St. Ann respect Life Committee information table at the Slavic-American Picnic!

Slavic Festival

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enjoy the delicious food, polka and modern music, and games. Tour the beautiful church and stop by the stands that display and sell icons, books about the Eastern church, pysankies, and many other traditional ethnic items.

This Slavic-American Festival has been a tradition of the Harrisburg area for over 40 years. People come to enjoy the festivities and to learn about the Eastern Tradition. The church is open throughout the day for anyone who wants to pray or to visit and ask questions of the tour guides who are there from noon until 5 p.m.

The fabulous food with ethnic food as the specialty is served in the parish center. Halupkies, pierogies, schnitzlies, and halushky are part of the menu. Full dinners and a la carte and take-out food are available throughout the day. Also, St. Ann's famous walnut rolls are sold at the dessert table that has delicious homemade cakes, pies, cookies, and fudge.

Entertainment starts at 1 p.m. with the sound of the Polka Quads from Steelton, and the Sensations who will play dancing music. Bring your own comfortable chair to enjoy this free music. The only restrictions are no carry-on foods, drinks, or personal picnic tables.

At 9 p.m. the winners of the raffle are picked and announced. The raffle tickets may be bought in advance or on the day of the festival. Over \$3,500.00 in cash prizes will be given out that night.

Bring the family and enjoy this great day that has fun and games for everyone.

Volunteers are the ones who make this day one to remember. Sign up to help and pitch in that day to help everyone have fun.

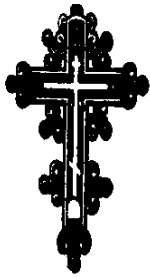
It is the nature of human beings, and especially the youth, to seek the Absolute, the meaning and fullness of life. Dear young people, do not be content with anything less than the highest ideals! Do not let yourselves be dispirited by those who are disillusioned with life and have grown deaf to the deepest and most authentic desires of their heart. You are right to be disappointed with hollow entertainment and passing

fads, and with aiming at too little in life. If you have an ardent desire for the Lord you will steer clear of the mediocrity and conformism so widespread in our society.

Pope John Paul II

Message of the Holy Father to the Youth of the World on the Occasion of the XVIIth World Youth Day

Eternal Memory



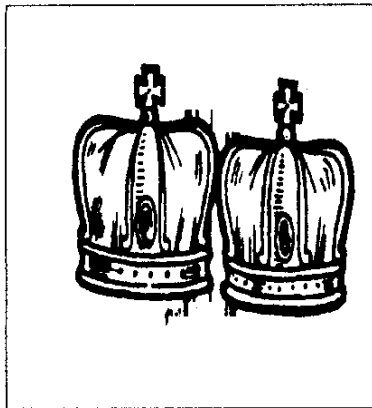
Our parish family offers prayers and condolences to the family of John Peda.

Vicnaja pamjat'

Crowned in Matrimony

Andrew John Panko and Erin Smith

Matthew Novosel and Kristine Gundy



Mnohaja P'ita!

Initiated into New Life with Christ

Kimberly Shim Bailey—daughter of Harry and Bridget Bailey

“Marriage is the key of moderation and the harmony of desires, the seal of a deep friendship ... For marriage does not remove God, but brings all closer to Him, for it is God Himself who draws us to it.”

St. Gregory the Theologian

The students speak

To help us remember to keep God in our life over the summer, students in the 7th and 8th grade ECF program offer the following suggestions:

1. Get in the habit of praying a certain time every day so you don't forget to pray.
2. Keep in mind that nothing is more important than your faith no matter how important something else might seem at the moment. Just stop and think about what really is most important in your life.
3. Be happy for what you have. Don't be sad for what you don't have.
4. While on vacation, keep in mind to remain on the "straight and narrow" path.
5. Go to church. Remember to keep Sunday holy.
6. Go to church on Sunday and listen to the Divine Liturgy.
7. Don't do anything illegal.
8. Be happy.
9. Don't make your parents angry and be nice to your family.
10. Keep in touch with your parish family and be involved in any church activities including the St. Ann Festival in July.

Suggestions were given by **Ryan Patterson, Andrew Sakmar, Joseph Mushalko, Nathan Weber, Sarah Rapp, and Joseph Skitka.**

High School Graduates

John Michael Rapp, Lower Dauphin High School
Joseph Francis Dyckman, Central Dauphin High School (Plans to attend the U.S. Naval Academy)

Alicia Reynolds, Trinity High School (Plans to enlist in the Navy)

Anne Marie Urbansky, Central Dauphin High School, (Plans to attend Penn State University, Erie Campus)

Michael J. Kushner, Dallastown Area High School (Plans to attend Penn State University)

Andrew Lutzkanin, III, Middletown High School, (Plans to attend Lycoming College)

E.C.F. News

Thank you to Father Michael, Joan Trautlein, the E.C.F. Coordinator, and the dedicated teachers for the successful 2001-2002 school year. Also, thank you to the parents and children.

PRE4/KINDERGARTEN

VERA MILLER(Kindergarten)
JOANN KOHN (Pre-School)

FIRST GRADE

KAREN GRUBB and JOAN BADO, Asst.

SECOND GRADE

MARIAN BASSLER and MARIE GRUBER, Asst.

THIRD GRADE

EILEEN DIETMAN

FOURTH GRADE

TARA HARCHAK and DAVID HARCHAK, Assoc.

FIFTH/SIXTH GRADE

BEVERLY KUSHNER and MARIE SIRKOT, Asst.

JUNIOR HIGH

MARIE NESTER, DENNIS BUPP,
and MARYA TIPTON

SENIOR HIGH

PHILLIP ZULLI and MATT SAHD

SUBSTITUTE

KATHY SZARKO

How would you answer these questions?

The youth of St. Ann's, the future of our church, want to share the ways they know God is with them. Students in the junior and senior high E.C.F. program wrote the following answers:

1. Identify some ways you know God is with you?

You're happy. Love of others Consolation in sadness
We have Communion. See faith in the eyes of others
Nature shows us God. We hear it in our prayers.
When you are lost, people find you—that is how God finds you.

2. How do you feel when you are in church?

Holy	Part of a community	Secure
Happy	Spiritual	Challenged
Faithful	Cheerful	Feel closer to God

3. What do you think your role is in the church?

To worship and serve God
To believe and spread the faith
To go to the Divine Liturgy and receive Holy Communion
To support the church with money, work, and time
To be an altar server
To be an active participant in the youth group

The Tragedy of Gossip

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted the more I am believed. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.

I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called Gossip.

Before you repeat a story, ask yourself: Is, it true? Is it harmless? Is it necessary? If it isn't, don't repeat it. People are indignant if they are denied the right of freedom of speech, but sometimes they overlook the duty to use this right responsibly. We need to be on our guard and practice restraint in our speech. May it be used for praise and not destruction.

Urgent Request!

Anyone, ages 18 to 65, who wishes to help the last strings of hope and prayer by donating a kidney would be a blessing from God sent to my husband, John Rapp. The donor cannot have high blood pressure, diabetes, or cancer. The donor should have blood type "O," but if you don't know your blood type, you can be tested and told if you would be a possible match. You may contact Transplant Office of Harrisburg Hospital, 231-8747, and ask for Kay. Tell her the donation is for John Rapp. They can answer any questions you may have.

Thank you, Nancy (Sedun) Rapp, John's wife.

New Articles to Be Memorialized

- Icon of Blessed Romzha
- Icon of Blessed Goidich
- Icon of St. Ann (depicting the various events of her life)
- New Holy Water Sprinkler
- Lenten Censor
- Teplota (Hot Water Vessel)

All items are silver and gold plated. Contact the rectory if you are interested.

The Enlightener

Put any item you want included in *The Enlightener* in an envelope marked for the newsletter and place it in the collection basket. Also, you may give any suggestions or information to Marya Tipton, Ann Hanincik, or Marie Nester. This newsletter will be sent throughout the year to keep you informed of the many activities at St. Ann's.

Remember these Feast Days

- July 20 Holy Prophet Elias
- July 25 Patronal Feast of St. Ann**
- August 6 Feast of the Transfiguration
- August 15 Dormition of the Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
- August 29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- September 1 Beginning of the
New Liturgical Year
- Pilgrimage to Uniontown (August 31-September 2)

Lectors (Readers)

The reader of the Sacred Scripture is an important aspect of all our Divine Services. Scripture is read at all of our Vespers and Divine Liturgy Services. We would like to involve additional readers at our divine services. Men and women regardless of age are most welcome. Please see Father Michael who will be more than happy to give you the brief 15 minute course on public reading of Scripture at our Divine Services. Our high school students are asked to consider volunteering to be a lector.

Bingo Volunteers Needed

If you can spare 3-4 hours, one Friday night a month, to come out and give Bingo a much-needed hand, please call Tom Walko at 545-4046, Joan Bado at 545-2869, or the Rectory at 652-1415 and volunteer your services. Volunteers are needed in all aspect of Bingo and particularly in the kitchen and on the floor.

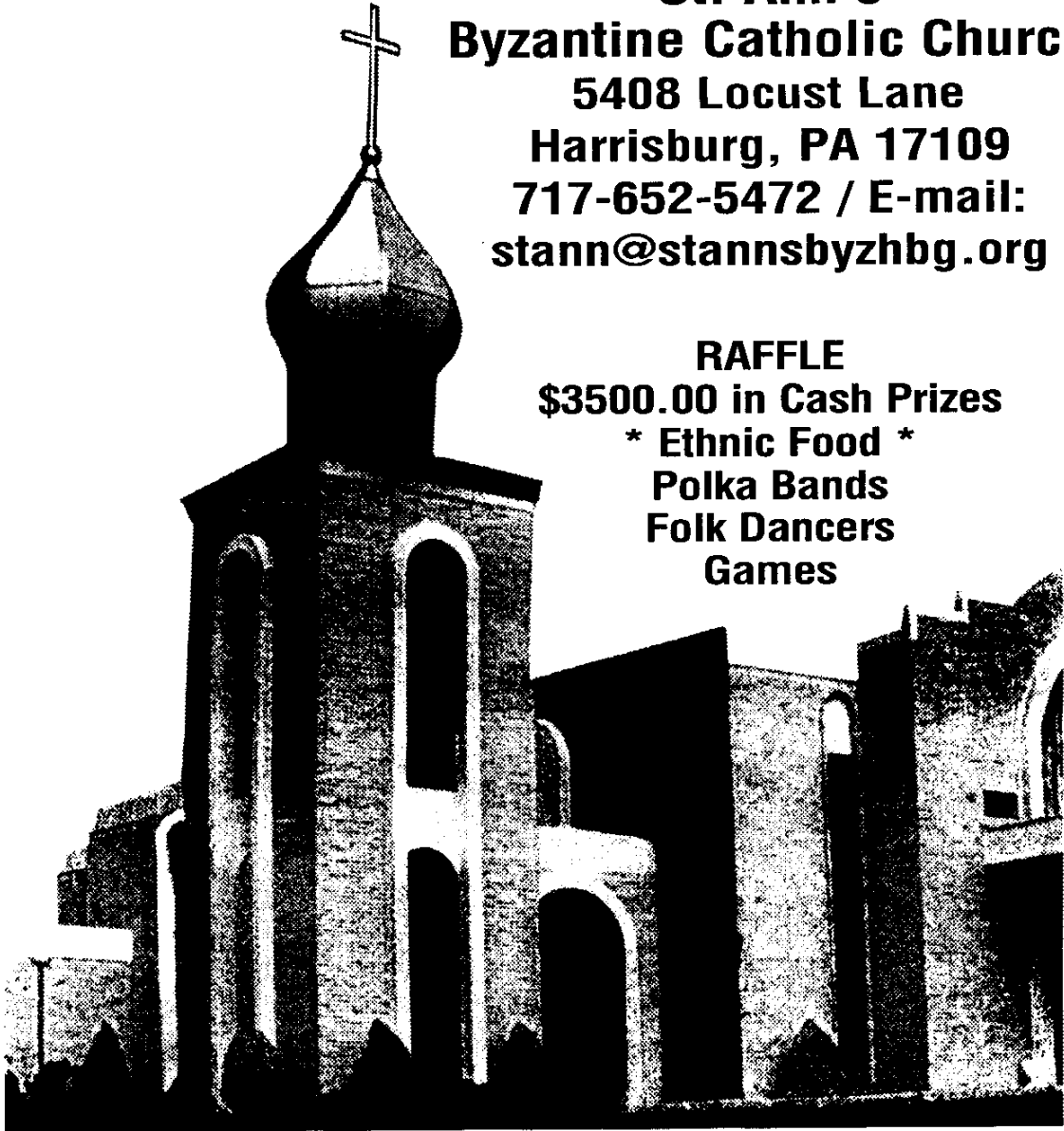
Children in Church

We invite parents with young children to please bring their children and themselves to the front pews of the church so as to give their children an opportunity to view and participate in the Divine Services without obstructions.

Sunday, July 28th
Slavic-American
FESTIVAL

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