

# THE ENLIGHTENER

Newsletter of St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church

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## PARISH FAMILY PICNIC



### Troparion of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to Your Church over her enemies and protect Your people by Your cross.*



### CALENDAR

#### September

- 1 Beginning of the New Liturgical Year
- 8 Nativity of the Mother of God
- 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Parish Family Picnic)

#### October

- 1 Patronage of the Mother of God
- 5 St. Ann Parish 40th Anniversary Celebration

#### November

- 8 Archangel Michael
- 14 Philip's Fast (the Nativity Fast) begins
- 21 Presentation of the Mother of God
- 27 Thanksgiving Day

#### December

- 6 Feast of St. Nicholas
- 8 Conception of St. Ann
- 13 St. Nicholas Buffet Dance

Plan to attend the Saint Ann Parish Family Picnic on Sunday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This is the perfect day for relaxing with your Church friends and welcoming new parishioners.

Hot dogs and hamburgers start cooking at 11:30, which means the food is ready soon after the second Diving Liturgy. Please bring a salad, casserole, dessert, chips or other snack food to add to the buffet table. Come early and plan to stay until the end at 4 p.m.

Entertainment includes music from 12:30 until 4, games for all ages, and displays highlighting our Respect Life Committee and our E.C.F. program.

September 14 is also Catechetical Sunday and the first day for E.C.F. classes. Our entire Church family can come together to celebrate the beginning of the catechetical year.

Also, this picnic will be a going away party for Sasha, who is leaving our parish on September 24. He will return to his studies in Rome.

Mark your calendars now, and remember to sign up on list in the back of the church.

Anyone who wants to help with the set-up or clean-up, please call Heidi Kushlan, 564-4934, or Marie Nester, 652-4916.

### St. Ann Slavic American Festival

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the St. Ann Slavic American Festival a success. Mark your calendars for next year's festival for Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Since this year's festival, our parishioners have received a postcard that asks them to identify their commitment to continuing the St. Ann Festival. These cards must be returned to the rectory by October 1.

The tally of those returns will determine if we have enough help to continue one of the most successful festivals in the area.

The success of the last parish meeting at which over 75 people attended indicates we want this event to continue. But that is only possible with the dedication of the entire parish community. Please show your support for this important parish event by returning your postcard by October 1.

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Divine Liturgies at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.,  
Holy Day Vigil 7:00 p.m.

# Mysteries of Initiation

- Michael Metro Cremona, son of Lawrence T. and Mirka Cremona.
- Emilie Ann Harr, daughter of Christopher and Julie Marie Harr.



## Eternal Memory

Our parish family extends its condolences to the family of Kay Yuska, a former member of our parish, who died on February 15, 2002. Please remember her in your prayers, and we apologize for not listing her death in an earlier newsletter.

## New Parishioner

Welcome to Kenneth Lucas, M.D.

## Thank You . . .

Thank you to Jean Krall for her many years of dedicated service to the St. Ann bookstore. Due to health reasons, Jean will no longer be in charge of the bookstore.

Patricia Zook and Denny Bupp will take over the responsibility of the religious items and books in our store, which will be open starting in September. The weekly bulletin will have further information. They will appreciate helpers!



*The Enlightener*, our parish newsletter, will be published 4 times throughout the year. Any information for the next December newsletter must be submitted by Monday, November 10. Submissions can be made by placing them in the collection basket or by giving them to Marie Nester or e-mailing them to MarieNestr@aol.com.

# New Articles to be Memorialized

- Embroidered vestments
- Two sets of blue vestments
- Hand Cross
- Chalices (2)

Icons are being proposed for above the front doors and also the bell-tower doors. At the present time, the cost has not been determined.

Contact the rectory if you are interested in any of these items.



## Attention Altar Servers

All altar servers will receive their own cassocks for which they will be responsible. Clean cassocks will be distributed, and the servers are responsible for keeping them clean and bringing them to church every Sunday. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Sakmar (865-0299), who is in charge of this project.

## Baking Schedule

Bakers will start on Monday, October 6, and meet every Monday and Tuesday evening in the parish center for the next 7 weeks. The last day for baking is Tuesday, November 18.

The bake sale will be on Saturday, December 6.

## Congratulations . . .

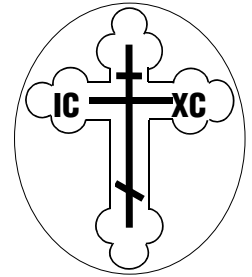
Congratulations to the winners of the Festival Raffle. A copy of the list of money winners and basket winners is in the back of the church or the list can be mailed if you so desire.



**Notice:** Please inform the rectory of your new address whenever you move. This common courtesy will save our parish the money used in postage for returned mail.

# ECF Matters

**GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!**



## “SOWERS OF GOD’S PEACE”

St. Ann’s 2003-04 ECF Program gets underway on National Catechetical Sunday, September 14th. This day, celebrated for 66 years, was established by the National Council of Catholic Bishops to honor volunteer catechists nationwide. Without these volunteer men and women, our youth might progress in their faith through habit but without the foundation necessary to face today’s questionable secular society. The appropriate theme for this year is “SOWERS OF GOD’S PEACE.”

Classes will commence between Liturgies that day at 9:05am, with Induction of Catechists taking place prior to the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. Please take some time to “Thank a Catechist” for the commitment they make in their love of God and their

Stewardship to our parish. Our volunteers bring to the program about 120 years of teaching experience!

In addition to the obvious educational component of our program, there are other facets that benefit the parish. Our ECF Parents Organization supports our efforts with the fund-raising aspects of the program. They fund all educational materials as well as the various social events and trips taking place throughout the year. This group meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday, during class time. Please get involved. It is the future of YOUR church.

Another “plus” of the ECF Program is the sense of Parish Community that develops, both among students, parents and friends. In our unique parish, covering 13 counties, the likelihood of our youth really knowing each other outside of church is slim. Through our ECF Program, ALL of us can grow in our ability to love and praise God, His Blessed Mother, His grandmother, Ann (our Patroness), and all the saints, as a solid community sharing our prayers, hopes and dreams.

Our schedule for 2003-04 consists of 2

Sessions. There are 13 classes in Session I which are completed by the Christmas Holidays. Session II has 16 classes which will be completed on May 2, 2004. The Mystery of Repentance will be received by all students, grades 3 through 12, during Philip’s Fast (the Nativity Fast) and the Great Fast.

ALL parish families with school-age children are expected to enroll them into St. Ann’s ECF program. Attending a parochial school does not excuse parents of the obligation to raise their children with knowledge of the Eastern Rite. This is not available in Western Rite schools and not known by many parents who were Baptized in the Eastern Rite or married into the Eastern Rite. The Eastern Rite is not about Holupki & Pirohi, but about Holy Tradition going back to the Early Church. Follow through on the gift you gave your child when you had him or her Baptized, Chrismated & Communicated. Let them go into the world with the tools they so richly deserve.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to call me, Joan Trautlein, ECF Coordinator, at 564-8257.

### ST. ANN’S ECF FACULTY 2003-04

*Rev. Michael Shear, Pastor*  
*Joan Trautlein, Coordinator*

<u>Pre-school/</u>	<u>Junior High</u>
<u>Kindergarten</u>	Marya Tipton
Vera Miller	Matt Sahd
Joanne Kohn	Denny Bupp
<u>Grade One</u>	<u>Senior High</u>
Karen Grubb	Marie Nester
Gina Mistishen	Phillip Zulli
<u>Grade Two</u>	<u>Substitutes</u>
Marie Gruber	Fr. Michael
Ray Gruber	Joan Trautlein
<u>Grade Three</u>	David Harchak
Eileen Dietman	Tracy Ort
<u>Grade Four</u>	Maribeth Peters
Tara Harchak	Kathy Szarko
David Harchak	
Grade Five/Six	
Grace Rentovich	
Marie Sirkot	

## ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2004

*Plan ahead and save! The 2004 Rally, sponsored by the Intereparochial Youth Commission will take place June 24-27 at Camp St. Nicholas, Frazier Park, CA, which is 75 miles from Los Angeles. Cost for the rally will be \$250 per person. It is open to Byzantine Catholics ages 13-19. For further information visit [www.Byzanteen.com](http://www.Byzanteen.com) or call the Rally Planning office at 708-645-0241. Our parish will supply scholarships for any youth who wants to go but is unable due to the cost. Contact Father Michael for more information. Also, read the weekly bulletin for more details about the rally.*

# ECF YOUTH CAMPOUT RETREAT

St. Ann Church became ByzanTEEN Central as ECF youth met for a campout retreat on Saturday, Aug. 2. The parish hall was transformed into a coffeehouse as students had “open mic,” painted a mural, played games and shared their faith until the wee hours of the morning. Thanks to ECF teacher Matt Sahd for his guitar-playing talents, and to Greg Szarko, 15, for bringing his trumpet!

“What I liked most about the retreat was that everyone was comfortable with each other. They were all mature, both boys and girls,” said Christopher Canant, 13. “And the frappaccinos!”

The first to arrive were students from the junior high class — Greg Szarko,

Gabrielle Kushlan, Christopher Canant and Natalie Shuntik — to participate in the first-ever Byzantine Catholic Knowledge-a-Thon fund-raiser. Participants answered 100 questions on Holy Scripture, theology and tenets of our Eastern Christian faith. Pledges were taken for the number of questions answered correctly. At the students’ request, proceeds will go to help families in Carpatho-Russia. Congratulations to Gabrielle Kushlan for getting a score of 99.5! All the students did a marvelous job.

Assisting at the retreat was Clifford Canant, 16, who led the students in a fervent Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos and who made a beautiful icon table adorned with flowers and greenery.

Abigayle Acker, Allison Mushalko, Nathan Weber, Joe Mushalko and Andrew Sakmar later joined the group for the pizza pig-out, charades, the “name game” and a reading from Pope John Paul II’s new poem on the majesty of Creation, the Roman Triptych.

Special guest speaker was seminarian Michael DiMarco, who gave an inspiring talk on our call to holiness through the vocations of the married, single and religious life.

Students are reminded that their pledge money for the Knowledge-A-Thon is due Sunday, Sept. 6. Please return to Marya Tipton or Matt Sahd. Donations are accepted as well.

## 3rd Grader’s Essay on God

*(Written by Danny Dutton, age 8, from Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment to “Explain God.” It’s a whole new perspective.)*

“One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so there will be enough people to take care of things here on earth. He doesn’t make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make.

That way, He doesn’t have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn’t have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. Since he hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His Ears, unless, He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn’t go wasting His time by going over your parent’s head asking for something they said you couldn’t have.

Atheists are people who don’t believe in God. I don’t think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren’t any who come to our church. Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn’t want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified

Him. But He was good and kind like His Father and He told His Father that they didn’t know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that He had done and all His hard work on earth so He told Him He didn’t have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So He did. And now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones He can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important, of course.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there’s anybody who wants to make happy, it’s God. Don’t skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And besides, the sun doesn’t come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don’t believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can’t go everywhere with you like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He’s around you when you’re scared in the dark or when you can’t swim very good and get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn’t just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases. And that’s why I believe in God.

## 40 Years — 1963-2003



### *Saint Ann Parish 40th Anniversary Celebration October 5, 2003*

On **Sunday, October 5, 2003**, we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Saint Ann Byzantine Catholic Church. The celebration begins with Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. On this day there will be only one Divine Liturgy for the congregation to come together to celebrate as a Church family. A Vigil Liturgy and Vespers will be on Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m.

After the Divine Liturgy, a buffet dinner will be served in the parish center, the building originally used for church services. Following the meal will be a short program that includes recognition of the many blessings bestowed on St. Ann Parish during the past forty years.

Around the parish center will be pictures that



will help us recall all the hard work and fun we had at the many events that are part of our church history. If you have any pictures that can be used for displays, please give them to Nick or Gina Mistishen (233-0806). Write your name on the back so that they can be returned.

There will be no charge for the celebration, merely a free will offering. A nice gesture to honor this anniversary would be to give a donation of one dollar for each year, for a total of \$40. This is one way you can honor this celebration. Special envelopes will be provided. If you have any questions about the celebration, call Stephen Bobar (717-561-4551) or John Falatovich (717-697-4958).

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this historic and joyous occasion.

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## ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2004 Poster Contest

Rally Theme: "Mission"

### **Contest Rules:**

1. Open to members of all the Byzantine Catholic Parishes from ages 13-19.
2. Must be original artwork or photos
3. Design must include the word "**Mission**" and:  
ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2004  
Camp St. Nicholas Frazier Park, CA  
June 24-27, 2004  
Planning Office: (708) 645-0241  
Website: [www.byzanteen.com](http://www.byzanteen.com)
4. Poster size: approximately 19"x 25"
5. Deadline for all entries: Tuesday, September 30, 2003
6. All entries must be submitted to:  
Rally Planning Office  
14610 Will-Cook Road  
Homer Glen, IL 60491

**Mark your calendars now!**



**Saint Ann Parish  
40th Anniversary  
Celebration  
October 5, 2003**

**Plan Ahead —**

***St. Nicholas Dinner Dance***

**Saturday, December 13, 2003**

***Music by Polka Quads***

