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THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American and Canadian Holiday popularly based on the Pilgrims dining with the Indians in Massachusetts Colony in 1621. This was obviously long before most of our ancestors came to America. But the idea of thanking God for his blessings and sharing our bounty with others has been commemorated in some form or another by many people for many years.

While Thanksgiving originally had a heavily religious significance, for many people today it's a reason to eat large amounts of food and then watch an NFL football game on television.

The First Catholic Slovak Union and its Members also have reasons to give thanks. Thanks to the brave and visionary Fr. Furedek and men who founded the Society in 1890. Thanks to all the National and Branch Officers and Members, both men and women, who worked tirelessly for all these years to build and maintain the Society and all its good works.

As we start entering the 2010 Convention year we should give thanks for all those before us who built the Society, and determine what we can each do to add positively to that legacy.

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Andrew M. Rajec

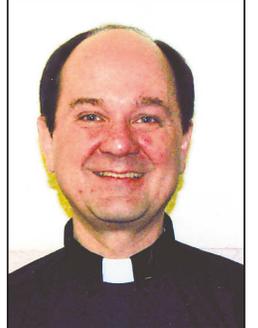
Happy Thanksgiving

Dear Friends,

The Thanksgiving holiday is a time that many of us reflect on the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us and our families. We give thanks to God for our heritage and customs handed down to us from earlier generations. We are grateful for the artistic, athletic, or any other special talents we may possess. We express our gratitude for the gift of life itself and for God's endless mercy.

Perhaps this Thanksgiving we can take a moment and thank God the Holy Spirit for His presence and action in our lives.

Closures of parish churches and schools, job losses, violations of trust, and other hurts and disappointments are a few of the reasons why some people begin questioning their



Rev. Thomas Nasta

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*From the Desk of the Executive Secretary -
Kenneth A. Arendt*

ATTENTION ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

The First Catholic Slovak Union is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2010 Scholarship Program.

Seventy (70) **ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS** in the amount of \$500.00 each will be awarded to the winners. In addition, a **ONE-TIME** "Philip Hrobak Scholarship" and "Stephanie Husek Scholarship" in the amount of \$750.00 each will be awarded to the highest ranking male and female applicants respectively.

Three additional **ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS** of \$500.00 each will be given from the "John A. Sabol Nursing Scholarship Fund" to applicants who have been accepted into either an approved three or four year hospital nursing program or a fully-accredited college of their choice.

In addition, **upon proof of college graduation** sent to the Home Office, each recipient will be issued a \$3,000 Single Premium Life Insurance Policy.

The rules and requirements are as follows:

1. Applicants must have a minimum of \$1,000 of reserve insurance (JEP Policy, Ordinary Whole Life, Twenty Pay Whole Life, or Single Premium Whole Life) with F.C.S.U. for at least **four years prior to April 1st** of the year of graduation from high school; or an applicant must have \$5,000 or more of term insurance with the F.C.S.U. for at least four years prior to April 1st of the year of graduation from high school. **All scholarship winners must maintain this insurance in force during their college years. Applicants must be insured prior to April 1, 2006 to be eligible under the rules of this period.**
2. Applicants must apply for grants in the Spring of their senior year of high school, between ages of 17 and 19.
3. Applicants must have applied for the Fall term at a qualifying institution. Proof of college admission must be sent to the Home Office with the application.
4. Applicants must submit an official Scholarship application that can be obtained from a Branch Officer, the scholarship department of the F.C.S.U. or download an application from our web site (www.fcsu.com).
5. Applicants must submit a completed application to: **Scholarship Program, First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131.**
6. Applications will be accepted only on the proper forms. **INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS (THOSE WHICH ARE RECEIVED NOT FULLY COMPLETED OR DO NOT HAVE ALL ATTACHMENTS) WILL BE INVALID AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.**
7. Winners will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee (an independent group of educators) according to their individual merit in categories of high school cumulative grade point averages, extracurricular activities, talents, achievements, initiative, communication skills, transcripts and S.A.T. and/or A.C.T. test scores.
8. Final award checks will be made payable to the winners upon submitting **a proof of college enrollment.**

Application forms can be obtained from a Branch Officer, the Home Office at 1-800-JEDNOTA, or can be downloaded from the website at www.fcsu.com.

Applications must be postmarked by **Midnight, February 28, 2010.**

All applications without the above stipulated postmark will be considered invalid.

49TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

**THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL
24 PUBLIC SQUARE
CLEVELAND, OHIO, 44113
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010 through WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2010

By direction of the Executive Committee and with the approval of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada, the 49th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will be held at

**THE RENAISSANCE HOTEL, 24
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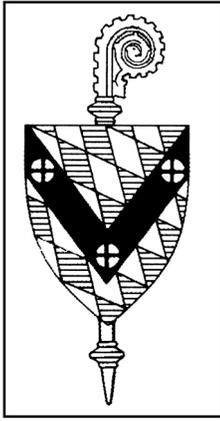
All National Officers, Regional Directors, District Officers, Branch Officers, and Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union are notified herewith that the Convention dates are: **Saturday, August 14, 2010 – Wednesday, August 18, 2010** so they may sched-

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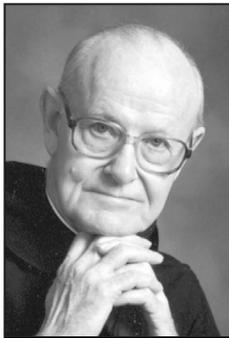


St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies Father Campion P. Gavaler; Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.D.B.

November 22, 2009
Feast of Christ the King
John 18:33b-37

Gospel Summary

The choice of this text from John's gospel could not be more appropriate for the feast of Christ the King. It is taken from the Passion Narrative and is part of the exchange between Pilate and Jesus during his trial before the Roman Procurator.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

This trial scene is particularly important for John and he devotes no less than twenty-nine verses to it. In fact, this scene reveals John's concept of the central issue in the life and ministry of Jesus.

When Pilate and Jesus discuss the question of kingship, it is clear that Pilate has in mind political and military power. He also knows that he, as a representative of the mighty Roman Empire, possesses this kind of power in fullest measure. He lives in a palace and has access to the finest military forces of those days. By contrast, Jesus stands before him as a shackled and helpless prisoner. The contrast could not be more obvious.

Nevertheless, when Jesus says that he has come into this world to "testify to the truth," he is claiming a power that directly challenges the power of Pilate. For the truth to which Jesus is testifying is not philosophical or scientific truth but the ultimate truth about God's intention in creating us human beings. Jesus has received this truth from his heavenly Father and reveals it in his words and actions...and never more so than during his passion and death.

This revelation offers a truth that is so revolutionary that we could never believe it without the witness of Jesus and the gift of faith. Jesus is telling us nothing less than that the only truly effective and lasting power in the world is that of unselfish love. He is a bound prisoner because he loves others and he will soon give his very life for love of them. This love of Jesus will conquer the hearts of millions, while the power of Pilate and the great Roman Empire will crumble to dust.

Life Implication

The message in today's gospel is that truly revolutionary message, given to us by Jesus, which permeates all the gospels. It is a difficult message because we find it so hard to believe that quiet, gentle and persistent love, which seeks only the good of others, can possibly be more powerful than all the money and missiles on which we rely for security.

We can comprehend and trust this teaching only by the gift of faith. But we must remember also that this precious gift is offered to everyone by the love of God. Accordingly, we need to be open to all the many ways in which God's love is made available to us--through contact with God in prayer, but also through the love of other good people, and even through the beauty of nature.

As we gratefully embrace this goodness in life, in spite of much evil there also, we will gradually become free enough to dare to trust the power that is in our unconditional loving. We do not need to live in mansions or command armies or be endowed with special gifts in order to be a loving presence in our world. Yet we can be certain that such loving has the potential to transform the universe. Jesus is indeed the King of kings and Lord of lords, but only because of his great love of us.

November 29, 2009
First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Gospel Summary

Luke places Jesus' discourse about the destruction of the temple and his coming at the end of the world immediately before the narrative of his death and resurrection. In the present passage Jesus uses cosmic symbolic images of the prophetic tradition to indicate the final divine action in history at the end of the world. Before the Son of Man comes in a cloud with power and glory, there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. The coming of the Son of Man in power and glory means that the final redemption is at hand. Jesus then issues a warning lest our hearts become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness or from anxieties of daily life. If we are not vigilant, the final day will catch us by surprise like a trap. Jesus tells us to pray for the strength to escape the ever-imminent tribulation so that we may stand erect with raised heads at his coming.

Life Implications

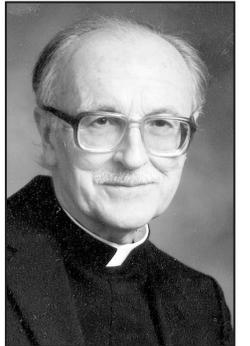
The gospel passage addresses the terrifying experience of one's world coming to an end -- not only the final end of world, but also of our individual worlds such as our financial security, our marriage, our health, our life in dying. These are terrifying experiences not only because of the physical suffering they may entail, but because the tribulation may lead to despair about the meaning of life itself.

Friedrich Nietzsche (d. 1900) anticipated that total loss of meaning which now seems to be so pervasive in our culture when he proclaimed: "God is dead...Do we not wander through an endless nothingness?" Ernest Hemingway (d. 1961) in one of his short stories has a character express the despair of the loss of meaning in a prayer without meaning: "Our nada (Spanish word for 'nothing') who art in nada, nada be thy name..." and "Hail Nothing, full of nothing, nothing is with thee..." Steven Weinberg, a 1979 Nobel Prize winner for physics, writes: "...this present universe has evolved from an unspeakably unfamiliar early condition, and faces a future extinction of endless cold or intolerable heat. The more the universe seems comprehensible the more it also seems pointless" (The First Three Minutes).

Jesus, too, had the experience of his own world coming to an end -- his arrest, suffering and death were imminent. He, however, had the courage to face the loss of his life in hope because he trusted that God would not abandon his beloved Son to the meaningless nothing of death. Jesus, identifying himself with all creation as God's dwelling place, realized that with his death would also come the end of the temple and the world. In the biblical tradition temple and the universe were inseparably joined. God created the universe as a temple for his children to enjoy and for worship on the seventh day. In turn, the temple was the universe in miniature also created for Sabbath worship and joy. We fallen creatures, however, had turned his Father's house of prayer --the temple and the universe -- into a den of thieves.

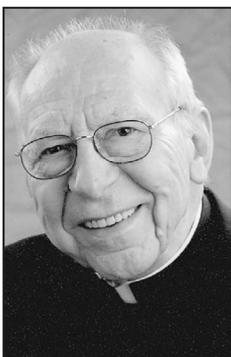
The old creation of temple and world in a sense would already come to an end with the death of Jesus. The Romans in response to a Jewish revolt in fact destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in the year 70. The end, however, in the mystery of God's creative love would at the same time be the beginning of a new creation -- first in the resurrection of Jesus, and then in the creation of a new spiritual temple, a New Jerusalem, a new heaven, and a new earth (Rev 21).

Advent is a time of vigilance and prayer. We ask for the gift of sharing the hope and courage of Christ so that we can with his trust face the terrifying experience of our own world



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

Reflections on Our Christianity Msgr. Edward V. Rosack



Msgr. Edward V. Rosack

James-2

"My brothers, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings on his fingers and in fine clothes comes to your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Sit here, please,' while you say to the poor one, 'Stand there,' or 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?" (James:1-4)

"...if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law, but falls short in one particular, has become guilty in respect to all of it." (James 2:9-10)

"So speak and so act as people who will be judged by the law of freedom. For judgment is merciless to one who has not shown mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment." (James 2: 12-13)

"For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also a faith without works is dead." (James 2:26)

"Consider how small a fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire

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From the Desk of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth Arendt:

ATTENTION BRANCH OFFICERS

This is a reminder of the requirements for receiving your branch stipend of \$4.00 per member which is due February 15, 2010. Please read the bylaw section 4.05 and 11.04 very carefully. It is very important that you follow all guidelines listed in order to qualify for the branch stipend. This bylaw will be strictly enforced and all requirements must be completed properly.

Please understand that a branch must have attended at least one (1) district meeting in two (2) out of the four (4) calendar years prior to the convention year, either in the calendar year 2006, 2007, 2008, or 2009, in order to be eligible to send a delegate to convention. (Bylaw Section 11.04 f)

The following are the requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend. Completing these requirements will qualify your branch to send delegates to the 2010 Convention which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

Bylaw Section 4.05 FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:

"By the end of February of each year, the Home Office shall pay each local branch \$4.00 per member, per year, not to exceed \$8,000.00, provided the local branch has fulfilled the following requirements:

(a) Published, announced and conducted two (2) semiannual meetings, one (1) of which shall be an annual meeting held for the election of officers. Meeting attendance sheets shall accompany the reports submitted to the Executive Secretary.

(b) Submitted an annual report to the Executive Secretary on a form provided, by February 15th of the following year.

(c) Submitted a financial report to the Executive Secretary on a form provided, by February 15th of the following year.

(d) Hosted, sponsored, promoted, or attended at least one (1) fraternal activity in the past year.

(e) Produced at least one (1) new contract in the previous calendar year. Branches with two hundred fifty (250) or more members must produce at least two (2) new contracts.

(f) Provided the Home Office, on a continuing basis, current addresses of members and completed change of beneficiary forms, death reports, and such other documents as required by the Home Office.

(g) Sent a branch representative to attend at least one (1) district meeting per calendar year. Those in attendance at the district meeting may vote to provide a branch with an excused absence.

1. Members attending a district meeting shall sign an attendance sheet evidencing their presence at the event. The district shall notify the Executive Secretary of those branches failing to meet this attendance requirement of article "g" above by no later than February 15th of the following year.

2. The Executive Secretary shall publish no later than March 31st of the following year in the Official Organ those branches failing to meet the requirement of section 4.05.

(h) Maintained good standing within its district by paying current fiscal year dues and any other dues that may be outstanding from previous years."

Bylaw Section 11.04 BRANCH REPRESENTATION AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATION:

(a) Every local branch having fifty (50) or more members and current good standing financially in its district (i.e., up to date with dues payments), may send at its own expense, one (1) of its members as a delegate to the Convention. Said delegate shall have the right to vote, but in no case, shall any delegate have more than one (1) vote. Local branches which have more than one hundred fifty (150) members are entitled to two (2) delegates and to one (1) additional delegate for each additional one hundred (100) members and so on, according to the number of their members on February 1st of the Convention year. Each District (Okres) shall be entitled to only one (1) district delegate.

(b) Any two (2) branches in the same district having less than fifty (50) members can combine if they total fifty (50) members or more. They can send one (1) delegate representing both branches at their own expense with one delegate vote.

(c) The delegate count shall be based on members as of February 1st in the Convention year. The maximum number of delegates per branch will be twenty (20).

(d) A local branch that has no delegate elected may request that a delegate already elected from another branch represent it. A delegate shall not represent more than two (2) branches, but has only one (1) vote. No National Officer shall represent any local branch.

(e) Notice of all meetings for the election of delegates to the next Convention shall be published at least twice in the Official Organ prior to the date of the next branch or district meeting.

(f) Any branch or district which fails to comply with article 4.05 in two (2) of the four (4) years preceding a Convention will not be permitted to send any delegates to that Convention, excluding Canada.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WHY DO PEOPLE BUY INSURANCE?

According to the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association (LIMRA), nearly half the life insurance policies sold were for family security needs after death; 14 percent for retirement; 13 percent for mortgage protection; 10 percent as savings and investments and 6 percent to meet children's' educational needs.

As statistics show, the primary reason to buy life insurance is to provide an income for your dependents. It is only natural you want to help the people you love. Still...many men and women do not have enough life insurance to maintain their family's current life style...if the breadwinner died. They are fortunate if they have enough for their immediate expenses, such as funeral costs; un-insured medical expenses and attorney fees.

Despite the many uses to which life insurance is put, it remains, like other forms of insurance, a means of protection from financial loss. The loss in the case of life insurance is the amount of income that the deceased would have produced, beyond that used for his personal needs, had he lived a normal life-span. It is to protect them that life insurance is written.

Life insurance isn't fun to buy...you can't eat it, drink it, wear it or decorate your house with it. People are reluctant to buy life insurance. It is the natural human tendency to avoid difficult decisions and postpone unpleasant duties. It makes you think about the day you are going to die. Dying is a certainty and there are no ifs/ands about it.

I have noticed that many young adults tend to let their policies lapse or, if there is cash

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"PARK FREE PLUS" ANNUITY

Effective August 1, 2009, FCSU Life is offering the "Park Free Plus" Annuity...

The new annuity plan that combines features from our most popular annuities...
The Park Annuity and the Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity.

The "Park Free Plus" offers a first year interest rate of **4.1%**. This initial interest rate is guaranteed for the entire first year of the Annuity policy. At the first anniversary date of the policy, the **Annuitant has 15 calendar days to elect this option:**

Withdraw the full value of the accumulated Annuity funds (principal plus interest) WITHOUT INCURRING A SURRENDER CHARGE!

*Note: If the funds are withdrawn prior to the first anniversary of the policy, a 6% surrender will be imposed on the funds withdrawn.**

2. If this option is not exercised, the Annuity will continue for an additional five years. The interest rate at that time will be based on the interest rate established by the Society on its Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity. This rate is published regularly in the official publication and on our website.

If the policy is continued, the Annuitant may withdraw up to 10% of the policies cash value at the beginning of each policy year, without incurring a surrender charge.*

If the Policy is continued, withdrawals that exceed 10% of the policy's cash value will incur a surrender charge of 5% in the second year and withdrawal charges will decrease by 1% each year until the end of the sixth year from the issue date*.

INITIAL DEPOSIT MAY BE AS LOW AS \$1,000!

Low Minimum Deposit. Initial deposit may be as low as \$1,000 for the "Park Free Plus" Annuity. Maximum deposit for this program is \$100,000.00. No additional deposits are permitted during the first year.

Flexible Deposits. Additional deposits of \$1,000 or more will be accepted at any time after the first year.

Maturity Options. At the end of the six year policy period; the Annuitant has these options:

- The policy can be continued. There will be no surrender charges on any withdrawals.* The interest rate will be based on FCSU Life's Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity interest rate.
- The policy can be converted to any Annuity product offered by FCSU Life at that time. The interest rate will be based on the then current declared interest rate on the selected policy.
- Taxes on all interest earned on the "Park Free Plus" Annuity and any subsequent policy selected, will be deferred until funds are withdrawn.

For additional information, contact your Branch officer or the Home Office.

* Early withdrawals may be subject to IRS penalties.

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Insights and Viewpoints

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falling apart. Jesus is the leader and perfecter of our faith. Following him, for the sake of the joy that is before us, we will endure the cross, despising its shame (Heb 12:2). The universe and our human existence in it are not pointless. We do not wander through an endless nothingness. Advent is also a celebration of the good news that the Risen Lord comes to be with us now -- in the Eucharist, in the words of Scripture, in the Church, in the least of our brothers and sisters, in all our joys and sorrows. We will stand erect with raised heads at his coming because our redemption is at hand. " 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen! Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev 22:21)!



Reflections on Our Christianity

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course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouths come blessing and cursing. This need not be so my brothers." (James 3:5-10)

"For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity." (James 3:16-17)

Wars and conflicts are the norms of our lives today. Wars really are begun by single persons, always for a "noble" cause. Then, individuals are programmed to fight them, spilling their blood on foreign fields and coming home either in closed boxes or with minds and bodies torn, crippled and deprived of any quality of life. These veterans, quickly forgotten by the flags beneath which they marched, are then enlisted in life ennobling, fundraising activities for their survival.

As with wars, so it is with individuals, infected with corruption, greed, lust for fame and power, driven by envy and jealousy and ruthlessly slashing by sword and tongue to become king of the hill.

James writes on these things: "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. Adulterers! Do you not know that to be a lover of the world means enmity with God? Therefore, whoever wants to be a lover of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that the scripture speaks without meaning when it says, 'The spirit that he has made to dwell in us tends toward jealousy? But he bestows a greater grace; therefore, it says' ' God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you of two minds. Begin to lament, to mourn, to weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will exalt you." (James 4:1-10)



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ule their 2010 calendars accordingly.

All Officers and Members are directed to review Section 11.03 through Section 11.08 of our By-Laws to determine delegate eligibility and duties and Section 11.09 through 11.12 for the Convention business. Election of delegates to our 49th International Convention must be completed by May 17, 2010, ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the Convention (see Section 11.03c). However, to assure guaranteed hotel registration and room assignments, it is requested that all delegates to the 49th International Convention be elected as early as the annual meetings of the districts and branches in December 2009, or by **January 31, 2010** at the latest. **The final delegate count** shall be based on members as of February 1, 2010 (see Section 11.04c). Appointments to the various convention committees will begin as soon as delegate credentials are received and certified at our Home Office at 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, Ohio 44131.

The National Officers and Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union are looking forward to a cost effective and productive 49th International Convention. All potential delegates to this 49th International Convention are requested to study our existing By-Laws, ask questions of the National Officers and Members of the Board of Directors, and review the programs and financial statements (see our website (www.fcsu.com) for the Financial Statements for 2006, 2007 & 2008). Proposed By-Law change forms will be sent out to the Branches and Districts in September 2009 and are due back by January 31, 2010.

Andrew M. Rajec
National President

Kenneth A. Arendt
National Secretary

WHY DO PEOPLE BUY INSURANCE?

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value, cash in the policy for a minor emergency. As a result, we encourage parents or grandparents to pay the life insurance premium until the young adult can handle the premium himself/herself and understand the value of the life insurance policy.

This bothers me because families with small children always need a lot of insurance. If a tragedy should strike the parents, the children could not support themselves. They should invest in permanent coverage when they are young and in good health. The rates are more affordable and there is always the chance you may get sick and become un-insurable. Speaking of un-insurable, your youngsters are guaranteed insurability in the Juvenile Enrichment Plan (JEP). During the term period, the insured member will earn a conversion credit of \$1.00/year, per \$1000.00 face amount towards the purchase of permanent insurance. It is a wonderful way to guarantee security for a slow as \$14.00 a year for a \$10,000.00 policy. Talk to your lodge officers for the particulars.

According to LIMRA International Consumer Survey 2007 estimates that more than 60 million adult Americans are inadequately insured and that 40 percent of adult Americans have no life insurance coverage whatsoever. How are we going to target those currently un-insured?

In coming to grips with the problem, the FCSU leadership needs all the help they can get. We will continue to share the information and ideas we develop. We need the input from local members. Please share your views and thoughts with us. We need to get serious about increasing productivity at the branch level.

To end the year on a positive note, I am asking each and every branch to organize their own mini-membership drive to sign at least four new branch members. It is a realistic goal that's easily attainable. Suggest they give their children or grandchildren an insurance policy for Christmas! What better gift to show your love.

We have many quality, competitive and affordable insurance products. Discuss them at your meetings. Let us all get involved with sales and help our Society grow.

The end of the year is fast approaching. Don't wait until the last minute to purchase your IRA. Our IRA's and Annuities are currently yielding an attractive 4.75 percent.

Annuities are an excellent long term investment. The rates are great. There is no load and the principal guarantee allows you to sleep at night. Invest in one today!

Until next time,

Good Luck and God Bless!

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.

National Vice President

Chairman-Membership and Marketing Committee

**If each member would sign up just one new member,
we could double our Society immediately**

THINK ABOUT IT!

NEWSPAPER DEADLINES

All copy is due by 4:30 P.M., THE MONDAY BEFORE THE ISSUE DATE, unless otherwise stated below because of special holiday scheduling. Copy that is not received by this deadline will not necessarily appear in the following Wednesday's issue.

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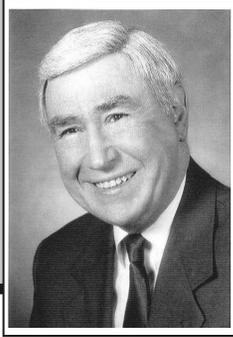
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MONEY MANAGEMENT & TAX TIPS

By *Joseph T. Senko*

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Certified Financial Planner
Personal Financial Specialist
(AICPA)*



Tips for First-Time Home Buyers

Given the bad times the real estate market has endured lately, many first-time buyers may be wondering if this is a good time to buy a home. Purchasing a home can be an excellent investment.

Set Realistic Price Guidelines

The easiest way to decide how much house you can afford is by determining what size mortgage payment will fit into your monthly budget. As a general rule, your monthly housing cost should not exceed 25 percent to 30 percent of your gross monthly income if you want to qualify for a conventional mortgage. Monthly housing costs include your mortgage principal payment, interest payment, property taxes, and home insurance.

To determine your possible mortgage costs, use a mortgage calculator like the one found on the CPA profession's 360 Degrees of Financial Literacy site at www.360financialliteracy.org. Fill in the expected mortgage amount, the interest rate, and the mortgage term. When you see the monthly outlays based on different mortgage sizes and interest rates, you can determine a fairly specific range for your home price and loan rate. Once you set this range, stick to it during your house hunting so you don't end up spending more than you can handle.

Don't Forget the Other Costs

When you are evaluating what monthly mortgage payment you can afford, remember the other expenses you'll be paying each month. Utilities bills, for example, may increase if you're moving into a larger space or if they were previously included in your rent. You may also need to pay moving expenses, new furniture, home appliances, and improvements. Make a list of all your possible onetime ongoing expenses so you can have an accurate picture of how home ownership will change your financial situation.

Review Your Credit Situation

When you apply for a mortgage, the lender will examine your financial information to determine whether you qualify for the loan. If you have a lot of outstanding debt or if you missed car loan or credit card payments in the past, that could hurt your chances of getting a mortgage. Before starting your home search, evaluate your credit situation and your credit history. You have the right to receive a free credit report each year from the three credit bureaus. If you find any problems with your credit history you can take steps to repair your record before you apply for a mortgage. You can also notify the credit bureau about any errors that you find and ask to have them corrected.

Remember the Tax Advantages

The American Recover and Reinvestment Act of 2009 removed the 15 year recapture. For homes purchased after 2008 and before December 1, 2009, the first-time homebuyer credit increases to \$8,000, it does not have to be repaid unless the taxpayer sells the home within 36 months, and it can apply to homes that are financed by exempt mortgage revenue bonds.

You also are allowed to deduct the interest you pay on up to \$1 million of debt used to buy, construct, or improve your principal residence or second home (\$500,000 if married filing separately). That's a tremendous advantage to homeownership that you will reap right away. In addition, you can also deduct the real estate taxes you pay on your home.

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Coming Events

November 22

- The Prince Rastislav District's Annual Meeting after the High Mass at the Parish Hall of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Montreal, Quebec.

November 29

-The Pittsburgh District's Annual Meeting at 1:00 p. at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 529 Grant Avenue Extension, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

December 6

-The Msgr. Michael Shuba District's Annual Meeting at 4:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, Mississauga, Ontario

December 6

-The George Onda District's annual Stedry Vecer at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by the dinner.

January 3

-A special Meeting of the Msgr. Joseph Tiso District at 2:00 p.m. at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

ATTENTION:

BRANCH AND DISTRICT OFFICERS!!

It has been announced that the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will be held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel located at 24 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio 44113, from August 14, 2010 through August 18, 2010.

Please refer to Section 11.04, Branch Representation and District (Okres) Representation when you elect your delegates to the convention. Special attention should be paid to 11.04(e), which states: "Notice of all meetings for the election of delegates to the next convention shall be published at least twice in the official organ prior to the date of the next branch or district meeting." Once the date for the meeting to elect delegates has been established, please send the notice to: Anthony Sutherland, Editor, Jednota Newspaper, 1001 Rosedale Avenue, Middletown, PA 17057, phone – (717) 944-0461; fax – (717) 944-3107.

When electing delegates, please refer to Bylaw Section 11.03, "Qualification of Delegates."

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you,
Kenneth A. Arendt
Executive Secretary

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

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Negativity and personal agendas need to be focused on positives and cooperation. The Convention is a time for togetherness and good will, while both conducting the business of the Society and also rewarding those who have worked for the Society for the past four years and have been elected as Delegates.

Like as I have said many times and in many places, most people don't become our Members and buy our products just because of their Slovak background; they buy our products and become Members primarily because they want financial security and want to participate in the Society's financial benefits that are competitive in the marketplace, and secondarily because they look to our Society because of its fraternalism or Slovak character. Do yourself, your family and your friends a favor; check out our competitive life and annuity products by either contacting a local Branch Officer or calling the Home Office.

Our Slovak forefathers in many ways were like the original Mayflower Pilgrims, in that they too came to America to seek religious, cultural and economic freedom and opportunities. Today, as their descendants, we are also Pilgrims, in the sense that we are carrying their legacy in a challenging, ever-changing world.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Andrew M. Rajec
President

Happy Thanksgiving

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Catholic faith and are tempted to stop practicing the faith, or even to leave the faith. Those who rely on the Holy Spirit to help them in times of turmoil and trouble can express gratitude to the Spirit for helping them remain steadfast in faith.

This month we remember our beloved dead at Mass and private prayer. Although our loved ones may have left this earth some time ago, there is still sadness that they are no longer with us. The Holy Spirit makes us secure in hope that the Lord will show his tender mercy upon them, pardon their sins, and grant them eternal rest.

A number of families and single households have been struggling to make ends meet, even before the economic downturn. They depend on the generosity of others for food on the table, for heat in the home during winter, and for so many other necessities of life. Those who carry out these corporal works of mercy do so through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of charity and for that we give thanks.

Faith, hope and charity are fruits of the Holy Spirit. For these and all of God's graces, we can never cease giving Him thanks and praise.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta
National Chaplain



Be a part of our Annual LUCINKA Fundraiser
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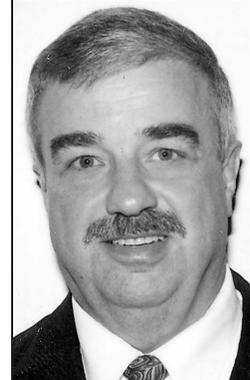
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Thanksgiving Wishes



On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to wish our members a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary



Oplatky, etc.

The Christmas Season is fast approaching. Oplatky are available through Jankola Library. Other items, such as Slovak Christmas cards, books, tapes, and CD's may also be procured.

The oplatky, five per packet, for a donation of \$3.00, are thermo-sealed and securely packaged. Postage (all packages are sent by Priority Mail) is additional. Orders may be customized and packaged to meet specific needs.

For more information or to place an order, please contact Sister M. John Vianney, SS.C.M. or Sister M. Catherine Laboure, SS.C.M. at:

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FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

First Catholic Slovak Union "Presidential Campaign" Insurance Incentives

For the 2010 convention we will have a year long presidential campaign. It will run from August 1, 2009 to the presidential banquet in August 2010.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every two (2) new insurance policies signed, the proposer would receive a certificate which would state that he/she has signed two (2) new insurance policies and the duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the Presidential Campaign. The drawing for \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Prize money will be paid when the insurance premium is paid. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each proposer can sign as many members as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each two (2) new insurance policies signed. Example: Two (2) insurance policies, one (1) certificate. Four (4) insurance policies, two (2) certificates.

Term as well as reserve policies are eligible for these grand prizes.

Our insurance products are very competitive. Let's get everybody involved in sales during this "Presidential Campaign". Your Executive Committee, Board of Directors and the Membership and Marketing Committee wishes you the best of luck in your endeavor to secure new membership.

First Catholic Slovak Union "Presidential Campaign" Annuity Incentives

For the 2010 convention, we will also have the same prizes for annuity procurements as we are having for new membership.

Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

For every \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's brought in during the period August 1, 2009 to the August 2010 convention, the recommender will receive a certificate which will state that he/she brought in \$10,000.00. The duplicate of this certificate would be held at the Home Office for a drawing at the completion of the presidential campaign. The drawing for the \$4,450.00 in cash prizes will be held during the convention. Five prizes will be awarded. First prize will be \$1,500.00 – Second prize will be \$1,200.00 – Third prize will be \$1,000.00 – Fourth prize will be \$500.00 and Fifth prize will be \$250.00.

Each annuity proposer can bring in as much money as possible, but will receive one (1) certificate for each \$10,000.00 in Annuity/IRA's. Example: Bring in \$10,000.00 one (1) certificate, bring in \$20,000.00 two (2) certificates, and bring in \$30,000.00 three (3) certificates.

So take this opportunity to earn some great prizes and get people to invest in our Annuity/IRA's. Remember... our high paying Annuity/IRA rates are second to none.

Good Luck and God Bless!

Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.
Membership and Marketing Chairman

News From Slovakia

New U.S. Ambassador to Slovakia Announced

Georgia State Senator David Adelman has been appointed the new United States Ambassador to the Slovak Republic. He replaces Vincent Obsitnik who lost his position in January after the election of President Barack Obama.

Senator David Adelman led the Georgia Obama campaign and also served as a member of the Obama National Finance Committee. Adelman received a B.A. degree from the University of Georgia in 1986 and a Doctor of Law degree from Emory University School of Law in 1989. He also received a master's degree in Public Administration from Georgia State University. He was first elected to the Georgia Senate in 2002. He is married and the father of three children.

U.S. Steel Optimistic but Awaiting End of Crisis with Caution

Steel producer U.S. Steel Kosice is mildly optimistic but nevertheless remains cautious in its wait for the end of the economic crisis, company spokesman Jan Baca told TASR recently.

"The point is to restore and revive the industry, and then to maintain it," he said.

At the same time, Baca praised the fact that "despite very hard times we've assured ourselves that we're able to act in a flexible manner and make immense efforts to overcome this difficult period in cooperation with trade unions."

According to the spokesman, the company has adapted its production to its consumers. "We focused on savings in expenditures and limited our cooperation with external suppliers. We introduced a four-day working week for several months and we cut down on hiring new staff," he said.

TASR

SkyEurope Bankruptcy Administrator Given More Time to Compile List

A Bratislava district court has granted an extension of 90 days to the deadline for compiling a list of claims against bankrupt SkyEurope Airlines, TASR has been told by court's spokesman Pavol Adamciak.

The court's decision is based on a request from SkyEurope's bankruptcy administrator Lubomir Bugan. Bugan, who replaced Emil Cerevka in September, asked for the deadline to be extended due to the enormous number of claims delivered to his office. He also pointed out that the total number of claims could amount to tens of thousands.

The bankruptcy administrator will also have more time to catalogue SkyEurope's assets- until December 15.

The period in which creditors can claim their outstanding debts can't be extended, however, as legislation doesn't allow this. The period will remain at 45 days from the starting date of September 10, 2009.

The estimated number of creditors is currently 287,000, of which as many as 280,000 are passengers who purchased tickets that were not honored. At the same time, claims can be expected from former business partners, who number 3,000-4,000. Outstanding debts can also be claimed by the approximately 500 employees of the company, who will be the main priority.

TASR

Slovakia to Help Malta to Deal with Illegal Immigrants

Slovak Foreign Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak handed over a letter from the Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico addressed to his Maltese counterpart Lawrence Gonzi that informs him about Slovakia's plans to accept ten illegal immigrants detained in Malta, Igor Skocek from the ministry's press department told TASR recently.

Malta is a stopping-off point for illegal immigrants traveling from Africa to Europe and this year as many as 1,800 such people have arrived in Malta. "This is not a Maltese problem, but a European one," stated Lajcak during discussions with Maltese officials. According to him, Slovakia understands Malta's immigration problems. "European solidarity is necessary here, and through this action we also want to send out a signal to other European countries, who are so far reserved on this matter," said the minister.

By accepting the illegal immigrants, Slovakia will join the European pilot project, via which EU-member states should help out countries most affected by the influx of illegal immigrants through resettlement of these people.

TASR

Slovak Documentary Wins Golden Hugo at Film Festival in Chicago

A documentary film by Slovak director Peter Kerekes entitled 'Cooking History' has won the main award- the Golden Hugo- at the 45th Chicago International Film Festival in the category of documentaries. The international film festival was held October.

The Slovak director's film was selected from among 13 documentaries listed in the 'Docufest' category, while the three member jury appreciated its "originality, humor and unusual points of view on war, which shock, entertain and teach us lessons."

Cooking History, which was made as an Austrian-Slovak-Czech coproduction, presents dramatic stories of military cooks and tells how the daily needs of thousands of 'armed stomachs' influenced victories and defeats of statesmen throughout history. The film points out how cooks' performances may influence the moral conduct of soldiers on the battlefields, and are thus able to have a significant impact on history.

TASR

Fico: "I'll Never Agree to Anti-Missile Shield in Slovakia"

As long as I'm the Slovak Prime Minister, Slovakia will never agree to any anti-missile shields being placed in our territory, said Premier Robert Fico at a recent press conference.

Fico pointed out that he welcomes the change in plans of the American administration regarding this matter- that is, the recent decision to pull out of plans to build an anti-missile system in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Turning to foreign military missions, Fico said that Slovakia wants to participate and be active in those that have a legitimate goal. "These goals are the war against terrorism, and aid to destroyed countries, based on authorized decisions of international organizations," he explained, adding that the military operation in Iraq was no such case. "The use of military force in Iraq was only motivated by crude oil," he said, stressing that Slovakia couldn't tolerate this and so withdrew its troops from the country.

TASR

Fast-Track Degrees Being Investigated at Trencin

Education Minister Jan Mikolaj said that he is backing an inspection that is due to be carried out at the Alexander Dubcek University in Trencin, which has allegedly granted degrees to certain students after only one or two years of study. Mikolaj stated that it is possible that nothing like this has taken place at the university, however.

The minister didn't want to provide the names of the three inspectors. "It isn't necessary to disclose the names of the members of inspection groups. Let them be, let them do what they have to do," he added.

"We'll go after facts," assured Mikolaj, adding that if the inspectors find out that the university has made a mistake, it may lose its accreditation and its right to award degrees.

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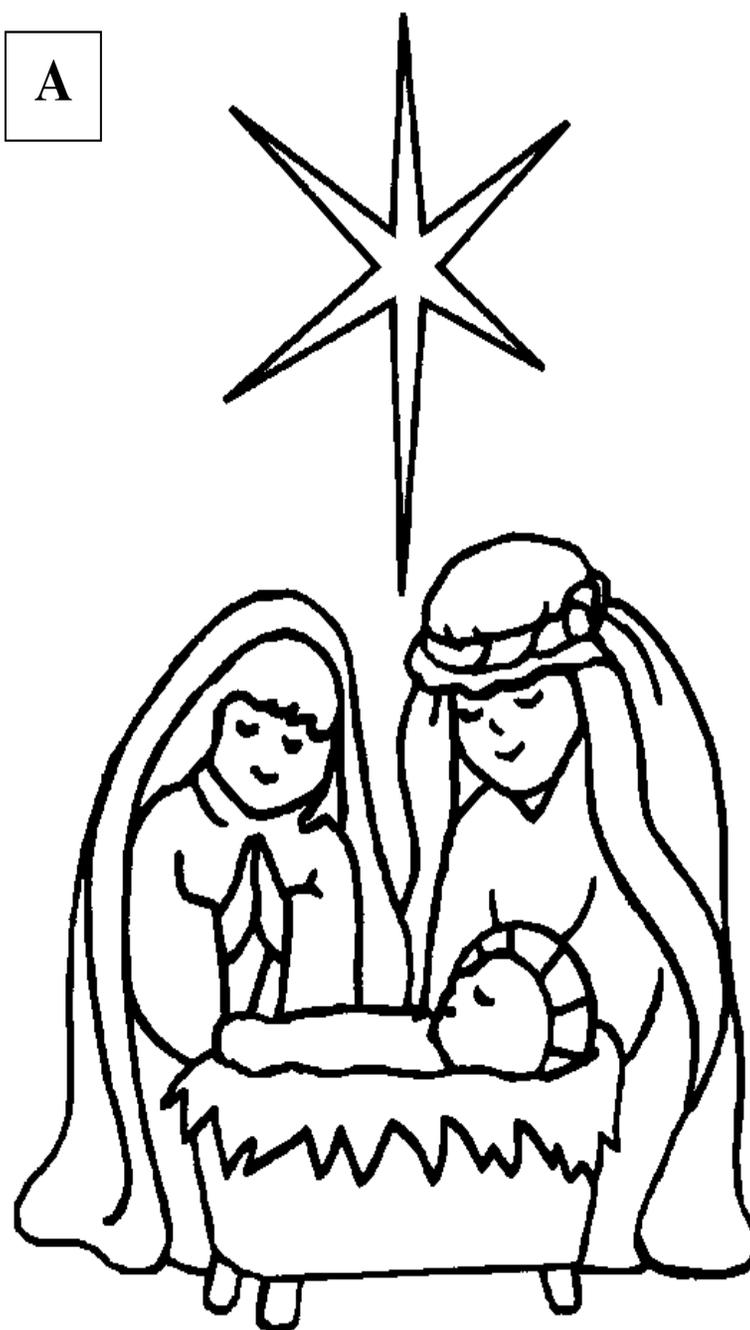
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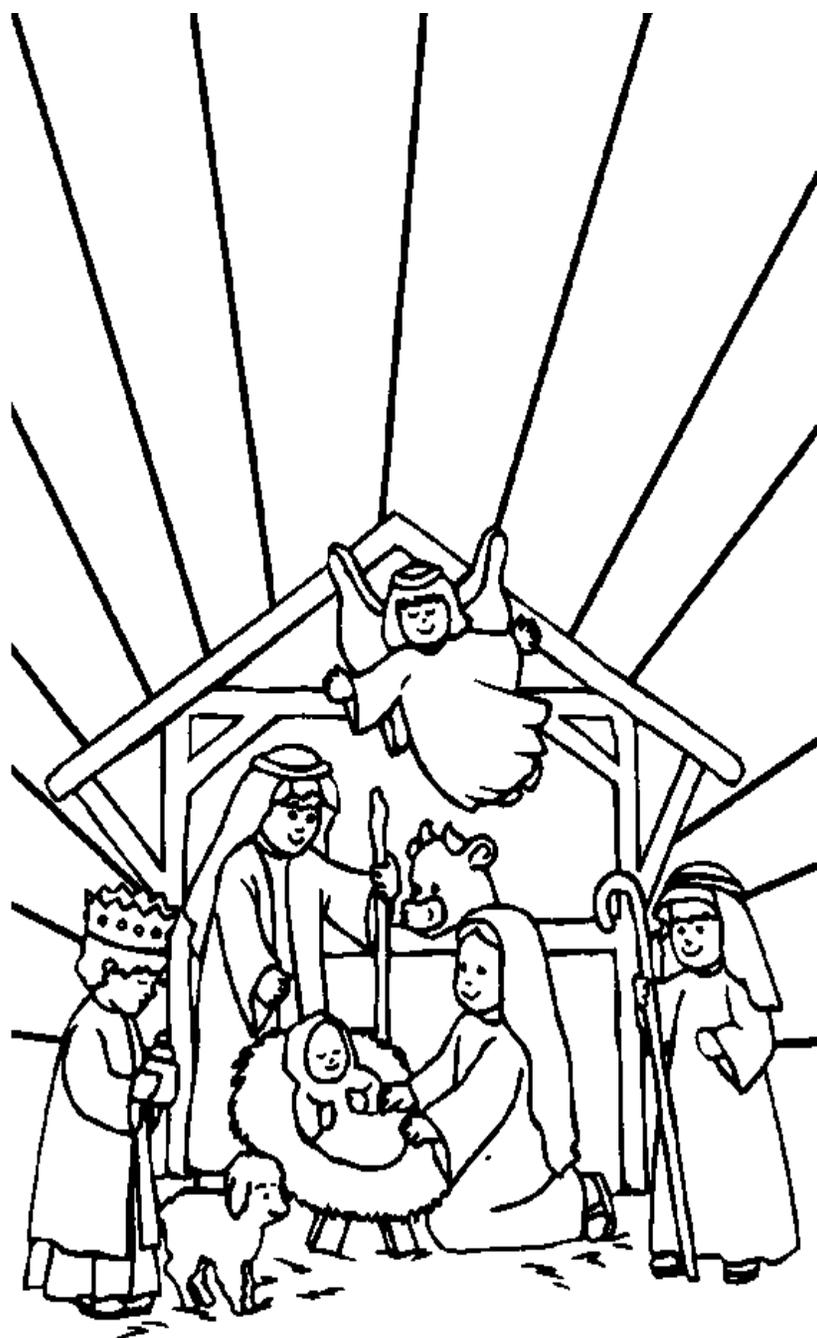
There was seen a radiance
Glowing one night
Near the little maiden Mary
In blue and white.

"Lilies are not fairer,
"Roses more red,
Than the Child she sings to slumber,"
An angel said.

So the shepherds ventured
Through the white cold,
And their eyes beheld the Infant,
An hour old.



B



Long they gazed and wondered,
Awkward in awe,
At the paramount perfection
Within their straw.

"Diamonds are but trifles!
"Rubies no gem!"
Cried the hearts that slaved for pittance
Near Bethlehem.

So it was forever,
After the night
When the little maiden Mary
Wore blue and white.

Christ's Nativity

Luke 2:1-7

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Veselé Vianoce a Šťastný Nový Rok!

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PRIZES

Winners in each age group will receive the following:

- 1st Place – Jednota fleece hooded sweatshirt and \$25.00**
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- 3rd Place - Jednota fleece hooded sweatshirt and \$10.00**
- Honorable Mention - \$5 Gift Card**

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1. Each age group is assigned a certain picture:
4 – 6 year olds – picture A
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10 – 12 year olds – picture C
2. Enlarged reproductions of picture A, B, or C will be disqualified.
3. Pictures are allowed to be reproduced for families with more than one child in a particular age group.
4. Children **MUST** be members in good standing of the FCSU in order to be eligible for prizes.
5. Your child's completed entry form, colored picture, and a photo of your child must be postmarked by **December 31, 2009**.
6. Mail to:
 Susan Ondrejco
 Fraternal Activities Director
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 Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Please submit this form with your child's entry by December 31, 2009

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Regional Director: _____ Region: _____

Street Address: _____

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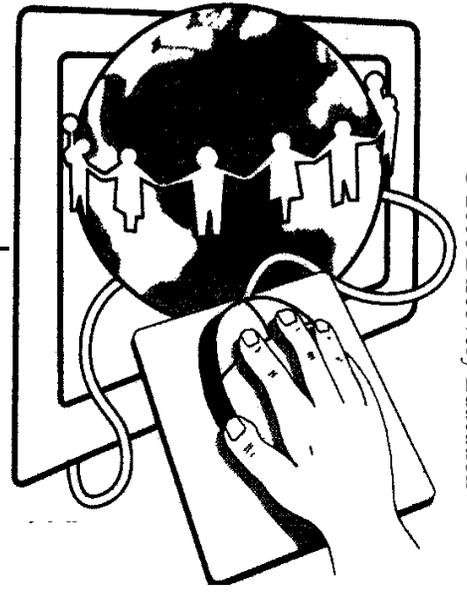
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Region 5 (Western Pennsylvania, Johnstown, and Pittsburgh)	Regis Brekosky
Region 6 (State of Ohio)	Henry Hassay
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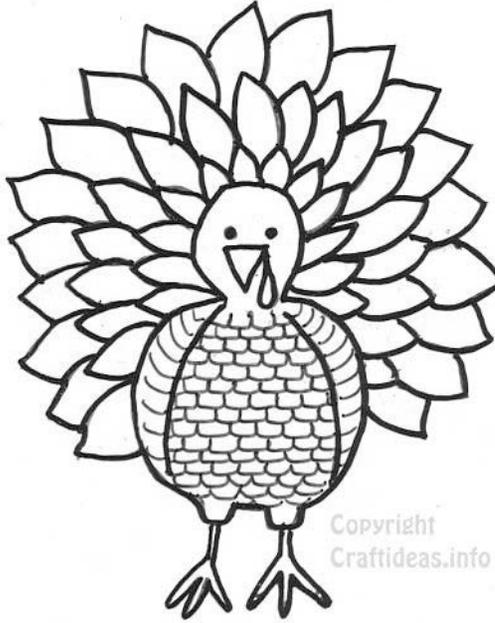
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Trivia Space

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Turkey Trivia

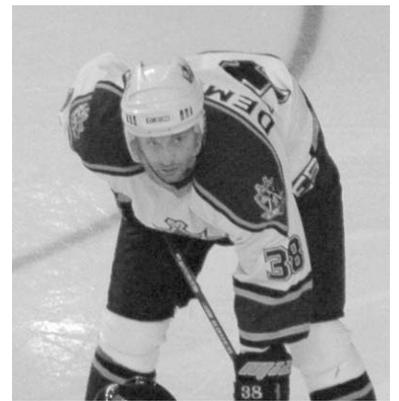
- ❖ Turkeys originated in North and Central America.
- ❖ Usually the turkeys are found in hardwood forests with grassy areas but they are capable of adapting themselves to different habitats.
- ❖ Turkeys spend the night in trees.
- ❖ Turkeys fly to the ground at first light and feed until mid-morning. Feeding resumes in mid-afternoon.
- ❖ Turkeys start gobbling before sunrise and generally continue through most of the morning.
- ❖ The field of vision of wild turkey is so good that it is about 270 degrees.
- ❖ The wild turkey has excellent hearing.
- ❖ A spooked turkey can run at speed up to 20 miles per hour.
- ❖ A wild turkey can run at speed of up to 25 miles per hour.
- ❖ A wild turkey can fly for short distances at up to 55 miles per hour.
- ❖ Domesticated turkeys or the farm-raised turkeys cannot fly.
- ❖ Turkeys were one of the first birds to be domesticated in the America.
- ❖ The male turkeys are called 'tom', the female turkeys are called 'hen' and the baby turkeys are called 'poult'.
- ❖ The male turkeys gobble whereas female turkeys make a clicking noise.
- ❖ The male turkeys gobble to attract the female turkeys for mating. The gobble is a seasonal call made during the spring and fall.
- ❖ A mature turkey generally has around 3,500 feathers. The Apache Indians considered the turkey timid and wouldn't eat it or use its feathers on their arrows.
- ❖ According to an estimate, during the Thanksgiving holiday more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and around 525 million pounds of turkey is eaten.
- ❖ About ninety-five percent of American families eat turkey on the Thanksgiving Day whereas fifty percent eat turkey on Christmas holiday.



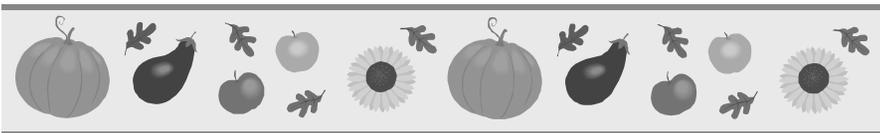
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Sports Space

Pavol Demitra



(born November 29, 1974) is a Slovak professional ice hockey center currently playing for the Vancouver Canucks of the NHL. Since joining the league in 1993, he has also played with the Ottawa Senators, with whom he was originally drafted, St. Louis Blues, Los Angeles Kings and Minnesota Wild. Before he joined the NHL, Demitra played in his native Slovakia, as well as the American Hockey League and International Hockey League, minor professional leagues in North America. In Demitra's NHL career spanning 16 years, he has achieved the 300-goal mark and won the Lady Byng Trophy for sportsmanship in 2000.

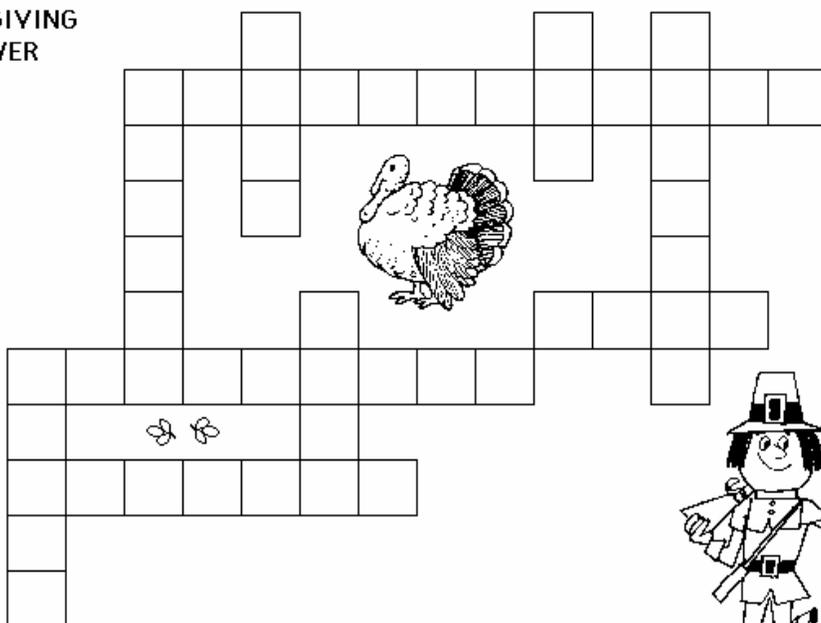


Activity Space

Thanksgiving Crossword

Fit all the words into this puzzle below

- THANKSGIVING
- MAYFLOWER
- PILGRIM
- TURKEY
- INDIANS
- MAIZE
- CORN
- SAIL
- FALL
- PIE



Answers to September's Activities

Word Ladder

- Corn
- Cork
- Pork
- Perk
- Pert
- Pest
- Rest
- Rust
- Dust
- Husk

Word Scramble

1. pen
2. globe
3. crayon
4. easel
5. stapler
6. clock
7. paper
8. pencil
9. ruler
10. scissors



Book Corner

Felak, James Ramon, *After Hitler, Before Stalin. Catholics, Communists, and Democrats in Slovakia, 1945-1948*, Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2009, xv and 261 pages, ISBN 13: 978-0-8229-4374-7. Reviewed by Professor Stanislav J. Kirschbaum, D.Rech., NDC, FRSC

The February coup in Czechoslovakia in 1948 took the Western world by surprise. Here was a country with a democratic tradition (from the inter-war years) that had managed to re-create, albeit in modified form, its political system after the war in which the Communist Party played a major role. For three years, the political process suggested that there could be some sort of coexistence between the democratic and Communist systems. The country was a test case of East-West relations. Certainly, it was the objective of the Communist Party to take power but with the difference that it was also its ultimate goal to hold on to it once it got it. Every political means was therefore legitimate as long as it led to the final objective. In the end, nevertheless, it took a coup to deliver the country to them.

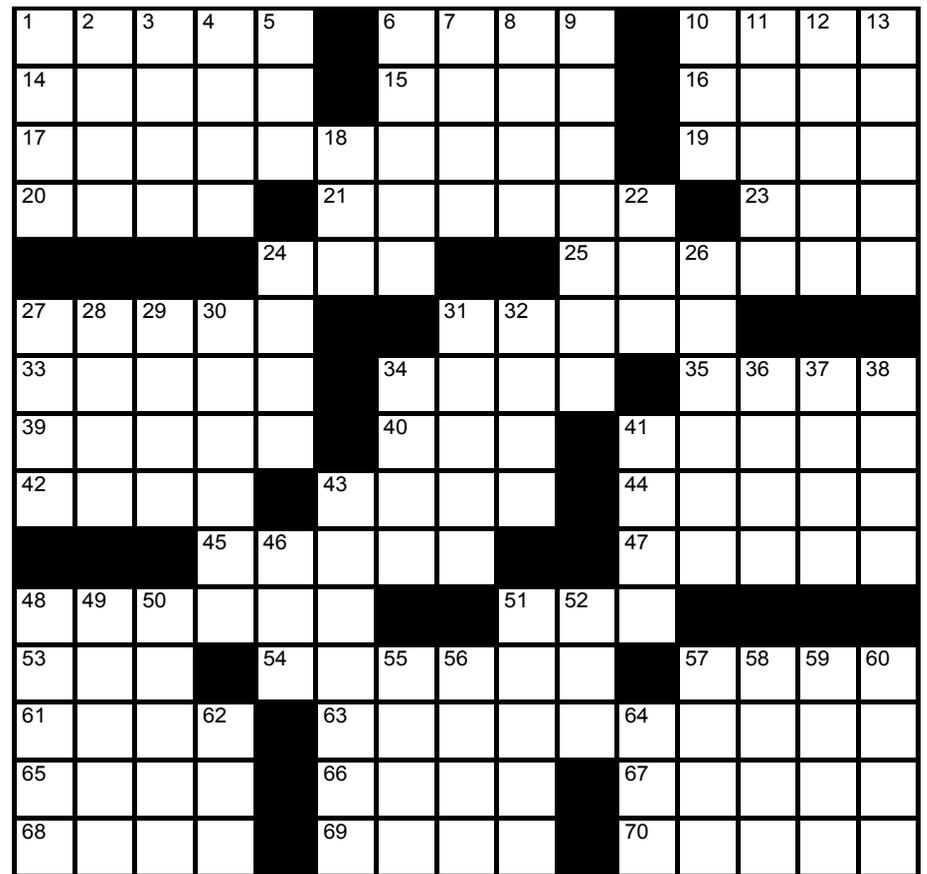
What role did Slovakia play during this time that could either forestall or help the Communists to achieve their ultimate goal? This is the question that this book by a young historian of Slovak background from Seattle seeks to answer. In the first footnote of the book, James Felak enumerates the studies in Western scholarship that deal with the period that leads to the 1948 Communist takeover; he rightly notes that precious few actually pay much attention to Slovakia, focusing primarily on the Czechoslovak government in Prague. This is not unusual in studies published in the West. In Slovakia, however, two first-rate studies have been published by excellent historians, Michal Barnovský and Robert Letz. Felak gives us an English language version.

In his research, the author has left few stones unturned. He accessed all available archives, read the press of the period under study, and made use of the published studies. As he indicates in his preface, his focus is Slovakia and the political battle between Catholics, Communists, Democrats, and the Czechoslovak government that took place there. One gets a good taste of what was going on in Bratislava and throughout Slovakia from this documentary evidence. That is the book's strength. The narrative, on the other hand, is at times heavy, repetitive, and not without the usual clichés or negative turns of phrase about Slovak politics that mark most Western studies.

The chapter that is likely to interest most is the one that deals with the trial of President Jozef Tiso. The trial is examined in great detail, especially the political battles around the efforts to save Tiso from the gallows once the verdict was rendered. It is in this chapter as well as in the one that examines the "anti-state conspiracies" that suddenly were uncovered in 1947 that one gets a sense of the impotence and/or lack of understanding and political courage of the non-Communist forces, including the Catholic Church, when faced with the single-minded determination of the Communists to take power. The outcome, in the end, is that the Communists played politics much better than their adversaries while at the same time not being afraid to use all possible tactics (including many illegal ones) to impose their will, which after February 1948, when the game of politics took on another turn, defined them as ruthless, intolerant, and intellectually and ideologically bankrupt.

The Felak book is to a great extent a corrective to the other historical accounts of the period by its focus on Slovakia. It does not, however, clarify what this period means for a good understanding of Slovak history and of the trajectory that the Slovak nation took in the twentieth century. Nevertheless, this book contributes to the growing historiography on Slovakia and the Slovaks.

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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Across

- 1 Famed
- 6 Garlands
- 10 Tempo
- 14 Decrease
- 15 Dwarf buffalo
- 16 Aquatic bird
- 17 Ohio city
- 19 Sharp
- 20 Bristle
- 21 Noblewoman
- 23 Fr. saint (Abbr.)
- 24 Merriment
- 25 Bowman
- 27 Singer Callas
- 31 Lightweight woo
- 33 Remediate
- 34 Witches
- 35 Mouth off
- 39 Fixes
- 40 Beer relative
- 41 Digress
- 42 Wager
- 43 Fastened
- 44 Badger
- 45 Iniquities
- 47 Rounded
- 48 Arrived at LAX
- 51 Some
- 53 Japanese capital
- 54 Beauty pageant headgear
- 57 Tobacco holder
- 61 Redact
- 63 Building toy
- 65 Tactical maneuve
- 66 Aspect
- 67 Perry Mason's Street
- 68 Hurried
- 69 NM city
- 70 Fencing swords

Down

- 1 Negative votes
- 2 Double-reed instrument
- 3 Tense
- 4 Bunsen burner
- 5 Temp. (Abbr.)
- 6 Romance language
- 7 Organic compound
- 8 Hawkeye State
- 9 Shoes
- 10 Time zone (Abbr.)
- 11 Inundated
- 12 ___ du jour
- 13 Register formally at a school
- 18 Dallas, Texas school inits.
- 22 Annums (Abbr.)
- 24 Crazes
- 26 Fmr. president
- 27 Baby's first word
- 28 Prayer ending
- 29 Landlord's due
- 30 Absolutely
- 31 Grain bundles
- 32 Elderly
- 34 Dangerous storm
- 36 Saddle horse
- 37 Flower holder
- 38 Peered at
- 41 Pack away
- 43 Most orderly

- 46 Ex-serviceman
- 48 Ogles
- 49 Summate
- 50 Racket
- 51 Confronts
- 52 Winter time zon in New York
- 55 Solo
- 56 Make over
- 57 Homework
- 58 Cay
- 59 Brazilian soccer legend
- 60 Gr. letters
- 62 Turner or Williams
- 64 Lyric poem

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BRANCH 1- CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 1, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in SS. Cyril and Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. On the agenda will be the election of officers. Our annual Christmas Party will be held following the meeting. If you have any questions, please call 216/228-8179. All members are encouraged to attend.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 3P- HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 3P, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church Cafeteria, North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The election of officers for 2010 will be conducted followed by a short update on local branch activities. New ideas for branch activities will be entertained and any beneficiary or address changes may be submitted at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend and get involved.

Mike Koval, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 5P- EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 5P, will hold a meeting on Sunday afternoon, December 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Leonard J. Zavada, President, 141 Second Street, Wyoming, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the nominations and election of delegates to the National Convention and a discussion of future branch activities.

Laonard J. Zavada, President

BRANCH 10- OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, will hold its Annual Meeting, Audit, and Election of Officers on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Recording Secretary William A. Nalevanko, 405 North River Street, Olyphant, Pennsylvania. The Election of delegates to the 49th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union, which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14-18, 2010, will also take place.

William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 24- CLEVELAND, OHIO

The St. Andrew Svorad Society, Branch 24, will have their Branch and Christmas Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at the Karlin Club, 5304 Fleet Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Bob Kopco, Presiden

BRANCH 35- BRADDOCK, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael Society, Branch 35, will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the residence of Secretary Joseph Yuros, 15 Sumner Avenue, Forest Hills, Pennsylvania. The agenda will include nominations of officers for 2010 and the election of delegates to the 49th International Convention.

Joseph Yuros, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 38- DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38, will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of the Secretary, Florence Matta, 3409 Eisenhower Court, White Oak, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a discussion of charitable donations, and future Branch and District activities. There will be Election of Officers and Delegates to the 49th FCSU Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, August 14-18, 2010. All members are welcomed.

Florence Matta, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 41- YONKERS, NEW YORK

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41, will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, December 4, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Trinity and Walnut Streets, Yonkers, New York. Financial reports will be presented and suggestions will be discussed. The Election of Officers for Branch 41 and Delegates to the 49th International Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union will take

place. We urge all members to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Robert J. Lutz, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 45- NEW YORK CITY

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold a meeting on Sunday, January 10, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. The agenda will include the election of delegates to the 49th Convention in Cleveland. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 45- NEW YORK CITY

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 29, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. after the Slovak Mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports, a report on last year's activities, and a discussion of events for the coming year. The election of officers will also take place. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 55- PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 55, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Church Hall of St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Church, 319 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Officers will be elected and regular business will be conducted. Refreshments will be served. All members are cordially invited to attend. Please call the President at 610/356-7956 for directions.

Josephine E. Gerba, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 75- SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 75, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the residence of the president and financial secretary, Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the presentation of fiscal year end reports and financial statements. The Auditors' report will be submitted and the nomination of officers for the coming year will take place. In addition, the election of two (2) delegates and one (1) Alternate Delegate to represent Branch 75 at the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union to be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio from Saturday, August 14, 2010 through Wednesday, August 18, 2010, will take place.

All members are requested to attend the semi-annual meeting.

Ronald M. Anderson, President & Financial Secretary

BRANCH 85- JESSUP, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Florian Society, Branch 85, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Jessup American Legion Post 411, Church Street, Jessup, Pennsylvania. This meeting will be open to members interested in attending the Convention in Cleveland, Ohio on August 14-18, 2010. Anyone seeking an office in the society in 2010 is invited to come to the meeting.

Bernard Skovira

BRANCH 90- OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 90, will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 5, 2009, 2:00 p.m. at the home of Michael P. Glinzky, 129 Grant Street, Olyphant, Pennsylvania.

Barbara Sochovka, Secretary

BRANCH 112- MAHANAY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 112, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at 86 Spring Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania. The agenda will include election of delegates to the Convention and a discussion on ideas on how to enroll new mem-

bers. Light refreshments will be served. Please call 570/544-6694 for directions.

Karen Engle Sterling

BRANCH 162- UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, December 20, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at K2 Engineering, Inc., 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. The election of branch officers and the selection of delegates to the National Convention are scheduled. Officers' reports, discussion of branch activities and the upcoming convention will be on the agenda. The meeting will be followed by a brunch at a local restaurant. All members and guests are invited to attend both the meeting and the brunch. For more information call Dolores at 724/ 437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCHES 173 AND 232- GREATER WILKES-BARRE AREA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 173, and the Holy Trinity Society, Branch 232, will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at Norms, North Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The meeting will be for general business and the election of delegates to the 49th Convention of the First Catholic Slovak Union to be held in 2010 in Cleveland, Ohio.

We request that all members make an effort to attend. In any event, please contact Dorothy A. Ungvarsky, at 15 Grove St., Mountain Top, PA 18707 or Phone 570/403-2067, if you plan to attend or do not plan to attend but wish to make any comments or suggestions for the betterment of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Dorothy A. Ungvarsky, Presiden

BRANCH 181- UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 181, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Formation Building of St. Florian Church in United, Pennsylvania. All members are cordially invited to attend. The election of officers will take place. Also on the agenda will be a discussion of activities for 2010. In addition, there will be the nomination and election of delegates to attend the 49th Convention of the FCSU to be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 14-18, 2010.

Gerry Kovacina, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 199- HOSTETTER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 199, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Sophie Pipak. The Election of Officers will be held at that time. A good turnout is requested.

Sophie Pipak

BRANCH 200- FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 200, will hold its Monthly Meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs Social Hall of the C.U. Club, 910-912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania. The Election of Officers for 2010 will take place. All members are urged to attend.

The Election of Delegates to the 49th FCSU Convention will be held at the January 7, 2010 meeting.

We wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Patricia Conner, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 259- STRUTHERS, OHIO

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 259, will have a Mass celebrated on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Struthers, Ohio. The Mass will be offered for all living and deceased members of the branch. Following the liturgy, the Annual Meeting will be held at the Bedford Trails Golf Course, Coitsville, Ohio. All members are welcome and are urged to attend this meeting. The 49th International Convention will also be on the agenda, along with the election of officers for the branch for the coming year.

Vivian Sedlacko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 260- CAMPBELL, OHIO

The St. Matthew Society, Branch 260, will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in Msgr. Cyril Adamko Hall in St. Elizabeth Church. The Election of Officers for the coming year along with the Nominations for Delegates to the Convention will be held. Plans for 2010 will be discussed. Any changes to the Bylaws must be submitted by January 31, 2010. We urge members to attend and to participate in the discussions that relate to improving the Society as a whole.

Charles M. Terek, President

BRANCH 266- HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church Cafeteria, 604 North Laurel Street in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Officers will be elected for 2010 and suggestions for branch activities for next year will be discussed. Please spread the word so more of our members will attend and become involved in branch activities. Please plan to attend.

Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 276- MCKEESPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 276, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the school hall of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Seventh Street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the election of officers for the new year. The election of delegates for the convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 14-18, 2010, will also take place. All members are urged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Nancy Gerdich, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 292- WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 292, will hold its Annual Meeting and Christmas Party on Sunday, December 20, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Slovak Club, 1300 Jackson Avenue, Windber, Pennsylvania. All members are asked to attend.

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Edward T. Surkosky, F.I.C.

BRANCH 293- LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 293, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Katherine Drexel Church Social Hall, 124 East Abbott Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. It should be noted that the election of delegates to the National Convention will take place at this time.

Anyone needing services or more insurance should contact: Robert J. Lakata, 527 East Bertsch St., Lansford, PA 18232, or leave a message at 570/645-4872.

Robert J. Lakata, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 320- STOCKDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of the SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 320, invite all their members to attend the next meeting of the branch on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 12:00 noon at the residence of Frances Tarquinio, 209 Sylvan Drive, Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. Since lunch will be prepared, please call Fran at 724/929-9788 and let her know if you will be attending. On the agenda will be the election of officers, a discussion of the upcoming convention, and the election of delegates to the 49th FCSU Convention. This convention will be held August 14 through August 18, 2010 at the Renaissance Cleveland, Hotel. Refer to Qualifications of Delegates in the Bylaws Section 11.03. Members of the various branches are urged to attend.

Mary Anne Higginbotham, President

BRANCH 367- FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 367, will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Bogey's Restaurant, Uniontown,

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Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend. The election of officers and election of delegates for the convention will take place at this meeting.

Jane Kish, Secretary

BRANCH 372- BEAVERDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 372, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the residence of Michael Hudak, 829 Cameron Avenue, Beaverdale, Pennsylvania. The election of officers for the coming year will be on the agenda. All members are urged to attend.

Michael Hudak, President

RANCH 393- HANNASTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 393, will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Rizzo's Restaurant, Crabtree, Pennsylvania. The election of officers as well as delegates to the coming convention will take place.

Mary Ann Nalevanko

RANCH 401- EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 401, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at King's Restaurant, Hyde Park Road, Leechburg, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the election of officers for 2010, the election of a delegate to the Convention, and a discussion on any new resolutions to be sent to the Convention Committee. Members are asked to please attend and express their thoughts for any improvements.

Rose Froncek, Secretary

BRANCH 410- UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Meloni's 105 West Main Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be the election of officers for 2010, and the nomination and election of delegates to represent Branch 410 at the 49th FCSU Convention to be held in Cleveland, Ohio in August 2010. All members are urged to attend.

Geri Buchheit, Recording Secretary/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 425- BARBERTON, OHIO

The St. Mark Society, Branch 425, will hold its Annual Lodge Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the afternoon at the Slovak Society of Barberton Club, 887 West Tuscarawas Avenue, Barberton, Ohio. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Paul J. Slota, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 456- HAWK RUN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 456, will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 12:00 noon at The Lincoln Slovak Club, Fourth Street, Hawk Run, Pennsylvania.

Alice PolloCk

BRANCH 484- GRACETON, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 484, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in the Coral Site Hall of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Coral, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be financial reports, election of officers for 2010, and election of delegates to the 49th Convention. All members are welcome.

Joseph E. Rura, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 493- CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 493, will hold its Annual Meeting, Election of Officers, Election of Convention Delegates and Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at Mabenka's Restaurant, 7844 South Cicero Avenue, Burbank, Illinois. The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. followed by a delicious dinner. If you plan to attend, please call the financial secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at 773/505-0117 or 502/244-6643 by November 24. Members of

other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate checks.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 510- KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

The St. Anthony Society, Branch 510, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Casa Capri, Kenosha, Wisconsin. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a discussion of future events and an update on insurance and annuity products. The FCSU has good rates for investments that offer protection for your assets. There will also be a discussion of how to help St. Anthony's Parish prepare for its 100th anniversary in 2010. St. Anthony's Parish is the only Slovak church still active in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

There will be a light dinner available for those to attend the meeting. For reservations, call Joseph Scuglik at 262/654-7364.

Joseph Scuglik, President

BRANCH 553- AKRON, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 553, will hold a lodge meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio. We will be discussing Convention Delegates. Please attend and take an active role in your lodge.

Mark your calendars for the annual Vilija Dinner on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Slovak J Club. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. All children 16 years and younger are invited to attend free of charge. Call Linda Hanko at 330/706-0151 or the Slovak J Club at 330/773-4978 for tickets. Get your reservations early. Come and join us and share in this rich Slovak tradition.

Linda M. Hanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 567- ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 567, will have their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church Social Hall, 924 North Front Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend meeting and support us. The Bake sale of nut and poppy seed rolls was a success. The election and swearing in of officers will take place. The annual report will be given.

We wish everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Rosalie Favere

BRANCH 581- GARY, INDIANA

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 581, will hold its regular Luncheon-Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the Riverpoint Country Club, 8700 Country Club Road, Hobart, Indiana. On the agenda will be the election of officers and the election of a delegate to the convention. Future activities will also be discussed.

Ann Buczek, President

BRANCH 600- LEECHBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Mary Society, Branch 600, will hold its yearly meeting for the Election of Officers on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at John's Tours Office, Route 66 in the Village of Riverview. All members are invited attend.

John Mago, President

BRANCH 633- FLINT, MICHIGAN

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 633, will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at Old Country Buffet, Courtland Center, Burton, Michigan. All members are invited to attend. Your presence is required for the future of our lodge.

Eva Craine, Secretary

BRANCH 682- YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. George Society, Branch 682, will hold its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Material Research Lab, 290 North Bridge Street, Struthers, Ohio. A meeting will also be held. The convention will be discussed. The election of officers and conven-

tion delegates will also take place. All members are encouraged to attend.

Andrew J. Hirt, President

BRANCH 721- BANNISTER, MICHIGAN

The SS. Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 721, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Cyril's Church meeting room. All members are encouraged to attend.

Joseph Beno, Jr., Recording Secretary

BRANCH 731- YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 731, will have a Mass celebrated for the deceased members on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

Following the liturgy, we will have a meeting at St. Matthias Church Rectory. The meeting will include the election of officers for 2010 and the election of delegates to the 49th International Convention.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 738- MUNHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael Society, Branch 738, will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall, Whitaker Way, Munhall, Pennsylvania. All members are welcome. The meeting will include the election of officers and the nomination of delegates to the next convention. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pat Guidish, Financial Secretary

Robert Kosko, President

BRANCH 743- STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a 2009 financial report, approval of the 2010 budget, a discussion of branch activities and other business pertaining to the branch and the First Catholic Slovak Union. The election of branch officers will also take place. In addition, there will be the Nomination and Election of Delegates to the 49th Convention of the FCSU to be held in Cleveland, Ohio August 14-18, 2010.

Members are urged to attend the celebration of the Slovak Mass before the meeting at 11:30 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The annual meeting will follow the Mass in the Church Social Hall. Please come and enjoy our annual Christmas meeting with your fellow branch members.

Members who need assistance with their policies or need to change their address or beneficiary should contact the Financial Secretary of Branch 743, Joseph C. Rimarcik, 42909 Sussex Park Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48314-3087 or phone 586/254-0225.

Joseph C. Rimarcik, President & Financial Secretary

BRANCH 746- LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, December 13, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room of Msgr. Komar Hall at Holy Family Church in Linden, New Jersey. The agenda will include the election of officers for 2010 and the election of delegates to the 49th Convention. A holiday get-together will follow the meeting.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 746- LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will host its annual Jednota Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at Msgr. Komar Hall at Holy Family Church in Linden, New Jersey. Dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the popular band Kontakty. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For tickets and additional information, please call Mary Karch at 732/572-2331.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 764- WARREN, OHIO

The SS. Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 764, will hold a meeting Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at The Mocha House, 467 High Street, Warren, Ohio. On the agenda will be the election of any member who wishes to be a delegate at the Convention to be held in August 2010. All members are welcome and urged to attend.

Joanne Odom, Secretary

BRANCH 774- MERRILL, MICHIGAN

The Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 774, will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of President Frank Radosa, 4084 Kane Road, Merrill, Michigan. All members are invited to attend.

Irene Pacholka, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 784- MONTREAL QUEBEC

The SS. Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 784, will hold their Traditional Christmas Dinner on Sunday, November 29, 2009 following the last Mass at the SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall All members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Alice Dobrik, President

BRANCH 785- TORONTO, ONTARIO

The St. John Society, Branch 785, will hold a joint Annual Meeting with the Msgr. Michael Shuba District on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, Mississauga, Ontario. All members are encouraged to attend. The election of officers as well as election of delegates for the 2010 Convention in Cleveland will be conducted.

Milos Mitro, Regional Director

BRANCH 844- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 844, will hold its Annual Slovak Christmas Mass on Sunday, December 20, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Bosco High School, 13640 Bellflower Boulevard, Bellflower, California. A delicious authentic Slovak lunch will be served after the liturgy along with the presentation of gifts for the children. Come and join us in celebrating the Slovak spirit of Christmas.

Following the festivities, members of Branch 844 will hold a meeting to review officers' reports, hold elections for new officers, and to discuss branch activities.

We hope to see you all there. The officers of Branch 844 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very special New Year.

Milan Konkol, Secretary

BRANCH 853- ELLSWORTH, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 853, will hold its annual Spaghetti Dinner Christmas Party on Saturday, November 28, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Regos Restaurant, Charleroi, Pennsylvania. Due to seating, reservations are required. To make your reservation, please call 412/341-1577 and leave your name, phone number and number of adults and children attending. Since Santa always leaves a gift for the children, the age of the child is requested. There will be no cost to branch members attending. Non-branch members will be charged \$13 per person which will be payable at that time.

After the luncheon, the branch meeting will be held. At this meeting, all Convention business will be discussed. This includes the election of the branch delegate which will be held at this meeting along with the election of branch officers. Please bring your suggestions for Bylaw amendments to this meeting.

Branch 853 wishes all a Blessed Christmas Season.

Monica Rodacy Boone

BRANCH 855- PARMA, OHIO

The Holy Name of Jesus Society, Branch 855, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at Carrie Cerino's

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TT: Trnava's Troubles

Stanislav J. Kirschbaum, FRSC

It is always a delight to be back in Trnava. One can never tire looking at a town landscape where the churches and synagogues as well as the town tower with their spires or cupolas dominate the skyline no matter the direction in which one looks. Trinity Square, especially when seen with the Ján Palárik Theatre in the background, evokes the firmness and dignity of faith, architectural majesty, and a human optimism that so many other Slovak town squares share. And there is the power of history, of a glorious history. In previous articles on Trnava I have written that this town was the home of one of Central Europe's great medieval universities, Universitas tyrnaviensis. The university was moved to Buda in Hungary in 1777 and not renewed until 1992. And that is when Trnava's troubles, the most recent ones, began.

During 215 years, Trnava was without a university but not without a university campus. Given all that happened in this period, it is a miracle that the historic university buildings survived. There they are today, properly identified in the tour pamphlets that visitors can obtain in the office of the town tower. They give testimony not only to the role they played in the Counter-Reformation, in the advancement of science, and in the education of the citizens of the Kingdom of Hungary, especially the Slovaks, but also to the link they offer between the past, the present, and the future. For this link to be maintained there must be leadership. It is the absence of leadership, in the past and, it would seem, also today that is at the root of Trnava's troubles.

The Slovak nation owes a vote of thanks to Ján Čarnogurský when he was Prime Minister of Slovakia and František Mikloško for having reopened the university, Trnavská univerzita v Trnave. But then something happened; I call this trouble number one. There was no follow through to this historic decision. Although located on the historic campus of Universitas tyrnaviensis, the reopened university was given an ugly Communist-era building, but, with the exception of one, none of the historic buildings of its predecessor. Anton Hajduk (1933-2005), one of Slovakia's most eminent modern scientists, after whom an

asteroid is named, became the reopened university's first rector (president). University records indicate that he let pass many opportunities to regain some of the historic buildings. No subsequent rector has since had such an opportunity. For all intents and purposes, the link between the past, the present, and the future that the university offered was, at best, rather tenuously kept. Trnavská univerzita v Trnave was nothing more than another Slovak university, sadly lacking in space and yet in the middle of an historic campus. In the years that I taught at the university as a visiting professor, whenever I came out of its main building (the Communist-era one) I always felt a pang of sadness at this situation.

One can always hope. But even before I was invited to teach, the university was dealt a peculiar blow. In 1997, Slovakia's Prime Minister, Vladimír Mečiar, for very partisan and otherwise totally incomprehensible reasons, created a second university, Univerzita sv. Cyrila a Metoda, known as UCM, whose main building is outside the historic town walls but within walking distance of Trnavská univerzita v Trnave. Once again, an opportunity to renew the link between the past, the present, and the future that the university offered was overlooked. This was trouble number two. The two universities, offering many of the same academic programmes are now in competition for students and funding. At Trnavská univerzita v Trnave the teaching staff share cramped offices and only recently were individual computers made available – otherwise they were also shared. No professor, the highest academic rank in Slovakia has his/her private office. The building offers many other disadvantages, which all visitors cannot but notice. What I have marvelled at, on the other hand, is the dedication of the academics who work there and their support staff. Thankfully it is they, and not that ugly building, that make Trnavská univerzita v Trnave what it is today.

Then, out of nowhere, trouble number three reared its ugly head. Very ill-advised local politicians, as I have written in these pages, decided to eliminate the university common in order to allow the building of a hotel. Construction was halted a year ago (I could not get any explanation for this) and to this day, all you see is the



Abandoned hotel project mars the historic campus of Trnava University.

shell of a building (see attached photo). And yet, in the back of this shell, the former parking lot is now giving way to the construction of yet another building. The historic campus of the university is being further vandalised against all rules of good taste, intelligent urban planning, and historical considerations. Not only the university, but also the city of Trnava is paying the price of these of ill-advised and absurd decisions.

Trouble number four is already on the horizon. Whereas there was only one university (Univerzita Komenského) in Slovakia for most of the period of the First Czechoslovak Republic (1918-1939), three for the period of the first Slovak Republic, and 11 institutions of higher learning by the end of the Communist period, since 1989, when democracy returned, more universities, public, state, and private, were created to total 21 today, excluding military academies. This is putting an incredible strain on the education budget of the Slovak government. This bodes ill for Trnava, given the legacy of troubles number two and three. It is not at all clear how the Slovak government intends to deal with what is clearly an overabundance of universities in the country. The imposition of a mandatory retirement age for academics has already had the effect throughout the country of putting the survival of many departments in jeopardy. According to current legislation, a department can retain its accreditation only if a professor acts as a guarantor (in Slovak universities, assistants, docents, and professors, in decreasing numerical order, make

up the teaching staff). The current retirement rate of professors in Slovakia is a major problem; it would have been wiser to adopt a liberal policy. It looks as if the government is pursuing reorganisation by attrition, hardly an intelligent way to proceed. What will happen to Trnavská univerzita v Trnave, Slovakia's only historic university, and UCM? The corollary to all of this for the city of Trnava is: what will happen to the already vandalised historic campus? What will historic Trnava look like in a few years?

There is no doubt that Trnava's civic politicians will argue that the city must modernize. When this involves renovating historic buildings, like the old conservative synagogue, left dilapidated for so many years, or the former orphanage that was once one of the historic university buildings, one can only applaud. But the destruction of other historic buildings, as happened during the Communist era on Trinity Square, and now on the south side of St. Nicholas' square, near the hrubý kostol, now known as the Basilica of St. Nicholas, testifies to an ill-conceived agenda, to what seems to be an uncontrollable need to add to Trnava's troubles rather than to rectify those of the past. It just does not make sense. O tempora, o mores!

P.S. TT is the alphabetical identification of automobile plates registered in Trnava.

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Ristorante, 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, Ohio. The election of Officers for 2010 and the election of Delegates to the Convention will take place. We will also have a discussion of branch activities for 2010. Members are asked to please call for a dinner reservation by November 15, 2009. Call Linda Kolesar at 440/886-0206.

See you there!

Linda L. Kolesar, Secretary-Treasurer

BRANCH 856- WASHINGTON, D.C., VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND

Our Mother of Sorrows Society, Branch 856, will hold its Annual Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009, at 12:00 noon in the home of Katherine Nowatkoski, 12127 Westwood Hills Drive, Oak Hill, Virginia. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a discussion of branch activities, and a report on the District meeting. The election of officers will also take place. In addition, there will be the nomination and election of a delegate to the 49th FCSU Convention to be held in Cleveland, August 14-18, 2010.

Members are encouraged to attend this meeting and take an active part in their fraternal organization. For more information call Stephen Matula at 703/671-3013 or Katherine Nowatkoski at 703/860-1693.

**Katherine Nowatkoski,
Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

BRANCH 857- LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Michael Society, Branch 857, will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Financial Secretary Andy Herman, 15 Kraft Lane, Levittown, Pennsylvania. We will be holding election of branch officers for 2010 as well as delegates for the 2010 Convention.

The officers of Branch 857 extend to all wishes for a safe, happy and Holy Holiday Season.

Damian D. Nasta, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 888- WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 888, will hold its next two meetings one on Sunday, November 15, 2008 and another on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Both meetings will be held at 1:00 p.m. at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, Florida. On the agenda will be a treasurer's report and a discussion of future Branch activities and other topics of mutual interest. All Branch members are invited to attend. For directions and further information contact President David Rafaidus at 561/776-0449 or email at jednota888@yahoo.com.

David Rafaidus, President

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

MSGR. JOSEPH TISO DISTRICT-ALLEGHENY-KISKI VALLEY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Msgr. Joseph Tiso District will hold a special meeting on Sunday, January 3, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, Pennsylvania. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to elect the District delegate to the 49th International Convention scheduled to take place in Cleveland in August 2010. We will also finalize District 11's proposals for Bylaw amendments or resolutions. Other business will be conducted as necessary. Representatives from all branches should call okres secretary Grace Charney at 724/763-1104 to confirm their attendance.

Grace M. Charney, Secretary

PITTSBURGH DISTRICT-PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The Pittsburgh District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 29, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 529 Grant Avenue Extension, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Local Branch 628 will be the host. The Steelers do not play till the evening so that's not an excuse. The meeting will include officers' reports and discussion of FCSU national and district business, including the upcoming national convention in Cleveland, Ohio. Branch hosts for 2010 events will be selected. District officers for 2010 will be elected at this meeting. The Pittsburgh District delegate to the national convention will also be selected at this meeting.

A Family Christmas Party will be held following the meeting. The Pittsburgh Slovaks will be performing. Members are encouraged to bring their children and grandchildren. Please RSVP to Flo Matta at 412/466-7460 or George Matta at 412/672-5330.

Holy Trinity Church now has an outstanding new mural featuring Saints Cyril and Methodius with background scenes of the New World and Old Country. Take the time to visit when you come to the meeting.

The officers of the Pittsburgh District would like to wish all members a Happy and Holy Holiday Season.

Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT-MONTREAL, QUEBEC

The Prince Rastislav District and Branches 784 and 810 will hold a joint Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 22, 2009, after the High Mass at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Hall, Montreal, Quebec. On the agenda will be the election of officers, the election of convention delegates, and a discussion of the Social Calendar for 2010. Refreshments will be served.

Branch 784 will host the traditional Slovak Christmas Dinner on Sunday, November 29, 2009. We encourage members of both branches to attend.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President

GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its annual Stedry Vecer on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The evening will begin with Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel followed by our traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. After dinner and the awarding of door prizes, the Pittsburgh Slovaks will entertain and the "Jaslickari" (Bethlehem Carolers) will make a visit. Please plan to attend and help us preserve this beautiful and festive custom. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$11 for children 16 and younger. Reserve your tickets early (they are limited) by calling Florence Sprock at 724/423-4199 or Barbara Mizikar at 724/423-2616. Absolutely no reservations will be accepted after November 30.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

MSGR. MICHAEL SHUBA DISTRICT-

The Msgr. Michael Shuba District will hold a joint Annual Meeting with Branch 785 on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, Mississauga, Ontario. All members are encouraged to attend. The election of officers as well as election of delegates for the 2010 Convention in Cleveland will be conducted.

Milos Mitro, Regional Director

THE MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT

Will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Nepomucene Church Parish Hall, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, a discussion of activities for next year, and the election of officers for 2010 and election of delegates to the 49th Convention in Cleveland, Ohio. We urge all District branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served by host branch, the St. Matthew Society, Branch 45.

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary-Treasurer

Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary

MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT-NEW JERSEY

The Msgr. John E. Rura District will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey. Branch 290 will be the host. Branch secretaries are asked to call Joe Minarovich at 732/469-5256 by November 1 with the number of delegates who will be attending. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary



District 2 Participates in 79th Annual Wisconsin Slovak American Day

Several members of the Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District staffed a booth at the annual Slovak-American Day held Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Croatian Park in Franklin, Wisconsin. This event was sponsored by the Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee.

The District 2 booth sold home baked Slovak pastry rolls known as Kolac or Rozek. The rolls were filled with traditional Slovak fillings such as walnuts, poppy seeds, apricots and lekvar (plum butter). Branches 153 and 483 in Chicago supplied volunteers to staff the booth. Thanks go to Rudy Bernath, Liz Bernath, Pete Turner, Valerie Vesely, Don Cummings and Robert Tapak Magruder.

The day's festivities ran from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Rev. Louis Luljak, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, celebrated Mass in Slovak at noon.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol Group 4 Drill Team started out the afternoon cultural program. The Tatra Slovak Dance Group of Milwaukee also performed. Louis Dodulik of Branch 89 served as master of ceremonies. Branch 89 is a member of the Federated Slovak Societies of Milwaukee.

The JFL Slovak-American Band from Chicago provided musical entertainment for the rest of the afternoon. Picnic attendees also browsed among the booths set up by businesses and organizations, including Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc., Young Slovakia, The Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society, and the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society.

Federated Society volunteers staffed the kitchen, which offered Slovak pastries and food, such as halusky, klobasy with kapusta,



Volunteers at the District 2 Booth were, L-R Don Cummings, Pete Turner, Rudy Bernath, Robert Tapak Magruder and Val Vesely.



Fred Forrest and Bob Budjac of Branch 89 spent time volunteering in the kitchen.

as well as American favorites such as hamburgers and hotdogs (Parky in Slovak). The tavern also featured American drinks along with Zlaty Bazant imported Slovak beer.

The weather was beautiful, a sunny 80 degrees. A perfect day for a picnic!

Robert Tapak Magruder

Father Jeffrey Small, Msgr. Peter Bolerasky with his rozek rolls, and Liz Bernath



Jessica Chepp, Miss Czech and Slovak Wisconsin State Princess (left) and Stephanie Krubsack, Miss Czech and Slovak Wisconsin State Queen.



Obituaries Announcements

Bernard Kadnar

May 8, 1928 - September 23, 2009

By Jerry Siman

Reminiscing about Bernard Kadnar

Bernard Kadnar was better known as just Bernie or Kadnar.

Bernie arrived by boat in Halifax, Canada in 1950. There were many sea-sick passengers on the ship during the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. Bernie was not sick and even worked in the ship's kitchen during the crossing to make a few extra dollars. One of the passengers that he met on the ship was the late Michael Dobis, who later became the Jednota Regional Director for Region 9.

After arriving in Canada, he was sent up to the bush in northern Ontario to cut down trees that were used for hydro and telephone poles. He said it was lonely and cold up there. Up north he heard that there were a lot of Slovaks living in Montreal. He moved to Montreal and worked in a chocolate factory for 2 years. In Montreal he met many Slovaks that remember him to this day. He was advised to move to Toronto where they were paying workers more money and he did not have to learn and speak French. In Toronto he got a job working for Neilson Chocolates. After 2 years, through word of mouth he heard they were hiring workers at Campbell Soup Company and the pay was better. He left Neilson's and started to work at Campbell Soup Company where he worked for the next 34 years. Because he was starting to have health problems, he retired in 1988 at age 60.

He met his wife Mary (Mesarkin) while singing in the choir in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church in Toronto, where Mary was also a choir member. They were married November 13, 1954 by Monsignor Mi-



chael Shuba at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Church.

He was active in the Slovak community for many years and was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union (Jednota), the Slovak Catholic Sokol and the Canadian Slovak League (Kanadska Slovenska Liga), Branch 7. He was the public relations officer for Jednota Branch 785 where he wrote many articles about people and events in Toronto and elsewhere and submitted them, with pictures, to Anthony Sutherland, Editor for publication in the Jednota paper as well as other societies for publication in their newspapers. He attended many Jednota and Liga conventions.

Bernard loved talking. He was the type of person that wanted to meet everyone at every function wherever he went. He was not shy and spoke to everyone. After speaking with you, he would know your name, nationality, where you came from, languages you spoke and what you do for a living. If any society was holding a raffle, Bernie would always be the biggest ticket seller for that raffle.

Bernard was very organized. He maintained his own set of books on people, places, events, trips, weddings, anniversaries, family functions etc. With these notes, Bernie had a mind like an encyclopedia and knew just about every Slovak in Toronto, Montreal and every other city where he went. If there was a question as to when a certain function took place, he would check his notes and give you the answer.

Bernie and Mary went for a visit to Slovakia with a Jednota tour group after the communist wall was removed in Europe. During this trip the Jednota group had an audience with Pope John Paul II. After the tour they took extra time to visit both of their families and villages in Slovakia.

About 3 years ago his health started to deteriorate and he had a number of serious operations. He was frustrated because he wanted to write articles about people and events but was physically unable to do so. For the last 2 1/2 years he was in a nursing

home.

Bernard was born on May 9, 1928 in Hochtetno, Slovakia.

He passed away on September 23, 2009 at the age of 81 at Cedarvale Terrace Nursing Home, Toronto, Ontario.

Bernard was brother-in-law to Nellie and the late John Zeman, Uncle to Susan (Paul Melchior), Christine (Michael Speagle), Diane (Sean Mangan). Great uncle to Bryan, Kevin, Matthew, Melissa, Jessica and Michael.

Funeral took place at Turner & Porter Butler Chapel in Toronto and the funeral mass was held at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Slovak Church in Mississauga on September 26, 2009, with the Interment at Sanctuary Park Cemetery.

Ruth J. Pecharka

Branch 380

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

Ruth J. Pecharka, 75, of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, died Thursday, October 8, 2009, in Washington Hospital, following a brief illness.

She was born February 19, 1934, in Chaneyville, a daughter of Floyd and Mary Wilson Nestor.

Mrs. Pecharka lived most of her life in the Canonsburg area and volunteered for Meals on Wheels for many years. Prior to her retirement, she had been an aide for 25 years at Mayview State Hospital.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Miraculous Church in Meadow Lands and Christian Mothers and Guild of the church. Mrs. Pecharka attended daily Mass and Bible study regularly. She enjoyed cross stitching and made many beautiful gifts for friends and family.

On July 30, 1951, she married George J. Pecharka, who survives.

Also surviving are seven sons, George (Janet) Pecharka of Meadow Lands, Robert Pecharka of Canonsburg, John Pecharka of Houston, David (Kathy) Pecharka of Robinson Township, Richard (Linda) Pecharka of

Canonsburg, Christopher (Tracey) Pecharka of Dana Point, California, and Joseph (Carolyn) Pecharka of San Juan Capistrano, California; a brother, James (Susan) Nestor of Meridan Connecticut; 12 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Deceased are three sisters, June Cazile, Betty Miller and Norma Sprowels; and two brothers, Ross Nestor and Carl Nestor, who died in infancy.

Friends were received at the Salandra Funeral Home, Canonsburg. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church by the Rev. John O'Shea, pastor. Interment was in St. Patrick Cemetery, Canonsburg. Memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church.

Margaret Graytok

Elaine M. Suchy

Branch 493

Chicago, Illinois

Elaine M. Suchy, 79, a longtime member of the Assumption of the B.V.M. Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, died August 12, 2009.

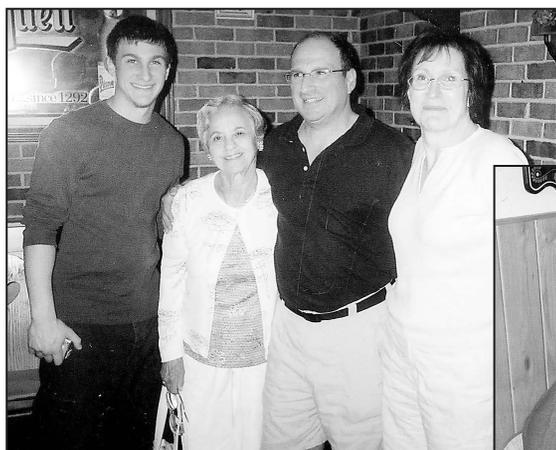
The former Elaine M. Kovacs married the late John R. Suchy in Assumption BVM Church in Chicago. John passed away in 1992.

Survivors include four sons, Philip, John (Debi), Louis (Diane), and Thomas (Lori); seven grandchildren, Louis, Theodore, Joseph, Sarah, Jason, Cody and Thomas; and a brother Bernard (Cleta) Kovacs. She was predeceased by a brother Leonard Kovacs and a sister, Dorothy Klocek.

Elaine resided in Berwyn, Illinois for many years, and spent the last few years with her son Philip in Downers Grove, Illinois.

Visitation was held Sunday, August 16 at the Linhart Funeral Home in Berwyn. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday August 17 at St. Odilo Church in Berwyn. Interment was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, Illinois.

Robert Tapak Magruder



Susan Hepner, Melody Bobo and Kelly Bobo

The Affrunti Family



Joe and Emily Janusek

Beverly and Emil Rusinak. Emil passed away unexpectedly on October 12, 2009.



Chicago Branch Holds Luncheon Meeting

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, conducted its Semiannual Meeting on August 1, 2009, at the Bohemian Crystal Restaurant in Westmont, Illinois.

During the meeting, a \$50.00 college grant was presented to member Anthony Affrunti, an incoming freshman at Northern Illinois University. Four new branch members were welcomed at the meeting: Logan Mario Lazzara, Raquel Cano, Jack Logan Shelton, and Maya

Lilly Bobo. Members also received Slovak apricot rolls known as rozek or kolachy, compliments of the branch.

After the meeting, attendees enjoyed a hearty family-style meal which featured breaded pork tenderloin, roast beef, two types of sauerkraut, dumplings and gravy, mashed potatoes, and vegetables

Robert Tapak Magruder

Genealogical Conference a Success

The 12th Conference of the Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International came to a successful conclusion on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at the Holiday Inn in Independence, Ohio, after four days of genealogical study, with history and cultural learning opportunities.

Over 350 people attended with the majority staying in hotels on Rockside Road in Independence. Participants came from states and provinces across North America, with 107 from Ohio alone.

The participants could choose from 32 sessions featuring speakers from across the country and three trained experts brought from Central Europe. Evening ethnic entertainment with dinners and beverages were provided at the hotel ballroom.

The CGSI announced the next conference will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, and in 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Joseph Hornack

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Prince of Peace Parish in Pittsburgh's South Side community, will hold its **Annual Slovak Vilija** on **Saturday, December 19, 2009**. Save the date and don't miss the opportunity to gather with family and friends to commemorate the beloved traditions and customs of a traditional Christmas Eve dinner. Also known as *Stredny Vecer* – Bountiful Evening – this traditional meatless meal is enjoyed by Slovaks around the world on Christmas Eve. As always, scrumptious authentic Slovak delicacies will be available – homemade pirohy, mushroom soup, bolbalky palacinky, kolace and so much more!

Once again, the **Pittsburgh Slovaks** – the Tri-State area's oldest performing Slovak ensemble -- will present its unique collection of folk songs, dances and carols highlighting the customs of the Advent and Christmas seasons in Slovak villages of long ago. The program will culminate with the re-telling of Christ's birth with the well-loved "Jaclikare."

The **Prince of Peace Annual Slovak Vilija** is a once-a-year opportunity to feast on delicious Slovak foods and enjoy a moving, entertaining and thoroughly authentic folk presentation. Whether you commemorate your own stredny vecer, or share the customs of other nationalities, you are invited to join the Prince of Peace Parish family on Saturday, December 19, 2009. Seating is limited and attendance is by reservation only. Tickets are the season's best bargain too -- only \$18 for adults and \$9 for children under 16. (Children under 3 are free.) Tickets may be reserved by calling the Prince of Peace Parish office at **412-481-8380**.

Doors open at 4 p.m. Dinner is served according to tradition, as the first star rises (approximately 5 p.m.)

Answer to Puzzle

Solution to Puzzle from page 11

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V mesiaci októbri, mládenci – regrúti rukujú,
matky so slzami v očiach, rukami zalamujú.
Daj im Bože šťastie, zdravia, by sa šťastne vrátili späť,
kto pokosí d'atelinku a vyčistí v stodole, každú smet'.

Celá dedina, ozýva sa spevom,
to regrúti sa lúčia, dávajú dedine zbohom.
Zbohom matka, otec, sestra, brat,
ja musím dnes, na vojnu rukovať'.

Kamaráti moji, dobre sa tu majte ...
na nás, slovenských vojakov, si v dobrom spomínajte.
A keď richtár obce, zavelí: regrúti, na vozy nasadať,
spev a vrava, na minútu umlkli, nik nemal, čo povedať'.

Iba matky, staré babky a frajerky, si utierali slzy,
bielymi šatkami, mávajú im na odchod, ich reč sa zmrazí.
Buď Zbohom, môj drahý, milovaný Janičko,
za tebou, bolí ma hlavička, aj celé srdiečko.

Rozlúčka je veľmi smutná a ťažká vec,
nik nevie, kedy a ako skončí na koniec.
Dva rôčky je veľmi dlhá doba,
otázkou ostáva, či si nejakú inú nájde
a ona ostane sklamaná, slamená vdova.

V duši prisahá, že mu verná zostane ...
že keď sa z vojny vráti, prstienok jej dá do daru,
že ju šťastnou spraví a privedie, až ku oltáru.

Jozef Smák

TriGranit investuje do multifunkčného projektu na okraji Bratislavy

Bratislava (TASR) - Multifunkčný projekt v náklade 1.5 miliardy eur (45.19 miliardy Sk) plánuje v I. fáze realizovať v mestskej časti Bratislava - Jarovce nadnárodná developérska spoločnosť TriGranit. Ide o najväčšie centrum komerčných služieb, oddychu a zábavy v regióne strednej Európy, oznámil predseda predstavenstva spoločnosti TriGranit na Slovensku Gábor Zászlós 13. októbra na tlačovej konferencii.

Spolufinancovateľom a jedným z prevádzkovateľov plánovaného komplexu bude popredná spoločnosť v oblasti hazardného a zábavného priemyslu vo svete - Harrah's Entertainment Inc. V súčasnosti je vypracovaný investičný zámer a v štádiu prípravy je urbanistická štúdia projektu. Vzhľadom na prítomnosť firmy Harrah's sa portfólio aktivít projektu okrem akvaparku, konferenčných sál, hotelov a športovísk - vrátane golfových - rozšírilo aj o kasína.

Nový projekt Metropolis má byť miestom oddychu, zábavy, nákupov a pracovných stretnutí nielen pre Bratislavčanov, ale aj pre zahraničných návštevníkov. Zámerom realizácie projektu je pomôcť Bratislave stať sa vďaka potenciálu tohto územia konkurencieschopnejšou turistickou destináciou. Komplex Metropolis - mesto zábavy s rozlohou 1.2 milióna štvorcových metrov by mal po dokončení prilákať ročne 5 miliónov turistov. "Zároveň sa už v prvej fáze realizácie projektu, od roku 2010 asi do roku 2015, predpokladá zvýšenie zamestnanosti, dlhodobej i dočasnej v počte 30,000 ľudí a posilnenie segmentu služieb v ekonomike," dodal Zászlós. Podľa neho ide o rozvoj mestského turizmu, a to v čase krízy a za podpory vlády SR. Prejavom toho bude aj zvýšenie výberu daní ročne o 600 miliónov eur (18.08 miliardy Sk) a tvorby hrubého domáceho produktu (HDP) SR. Štát pritom nepodporí projekt žiadnymi stimulmi, teda realizácia projektu nebude mať priamy dopad na štátny rozpočet SR.

Firma TriGranit sa angažuje hlavne vo výstave nákupných centier v hlavných mestách v strednej Európe a Rumunsku. Do povedomia verejnosti sa dostala tým, že vybudovala prvý mestský nákupno-spoločenský areál na Slovensku Polus City Center v Bratislave. V pozícii developéra sa TriGranit podpísal aj pod administratívne budovy v susedstve Polusu Millennium I a II a pod Lakeside Park v bratislavskej mestskej časti Nové Mesto.



S miernym optimizmom očakáva koniec krízy U.S.Steel Košice

Košice (TASR) - S miernym optimizmom, ale stále opatrne očakáva koniec hospodárskej krízy hutnícka spoločnosť U.S. Steel Košice. "Ide o to, aby došlo k obnoveniu a ozdraveniu priemyslu a následne, aby sme ho dokázali udržať," uviedol 14. októbra hovorca spoločnosti Ján Bača. Informoval, že od júla pracujú ich zamestnanci v riadnom 5-dňovom pracovnom týždennom režime. Za pozitívne považuje spoločnosť podľa hovorca aj to, že "napriek veľmi ťažkým časom sme sa presvedčili, že sme schopní konať flexibilne a vynakladať v spolupráci s odborovými organizáciami nesmierne úsilie na prekonanie tohto ťažkého obdobia.

Globálna finančná a ekonomická kríza zasiahla hutnícky priemysel i zákazníkov U.S. Steel. "Našu výrobu sme prispôbili ich aktuálnym potrebám. Zamerali sme sa na úsporu nákladov a obmedzili sme spoluprácu s externými dodávateľmi. Na niekoľko mesiacov sme zaviedli štvordňový pracovný týždeň a obmedzili sme aj prijímanie nových zamestnancov," dodal Bača.

Z Bratislavy do Košíc diaľnica do roku 2014

Bratislava (TASR) - Diaľnica D1, ktorá bude spájať Bratislavu a Košice, by mala byť celá hotová v roku 2014. D1 sa dostavuje cez dva projekty verejno-súkromného partnerstva (PPP). Ide o tzv. prvý balík na úseku Dubná Skala až Svinia a tretí balík z Hričovského Podhradia do Žiliny. Informoval o tom minister dopravy, pôšt a telekomunikácií Ľubomír Vážny na nedávnom diskusnom fóre hnClubu - Klubu hospodárskych novín. Prvý balík by sa mal s koncesionárom finančne uzatvoriť do 15. februára budúceho roka. Potom budú známe aj konkrétne termíny dostavby. Reálny však je podľa Vážneho rok 2013, a to z dôvodu posunu realizácie PPP projektov. Pôvodne bola dostavba plánovaná na rok 2010 bez tunelov a v roku 2012 aj s tunelovými úsekmi. V prípade tretieho balíka PPP projektov, ktorý by mal definitívne spojiť západ Slovenska s východom, je termín finančného uzatvorenia s koncesionárom otázný. šéf rezortu dopravy.

Celý úsek D1, ktorý by mal z Košíc pokračovať na ukrajinskú hranicu, by mal byť hotový až v roku 2018. Ak by sa vláde nepodarilo s koncesionármi spomínaných PPP projektov dohodnúť, tak diaľnicu postaví zo štátnych peňazí spolu s financiami z fondov Európskej únie. Na financovaní tretieho balíka PPP projektu sa chce zúčastniť UniCredit Bank. Prostredníctvom PPP projektov by sa mala na Slovensku financovať výstavba približne 150 kilometrov nadradenej cestnej dopravnej infraštruktúry. Vláda SR rozdelila úseky do troch balíkov. Tzv. prvý balík zahŕňa úseky diaľnice D1 Dubná Skala – Turany, Turany - Hubová, Hubová - Ivachnová, Jánovce – Jablonov a úsek Fričovce – Svinia. Druhý balík úsekov realizovaných formou projektov PPP predstavuje úseky rýchlostnej cesty R1 Nitra – Selenec, Selenec - Beladice, Beladice - Tekovské Nemce a severný obchvat Banskej Bystrice. V treťom balíku je obsiahnutý úsek D1 Hričovské Podhradie – Lietavská Lúčka, Lietavská Lúčka - Višňové, Višňové - Dubná Skala a prívádzač Lietavská Lúčka - Žilina.



Obetovali modlitby za zosnulých na Sviatok všetkých svätých

Bratislava (TASR) - Katolícka cirkev si 1. novembra pripomína slávnosť Všetkých svätých. Duchovní a veriaci sa počas omši modlia za svätých, ale aj za predkov, ktorí neboli vyhlásení za svätých, ale žili statočným a pekným životom, obetovali sa pre iných.

Cirkev už po stáročia spája s touto slávnosťou kresťanskú nádej na vzkriesenie, na večný život, ktorú priniesol Ježiš Kristus. Je to deň radosti a nie strachu. Na Sviatok všetkých svätých nadväzuje 2. novembra Spomienka na všetkých verných zosnulých, tento deň je známy ako Dušičky. Počas oboch dní sa konajú v katolíckych kostoloch sv. omše, na mnohých cintorínoch sú tradíciou pobožnosti za zosnulých.

Veriaci prichádzajú k hrobom svojich blízkych, modlia sa za nich, vyzdobujú hroby a zapalujú sviečky. Pre kresťanov sú však najdôležitejšie modlitby za zosnulých.



Úmrtnosť Slovákov na srdcovocievne ochorenia patrí medzi najvyššie

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovensko je v úmrtnosti na srdcovocievne ochorenia (SCO) na jednom z najhorších miest v Európe. Pri miere štandardizovanej úmrtnosti 508 na 100,000 obyvateľov sú za Slovenskom krajiny ako Rumunsko, Bulharsko a krajiny bývalého Sovietskeho zväzu. V 15 krajinách Európskej únie dosiahla úmrtnosť na tieto ochorenia priemernú hodnotu 221 na 100,000 obyvateľov. Pri porovnaní zmien so susednými štátmi v 5-ročnej priemernej úmrtnosti v rokoch 1981-2005 malo Slovensko najnižšiu dynamiku poklesu. Podľa Slovenskej kardiologickej spoločnosti (SKS) je tento vývoj jedným z najdôležitejších faktorov, kvôli ktorým je priemerná dĺžka života prežitého v zdraví u slovenských mužov aj žien o 10 rokov kratšia, ako je priemer v eurozóne, do ktorej SR vstúpila 1. januára 2009. Pre zníženie chorobnosti a úmrtnosti na choroby srdca a ciev sú podľa spoločnosti dve základné stratégie, ktoré je potrebné uplatňovať súčasne. Podpora zdravia a prevencia vzniku ochorení srdca a ciev a zároveň zlepšovanie dostupnosti a skvalitňovanie účinnej a progresívnej zdravotnej starostlivosti.

Prvá stratégia má silný celospoločenský rozmer a týka sa celej populácie. Úspechy v podobe zníženia výskytu SCO a úmrtnosti na ne sa dostavia až po viacerých rokoch. Na túto prácu sa koncentruje predovšetkým Národný program prevencie kardiovaskulárnych chorôb. "Na bedrách kardiológov ako praktizujúcich lekárov leží predovšetkým druhá stratégia, teda poskytovanie kvalitnej a efektívnej zdravotnej starostlivosti, ktorá dokázateľne predlžuje život aj zlepšuje jeho kvalitu," uviedla v tejto súvislosti vedecká sekretárka SKS Eva Goncalvesová.

Srdcovocievne ochorenia sú najmä dôsledkom fajčenia, vysokého krvného tlaku, vysokej hladiny cholesterolu, cukrovky, stresu a vysokej telesnej hmotnosti. Ako prevenciu preto odborníci odporúčajú dodržiavať Kód zdravého srdca 0-30-5-120-80. Ten symbolizuje nefajčenie, 30 minút fyzickej aktivity denne, hladinu celkového cholesterolu nižšiu ako päť mmol/l a krvný tlak nižší ako 120/80 mmHg.

ŽIVOT JE O LÁSKE

Aj tak by sa dala nazvať prvá návšteva Slovenska môjho manžela bratranca, Františka Biroša s jeho manželkou Estell. Vidiac toľkú lásku, ktorej sa im dostalo medzi príbuznými, tlačilo obom slzy do očí. Frank je chemik a právnik, Estell je oficiálna vládna prekladateľka do francúzštiny a španielčiny. Precestovali veľa krajín, ale na Slovensku doposiaľ neboli. Teraz, pri svojej prvej návšteve, si ho priam zamilovali. Obdivovali krásu krajiny so zasneženými Tatrami, lebo toho roku sneh prírodu zaskočil nepripravenú. Prekvapila ich krásna domov a úsilie ľudí zveľaďovať svoje okolie ako aj pracovitost' slovenských rúk, ale hlavne štedrosť srdca pomáhať, navždy zostane v ich srdciach.

Počas ich pobytu spoločne navštívili s nami starostu obce Široké, pána Ing. Stanislava Bartoša a riaditeľku Základnej umeleckej školy, Mgr. Lenku Nehilovú. V priebehu slávnostného obeda sa odovzdal dar pre školu od prof. Filipa Tuhého, manžela nebohej Trudy Čech-Tuhá, na jej pamiatku od jej brata Dr. Tomáša Čecha a sestry Betky Pirnikovej. Obaja majú korene z tejto obce a Trudy Čech-Tuhá je i jeho čestnou občiankou. Bohu vďaka stavajú tu novú školu pre talentované deti a radi by sme boli, aby niesla aj jej meno. Administratívnych prekážok je však veľa, ale pevne dúfame, že sa im to podarí.

Obec má nádherne zrekonštruovaný kostol sv. Mikuláša. Na pozvanie starostu obce Ing. Stanislava Bartoša a duchovného otca, Mgr. Miroslava Kyšľa, sme sa zúčastnili slávnostnej sv. omše, pri príležitosti druhého roka konsekrácie kostola. Veľkým prekvapením bolo, že sv. omšu celebroval prvý prorektor Katolíckej univerzity v Ružomberku ThDr. Peter Olekšák a homíliu predniesol rektor univerzity prof. Tadeusz Zasepa. Príchodom miestneho kňaza obec duchovne ohromne ožila. Obetavo pracuje s deťmi a mládežou, dáva priestor pre každú aktivitu, ktorá napomáha ich duchovnému rastu. Ľudia v obci ho milujú a tiež mu vychádzajú v ústrety. Je to príkladný vzťah pre okolie. Účasťou takých kapacít ako je rektor a prorektor univerzity chce ľuďom ukázať, že si to zaslúžia a že si ich váži.

A bolo to ozaj nádherné. Kostol plný veriacich a úžasný príhovor pána rektora, to všetko nám pripadalo ako nebo na zemi. Sám bol prekvapený nádhrou chrámu, ktorý je výsledkom miestneho architekta Ing. Mariána Goču, ale hlavne usilovnosť samotných veriacich. Pripomenul však, že my sme sami chrámom Ducha Svätého, ktorý je potrebné budovať na slávu Božiu, starať sa o tento chrám a chrániť sa zlého ducha.

Čo bolo zaujímavé, ako sa vyznal pán rektor z lásky ku slovenskému ľudu a samotnému Slovensku, hoci sa narodil v Poľsku. Vyzýval ľudí, aby milovali slovenskú vlasť, pretože Slovensko je krajina, ktorá sa môže pozrieť celému svetu rovno do očí, lebo nikdy v dejinách nenapadla vojnou inú krajinu. To je dôkaz, že nie sme dobyvačný národ a sme spokojní, čo nám Pán Boh dal. Pán rektor ovláda viacero jazykov a s našimi hosťami krásne hovoril po anglicky a po francúzsky.

Po sv. omši všetci veriaci boli pozvaní na agapé do Domu kultúry, kde po požehnaní



Interiér kostola Sv. Mikuláša v Širokom



Agapé v Dome kultúry

darov na stole si ľudia pochutnali na vlastnoručne pripravených jedlách a sladkostiach. Ľudia prejavili spokojnosť s agapé ako aj záujem sa v budúcnosti stretať aj dva razy ročne. To ľudí spája a keď je dobrá spolupráca starostu obce s kňazom a riaditeľom školy, čo si môžu ľudia viac želať? Záverom vďaka patrí všetkým tým, ktorí sa o toto krásne podujatie zaslúžili.

Čitateľov Jednoty oboznamujeme, že Katolícka univerzita v Ružomberku privíta knihy, ktoré už možno nepotrebujú a tým pomôžu študentom spoznať to, čo by inak nepoznali. Knihy posielajte na adresu Univerzity: Katolícka univerzita, Námestie A. Hlinku 60, 03401 Ružomberok, Slovak Republic.

Anna a Jozef Biroš



Veriaci na sv. omši



Sediaci zľava: Jozef Biroš, Anna Birošová, otec Tadeusz Zasepa, Estell Birošová, Stojaci zľava: Marián Goč, otec Miroslav Kyšľa, otec Peter Olekšák, František Biroš, Stanislav Bartoš, otec Peter Čigáš a otec Jozef Skupín.



Zľava Jozef Biroš, Anna Birošová, František Biroš, Estell Birošová, a Stanislav Bartoš.

Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že výročná členská schôdza Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu, č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 15. novembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby láskavo poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní. Program schôdze bude zameraný na prípravu plánu činnosti na budúce obdobie, finančnú správu, voľby úradníkov a taktiež voľby delegátov na 49. konvenciu IKSJ v Clevelande, Ohio. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia Spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta Daitová, tajomníčka

Ročná schôdza Spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v nedeľu 29. novembra 2009 o 12:30 hodine (po slovenskej svätej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue a 66th Street. Na programe budú podané správy úradníkov, finančné správy, zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie. Za tým budú nasledovať voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na budúci rok. Úctivo Vás žiadame o účasť na tejto výročnej schôdzi.

Ďakujem a s pozdravom

Mária Jurášiová, pokladníčka

Členská schôdza Spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ v New York City

Oznamujeme členom nášho spolku, že schôdza sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ v New Yorku sa uskutoční v nedeľu 10. januára 2010 o 12:30 hodine, po slovenskej svätej omši, v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. Program schôdze bude zameraný na výber delegátov na 49. Konvenciu IKSJ, ktorá sa uskutoční v dňoch od 14. – 18. augusta 2010 v Clevelande. Láskavo žiadame našich členov, aby sa na tejto schôdzi zúčastnili čo v najväčšom počte.

Mária Jurášiová, pokladníčka

Mikulášske odpoľudnie v New Yorku

Farská rada pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého, NYC a Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ srdečne pozývajú slovenskú verejnosť na Mikulášske odpoľudnie s Mikulášskou nádielkou, ktoré sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 6. decembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia vo veľkej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 East 66th Street v New York City. Prosíme rodičov, ktorých deti by mohli spestriť toto Mikulášske posedenie s básničkou, spevom alebo iným vystúpením, nech zavolajú vo večerných hodinách pani Henrietu na tel. číse (201) 641-8922. Vstupné na toto podujatie je voľné ako aj občerstvenie bude zabezpečené.

Štedrovečerná večera – Vigília v New Yorku

Farská rada pri Slovenskom kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v NYC a Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na Štedrovečernú večeru – Vigíliu, ktorá sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 20. decembra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpoľudnia vo veľkej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 East 66th Street, NYC. Vstupné je \$ 20.00 v čom je započítaná aj večera. Lístky na Vigíliu si môžete objednať na Farskom úrade Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na tel. číse (212) 734-4613; Jozef Bilik (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová (201) 6412-8922.

Jednotárska zábava v Linden, New Jersey

Spolok sv. Jána Krstiteľa číslo 746 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pri kostole sv. Rodiny v Linden N.J. srdečne pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na tanečnú zábavu v sobotu 21. novembra 2009 v Msgr. Komar Hall 2806 Parkway Ave, Linden, N.J. Večera sa podáva od 8-9 hodiny, preto prosíme návštevníkov aby prišli načas. Do tanca aj na počúvanie bude hrať známa hudobná skupina Kontakty. Príďte medzi nás, o dobrú zábavu bude postarané! Vstupné za osobu je \$ 25 v čom je aj večera započítaná. O bližšie informácie a zakúpenie lístkov volajte na telefónne čísla: Mary Karch (732) 572-2331; Mary Tkáč: (908) 862-2782.

Mary Karch

Pred zavedením eura vložili Slováci na účty miliardy korún

Bratislava (TASR) - Koncom uplynulého roka vklady obyvateľstva na Slovensku do komerčných bánk vzrástli niekoľkonásobne a vklady na termínovaných účtoch presiahli 80 miliárd Sk (2.655 miliardy eur). Podľa poradcu generálneho riaditeľa Poštovej banky a niekdajšieho splnomocnenca vlády pre zavedenie eura Igora Baráta súvisel enormný nárast vkladov so zavedením eura ako národnej meny v SR.

Podstatnú časť týchto prostriedkov, ako zdôraznil 14. októbra na stretnutí s novinármi v Bratislave, uložilo obyvateľstvo na ročné termínované vklady, ktoré budú expirovať koncom tohto roka. Preto je dôležité, aby ľudia zvažili, ako s týmito prostriedkami naložia ďalej. Podľa Baráta pozornosť treba venovať skutočnosti, či bankový produkt ponúka licencovaná banka resp. iná licencovaná a dohliadaná spoločnosť a či je táto spoločnosť pod dohľadom regulátora v SR alebo v inej krajine EÚ.



Lídrom SZSZ zostáva Vladimír Skalský

Bratislava (TASR) - Svetové združenie Slovákov v zahraničí (SZSZ) bude aj v nasledujúcich troch rokoch viesť Vladimír Skalský. Na predsedníckom poste ho potvrdila vyše stovka delegátov III. valného zhromaždenia SZSZ. Tí sa na ňom po troch rokoch zišli v Bratislave. Skalský po svojom znovuzvolení uviedol, že sa chce sústrediť na lepšiu komunikáciu s členskou základňou, projekty prijímania televízneho a rozhlasového vysielania do zahraničia, ako aj spružnenie volebného zákona vo vzťahu k Slovákom žijúcim v zahraničí.

Ako priblížil, dôležitou zmenou bude vytvorenie inštitútu regionálnych tajomníkov. "Prinesú do našej práce priamy kontakt s členskými organizáciami, zvlášť v regiónoch v zámorí," predstavil svoju víziu staronový predseda. Akcentovať chce Skalský aj spoluprácu s médiami, medzi iným na projekt zabezpečenia dostupnosti vysielania Slovenskej televízie a Slovenského rozhlasu pre Slovákov v zahraničí. "Ide o projekt dodávky dotovaných prijímačov pre individuálny príjem pre jednotlivých Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, ktorí o to prejavujú záujem," konkretizoval s tým, že sa na tom dohodli s Ministerstvom kultúry SR. Ako doplnil, týmto spôsobom sa vyhnú problémom v súvislosti s autorskými právami, ktoré v minulosti komplikovali takéto riešenie.

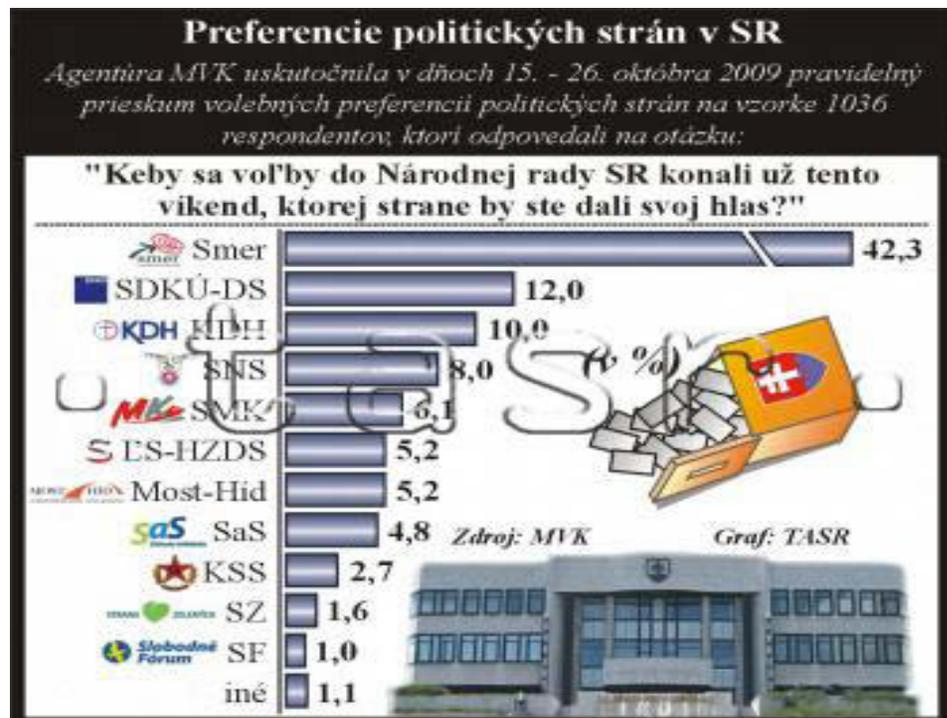
V legislatívnej oblasti je pre SZSZ v najbližšom čase prioritou spružnenie volebného zákona. Ten umožňuje voliť Slovákom žijúcim vo svete, no podľa Skalského je súčasný proces odvolania spoza hraníc príliš komplikovaný, navyše je tam takáto možnosť málo spropagovaná. "Máme snahu, aby sa volebný zákon modernizoval, napokon aj v záujme občanov, ktorí žijú na Slovensku," povedal s tým, že v prvej fáze by sa malo umožniť voliť na zastupiteľských úradoch, ale aj tým, ktorí prídu domov na Slovensko. Korešpondenčný spôsob voľby by sa mal podľa neho výrazne zjednodušiť a v dlhodobjšom výhlade by sa mala umožniť voľba prostredníctvom internetu. "Vytvorilo by to úplne nový komfort pre všetkých občanov SR," uviedol Skalský s tým, že by sa to odrazilo na vyššej participácii vo voľbách. Za hranicami SR totiž žijú až dva milióny Slovákov, teda prakticky tretina národa.

SZSZ má plány aj na európskej úrovni, pripomenul Skalský, ktorý sa pred niekoľkými týždňami stal podpredsedom organizácie Európania vo svete. Ako uviedol, majú záujem, aby sa po ratifikácii Lisabonskej zmluvy v budúcej štruktúre eurokomisariátov vytvorilo portfólio aj pre problematiku Európanov žijúcich mimo svojej rodnej krajiny, v rámci ktorého by malo ísť o dve politiky – pre Európanov žijúcich v iných krajinách EÚ a tých, ktorí žijú v tretích krajinách.

Na aktuálnom stretnutí v Bratislave sa zúčastnil aj podpredseda vlády SR pre vedomostnú spoločnosť, európske záležitosti, ľudské práva a menšiny Dušan Čaplovič. Ten delegátov ubezpečil o tom, že vláda SR bude podporovať združenia Slovákov v zahraničí prostredníctvom grantového systému, pretože ho považuje za najtransparentnejší spôsob podpory aktivít, ktoré vo vzťahu k týmto združeniam uprednostňuje. Ako povedala generálna tajomníčka Slovenskej ligy v Amerike Nina Holá, práve cez žiadosti o grant financujú časť svojich aktivít slovenské spolky v USA. Ide pritom prevažne o kultúru. Jej organizácia zatiaľ o žiadne peniaze nežiadala, no plánuje tak urobiť iná, v ktorej je podpredsedníčkou a ktorá pripravuje Festival slovenského dedičstva v štáte New Jersey.



Vladimír Skalský



Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Spoločnosti** Slovak Telekom a T-Mobile Slovensko plánujú v priebehu budúceho roka vytvoriť spoločnú firmu. Tento krok je v súlade so stratégiou materskej spoločnosti Deutsche Telekom, ktorá integráciu divízií fixných a mobilných služieb ohlásila už vlni. Stratégiou novovytvorenej spoločnosti bude ponechať používanie oboch obchodných značiek T-Mobile a T-Com. O názve novej spoločnosti ani jej sídle zatiaľ nepadlo definitívne rozhodnutie. Na základe skúseností z iných firiem, ktoré prešli podobným procesom, obe spoločnosti očakávajú, že by plná integrácia mala byť ukončená v horizonte dvoch rokov od jej začiatku.

• **Na Slovensku** bude pôsobiť vojenský technický poradca z Francúzska, ktorý bude poskytovať poradenstvo slovenským ozbrojeným silám v oblastiach vojenskej a technickej spolupráce. Ako ďalej vyplýva z návrhu dohody o jeho dočasnom pôsobení, ktorý vláda nedávno schválila, **nadväzuje sa tak na spoluprácu oboch krajín v oblasti obrany.** Poradca si počas svojho pôsobenia v SR zachová svoj vojenský štatút spadajúci pod francúzske ministerstvo obrany. Mzdové náklady, ako aj dopravu na Slovensko a prostriedky potrebné pre zabezpečenie pôsobenia poradcu bude znášať francúzska strana. Slovensko zase poskytne poradcovi zariadenú kanceláriu s telefónom, počítačom a pripojením na internet. Prepĺňať tiež bude výdavky na prepravu, ubytovanie a stravu. Dohoda o pôsobení poradcu sa uzatvorí na dva roky. Jej platnosť sa bude automaticky predlžovať o ďalšie dva roky, pokiaľ ju žiadna zo zmluvných strán nevytvorí.

• **Rebríček** 50 najrýchlejšie rastúcich technologických spoločností v strednej Európe, ktorý sa zostavuje na základe rastu ich výnosov za päťročné obdobie, koncom októbra zverejnila spoločnosť Deloitte. V tohtoročnom rebríčku Fast 50 sa umiestnili spoločnosti z desiatich krajín, a to zo Slovenska, Česka, Maďarska, Poľska, Rumunska, Bulharska, Chorvátska, Srbska, Litvy a Estónska. Slovenské spoločnosti získali v hlavnej súťaži, rovnako ako v minulom roku, štyri miesta. Najrýchlejšie rastúcou zo slovenských hi-tech spoločností je ESET, s.r.o., s 951-% rastom (v rebríčku obsadila 11. miesto). ESET je stabilným účastníkom rebríčka už niekoľko rokov a v porovnaní s minulým rokom stúpol o päť priečok. Spoločnosť vyvíja veľmi úspešný antivírusový softvér NOD 32, ktorý v súčasnosti patrí medzi najefektívnejšie a najúčinné riešenia na ochranu dát na svete.

• **Projekt KIA** pri Žiline si vyžiada dodatočné peniaze zo štátneho rozpočtu. Ide o 6.44 milióna eur (194.01 milióna Sk). Vyplýva to z návrhu na vyčlenenie finančných prostriedkov na zabezpečenie dofinancovania plnenia záväzkov SR vyplývajúcich z Investičných zmlúv uzatvorených s investormi KIA Motors Corporation a Hyundai Mobis, ktorý v októbri schválil vládny kabinet. Mesto Žilina by tak podľa materiálu z dielne rezortov financií a hospodárstva malo dostať 4.51 milióna eur (135.87 milióna Sk) na dofinancovanie infraštruktúry. Podľa spomínaných ministerstiev je dôvodom dodatočnej potreby peňazí pretrvávajúci problém s výkupom pozemkov, ako aj rozšírenie celkovej investície projektu. Ďalších 1.93 milióna eur (58.14 milióna Sk) má byť poskytnutých spoločnostiam Govinvest I a Govinvest II ako návratná finančná výpomoc. Tieto peniaze by mali byť využité na dokončenie procesu výkupu pozemkov pod závodmi.

• **Letisko** M. R. Štefánika – Airport Bratislava, a.s., (BTS) je od 27. októbra spojené s talianskou Bolognou a britským Liverpoolom. Cestujúci budú môcť využívať obidve spojenia trikrát týždenne. Linky, ktoré prevádzkuje írsky nízkonákladová spoločnosť Ryanair, by mali ročne prepraviť 80,000 pasažierov. V zimnej letovej sezóne otvára spoločnosť z bratislavského letiska aj ďalšie dve nové spojenia do Ríma a Paríža. Prepraviť by na nich mala ročne 100,000 pasažierov. Ryanair tak odhaduje celkový počet pasažierov na svojich linkách z a do Bratislavy na približne 925,000 za 12 mesiacov do konca marca budúceho roka. Z letiska prevádzkuje 17 liniek.

• **Americká** spoločnosť U.S. Steel zaznamenala aj v 3. štvrtroku 2009 stratu. Koncern sa už tri kvartály po sebe nemôže dostať z červených čísel a jeho produkcia nedosahuje ani polovicu výrobných kapacít. Dôvodom je slabý dopyt v dôsledku globálnej krízy. Čistá strata najväčšieho amerického producenta ocele sa od začiatku júla do konca septembra vyšplhala na 303 miliónov USD (201.74 milióna eur) alebo 2.11 USD na akciu. Na porovnanie, v rovnakom období minulého roka dosiahol koncern zisk 919 miliónov USD respektíve 7.79 USD na akciu. Tržby spoločnosti klesli medziročne o 61 % na 2.82 miliardy USD. Analytici očakávajú, že ani v posledných troch mesiacoch roka sa americkej oceliarskej jednotke nepodarí dosiahnuť zisk, aj keď jeho strata by mala byť nižšia ako v tomto kvartáli. Informovala o tom agentúra Reuters.

• **Nový** 5-hviezdičkový hotel Sheraton Bratislava, ktorý v komplexe Eurovea na dunajskom nábreží otvoria vo februári budúceho roka, organizuje nábor na obsadenie 150 nových pracovných pozícií. Netradičná forma výberu zamestnancov sa uskutoční v piatok 13. novembra v Bratislave. Personálna manažérka hotela Sheraton Bratislava Dana Hupková informovala, že záujemcov o prácu čaká najskôr praktická časť predpísaná pre danú pozíciu. Po úspešnom absolvovaní praktických úloh budú nasledovať individuálne rozhovory. Nakoľko Sheraton hľadá ľudí so správnym prístupom, pre získanie miesta v hoteli nie je potrebný životopis ani predchádzajúce skúsenosti v hotelierstve. Uchádzačov o prácu budú hodnotiť skúsení manažéri zo siete hotelov Starwood, ako aj ich budúci kolegovia z hotela Sheraton Bratislava.

• **Slovenský** ľudový umelecký kolektív (SLUK) navštívil v dňoch 19.–28. októbra Čínu, kde mal niekoľko celovečerných predstavení. SLUK oslavuje 60. výročie svojho založenia. Vystúpil na najprestížnejšej šanghajskej scéne Shanghai Grand Theatre pre 1,600 divákov s programom Jubileum. V 13 vybraných ukázkach predviedol to najlepšie zo svojho bohatého repertoáru, ktorý vychádza z autentických podôb slovenského ľudového umenia. Súbor vystúpil aj vo Fujian Grand Theatre v sedemmiliónovom meste Fuzhou. Hlavným cieľom cesty do Číny, kde SLUK naposledy účinkoval pred desiatimi rokmi, bola účasť na 11. Medzinárodnom umeleckom festivale v Šanghaji. Ten je jeden z najväčších svetových umeleckých festivalov aj najväčšie kultúrne podujatie v Číne. Festival je platforma na prezentáciu domáceho umenia, ale aj na extenzívnu kultúrnu výmenu medzi Čínou a inými krajinami. Dosiaľ na festivale vystúpilo vyše 18,000 umelcov z viac ako 50 krajín a predstavenia zhládlo viac ako 1.2 milióna divákov. Návštevnosť na jednom ročníku je okolo 400,000 divákov. Na 11. ročníku bolo 55 hlavných predstavení, z toho 28 zahraničných a 27 domácich.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Múzeum 21. storočia je projektom digitalizácie múzejných zbierok

Bratislava (TASR) - Projekt Múzeum 21. storočia realizuje Slovenské národné múzeum. Jeho cieľom je vnieť do múzejných odborných činností najmodernejšie technológie, uplatniť ich v oblasti ochrany a spracovania múzejných zbierok, ale aj pri následnom on-line sprístupnení múzejných fondov v digitálnej podobe. „Cieľom projektu je modernizácia metód múzejnej práce a overenie možností aplikácie informačných a komunikačných technológií v múzejnej praxi,” povedal na stretnutí s médiami vedúci projektu Ján Jurkovič. Projekt sa realizuje od apríla 2009 v Slovenskom národnom múzeu – Múzeu židovskej kultúry v Bratislave, ukončený bude do decembra tohto roku.

Prechod na digitálnu správu zbierok v praxi znamená, že je potrebné prejsť každý jeden predmet, nahradiť jeho súčasné evidenčné číslo čipom RFID (Radio Frequency Identification), spracovať odborné informácie o predmete a doplniť ho vizuálnym záznamom, ktorý sa vytvorí pomocou laserovej techniky v objektivej panoráme. Použitie tejto technológie zabezpečí jednoznačné zaznamenanie presunu predmetov medzi depozitármi a pracoviskami. Múzea na Slovensku v súčasnosti spravujú viac ako 15 miliónov zbierkových predmetov, ktoré sú významnou zložkou národného kultúrneho dedičstva. Ich správa sa však zatiaľ riadi zastaranými metódami.



Slovensko zastúpené v ďalšom orgáne OSN

Bratislava (TASR) - Slovensko bude zastúpené v ďalšom významnom orgáne Organizácie Spojených národov. Valné zhromaždenie OSN v pondelok 26. októbra v noci zvolilo Slovenskú republiku do **Hospodárskej a sociálnej rady (ECOSOC)**.

Ide o jeden z piatich hlavných orgánov OSN, ktorý sa zaoberá riešením medzinárodných hospodárskych, sociálnych a zdravotných problémov, rozvíja medzinárodnú spoluprácu v oblasti kultúry a vzdelávania a podporuje posilňovanie rešpektovania a ochrany ľudských práv a základných slobôd. SR bude jeho členom od 1. januára 2010 na tri roky. V tajnom hlasovaní získala podporu 181 členských štátov. Zvolenie do tohto orgánu predstavuje ďalší výrazný úspech slovenskej zahraničnej politiky.

Záujmom SR je v rámci pôsobenia v Hospodárskej a sociálnej rade aktívne prispieť k vytváraniu vhodného globálneho prostredia pre reálny pokrok v ekonomických, finančných, environmentálnych a sociálnych otázkach. Členstvo v rade umožní SR výraznejšie vstupovať do tvorby medzinárodných noriem v týchto oblastiach. Osobitný význam nadobúda najmä v súvislosti s prebiehajúcou celosvetovou hospodárskou krízou. Informoval o tom 30. októbra hovorca Ministerstva zahraničných vecí SR Peter Stano.



ZEMIAKY

Zemiaky sú pre nás, akoby druhý každodenný chlieb, dar to Boží, vyprosený z našich úprimných modlitieb. Zemiaky – zemiaky, akoby sme mohli bez nich žiť? Celý svet, by bol odsúdený hladovať, alebo len živiť. Preto vďaka Ti Bože, za skromné, slovenské zemiacky, čo pre nás pripravila, naše šikovné gazdinky – mamičky.

Zemiaky rastú nám, veľké-biele, ružové, malé-modravé, rastú nám na Slovensku, dolniakoch, či chudobnej Orave. Chutia nám, či uvarené, upečené, usmažené, s kyslým mliekom, cesnakom, slaninou, oškvarkami, klobásou, sú našim liekom.

Keď na jeseň, sa kopali zemiaky na poli a my šarvanci, sme ich vybrali z horúcej pahreby, boli sme veselí, šťastní, akoby na hody.

Nik neochorel, ani nik nemal bolenie brucha, každému chutili, či bol mladý, starý a či mladucha.

Ďakujeme Ti Bože za zemiaky “Náš druhý-každodenný chlieb”,

vymodlený, vyprosený, z našich úprimných modlitieb.



Jozef Smák



Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník Jednota



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upečenú nohu,
Amerikán vďaka vzdáva
za dobrotu mnohú.

Veď bohatstvo o tejto zeme
nikde nemá páru,
každý má dom, jedlo, šaty,
televíziu, káru.

Mnohým viacej Boh požehnal
ako vládu užiť,
majú všetko, po čom môže
ľudské srdce túžiť.

Preto aj ten chudobnejší
neohrýza kôrku,
na veľký Deň vďakyvzdania
na stole má morku.

Lež jeden dar je nám vzácný
nado všetky dary:
je to slnko slobody, čo
v Amerike žiari.

Slobodní sme ako národ,
zem táto je naša,
voľne sa od mora k moru
hviezdny prápor vznáša.
Slobodní sme ako ľudia,
všetci rovni páni,
zákon voľnej Ameriky
rovnako nás chráni.

Okolo svet nebezpečne
v nepokojoch horí,
ale my sme ostrov spásy
v rozbúrenom mori.

Boľševici na kolená
dostať by nás radi,
lenže prístup k Amerike
strážia mocné hrady.

Kto slobodu americkú
v plnej kráse skúsi,
takému sa nevoľníctvo
boľševické hnuší.

Veru každý Amerikán,
ako dobre vieme,
biť sa bude za slobodu
tejto drahej zeme.

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na tento Deň vďaka
ku nebu sa obracajú
všetky vďačné zraky.

Ďakujeme za slobodu,
blahobyť a šťastie,
ktoré nám tu zo štedrosti
božej hojne rastie.
S vďakou sa však jedna prosba
dneska k nebu vinie.
Daj Boh hojne aj takému,
ktorý v biede hynie.

Ján Okál: Veľký kalendár Kocúra na rok 1976 a na ďalších 100 rokov

Vladimír Skalský viceprezidentom Európanov vo svete

Brusel (TASR) - Organizácia Európania vo svete (Europeans Throughout the World) si na svojom valnom zhromaždení v Bruseli v polovici októbra zvolila nové vedenie. Predsedom sa stal Hans Jürgen Helms, zastupujúci Dánov v zahraničí. Jeho predchodca Enrique Barón Crespo, bývalý predseda Európskeho parlamentu, sa o funkciu nemohol uchádzať kvôli svojmu angažmánu pri príprave španielskeho predsedníctva v Rade EÚ. Významný post vo vedení organizácie, ktorá pôsobí už 25 rokov, obsadil aj predseda Svetového združenia Slovákov v zahraničí Vladimír Skalský, ktorý sa stal jedným z viceprezidentov. Generálnym sekretárom zostal Simon-Pierre Nothomb, reprezentant Únie frankofónnych Belgičanov v zahraničí.

Členmi ETTW je 14 strešných organizácií jednotlivých európskych diaspór, medzi nimi nechýba ani Svetové združenie Slovákov v zahraničí (SZSZ), ktoré do ETTW vstúpilo hneď po rozšírení EÚ o desať krajín vrátane Slovenska v roku 2004. Ďalšie diaspóry k svojej strešnej organizácii prevažne ešte iba smerujú. Organizácia v tomto roku oslávila 25 rokov činnosti na svojom zasadnutí v hlavnom meste Švédska. Tam prijala aj dokument nazvaný Štokholmské odporúčania. V ňom pripomína, že v Európskej únii žije 60 až 80 miliónov občanov v inom štáte, než je krajina ich pôvodu, čo zodpovedá veľkému členskému štátu EÚ. Ďalšie desiatky miliónov Európanov žijú za hranicami únie, najviac v USA.

To sú dôvody, prečo ETTW žiada prikladať tejto otázke na európskej úrovni omnoho väčšiu váhu. Podľa odporúčaní by túto problematiku mal dostať na starosť konkrétny člen Európskej komisie, mala by vzniknúť agentúra pre Európanov vo svete so zodpovedajúcim rozpočtom, a európskym občanom žijúcim za hranicami krajiny svojho pôvodu by mal byť garantovaný celý rad práv vrátane volebného. Umožnené by im malo byť aj viacnásobné občianstvo, garantované sociálne práva, naplnené ich potreby v oblasti vzdelávania. Vladimír Skalský je prvým viceprezidentom ETTW v jej histórii z radov organizácií zastupujúcich diaspóru v tzv. nových krajinách EÚ. Na jeho pozvanie sa najbližšie valné zhromaždenie uskutoční v roku 2010 v Bratislave. Pomoc pri organizácii tejto udalosti prisľúbil aj podpredseda vlády SR Dušan Čaplovič.



Výrazná zmena počasia v podobe snehových zrážok prišla v utorok 3. novembra 2009 v Bratislave. Na malokarpatskej Kolibe nad mestom zavládla zimná atmosféra. Napadlo do desať centimetrov snehu a teplota sa pohybovala okolo nula stupňov Celzia.

Winter has come early to Bratislava and western Slovakia. On November 3, 10 centimeters of snow fell in the Bratislava region and temperatures dipped to 0 celsius.

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Novým predsedom KBS arcibiskup Stanislav Zvolenský



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Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský,
bratislavský arcibiskup-
metropolita

Bratislava/Donovaly (TASR) - Novým predsedom Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) sa na najbližšie tri roky stal bratislavský arcibiskup Stanislav Zvolenský. Rozhodlo o tom 28. októbra v tajnom hlasovaní počas 64. plenárneho zasadania KBS na Donovaloch 12 diecéznych a šesť pomocných biskupov, členov KBS.

Vo funkcii podpredsedu KBS bol na ďalšie trojročné obdobie potvrdený nitriansky biskup Viliam Judák. Za členov Stálej rady boli zvolení žilinský biskup Tomáš Galis a pomocný biskup košickej arcidiecézy Stanislav Stolárík, ktorí doplnili päťčlenný zbor Stálej rady KBS. Ten tvorí predseda, podpredseda, generálny sekretár a dvaja volení členovia. Informoval o tom hovorca KBS Jozef Kováčik.