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Fraternal Greetings Memorial Day 2013



The Officers and Members of the Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union of the United States and Canada extend their most sincere Fraternal Greetings and Best Wishes to all on this Memorial Day, a special time to honor and remember those members who have fallen in service to their country.

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Insights and Viewpoints



St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies, Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.S.B., Father Campion P. Gavaler O.S.B.

June 2, 2013

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Luke 9:11b-17

Gospel Summary

Today's gospel passage is Luke's version of Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. This is one of the most significant miracles of Jesus as is evident from the fact that it appears in all four gospels. The scenario is quite familiar:

there is a large, hungry crowd; the disciples bring this to the attention of Jesus; he instructs them, almost casually, to provide food for them; the disciples protest that this is clearly impossible since they have scarcely enough for themselves.

In spite of their reservations, the disciples obey Jesus when, having blest the loaves and fish, he asks them to distribute them to the hungry crowd. To their total amazement, there is not only enough for all those present, but twelve baskets filled with fragments are left over.

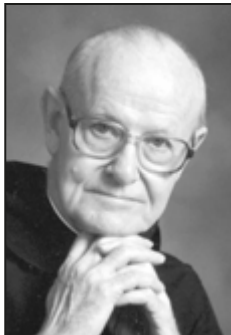
We can easily understand why the Church has chosen this gospel story for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, for the primary theme of this feast is the nourishment that Jesus offers us in the Blessed Sacrament. We are now the hungry multitude and we are reminded that Jesus offers us a nourishment that fully satisfies our needs. This is so because the food he offers is his own life, given for us.

Life Implications

There is obviously something miraculous about the way in which Jesus solves the problem of the hungry multitude. We should admire that and see it as a sign of the concern and generosity of Jesus. But we should also remember that all the miracles of Jesus' early ministry were intended to show that he was approved by God and that his message should be trusted. After all, those whom Jesus fed or cured all got hungry or sick again and died. These miracles do not constitute salvation; they are simply the introduction of the Savior.

There is, however, an even more important lesson here. We can readily identify with the disciples as we face overwhelming problems in our own world. There is so much violence and injustice that we often feel paralyzed by the enormity of the challenge. Like the disciples, we feel that we have meager resources for dealing with these problems. Nonetheless, Jesus tells us also to take what little we have and to do what we can with it. There is an implied promise that God will join us and turn our "five loaves and two fish" into food for the multitude...with an abundance left over!

As we celebrate the Eucharist, we find again a super abundance that can nourish us in spite of great need. In the Mass, Jesus offers himself under the appearance of a few small wafers and a few drops of wine in a way that can nourish the whole world. Those of us who share in this divine meal should not only feel wonderfully nourished ourselves but also empowered to share our good fortune with all the hungry people whom we meet. No matter how poor we think we are, we become rich, for ourselves and for others, when we receive the boundless gift of God's love in the Eucharistic banquet.



Demetrius R. Dumm
O.S.B.

June 9, 2013

Luke 7:11-17

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary time

Gospel Summary

As Jesus was about to enter a city called Nain, a man who had died was being carried out through a city gate. He was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Jesus, moved with compassion, touched the coffin, and said, "Young man, I tell you arise." When the young man came back to life, Jesus gave him to his mother. All who witnessed the event glorified God, and exclaimed, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people."

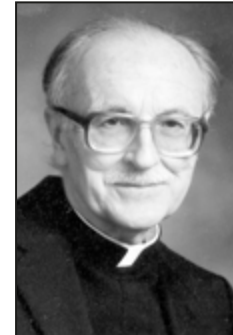
Life Implications

This brief gospel story is a literary gem with strong visual images, yet expressing the great universal truths which give unity to the entire biblical tradition of faith. (1) God visits his people from the first moment of their creation. Amazingly, God wants to be with us. (2) More good news is that God understands our fragile human condition, and responds with compassion. (3) God's presence is personal and respectful of human freedom. The human response which God hopes for is a free decision of faith – the hospitality of welcome and gratitude for the divine visit. (4) God's invisible presence becomes visible in our midst in Jesus, not only a great prophet, but the Son of God become flesh and blood, like us in everything except sin.

The compassion of the invisible God is revealed in the human compassion and life-giving action of Jesus. At the same time, we also see in Jesus the revelation of what God intends every human being to become, a particular image of divine, creative compassion. The entire biblical tradition is an expression of this two-fold revelation. The New Testament writings help us gain some insight into the depths of Jesus' humanity by describing the faith of Jesus in various circumstances of his life, particularly in his final trial of faith. "In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence" (Hebrews 5:7).

From his childhood, Jesus learned those divinely inspired words of the Old Testament which describe the meaning of friendship with God in faith, hope, and love. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5). Even in times of distress when God seems to be absent, faith means to hope with unconditional trust that divine love will ultimately prevail. Jesus experienced in his own faith those inspired prayers which he learned as child and repeated so often in the synagogue. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" (Psalm 22:1)? "Into your hands I commend my spirit" (Psalm 31:6). The power of faith is invincible even in the face of a horrible death of Roman crucifixion.

Jesus is as much the principal character in the story of each of our lives as he was in the story of the widowed mother of Nain. In Catholic faith, we celebrate the Eucharist in which Jesus, now Risen Lord, is present and gives himself to us so completely that we share his human-divine life. The life-changing implication of this good news is captured in the words of Saint Paul: "I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me" (Galatians 2:20). For this supreme gift we glorify God, and with gratitude exclaim, "God has visited his people."



Campion P. Gavaler,
O.S.B.

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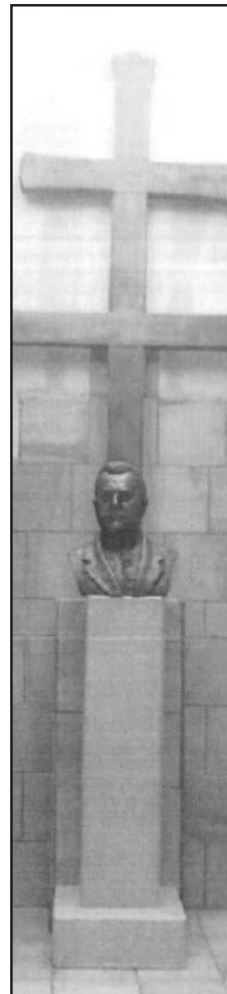
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Memory of Fr. Joseph Tiso

There is a relatively small but very dedicated group of Slovaks in Slovakia that are determined to try to rehabilitate the name and memory of Fr. Joseph Tiso, who was President of Slovakia during the years 1939 – 1945, referred to by its supporters as the First Slovak Republic. (See the recent photo of a memorial built by supporters of Fr. Tiso in Western Slovakia).

As you may be aware the First Slovak Republic was founded during the turmoil of WWII and was at the mercy, and detractors say, at the bidding of Adolph Hitler and his Nazi government.



Andrew M. Rajec

Supporters of Fr. Tiso say that Tiso had no choice but to declare a new Slovak Republic otherwise Hitler would have let Hungary and Poland divide the Slovak territory as they saw fit. With few options, Tiso acted quickly, for the benefit of most Slovak people.

Others, including communists, anti-religious and those unhappy with a Catholic oriented Slovakia, opposed Tiso. By most account the years 1939 – 1943 were prosperous for most Slovaks. Things began to change as the Russians gradually advanced westward against the weakening German army.

Unfortunately, left no choice, little Slovakia was caught in the middle of a vast war, not of its own making.

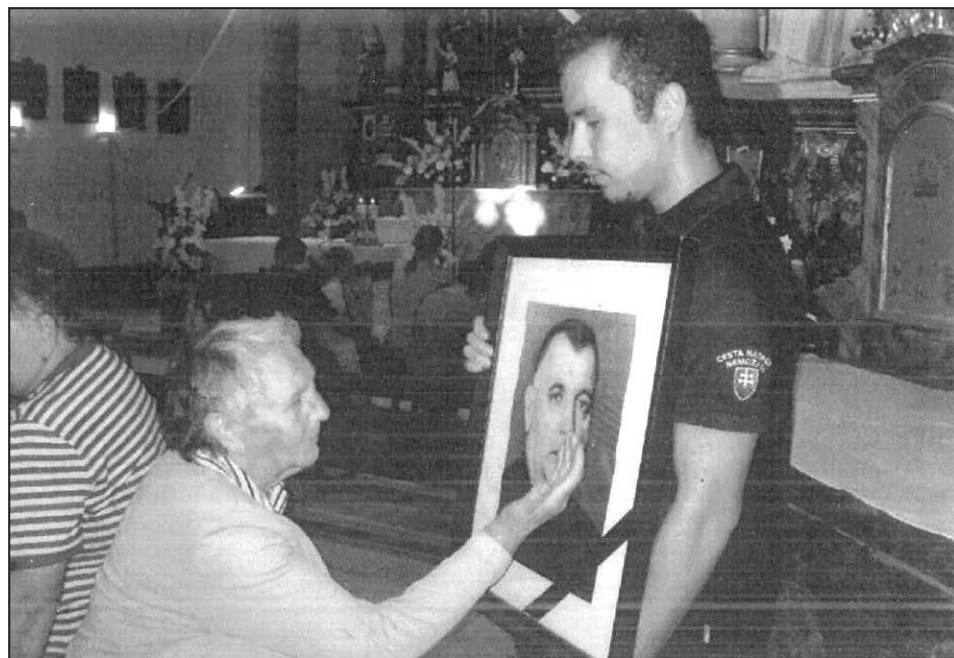
Like Poland, Hungary, France, Italy and other countries with some Jewish population there were deportations of Jews many of which perished in Nazi concentration and/or death camps.

There is a debate as to whether or not Fr. Tiso could have done more to stop or reduce these deportations. Many more Jews were deported from Hungary for instance, but nevertheless, thousands of Slovak Jews perished. Fr. Tiso escaped the Russians' advance and left for Austria where he was turned over by the American military to the new Czechoslovak government, controlled by communists and anti-clerics.

Fr. Tiso was tried by what some refer to as a "kangaroo court", and hanged in Bratislava in 1949.

I suggest you use the internet and learn about Fr. Tiso, and his complicated place in Slovak history. You will hear his supporters and detractors.

Andrew M. Rajec
President



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From the Desk of the Executive Secretary – Holiday Hours

The Home Office and Jednota Estates Office will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2013, in observance of Memorial Day.

LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Jerry Costello for The Christophers

Honoring the Fallen on Memorial Day

Are you having a parade in your town this Memorial Day? If the answer is yes, you're not alone. Most towns do. Memorial Day is a grand occasion for some old-fashioned patriotism, and whether it happens once a year or every day, there's nothing wrong with that.

But the origins of Memorial Day? That's another matter entirely. Where did Memorial Day come from? Who thought of it first? Those questions have more than one answer, and the correct response, more than anything else, seems to be a matter of geography.

One thing appears to be quite clear. Memorial Day emerged from the ashes of the Civil War, when casualties from both North and South reached epic proportions. People everywhere "wanted to do something," and seemingly from every corner of the growing nation sprang the idea of honoring those who had fallen in battle. Most often that took the form of visiting cemeteries that were home to the war's victims and strewing the graves--"decorating" them--with flowers. (Older Americans are likely to remember when the holiday was referred to as Decoration Day.)

One community with an apparent lock on the title of "first" is Waterloo, New York, where the observance of Memorial Day dates back to the years immediately following the Civil War. There's even a congressional resolution saluting Waterloo as "the birthplace of Memorial Day," echoing a proclamation by New York's governor at the time, Nelson Rockefeller, and signed in a centennial observance in 1966 by President Lyndon Johnson.

Congressional resolution or not, other claimants to the title were not to be deterred. There's Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; Carbondale, Illinois; Petersburg, Virginia--the list goes on, numbering two dozen or so. The towns include Columbus, Mississippi and Columbus, Georgia, both of which lay serious claim to the honor (and both of which were the joint subjects of a report last year at this time by Campbell Robinson in The New York Times).

A resident of the Georgia town, Mary Ann Williams, wrote a widely published letter in 1866 suggesting a national day of observance honoring the dead, in which residents would decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. But at roughly the same time, also in 1866, four women met in the Mississippi community named Columbus and proposed a day of remembrance honoring both Union and Confederate troops. That proposal caught the imagination of Francis M. Finch in Ithaca, New York, whose poem, "The Blue and the Gray," was written as a response and was published in the Atlantic Monthly in 1867.

Wherever the honor lies, the idea caught on. Clearly the suggestion was a popular one. In time, of course, those who died in subsequent wars were added to the list of men--and, more and more, the women--who fell in battle and were paid tribute on this holiday. Sadly, that list keeps growing, as seemingly endless conflicts add names to the roster.

And so Memorial Day goes on, its exact origin of less and less importance and the memories it inspires meaning more all the time. That's something to keep in mind in the midst of the parades and picnics, the speeches you're likely to hear. A lot of your fellow Americans gave their lives so that all of them can take place. Remember them this day.

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Join the FCSU at Kennywood in July



The 90th Annual Slovak Day will take place Thursday July 18, 2013 at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. It is a day with colorful displays, authentic costumes, a Slovak liturgy, Slovak performances, delicious Slovak food, special children's activities, music for dancing and listening pleasure, and much more.

Executive members of the First Catholic Slovak Union will be there to meet and greet attendees, and provide information on our Society. Come join in the fun!

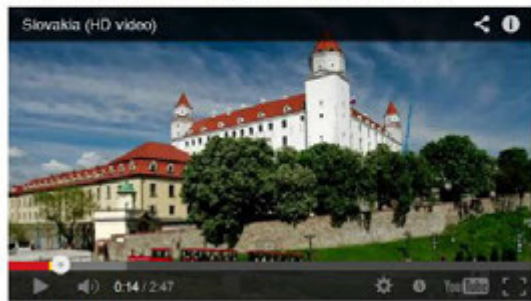


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2013 Tours to Slovakia

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Year of Faith: Religious Life

Dear Friends,

The Decree on the Adaptation and Renewal of Religious Life (Perfectae caritatis) was the third of five documents promulgated by Pope Paul VI on October 28, 1965. It begins by stating that any renewal of religious communities is to follow the following principles: to recall that their highest rule is to follow Christ as set forth in the gospels; to rediscover and hold on to their founder's spirit, special aims, and their traditions; to judge current events and social conditions of the day in the light of faith and to burn with apostolic zeal in giving effective assistance; to recall that the purpose of religious life is to help the faithful follow Christ and be united to God by their own example of living the evangelical counsels (poverty, chastity, and obedience). Each religious community is to examine its constitution, directory, books of prayer and ceremonies for re-editing and the suppression of laws that are rendered obsolete.



Rev. Thomas Nasta

The three evangelical counsels are examined. All members of religious communities, especially superiors, are to recall that chastity is guarded more securely when true brotherly and sisterly love flourishes in the common life of the community. Candidates who wish to enter a religious community must be sufficiently tested and give evidence of possessing the required psychological and emotional maturity to live the vow of chastity before they can be accepted.

Regarding poverty, members of religious communities are drawn to and enter religious life with an awareness that their treasure is in heaven, and so they are to be poor both in fact and in spirit. They are to avoid every appearance of luxury, excessive wealth, and accumulation of goods. Constitutions of religious communities can permit their members to renounce inheritances, both those which have been or may be acquired. What goods they do have, religious should readily offer a collective witness to poverty and use them for other needs of the Church and support of the poor. Several provinces and houses of each community should share their temporal goods with one another.

The evangelical counsel of obedience is described as a full surrender of one's will as a sacrifice to God, thus permanently and securely uniting oneself to God's saving will. A religious should humbly obey his or her superiors in a spirit of faith and love for the divine will by using both the forces of intellect and will and the gifts of nature and grace. Those appointed or elected as superiors are to exercise their authority out of a spirit of service to their brothers and sisters. They should gladly listen to their subjects and foster harmony among them for the good of the community and the Church.

A person who completes the novitiate is not to be immediately assigned to apostolic works. Rather, his or her religious and apostolic formation, along with continuing education in arts and sciences directed toward obtaining appropriate academic degrees, must be continued as needs for that particular religious community dictate.

Independent institutes and monasteries should form federations if they can be considered as belonging to the same religious family. Others who have practically identical constitutions and rules and a common spirit should unite, particularly when they have too few members. Those who have the same or very similar active apostolate should become associated, one to the other.

Many point to Vatican II in general and this Decree in particular as the reason many members of religious communities no longer wear a traditional habit. The Decree did not eliminate the habit or make it optional. All it says is that the religious habit should be simple, modest, meet health requirements, and be suited to the circumstances of time and place and the needs of the ministry involved. Habits of both men and women religious which do not conform to these norms are to be changed.

The Decree made a couple of statements regarding the future of religious communities. Those Holy See judges not to possess a reasonable hope for further development are not to receive novices and, if possible, are to be combined with other more flourishing communities and monasteries who possess a similar scope and charism. A serious examination and discernment process is to take place before a new religious community can be established. This is to ensure that a genuine need for a new community exists and sufficient resources to sustain the community are available.

The next document to be examined is the Decree on Christian Education.

Sincerely,

Fr. Thomas A. Nasta National Chaplain



FCSU Members: Fighting for God and Country in the Armed Forces of the USA - 1942



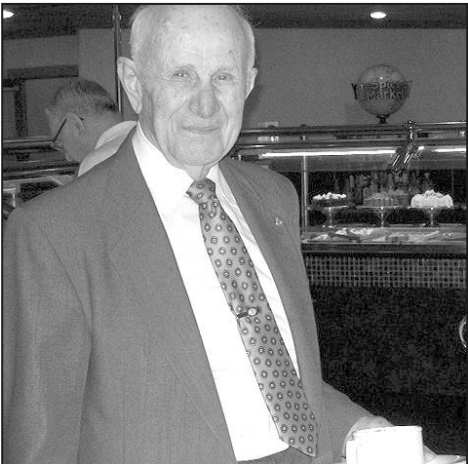
Did your Father or Grandfather carry an FCSU medallion in the Second World War? Do you know when these medals were coined and how they were distributed? If you have any stories or other information, please email manasta@verizon.net.

Regards,
Margaret Nasta
Secretary of the Pgh District

Branch 112 Members in Bratislava



(L – R) Branch 112 members Henry Sterling, Karen Sterling, Janice Engle, and Stephen J. Engle visited the Mirbach Palace in Bratislava, Slovakia, while on a recent Danube Cruise. Located in the Old Town section of the city, the Rococo-style palace is named after its last owner, Count Emil Mirbach. It houses Central European baroque painting and sculptures as well as temporary exhibitions.



Joseph Pirich, president of Branch 633, with a cup of soup at the Branch 633 meeting held April 20, 2013 at the Teppanyaki Grill in Flint, Michigan. The members enjoyed lunch before the meeting there.

- Submitted by Rudy Bernath,
Region 7 Director



Branch 162 Donates to St. Mary Church in Uniontown, PA



(L – R) Joanne Marmol, Vice President of Branch 162, presents a check to the Ladies of Charity of St. Mary (Nativity) Church, Uniontown, PA, for their Mother's Day Baby Shower fund raiser. Accepting the check is Agnes Yablunsky, Chairwoman of the Mother's Day Baby Shower and Karen Ciez, president of the Ladies of Charity.

News From Slovakia

Nitra and Zilina Regions Most Friendly for Small Businesses

Bratislava, May 6 (TASR) - Nitra and Zilina regions turn out to be, perhaps somewhat surprisingly, the most 'friendly' regions towards self-employed individuals and micro-entrepreneurs with a turnover of €1 million per year at most, an analysis by Sberbank Slovensko has shown.

It's only in these two regions - along with the Bratislava region in third place - where the bank account balances of small entrepreneurs were found to top €10,000 on average at month-end.

The survey is based on a sample of 10,000 clients and involved assessments of account balances and overdrafts throughout 2012.

According to Sberbank Slovensko's Mario Stresnak, while the number of self-employed in Slovakia as a whole shrank last year, the drop was the lowest in relative terms in Nitra region. This may have had an indirect effect on sums deposited in the accounts concerned. Furthermore, Nitra came first in the number of newly established partnerships and companies.

Zilina region's runner-up position in the list of top regions for small business may have been partly down to relatively favorable developments on the labor market, with this region posting the fastest employment-rate rise in 2012.

International Army Training Exercise to Take Place in Slovakia in June

Bratislava, May 6 (TASR) - Around 1,800 members of armed forces from 37 countries and 20 NATO and EU organizations will take part in the 'Capable Logistician 2013' (CL13) training exercise in Slovakia in June, according to Defense Ministry spokesperson Martina Ballekova.

The exercise, which has been organized by the Multinational Logistics Co-ordination Centre (MLCC) in Prague, will be based on a fictitious conflict between two countries, with the UN Security Council asking for the deployment of NATO armed forces in the region of the conflict.

"Multinational forces will have to provide comprehensive logistical security for the coalition forces as well as humanitarian assistance following a natural disaster. This will test the ability of the allies to co-operate in resolving unexpected situations," said Ballekova, adding that the training exercise is aimed at co-ordination and improving logistical procedures.

Most of the participating armed forces will come from Slovakia, France, the Czech Republic, Germany and Poland. Around 600 items of various types of army equipment will be employed.

CL13 will be organized at Army base Lest, Sliac Air Base and the army/police dog training centre in Vklanova-Hronsek (all three in the Banska Bystrica region) between June 3-28.

"The training exercise will not affect the normal course of life in the nearby towns and villages," said Ballekova.

European Alliance for Innovation Opens Its First ECC Branch in Bratislava

Bratislava, May 3 (TASR) - Based on a Memorandum signed by EAI President Imrich Chlamtac and STU Chancellor Robert Redhammer on this date, the European Alliance for Innovation (EAI) will open its first branch within the Central and Eastern Europe at the Slovak University of Technology (STU) in Bratislava.

"We hope that Slovakia has the drive and energy to be a leader. We've seen this in the economic sphere, in the adoption of the euro and in its ability to sustain it. There are many indicators which show that the co-operation with this university will be successful," said Chlamtac.

According to Redhammer, the co-operation with EAI will help young people develop their own businesses. "Signing the Memorandum will provide a broad scope of activities, including the support of launching of start-ups and spin-offs for young people that are setting up their own businesses. The key is to find partners on a larger market than Slovakia," he said, expressing his hopes that this will be how EAI will assist potential Slovak businesspeople to move forward – along with providing better networking possibilities for experts and managers involved in international projects.

Education Ministry State Secretary Stefan Chudoba claims that Slovakia has a flexible young generation. "I'm very happy for this memorandum to be signed, as it points to a change for us ... we're moving out of our shells and upwards to the European level," said Chudoba.

EAI currently has more than 200 members, including universities, research institutions and private companies in Europe, Asia and North America. It provides a platform for developing contacts among eight million scientists, innovators and businesspeople.



Accent on Activities



2013 Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament will be held near Canton, Ohio. The fun starts Friday night at the Holiday Inn Canton when they host our hospitality evening.



On Saturday, July 20, a shotgun start is scheduled from the Wilkshire Golf Course in Bolivar. Wilkshire Golf Course has created the most scenic and challenging golf experience in Northeastern Ohio. Wilkshire Golf Course has tree-lined fairways, gently rolling terrain and numerous sand traps that call for accurately placed tee shots. A totally automated irrigation system ensures plush playing conditions. Golfers will be eligible to participate in a hole in one contest and skill contests sponsored by Bruce and DePersis Actuaries.

The Mass and banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn Canton. Hotel accommodations will also be provided by the Holiday Inn Canton.

On Sunday, July 21, a shotgun start is scheduled from the Zoar Golf Course in Dover. Enjoy gently rolling terrain, white sand bunkers, and tree lined fairways throughout. These features combined with the bent grass tees, greens, and fairways make for a golf course suited for golfers of all skill levels. Zoar's accolades include Golf Digest's honor of "Best Place To Play" in 2004! So, when looking at the scorecard you may find yardages too short for your liking, but don't be deceived. The large greens with subtle undulations make for a tough read for all. The strategically placed bunkers keep this course a challenge even with today's technology. Golfers will be eligible to participate in a hole in one contest and skill contests sponsored by AQS Asset Management.

We will close the weekend festivities with a luncheon at Zoar golf course on Sunday, which is partially sponsored by Pin Point Computer Systems.

Further details and registration forms can be found at www.fcsu.com. Information was mailed April 19, so contact Susan Ondrejco at 412-421-7967 if you did not receive your forms.

NEW THIS YEAR

Seniors (75 and over) and women have an option to participate in a 9 hole event each day.

Hope to see you there!
 July 20 - 21, 2013
 Zoar and Wilkshire Golf Courses
 Canton, OH



2013 National Picnic

Attention, FCSU Members. Are you ready for a fun day of fraternalism? This year, we will hold our National Picnic at the Frogbridge Resort - an 86-acre all-inclusive natural wonderland centrally located in New Jersey about an hour away from Philadelphia and New York City, and easily accessible from all major roadways including the NJ Turnpike.

This year's event - **FREE to all FCSU members** - promises to be a fraternal event you'll remember for years to come - filled with fun activities to choose from such as swimming, kayaking, paddleboats, baseball, basketball, tennis, soccer, mini golf, driving range, horseshoes - plus, a delicious all-you-can-eat picnic served under a picturesque covered pavilion. Handicapped parking and golf carts are available for guests with special needs.



The first 200 members to register will be entered in a drawing to win a Chewy Čuvač stuffed animal, complete with "official" certification and dog tag. This year, **advance reservations are required**. To help you register as early as possible, online registration will be offered at www.fcsu.com. If you like, you can mail in registration information instead. The deadline for reservations is July 11, 2013.



A \$15 admission fee will be charged for each non-member attending the picnic.

For anyone considering traveling a distance to this year's picnic, a group rate at a near-by hotel has been secured. The Holiday Inn, East Windsor, has a block of hotel rooms, at a discounted rate, available. The rate for a Saturday night stay is \$141.04 + tax and the rate for a Sunday night stay is \$115.24 + tax. Mention that you are booking the with FCSU group to get these rates. The hotel reservation cut-off date is July 10.



Please see page 10 of this issue for registration and more details

Our Annual Golf Tournament will be held Friday, July 19, through Sunday, July 21, 2013. The Jednota sponsors the tournament Friday through Sunday and a banquet Saturday evening.

This year we are looking for skill contest sponsors: (Longest Drive, Longest Putt, etc.)

Skill Contest Sponsor: \$100 – a sign will be placed on the hole where the skill contest will occur with your Branch, District, or Region name.

If you are interested in being a skill contest sponsor, please send the wording for your sign and your check payable to "FCSU Activities" to:

Susan Ondrejco
 234 Ilion St.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207

The deadline for sponsoring a hole is June 30, 2012.



First Catholic Slovak Union

**2013 Annual Golf Tournament
July 19 - 21, 2013**

Deadline for entry forms and hotel reservations is June 19th



Friday: Fraternal Hospitality Night – 6:00 PM – 9:30 PM
We will kick-off the weekend on Friday evening with Hospitality Night beginning at 6:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Canton. Our evening will begin with food, refreshments, socializing.

Hotel - We have rooms booked at the Holiday Inn Canton at a rate of \$119.00 +tax per night. Please reference the First Catholic Slovak Union when making your reservations to ensure you receive this rate.

Saturday: Individual Competition
We will begin with a shotgun at 8:00 AM. Please make sure to arrive at the course no later than 7:00 AM.

Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes

Mass: Mass will be held at 5:00 PM

Banquet: Cocktails at 6:00 PM with buffet dinner at 6:30 PM
Roast beef and chicken marsala are the buffet entrée choices with the chef's accompaniments, tossed salad, seasonal fruit bowl, rolls, and the chef's sweet table. A cash bar will be available.

Sunday: Individual Competition-Round 2:
We will begin with a shotgun at 8:30 AM. Please make sure to arrive at the course no later than 8:00 AM.

Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes

Awards BBQ: Lunch will begin at 1:00 PM and be available throughout the afternoon. Grilled steak, baked potatoes, salad, rolls, and 2 soft drinks.

Through the generosity of our sponsors this year, your souvenir will be a golf shirt. Please include your size on the registration form to ensure you get the correct size.

We are looking forward to a great fraternal weekend and hope that you can share it with us.

If you have any questions contact Susan Ondrejco at (412) 421-7967 or sueo99@yahoo.com

2013 Golf Tournament Info Sheet

Friday, July 19

- ◆ Hospitality Night, Holiday Inn Canton, 6:00 - 9:30 PM

Saturday, July 20

- ◆ Registration begins at 7 AM. Shotgun starts at 8:00 AM.
- ◆ Wilkshire Golf Course
 - 10566 Wilkshire Blvd. Bolivar, OH
 - NO Alcoholic Beverages allowed to be brought on the premises. All alcoholic beverages must be bought from Wilkshire golf course.
- ◆ Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes
 - sponsored by Bruce & DePersis
- ◆ Mass begins at 5:00pm at the Holiday Inn Canton.
- ◆ Cocktails at 6 PM with buffet dinner at 6:30 PM at the Holiday Inn Canton

Sunday, July 21

- ◆ Shotgun starts at 8:30 AM. Please arrive no later than 8:00 AM.
- ◆ Zoar Golf Course
 - 8229 Dover Zoar Rd. NE Dover, OH
- ◆ Hole in One Contest and Skill Prizes
 - sponsored by AQS Asset Management
- ◆ Awards Barbeque to begin at 1 PM
 - partially sponsored by Pin Point Computer Systems

Hotel Information

Prices have been negotiated at the following hotel:

Holiday Inn Canton
4520 Everhard Rd.
Canton, OH 44718
330-494-2770

Rate: \$119/night +tax

**** Cut off date June 28, 2013, for Group Rate****

**** Mention the First Catholic Slovak Union to receive the Group Rate ****

Hotel check in time is 3 PM on Friday. Checkout time is 12 noon.

**First Catholic Slovak Union
2013 National Golf Tournament
July 19 – 21, 2013**

Zoar and Wilkshire Golf Courses
near Canton, OH

Deadline for Entry Forms is June 19, 2013

Sat. Banquet (X)	Sunday BBQ (X)	9 Holes Only* (X)	Polo Size	Name	Address	Phone or E-Mail	Branch and Certificate Number
1							
2							
3							
4							

*For women or seniors age 75+. 9-hole players must play together; no 18-hole player and 9-hole player foursomes allowed.

GOLFERS (fees are listed per person):

18-Hole Players	\$81.00
9-Hole Players	\$41.00
Tournament Fee	\$ 7.00
Prize Fee	\$12.00
Saturday Banquet	\$15.00
Sunday BBQ	\$15.00

NON-GOLFERS:

Please Choose ALL that apply & indicate number attending

- _____ Will attend Hospitality Night @ \$0.00
- _____ Guest Banquet Dinners @ \$25.00
- _____ FCSU Member Banquet Dinners @ \$15.00
- _____ Will attend Sunday BBQ @\$15.00

Mail Entry Fee Payable to:
FCSU Activities

Mail to:
FCSU Golf
234 Ilion St.
Pgh. PA 15207

Room accommodations provided by

Holiday Inn Canton
4520 Everhard Rd.
Canton, OH 44718
330-494-2770

Room Rates: \$119 + tax per night - indicate you are with the FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK UNION

Check in time: 3 PM

Deadline for Reservations is June 28, 2013

\$ _____ **TOTAL INCLUDED WITH THIS FORM**

Scenes from Branch 45's Successful Dance Party in NYC

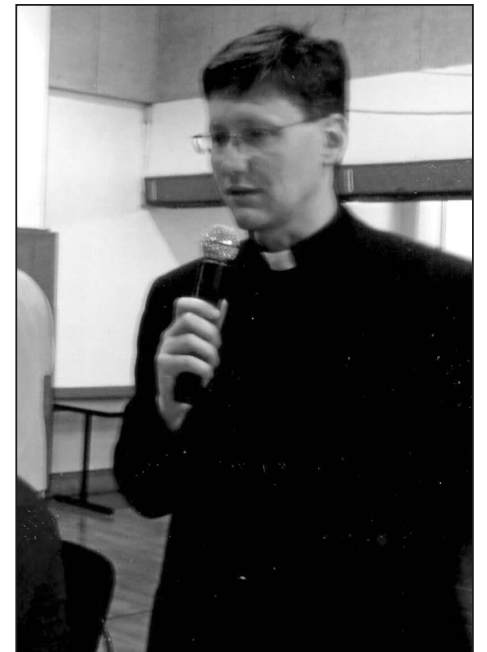
On April 21, 2013, the St. Matthew Society, Branch 45, held a Dance Party after Slovak Mass was celebrated by Rev. Stefan Chanas in St. John Nepomucene Church Hall in New York City. The event –commemorating the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of Ss. Cyril and Methodius to Great Moravia – was made even more special by the attendance of special guest Jana Trnovcova, Consul General to the Slovak Republic.

As Branch 45 President, I had the opportunity to start the festivities by welcoming members and guests, many of whom arrived from

all around the region – Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. In addition to music provided by the Jurasi Family Band, party goers enjoyed great traditional Slovak food and delicious cookies – prepared by our cooks Milka and Anicka – with the help of other Branch 45 members. Beverages were also served.

I would like to thank all the Branch 45 members who dedicated so much of their time and talent to make this celebration such a great success.

Joseph Jurasi, Branch 45 President



Father Stefan Chanas celebrating the Mass



(L – R) Standing: Anna Korcak, Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Jozef Korcak, Maria Jurasi, Rev. Stefan Chanas, Joseph Jurasi, Maria Zakovic, Jan Zeman, Zelmira Beckova-Kurcharovic, Antonia Krajkovic, and Milka Matfiakova. Kneeling: Rev. Frantisek Conka and Anton Kucharovic



(L –R) Seated: Joseph Jurasi; Jana Trnovcova, Consul General of Slovak Republic; and Antonia Krajkovic. Standing: Renata Jurasiova-Vasil, Maria Zakovic, and Maria Jurasi



(L – R) Seated: Maria Senko, Miroslav Senko and Peter Kristof. Standing: Helen Brchnel



(L – R) Katarina Klinovska, Magdaline Joob, and Helen Brchnel



(L – R) Jozef Korcak and George Mikula



(L – R) Milka Matfiakova, Zuzka Zemanova, Rev. Msgr. Lawrence M. Connaughton, and Katka Tomaskova



Guests having fun



The Jurasi Family Band
(L – R): Joseph, Maria and Renata



Guests enjoying the music

2013 Winners of Spitzkovsky District Easter Coloring Contest



The Rev. John J. Spitzkovsky District II for Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, has announced the winners of the 2013 Easter Coloring Contest. Prizes were awarded for First, Second, Third Place, and Honorable Mention for ages 4 – 6, 7 – 9, and 10 – 12. We wish to thank all of our young branch members of District II for their participation and creative drawings. The winning entries were chosen by the members attending the District II meeting on April 28, 2013.

I also would like to sincerely thank FCSU District II, as well as Branches 6,40,153,313,493, and 706 for their continued donations for the Easter Coloring Contest.

Our District Winners:

Ages 4 – 6: 1st Place Mandi Wyatt, 2nd Place Miles Mokosaik, 3rd Place Peter Jurcenko

Ages 7 – 9: 1st Place Evan Jurcenko, 2nd Place Rachel Rossman, 3rd Place Mia Wyatt

Ages 10 – 12: 1st Place Britney Johnson, 2nd Place Joseph Hawes, 3rd Place Julian Seida

Honorable Mention:

Ages 4 – 6: Logan Lazzara

Ages 7 – 9: Riley McAllister, Regina Turner, Adyen Fayta, Sharon McAllister, Joseph Kupia, Madison Mokosaik, Emma Graves, Alayna Blasko, Alayna Blasko, Aubrey Johnson

Ages 10 – 12: Aiden Jurcenko, Matthew Manzella, Jennifer Manzella, Amanda Weyh, Natalie Vaughn, Sarah Peters, and Jonathan Fayta

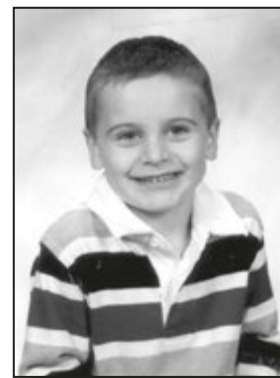
Ages 4-6



1st PLACE
Mandi Wyatt



2nd PLACE
Miles Mokosaik



3rd PLACE
Peter Jurcenko

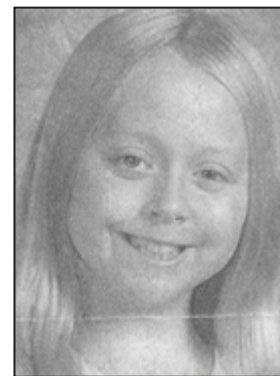
Ages 7-9



1st PLACE
Evan Jurcenko



2nd PLACE
Rachel Rossman



3rd PLACE
Mia Wyatt

Ages 10-12



1st PLACE
Britney Johnson



2nd PLACE
Joseph Hawes



3rd PLACE
Julian Steida

Congratulations to all!

Barbara Fayta, Chairperson, Easter Coloring Contest



Come Join Us



FCSU National Picnic
 Sunday, August 11, 2013
 12 PM – 6 PM

Frogbridge
 7 Yellow Meeting House Road
 Millstone Township, NJ 08510

The Great American Picnic Menu (served continuously for five hours)

Off The Grill

- Angus Beef Hamburgers & Cheese Burgers
- All Beef Sabrett Hot Dogs
- Rubbed and Sauced Barbecue Chicken
- Grilled Garden Burgers

Specialty Stations Menu Items

- Street Fair Sweet Sausage & Peppers Station
- Philadelphia Cheese Steak Station

Hot Spectacular Sides

- Dutch Oven Vegetarian Baked Beans
- Sweet Corn on the Cob
- Cast Iron Beef and Bean Chili

Side Salads

- Frogbridge Signature Salad
- Country Potato Salad
- Creamy Cole Slaw
- Macaroni Salad
- Primavera Pasta Salad

Sweets & Treats

- Ice Cream Novelties
- Chilled Sliced Watermelon
- Freshly Baked Cookies

Beverages

- Soft Drinks
- Iced Tea
- Bottled Water

Amenities and Sports Fields (all sports equipment is provided)

- 14 Bay Golf Driving Range
- 18 Challenging Holes of Miniature Golf
- 3 Full Court and 6 Half Court Basketball Courts
- 4 Tennis Courts
- Multiple Softball / Baseball Fields
- 3 Soccer Fields
- 6 Gaga Courts
- 2 Beach Volleyball Courts
- Regulation Bocce and Horseshoe Courts
- Whiffle Ball Stadium
- Children's Playground Complex
- Hockey Rink
- Heated Pool, waterslides, towel service
- Kayaks and Paddleboats on the Lake



12 PM – Registration Opens
 12:30 – Mass in the air-conditioned Gym
 1:30 – Food Service Begins
 2 - 4 PM – Soccer Workshop**
 3 – 5 PM – Bingo

** Soccer Workshop will be led by the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO).

 All skill levels, from beginner to advanced, and all ages, 6 to 14, are welcome.

Music provided for your listening and dancing pleasure by Kontakty.

- A \$15 admission fee will be charged to each non-member attending the picnic. Mail your check by July 11, made payable to FCSU Activities, with the registration form.
- Absolutely **NO** alcohol or pets are allowed at the Frogbridge Resort.
- The first 200 members to register will be entered in a drawing to win a Chewy Čuvač stuffed animal, complete with "official" certification and dog tag.

Picnic Registration: On-line at www.fcsu.com or Clip the Registration form below and mail to:

Deadline for Registration is July 11, 2013
Advance Registration is REQUIRED – No one will be admitted without advance registration

FCSU Activities
 234 Ilion St.
 Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Yes! I am attending the 2013 National Picnic.

Name	(if a non-member, write non-member)	Check the box for your age category:			Will participate in Soccer Workshop (X)
		Over 10	4 - 10	3 & under	

Phone Number or Email Address: _____



What Are You Doing this November? Cruise With the FCSU- and RELAX in STYLE

7 Nights-8 Days Cruise November 9-16, 2013 3 Magnificent Islands

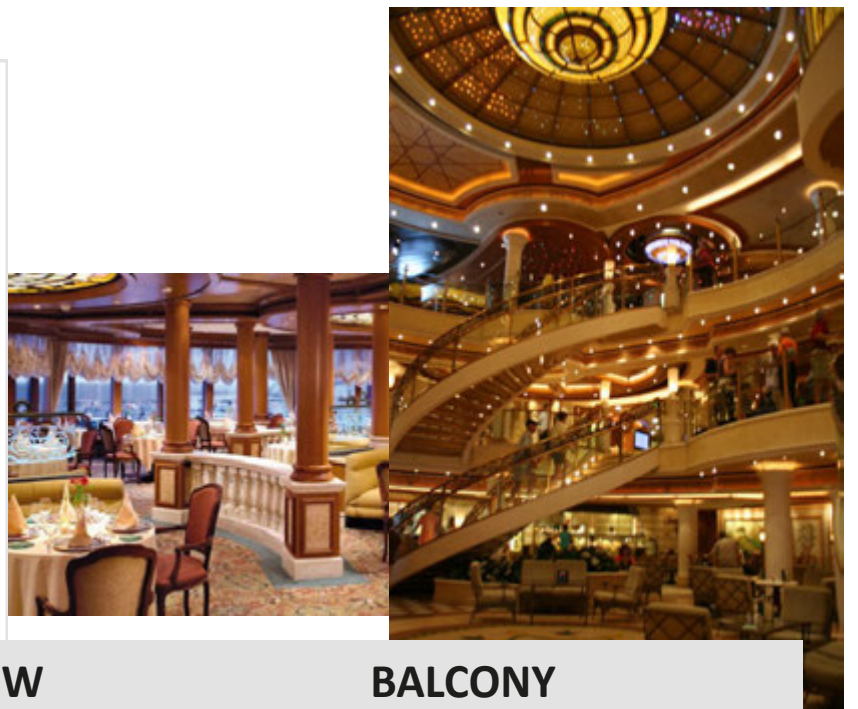
Crown Princess – Cruising at its Best—The FCSU has planned its 2013 Membership Meet aboard the Crown Princess. A premier ship in a line awarded “Best Itineraries” nine consecutive years, cruising aboard the Crown Princess ensures you a magnificent experience from the moment you board her. From her nearly 900 balconies, you can enjoy sweeping views of lush Caribbean landscapes and dazzling seascapes.

Picture-Perfect Ports of Call

Princess Cays - your exclusive tropical retreat— with fun-filled activities and water sports, island cuisine and even shopping.

Curaçao - hop a trolley train to the colorful capital of Willemstad, a UNESCO World Heritage Site or simply spend the afternoon on this island gem at your leisure.

Aruba - enjoy all the amenities this sunny paradise has to offer- snorkeling, scuba diving, or relaxing on a glorious white sand beach.



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BALCONY

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All prices include cruise, all taxes, meals, gratuities, transportation costs from FT. Lauderdale airport to the ship, and much more.

All-inclusive Luxury Awaits -AND MORE with the FCSU

The serenity of the world-class spas can be yours during the day, along with yoga and fitness classes to a leisurely dip in one of the ship’s many pools to duty-free shopping to nothing at all. You can try your luck at the casino, watching a Broadway-quality production or going to first-run films at Movies Under the Stars®.

The FCSU Factor - Raising the BAR on FUN

When you cruise with the FCSU, there’s always MORE. In addition to a cocktail reception, complete with drinks and hearty hors’ oeuvres, you can expect a bottle of wine tableside at every meal, a token of “welcome” in your cabin, PLUS a special **Shipwide Savings Coupon Booklet worth up to \$325 when you book with \$250 deposit by July 28, 2013.** Transportation to Ft. Lauderdale not included. For airfare accommodations contact Paul Hudak at 216.228.7172.

For more info call Karen at 1-800-Jednota or go to <http://www.fcsu.com/2013membershipmeet> to view the video and print the reservation form.

Reception at Duquesne University Honoring Two Distinguished Professors

Michael J. Kopanic, Jr., Ph.D.

On Sunday, April 28, 2013, Duquesne University hosted a reception honoring Professors Steven Béla Várdy and Ágnes Huszár Várdy. Professor Vardy is the McAnulty Distinguished Professor of European History at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA; his wife, Dr. Ágnes Huszár Várdy, formerly served as a Professor of English and Communication at Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, and now teaches as an Adjunct Professor of Comparative Literature at Duquesne University.

The occasion was the publication of a Festschrift entitled *Hungary Through the Centuries*. Edited by Richard P. Mulcahy, János Angi, and Tibor Glant, the book celebrates the achievement of these two esteemed scholars, who emigrated from Hungary following the 1956 Soviet invasion.

The Festschrift includes 31 original contributions by a variety of colleagues from both Europe and America, including several former graduate students who have gone on to have their own successful careers. The book features topics which range in scope from the Education of Hungarian Clergy during the Medieval Era to Hungarian cinema.

The sections in the book follow these general themes: "From the Middle Ages to the Nineteenth Century," "The Twentieth Century: Two World Wars, the Cold War and after," "The Hungarian Experience in America," and "Arts and Letters." The majority of chapters cover diverse Hungarian subjects which range from the education of clergy in the Middle Ages to the politics of the Treaty of Trianon, which divided Hungary after World War I, and the fate of Hungarians under communism.

Since Slovakia was a constituent part of Hungary for most of its history, the work contains several chapters interesting for those who wish to know more about Slovak and Slovak-American history. For instance, many Slovak immigrants to the U.S. and Canada trace their origins to the eastern Slovak region of Zemplín. János Barta's chapter deals with "Nationalities in Zemplén County at the End of the Eighteenth Century." Even with the forced Magyarization typical after the middle of the 19th century, Barta argues that ethnic minorities in this era did not suffer any discrimination despite their relatively lower economic status and lower living standards. The study contains a detailed map of where Slovaks, Hungarians and Rusyns lived and charts showing their relatively similar economic circumstances based on their occupations. Discrimination of other minorities in Hungary only commenced after the enforced Magyarization policies which followed in the 19th century.

Another chapter in the book was written by former Jednota editor, Dr. Anthony X. Sutherland. Entitled "Patrons and Cults in the German Zips Region of Upper Hungary," the study looks at the usage of patron saints in the Spiš region as a source for clues about the original homeland of early German settlers. Dr. Sutherland summarizes some of the past and more recent scholarship which has shown evidence that German colonists originated from a variety of areas in Germany. Connections to particular saints demonstrates a fairly large contingent probably came from the middle Rhine, Cologne, Trier, and the Mosel Valley, but others may have hailed from Franconia, Thuringia, Bavaria, and Saxony.

The author cites numerous examples of uncommon saint names appearing in Germany and the Spiš region, one being the cult of the little known St. Servatius, a relative of Christ given the key by St. Peter. While a devotion to St. Servatius evolved in Cologne during the 12th and 13th centuries, we find a church also dedicated to him in Vrbov (Menhardsdorf, Ménhárd) and in some German colonies in Transylvania and Silesia. Another example is the small village of Harichovce (Palmsdorf, Pálmafalú), which coincidentally is the village where



(R- L) Dr. Michael Kopanic with honorees Professors Steven Béla Várdy and Ágnes Huszár Várdy.



Dr. Kopanic addresses attendees at a ceremony for two distinguished professors at Duquesne University on Sunday, April 28, 2013.

my paternal grandparents married and lived for a short while before coming to America. The village first appeared in a 1268 document with the spelling Baldmar. A shift of the consonant turned the name into Paldmar, and it is surmised that the original name came from St. Baud, a successor of St. Martin of Tours, who was also the patron of the Spiš Provostry. I might add that the original name might also have stemmed from name of its founder, Waldemar, who brought German settlers to the village in the 13th century.

Sutherland concludes that many of these cults, patrons, and religious practices associated with particular saints disappeared with the onset of the Protestant Reformation. Since Germans had adopted Lutheranism and German Catholic priests were rare, many communities were re-Catholicized as Slovak during the Catholic Counter-Reformation, and the ethnic Slovak element exerted a greater influence.

Finally, I should mention my own contribution, "Slovaks in America," which summarizes the immigration and settlement of Slovaks in the United States. The chapter looks at the reasons Slovaks left their homeland and migrated to America, the establishment of Slovak neighborhoods and communities, Slovak businesses and organizations, gender issues, Slovak churches, demographic trends, the use of the Slovak language, and the evolution of public ethnic events as Slovak acculturated into America society.

In conclusion, the Festschrift dedicated to the Várdys is a worthwhile book with a diverse set of contributions which are scholarly and well-written. The many authors share a devotion to better understanding historic Hungary, its literature, and its various nationalities, but above all, in this volume they wish to celebrate the Várdys as wonderful and caring colleagues who devoted themselves to sharing their knowledge as a true lady and gentleman.

At the Festschrift presentation, the editor Dr. Mulcahy summarized his own contribution on Masonry to the book and Professor Várdy's guidance during his studies. I followed with some comments about my experiences with Professor Várdy. He was asked to pinch hit on my dissertation committee at the University of Pittsburgh when one of the members unexpectedly retired, and we needed an historian specializing in East Central Europe to serve. At the time, I wondered how much this Hungarian-born professor would help me doing research on a Slovak topic. He soon became my best adviser, and a friend and colleague for life. Professor Steven Béla Várdy has done more than any of my former professors to assist in furthering my career, and I know I am not alone in thinking.

Former Jednota editor, Dr. Sutherland, also studied with him in pursuing his Master's degree at Duquesne University, and commented glowingly at the ceremony on how Professor Várdy had helped clarify the complex web of Habsburg and Central European history. Thus Professor Várdy has influenced and assisted several of us who have regularly contributed to Jednota.

Professor Várdy contributed many constructive ideas to help guide my work and that of other colleagues who were at the presentation ceremony. Over the years, he has written many letters on my behalf, kept in touch with me regularly, and showed concern for both my professional and personal development. No one has even closely rivaled his concern for his former students.

When many of us who contributed to this volume look back and admire those who have made a difference in our lives, and those who really care for us personally as individuals, the Várdys stand out as one of those very special couples. Thus we honored them with this book.

Hungary Through the Centuries: Studies in Honor of Professors Steven Béla Várdy and Ágnes Huszár Várdy, edited by Richard P. Mulcahy, János Angi, and Tibor Glant (Boulder, CO: East European Monographs, 2012), 627 pp.

After the ceremony at Duquesne University, the Várdys held a reception at their home, complete with Hungarian specialties cooked by Ágnes Várdy. Always the gracious hosts, they wished to show their appreciation to all of us. Thank you Professors Várdy, for being not just fine scholars, but very nice and kind human beings.

A Memorial Day Prayer



Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

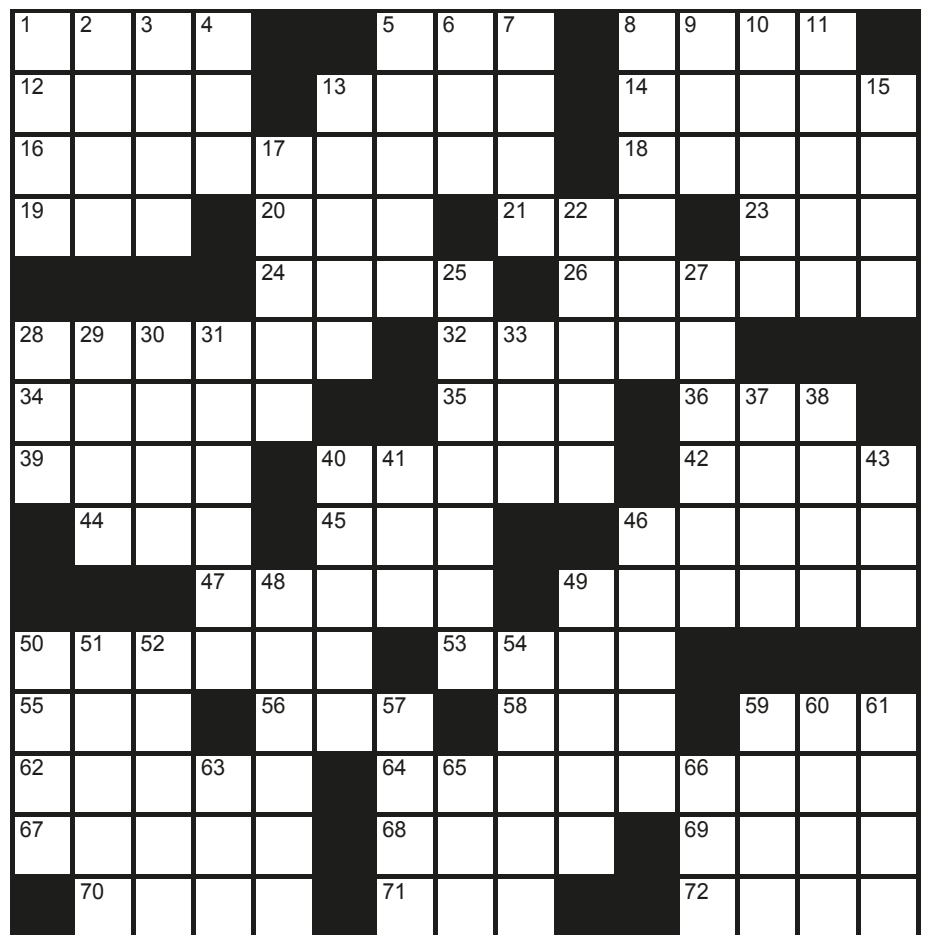
In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen

- From the Archdiocese of Detroit website, www.aod.org.

Jednota Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Nobleman
- 5 Moppet
- 8 Ship part
- 12 Flag color
- 13 Skin opening
- 14 Ice house
- 16 Napoleon, for one
- 18 Bank items
- 19 Congeal
- 20 Picnic crasher
- 21 Small rug
- 23 Assembled
- 24 Bad day for Caesar
- 26 Spin
- 28 Breakfast fare
- 32 Kind of layer
- 34 On the ball
- 35 ___ Cruces, N.M.
- 36 Balloon filler
- 39 Smell bad
- 40 Rifle attachment
- 42 Cat command
- 44 Actor Wallach
- 45 Ornamental carp
- 46 Galley slaves
- 47 Manicurist's concern
- 49 Root vegetable
- 50 Distort
- 53 Eye drop
- 55 Bauxite, e.g.
- 56 Ace
- 58 AARP members
- 59 Commercials
- 62 ___ cotta
- 64 Netherlands city
- 67 Mayhem
- 68 Stocking stuffers
- 69 Wine, in a Trattoria
- 70 ___ good example

Down

- 1 Declines
- 2 ___ vera
- 3 Litter member
- 4 Grassland
- 5 Rich cake
- 6 Crumb
- 7 Abound
- 8 Big name in hotels
- 9 Conceit
- 10 Andean animal
- 11 *Haystacks* painter
- 13 Bear cat
- 15 Bone (Prefix)
- 17 Do watercolors
- 22 Cropped up
- 25 Aria singer
- 27 Movie preview
- 28 Distant
- 29 Sheltered, at sea
- 30 Film unit
- 31 Vexing
- 33 Electrocute
- 37 Computer symbol
- 38 Hindu princess
- 40 Downhill racer
- 41 USMC rank
- 43 Recipe amt.
- 46 Handbag
- 48 Relative of 10 Down
- 49 Relatives of 5 Down
- 50 Sweater eater
- 51 Bailiwicks
- 52 Audacity
- 54 German industrial city
- 57 Word of honor
- 59 Mine entrance
- 60 Comic Carvey
- 61 Urban haze
- 63 Decompose
- 65 A Stooze
- 66 Campers, for short



Slovak Picnic in June

Sponsored by the Cleveland Slovak Radio Club

Sunday, June 9, 2013

Noon until 8PM

St. Sava Picnic Grounds
2151 Wallings Road
Broadview Heights, OH

Featuring: Good Slovak Food & Pastries
Music: by John Pastirik

Info: 440-886-4828 or 440-885-1994; 440-845-0282

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BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH 1 - CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society- Branch 1 - will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call 216.228.8179.

Marie A. Golias, Secretary

BRANCH 10 - OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 10, invites all Branch 10 members, and their families, to attend the annual Communion Mass and Breakfast on Sunday, June 23, 2013. The 8 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Parish, Delaware Ave. at Grant St., Olyphant, will be celebrated for all living and deceased members of Branch 10, FCSU. Immediately following the Mass, a complimentary breakfast for members and their families will be held at the Regal Room, 212-218 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant. Reservations are requested, and may be made by phoning (570) 489-9819 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. no later than Friday, June 14.

William A. Nalevanko, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 24 CLEVELAND, OHIO

We encourage you to attend two upcoming summer events. The Cleveland Slovak Radio Club will hold their annual picnic on Sunday June 9th; The American Slovak Zemplin Club's picnic will be on Sunday July 26th. Both will be at St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2151 Wallings Rd, Broadview Hts, OH from 12 to 8 PM.

Why not join your Jednota Branch 24 members for delicious Slovak food, refreshments, music and dancing? Please help support our fine Slovak organizations.

Bob Kopco, President

BRANCH 38 - DUQUESNE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 38, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2013, at 7:00PM at the home of the Secretary, Florence Matta, 3409 Eisenhower Court, White Oak, PA. On the agenda will be financial reports. Discussions on the Father's Day brunch, the Slovak Day picnic at Kennywood Park, and the FCSU 2013 National Picnic being held at the Frogbridge Resort located in New Jersey. Additional details will be available in the Jednota.

Florence Matta, Secretary Treasurer

BRANCH 41 - YONKERS, NEW YORK

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 41KJ, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at 40 Dalton Road, Yonkers, NY, after the 5:00PM Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church. Financial reports will be presented and suggestions will be discussed. We urge all members to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Fraternally,

Joanne Fialkovic, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 75 - SHAMOKIN, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 75KJ will hold its next meeting on July 14, 2013, from 10:00AM to conclusion, at the residence of the Financial Secretary Ronald M. Anderson, 8 South Shamokin Street, Shamokin, PA, 17872. On the agenda: general items of business. For more information, please contact the Financial Secretary at the above address or by calling 570-648-7012 or emailing chrison@ptd.net.

Fraternally,

Ronald M. Anderson, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 85 - BLAKELY, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Florian Society, Branch 85K, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 7:00PM at the Jessup American Legion Post 411, Church Street, Jessup, PA. All members are encouraged to attend.

Bernard Skovina, President

BRANCH 89 - MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Our Spring Communion Mass, followed by Breakfast and the Branch 89 Meeting, will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2013. The Mass is at 9:00AM at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 3970 N. 92nd St., Milwaukee, WI, 53222. Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to breakfast at Mykonos Family Restaurant, 8501 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, WI, 53222.

Members are free; guests are welcome, with a cost of \$12 per non-member.

Please call to make your reservation by May 28, 2013 by calling Mike Novak at 414-445-5382.

Branch 89 would like to invite everyone to the 83rd Annual Slovak-American Day on Sunday, July 14, 2013. Held at Croatian Park, 9140 South 76th Street, Franklin, WI, 53132, this special event is sponsored by the Federated Slovak Societies of Wisconsin and supported by members of Branch 89.

The program begins at noon with an outdoor Catholic Mass, a features dance performances by the Slovak Tatra Dancers and the Slovak Catholic Sokol Drillers; refreshments of hot food, homemade bakery, Slovak beer, and cotton candy; music for dancing and listening pleasure; plenty of children's activities such as face painting, games, and crafts; Slovak and Czech handmade glass ornaments, crafts and artifacts on sale; and a raffle drawing at the conclusion of the day's events at 6:00PM. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and may be purchased in advance from Branch 89, or any Slovak Society, prior to the event. Admission to the park is free. Complimentary golf cart transportation is available for the "young at heart."

For more information, call Branch 89 President Michael Novak at 414-445-5382.

Fraternally,

Michael Novak, President

BRANCH 112 - MAHANOY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 112 will hold a meeting and family picnic on Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at Knoebels Grove in Elysburg, PA. The meeting will begin at noon followed by the picnic in the park. Please call 570-640-1796 for more information.

Karen Sterling, Secretary/Treasurer

BRANCH 132 - WHIPPANY, NEW JERSEY

Branch 132 will hold a meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 2 PM, at the home of President, Susan Salko. Plans will be finalized for our Slovak Union National Picnic on Sunday, August 11, 2013, in Frogbridge, NJ. The picnic is free to all members. Three of our members have won in the Christmas Contest. "Congratulations." Also, we had a winner last year in our scholarship contest. We are an active, participating group. Please, join us for our next meeting. For directions, call Sue in Whippany.

Susan Salko, President

BRANCH 153 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

St. Stephen Branch 153 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m. at D'Agostino's Restaurant, 742 West Higgins, Park Ridge, IL. D'Agostino's is 2 blocks East of Cumberland Avenue. A luncheon will follow the meeting.

The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.

Dorothy Jurcenko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 162 - UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at 9:00AM at Denny's Restaurant, 653 W. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Branch activities will be discussed and officers' reports will be given. All members of Branch 162 are cordially invited to attend the meeting and breakfast. Call for reservations and for any address changes or questions to Dolores Marmol at 724-437-4983.

Dolores Marmol, Secretary

BRANCH 173 - WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Baptist Society, Branch 173, located in the greater Wilkes-Barre - Wyoming Valley Area, will hold its semi-annual meeting on June 2, 2013 at Norms, North Sherman Street, Wilkes-Barre, at 12:30pm.

General business will be discussed and the insurance, annuities and fraternal activities of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

If you plan to attend, please notify Dorothy A. Ungvary at 570-403-2067 so arrangements can be made.

Also, if anyone knows the address of the following members of Branch 173, please contact Dorothy A. Ungvary at 570-403-2067 or 15 Grove St. Mountain Top, Pa. 18707 or jednota173@ptd.net.

Christopher Brooke Arnold III Bernard Kubinec
Michelle L Galdun John Kubinec
Catherine Hardik Heather Phillips
Joyce Hudak Jessica Phillips
Debora Karasek Robert Phillips
Robert Karasek Bernadine Rishcoff

Leo W Karasek Edward Yonich
Michail Kovaleski Linda Yonich
Anthony Kubinec Augustine Kubinec
Fraternally,

Dorothy A. Ungvary, President

BRANCH 199 - LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 199 will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting at 1:00 PM on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at Jioio's Restaurant, Route 981, Latrobe, PA. Planning of summer activities will take place. Branch members are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Paula, Secretary

BRANCH 200 - FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 200 will hold a special meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the CU Club, 910-912 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226 @ 7:00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to fill a vacant Trustee position. Any beneficial member that is interested in being considered for this position must bring a "letter of intent" to the meeting. The Officers & Board of Directors invite all beneficial members to attend & cast your vote. Hope to see you there.

Vicki Schaub, Ben./Fin. Sec./Treas.

BRANCH 213 - VALENCIA, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Michael, Branch 213, will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2013. It will be held at 2603 Eloquent Lane, Valencia, PA, at 1:00PM. All members are asked to attend.

Joe Belechak, Secretary

BRANCH 228 - LORAIN, OHIO

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228, regularly holds meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are held at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, OH. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. The exact date for this year's election meeting is December 16, 2013. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. I appeal to our younger members to become active in our lodge to help direct our branch as well as becoming involved with the Slovak Club and the United Slovak Societies. The First Catholic Slovak Union will conduct another convention next year and we will be sending delegates to voice our local's concerns. Input from any and all members is appreciated. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current activities. Come to our meetings. You won't be disappointed.

Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 260 - CAMPBELL, OHIO

Branch 260 will hold its Semi-Annual meeting Sunday June 23, 2:00 pm at Bedford Trails Golf Course. On the agenda: New members, FCSU activities, Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest, Annual Golf Tournament, and discussion of policies and annuities.

Paul Ritz, President

BRANCH 292 - WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA

On Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 12:30 p.m., Branch 292 St. John the Baptist Society will hold their Semi-Annual Meeting at the Slovak Club, 1300 Jackson Avenue, Windber, PA, 15963. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the celebration of the feast of our patron, St. John the Baptist. A buffet dinner will be held following the meeting.

On Monday, June 24, 2013 a Mass will be celebrated at SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, Windber, PA, 15963. The Mass will be in remembrance of the living and deceased members of Branch #292.

All members are asked to attend both events.

Edward T. Surkosky, President

BRANCH 293 - LANSFORD, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph's Society, Branch 293, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Monday, June 24, 2013, at 6:00PM at the home of the Financial Secretary Robert Lakata, 527 E. Bertsch St., Lansford, PA, 18232. Anyone needing more insurance or service should call 1-510-645-4872 and your call will be returned as

soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Robert Lakata, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 372 - BEAVERDALE, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph's Society, Branch 372, will have its semi-annual on Sunday, June 2, 2013. The meeting will be held at the home of President Michael Hudak, 829 Cameron Ave., Beaverdale, PA, 15921. The meeting begins at 2:00PM. All members are asked to attend.

Fraternally,

Michael Hudak, President

BRANCH 382 - SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 382, of Scranton, Pa., is updating their files and looking for the following members:

Stephen Bonick, Jared Brown, Taryn Brown, Nanette Contardi, Nicholas Edward Cook, Paul Crambo Sr., Ronald Crambo Jr., Tara M. Crambo, Christopher Czankner, Jessica Czankner, Sarah M. Czankner, Jami Lyn Dougherty, Ryan J. Dougherty, Cheryl A. Glinsky, Thomas Hanis, Jillian Louise Het-sko, Michael Kapacs, Kenneth G. Kochis, Michael J. Kolebar, Mark Kosko, Edward Kucha, James T. Legg Jr., Michelene Malosh, Nicholas August McDonald, Henry Moeller, Bevin Monaghan, Colleen Monaghan, Todd Morgan, Margaret Opsasnick, Dianne Parsons, Ann Polovitch, Joanne Rovon, Lynn M Schultz, Sarah Ann Scotchlas, Darlene M. Skrip, Charlene Strodoski, Carol Swartz, Erin Walsh, Beverly Marie Yedinak.

If you are, or know any of these members, please contact:

John J. Slovenkai Sr.
Financial Secretary
FCSU Branch 382KJ
318 Fourteenth Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania
18504-2512

John J. Slovenkai, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 393 - GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 393, will hold a meeting on Sunday, June 2, 2013, at 1:00PM at Jamison's Restaurant, 2155 Route 119, Greensburg, PA, 15601. All members are invited. For reservations, please call Maryann Nalevanko at 724-834-6386.

Maryann Nalevanko, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 484 - CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-annual meeting of The St. Joseph the Guardian, Branch 484 will be held Sunday June 9, 2013, beginning at 2:00 PM at the home of the Financial Secretary Joseph E. Rura, 43 Rugh Road, Coral, PA. On the agenda will be officers' reports and discussion on the recent District 7 meeting. All members are welcome.

Joseph E. Rura, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 553 - AKRON, OHIO

Attention Branch 553, St. John the Baptist, members. Mark your calendars for the year 2013 - the following dates have been chosen for lodge meetings this year:

June 23
November 24

All meetings will start at 2 pm and will be held at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311. Come to the meeting to learn what is happening with your branch and learn about all the exciting offers from the Home Office.

All members are invited to join us on Friday's during Lent for our famous All You Can Eat Buffet. It's just \$8.00 per person and we offer children's meals at \$4.00. Join us for a great meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hanko, Recording/Financial Secretary

BRANCH 581 - GARY, INDIANA

The St. Michael the Archangel, Branch 581, will hold its regular luncheon meeting at 1 p.m. June 2, 2013, at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 East Old Ridge Rd., Hobart, IN.

The agenda will include upcoming events for the year & insurance information.

RSVP, Ann Buczek, 219-947-2793 or George Kelchak, 219-926-2410.

Ann Buczek, President

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DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 1:00 PM. Branch 746 will host the meeting at Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church, 2806 Parkway Avenue, Linden, NJ. Election of officers will take place. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

DISTRICT 6 - PITTSBURGH DISTRICT

Branch 60 will host the Pittsburgh Fathers' Day Brunch on Sunday, June 16. Mass will be offered at 9AM at St Anselm Church of Word of God Parish in Swissvale. St Anselm is located at 7446 McClure Ave. Brunch will be served at 10:30 at the St Barnabas Hall in Swissvale. Please RSVP by May 31 to Ann Wargovich (412-351-1089). The price for the brunch is \$10 per person. Annie is going to make her famous ceregi!

District vice-president Karianne Barnes of Branch 628 is doing the ad booklet. Contact Kari at kvehec@hotmail.com. Prices for ads remain the same as last year: \$75 full page, \$40 half page, \$20 quarter page.

There will be a short business meeting at the brunch. The national FCSU picnic will be held at Frogbridge in Millstone, NJ on Sunday, August 11. This year advance reservations are required for the picnic. Forms were distributed at the district meeting. If you weren't at the meeting, check the FCSU website at www.fcsu.com/fraternal-events. We must decide whether the district will sponsor a bus. We must also decide whether this should be a day-trip or an overnight stay. Either way, there are extra costs involved. Estimated one-way travel time is 5-6 hours, not including any necessary rest stops. If you might want to ride the bus, but won't be at the brunch, email the secretary.

Branch 2 will host the Fall meeting on Sunday, November 24 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall in West Mifflin. New this year – the meeting will include a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Supper or Vilija. The Pittsburgh Slovaks will perform. The meeting will start at a later time – 3 PM. Reservations will be required. More information will follow. Come and learn your Slovak traditions.

While we look forward to seeing everyone at the FCSU Fathers' Day Brunch, remember there are many other local Slovak events that also merit your attention:

** Check out the FCSU Caribbean cruise at www.fcsu.com – November 9-16.

** Consider a visit to Slovakia. Five tours are described at www.fcsu.com.

** WPCSA monthly meetings are held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Mt Lebanon Public Library: June 3: 'Slovak Folklore & Crafts', Larry Kosloski; Summer Break: July, August, September; October 7: 'Andy Warhol', Dan Warhola; November 4: 'History of Slovak Immigration', Karin Melis; December 2: 'Slovak Dolls', Sue Stafura.

** 10th Consular Tour of Slovakia – August 24 to September 3. Call Joe Senko at 412-956-

9000 during office hours for information about reservations and fees.

** Slovak Language Classes will be held Tuesdays in the spring. Call Joe Senko at 412-956-9000 during office hours for information about reservations and fees.

** Saturday programs at the National Slovak Society Heritage Museum in McMurray: September 21: Christmas in September. Guided tours of the NSSHM are available by appointment. Call 1-800-488-1890.

** Slovak Day at Kennywood Park is Thursday, July 18. Tickets will be available at the Fathers' Day Brunch or through Holy Trinity Parish in West Mifflin.

** The Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble will be performing at Slovak Day and at the McKeesport International Village on August 13, 14, & 15. Look for their booth at the craft pavilion.

** 22nd Slovak Heritage Festival at the University of Pittsburgh Cathedral of Learning: Sunday, November 3.

** Various Slovak programs and courses are available through the University of Pittsburgh Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures. See www.slavic.pitt.edu

Anyone with Western Pennsylvania Slovak events that they wish to be included in our district notice should send information to manasta@verizon.net

Fraternally Margaret A. Nasta, Secretary

DISTRICT 15 -PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District cordially invites you to celebrate Father's Day and meet Slovak friends on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 710 Sultana Ave, Ontario, CA, where Fr. Pavol Sochulak, SVD, serves as pastor. Following the liturgy at 3:00PM, there will be light refreshments in the cafeteria, along with Slovak music playing.

We have worked hard to make this new location on Ontario a pleasant experience for all, and we welcome everyone to join us, including those not attending the Mass.

Sincerely,

Paul Skuben, President

DISTRICT 16 – MSGR. STEPHEN KRASULA DISTRICT, NEW YORK CITY

The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2013, at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, New York City.

On the agenda will be a financial report and a discussion of activities for next season.

We urge all district branches to send their representatives to this meeting. All members of the FCSU – not just delegates – are welcome.

Refreshments will be served by Branch 45, St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, in New York City, after the meeting.

Fraternally,

Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary/Treasurer

DISTRICT 20 - PRINCE RASTISLAV DISTRICT – MONTREAL

Prince Rastislav District will hold its semi-annual meeting on June 23, 2013, in The Parish Hall of Sts Cyril and Methodius following the Mass.

Branches 784 And 810 are encouraged to send their representatives. Social Calendar for 2013 will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

Alexander S. Dobrik, President

BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BRANCH 587 – ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 2:00PM at the home of Albert Valo, 1835 Brodhead Rd., Aliquippa, PA. New insurance rates will be discussed. All are welcome to attend.

Edith Valo, Financial Secretary

BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Saint Joseph, Branch 731, will host a meeting on Sunday, June 2, 2013 @ noon. We will meet at Saint Matthias Church Rectory, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio. Activities for the summer will be discussed.

Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 746 – LINDEN, NEW JERSEY

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 12:30 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church in Linden, NJ.

Okres meeting will follow at 1:00 PM. Agenda will include discussion of planned activities for the upcoming year.

There will be a Lancaster bus trip (show/dinner/shopping) on Saturday, October 12, 2013 to see NOAH. To RSVP and for more details, please contact Mary Karch @ 732-572-2331.

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

BRANCH 764 – WARREN, OHIO

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2013 at 10:00AM at Bella Women's Center, 1192 North Road NE, Warren, OH. We will be discussing upcoming events and projects. All members are encouraged to attend.

Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary

BRANCH 857 – LEVITTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Semi-Annual meeting of the St. Michael the Archangel Branch 857 in Levittown, PA will be held on Wednesday June 19, 2013. The meeting will be held at 7:30PM at 15 Kraft Lane, Levittown, PA.

Fraternally,

Damian D Nasta, Recording Secretary



Homemade donuts are just one of the many treats at St. Thomas A'Becket Annual Festival.

St. Thomas A'Becket Annual Festival, June 27 – 29, 2013

The St. Thomas A'Becket Annual Festival will be held on Church Property at 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA, from 6:00PM to 11:00PM each day. There will be C&L amusement rides for children and adults. Special attractions like raffles, bingo, face painting and games of chance every day. Entertainment daily: Thursday, June 27 features D.J. Lazor Labby; Friday, June 28, is the Eldorado's Country Band; and Saturday, June 30, 2013, is Sam Ferrella & the New Holidays.

Dinner will be served each evening: Thursday: Chicken Planks and Fries Dinner; Meatball Hoagies; Homemade Donuts. Friday: Fried Fish Dinner, Pierogie (Pirohy), Haluski; Homemade Donuts. Saturday: Stuffed Cabbage Dinner; Homemade Donuts. In addition, there will be hot sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, kielbasa & kraut, funnel cakes, strawberry shortcake, ice cream and much more ...

For more information, call 412-655-2885 or 412-653-4322.

Check out the First Catholic Slovak Union website at www.fcsu.com

OBITUARIES

**SAMANTHA E. STAS
BRANCH 199 –
HOSTETTER,
PENNSYLVANIA**



Samantha E. Stas, 27, of Unity Township, PA, died Friday, April 26, 2013, at home. She was born April 23, 1986, in Greensburg, PA, a daughter of William E. and Elaine E. (Ulishney) Stas. She was a graduate of Greater Latrobe High School class of 2004 and graduate of The Western School, Pittsburgh. She worked as a dog groomer at Lakeview Animal Clinic, Latrobe, and was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Whitney. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Stephen J. Sr. and Anna C. (Hannak) Stas. In addition to her parents she is survived by her sister, Elizabeth A. Stas, at home; maternal grandparents, Michael J. and Nancy P. (Narduzzi) Ulishney, of Latrobe, PA; a number of aunts, uncles and cousins; and her faithful companions, Harley and Chopper. Visitation was private. Family and friends were invited to attend a funeral Mass celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, April 29, 2013, in St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Whitney, PA, with the Rev. Peter Augustine Pierjok, OSB, as celebrant. Interment followed in Unity Cemetery, Unity Township, PA.

**JOSEPH A. GISPANSKI SR.
BRANCH 200 –
FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA**

Joseph A. "Gish" Gispanski Sr., 80, of Ford City, PA, died Saturday, April 6, 2013, at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital. He was born July 23, 1932, in West Kittanning, son of Joseph C. Gispanski and Esther (Palinski) Gispanski. He was a lifelong resident of Ford City. He was the husband for 55 years of Marie "Bobie" (Hromadik) Gispanski. He was retired from R and P Coal Company Urling No. 2 Mine, Shelocla. He was a Korean War Veteran, serving in the Navy on the U.S.S. Iowa. He was a member of the former Holy Trinity Church. He was the head trustee for the C.U. Club for the past 38 years. He enjoyed woodworking, making Christmas decorations, coached and managed little league and tri-county baseball and enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports. He loved golf and played in the Wednesday night Merchant League. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Marie; his sons, John (Susan) Gispanski, of Manorville, and Joseph (Kathy) Gispanski Jr., of Worthington; his daughter, Paula (Scott) Emmonds, of Ford City; four grandchildren, Samantha, Josh, Jena and Cody Gispanski; his brother, Louis (Sandra) Gispanski, of Kittanning; his sister, Jean Ferraro, of West Kittanning; and a number of nieces and nephews. Visitation was from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2013, and Thursday, April 11, 2013, at Mantini Funeral Home Inc. A service was at 11 a.m. Friday in the funeral home. Interment followed in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

- Submitted by Paula Emmonds

**EDWARD J. HALAS
BRANCH 200 –
FORD CITY,
PENNSYLVANIA**



Edward J. Halas, age 82, of Ross Twp., PA, passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Beloved husband for 54 years to Nancy M. (Vrane) Halas; loving father of Christian E. Halas; brother of Frank Halas and the late Margaret Ganzlmar. Ed retired from Peoples Natural Gas after 32 years of service. He was a member of the Westminster College All-Time Sports Team. He was inducted into the Armstrong Co. Sports Hall of Fame in 1989. Ed was a 47 year member of St. Teresa of Avila Church where he served as an usher. He also was an Army Veteran during the

Korean War. Family and friends were received Monday, March 18, 2013, from 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday, March 19, 2013, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the T.B. Devlin Funeral Home, North Hills, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Teresa of Avila Church the following Wednesday at 10:00AM.

- Submitted by Nancy Halas

**ALBERT JOHN
MARFLAK
BRANCH 454 –
CORAL, PENNSYLVANIA**



Albert John Marflak-Albert (Al) John Marflak was born in Donora, PA, on July 10, 1945 and passed into eternal life April 14, 2013 at MUSC, Charleston, SC. He was a faithful husband and loving father to wife, Carmen Choate Marflak, and daughters Heather Marflak (John) Braut and Etta Koleen Marflak both of Beaufort, SC. He was a doting grandfather to grandson, Joshua Albert Braut. He is survived by brother, Frank Marflak, Jr of IL, and three sisters, Patricia Sandis, Mary Ann Hull and Helen Marflak of Donora, PA. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank Sr and Helen Marflak, and brothers Michael (Father Albert) and Ronald Marflak. He was a loving cousin and uncle to several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews. After graduation from Donora High School in 1963 he joined the US Navy and served his country first at the Beaufort Naval Hospital and then with M Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines in Vietnam as a Navy Corpsman. He was awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Service, Vietnam Service, and Vietnam Campaign medals while serving in the Navy. Following discharge he graduated from York College and St. Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster, PA with a degree in health sciences and respiratory therapy. He was a practicing respiratory therapist for the next 40 years. For the last 25 years he worked at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, GA before retiring in 2011. Al was an active member of Live Oak Christian Church in Bluffton and Community Bible Church Mens' Bible study. He was also actively involved with Gideons International Beaufort Chapter and the Marine Corps League as a docent at the Parris Island Museum. He was a generous giver to charitable organizations and people in need such as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Disabled American Veterans, United States Navy Memorial, Northwest Haiti Christian Mission, and Samaritan's Purse. Visitation was held at Copeland Funeral Services, Thursday, April 18, 2013, 5-7pm. Memorial service was held at Baptist Church of Beaufort Friday, April 19, 2013, at 9:30am with interment at Beaufort National Cemetery at 11:00am.

- Submitted by Carmen Marflak

**JOHN J. MAGO
BRANCH 600 –
VANDERGRIFT,
PENNSYLVANIA**



J. Mago, 90, formerly of Leechburg, PA, died Monday, April 22, 2013, at VA Medical Center, Aspinwall. He was born Dec. 28, 1922, in Leechburg, a son of the late Joseph M. Mago and Elizabeth A. (Mihalik) Mago. He was the owner of Johns Tours for more than 30 years. A Navy veteran of World War II, he was a longtime member of the former St. Marthas Catholic Church in Leechburg and a member of Jednota, which is the first Catholic Slovak Union. Mr. Mago enjoyed traveling. Survivors include his two sons, Anthony Mago and Martin (Jane) Mago; a daughter, Jean Gradwell; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Steve Mago and Paul Mago; and four sisters, Veronica Hogue, Anna Mago Dam-

koehler, Katheryn (B.J.) Nowatkoski and Betty (Jake) Racon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Mike Mago, Joe Mago and Rudy Mago. At Mr. Mago's request, there was no public visitation or ceremonies. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Cecil Township, PA.

- Submitted by Anna Mago Damkoehler

**JOHN HVASTA
BRANCH 615 –
HARPER WOODS,
MICHIGAN**



John Hvasta, age 85, of St. Augustine, fell asleep in the Lord on March 28, 2013. He was born in Miglesov, Czechoslovakia, and arrived in the United States at age 11 in 1939, to Hillside, NJ with his parents, the late Michael and Elizabeth Roman Hvasta and his brother, Steven. He attended Bragaw Public School and upon graduation from Central High School, he attended Upsala College. John served his country in the U. S. Navy aboard the USS Hornet as a Radioman. After his discharge in 1948, his desire was to return to Czechoslovakia to attend Charles University majoring in Philosophy. His happy and loving marriage of 57 years was to Helen Loya of Duquesne, P A. Fluent in Slovak, he worked at the U.S. Consulate with Claiborn Pell, US Consul, as an interpreter. The political situation in Slovakia was at the height of the Cold War, and he was imprisoned in Leopoldov, the Alcatraz of Slovakia, after false accusations of espionage sentenced him to prison for 25 years. Enduring many tortures, he made a daring escape with five others and eventually found his way to the U. S Embassy in Prague where he sought protection. He was

finally freed with the help of John Foster Dulles, and flown to New York City. After a nation-wide public speaking tour, he graduated from University of Southern California in Cinematography and Public Relations. He was a free-lance film maker of documentary film for nursing, Ukrainian historical films, and director of the Blue Army TV Programs, Washington, NJ. Always interested in politics, he moved his wife and children to Washington, DC and worked in the campaign for General Eisenhower, several offices of Congressmen and Senators, and Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. He then started his own business of APRC International in Arlington, VA, dealing in Public Relations with companies in Slovakia. When the Berlin Wall opened, he returned to Slovakia and was interviewed many times on radio and TV. He then obtained a position with Slovak Telecommunications which Lucent acquired and worked there for six years. He returned home to retire in 1999 and later succumbed to Parkinson's Disease. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Helen (Loya) of St. Augustine, FL; sons, John Thaddeus (Diane), of Mesa, AZ, Michael Stephen of Fairfax, VA, Mark Francis (Pamela), of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, and daughter, Marianne Margaret of St. Augustine, FL; and grandchildren, Alyssa and Nicole, Clare and Cecilia, Michael Joseph and Malia Margaret, and many nieces and nephews. A visitation was held from 2 to 4PM with Parastas at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at Stephen R. Haky Funeral Home in Uniontown, PA. Divine Liturgy for the Deceased was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Perryopolis with a viewing at 10 a.m. Interment followed at Mt. St. Macrina Cemetery in Uniontown, PA, with Fr. Daniel Loya, brother-in-law, Fr. Thomas Loya, and Fr. Joseph Loya, cousins, officiating.

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Odpoveď prezidenta SR slovenským vlasteneckým spolkom

Uverejňujeme prepísanú kópiu odpovede pána prezidenta SR Ivana Gašparoviča na iniciatívu slovenských vlasteneckých spolkov s cieľom osadiť sochu kniežata Rastislava od akademickej maliarky Ludmily Cvengrošovej na Devine.

Bratislava 16. apríla 2013

Vážení priatelia

zo slovenských vlasteneckých spolkov,

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vážim si každý počin upevňujúci slovenskú štátnosť, ktorá vyrastá na našich národných historicko-kultúrnych podstatách. Preto máte moju plnú podporu aj pri presadzovaní osadenia sochy kniežata Rastislava na Devine. Myslím si, že dielo akademickej sochárky Ludmily Cvengrošovej, ktorého miniatúru mám vo svojej prezidentskej pracovni, si zaslúži aj verejný obdiv a uznanie. Už pred časom som vyslovil niekoľko impulzov o jeho význame pre naše národné vedomie, a hoci o možnostiach jeho celospoločenského zhodnotenia nikto nezapochyboval, zostalo len pri úvahách.

Vítam preto Vašu iniciatívu a opätovne sa k myšlienke osadenia sochy kniežata Rastislava vrátim. Predovšetkým budem chcieť poznať názor ministra kultúry na Vami navrhované riešenie.

Ďakujem Vám za list, zasvätený ideálom slovenskej štátnosti, aj za podporu, ktorú mi permanentne prejavujete.

S úprimným pozdravom

Ivan Gašparovič

Veselá zábava spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ v NYC

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pripravili naše slovenské kuchárky, Milka a Anička a členovia spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ, svedčia aj nasledujúce fotografie.

Na záver chcem celému výboru a všetkým tým, ktorí sa aktívne podieľali na príprave tohto podujatia, vysloviť úprimné poďakovanie.

Jozef Juráši, predseda



Členovia spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ a hostia vydarenej oslavy.

Členstvo Slovenska v EÚ znamená silný impulz pre celú spoločnosť

Prvý máj - deň, keď sa v roku 2004 Európska únia rozrástla o desať nových členov - má pre Slovensko osobitý význam. Tento rok si pripomíname už deviaty rok členstva v EÚ, pričom vstup do spomínaného klubu znamenal - a stále znamená - silný, pozitívny impulz pre každú oblasť našej spoločnosti. Aspoň dva fakty ilustrujúce každodenný dopad: počas necelej dekády sa slovenský HDP vyšplhal z 50 percent na 75 percent európskeho priemeru a zhruba tri štvrtiny našich verejných investícií spolufinancujú fondy únie.

Dianie v EÚ je momentálne poznačené krízou, ktorá však - napriek negatívnym predpovediam - potvrdila princíp vzájomnosti a solidarity. Zároveň podnietila k ďalšiemu prehĺbovaniu európskej integrácie a posilňovaniu spolupráce jednotlivých členov v mnohých oblastiach - od fiškálnej cez hospodársku až po politickú. Únia navyše ostáva atraktívna a čoskoro sa rozšíri o ďalšieho člena, Chorvátsko.

Slovensko pritom vníma svoje členstvo v EÚ ako dvojsmernú ulicu - ono ovplyvňuje nás a my ovplyvňujeme podobu spoločného európskeho projektu. Svedčí o tom aj najnovšia iniciatíva MZ-VaEZ oživiť Národný konvent, ktorého úvodné stretnutie plánujeme na 9. máj, Deň Európy. Ide o platformu, kde môžeme v širšej spoločenskej diskusii hovoriť o tom, ako narábame s členstvom v únii, a kde môžeme generovať slovenskú víziu pre EÚ.

Sme presvedčení, že bez členstva Slovenska v EÚ - a neskôr i v Schengenskom priestore a eurozóne - by naša spoločnosť nenapredovala tempom a spôsobom, akým napreduje. Aj preto prvý máj predstavuje dôležitý dátum v našej modernej histórii.

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História špaňodolinskej čipky

Lila Wilhelmerová zo Slovenska sa venuje paličkovaniu špaňodolinskej čipky už asi 50 rokov. V dedine je podľa nej ešte asi päť žien, ktoré zachovávajú túto záľubu i remeslo svojich predchodkyň. Špaňodolinská čipka je špecifická v tom, že sa robí bez predlohy. "Ženy, ktoré sa jej venovali, si vzory vymýšľali a hneď ich dali na valec, predtým to bol vankúš. A začali vytvárať svoje rôzne vzory," uviedla Wilhelmerová. Ona však väčšinou robí paličkované dečky.

Podľa nej v minulosti v Španej Doline skoro v každom dome ženy paličkovali. "Lebo tým sa fakticky živili. Muži chodili do baní a ženy robili paličkovanosť čipku," priblížila Wilhelmerová. "Ja som začínala ako dieťa, lebo aj moja mama i teta ju robili. Asi ako šesť- či sedemročná som sa začala učiť základy paličkovanej čipky." Wilhelmerová si hotovými prácami zdobí príbytok, keď sa prítrafi, predá ich, ale aj ich podaruje známym, ľuďom v okolí. "Kto potrebuje, som rada, že môžem podarovať ručnú prácu," povedala.

Špaňodolinských čipiek vytvorila Wilhelmerová počas života množstvo. "Teraz sa tomu venujem viacej, keďže som doma a je zima. Ale keď som chodila do práce, bolo to menej." Čipku paličkuje v zimnom období skoro každý deň. Podľa nej je to však náročná práca, ktorá sa nedá robiť dlho. Snaží sa používať staršie vzory, ktoré robila jej mama, venuje sa však aj novším. "Dá sa povedať, že všetky vzory sú mi srdcu blízke."

Paličkovanosť čipku učia v obci aj mladšie generácie. "V lete mávame prázdninovú školu zameranú na paličkovanosť čipku a rôzne iné remeslá. Deti sú, dá sa povedať, šikovné. Niektorým to trvá dlhšie, niektorým sa to ukáže dva- či trikrát a základy paličkovanej čipky sa naučia," priblížila Wilhelmerová. História špaňodolinskej čipky siaha podľa nej do čias Márie Terézie. "Myslím, že tá sem doniesla prvú čipku, na základe ktorej sa začalo tvoriť."

Špaňodolinská čipka sa robila aj na čepce, ktoré sa nosili na Horehroní. Keď boli v tomto regióne väčšie obrady, využívala sa ako materiál na ozdoby bábik alebo neviest. Používala sa aj ako súčasť spodného oblečenia, do ktorého vkladali kúsky čipky. Dávali ju aj do spodných košieľok či na detské vankúšiky do košíkov. Čipky nosili dokonca aj muži, napríklad vo fazonkách, v šatách.

Múzeum špaňodolinskej čipky, ktoré sa nachádza v centre obce, má jej históriu zachovať, uviedol iniciátor myšlienky založenia múzea Milan Vigaš. Priblížil, že zozbierali čipky, ktoré darovali občania. V múzeu sa nachádzajú vyše 200-ročné čipky, novodobé čipky, tiež vzory odevov, do ktorých sa dávali, a aj pracovný nástroj - vankúš s kneplami. Wilhelmerová dodala, že v múzeu sú aj banické exponáty, napríklad staré banické uniformy či kahance. Múzeum funguje už desať rokov.

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Ilustračné foto paličkovanej čipky.



Zľava Antonia Krajkovič, Jozef a Mária Juráši, Mária Zakovič.



Účastníci zábavy v spoločnom tanci.



Zľava Nick Turkyňak, Rev. Štefan Chanas, Rev. František Čonka, Andrej Šulák a Jozef Korčák.

Mons. Ján Babjak SJ prijal vo Varšave čestný doktorát

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skutočnosť, že vníma toto ocenenie ako prejav úcty voči Gréckokatolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku, jej hrdinskej vernosti a súčasnému rozkvetu. Predstavil prítomným Gréckokatolícku metropolitnú cirkev sui iuris na Slovensku. Zvýraznil jej utrpenie, oficiálnu likvidáciu komunistickým režimom, a to aj prostredníctvom svojho výskumu a práce na edícii Zostali verní, ako aj jej vzkriesenie a súčasnosť, kedy prijíma mnoho Božích darov. Vyzdvihol vernosť gréckokatolíckych kňazov, ich manželiek, zasvätených osôb a veriacich v päťdesiatych rokoch 20. storočia Bohu, Svätému Otcovi a svojmu svedomiu, čo by nebolo možné bez nesmiernej Božej milosti.

Na významnej slávnosti sa zúčastnil varšavský arcibiskup a metropolita kardinál Kazimierz Nycz, veľký kancelár UKSW, przemyslsko-varšavský arcibiskup a metropolita Ivan Martyniak, generálny sekretár Konferencie biskupov Poľska biskup Wojciech Polak, veľvyslanec Slovenskej republiky v Poľsku Vasil Grivna, viaceri rektorov a profesorov univerzít a vysokých škôl z Poľska a rektor Katolíckej univerzity v Ružomberku prof. Tadeusz Zasepa, predstavitelia Gréckokatolíckej teologickej fakulty Prešovskej univerzity, Gréckokatolíckeho kňazského seminára bl. biskupa Pavla Petra Gojdiča v Prešove, kňazi z Arcibiskupskej kúrie v Prešove, najbližší príbuzní vladky Jána a viacerí iní hostia. Nového doktora honoris causa listom pozdravila aj ministerka školstva Poľskej republiky prof. Barbara Kudrycka. Po slávnosti Mons. Ján Babjak SJ odpovedal na otázky novinárov počas tlačovej besedy.

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Oznamy a spoločenské podujatia

Polročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Okresu Msgr. Štefana Krasuľu č. 16 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že členská schôdza sa bude konať v nedeľu 9. júna 2013 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia v Osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní.

Program schôdze bude zameraný na prípravu plánu činnosti na budúce obdobie a taktiež finančná správa. Po schôdzi sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia spolku sv. Matúša č. 45 IKSJ.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka

Biskup Jozef Halko navštívi Kostol sv. Cyrila a Metoda v Cliftone, NJ

V sobotu 10. augusta o 7.00 hodine večer bude pri príležitosti storočnice založenia farnosti sv. Cyrila a Metoda, 235 Ackerman Ave. v Cliftone, NJ a pri príležitosti 1150. výročia príchodu sv. Cyrila a Metoda na územie Veľkej Moravy, slovenská sv. omša. Bude ju slúžiť pomocný biskup Bratislavskej arcidiecézy Mons. Jozef Halko za účasti slovenských kňazov pôsobiacich v USA. Pri tejto príležitosti donesie zo Slovenska aj relikvie (ostatky) sv. Cyrila. Po svätej omši bude v kostolnej hale občerstvenie.

Mons. Halko je zodpovedný za pastoračiu Slovákov v zahraničí, kam patrí aj pôsobenie slovenských kňazov medzi veriacimi na území USA.

V lete by sa už malo lietať z Košíc do Londýna

Priame letecké spojenie medzi Košicami a Londýnom by mohlo byť už od leta tohto roku. V súčasnosti sa pripravuje dohoda o podpore takejto leteckej linky za účasti košického letiska, leteckého prepravcu a organizácie pre rozvoj cestovného ruchu Košice Turizmus. Potvrdila to riaditeľka Košice Turizmus Iveta Niňajová.

„Bola to iniciatíva podnikateľov, ktorí sú združení v Košice Turizmus, pretože si uvedomujeme, že dostupnosť celého východného Slovenska je veľmi zlá a už dlhodobo to ovplyvňuje aj návštevnosť tohto regiónu,“ konštatovala Niňajová. Finančná podpora organizácie by sa vzťahovala na prepravených cestujúcich na danej linke. O podrobnostiach finančného príspevku zatiaľ nechcela hovoriť, keďže rokovania ešte nie sú ukončené. Malo by však ísť o dlhodobé partnerstvo s príslušným otvorením ďalších liniek do iných destinácií.

Do Londýna by sa malo lietať najneskôr v auguste. Zvolený postup je podľa Niňajovej vo svete štandardný, keď turistické organizácie podporujú, aby sa na menej využívané letisko lietalo. Linka do Londýna by podporila cestovný ruch v Košiciach s aktuálnym titulom Európske hlavné mesto kultúry (EHMK), ako aj v celom regióne. Organizácia Košice Turizmus združuje kľúčových hráčov pre rozvoj turizmu v meste. V súčasnosti má 38 členov, ktorí sú z radov hotelierov, reštaurácií, atrakcií, dopravy, cestovných agentúr a verejného sektora, ktorý zastrešuje Mesto Košice a nezisková organizácia Košice 2013.

O pripravovanej dohode informoval nedávno na internete denník Korzár. Podľa jeho informácií by sa do Londýna malo začať lietať najneskôr do 15. augusta. Košice Turizmus na zabezpečenie linky garantuje letisku platbu maximálne 445,000 eur za obdobie od augusta 2013 do konca budúceho roka a ak sa zmluva predĺži, tak spolu až 665,000 eur. Za každého cestujúceho, ktorý príletí z Londýna do Košíc, má letisko dostať 25 eur. Od roku 2015 by to bolo vyše 9 eur.

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Festival Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí roztancoval obec

Už od roku 2005 patrí 1. máj v Slovenskom Novom Meste v okrese Trebišov podujatiu Tokaj v Európe a Dedovizeň - festival Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí. Program festivalu začal Tokajskou kvapkou krvi, darovaním krvi dobrovoľnými darcami. Pokračoval slávnostnou svätou omšou v rímskokatolíckom kostole sv. Cyrila a Metoda a ekumenickou bohoslužbou slova v parku sv. Cyrila a Metoda, ktoré boli venované 1150. výročiu príchodu byzantských vierozvestcov.

„Som rád, že sa nám podujatie v spolupráci s Vyším územným celkom podarilo zorganizovať, aj napriek kríze. Ale o čo bolo menej peňazí, o to viac bolo úsilia a nadšenia,“ povedal starosta obce Ján Kalinič. V programovom bloku Tokaj v Európe sa predstavili Furmaň z Trebišova, domáce súbory Mladosť, Novomestský strapček a Novomeščanka. Z Piešťan prišla folklórna ženská spevácka skupina Povoja. Dedovizeň - festival Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí ponúka možnosť prezentovať zvyky Slovákov, ktorí sa za hranicami hrdo hlásia ku krajine svojich predkov. Pozvanie prijali súbory Holubička zo Srbska, Zelený Javor z Poľska a z Maďarska citarová skupina Žlté drozdy, Rozmaring a Nemzeti-ségi Asszonykórus.

Hudobné a tanečné bohatstvo Rusínov žijúcich na Východnom Slovensku predstavuje Poddukliansky umelecký ľudový súbor z Prešova. „V množstve sprievodných podujatí sú pripravené tradičné zemlíncke špeciality, špeciality zahraničných Slovákov a keďže sme na Tokaji, aj naše tokajské vína. Jarmok tradičných ľudových remesiel je príležitosťou vidieť remeselníkov pri práci, ale aj vyskúšať si pletenie lana na stroji zo 16. storočia,“ dodal Kalinič.

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Nová kniha katolíckeho kňaza a publicistu Mariána Gavendu

Novú knihu katolíckeho kňaza, publicistu, novinára Mons. Mariána Gavendu s názvom *Náhody a náhodičky* nedávno uviedli do života v Bratislave. Na 150-tich stranách autor ponúka čitateľovi viac ako 30 veselých i vážnejších príbehov zo svojho života. Približuje im napríklad svoje spomienky na detstvo, roky štúdia, zážitky z početných ciest v zahraničí nakoľko veľa a rád cestuje. Mnohé príbehy sa odohrávajú v cirkevnom prostredí. Viaceré z nich približujú jeho pobyt v Ríme a Vatikáne, spomienky na stretnutia s pápežom Jánom Pavlom II. i s Benediktom XVI., na rozhovory s pútnikmi. Medzi pútavými príbehmi sú aj zážitky autora z jeho ciest v krajinách Latinskej Ameriky, v Austrálii, vo Svätej zemi a iných častiach sveta. Keďže Mons. Gavenda je aj výborným fotografom, kniha obsahuje početné jeho fotografie z ciest i z rodinného archívu. Nová publikácia Mariána Gavendu vyšla vo vydavateľstve Perfekt v Bratislave.

Čerstvý päťdesiatnik Mons. Marián Gavenda je autorom aj viacerých iných publikácií. Je medzi nimi kniha reportáží z ciest v krajinách rôznych kontinentov - Na pulze života, ďalej publikácia *Lurdy* - 150-ročný zázrak a iné. Napísal knihy približujúce myšlienky Jána Pavla II., sv. Pavla, i známu knihu *Nekonečné rozhovory kardinála Korca*. Venuje sa aj prekladateľskej činnosti. Preložil celý rad kníh najmä z oblasti duchovnej literatúry, viaceré encykliky a iné dokumenty.

Mons. Marián Gavenda sa narodil 7. marca 1963 v Trenčíne. Základnú školu a gymnázium absolvoval vo svojom rodisku, na hotelovej škole v Piešťanoch sa špecializoval na cestovný ruch a tajne študoval teológiu. V roku 1988 emigroval do Talianska. Filozofické a teologické štúdiá absolvoval na Pápežskej Lateránskej univerzite a špecializáciu na Inštitúte spirituality Pápežskej Gregoriánskej univerzity v Ríme.

Po návrate na Slovensko Marián Gavenda pôsobil ako kaplán v Bratislave a v Leviciach, od roku 1966 ako prefekt v bratislavskom kňazskom seminári a odborný asistent katedry dogmatiky na Rímskokatolíckej Cyrilometodskej bohosloveckej fakulte (RKCMBF) UK v Bratislave. V roku 2001 mu Ján Pavol II. udelil titul pápežský prelát. V súčasnosti vyučuje na Katolíckej univerzite v Ružomberku a pôsobí ako farár v Devíne.

Počas pobytu v Ríme spolupracoval s vydavateľstvom Slovenského ústavu svätého Cyrila a Metoda v Ríme a so slovenskou sekciou Vatikánskeho rozhlasu. Aj na Slovensku sa zapájal do mediálnych aktivít. Od roku 1996 bol teologickým poradcom Katolíckych novín a zástupcom šéfredaktora časopisu *Duchovný pastier*. V rokoch 2000 - 2008 pôsobil ako šéfredaktor Katolíckych novín, úzko spolupracoval s náboženskou redakciou v Slovenskej televízii a Slovenskom rozhlase, prispieval do mnohých ďalších médií a periodík, podieľal sa na založení a prispieval do medzinárodnej katolíckej agentúry SIR - EUROPA. Bol aj hovorcom Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) v rokoch 2000-2006. V súčasnosti pôsobí v katolíckych médiách Rádio Lumen a v televízii LUX. Je známym komentátorom a prekladateľom zahraničných prenosov, najmä z Vatikánu a pápežských ciest. V roku 2011 KBS udelila Mons. Gavendovi Cenu Andreja Radlinského za celoživotný prínos do katolíckych médií. Jeho kniha *Nekonečné horizonty kardinála Korca* bola ocenená čitateľskou anketou *Knižnej revue* ako kniha roka 2011.

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Workers adding finishing touches to a giant statue of the late Pope John Paul II being readied for unveiling in Czestochowa, Poland, Tuesday, April 9, 2013. The 13.8-meter (45.3-foot) white fiberglass figure will tower over the southern city of Czestochowa, home to Poland's most important Catholic pilgrimage site, Jasna Gora. Funded by a private investor, the pontiff appears smiling and stretching his arms to the world.

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Czarek Sokolowski



Stavitelia dokončujú posledné detaily na 14-metrovej bielej laminátovej soche zosnulého pápa Jána Pavla II. v juhopoľskom meste Čenstochová 9. apríla 2013. Socha sa bude týčiť nad mestom, v ktorom sa nachádza najdôležitejšie pútnické miesto v krajine - paulínsky kláštor Jasná Hora. Ján Pavol II. sa vo svojom najnovšom sochárskom stvárnení usmieva a rozprestiera ruky smerom k svetu. Slávnostné odhalenie sochy bolo naplánované na sobotu 13. apríla 2013. Projekt výstavby sochy finančne zastrešuje súkromný investor Leszek Lyson. Ten sa snaží aj o zapísanie sochy do Guinnessovej knihy rekordov ako najvyššej sochy Jána Pavla II. na svete. Poľsko sa už pýši najvyššou sochou Ježiša Krista, ktorá meria 33 metrov a nachádza sa v meste Swiebodzin na západe krajiny.

Krátke správy zo Slovenska

• **Slovensko** patrí medzi krajiny s nízkou intenzitou výskumu a vývoja. V rokoch 2005 – 2011 podiel výdavkov na výskum a vývoj na HDP rástol v priemere o 9,7 percenta, uvádza UniCredit Bank na základe Grafu týždňa, ktorý pravidelne zostavuje. Vyšší rast v tejto oblasti v rámci EÚ zaznamenali podľa banky len Poľsko (10,1%), Slovinsko (11,2%), Portugalsko (11,6%) a Estónsko (18,6%). Nízkou úroveň výskumu a vývoja na Slovensku vidí banka aj ako dôsledok vývoja v poslednom desaťročí, kedy na Slovensko prúdili zahraničné investície najmä do výroby. Prioritou vlády by preto podľa nej mala byť podpora takých investícií, ktoré vytvárajú inovácie, a teda priestor na zvyšovanie intenzity výskumu a vývoja.

• **Pápežské** misijné diela (PMD) na Slovensku vyzbierali v roku 2012 na podporu misijných projektov Svätého Otca 645,171,32 eura, čo je o vyše 20,000 eur menej než v roku 2011. Najväčšiu časť z vyzbieranej sumy – približne 480,000 eur tvorí výťažok zo zbierky počas misijnej nedele v predposlednú októbrovú nedeľu. Celá suma z tejto zbierky je určená na podporu projektov, ktoré priamo súvisia s ohlasovaním evanjelia. Ide hlavne o formáciu a podporu katechéty v misiách, katolíckych médií, stavby a opravy kostolov, kaplniek, farských budov, kláštorov pre rehoľníkov a iné projekty. Okrem samotnej zbierky členovia a sponzori darovali svoje milodary aj na ďalšie dva ciele. Prvá suma vo výške 84,111,25 eura je určená pre choré a chudobné deti v Afrike a Kazachstane. Druhá čiastka – 81,058,84 eura bude venovaná na podporu chudobných seminaristov v misijných krajinách v Afrike.

• **Slovenská** technická univerzita (STU) v Bratislave si v apríli prevzala certifikát ECTS label, ktorý potvrdzuje, že všetky skúšky a kredity, ktoré tu študenti získavajú, sú uznávané aj v zahraničí. Zo slovenských univerzít doteraz získala tento certifikát len Slovenská poľnohospodárska univerzita v Nitre. Spolu s rektorom STU Robertom Redhammerom si prevzal ocenenie aj rektor súkromnej Vysoké školy manažmentu/City University of Seattle v Trenčíne Branislav Lichardus. Táto škola je tak prvou v SR, ktorá sa stala držiteľkou ocenenia DS – Diploma Supplement. Rektor Vysoké školy manažmentu sa zase pochválil aktuálnym umiestnením svojej školy v prvej tristočke rebríčka Webometric a povedal, že ocenenie je dôkazom toho, že aj súkromné vysoké školy majú svoje miesto vo vzdelávacom systéme na Slovensku a poskytujú kvalitné vzdelávanie. Ako informovala manažérka STU pre komunikáciu Andrea Hajdúchová, ak má univerzita značku ECTS (European Credit Transfer System – Európsky systém transferu kreditov), je to signál kvality pre domácich aj pre zahraničných študentov.

• **Výstavba** diaľničného ťahu Žilina – Čadca – Żywiec – Bielsko Biala bude napredovať rýchlejšie vďaka lepšej spolupráci Slovenska a Poľska. Minister Dopravy, výstavby a regionálneho rozvoja Ján Počiatek dnes podpísal s poľským ministrom dopravy Sławomierom Nowakom deklaráciu o vzájomnej spolupráci pri výstavbe tohto diaľničného ťahu. Počas spoločného rokovania ministrov prítomní potvrdili, že diaľničný ťah Žilina – Čadca – Żywiec – Bielsko Biala bude jednou z priorit pri výstavbe diaľnic a rýchlostných ciest.

• **Už** tretí kongres Slovenskej glaukómovej spoločnosti (SGS), ktorý sa uskutočnil koncom apríla v Košiciach nadväzuje na tradíciu, ktorá sa začala založením Slovenskej glaukómovej spoločnosti v roku 2009. Spoločnosť tak vytvára priestor pre prezentácie nielen glaukómových špecialistov, ale aj pre tých, ktorí chcú vyjadriť svoje skúsenosti, poznatky a stanoviská k aktuálne diskutovaným otázkam v problematike glaukómu. Na základe dobrej spolupráce s Asociáciou národných glaukómových spoločností (EGS) privítali na kongrese popredných zahraničných glaukómových špecialistov. Pozvanie prijali aj profesor oftalmológie zo Stanfordskej Univerzity v USA Kuldev Singh, profesor oftalmológie Gábor Holló, z Univerzity Semmelweis v Budapešti a poprední českí oftalmológovia.

• **Jednu** z otázok, ktorá sa často spomína s hlbšou európskou integráciou, je aj novelizácia Lisabonskej zmluvy. K tejto otázke sa má na jeseň vyjadriť Európska komisia (EK) pri predstavení vízie na ďalšie roky, uviedol podpredseda EK Maroš Šefčovič. Ako dodal, únia sa snaží dosiahnuť maximum spolupráce na základe súčasných zmlúv, pričom sa presne zafinancujú tie témy, ktoré sa dajú riešiť len po zmene Lisabonskej zmluvy. To však bude podľa neho závisieť aj od politickej vôle v Európe po budúročných voľbách do Európskeho parlamentu a ako k tomu pristúpi EK v novom zložení.

• **Pediatriu** trápi viaceré problémy, medzi nimi aj nízky záujem mladých lekárov o túto špecializáciu. Nielen to bolo témou prebiehajúceho X. slovenského pediatrického kongresu, ktorý sa konal koncom apríla v Bratislave. Kongres s medzinárodnou účasťou sa uskutočňuje raz za dva roky, pričom v jeho usporiadaní sa striedajú slovenská a česká strana. Ten aktuálny sa zameriava na nové lieky, starostlivosť o novorodencov a zriedkavé a dedičné ochorenia v detskom veku. Podľa dekana Lekárskej fakulty SZU a prezidenta Slovenskej pediatrickej spoločnosti profesora Tibora Šagáta by na začiatok pomohlo, keby sa s pediatrami začal niekto o problémoch baviť a prejavil záujem.

• **Do** začiatku leta tohto roku bude na Slovensku zmodernizovaných 376 km ciest I. triedy. Stane sa tak v rámci projektov Eliminácie bezpečnostných rizík na cestách I. triedy v Prešovskom, Košickom, Trnavskom a Nitrianskom kraji, ktoré spolufinancuje Európska únia (EÚ). Informovalo o tom Ministerstvo dopravy, výstavby a regionálneho rozvoja (MDVRR) SR. Súčasťou prác má byť aj vybudovanie premenlivého dopravného značenia, cestných vodiacich osvetlení či dopravných zrkadiel a plašičov zveri. Podľa najnovších dopravných predpisov majú byť upravené aj dopravné značenia. Projekt Eliminácie bezpečnostných rizík na cestách I. triedy v Prešovskom a Košickom kraji je financovaný prostredníctvom Operačného programu Doprava.

• **Ukážkami** plavenia dreva po takzvanej mokrej rizni otvorili nedávno turistickú sezónu v Dolnom Harmanci Mestské lesy Banská Bystrica. Ako povedal hlavný inžinier spoločnosti Eduard Apfel, po siedmy raz takto verejnosti ukazujú unikát, ktorý sa zachoval už iba na jednom mieste v Európe. Mokrá "rizňa" na splavovanie dreva je drevený žľab, ktorý využíva na dopravu prirodzenú gravitáciu. S obnovami poslednej zachovanej "rizne" začali v roku 2006 a v súčasnosti ju Mestské lesy prevádzkujú ako ukážku dopravy dreva v minulosti.

• **V** Bratislavskom kraji vznikne od mája tretie centrum odborného vzdelávania (COV), ktoré pomôže stredoškôlkom uplatniť sa na trhu práce. Pribudne na Strednej odbornej škole (SOŠ) Farského v Bratislave a bude prvým centrom v oblasti potravinárstva. BSK zatriktívňuje odborné vzdelávanie. Na SOŠ Farského napríklad od septembra 2011 zaviedol nové odbory - pracovník v hotelierstve a cestovnom ruchu, mäsiar a kuchár, od septembra 2013 bude mať škola nový študijný odbor hotelová akadémia. S nezamestnanosťou mladých sa musí niečo urobiť, a to je najlepšia cesta k tomu, aby sa vychovali odborne pripravení mladí ľudia, ktorí sa uplatnia na trhu práce.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

Obnovenie tradícií púť na Devíne

Pri príležitosti 1150. výročia príchodu sv. Cyrila a sv. Metoda na územie dnešného Slovenska a 150. výročia vzniku Matice slovenskej sa uskutočnila 27. a 28. apríla Národná slávnosť na Devíne.

Počas slávnosti vystúpil v Kostole sv. Križa gréckokatolícky katedrálly zbor Kyrillomethodeon z Bratislavy. Za tým nasledovala slávnostná archijerejská sv. liturgia, ktorej predsedal prešovský gréckokatolícky arcibiskup metropolita Mons. Ján Babjak a homíliu predniesol bratislavský eparcha Mons. Peter Rusnák. Liturgiu spevom sprevádzal zbor Kyrillomethodeon.

Po sv. liturgii sa konalo kladenie vencov k pomníku sv. Cyrila a sv. Metoda a k pamätnej tabuli Antona Bernoláka. Na námestí pred kostolom v Devíne sa uskutočnila prehliadka folklórnych súborov a skupín. Návštevníci si mohli pozrieť ukážky výroby ľudových remeselných výrobkov spojených s predajom. Na programe slávnosti bolo aj kladenie vencov k Pamätníku železnej opony a Pamätnej tabuli Ludovíta Štura.

Popoludní sa uskutočnil pochod na hrad Devín, kde odzneli príhovory. Na programe bolo aj pásmo slova a hudby Pocta sv. Cyrilovi a sv. Metodovi a sobotňajší program uzavrelo dramatické pásmo o solúnskych bratoch Dúšok živej vody.

V nedeľu 28. apríla program národnej slávnosti vyvrcholil v Kostole sv. Križa v Bratislave-Devíne ekumenickou bohoslužbou na oslavu vierozvestov.

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Hlavné sídlo Slovenského národného múzea v Bratislave.

Slovenské národné múzeum oslavuje 120. výročie založenia

Slávnostné kolokvium pri príležitosti 120. výročia založenia Slovenského národného múzea (SNM) sa uskutočnilo 23. apríla v Hudobnej sieni Bratislavského hradu. Počas celého roku 2013 pripravuje múzeum aktivity zamerané na prezentáciu svojho viac ako storočného pôsobenia.

“Národné múzeum prežilo 120 rokov, pritom sme prežili dve svetové vojny, odišla monarchia, niekoľkokrát sa zmenil politický režim, odchádzali králi, prezident, ministri, a národné múzeum je tu 120 rokov. Zdá sa nám, že z každej politickej zmeny národné múzeum vyšlo do istej miery posilnené. Počas tých 120 rokov sa zlepšovali aj podmienky na jeho pôsobenie..

Kolokvium zhodnotilo 120 rokov pôsobenia SNM a naznačilo hlavné smery rozvoja najväčšej pamäťovej a fondovej inštitúcie na Slovensku. Súčasťou slávnostného stretnutia bolo odovzdávanie pamätných listov najvýznamnejším spolupracujúcim inštitúciám. Ocenenia si prevzalo 15 organizácií, medzi nimi Ministerstvo kultúry SR, Zväz múzeí na Slovensku, Slovenský národný archív, Pamiatkový úrad SR, Slovenská národná galéria, Národné múzeum Praha, Technické múzeum Brno, Moravské zemské múzeum Brno či Maďarské národné múzeum.

“SNM obhospodaruje k 31. decembru 2012 celkom 3.946.000 kusov zbierkových predmetov. To je len jedna časť kultúrneho bohatstva, naše pôsobiská sú od Myjavy po Svidník a spravujeme 105 objektov a dve múzeá v prírode, v Martine a vo Svidníku, kde v každom je viac ako 100 objektov, takže sme bohatí aj na nehnuteľné kultúrne pamiatky. Súčasťou SNM je aj hrad Červený Kameň, zámok Bojnice či hrad Krásna Hôrka alebo kaštieľ Betliar,” dodala Podušelová.

SNM je vrcholná štátna zbierkotvorná, vedeckovýskumná a kultúrno-vzdelávacia inštitúcia v oblasti múzejnej činnosti v SR. Zhromažďuje, dokumentuje, odborne spracováva, sprístupňuje a vo verejnom záujme využíva zbierkové predmety ako doklady vývoja slovenskej prírody a spoločnosti, slovenského národa a etnických spoločenstiev. Plní úlohy súvisiace s tvorbou, evidenciou a ochranou zbierok ako súčasť národného kultúrneho dedičstva. V rámci kultúrno-vzdelávacej činnosti prezentuje zbierkové fondy prostredníctvom stálych expozícií a výstav doma i v zahraničí.

Myšlienka zriadenia národného múzea sa objavovala na Slovensku už od počiatkov národného obrodenia a vrcholila v čase vzniku Matice slovenskej. Základy položila v roku 1893 Muzeálna slovenská spoločnosť, ktorá vznikla predovšetkým vďaka neúnavnému úsiliu Andreja Kmeťa, zakladateľa SNM. Jeho súčasťou je aj špecializovaný verejný archív a vedecká knižnica. Pod jeho správu patria stovky objektov, vrátane národných kultúrnych pamiatok. SNM plní svoje úlohy prostredníctvom riaditeľstva a 18 špecializovaných múzeí, ktoré sú v rámci svojho zamerania dokumentačnými, vedeckovýskumnými a metodickými pracoviskami.

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Štvrtý vedecký park vznikne v Košiciach

V Košiciach vyrastie Univerzitný vedecký park (UVP) Technicom. V koncom apríla podpísal minister školstva Dušan Čaplovič a rektor Technickej univerzity v Košiciach (TUKE) Anton Čizmar zmluvu o poskytnutí nenávratného finančného príspevku vo výške viac ako 39 miliónov eur.

Ide v poradí o štvrtý univerzitný projekt podporený z Operačného programu Výskum a vývoj. Zameraný bude na aplikovaný výskum v oblastiach informačné a komunikačné technológie, elektrotechnika, automatizácia a riadiace systémy, strojárstvo, stavebné inžinierstvo a environmentálne inžinierstvo. Na projekte bude spolupracovať aj Prešovská univerzita v Prešove a Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach.

Celkové výdavky projektu predstavujú 41,7 milióna eur, z toho vyše dva milióny tvorí päťpercentné spolufinancovanie univerzitou. Predpokladaný termín ukončenia projektu je jún 2015. “Strategickým cieľom projektu je vybudovať UVP Technicom ako medzinárodne uznávané centrum výskumu a transferu technológií,” uviedol rektor TUKE. Budovanie a chod vedeckého parku má byť na báze kvalitného vedeckého manažmentu, komplex má fungovať ako sofistikovaný výskumný a technologický celok so špičkovým aplikovaným výskumom a vývojom vo vybraných oblastiach vedy.

Projekt umožní dostavať už rozostavanú budovu Technicom vedľa univerzitnej knižnice, ako aj vybudovať novú a skvalitniť existujúcu priestorovú a laboratórnu infraštruktúru. “Multifunkčný objekt Technicom je navrhnutý ako inteligentná budova, poskytujúca komfortné priestory pre začínajúce high-tech spoločnosti vytvorené prepojením tímov z univerzít a praxe,” konštatoval rektor.

Vedecký park má podporiť aktívny rozvoj aplikovaného výskumu a vývoja, inovačnej kultúry a konkurenčnej schopnosti pre zainteresované a zákaznicke produkčné organizácie výroby a služieb z verejného a podnikateľského prostredia. Má stimulovať, rozvíjať a zabezpečovať ciele aplikovaný výskum, účinný transfer znalostí, produktov a technológií medzi univerzitami, výskumnými inštitúciami a firmami v trhovom prostredí na báze vzájomne výhodnej spolupráce.

Minister Čaplovič už podpísal zmluvu o nenávratný finančný príspevok na projekt Výskumné centrum AgroBio Tech v Nitre za vyše 26,3 milióna eur. Ďalší schválený projekt sa týkal Univerzitného vedeckého parku Slovenskej technickej univerzity (STU) Bratislava, na ktorý bolo vyčlenených 42 miliónov eur. Prvým podporeným projektom bol Univerzitný vedecký park “Campus MTF STU” – Cambo pre STU v Bratislave, konkrétne pre jej Materiálnotechnologickú fakultu v Trnave v objeme presahujúcom 42 miliónov eur. Podľa ministra ide o výraznú pomoc vzdelávaniu, výskumu a praxi. Pred podpisom je vznik ďalších technologických parkov, informoval hovorca ministra Michal Kaliňák.

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URADNÝ ORGÁN PRVEJ KATOLÍCKEJ SLOVENSKEJ JEDNOTY V SPOJENÝCH ŠTÁTOCH A V KANADE

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Slovensko si pripomenulo 94. výročie úmrtia M. R. Štefánika

Dňa 3. mája v predvečer 94. výročia tragického úmrtia Milana Rastislava Štefánika sa uskutočnil 23. ročník národnej vlastivednej pochôdzky žiakov základných a stredných škôl z južných častí Žitného ostrova. Tradične išli po stopách Štefánikovho pôsobenia v tomto regióne, od Šamorína, cez Dunajskú Lužnú až do Ivanke pri Dunaji, kde tragicky zahynul pri leteckom nešťastí.

Pri Mohyle M. R. Štefánika v Ivanke pri Dunaji sa uskutočnil pietny akt kladenia vencov za najvyšších vojenských i spoločenských počt. Zúčastnili sa na ňom zástupcovia Kancelárie prezidenta SR, diplomatických zborov Francúzska a Talianska v SR, predstavitelia európskych, regionálnych i miestnych samospráv, ozbrojených zložiek SR, národných a spoločenských organizácií vrátane Matice slovenskej, ako aj ďalší hostia spolu s vojenskými veteránmi.

V jednotlivých príhovoroch rečníci zdôraznili historický, národný, vedecký i politický význam pôsobenia M. R. Štefánika v období na prelome 19. a 20. storočia, keď sa formovala nová Európa po 1. svetovej vojne. Podčiarkli zároveň aj jeho mimoriadne ideový odkaz pre súčasný vývoj na Slovensku, osobitne pri formovaní historického vedomia mladej generácie.

Milan Rastislav Štefánik bol astronóm, politik, generál francúzskej armády, zakladateľ československého štátu, prvý československý minister vojny. Nezmažateľne sa zapísal pod vznik Česko-Slovenskej republiky v roku 1918, ktorá sa zrodila na troskách Rakúsko-uhorskej monarchie po 1. svetovej vojne. Narodil sa 21. júla 1880 v Košariskách a tragicky zahynul 4. mája 1919 spolu s posádkou talianskeho lietadla pri Ivanke na Dunaji.

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Mons. Ján Babjak SJ prijal vo Varšave čestný doktorát

Univerzitet kardynála Stefana Wyszyńskiego (UKSW) – udelila prešovskému arcibiskupovi a metropolitovi Mons. Jánovi Babjakovi SJ 25. apríla na akademickej slávnosti na pôde univerzity vo Varšave čestný doktorát (Doctor honoris causa), čím ocenila jeho pôsobenie na poli cirkevného, spoločenského a akademického života, jeho prácu na zviditeľňovaní Gréckokatolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku a vo svete, zviditeľňovaní jej spirituality, dejín i súčasného rozvoja, a to v kontexte univerzálnej Cirkvi, ako aj jeho úzke kontakty s Cirkvou v Poľsku.

Slávnosť otvoril rektor UKSW prof. Stanisław Dziekoński, ktorý vyjadril svoju radosť z toho, že popri iných známych osobnostiach z Poľska a zahraničia, zo spoločenského i cirkevného života, môže univerzita pod jeho vedením udeliť čestný doktorát prvýkrát predstaviteľovi Gréckokatolíckej cirkvi. Prof. Tadeusz Bąk predniesol laudatio, v ktorom predstavil život, pôsobenie a dielo vладыky Jána v jeho službe hlavy Gréckokatolíckej cirkvi na Slovensku, ako aj na akademickom poli. Vладыka Ján bol na konci roku 2002 vymenovaný za prešovského eparchiálneho biskupa a v roku 2008 za prvého prešovského arcibiskupa a metropolitu. Je stálym členom Biskupskej synody v Ríme. Od roku 2009 je členom Kongregácie pre východné cirkvi v Ríme. V roku 2010 mu Prešovská univerzita v Prešove udelila čestný doktorát. Laudátor a promótor vyzdvihol aj jeho kontakty s Poľskom a predovšetkým edíciu kníh Zostali verní – Osudy gréckokatolíckych kňazov. Recenzentom pri udelení čestného doktorátu bol prof. Janusz Mierzwa. Diplom vладыkovi Jánovi slávnostne odovzdal rektor UKSW.

Dr.h.c. Mons. Ján Babjak SJ v prednáške, ktorú predniesol peknou poľštinou, vyjadril

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Medzinárodná vedecká konferencia

„Svätí Cyril a Metod a ich náboženské dedičstvo, most medzi Východom a Západom.“

Medzinárodná vedecká konferencia s názvom „Svätí Cyril a Metod a ich náboženské dedičstvo, most medzi Východom a Západom“ sa uskutočnila v dňoch 9. a 10. mája v auditoriu v hlavnej budove UK v Bratislave. Naplánované boli dva dni prednášok a diskusií v štyroch sekciami. Účastníci diskutovali o rôznych aspektoch diela solúnskych bratov v období Veľkej Moravy a o jeho recepcii a duchovnom dedičstve v stredoveku, novoveku a najnovších dejinách. Porovnávali pohľad na cyrilo-metodské dedičstvo z perspektívy katolíckej a pravoslávnej cirkvi, ale i z laickej perspektívy štátov najmä v 19. a 20. storočí, jeho význam pre formovanie nábožensko-duchovnej, kultúrnej, národnej či európskej identity.

Na konferencii vystúpilo vyše 20 hostí z deviatich krajín. Zúčastnili sa na nej i biskupi a predstavitelia spoločenského života. Účastníkov pozdravil aj predseda Konferencie biskupov Slovenska (KBS) bratislavský arcibiskup metropolita Mons. Stanislav Zvolenský, apoštolský nuncius na Slovensku arcibiskup Mons. Mario Giordana a ďalšie osobnosti. Dialóg sa niesol v znamení prebiehajúceho 1150. výročia príchodu solúnskych vierozvestcov na naše územie.

Podujatie otvoril prezident Pápežského výboru pre historické vedy Bernard Ardura O. Praem. V delegácii Ruskej akadémie vied pricestoval na Slovensko vedúci Centra pre dejiny východného kresťanstva Ústavu svetových dejín Ruskej akadémie vied, člen vedeckej rady tohto ústavu Michail Bibikov a ďalší zástupcovia centra a historici z viacerých ústavov Ruskej akadémie vied. Metropolita Hilarion, ktorý stojí na čele oddelenia pre zahraničné vzťahy Moskovského patriarchátu, vyslal na konferenciu okrem iných sekretára oddelenia a člena Ekumenickej rady cirkvi protojereja Dmitrija Sizonenka. Pozvanie Svätej stolice prijali odborníci z Pápežského východného ústavu, viacerých talianskych univerzít, historici z akademických inštitúcií z Francúzska, Bulharska, Chorvátska, Českej republiky a zo Slovenska.

Prednáškovú časť konferencie ukončil príspevok zástupkyne Slovenska profesorky Emílie Hrabovec, členky Pápežského výboru pre historické vedy, o cyrilo-metodskom kulte a vízii európskej jednoty pápeža Jána Pavla II.

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Spolok sv. Matúša č. 45 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty pri kostole sv. Jána Nepomuckého v New York City v nedeľu 21. apríla 2013 po svätej omši, ktorú slúžil otec Štefan Chanas, za prítomnosti vzácneho hosťa generálnej konzulky Slovenskej republiky v N.Y.C. Jany Trnovcovej, oslávil 1150. výročie príchodu sv. Cyrila a Metoda na Veľkú Moravu veselou zábavou.

Predseda Jozef Juráši otvoril túto oslavu a zároveň privítal všetkých členov a hostí z Connecticut, Pennsylvánie, New Jersey a New Yorku a poželal im príjemnú zábavu. O úspešnosti tohto spoločenského podniku, chutných jedlách, koláčoch a nápojoch, ktoré

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