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## Members of Chicago Branch 153 Visit Wisconsin Museum

On Sunday, August 2, 2009, members of the St. Stephen Society, Branch 153 in Chicago, traveled to Cudahy, Wisconsin to visit the Wisconsin Slovak Museum and Heritage Center. Members spent the day marveling at the many beautiful and informative displays at the center. The visit concluded with a fraternal dinner at the South Woods Restaurant in Cudahy.

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At the FCSU booth are, L-R National President Andrew Rajec, Fraternal Director Susan Ondrejco, Festival Chairperson Cecilia Sirocky, and National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar Sr.

## Kennywood Slovak Day

Since 2007, the officers of the First Catholic Slovak Union have been attending festivals and setting up information booths to increase the visibility of the organization.

On Thursday, July 16, members of the executive committee went to Kennywood Park near Pittsburgh. This annual Slovak Day event draws large crowds each year from Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

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Members of Branch 153 at the Wisconsin Slovak Museum and Heritage Center

## "PARK FREE PLUS" ANNUITY

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

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

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

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*Note: If the funds are withdrawn prior to the first anniversary of the policy, a 6% surrender will be imposed on the funds withdrawn.\**

2. Continue the Annuity for an additional five years. The interest rate at that time will be based on the interest rate established by the Society on the regular Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity. This rate is published regularly in the official publication and on our website.

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

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

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

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

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

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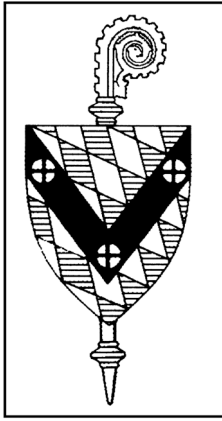
- (a) The policy can be continued to a new maturity date. There will be no surrender charges on any withdrawals.\* The interest rate will be based on FCSU Life's regular Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity interest rate.
- (b) The policy can be converted to any Annuity product offered by FCSU Life at that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

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

\* Early withdrawals may be subject to IRS penalties.

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# Insights and Viewpoints



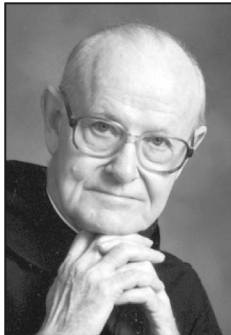
## St. Vincent Archabbey — Homilies Father Campion P. Gavaler; Father Demetrius R. Dumm O.D.B.

September 27, 2009

26th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### Gospel Summary

Mark's gospel is noted for its use of plain and blunt language and today's gospel passage is a good example of that. John and his brother James were called "sons of thunder" (Mark 3:17) because of their impulsive natures and this is manifested here



Demetrius R. Dumm  
O.S.B.

again when John wishes to stop those outsiders who are using Jesus' name in their exorcisms. Jesus, however, rebukes John with the reminder that he is here to love and to heal; he is not interested in copyrights or credits.

Jesus then speaks forcefully about what really constitutes sinfulness and where one's passion should come into play. It is scandal that should arouse our indignation. This means taking advantage of vulnerable people who can so easily be exploited when they should be protected and assisted. These are obviously children but all vulnerable persons of whatever age are included. This is where real sinfulness lies and the punishment is swift and severe. Gehenna was the place where Jerusalem's trash was deposited. It was usually smoldering and was infested by all sorts of vermin. It was certainly not where one would hope to end up.

### Life Implications

The failure to distinguish between major and minor sinfulness is a special danger in the way in which we organize our priorities in life. It is all too easy to be more concerned about appearances and reputation than about the far greater sinfulness of racism or sexism or other kinds of deep-seated prejudice.

All religions have a tendency to claim exclusive control of the avenues of salvation. But God is surely free to work outside of our familiar religious structures also. This doesn't mean that such structures are unnecessary or unimportant. It does mean that we should work in genuine humility to make our own religious structures as open as possible to the saving power of God.

Scandal is often thought to be behavior that shocks people by departing from traditional patterns. The emphasis is placed on the exceptional nature of the scandalous person's actions. We see in today's gospel that this is not what Jesus meant by scandal. For him, scandal occurs when we use actions or words to mislead and deceive those who are not able to understand what is happening. Thus, a person who holds a position of trust can easily take advantage of those who rely on his or her authority or influence. This is so sinful because it destroys the very fabric of trust, which makes community life possible.

In a certain sense, one can also scandalize oneself by pursuing limited goals and thus endangering the real purpose of life. It is not wrong to seek wealth or power or knowledge but all these goals must be made subordinate to the goal of eternal life. In other words, they must be placed under the control of unselfish love. Otherwise, the "eye" or the "hand" can become more important than life itself, with disastrous consequences. The language here seems harsh because so much is at stake. Actually, it means exactly what is intended by the frequent gospel references to gaining one's life in this world but losing it forever.

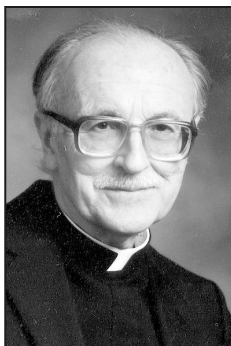
October 4, 2009

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mark 10:2-16

### Gospel Summary

Some Pharisees, wanting to involve Jesus in current controversies about divorce, ask him whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Jesus replies that only because of the hardness of the human heart, Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss his wife. At the beginning, however, God created humans, male and female, to be joined together as one in marriage. Jesus says that what God has joined together, a man cannot separate by writing a bill of divorce. And if he attempts to do so and marries another woman after dismissing his wife, he commits adultery.



Campion P. Gavaler,  
O.S.B.

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he might touch and bless them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he became indignant and said that the kingdom of God belongs to such as these children. And furthermore, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it. Then he embraced the children and blessed them. (A "child" in that culture means someone without legal status, and therefore without power.)

### Life Implications

If we do not hear a homily as good news leading to thanksgiving and hope, it means that we are missing something essential in the text or context of the gospel passage. In the pres-

ent passage, the point is not that Jesus is making a more severe law about marriage, but that he is continuing to proclaim the good news of God's kingdom. This central proclamation of Jesus' mission means the possibility of a new kind of human existence for those who accept God's reign, including men and women who enter marriage. To suggest what the experience of God's reign in marriage would be like, Jesus recalls God's dream of how a man and woman could live together as one in a beautiful garden created for their delight.

Today against the background of tragic divorce statistics and the feeling among many that marriage is only a human, social construction to be defined anyway we please, the saying of Jesus about Garden-of-Eden marriage sounds like an impossible dream. Jesus indicates that in our fallen state, it is an impossible dream. The kingdom he promises is a free, divine gift as much as the original kingdom at the beginning of creation. Only those enter who come

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## Kennywood Slovak Day

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### - Editor - Jednota Newspaper

After 13 Years of service as Editor of the Jednota newspaper Dr. Anthony Sutherland, PhD., has decided to retire upon reaching his 65th birthday in October 2009. We thank him for his dedicated service and wish him the best in his retirement.

Because of his retirement, we are seeking applicants for the position of Editor, Jednota newspaper.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSITION OF EDITOR:

Edit the Jednota newspaper, currently 21 issues per year.

Generate and develop articles on fraternal activities and other articles of religious, historical, economic and social interest with specific emphasis on FCSU activities for members of both sexes and all ages.

Prepare for publication all communications from the Home Office and Branches.

Prepare for publication communications from individual members if they are proper for publication.

Rewrite and retype articles when necessary and correct all grammatical errors and misspellings found in articles and communication sent to the office for publication.

Answer correspondence received from readers and answer questions.

Be familiar with and be able to use Microsoft Windows XP and be generally computer literate.

Knowledge of the history and traditions of the First Catholic Slovak Union and the fraternal system is very helpful.

Ability to speak Slovak desirable, ability to read and write in Slovak helpful.

Position will be located at the Home Office, Cleveland, Ohio.

Salary – Open, Competitive Employee Benefit Package.

Starting date – September 2009.



## Members of Chicago Branch 153 Visit Wisconsin Museum

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The Wisconsin Slovak Museum and Heritage Center is operated and managed by the Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society. For more information contact the Wisconsin Slovak Historical Society at WSHS, P.O. Box 100164, Cudahy, WI 53110-0164 or at [wshs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wshs@sbcglobal.net)



L-R are John Jurcenko, president of Branch 153; Darinka Kohl, curator of the Wisconsin Slovak Museum; Dorothy Jurcenko, treasurer of Branch 153; and Rudy Bernath, vice president of Branch 153.



Members of Branch 153 enjoy a fraternal dinner at the South Woods Restaurant in Cudahy after visiting the museum.

*FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT*

### First Catholic Slovak Union “Presidential Campaign” Insurance Incentives

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

#### Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

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

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

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

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

#### First Catholic Slovak Union “Presidential Campaign” Annuity Incentives

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

#### Special Convention Prizes Drawings of \$4,450.00 Cash

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

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

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

Good Luck and God Bless!

**Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.**  
Membership and Marketing Chairman

## Reminder...

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# Insights and Viewpoints

## Homilies

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and accept God's gift like a child.

Our gospel passage today may be experienced as good news if we follow the lead of Jesus by praying for a deeper awareness and trust that God creates us for love and happiness. The Genesis story of creation that Jesus refers to tells us of the wonderful harmony that God intended for men and women to enjoy as equal partners in marriage. The text of Genesis does not describe their delight when the man and woman discovered that they were suitable partners for each other, except that they were "both naked, yet felt no shame" (Gn 2:25).

A small book of the Bible, the Song of Songs, is a lyrical love poem that completes the story begun in Genesis, and thus gives us a deeper sense of God's intention in creating human beings capable of enduring love. In the Song we have a description of the beauties of their bodies as the man and woman discover each other. We also have a description of the unspoiled beauties of nature, fresh from the hand of the Creator: roses, lilies, fig trees, cedars, palm trees, pomegranates, dates, honey, wine, gazelles, turtledoves, sheep, horses.

The innocently erotic images of the Song of Songs describing without shame the loving relationship of the young man and woman were soon extended to describe the marriage covenant of Israel with God, and later by Christians to describe the union of the Church with Christ. For the Jewish people, the Song came to be associated with the Passover feast; for Christians, the Song was used in the baptismal liturgy. Many saints have used the Song's images to describe the mystical experience of union with God.

God's creative love for us has not changed because we have eaten forbidden fruit and our hearts have become hardened. The good news that Jesus proclaims is that God's dream can become real again not only for men and women in marriage but for all of us. In Jesus' proclamation, the beginning-time of harmony and delight is also the hoped for end-time of God's reign, already present now for those who will accept it with childlike faith.



## Slovak Catholic Family Day Picnic in Mississauga, Ontario

The annual Slovak Catholic Family Day Picnic, sponsored by SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish and the Msgr. Michael Shuba District, took place on Sunday, July 26, 2009, at Creditvale Park in Mississauga, Ontario. The day was a mixed bag of weather, with thunderstorms in the morning, cloudy in the afternoon, and more thunderstorms after 4:30 p.m.

Father Jozef Vano, pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Mississauga, was the celebrant of the Mass. Following the liturgy, a Slovak home cooked meal with schnitzel and goulash were served. In the afternoon, there were races for the children and games for the adults. After the games, ice cream cones and watermelon were available for all to enjoy. There was also a coloring contest for the young children. Barbecue bacon and hot dogs were prepared just before the next thunderstorm.

Later in the afternoon, due to the inclement weather, the majority of people attending socialized outside and inside the dining hall where Miro Letko sang and played music for their dancing enjoyment.

Over 400 adults and children attended the picnic. Approximately 200 lunches (schnitzels), 50-60 goulash dishes and approximately 90 hot dogs, sausages and slanina sandwiches were sold. We were honored to have FCSU Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejco and her parents and sister attend the picnic.

Jerry Siman



L-R FCSU Supreme Court Member Rudy Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejco, Annie Ondrejco, Susan Ondrejco, Joe Jursa, and Milos Mitro, Regional Director.

Socializing by the cafeteria are L-R Kashia Stewart, Alan Stewart, Maureen Jursa, Joe Jursa, Nellie Zeman, and Rose Carey.



Ticket sellers Jara Ragan and Marge Kapsa with Rudy Ondrejco looking on.



Socializing in the dining hall are L-R Helen Panov and Jana Puskar.

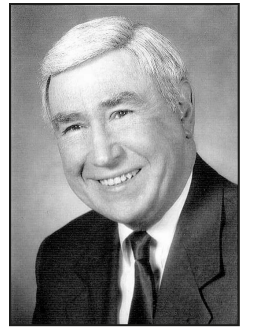
## Well Known Fraternal and Cultural Leader Joseph T. Senko Named Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre

By Daniel F. Tanzone

One of America's most visible promoters of Slovak cultural and fraternal activity, Joseph T. Senko of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has been named the recipient of a Papal Honor. He was named a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. The Order of the Holy Sepulchre is an ecclesiastical order of knighthood- the only order of chivalry under the protection of the Holy See. Membership in the Equestrian Order is considered one of the highest honors conferred upon clergy and laity. The announcement was made in Rome by His Eminence, John Patrick Foley, Grand Master of the Order, following the recommendation of Mr. Senko's Bishop, the Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh. The honor is conferred on individuals for their outstanding charitable work both in their own communities and on behalf of the Church.

Sir Knight Joseph T. Senko will be solemnly invested in the order on Saturday, September 26 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City during a concelebrated Mass. He will be invested in the robes of the order by His Excellency, the Most Reverend

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Joseph T. Senko

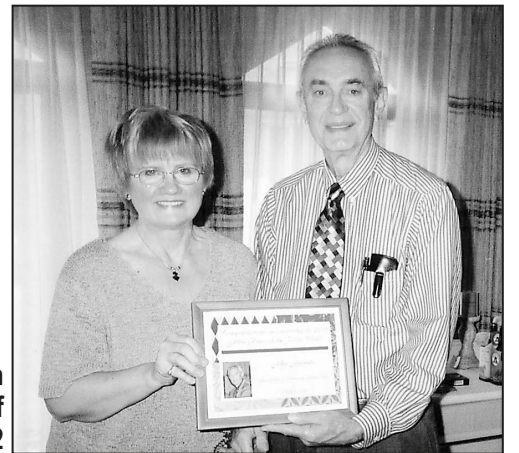


The members of the Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District 2 are proud of their president John Jurcenko. John participated in an exercise event for seniors at Chicago's John Hancock Building.

Participants walked up flights of stairs in the skyscraper. John walked up 24 floors to the finish line.

Robert Tapak Magruder

Barbara Fayta presents John Jurcenko his certificate of accomplishment from District 2



## NEWSPAPER DEADLINES

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

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Correspondents who are announcing upcoming events should remember that the JEDNOTA is printed EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY, and should take into account the extra time lost in the postal system. Therefore, please plan to have your announcements to us in ample time for them to be printed and received by the readership.

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## Fraternal and Cultural Leader

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Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York and Grand Prior of the Order's Eastern Lieutenancy. The Eastern Lieutenancy of the order includes the Archdioceses and Dioceses in the states of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Following the investiture at the Cathedral, a gala black tie reception and dinner will be held in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

A native of Pittsburgh, Joseph T. Senko has resided there ever since. Both of Joe's parents emigrated to the United States from Slovakia in the early 1900s. His father came in 1909 as a 25-year old, and his mother arrived at age 17 in 1913. Joe is the youngest of seven children. He and his wife Albina, also a native of Slovakia, have been married for the past 53 years and are the parents of six children and seven grandchildren.

He received his bachelor's degree from Duquesne University and his master's degree from Robert Morris University. He is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma (National Business Honor Society) and Beta Alpha Psi (the National Accounting Honor Society). After graduation, Joseph worked for the IRS, then with an international accounting firm before starting his own accounting firm which he owned for 29 years. He is now associated with the public accounting firm of McKeever, Varga and Senko. He is licensed as a certified public accountant in Pennsylvania, Ohio and the District of Columbia. He is also a certified financial planner and accredited as a Personal Financial Specialist. Over the years, he has received numerous awards in the accounting profession. In 2006, he was honored as the "Distinguished Accounting Alumnus" by the Duquesne University accounting faculty. He has chaired the State Board Accountancy which issues and monitors CPA licenses in Pennsylvania.

In addition to his professional life, Joseph has been a lifelong volunteer in the best traditions of fraternalism. Over the years, he has shared his professional experience by serving on the board of 28 nonprofit organizations since 1962. As a proud Slovak fraternalist, in addition to the First Catholic Slovak Union, where he served 12 years as Chairperson of Auditors and is a regular contributor to the official publication Jednota, Senko enjoys membership in the following Slovak fraternals: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, National Slovak Society, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union, Greek Catholic Union, Slovak Catholic Sokol, and Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol.

Following Slovakia's independence, he has promoted various cultural, educational and professional ties with the United States. In 1997, the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs appointed him the Honorary Slovak Consul for Pennsylvania. Considering the fact that metropolitan Pittsburgh has the highest population of residents of Slovak ancestry, Joe formed a nonprofit organization (501-c-3) the Western Pennsylvania Slovak Cultural Association in 1997. He has served as its executive director since its inception. He is also a charter board member of the Friends of Slovakia, another nonprofit organization formed in 2001 and based in Washington, D.C. in order to foster closer cultural and educational ties between the United States and Slovakia. Joe currently serves as the organization's chairman and treasurer.

A truly faith-filled individual, Brother Joe is an active member of St. Bernard's Parish in Pittsburgh where he is an Eucharistic Minister and a member of the finance committee. He also serves as president of the Mount Lebanon Public Library, a member of the Accounting Advisory Board at Duquesne University and Honorary Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America (Frontier District) Friends of Scouting campaign.

Over the years, Joe has launched campaigns which sent medical and educational equipment to various institutions in Slovakia. With the help of Brother's Brother Foundation and U.S. Steel Corporation, hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment has been sent to 45 schools and numerous hospitals in Slovakia. In addition, each year, Joe and his lovely wife Albina have hosted tours to Slovakia.

In short, Joseph T. Senko is a credit to the American Slovak community. His faith guides all his life's activities. Thus, it is appropriate then that he be honored with Knighthood in one of the Church's most prestigious orders.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, which dates from 1099 and the First Crusade, was founded by Sir Godfrey DeBouillon, the military leader of the combined forces for the crusaders. He called for volunteers from among his knights to spend their life guarding the newly liberated tomb of Christ. The modern history of the order began with the restoration of the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem in 1847 after nearly 400 years of vacancy. The insignia of the order worn today by the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre is the Red Cross of the five wounds of Christ. It is referred to as the Jerusalem Cross, or the Cross of Godfrey. Members today wear this cross as a testimony of their submission to Christ. The ecclesiastical Order of Knighthood is conferred on those approved for nomination by their bishops. It is offered to those people who have demonstrated fidelity to the Church and a generous readiness to serve the needs of the Church in the Holy Land. The order's motto, "God Wills It," is a model of service.

Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Brother Joseph T. Senko, model fraternalist, man of faith and proud son of the Slovak nation, on this well-deserved honor. Congratulations Sir Knight Joseph!

The public is invited to participate in the colorful investiture ceremony and Mass at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, September 26 beginning at 2:30 p.m.

## ATTENTION The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc 2009 Scholarship Fund



The Jednota Benevolent Foundation, Inc is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its 2009 Scholarship Program.

### THE COMMITTEE SHALL AWARD UP TO TEN ONE-TIME \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CANDIDATES WHO BEST SATISFY THE AWARD CRITERIA.

- Any individual of Slovak descent and Catholic faith who will attend an Approved Educational Institution is eligible for a Scholarship
- Applicants will be required to describe accomplishments they believe would qualify them for recognition in general, and specifically, accomplishments in the areas of:
  - Scholarship
  - Leadership
  - Service to school, church and community
- Applicants will also be required to provide:
  - An official college transcript of grades or an official copy of applicant's high school transcript which indicates applicant's high school grades and all standardized test scores achieved, including all ACT or SAT scores; (if applicable)
  - One (1) letter of recommendation authored by a teacher, counselor, administrator or an employment supervisor familiar with the applicant;
  - Examples of applicant's community involvement;
  - A list and description of leadership positions held by applicant;
  - A list of awards received by applicant for scholastic excellence, community involvement, or leadership ability;
  - A description of the applicant's academic or career objectives;
  - A statement demonstrating an applicant's need for education financing.

#### For applications, please contact:

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MIDNIGHT OCTOBER 2, 2009**

\*Family members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.



## Seminars Scheduled in Philipsburg and Windber

The First Catholic Slovak Union Membership and Marketing Committee will hold two seminars during the month of October. The following seminars have been finalized.

The first seminar will be held for the Jozef Cardinal Tomko District (District 13), on October 11, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Bock's Dining and Tea Room, 429 North Centre Street, Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

The second seminar will be for members of the Rev. John Martvon District (District 7), on October 25, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 604 Graham Avenue, Windber, Pennsylvania.

These seminars are available to all branch officers, district officers, and recommenders. Any member of the First Catholic Slovak Union interested in learning about and selling insurance and annuity products are urged to attend the seminars in your respective district.

If you plan to attend, please contact the Home Office at least 3 days before your scheduled seminar so we can get an attendance count.

Please form a car pool and attend the seminars that are scheduled in your area.

Until next time,

Good Luck and God Bless!

**Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., National Vice President & Membership and Marketing Chairman**

## Jednota Dinner Dance in Linden

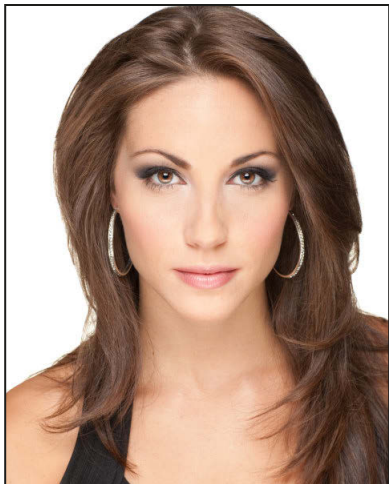
The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, is hosting its annual Jednota Dinner Dance on Saturday, November 21, 2009, at Msgr. Komar Hall at Holy Family Church, 2806 Parkway Avenue, Linden, New Jersey. Dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. followed by dancing. Music will be provided by the band Kontakty. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. There is a cash bar. For tickets and additional information call Mary Karch at 732/572-2331.

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## Alyse Zwick, Miss New York 2009



On June 28, 2009, Alyse Zwick, a 1st generation Slovak-American, was crowned Miss New York 2009. She will be competing in the Miss America Scholarship Pageant, January, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Alyse Zwick is the granddaughter of John and Marta Kulhan of Scarsdale, New York. Her grandfather is a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and a lifetime member of the Slovak League. Her grandmother is a member of the Slovak League.

For the past 59 years John has been involved with Slovak American Committees. He is the former Chairman of Slovak Catholic Sokol Zbor 182, New York; former Chairman of St. John Nepomucene Parish Council; former Secretary of Slovak World Congress of the Political Committee; former committee member for the New Jersey Slovak Festival. John has been involved with the National Republican Party working with various Senators,

Congressmen and Presidents: Nixon, Regan, Ford, W. Bush for Slovakia's independence.

Alyse Zwick, Miss New York 2009, is a 23-year-old Dean's List student at the CUNY School of Professional Studies. A resident of Scarsdale, New York, Alyse competed as Miss Westchester at the Miss New York Pageant in June and was a preliminary winner of the Physical Fitness in Swimsuit award on her way to the state title. Next January she will compete at the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas for the title of Miss America 2010.

Her personal platform for the Miss America Organization is Heros: Helping Give Veterans Their Lives Back. Inspired by her grandfather's World War II service, Alyse organizes school assemblies with war veterans and urges students to write to our troops overseas. She assists the United War Veteran's Council in New York City and is the host of HBO's Thank You For Serving project. She has volunteered with recovering veterans at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and was a featured speaker at West Point. Last Veterans' Day, she appeared with then-President Bush, then-Senator Clinton, and Governor Paterson at the ceremony reopening the U.S.S. Intrepid in the New York Harbor. Finally, she is the official spokesperson for The United War Veterans Council.

Alyse is also a working actor and model. At the age of one, she booked her first national commercial for Downy. As a teen, she attended Pebblebrook High School and The Cobb County Center

for Excellence in the Performing Arts, in Atlanta, Georgia. She was accepted into their dance/musical theater company and was a drama major with a dance/voice minor. After graduating high school, Alyse received a talent scholarship to Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio where she continued her training as a theater major.

Some of her recent acting credits are roles in films Freedom's Gate and Eight Easy Steps. Her television credits include a recurring role on Stand-up Nation with Greg Giraldo, and various television commercials (including Burger King and Optimum Online Triple Play.) She has modeled for The New York Times and The New York Post, was a fitness model in a six-page spread of Shape Magazine, and has been featured on the cover of Newsweek.

She is a first generation Slovak American. Her mother, aunt and grandparents were born in Slovakia and escaped the Communist putsch in 1948. Alyse's mother, Jean Kulhan, was first runner-up in the 1969 Miss New York Pageant competing as Miss Rockland County.



### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

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## Tears, Flags, Remembrances, and Thanks at Memorial Day

By John Karch



Continued from last week

The Sounding of TAPs followed the Pontifical Blessing and Dismissal. The attendees and the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine concluded this beautiful, religious, and patriotic ceremony to the fallen with "America the Beautiful."

### Pope Prays for Peace

At the Benedictine Abbey at Monte Casino, Italy, founded by St. Benedict and rebuilt after being destroyed by U.S. bombers during World War II, Pope Benedict XVI prayed for peace. After celebrating evening prayer with members of the Abbey community, Pope Benedict lighted a lamp at the Polish Military Cemetery just below the Abbey.

The Pope prayed that God would "welcome into your merciful embrace" all those who fell in the Battle of Monte Casino as well as "the fallen of every war that has bloodied the earth."

Standing before the tombs of more than 1,000 Polish soldiers who died with thousands of Allied and German troops on the hillside, Pope Benedict

also asked God to help modern men and women understand that peace is more precious than any material thing.

Celebrating evening prayer at the Abbey Church, Pope Benedict said the building stands "as a silent warning to reject every form of violence in order to promote peace in the family, in the community, among peoples and for all humanity."

### The National Scene

As in previous years, THE ROLLING THUNDER was present, its activists promoting "legislation to increase veterans' benefits and resolve the POW/MIA issue from all wars" and also "provide financial support, food, clothing, and other essentials to Veterans' families, groups, and women's crisis centers." Its over 7,500 members are from the U.S., Canada, and Australia. On Sunday, May 24, as usual, many thousands thundered from the Pentagon for an early afternoon program of speakers and music at the Reflecting Pool across from the Lincoln Memorial.

On Sunday evening in Washington, D.C. PBS's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Memorial Day Concerts, featured the National Symphony Orchestra, actors and singers, as they "honored the sacrifices, suffering, and love of the thousands of family members caring for veterans severely wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan." The thousands on the Capitol Lawn, "honored the valor and patriotism of Americans who have served our country...and paid tribute to their sacrifices." A well-known media observer thought "it would have been nice if the top-rated show was PBS's concert paying patriotic tribute to our brave fighting men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country."

### Arlington National Cemetery

The traditional Wreath-laying ceremony by the President took place Monday morning, May 25, at the Arlington National Cemetery Tomb of the Unknowns. Among his remarks, Mr. Obama said "I am humbled to be the Commander-in-Chief of the finest fighting force in the history of the world." He asked that Americans "pause in national unity" at 3 p.m. to offer a prayer, ring a bell or send a silent thank you to service members. He referred to the Union and the Confederacy, and wreaths were sent to the Confederate Memorial and to the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington, D.C. Several days earlier, the White House issued the standard Memorial Day Proclamation.

Catholic War Veterans attended the Arlington National Cemetery ceremony, led by National Commander Gerry Kryzefski, and included Members of the Board of Directors.

The National Memorial Day Parade, sponsored by the World War II Veterans Committee, consisted of Marching Bands and Veterans groups from all 50 states. It began at 2 p.m. Monday, May 25, the day of Observance, proceeded from 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW along Constitution Avenue, passed the White House, ending at 17<sup>th</sup> St. NW. All states appeared represented with a vast variety of floats, bands, actors, and military figures. A local TV station in Washington, D.C. covered the parade.

### Local Observances

One would likely not appreciate the Memorial Day observances throughout the nation and from the military forces abroad by our mass media coverage of this important Day. Interested readers would be surprised—and pleased—at the abundance of communities and organizations available on the web. Many have annual ceremonies, as in Falls Church, VA, which I have cited in the past and summarize below. Flags and flowers are lovingly placed; tributes flourish in poems; prayers are repeated; tears are shed; and tender recollections relived.

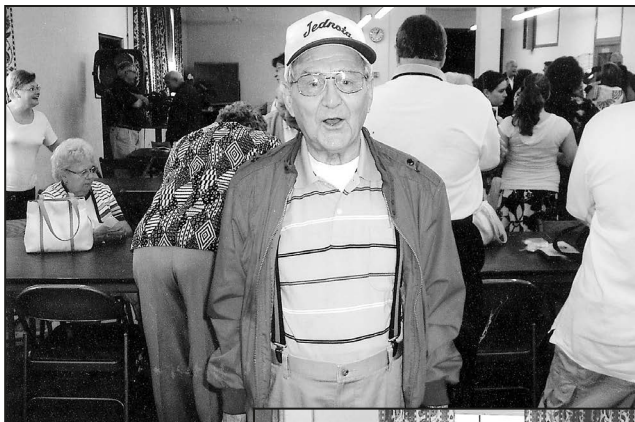
WETA's coverage spans the globe and included the Archdiocesan Memorial Mass. The importance of the radio medium is shown by the oldest Catholic radio station in the U.S. in Nome, Alaska. KNOM covers 100,000 sq.m. and can be found on [www.knom.org](http://www.knom.org). Loretta and I have been receiving its newsletter for years. A former volunteer at the radio station—Ross Tozzi was ordained in 2001 and this July 1 was assigned Pastor for Nome's St. Joseph Parish. On Memorial Day, KNOM provided live coverage of Nome's solemn Memorial Day procession from downtown to the cemetery, where prayers and blessings were offered.

### Falls Church, Virginia

As in previous years, Members of CWV Post 1652 attended the 8:30 A.M. Mass at St. James Church, celebrated by Fr. Patrick Posey, Pastor. As usual, we wore our CWV uniforms, carried the U.S. and CWV flags inside while the parishioners stood. In his Homily and Petitions Fr. Posey welcomed us and reflected meaningfully about the importance of Memorial Day for the fallen and their families. Following Mass, we marched out and were thanked by many attendees. We hosted coffee and doughnuts for those who accepted our invitation.

The Falls Church observance—a half hour beginning at 11:00 A.M. at the Falls Church Memorial resembled past occasions. The MC was Marvin McFeaters, Commander of CWV Post 1652 as well as Chairman of Greater Falls Church Veterans Council. The program began with Posting of Colors, and continued with the National Anthem, Invocation, Welcoming by the Mayor, Remembrance for MIAs,

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# Coming Events



**September 20**

-The George Onda District's Annual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Formation Room Of St. Florian Church, United, Pennsylvania.

**September 27**

-The SS. Cyril and Methodius District's Annual Meeting at Holy Family Church, Gibson and Washington Streets, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mass at 9:00 a.m., meeting at 10:00 a.m. and dinner at 12:00 noon.

**October 18**

-A meeting of the Frank T. Holly Jr. District at 1:00 p.m. at K2 Engineering, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

**October 25**

-The Michigan District's Annual Meeting at St. Patrick's Ryan Church Hall, 4708 South Meridian Road, Merrill, Michigan. Dinner at 11: 00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**November 1**

- The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District's Annual Meeting at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, 5900 West 147<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Forest, Illinois.

**November 15**

-The Msgr. John E. Rura District's Semiannual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street, Raritan, New Jersey.

## Tears, Flags, Remembrances,

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Keynote Address, Presentation of Wreath in Memory of Departed Veterans, Prayer for the Departed Veterans, Taps, and Retiring of Colors.

The Keynote address was by Patricia Hatfield Mayer, Vice President General NSDAR and Honorary State Regent, Virginia DAR. In her eloquent remarks, she stated what it meant to celebrate Memorial Day. "The meaning stands right beside you", reflecting on the American veteran who gave his life in support of the diversity of the American people. She stressed the freedom of expression and of religion that we have. The DAR of 165,395 works in this country and abroad with veterans homes and hospitals making sure that American veterans are supported and celebrated every day. She ended with "The greatest meaning of this day is in the child standing beside you. This is the day when we honor all those who have guaranteed his or her future."

In his remembrance of MIAs, Commander Bob Smith of VFW Post 9274 reminded us that "Today we also honor a very special group of Americans, our nation's POWs and MIAs."

He cited that 140,000 American POWs since WW I must never be forgotten. He added that 10,000 Americans are missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia and Korea. "To remember and honor them, we appropriately use as a national symbol the black POW/MIA flag, with its words 'You are not forgotten.'"

In the early afternoon, as in the past, CWV Post 1652 participated in the Falls Church parade, with a decorated float. St James Church's Rev. Canon Philip S. Majka joined the members on the float and distributed candies to children along the route.

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## Pittsburgh District Members Enjoy Father's Day Brunch

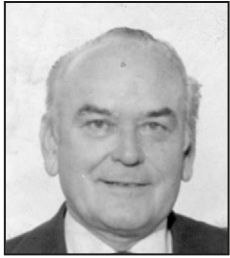
Members of the Pittsburgh District and their families enjoyed a lively get-together on Father's Day, June 21, 2009, at St. Barnabas Parish Hall in Swissvale, Pennsylvania. The luncheon included fried chicken, stuffed cabbage and salads. District President George Matta II welcomed the group and reminded everyone that the next District meeting would be held on November 29 at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania.

The Father's Day event was hosted by officers of Branch 60. Branch 2 provided the ad booklet. The District especially wishes to thank Anne Wargovich of Branch 60 and Sue Ondrejco of Branch 2 for their hard work in planning and staging the event. The photographs were provided by Regis Brekosky, Regional Director of District 5.

Margaret Nasta

## REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

### Michael J. Petro Branch 789 Windsor, Ontario



It is with great sorrow that Branch 789 in Windsor, Ontario announces the death of Michael J. Petro, a lifelong member of the First Catholic Slovak Union.

Michael J. Petro passed away peacefully on June 8, 2009, at the Huron Lodge in Windsor with his family at his side. He was 81. He is survived by his wife Mary (Kalina) Petro; children, Marianne Thompson and husband, Bill, Michael Petro and his wife, Cheryl, Mark Petro and his wife, Lupita, and Marty Petro and his fiancée, Lora; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Born in the Vranov District of Eastern Slovakia, Michael emigrated at the age of 11 with his mother Anna (Kentos) Petro to Canada. They joined his father George Petro, who was at this time a resident of Windsor. Here, the young Petro family established a new life in their adopted country of Canada. The family became members of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church.

It was here, at St. Cyril's that Mike met and married the beautiful Mary Kalina. They became the proud parents of four adorable children. Michael and Mary celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1997.

Michael Petro retired from the Chrysler Corporation of Canada after 42 years of service. He was a member of CAW, Local 444.

Never veering from the Slovak community and because he was a true Slovak patriot, Michael became an enthusiastic member of the FCSU. It wasn't long before his talent of bringing in new members was recognized and he was elected as treasurer of Branch 789, a position he held for over 35 years. Michael was a delegate to many Jednota conventions.

Michael and Mary Petro enjoyed traveling (especially cruising) and visited many exciting places. Michael also enjoyed gardening. Dancing with his favorite partner, Mary, also brought them pleasurable moments.

The death of Michael Petro leaves a void in Branch 789. Even in his later years, he was always interested in the Branch and its efforts to be a viable force in the Slovak community of Windsor.

Mary Boldizar Jacko offered a fitting Jednota farewell on behalf of Branch 789 to Brother Michael Petro at the Windsor Chapel Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church. Interment was in St. Alphonsus Cemetery in Windsor.

The members and officers of Branch 789 express their deepest sympathy to the entire family. We will miss Mike's smiling face and his always cheerful disposition.

**Mary Boldizar Jacko**

### Kathryn Kilpatrick Branch 114 Shenandoah, Pennsylvania

Kathryn "Kitty" Kilpatrick, 92, of Oxford, Pennsylvania and formerly of Drexel Hill, died Monday, July 20, 2009, at home. She was the wife of the late Oliver Kilpatrick with whom she shared 43 years of marriage.

Mrs. Kilpatrick was the daughter of the

late George and Emma Maddis Robel.

She was a member of St. Andrew Church, Drexel Hill and was a secretary for F&H Paint Company, retiring in 1970. She was the family historian, a devoted mother and grandmother and an avid Phillies fan.

She is survived by a son, Ronald J. Kilpatrick and wife, Karen I. of Oxford; three grandchildren, Jonathan Kilpatrick and his wife, Shari, Heather Kilpatrick and her husband, Ira Welch, and Amanda Eller and her husband, Benjamin; and three great-grandchildren, Victoria Kilpatrick, Kathleen Welch, and Kimberly Welch. Kathryn was the last surviving of 10 children.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Andrew Church. Interment was in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Edward L. Collins Funeral Home, Inc., Oxford.

Memorial donations may be made to Brandywine River Valley Hospice, 121 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363.

### Charles Franklin Johns Branch 670 Donora, Pennsylvania

Charles Franklin Jones, 81, of Norris City, Illinois, died July 2, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville, Indiana.

Mr. Johns was born January 22, 1928 near Broughton, Illinois, northwest of Hickory Hill Church and Cemetery, a son of the late Samuel Lewis and Caroline (Irvin) Johns.

On May 25, 1946, he married Arlene Jordan in Morganfield, Kentucky. To this union was born two girls and a boy, all surviving: Tullyne and her husband Edward Oliver of Norris City, Illinois, Michael Johns and his wife Marcy of New Salisbury, Indiana, and Terri Johns of Savannah, Georgia. Also surviving are three grandsons, Edward M. Wingrove, Clinton R. Wingrove and his wife Thresya, and Christopher M. Johns and his wife Candice; five great-grandchildren, Hunter and Hailey Wingrove, Sidney and Sara Johns and Chloe Wingrove, all of Georgia; and three sisters, Mary Ellen Beggs of Harrisburg, Illinois, Floye DeLap of Broughton, Illinois, and Frona Sherod of Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Johns played on the basketball team of the McLeansboro Foxes during the four years of his high school career, graduating in 1946.

Charles or "Charlie" as he was known to many of his friends, worked for Hamilton County Farm Bureau delivering gasoline to farmers, and for X.R. Claybrooke Petroleum Trucking, and then 32 years for Ashland Oil Company as a terminal operator where he retired in 1990.

He returned to the family farm west of Broughton after he retired where he lived until four years ago when he moved next door to his daughter Tullyne in Norris City.

Interment was in Hickory Hill Cemetery west of Broughton, Illinois.

He never knew a stranger and will be missed by family and friends.

### August J. "Goose" Vilcek Branch 484

#### Graceton, Pennsylvania

August J. "Goose" Vilcek, 51 of Homer City, Pennsylvania, died Thursday, August 6, 2009, in Illinois.

He was the son of Gusty G. and Rose (Rura) Vilcek, and was born June 6, 1958,

in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Goose was a member of the Roman Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd in Kent, Pennsylvania, the C&Y Sportsman Club, the Graceton-Coral Sportsman Club, the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 354 and FCSU Branch 484.

He was employed as a pipe fitter by Tech Sheet Metal in Bradenville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Vilcek is survived by his wife, the former Lisa Roschella; four children, Megan, Kelsey, Jacob and Ian, all at home; his mother, Rose Vilcek of Coral; two brothers, Ronald Vilcek and John (Maureen) Vilcek, both of Coral; five sisters, Marilyn (Corky) Sabota of Bradenville, Marianna (J.R.) Reed and Rosemary (Fred) Perry, both of Coral, Patty (Dave) Greenwald of Kentucky, and Tracy (Frank) Galasso of Homer City. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Goose was preceded in death by his father.

Friends were received Tuesday, August 11 at the C. Frederick Bowser Funeral Home where a vigil service was held at 8:00 p.m. Parting prayers were said Wednesday morning at the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent, with the Rev. Lawrence Kullick and Msgr. Larry Kiniry concelebrating. Interment followed in St. Francis Cemetery, Coral where at the end of the Rite of Committal services a prayer was said by members of Branch 484.

**Joseph E. Rura**

### Margaret Clara Levin Branch 303

#### Connellsville, Pennsylvania

Margaret Clara Matuschak Levin, 92, of Rostraver Township, Pennsylvania, died Saturday, July 4, 2009, in her home. Born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania on August 13, 1916, she was the daughter of the late Andrew E. and Clara (Saksa) Matuschak.

Margaret Levin graduated from Dunbar Township High School in 1933, and went on to graduate from the University of Pittsburgh in 1937, with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. She worked at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh doing research on the effects of fluoride on dental health.

In January of 1941 Margaret married Herbert J. Levin, M.D. and they settled in Rostraver Township. Together they built a home in which they raised their seven children.

She was involved in a number of activities, including the Lebanon School PTA, Mon Valley Red Cross Blood Drive, Youth and Teen Association (YATA), Rostraver Women's Club, the local AARP, and the Mon Valley Hospital Auxiliary. Bowling, playing bridge and yoga were long time hobbies. She was also an accomplished artist in oil painting. After graduating from college, she learned to pilot a small airplane.

In addition to her parents, she was pre-

ceded in death by all her siblings, Stephen Matuschak, Mary Macko, Anna Molinaro, Andrew Matuschak, Joseph Matuschak, Stephen Matuschak, Helen Matuschak, Frances Bussoletti, Emil Matuschak and Edward Matuschak; her son-in-law, James Hays; and her husband, Dr. Herbert J. Levin.

She is survived by her children, Carol Levin and her husband, Richard Gottlieb, of Guilford, VT, Ruth Levin and husband, Mike Snedecor of Volcano, Hawaii, James and wife, Sandy Levin of La Jolla, California, Paula Levin of Cardiff, California, Harriet Levin of Hadley, Massachusetts, Edward Levin and wife Risa Hiller of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Susan Levin and husband, Charles Hoot, of Edmond, Oklahoma. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren; great-grandchildren, sister-in-law, Irene Matuschak of Uniontown; and many nieces, nephews, caregivers.

Friends were received at the James C. Stump Funeral Home, Belle Vernon/Rostraver, where a blessing service was held. Interment was in West Newton Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Levin Family Medical Education Fund, c/o MonVale Health Resources Inc., Monongahela Valley Hospital, 1163 Country Club Rd., Monongahela, PA 15063., or to a charity of one's choice.

### Helen Marie Sankner

#### Branch 382

#### Scranton, Pennsylvania

Helen Marie Sankner, a member of Branch 382 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, joined Jesus, Mary, and all the saints on July 16, 2009. A woman of great faith and with trust in her Lord, she faced her diagnosis of cancer with grace and courage.

Helen was born October 16, 1916, in the Green Ridge section of Scranton, the third daughter of George and Theresa (Kosko) Sabanas. She was educated at St. Paul's grade school and Technical High School, and worked at the Grove Silk Mill while still in her teens. On May 29, 1943, she was united in marriage to Joseph A. Sankner, Jr., with whom she shared a wonderful life until his passing in 2002.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Cyril, sisters, Irene Bistran and Margaret Sholes, and two infant children who died at birth.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol (Jack) Sicoli, with whom she lived in Kansas City; grandchildren, Chris (Susan), Debi (Scott), and John; two great-grandchildren, Karl and Gehrig; a niece, Elaine (Paul) Suskin; a nephew, Ronald (Carole) Sholes; several other nieces, nephews, cousins; and a host of dear friends.

Private funeral services were held in Scranton.

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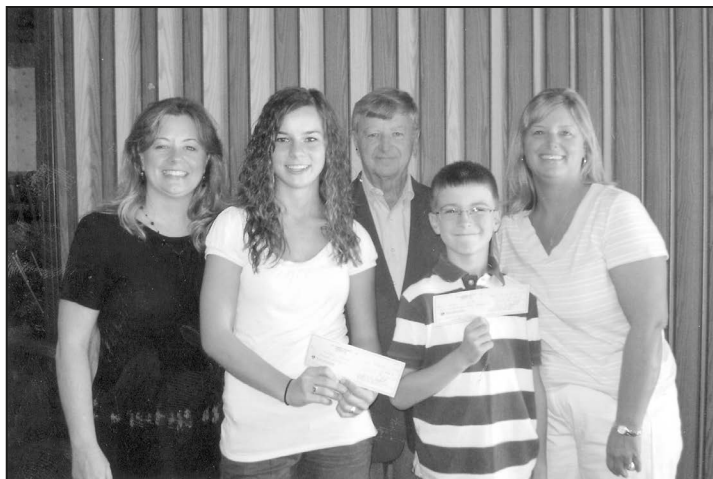
Recording Secretary Val Vesely and Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder of Branch 493 present Anthony Affrunti with his college grant.

## Branch 493 in Chicago, Illinois is very proud of member Anthony Affrunti.

Anthony graduated from Glenbard East High School in Glen Ellen, Illinois in June 2009. He is now a freshman at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. Anthony was awarded a \$50.00 college grant at the semiannual meeting of Branch 493 on August 1, 2009.



L-R are Veronica Manzella, Branch 40 scholarship committee member; Meghan Hatzler, National Vice President Andrew R. Harcar Sr., Alex Redd, and Theresa Graves, committee member.



The St. Clement Society, Branch 40, in Streator, Illinois, has announced the scholarship winners for the 2009-2010 school year. The \$50.00 college scholarship winner was Meghan Hatzler of Streator. Meghan is the daughter of Patrick and Agnes Hatzler. She is a graduate of Streator Township High School. She will attend Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville where she will study pharmacy.

The \$250.00 elementary scholarship winner was Alex Redd of Streator. Alex is the son of Ralph and Carleen Redd. Alex attends St. Anthony's School and will be in the fourth grade.

## From the Desk of the Executive Secretary, Kenneth A. Arendt

The following is an update from the list published May 27, 2009 of the branches that did not qualify for a branch stipend for the year 2008 based on the requirements as stated in the Bylaw Section 4:05:

### Region 1, Regional Director, Joseph Minarovich -

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### Region 2, Regional Director, Damian Nasta -

001P, 018K, 040P, 051P, 061K, 064K, 114K, 116P, 131P, 136K, 144P, 156K, 175K, 196P, 215K, 226P, 270K, 278K, 294K, 326K, 332K, 335K, 353P, 505K, 659K, 775K, 779K, 796K

### Region 3, Regional Director, Carl Ungvarsky -

005K, 006P, 016P, 027P, 152K, 237J, 238K, 240K, 240P, 258K, 263K, 321K, 356P, 368K, 419K, 461K

### Region 4, Regional Director, George Sprock -

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### Region 5, Regional Director, Regis Brekosky -

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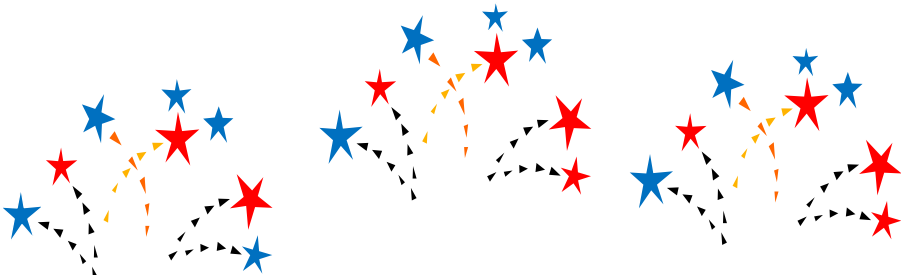
### Region 6, Regional Director, Henry Hassay -

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### Region 7, Regional Director, Rudolph Glogovsky -

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Checks have been sent to all branches that did qualify for their \$4.00 per member stipend for the year 2008. If anyone feels there is a discrepancy, please contact me at the home office.



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# News From Slovakia

## Economy Ministry Sets up Commission to Probe Handlova Mine Disaster

Economy Minister Lubomir Jahňatek has set up a commission to investigate the explosion at Handlova Mine that left 20 people dead, the Economy Ministry announced.

"A 14-member commission will be looking into the reasons and circumstances behind the disaster that occurred on August 10 at the Handlova Mine, which belongs to Upper Nitra Mines Prievidza, with regard to the cleaning up of a build-up of gases after a coal fire that led to an explosion and a major industrial accident with a death toll of 20 miners," said the ministry.

The commission will include employees of the Economy Ministry, the State Mining Board, the Slovak Mining Association and the Technical Universities in Kosice and Ostrava.

The blast occurred early on Monday, August 10 when firefighters were tackling a fire in the mine's eastern shaft. The fire killed 20 people (11 firefighters and 9 miners) and injured nine others.

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## Official Promised Help to Bereaved, but they Expected an Apology

Bells of St. Catherine's Church on Miners' Square in Handlova rang to mark the end of the public farewell with 20 miners and firefighters who died at an accident at Handlova Mine on August 10.

Apart from the bereaved, the event was attended by top state representatives, President Ivan Gasparovic, Parliamentary Chairman Pavol Paska and Prime Minister Robert Fico. Representatives of the regional and local authorities, state institutions and miners' associations were also present. In total, around 5,000 people gathered in the plus- 30 degree Celsius heat on the square.

Upper-Nitra Mines general director Peter Cicmanec, who gave a speech at the farewell, expressed thanks to the deceased miners and firefighters for their contribution to mining in the area. "You've paid the highest price for your devotion," he said, promising to help the bereaved whenever they will need it.

"Words of consolation cannot mitigate your grief, but I want to express moral support to you, and our condolences and sympathy," Cicmanec told the bereaved families.

Emilia Vajdiarova, mother-in-law of Robert Ondruska, who was killed in the accident, criticized Cicmanec's speech. "I would have liked to see him apologize to the bereaved. He still hasn't done that," said Vajdiarova.

Several of the bereaved have been furious at Cicmanec since the tragedy took place August 10, claiming that he is only interested in profits, regardless of the safety conditions at the mines.

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## Gasparovic: Events of August 1968 Can't be Forgotten

President Ivan Gasparovic commemorated the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the invasion of the former Czechoslovakia by Warsaw Pact forces on August 21, 1968.

Gasparovic laid wreaths under memorial plaques to Petr Legner and Danka Kosanova, who were killed in Bratislava by the invading troops.

"This is one of the milestones for the building up of a democratic state in Czechoslovakia and Slovakia. Things that happened can't be forgotten. It's very difficult to gain freedom and very easy to lose it," stressed Gasparovic. According to him, the commemoration is especially important because of the younger generation, which didn't experience World War II and the years in which Slovakia was subordinate to other countries. It ought to prompt them into appreciating their freedom.

Gasparovic said he remembers the day of the invasion very well. When he saw so many lights and tanks on Bratislava's SNP square in 1968 he thought that a film was being made there. "People in Czechoslovakia at that time were convinced that the Soviet Union would never dare to do this...all the greater was our disappointment when they did," he added.

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## Annual Midwest Pastoral Seminar

The Slovak Catholic Federation's annual Midwest Slovak Pastoral Seminar will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 West Marquette Road in Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Marek Sitar, a priest from Slovakia who is currently serving in the Archdiocese of Chicago, will give a bilingual (English and Slovak) presentation on "The Life, Mission and Journey of Saints Cyril and Methodius-as it survives today." Registration for the seminar will start at 2:00 p.m. Father Sitar will be welcomed at 2:45 p.m. followed by his presentation. A buffet dinner will be served at 4:00 p.m.

The offering for this event is \$15.00. Prepaid registration can be arranged through John Jurcenko at 773/763-0810 by Thursday, September 27, 2009. For more information call Geraldine Hletko at 708/387-7812.

## Education Ministry: Only Six Universities Can Retain Status at Present

Education Minister Jan Mikolaj recently unveiled the results of an accreditation review of Slovakia's universities that was completed by a special commission.

Accreditations are conducted every six years. This year's evaluation looked at whether the institutions concerned live up to the status of a university according to a set of specific criteria that include, among other things, research and education.

Institutions failing to meet the mark will be relegated to specialized-college or college status.

Mikolaj told reporters that six universities should retain their status: the Veterinary Medicine University in Kosice, the Technical University in Zvolen, Comenius University in Bratislava, the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava, the Technical University in Kosice, and Pavol J. Safarik University in Kosice.

The Slovak Agriculture University in Nitra, the Philosophy University in Nitra, the Matej Bel University in Banska Bystrica, Zilina University and the University of Economics in Bratislava were deemed to have failed to comply with one criterion, but could vindicate their status as early as the autumn of this year following student registration.

"The remaining 15 higher-education institutions remain open, meaning that it is up to them how they come to grips with the criteria. They are institutions failing to comply with more than one criterion and it is up to them to decide how to deal with their shortcomings," said Mikolaj.

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## SkyEurope Shuts Down Shop, Declares Bankruptcy

Slovakia-based low-cost airline SkyEurope has cancelled all its flights and declared bankruptcy shortly before midnight on September 1, 2009. Brokers on the Vienna stock exchange, where shares of the airline are traded, were first to know late Monday evening on September 1.

"Restructuring trustee of SkyEurope submitted a proposal to start bankruptcy proceedings on his company- a subsidiary of SkyEurope Holding AG," Vienna stock exchange informed. This was caused by a lack of capital to finance the current activities of the company. "All the flights are cancelled immediately," representatives of the stock exchange added. SkyEurope has terminated sales of flight tickets and closed the entire operation.

SkyEurope recently had to switch its flights from Vienna to Bratislava when the Vienna airport refused to handle any more of its flights due to the nonpayment of debts for the use of the airport.

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## Abbey Benefit in Cleveland

August 21, 2009 (Cleveland, OH) -- The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will present their annual Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 1, 2009. This year's event celebrates the ordination anniversaries of Rev. Placid Pientek, OSB, 65 years; Rt. Rev. Abbot Clement Zeleznik, OSB, 50 years; Revs., Joachim Pastirik, OSB, Timothy Buyansky, OSB and Dominic Mondzelewski, OSB, each 40 years ... "235 Years and Still Serving".

A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered at 12:15 PM at the Church of the Assumption, 9183 Broadview Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio, 44147. Reception, banquet and program will follow at the Parish Center.

Archabbot Rt. Rev. Douglas Nowicki, OSB, of Saint Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA, will be our guest speaker. The Archabbot will reflect on the theme: "Benedictine Monks, Our Mission and Ministry, a positive present and a future of hope". Your support of our Annual Benefit is a very important part of our present and future mission and ministry. Please join in honoring our Monks for their many years of service. If you can not attend, a gift in their honor will be greatly appreciated. Pan Boh zaplat!

Ralph Szubski and the Party Band will entertain you with your favorite Slovak melodies and other popular tunes. Catering will be provided by Bill Hricovec, of Tom's Country Place. Center piece flowers donated by Orban's Flowers. A silent Slovak auction will be held. The event concludes about 4:00 PM with the Monks singing our "Benedictine Anthem" -- The Ultima.

Ticket price is \$65.00. Additional sponsorships, including \$100.00 "Honor-a-Monk" contributions, are available. For reservations and additional information please contact Fr. Albert Marflak, OSB at 216-721-5300 ext. 209, Marie A. Golias at 216-338-8179, or Rose Stiflar at 216-721-5300 ext. 0. Please make reservations by October 20, 2009.

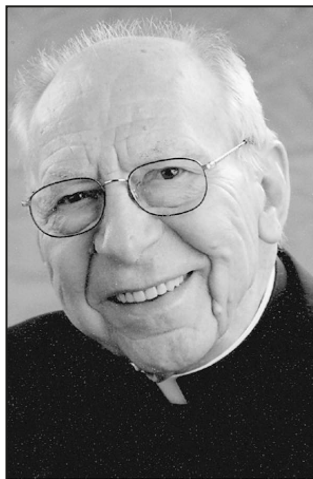
## New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival Set for September 27 in Holmdel

The 32<sup>nd</sup> New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival will take place on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at the PNC Bank Center in Holmdel, New Jersey. This year's festival is dedicated to the memory of General Milan Stefanik on the occasion of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

Festival organizers have planned a rich program. The day will begin with a celebration of the Byzantine Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by folklore groups and ensembles from both the United States and Slovakia. Those interested in food concessions should contact Thomas Duch at 201/794-7234. For nonfood concessions call Susan Krcmar at 973/357-1209.

## Msgr. Edward V. Rosack Observes 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

In thanksgiving and in celebration of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, Msgr. Edward V. Rosack hosted private dinners and, separately, he extended personal reflections of gratitude to honor those who for a long time shared his ministry by offering him their prayerful support, their volunteerism and their witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ in their own lives. In 2004, Msgr. Rosack retired from the Metropolitan Byzantine Catholic Archdiocese of Pittsburgh.



Msgr. Rosack was ordained a priest on May 31, 1954 at Mount Macrina in Uniontown, Pennsylvania and began hosting his dinners on May 31, 2009. The first dinner was held at Houlihans Restaurant in Cranberry. "It would take an arena-sized venue," he said, "for me to thank everyone who walked the highway, paths and trails with me during my active priestly ministry. I can only express my sincere, heartfelt and emotional thanks to each and every one of those grace-filled souls with whom it has been my privilege to travel our journey of pilgrimage in concert."

Guests for the various dinners and recipients of his personal greetings were from western Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and Texas.

Retiring as pastor of Saint Mary's Church in Ambridge on June 4, 2004, after serving an active priestly ministry for 51 years, the monsignor remains active, principally through his writing and his readiness to listen to those who appeal to him for biblically-founded counsel.

His recent compositions include "Positions for Prayer," "Take into the Mouth," "Conscience," "End Times," "Family Values," "I don't want to live anymore," Pontius Pilate-Yehosef-Bar-Kayafa," "There is no God," "Weeds and Wheat" and many others. These articles were published in the JEDNOTA, the newspaper of the First Catholic Slovak Union, a fraternal benefit society.

He has compiled an index to the newly published Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom,

He has been published in the nationally circulated magazine, "The Priest," and recently submitted an article entitled, "Duty, Sacrifice and Witness."

For the "Year of Saint Paul, the Apostle," Msgr. Rosack has written articles featuring the personality of Paul as they are revealed in the epistles.

Msgr. Rosack is nearing completion of his work, "The Silent Chapter," the story of his time as Chancellor and Apostolic Administrator of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. This event began in the summer of 1965 when, allegedly, some twenty-four diocesan priests executed a Byzantine coup against Bishop Nicholas T. Elko.

Continuing his association with the Logstown Associates Historical Society, which he founded on October 21, 1987 at the Seven Oaks Country Club, Beaver, PA, he writes a monthly newsletter which is available to readers at the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation in Freedom, PA. The latest newsletter is Volume 4, Number 6, June 2009.

The monsignor, too, is working on "Yellow Bird," the story of a Lenape Native American teenager, resident of western Pennsylvania in 1756. Included in this story, part fact, part fiction, are Running Horse, Craig Cumberland, Mary Louise Steele, and the Michaelson brothers, father Barnabas (Father "Barney") and Christopher among others.

Monsignor enjoys a twenty-two year association with Native Americans and their role in the history of western Pennsylvania. He has been honored with a Cherokee name, which translated, means "He speaks to God."

He has an established web site, "rosackberda.com," on which he will write on the subjects of religion, spirituality and Bible trivia.

The priest's heart is filled with thanksgiving to God for the grace given him, the wisdom supplied him, and the protection provided him during these past years and even before his ordination. In this regard, he recalls the friendly-fire directed at his Signal Corps company one night on Saipan as well as other "close shaves" during his company's tour of duty in the Pacific Theater of Operation during World War II.

"It is with deep humility," the monsignor said, "that I acknowledge this greeting from the faculty and staff of the North American College, Rome, "We praise God for the gift he gave us with your birth...and send our greetings and prayers on the anniversary of your ordination."



## The CSGI Conference Coming to Cleveland in October

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

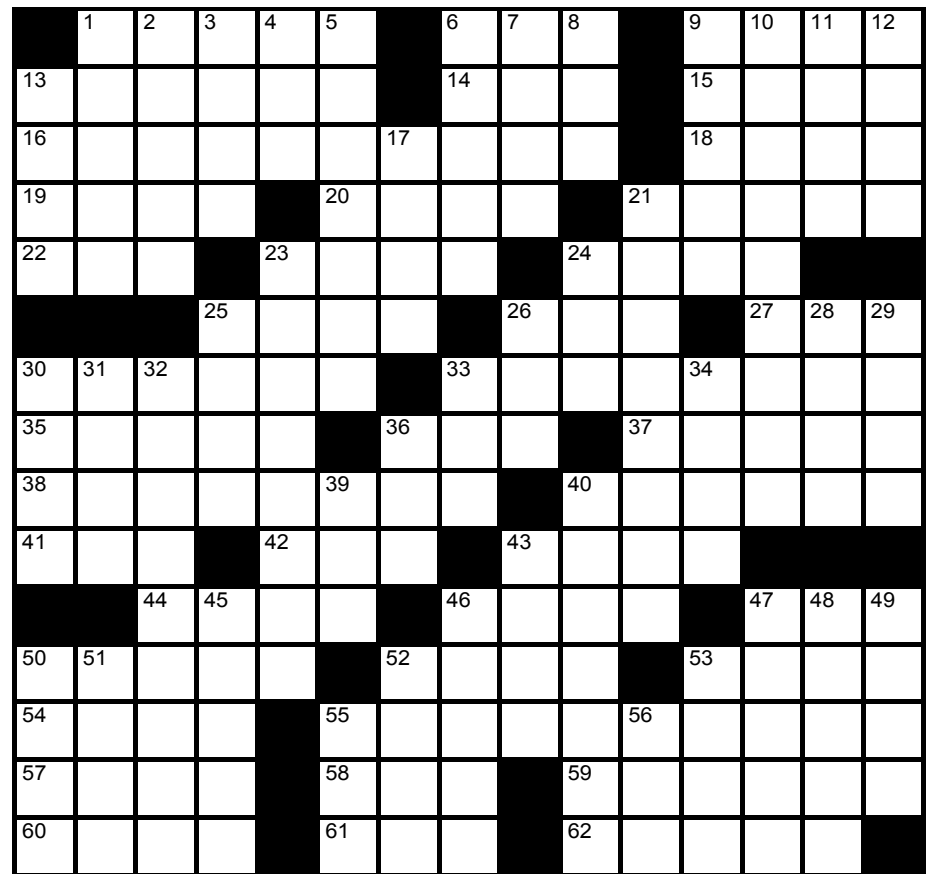
The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International will be hosting its 12th Genealogical/Cultural Conference at the Holiday Inn, Cleveland South, in the suburb of Independence. The events last from Wednesday, October 14 through Saturday October 17, with a Mass on Sunday morning celebrated with a priest from the Slovak Benedictine Abbey. Tours of prominent ethnic areas will also be available on Wednesday and Thursday.

The First Catholic Slovak Union is one of the sponsors of this great cultural event.

The Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International is a Minnesota-based organization which promotes genealogical and cultural research for lands of the former Czechoslovakia; the topics center around the Czech, Slovak, Moravian, Bohemian, Carpatho-Rusyn, German-Bohemian, and German-Carpathian peoples. The conference is a unique event and an opportunity to listen to and meet specialists in the field of history, genealogy and culture of the region.

If interested, please contact the CSGI for more information at the website:  
<http://www.csgi.org/news.asp?intNewsID=168>

## Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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### Across

- 1 Molecule parts
- 6 Humorist
- 9 *Thin Man* charac
- 13 Perspicacity
- 14 Historic period
- 15 Tablet
- 16 Zoos
- 18 Foodfish
- 19 Ireland
- 20 Nimbus
- 21 Mattress attachm
- 22 TV network inits
- 23 Augmented
- 24 Sepulcher
- 25 Playing cards
- 26 Metallic element
- 27 Geological perio
- 30 Mortgage holder, for one
- 33 Egest
- 35 Shallot
- 36 Body of water
- 37 Ranks
- 38 Kitchen applianc
- 40 Diacritical marks
- 41 Pindaric
- 42 Bon \_\_\_ (clever remark)
- 43 Some actors
- 44 Card game word
- 46 Colliery
- 47 Pro sports group (Abbr.)
- 50 Upper story
- 52 Chromatic color
- 53 Soft drink
- 54 Conceited
- 55 Mediterranean nu trees
- 57 Sea eagles
- 58 Shoshonean language

- 59 \_\_\_ macaque
- 60 Wrath
- 61 Needlefish
- 62 Buckle under

### Down

- 1 Astringent
- 2 Loose-fitting coat
- 3 Asian country
- 4 Actress Ryan
- 5 Gym shoe
- 6 Uncanny
- 7 Domain
- 8 Fuel
- 9 State in N. India
- 10 Salivated to the max
- 11 Sob story
- 12 Norwegian mathematician Niels \_\_\_
- 13 Prayer ending
- 17 Regrets
- 21 27 Across is one
- 23 Before policy or crisis
- 24 Poetic contraction
- 25 At the apex
- 26 Sp. aunt
- 28 Fiend
- 29 Scottish lake
- 30 Extinct bird
- 31 *National Velvet* author Bagnold
- 32 Cutting in half

- 33 E. state (Abbr.)
- 34 Lipids
- 36 Took a chair
- 39 Weep
- 40 Drinking vessel
- 43 Clue
- 45 Wash cycle
- 46 Tightwad
- 47 Racket
- 48 Baker's need
- 49 Young lady
- 50 Verify
- 51 E. Ireland villag
- 52 Pocket bread
- 53 Cordon bleu
- 55 Small dog
- 56 Revolutionary \_\_\_ Guevara

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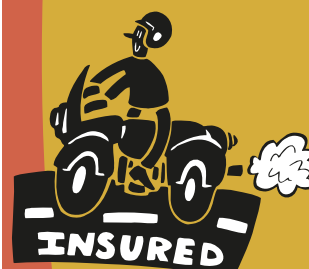
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# Accent on Activities



## 2009 International Golf Tournament

September 2009

This year's golf tournament was held Saturday and Sunday, August 15 - 16, at Clarion Oaks and Hi-Level Golf Courses in Clarion, PA. A hospitality room allowed the golfers to mingle with their out-of-town friends before the competition began on Friday night.

The beautiful weather on Saturday and Sunday allowed the golfers to play their best. The results of the tournament are posted at [www.fcsu.com](http://www.fcsu.com) and are listed on other pages of this issue.

The golfers enjoyed a shotgun start both Saturday and Sunday. Through the generosity of one of our sponsors, Larry White of AQS Asset Management, a hole-in-one contest occurred both days. Unfortunately, no one walked away from the tournament \$10,000 richer.

Saturday night, National Chaplain, Fr. Tom Nasta, celebrated Mass at the Holiday Inn hotel. Afterwards, a sit-down dinner and a program took place.



Members of the Executive Committee who attended the Banquet



### Skins Winners

#### Saturday

- Clarion Oaks
- #1 & #9 Gary Watkins
- #3 Marty Finklestine
- #4 Wane Goss
- #10 Brian Suchy
- #12 Scott Hornacek
- #14 Josh Tofil
- #15 Patrick Quinn
- #18 Brian Hornacek
- Hi-Level
- #4 Don Koval
- #5 Larry Glugosh
- #14 Emilio Berardo
- #15 Paul Ritz

#### Sunday

- Clarion Oaks
- #1 Keith Shedlock
- #4 George Smith
- #6 & #13 Tom Iskra, Jr.
- #8 Paul Bukoskey
- #18 Jim Zamaris
- Hi-Level
- #16 Ed Sivecz

### Closest to the Pin Winners

#### Saturday

- #4 Chris Czankner - Hi-Level
- #9 Paul Ritz - Hi-Level
- #5 Brian Zifcak - Clarion
- #17 Scott Hornacek - Clarion

#### Sunday

- #4 Terri Palchanis - Hi-Level
- #9 Don Ferlin - Hi-Level
- #5 Ken Gross - Clarion
- #17 Tom Iskra, Jr. - Clarion



## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, AGES 12 - 18!

Get your cameras ready! We are starting a photography contest for those members between the ages of 12 and 18.

Submit your photo in one of the following categories:

People  
Nature or Environment  
Travel or Destinations  
FCSU Fraternal Activity

Judging will be done by an outside professional and all photos will be returned.

For each category, the following prizes will be awarded.

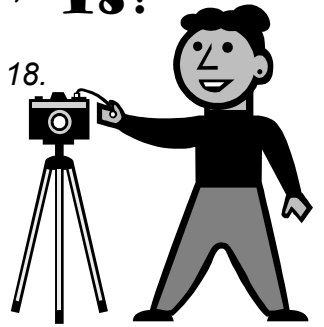
\$50 – First Place  
\$30 – Second Place  
\$20 – Third Place

An Overall Winner will be awarded \$100

Mail your entry to:

Susan Ondrejco  
Photo Contest  
234 Ilion St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15207

postmarked by October 1, 2009.



### Rules:

1. The photos have to be taken by the member submitting it (no computer generated photos, other than digital ones).
2. One Entry per Category
3. Any size photo up to 8" x 10", unmounted, in black and white or color is permitted. (No touched up or computer enhanced photos permitted.)
4. Name, address, Branch number, age, and where the picture was taken should be submitted on a **separate sheet of paper**. DO NOT MARK BACK OF PICTURE



## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GEORGE ONDA DISTRICT-WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The George Onda District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the Formation Room of Saint Florian Roman Catholic Church in United, Pennsylvania. Representatives from each branch are asked to attend this important meeting as we will be discussing plans for our annual "Stedry Vecer" as well as the FCSU National Convention in 2010. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to a great turnout.

Linda L. Gonta, Secretary

### FRANK T. HOLLY JR. DISTRICT-UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Frank T. Holly Jr. District will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at K2 Engineering Co., 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. District branches are encouraged to send representatives to the meeting. District activities, the convention and insurance programs will be discussed.

Barbara Ann Holly, Secretary

### SS. CYRIL AND METHIDIUS DISTRICT-LUZERNE & LACKAWANNA COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA, AND BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK

The SS. Cyril and Methodius District will hold their Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at Holy Family Church, Gibson and Washington Streets, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and dinner at noon. Reservations should be made with President Michael Slovenkai at 342-7562, Treasurer/Financial Secretary Dorothy Ungvarsky at 403-2067, or Vice President Arlo Meeker at 607/775-4896.

The election of officers will take place at this meeting. If you are interested in holding a position you may be nominated from the floor. Everyone has this opportunity. Become an active member and become informed about Jednota at the District level and take back this information to your branch.

Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Fraternal Activities Director informed all members via an article in the August 5 edition of the JEDNOTA regarding the annual Summer Picnic to be held on Sunday, September 20, 2009 at McDade Park, Scranton. Call her at 570/344-3854 for information and to make your reservations.

Again, please note the change in times for the Mass to 9:00 a.m. (previously 10:30 a.m.), meeting at 10:00 a.m. and the dinner at 12:00 noon. If you are unable to attend the Mass you are welcome to come to the meeting and dinner. Call in your reservations and be a part of the District's plans and discussions.

Theresa Chupka, Recording Secretary

### REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT-ILLINOIS, INDIANA AND WISCONSIN

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District will hold its Annual Meeting, Election of Officers and Election of Convention Delegates on Sunday, November 1, 2009, at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, 5900 West 147<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Forest, Illinois. We will enjoy a short period of fraternal fellowship with refreshments at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. Attendees will enjoy a delicious catered meal. All branches are asked to send delegates. Individual Jednota members who wish to learn more about becoming active in District 2 are also welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please call District President John Jurcenko at 773/763-0810, so enough food and beverage can be ordered for the meeting.

Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary

### MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT-NEW JERSEY

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

Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary

### MICHIGAN DISTRICT-MICHIGAN

The Michigan District will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2009, at St. Pat-

rick's Ryan Church Hall, 4708 South Meridian Road (M30), Merrill, Michigan. The traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served starting at 11:00 a.m. The business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Please notify Victor Jiomkowski at 313/930-0801 by October 18, 2009 with the number of delegates who will be attending from your branch.

Since this is our annual meeting, the election of officers will be on the agenda along with a discussion of the convention in Cleveland next year. Our District president Victor Jiomkowski encourages all branches to be represented. Hoping to see many new faces.

Anna Magusin, Secretary

### REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT-ILLINOIS, INDIANA, AND WISCONSIN

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District held its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, May 3, 2009, at our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory in Oak Forest, Illinois.

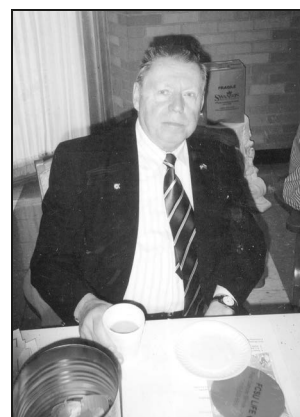
District II President John Jurcenko opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and Spiritual Advisor Dorothy Jurcenko led an opening prayer. Recording Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder conducted the roll call. Twenty-five delegates representing eight branches were in attendance. Due to resignations, attendees approved Barbara Fayta as Financial Secretary/Treasurer; Rudy Bernath as Vice President and Bob Elias as Auditor. Sergeant at arms. Pete Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance and Financial Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Fayta gave the financial report. Region VII Director Rudy Glogovsky read his report. National Vice President Andrew Harcar gave a 30 minute presentation on insurance and annuity sales and ways to increase Jednota membership.

Art Fayta discussed the District presence at the upcoming Indiana Slovak Day and the Wisconsin Slovak Picnic. Ed Uram reported on the District's Slovak Christmas Tree at the 2008 Christmas Around the World display in Chicago. Fraternal Activities Director George Kelchak discussed the fraternal activities planned for 2009, and Vice President Barbara Fayta reported on the District's Easter Coloring Contest for children.

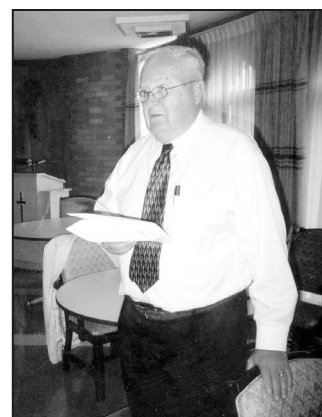
Plaques were presented to Art Fayta for his over 20 years of service as a district officer, and to John Jurcenko for his success in climbing up 24 floors at the John Hancock Building in Chicago during a senior's athletic event. The date, November 1, 2009, was chosen as the date for the district Annual Meeting and election of officers and convention delegates.

The meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m. with a prayer by Dorothy Jurcenko. Delegates then enjoyed a delicious dinner.

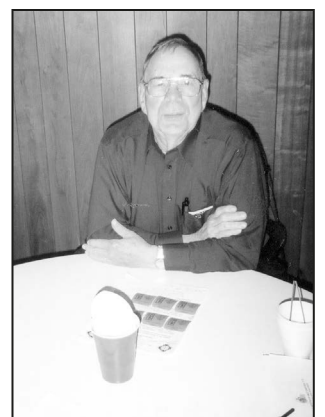
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Newly elected District 2 Vice President Rudy Bernath



Region 7 Director Rudy Glogovsky delivers his report



New District 2 Auditor Bob Elias

# 2009 International Golf Tournament Results

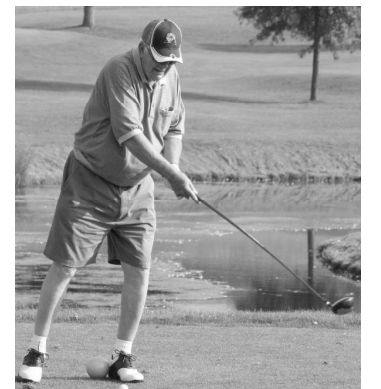
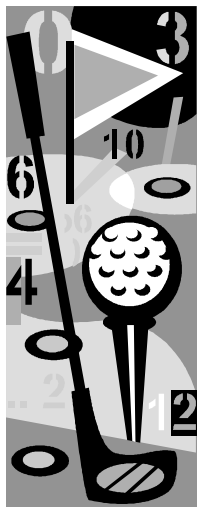


Last	First	Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
Cocoran	Paul	A	12	73	61	85	73	134
Velocci	Robert	A	9	75	66	78	69	135
Tofil	Josh	A	11	80	69	77	66	135
Gross	Ken	A	8	74	66	78	70	136
Watkins	Gary	A	9	77	68	80	71	139
Underation	John	A	9	78	69	79	70	139
Pogorelec	Scott	A	7	76	69	78	71	140
Stofko	Chris	A	7	73	66	81	74	140
Hornacek	Scott	A	7	80	73	76	69	142
Goss	Wane	A	10	86	76	76	66	142
Yokopenic	Richard	A	9	85	76	77	68	144
Suess	Albert	A	10	81	71	84	74	145
Menich	Tony	A	4	75	71	78	74	145
Piper	Rick	A	12	90	78	79	67	145
Yokopenic	Stephen	A	7	85	78	75	68	146
Hamrock	Tom	A	4	77	73	78	74	147
Terpin	Mark	A	10	85	75	82	72	147
Hornacek	Brian	A	6	81	75	80	74	149
Marchese	Mario	A	12	87	75	87	75	150
Macurak	Jim	A	8	84	76	82	74	150
Groner	Rusty	A	12	82	70	93	81	151
Lako	Raymond	A	9	83	74	86	77	151
Metarko	John	A	10	88	78	85	75	153
Quinn	Patrick	A	6	87	81	78	72	153
Quinn	Bill Jr	A	11	90	79	88	77	156
Hudec	Robert	A	8	86	78	89	81	159
Macko	Bob	A	9	94	85	83	74	159
Bolby	Donald	A	7	93	86	86	79	165
Glugosh	Larry	A	7	75	68	DNF	DNF	DNF
Bajus	Ed	B	18	85	67	84	66	133
Kane	Patrick	B	17	82	65	88	71	136
Muldoon	Tom Jr.	B	16	86	70	82	66	136
Brendel	Joe	B	19	93	74	81	62	136
Bakita	Nick	B	16	88	72	82	66	138
Suchy	Brian	B	17	89	72	83	66	138
Stofko	Greg	B	13	77	64	88	75	139
Dziuba	Chet	B	17	83	66	91	74	140
Koval	Don	B	19	87	68	91	72	140
Yokopenic	Jim	B	14	83	69	86	72	141
Guarino Jr	John	B	19	97	78	82	63	141
Labik	George	B	14	81	67	89	75	142
Berardo	Emilio	B	20	89	69	93	73	142
Underation	Joe	B	17	87	70	89	72	142
Halula	Barry	B	14	91	77	80	66	143
Pogorelec	Dr.	B	17	91	74	88	71	145
Underation	Marty	B	17	97	80	82	65	145
Sradomski	John	B	18	86	68	96	78	146
Collins	James	B	14	88	74	87	73	147
Zifcak	Brian	B	18	92	74	91	73	147
Wakmunski	Kevin	B	18	84	66	101	83	149
Rasimas	Tony	B	15	85	70	94	79	149
Pogorelec	Josh	B	17	96	79	87	70	149
Mitro	Milos	B	17	89	72	95	78	150
Molitor	Tom	B	16	85	69	99	83	152
Barron	Joe	B	14	88	74	92	78	152
Collins	Dave	B	17	89	72	98	81	153
Bakita	Steve	B	20	100	80	93	73	153
Nemcheck	Mike	B	13	88	75	92	79	154
Harak	Bob	B	20	96	76	99	79	155
Vargo	Dan	B	20	97	77	99	79	156
Tofil	Stan	B	20	97	77	100	80	157
Stofko	George	B	18	92	74	102	84	158
Parisi	Alan	B	17	90	73	104	87	160
Kapitan	Mike	B	19	103	84	111	92	176
Fareri	Jason	C	39	102	63	100	61	124
Shedlock	Keith	C	24	89	65	88	64	129
Zifcak	Dennis	C	25	94	69	87	62	131
Phillips	Brian	C	26	95	69	94	68	137
Pogorelec	Steve Jr.	C	24	83	59	103	79	138
Gdula	Jim	C	23	96	73	89	66	139
Papcun	Paul	C	21	98	77	84	63	140
Underation	Robert	C	24	97	73	93	69	142



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Last	First	Flight	HDCP	SAT GROSS	SAT TOTAL	SUN GROSS	SUN TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
Palchanis	Bob	C	21	96	75	88	67	142
Heckler	Ron	C	23	90	67	99	76	143
Coley	Ken	C	31	102	71	103	72	143
Nasta	Fr. Tom	C	31	104	73	103	72	145
Zamaris	Jim	C	24	90	66	104	80	146
Bachner	Kevin	C	23	94	71	98	75	146
Collins	Patrick	C	27	99	72	102	75	147
Moeller	Ben	C	21	98	77	91	70	147
Collins	Greg	C	22	92	70	100	78	148
Malenovitc	Matt	C	29	101	72	106	77	149
Ferrance	George	C	23	96	73	99	76	149
DeSalle	Dave	C	21	89	68	103	82	150
Bischak	Frank	C	31	104	73	108	77	150
Papcun	Steve	C	22	97	75	97	75	150
Pompiano	Frank	C	40	115	75	115	75	150
Hornacek	Phil	C	25	101	76	100	75	151
Gmiter	Tom	C	22	90	68	106	84	152
Nasta	Damian	C	37	108	71	118	81	152
Unger	Scott	C	24	92	68	109	85	153
Laury	Frank	C	27	105	78	102	75	153
Ferrance	Jerome	C	24	103	79	105	81	160
Koval	Steve	C	22	103	81	105	83	164
Fogle	Chuck	C	25	105	80	110	85	165
Tirpak	Dave	C	28	103	75	122	94	169
Burkhart	Joe	C	34	121	87	119	85	172
Latshaw	Robert	C	40	142	102	148	108	210
Potosnak	Jack	C	24	DNF	DNF	119	95	DNF
Glovany	Paul	S	30	94	64	90	60	124
Underation	Rich	S	25	91	66	89	64	130
Majercik	Tom	S	17	73	56	93	76	132
Gbur	Paul	S	17	80	63	86	69	132
Smith	George	S	27	95	68	92	65	133
Mountain	George	S	26	89	63	98	72	135
Yourich	Andy	S	14	84	70	80	66	136
Kopanic	Robert J.	S	23	91	68	92	69	137
Hornacek	John	S	16	90	74	79	63	137
Plavcan	Robert	S	13	89	76	74	61	137
Genet	Joe	S	17	89	72	83	66	138
Gmerck	Leonard	S	18	93	75	83	65	140
Olenick	Joseph	S	21	83	62	100	79	141
Albrecht	Michael	S	27	93	66	102	75	141
Putka	Richard	S	11	80	69	84	73	142
Kosciolek	Tom	S	20	92	72	90	70	142
Blazosky	Michael	S	15	86	71	87	72	143
Krenicky	Gene	S	14	87	73	84	70	143
Torok	Gene	S	14	88	74	84	70	144
Ulishney	Al	S	16	92	76	84	68	144
Eller	Terry	S	24	104	80	88	64	144
Underation	Pete	S	14	89	75	84	70	145
Baker	Ed	S	17	94	77	85	68	145
Brekosky	James	S	11	89	78	79	68	146
Ritz	Paul	S	22	88	66	103	81	147
Olenick	Donald D	S	13	81	68	92	79	147
Jursa	Joe	S	28	96	68	107	79	147
Shank, Sr	Clarence	S	20	97	77	90	70	147
Yanosick	Jack	S	21	91	70	99	78	148
Zedo	Edward	S	26	102	76	98	72	148
Kacsanek	George	S	33	113	80	101	68	148
Lako	Michael	S	24	95	71	102	78	149
Gdula	Michael	S	31	109	78	104	73	151
Hvozovic	Andrew	S	17	91	74	96	79	153
Brekosky	Regis P.	S	32	115	83	103	71	154
Talafous	Karol	S	33	104	71	118	85	156
Brekosky	Larry, Sr	S	14	103	89	82	68	157
Kitsko	Dr.	S	24	96	72	112	88	160
Vargo	Stephen	S	13	100	87	91	78	165
Hodos	Dick	S	15	96	81	101	86	167
Bukoskey	Paul	S	23	102	79	115	92	171
Petrasek	Joseph	S	32	107	75	DNF	DNF	DNF



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Last	First	Flight	CLARION GROSS	CLARION TOTAL	HI LEVEL GROSS	HI LEVEL TOTAL	FINAL SCORE
DeGol	Dave	D	74	71	107	81	141
Iskra	Tom Jr.	D	78	72	72	70	141
Finklestine	Marty	D	79	72	79	69	144
Miscovich	Frank	D	80	72	75	72	144
Iskra	Dave	D	82	73	76	72	145
Fogle	William	D	83	74	77	72	146
Rosa	John	D	85	74	79	72	146
Miller	Roy	D	89	74	77	72	146
Ferlin	Don	D	88	74	77	72	147
Sivecz	Edward	D	85	73	84	73	148
Pogorelec	Jeremy	D	98	75	82	75	148
Yanosick	Joe	D	103	76	89	73	148
Heckler	Ross	D	90	75	89	72	149
Dawson	Dan	D	98	75	90	74	149
Pogorelec	Evan	D	100	76	92	74	149
Czankner	Mike	D	87	76	95	73	150
Czankner	Andrew Jr.	D	95	76	91	74	150
Kozusko	Tim	D	98	76	90	74	150
Shannon	Hal	D	90	75	87	74	151
Deiter	Jay	D	99	79	89	76	151
Moeller	Cliff Jr.	D	104	77	84	72	151
Felus	Bruno	D	92	78	100	74	152
Simon	Ken	D	90	76	82	74	152
Maloskey	Robert	D	100	79	88	76	152
Checton	Clarence	D	106	77	87	73	152
Cassisi	Nick	D	97	77	104	75	153
Ropon	Dennis	D	95	77	92	76	153
Kreminsky	Tom	D	102	77	97	76	153
Paschel	Rege	D	105	76	96	76	153
Hudzik	James	D	108	78	96	77	153
Smith	Philip	D	99	80	99	75	154
Czankner	Chris	D	94	75	94	74	154
Kacsanek	Andrew	D	122	82	101	79	158
Columbus	Mike	D	123	83	116	76	161
Smolkowicz	Kevin	D	131	91	107	78	170
Bickel	Kevin	D	135	95	111	79	198
Petrasek	Michael Sr.	D	DNF	DNF	81	74	DNF
Petrasek	Michael Jr.	D	DNF	DNF	96	75	DNF
Petrasek	Gregory	D	DNF	DNF	96	78	DNF
Shannon	Mary	W	94	75	86	74	149
Smith	Loretta	W	93	75	106	74	149
Palchanis	Terry	W	98	75	89	75	150
Aldrich	Barb	W	109	74	89	76	150
Von Friedl	Helen	W	120	76	109	74	150
Starr	Mary Margaret	W	110	75	107	76	151
Harak	Kathleen	W	117	76	112	75	151
Macko	Kathleen	W	110	76	98	76	152
Frank	Linda	W	98	77	89	76	153
Goss	Mary Jo	W	98	76	99	77	153
Macko	Carol	W	99	79	94	76	155
Mitro	Anne	W	121	78	115	77	155
Sullivan	Judy	W	122	77	118	78	155
Tomas	Sharon	W	129	79	120	77	156
Palchanis	Kelly	W	129	79	119	79	158
Zablotney	Danielle	W	129	79	127	79	158
Watkins	Kathleen	W	136	86	136	86	172
Babik	Edie	W	143	93	131	81	174
Jursa	Maureen	W	165	115	150	100	215
Hudzik	Marianne	W	176	126	150	100	226
Underation	Kelly	W	188	138	173	123	261



# BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BRANCH 3-  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

The SS. Cyril and Methodius Society, Branch 3, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. in Father Dargay Memorial Hall at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. On the agenda will be officers' reports, a discussion of activities for 2010, the election of delegates to the National Convention, and the election of branch officers. Lunch will be served after the meeting.

**Joseph Matlon, President**

**BRANCH 3P-  
HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 3P, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church Cafeteria, 604 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend and to offer suggestions for future branch activities. Refreshments will be served. Please spread the word to fellow members.

**Mike Koval, Financial Secretary**

**BRANCH 23-  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 23, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant located at Galleria Drive. On the agenda will be a discussion of mid-year business topics. All members are invited to attend for a luncheon and meeting.

**Larry Fenimore, President**

**BRANCH 89-  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

The Knights of St. Mary Society, Branch 89, will hold its Fall Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 20, 2009. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Church, 3970 North 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Immediately following the liturgy, all are invited to a breakfast at The Grecian Inn, 14375 West Capital Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin. Members are free. Guests are welcome but will pay for their own breakfast. The cost is \$12.00 per person. To make reservations, please call Mike at 414/445-5382 by September 16, 2009.

A request is being made for members willing to serve as officers. We need nominees for officers.

**Mike Novak, President**

**BRANCH 112-  
MAHANAOY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 112, will hold a meeting on Sunday, September 27,

2009, at 2:00 p.m. at 86 Spring Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Please call 544-6694 for directions. Delegates for the 49th Convention in Cleveland, Ohio will be discussed.

**Karen Engle Sterling**

**BRANCH 162-  
UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. Wendelin Society, Branch 162, will hold its Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at K2 Engineering Conference Room, 234 Pittsburgh Street, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be officers' reports and a discussion of branch activities and delegates to the convention. Any topics to be considered at the convention or changes to the bylaws should also be discussed. All members are invited to attend. For directions call Dolores at 724/437-4983.

**Dolores Marmol, Secretary**

**BRANCH 166-  
BINGHAMTON, CAPITAL AREA, PEEKSKILL,  
POUGHKEEPSIE AND SYRACUSE, NEW YORK**

The St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 166, will hold its Annual Meeting and Dinner on Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 1:15 p.m. at the Old Country Buffet, at the Town Square Mall, Vestal, New York. The agenda will consist of Branch business and a discussion of new products and the Convention to be held in August 2010. Members are encouraged to attend. Please call Sue Gabriel at 607/729-8034 or Arlo Meeker at 607/775-4896 by October 20, 2009.

We hope to see you at the meeting.

**Arlo Meeker, President**

**BRANCH 228-  
LORAIN, OHIO**

The St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Society, Branch 228, will take off during the months of July and August to enjoy the summer and rest up for the work to be done in preparation of the FCSU Convention of 2010. Therefore, the next meeting will be held Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 30th and Broadway, Lorain, Ohio.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the American Slovak Club. The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaws review during the December meeting as is done each December. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors. There is a lot to

be considered during the summer in preparation for the convention as various issues will be discussed and acted upon during this time. Any issues you would like to see discussed at the convention should be considered now so they may be properly presented for concern by the convention body. Also, now is the time to consider being a convention delegate. We expect to be able to send six (6) delegates to represent our branch. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as a delegate and the experience will never be forgotten. So enjoy the summer, rest up for the work to be done September, and visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for updates.

**Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary**

**BRANCH 260-  
CAMPBELL, OHIO**

The St. Matthew Society, Branch 260, will hold its Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at Msgr. Cyril Adamko Hall at St. Elizabeth Church. The Convention will be the main topic of discussion. Changes in the bylaws and other items of interest will also be discussed. Members are urged to attend.

**Charles M. Terek, President**

**BRANCH 266-  
HAZLETON, PENNSYLVANIA**

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 266, will hold its Semiannual Meeting on Sunday, September 20, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in St. Joseph Church Cafeteria, 604 North Laurel Street, Hazleton, Pennsylvania. Join us for refreshments and fellowship and see what's happening in our society. All members are urged to attend.

**Richard Lazar, Financial Secretary**

**BRANCH 313-  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 313, will have a meeting on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Mother of Sorrows Convent, 5900 West 147<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Forest, Illinois. On the agenda will be a discussion of new membership for our society.

**Joseph M. Bugel, President/  
Financial Secretary**

**BRANCH 367-  
FAIRCHANCE, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 367, will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. at Bogeys Restaurant and Sports Bar, Uniontown, Pennsylvania. All members are urged to attend.

**Jane Kish, Secretary**

**BRANCH 401-  
EAST VANDERGRIFT, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch 401, will hold a meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at King's Restaurant, Hyde Park Road, Leechburg, Pennsylvania. On the agenda will be a discussion of the next convention in 2010, any new resolutions, convention delegates and new branch officers. All members are invited to attend.

**Rose Froncek, Secretary**

**BRANCH 628-  
HOMESTEAD, PENNSYLVANIA**

The St. Michael the Archangel Society, Branch 628, will hold a meeting on Sunday, September 27, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at 821 Laura Avenue, West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. We will review recent activities and also discuss future plans and events.

**Sylvia J. Vehc, Recording Secretary**

**BRANCH 682-  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

The St. George Society, Branch 682, will hold its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Material Research Lab, 290 North Bridge Street, Struthers, Ohio. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Andrew J. Hirt, President**

**BRANCH 706-  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

The St. Anthony of Padua Society, Branch

706, will hold its Fall Meeting on Friday, October 16, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of the president, Shirley M. Uram, 13861 South 86th Avenue, Orland Park, Illinois. On the agenda will be the election of officers for 2010 and a discussion on membership as well as activities for the coming year. All members are invited to attend. If you plan to attend, please call Mrs. Uram at 708/349-9049.

**Shirley M. Uram, President**

**BRANCH 731-  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO**

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 731, will have a meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Matthias Church Rectory, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

We urge all members to attend as we will be discussing proposed Bylaw changes that we would like to submit to the 49<sup>th</sup> International Convention.

**Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary**

**BRANCH 743-  
STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN**

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

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

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

**Joseph C. Rimarcik, President & Financial Secretary**

**BRANCH 746-  
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746, will hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 4, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room of Msgr. Komar Hall of Holy Family Church, Linden, New Jersey. On the agenda will be the completion of the plans for the November Dinner Dance and a discussion of the Christmas party and other events for next year. Refreshments will be served.

**Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary**

**BRANCH 746-  
LINDEN, NEW JERSEY**

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

**Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary**

## Answer to Puzzle

*Solution to Puzzle from page 11*

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## V boji o klientov SkyEurope vedú SmartWings

Praha (TASR) - Viac ako 12,000 klientov SkyEurope už nedávno využilo ponuky konkurenčných leteckých spoločností na zvýhodnené letenky. Podľa českého denníka Mladá fronta Dnes (MfD) najviac zákazníkov v Prahe prilákali nízkonákladové SmartWings a Wizz Air. Naopak, České aerolinie (ČSA) zatiaľ prepravili len zlomok klientov, ktorým skomplikoval situáciu krach SkyEurope. Nízkonákladové aerolinie SmartWings už oznámili, že zvýšili frekvenciu letov do Ríma a Paríža. Klienti SkyEurope majú najväčší záujem o Rím, Solún, Neapol a Split. Firma tiež pre niektoré cestovné kancelárie (CK) vypraví špeciálne lety na Sardíniu a na Sicíliu, kde uviazli ich klienti s letenkou od SkyEurope.

Zhruba 4,500 cestujúcich z a do Prahy zatiaľ získal maďarský Wizz Air, ktorý by chcel prevziať po SkyEurope post druhého najväčšieho dopravcu na pražskom letisku. Podľa mediálneho zástupcu aerolinií Martina Frýdla táto spoločnosť tiež predala 2,000 leteniek z Budapešti a Bratislavy.

ČSA prišli s ponukou pre zúfalých klientov SkyEurope ako prvé, ale nie sú také úspešné. Do kontaktného centra ČSA síce podľa ich hovorkyne Hany Hejskovej volalo už 16,000 ľudí, ale letenku za 50 eur (1506,30 Sk) si kúpilo zatiaľ len 500 cestujúcich. Na rozdiel od konkurencie totiž ČSA s letenkou nezabezpečia aj miesto v lietadle. Ide o tzv. standby letenku, cestujúci môže letieť len v prípade, že je voľné sedadlo. Aerolinie však oproti očakávaniu začínajú zlacňovať lety z Prahy do destinácií, do ktorých predtým lietali SkyEurope, napríklad do Paríža či Amsterdamu.



## Z rokovania vlády Slovenskej republiky

Dňa 26. 8. 2009 sa konala 167. schôdza vlády Slovenskej republiky. Podpredseda vlády SR pre vedomostnú spoločnosť, európske záležitosti, ľudské práva a menšiny Dušan Čaplovič a predsedníčka Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí Vilma Prívarová na jej rokovaní predložili správu o štátnej politike starostlivosti o Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí a o poskytnutej štátnej podpore Slovákom žijúcim v zahraničí za rok 2008 spolu s návrhom programu štátnej politiky starostlivosti o Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí na rok 2010.

Správa, pozostávajúca z dvoch častí, poskytuje prehľad výkonu štátnej politiky starostlivosti o Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí za rok 2008 a návrh programu pre túto oblasť na rok 2010. Obe časti sú rozdelené podľa vykonávateľa štátnej politiky. Prvá časť informuje o konkrétnych krokoch a opatreniach jednotlivých rezortov a ostatných subjektov zameraných na výkon štátnej politiky v oblasti zahraničnopolitickej, výchovno-vzdelávacej, vedecko-výskumnej, kultúrno-spoločenskej a mediálno-informačnej. Rozsahom dominujú aktivity Úradu pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí, ktorého primárnou úlohou je zabezpečovať proces tvorby a výkonu štátnej politiky starostlivosti o krajanov. Druhá časť vychádza z prijatej koncepcie štátnej politiky starostlivosti o Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí do roku 2015, pričom definuje konkrétne úlohy pre všetky relevantné orgány a inštitúcie na rok 2010.

Vláda Slovenskej republiky predmetný materiál schválila bez pripomienok.

ÚŠZZ



## Práce na dostavbe atómovej elektrárne v Mochovciach pokračujú

Mochovce (TASR) – Premiér Robert Fico sa bol v auguste osobne presvedčiť, ako pokračujú práce na dostavbe 3. a 4. bloku atómovej elektrárne v Mochovciach. Spoločne s generálnym riaditeľom a predsedom predstavenstva Slovenských elektrární Paolom Ruzzinim a ministrom hospodárstva Ľubomírom Jahnátkom si prezrel výstavbu priestoru pre čerpadlá, reaktorovú sálu a plynojem.

Dostavba elektrárne má podľa premiéra prebehnúť v extrémne krátkom čase. "Tretí blok má byť dostavaný koncom roka 2012 a 4. blok v mesiacoch august až september 2013. Som potešený, že pri výstavbe sa vytvorí množstvo pracovných miest, nehovoriac už o energetickej dôležitosti dostavby," skonštatoval. Zároveň poďakoval spoločnosti Enel za dobrú spoluprácu.

Podľa slov ministra hospodárstva Ľubomíra Jahnátka v súčasnosti pracuje na dostavbe elektrárne 670 zamestnancov, neskôr sa má ich počet podstatne zvýšiť. "V tejto fáze prebiehajú práce veľmi dobre. Pripravuje sa všetko na to, aby sa mohla montovať technológia. Predpokladáme, že v tej hlavnej špičke, niekedy v roku 2010, tu nájde prácu okolo 4,000 ľudí," uviedol Jahnátek.

## Musica sacra v Levoči

Koncom júla sa v Levoči uskutočnil medzinárodný festival sakrálnej hudby Musica sacra. Festival začal otváracou sv. omšou, ktorú celebroval levočský dekan Mons. František Dluhoš. Program pokračoval súťažnou prezentáciou mladých organistov. Predsedom poroty bol prof. Klemens Schnorr z Mníchova. Víťazom sa stal Miroslav Piš, organista-regenschori kostola Sv. Košických mučeníkov v Košiciach. Večernú sv. omšu celebroval prof. Amantius Akimjak. Spevácky zbor Chorus minor z Levoče spieval ľudovú Mariánsku omšu, ktorú dirigoval autor, Jozef Halmo. Sólo spieval Martin Oscitý z Mníchova.

Druhý deň festivalu tiež začal sv. omšou, ktorú celebroval spišský pomocný biskup Andrej Imrich a hudobne sprevádzal zbor sv. Cecílie z košického Dómu. Počas sv. omše okrem iného zaznela Mozartova Spatzen-Messe a Händlovo Halleluja. Po sv. omši otec biskup požehnal pútnikov do Santiago de Compostella v Španielsku. Podvečer bol organový koncert levočskej rodáčky Bernadety Šuňavskej a prof. K. Schnorra.

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## Hlas Svätého Otca bude znieť aj na CD

Vatikán (RV) – Hlas a spev Svätého Otca sa objaví na hudobnom CD, ktoré na jeseň vydá talianska katolícka mediálna skupina Multimedia San Paolo v spolupráci s vydavateľstvom Geffen-Universal. Okrem nahrávok príhovorov a modlitieb Benedikta XVI. v rôznych jazykoch bude CD pravdepodobne obsahovať aj osem originálnych kompozícií klasickej hudby v podaní britského Kráľovského filharmonického orchestra. Nahrávky Svätého Otca dal k dispozícii zo svojho archívu Vatikánsky rozhlas. Medzi nimi je aj tá, na ktorej Benedikt XVI. spieva mariánsku modlitbu Raduj sa nebies kráľovná. V minulosti už bolo vytvorené podobné CD s názvom „Abba Pater“ s hlasom Jána Pavla II., ktoré u veriach zožalo veľký úspech. –mf–



## Storočnica Univ. Prof. JUDr. Jozef A. Mikuša, LL. D.

\*3. júl 1909 – †19. máj 2005

Rodák z Krivej na Orave, prominentný slovenský exultant a bojovník za politickú individualitu Slovákov, štátnu samostatnosť Slovenska, čestný člen Slovenského ústavu, člen Slovenskej ligy v Amerike, zakladajúci člen Svetového kongresu Slovákov, laureát Zlatej cyrilometodskej medaily USKI, laureát Hlinkovho pokálu USKS, laureát Zlatej pera Združenia Slovákov vo Švajčiarsku, laureát Zlatej medaily sv. Cyrila a Metoda Matice slovenskej, nositeľ Radu Izabely Katolíckej Španielskeho kráľovstva, nositeľ Pribinovho kríža Slovenskej republiky I. triedy za zásluhy v boji Slovákov za štátnu samostatnosť.

Prof. JUDr. Jozef August Mikuš, čestný člen Slovenského ústavu, sa narodil 3. júla 1909 v Krivej na Orave. Promoval na Právnickej fakulte Univerzity Komenského v Bratislave roku 1934 a potom pracoval na Ministerstve zahraničia v Prahe, kde zostal až do zániku Č-SR, t. j. do 14. marca 1939, kedy prešiel do služieb Slovenskej republiky. Najprv bol tajomníkom Vyslanectva Slovenskej republiky pri Kvirináli v Ríme, potom od roku 1940 Chargé d'affaires Slovenskej republiky v Madride. V marci 1944 ho z tejto funkcie odvolali a vymenovali za šéfa protokolu Ministerstva zahraničia. Po skončení 2. svetovej vojny v apríli 1946 ho preverili a pracoval v službách Slovenskej národnej rady, kde mu bol priznaný rang radcu odboru. V tom čase sa aj oženil, jeho manželka bola Francúzka Renée Perréal, ktorá zomrela 30. XII. 1991 vo Washingtone.

V rokoch 1945 až 1948 bol až tri razy uväznený a keď ho prišla polícia zatknúť po štvrtý raz, tak za dramatických okolností utiekol cez Budapešť a Viedeň do Paríža. V hlavnom meste Francúzska pôsobil ako novinár a napísal i publikoval okrem iných publikácií aj jedinečné dielo o boji Slovákov o rovnoprávnosť v 1. Č-SR La Slovaquie dans le drame de l'Europe [Slovensko v dráme Európy], prvé a dosiaľ neprekonané súborné dielo o slovenskej otázke v reči francúzskej, dielo ktoré neskôr vyšlo aj po anglicky.

V decembri 1951 emigroval s manželkou a dcérou Izabelou do USA, kde najprv pôsobil ako francúzsky a španielsky tlmočník Štátneho departmentu USA pre prominentných frankofónnych a hispanofónnych hostí americkej vlády. Potom sa stal profesorom európskych dejín a medzinárodných vzťahov, najprv na Saint John's University v Queens (New York), neskôr na Georgian Court College v Lakewood (New Jersey). Počas svojho pedagogického účinkovania a po odchode do dôchodku uverejnil 16 (šestnásť) kníh, z toho 8 o dejinách Slovenska. Jeho ostatná kniha vyšla pričinením Slovenského ústavu v Ríme vo vydavateľstve Slovenskej akadémie vied v Bratislave pod názvom Slovakia. A Political and Constitutional History with Documents [Politické a ústavné dejiny Slovenska s dokumentami]. Popri obsažnom úvode obsahuje 61 významných dokumentov zo slovenských dejín, ktoré pôvodca preložil do angličtiny zväčša z nemčiny, francúzštiny, češtiny a slovenčiny.

Vo všetkých svojich knihách vždy obhajoval právo Slovákov na štátnu samostatnosť a zdôrazňoval ambície Slovenska stať sa samostatnou krajinou v rámci slobodnej Európy, čo mu počas jeho polstoročného exilu prinášalo nielen príkorie, biľagovanie a existenčné starosti, ale aj úklady o jeho život a jeho rodiny.

Na podnet Únie slovenských spisovateľov, umelcov a kultúrnych tvorcov žijúcich mimo územia Slovenska v roku 1994 Matica slovenská v Turčianskom Sv. Martine usporiadala odborný seminár o živote a celoživotnom diele Jozefa A. Mikuša z ktorého vyšiel knižne zborník. Neskôr Slovenská televízia nakrútila dokumentárny film o tomto eminentnom Oravcovi.

Udelenie Pribinovho kríža I. triedy, najvyššieho štátneho vyznamenania Slovenskej republiky Prof. JUDr. Jozefovi A. Mikušovi, nebolo len vyjadrením uznania jednej z najvýznamnejších osobností protikomunistického exilu – ktorá celý svoj život obetovala jednému zo základných odkazov našich dejín „Za Boha, za národ, za samostatný slovenský štát“ – ale aj významným prejavom dobrej vôle prezidenta a vlády Slovenskej republiky voči Slovákom v zahraničí, menovito americkým Slovákom, a prispelo aj k posilneniu bilaterálnych vzťahov medzi SR a USA, lebo laureát bol občanom Spojených štátov amerických.

J. M. Rydlo, člen Slovenského ústavu



Bronz z dielne akademického sochára Viliama Schiffera



## Slávnostné otvorenie

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Medzinárodného festivalu tradičného bábkového divadla Anderleho Radvaň 2009 a výstavy Bábkar Anton Andrie v Literárnom a hudobnom múzeu Štátnej vedeckej knižnice v Banskej Bystrici 3. septembra 2009. Na snímke vystúpenie Otta Van Der Mierena z Holandska.

The grand opening of the international festival of puppets Anderle Radvan 2009 in Banska Bystrica on September 3, 2009.



## Hokejista Šatan s trofejou na Slovensku

Bratislava (TASR) – Slovenský hokejista Miroslav Šatan vo štvrtok 24. augusta priniesol do Bratislavy slávny Stanleyho pohár a odštartoval jeho púť po rodnej krajine. Najcennejšia klubová trofej dorazila na Slovensko s miernym meškaním, no jej dočasný majiteľ žiaril šťastím a rovnako aj množstvo fanúšikov, ktorí sa prišli pozrieť na unikátnu trofej. Stanleyho pohár zavítal na Slovensko už po štvrtý raz. Prvýkrát ho priviezol Jiří Bicek, ktorý v NHL triumfoval v roku 2003 s New Jersey. Nasledujúci rok sa objavil pod Tatrami zásluhou Martina Cibáka a Tamy Bay. Tretíkrát ho vlni priviezol Tomáš Kopecký, ktorý vyhral s Detroitom a tentoraz dorazil s Miroslavom Šatanom. Ten ho vyhral s Pittsburghom Penguins.

Šatan má v zbierke takmer všetky najcennejšie trofeje, ktoré môže hokejista počas kariéry získať. Vo svojej vitríne má uložené všetky tri najcennejšie kovy z majstrovstiev sveta a teraz už aj Stanleyho pohár. Jediné, čo mu ešte chýba je olympijské zlato, to by mohol dosiahnuť už na budúci rok na ZOH vo Vancouveri. „Keď sme vyhrali zlato na majstrovstvách sveta, tak to bolo okorené tým, že sme prvýkrát niečo vyhrali. Že malá krajina dokázala zdolať oveľa väčších súperov a urobiť diery do sveta. Bol to skvelý zážitok a budem si to pamätať celý život, rovnako aj to privítanie v Bratislave,“ pripomenul majstrovské oslavy po zisku premiérového zlata v ére samostatnosti. Radosť zo zisku Stanleyho pohára však nie je o nič menšia, no podľa útočníka má svoje špecifiká: „Stanleyho pohár je v tomto o niečo inom, tam sa to vlastne vyhráva pre toto mesto. Tá súťaž trvá veľmi dlho, šesť a pol mesiaca a ešte dva mesiace play off, je to strašná drina. Takže je to hrozne dlhá doba, kým sa k tomu človek dopracuje. Mne to trvalo štrnásť rokov, kým sa mi na neho podarilo siahnúť. Určite, Stanleyho pohár je oveľa ťažšie vyhrať. No vážim si to rovnako, aj keď emočne som to viac prežíval pri tých medailách, keďže to bolo prvýkrát niečo veľké.“

Stanleyho pohár sa po tlačovej konferencii presunul na Onkologické oddelenie Detskej fakultnej nemocnice na Kramároch. Po krátkom oddychu sa Miro zúčastnil veľkej recepcii v bratislavskej Redute. Medzi pozvanými hosťami bol aj prezident republiky Ivan Gašparovič. V piatok 25. augusta udalosť patrila regiónu, v ktorom Šatan vyrastal. Dopoludnia sa s trofejou potešila jeho rodina v Jacovciach a popoludní ho prijal starosta obce. Nasledne sa sprievod vybral do Topoľčian na exhibičný charitatívny zápas. Za účasti primátora mesta sa konal bohatý spoločensko-kultúrny program na topoľčianskom námestí, ktorý bol poslednou oficiálnou akciou Stanleyho pohára na Slovensku.

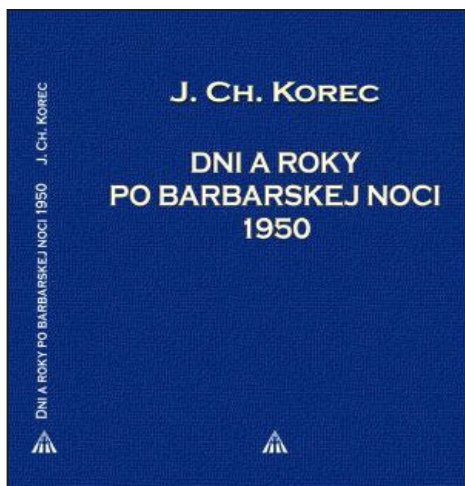


## J. Ch. Korec vydal svedectvo

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bil, ale keď spoločnosť šliapala po tom, čo je pre nás najcennejšie – po kresťanských hodnotách, neváhal pozdvihnúť svoj hlas či chytiť do ruky pero, a to aj za cenu žalára či prenasledovania. Osobné svedectvo tejto mimoriadne vzácnej publikácie, ako i svedectvá tých, ktorí otca kardinála poznajú, potvrdzujú, že Ján Ch. Korec vždy vystupoval ako svedok slobody prežívanej vo vernosti pravde a vlastnému svedomiu. Pre históriu bude preto – aj vďaka tejto novej knihe a jej autorovi – zvlášť cenné poznať „z prvej ruky“ svedectvo o ťažkých a temných časoch našich slovenských dejín v druhej polovici 20. storočia.

Ivan Šulík, Katolícke noviny



## Pred 95 rokmi získal slovenský rodák Štefan Banič patent na padák

Washington (TASR) – Slovenský emigrant Štefan Banič získal v Amerike pred 95 rokmi, 25. augusta 1914, patent na svoj padák. Padák vlastnej konštrukcie predviedol zástupcom patentového úradu a letectva USA. Dňa 3. júna 1914 s ním bezpečne skočil z budovy vysokej 15 metrov. Jeho žiadosť o registráciu vynálezu prijal americký patentový ústav 3. júla toho istého roku. Rodák zo Smoleníc, vyučený murár, emigroval v roku 1907 do USA. Najskôr sa zamestnal v bani v Greenville. Počas práce v továrni na poľnohospodárske stroje v Chicagu študoval na večernej škole.

Hoci zariadenie, s ktorým sa možno spustiť bez nebezpečenstva z výšky - padák v podobe obráteného kužela vznášajúceho sa nad výsadbárom - bolo známe dávnejšie, prišiel Banič s vlastným riešením. Zostrojil padák osobitej teleskopickéj konštrukcie dáždnikového typu s tkanivovým krytím, upínajúci sa okolo tela človeka vo výške hrude. Otváral sa systémom pružín. Bola to akási vzdušná brzda, ktorou sa malo dať vo vzduchu údajne ľahko manévrovať. Ešte predtým, ako svoj vynález predviedol pred komisiou, vyskúšal ho niekoľkokrát s priateľmi. Patent Štefana Baniča bol zaregistrovaný pod číslom 1.108.484. Patria k nemu podrobný opis konštrukcie a funkcií jednotlivých častí padáka a presné technické nákresy. Na titulnej strane patentovej listiny sa píše, že sa vyhovelo zákonným požiadavkám a Štefanovi Baničovi a jeho dedičom sa priznáva oprávnenie na patentovanie vynálezu na obdobie 17 rokov a výlučné právo vyrábať, používať a predávať uvedený vynález prislúcha len Spojeným štátom. Hoci patent odkúpila americká armáda, nikdy ho nevyužila.

Štefan Banič sa v roku 1920 vrátil na Slovensko. V rodnej dedine býval až do svojej smrti 2. januára 1941. Čestný člen Americkej spoločnosti na podporu letectva bol spoluobjaviteľom jaskyne Driny pri Smoleniciach. V Bratislave na letisku M.R. Štefánika mu v roku 1970 odhalili pamätník. Smolenice si svojho technicky nadaného rodáka pripomenuli 14. júna 2006 pamätníkom, ktorý financovali veteráni z Klubu vojenských výsadbárov. Jeho pamiatku v rodnej obci pripomína aj náhrobný kameň v tvare padáka a pamätná tabuľa na rodnom dome.



## Slováci začínajú konečne objavovať vlastnú krajinu

Bratislava (TASR) - Poskytovatelia služieb v cestovnom ruchu zaznamenávajú počas tohtoročnej letnej turistickej sezóny zvýšený záujem domácich turistov o dovolenku na Slovensku. Zatiaľ čo vplyvom hospodárskej krízy zahraničných návštevníkov, najmä tých z okolitých krajín - z Česka, Poľska a Maďarska, ubudlo, sezónu zachraňujú domáci dovolenkári. „Slováci začínajú konečne objavovať vlastnú krajinu, ktorá často ponúka silnejšie pozitívne zážitky, ako pri návšteve zahraničia. Slovenská agentúra pre cestovný ruch (SACR) v tomto roku vsadila na intenzívnejšiu podporu domáceho cestovného ruchu, čo sa ukázalo ako správna voľba,“ uviedla generálna riaditeľka SACR Svetlana Gavorová.

Prezident Slovenskej asociácie cestovných kancelárií a cestovných agentúr (SACKA) Tomáš Hasala si myslí, že na trend zvýšeného záujmu Slovákov dovolenkovat' doma je potrebné jednoznačne nadviazať, a to vzhľadom na konkurenciu pobytov pri mori, ako aj atraktívnych ponúk z okolitých krajín, najmä Maďarska a Rakúska. Slovensko má podľa neho v oblasti cestovného ruchu čo ponúknuť, takže s postupným približovaním životnej úrovne k západoeurópskej očakáva aj výraznejšie zvyšovanie príjmov z domáceho cestovného ruchu. „Podnikatelia sa vplyvom krízy konečne zobudili a začali chápať potrebu marketingu, cenových zliav, ponuky balíčkov služieb a spolupráce medzi sebou. K vyššej návštevnosti v tomto roku určite prispieva aj kampaň SACR podporujúca domáci turizmus, série článkov o turistickom potenciáli jednotlivých regiónov v denníkoch i rozhlasové relácie o krásach našej vlasti,“ konštatoval generálny riaditeľ sekcie turizmu Ministerstva hospodárstva (MH) SR Gabriel Kuliffay.

„Odporúčam dovolenkárom dopriať si do roka aj niekoľko krátkodobých pobytov za poznaním zaujímavostí, atrakcií a pamätihodností nášho krásneho Slovenska. Rodičia by mali svojim ratolestiam poukazovať čo najväčší „kus“ Slovenska. Moje čerstvé, tohtoročné skúsenosti z potuliek po Vysokých a Nizkých Tatrách sú tie najlepšie, stretával som v zariadeniach cestovného ruchu ľudí milých, usmiatech a ochotných. Nadobudol som dojem, že si všetci spoločne uvedomujeme, čo si služby v cestovnom ruchu žiadajú,“ uviedol 1. viceprezident SACKA Stanislav Macko. Pavol Kašuba zo ZHR SR by Slovákom odporučil lepšie poznať svoju krajinu. V mnohých prípadoch podľa neho poznajú Česi naše hory lepšie ako Slováci. „Každoročne absolvujem jeden víkend v slovenských horách a keď je pekné počasie, tak nepoznám krajší pocit, ako pozerat' sa z kopcov do údolí,“ dodal.

Všetci oslovení odborníci z branže cestovného ruchu sa zhodli, že služby v cestovnom ruchu na Slovensku sa stále zlepšujú, aj keď existujú výnimky, respektíve by tempo rastu kvality služieb mohlo byť rýchlejšie. „Nestačí mať len pekný hotel, penzión či akvapark. Kým pracovníci v turizme nepochopia, že slúžiť iným ľuďom je radosť a nielen povinnosť, za ktorú som platený, že bez úsmevu nie je pohoda, nebudeme mať viac spokojných návštevníkov. Neklaňajme sa len zahraničnému turistovi, domáci je pre nás aspoň taký dôležitý, navyše k nám môže zavítať častejšie, napríklad na predĺžený víkend. Aj cudzinec sa zvykne objaviť už len tam, kde to dobre funguje aj pre domáceho turistu,“ uzavrel Kuliffay.

## Slovenská katolícka púť v Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, NY

„Slávna si Kráľovna nebies pani, Ty si nám pomocou v utrpení ...“

Za krásneho slnečného počasia sa v nedeľu 16. augusta 2009 uskutočnila tradičná Slovenská katolícka púť do Marian Shrine vo West Haverstraw, New York, ktorú každoročne usporiada Spolok sv. Štefana, č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty. Zúčastnilo sa jej takmer 100 pútnikov z New Yorku, New Jersey a Connecticut.

Slávnostnú svätú omšu, pri príležitosti sviatku Nanebovzatia Panny Márie, odslúžil otec Ambróz Štebák zo Slovenska z Premonštrálneho kláštora Jasov. Koncelebrantom mu bol otec Štefan Chanas, zo Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, NYC. Sviatok našej Nebeskej Matky, ktorú sme si v Mariánskej Svätyni prišli touto púťou uctiť, umocnil krásnym spevom organista Rado Lesay.

Po svätej omši nasledoval v areáli Marian Shrine obed, ktorý pripravili ochotné pracovníčky pod vedením otca Williama Bucciferra. Na záver našej púte, sa uskutočnila v parku areálu pod vedením otca Štefana Chanasa, Ružencová pobožnosť modlitbou slávnostného Ruženca a spievaním Mariánskych piesní.

Za plynulý priebeh podujatia patrí vďaka predovšetkým výboru Spolku sv. Štefana, opátovi otcovi Ambróziu Martinovi Štebákovi, nášmu pánu farárovi otcovi Martinovi Svitanovi, otcovi Štefanovi Chanasovi, organistovi Radovi Lesayovi, ako i všetkým zúčastneným púte.

Pochválený buď Ježiš Kristus

**Henrieta H. Daitová**  
tajomníčka Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716



Účastníci tradičnej Mariánskej púte 16. júla 2009 vo West Haverstraw, NY.



Počas svätej omše na Mariánskej púti 16. augusta 2009 zľava: miništrant; opát otec Ambróz Martin Štebák zo Slovenska; otec Štefan Chanas, z N.Y.C. a Henrieta Daitová.

## Festival slovenského dedičstva v Holmdel, NJ bude 27. septembra

32. Festival slovenského dedičstva bude v nedeľu 27. septembra v PNC Bank Center v Holmdel, NJ. Prípravný výbor festivalu pripravuje aj tento rok bohatý program. Bohoslužby v byzantskom obrade začnú o 11. hodine. V kultúrno-zábavnom programe vystúpi folklórna skupina z USA a účinkovať budú aj umelci zo Slovenska.

Tohoročný festival je venovaný pamiatke gen. Milana Rastislava Štefánika pri príležitosti 90. výročia jeho smrti. Výbor festivalu pripravuje aj pamätnú brožúrku 32. festivalu slovenského dedičstva. Záujemcovia o koncesie alebo inzeráty v pamätnici sa môžu skontaktovať s nasledovnými:

Potravinové koncesie: Tomáš Duch, 550 Blvd., Elmwood Park, NJ 07407; tel. č. (201) 794-7234.

Nepotravinové koncesie.: Zuzana Krčmár, 33 Wieselnd Drift Rd. Woodland Park, NJ 07424; tel. č. (973) 357-1209.

Inzeráty v pamätnici: Ján Holý, 205 Madison St., Passaic, NJ 07055; tel. č. (973) 472-8993 alebo (973) 669-8208.

## Oberačková zábava v New York City

Spolok sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty úctivo pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na Oberačkovú zábavu, ktorá sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 25. októbra 2009 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia vo Veľkej sále Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 East 66th Street v N.Y.C. Do tance a na počúvanie budú hrať hudobná skupina Kontakty. Vstupné za osobu je \$25.00 v čom je započítaný aj obed. Listky na zábavu si môžete objednať u nasledovných osôb: Jozef Bilik (718) 463-2084; Henrieta Daitová (201) 841-8922; Mária Božeková (347) 612-1934.

## Rozoberanie mien (labels) „immigrants, aliens“ a tajné predsudky

Ľudia, ktorí prichádzajú do Ameriky z druhých krajín sú „imigranti“. Ale v posledných rokoch, možno kvôli technickej štylizácii federálneho zákona, „immigrants“ dostali meno „aliens“. Pre túto zmenu v terminológii, niektorí ľudia sa domnievali, že „aliens“ nie sú ľudia.

V skutočnosti, ľudia ktorí prichádzajú do Spojených štátov z druhých krajín, majú tú istú nádej, očakávanie a plány pre seba a svoje rodiny ako občania Spojených štátov a ich predkovia.

V Amerike často máme strach z toho čomu nerozumieme, či už je to cudzia reč alebo kultúra. Ale keď sa stretáme a pustíme do rozhovoru s tými „aliens“, zistíme, že je tohoto viac čo nás spája ako čo nás rozdeľuje.

Niektoré farnosti v USA si udržujú krásne tradície. Niektoré majú farníkov až z 55. krajín. Potom tieto národnostné skupiny oslavujú veľké sviatky svojím spôsobom. Filipínci mávajú Novenu každý deň ráno o 5. hod. pred Vianocami. Európania a Američania tradične oslavujú Vianoce a komunita Španielov máva veľkú parádu a oslavu Troch Kráľov. Keď to človek vidí, váži si a obdivuje bohatosť katolíckej viery a ako je vyjadrená rozličnými spôsobmi.

Pápež Benedikt XVI. povedal toto v jeho kázni vo Washingtone, D.C., apríl 17, 2008: „Dvesto rokov neskoršie Katolícka Cirkev v Amerike sa môže právom pochváliť akú dôležitú prácu vykonali minulé generácie – spojili rozličné imigrantské skupiny v katolíckej viere do spoločného zväzku a tak rozširovali učenie Kristovo a Jeho apoštolov. Podobne, katolícka komunita v Amerike, vedomá si svojej bohatej rozličnosti, si plne ohodnotila a uvedomila dôležitosť každého jednotlivca a každej národnostnej skupiny, ktorá ponúka svoje vlastné dary pre spoločný cieľ.“

„Katolícka Cirkev v Amerike, upevnená vo viere predchádzajúcimi generáciami a pripravená čeliť novým prekážkam, má teraz povinnosť zamerať úsilie na budúcnosť. Prekážky budú nie menej náročné ako tie, ktorým čelili vaši predkovia s nádejou Božej lásky, ktorá bola vliata do našich sŕdc Duchom Svätým (cf. Rom, 5:5).“

V terajšom čase, našou úlohou je žiť tak, ako nás učil Ježiš Kristus. Aby naše deti a vnúčatá si udržali vieru a preniesli ju na ďalšie pokolenie.

Biskupi v Amerike v roku 2000 v dôležitej listine nám pripomenuli „Vítať cudzinca medzi nami: Jednota v rozličnosti.“ „Katolícka Cirkev v 21. storočí bude ako vždy bola, Cirkev mnohých kultúr, reči a tradícií a súčasne jedna ako Boh je jeden – Otec, Syn a Duch Svätý – jednota v rozličnosti.“

Rudo L. Greguš



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## J. Ch. Korec vydal svedectvo J. Ch. Korec, Dni a roky po barbarskej noci 1950, Lúč, Bratislava 2009

Habent sua fata libelli. Hovorí sa, že aj knihy majú svoje príbehy. Má ho i najnovšia publikácia z pera slovenského kardinála tráviaceho jeseň života v tóni starobylej nitrianskej katedrály, ktorá bola šestnásť rokov jeho sídelným chrámom. Dielo Dni a roky po barbarskej noci 1950 vzniklo na jar tohto roku, keď sa – ako píše autor – „obrátili na mňa predstavitelia občianskeho združenia ReAnimare s odporúčaním predsedu KBS a s prosbou ako poverení zaznamenať na televíznu kameru spomienky pamätníkov na obdobie prenasledovania Cirkvi. Ich úlohou bolo urobiť televízny záznam pre kresťanský archív, aby sa zachovali údaje o tom, čo Cirkev na Slovensku prežívala v druhej polovici 20. storočia v období ateistického režimu komunizmu“.

**Päťdesiat otázok a odpovedí**

Otec kardinál dostal päťdesiat otázok, na ktoré mal pred kamerou odpovedať. Keďže išlo o dôležité, ale často i háklivé udalosti a osoby, pre presnosť údajov si vypracoval k jednotlivým odpovediam písomné podklady. Nakoniec svoje odpovede zredigoval do písomnej výpovede a tak vzniklo toto dielo mimoriadnej historickej hodnoty, ktoré sa vďaka vydavateľstvu Lúč v týchto dňoch dostáva na pulty slovenských kníhkupectiev. Spomínaných päťdesiat otázok, na ktoré kardinál vo svojej knihe odpovedá, pokrýva obdobie od konca druhej svetovej vojny v roku 1945, keď postupne začínali prípravy na likvidáciu Cirkvi, až po čas vytúženej slobody. Teda takmer 45 rokov. Ľahkým, pútavým, jemu vlastným štýlom, no s precíznou presnosťou, ktorá prináleží každému serióznemu historikovi, sa vyjadruje i k témam, akými sú udalosti roku 1948, procesy s biskupmi v roku 1951, systém práce ŠtB, veľká púť na Veľhrad v roku 1985, Bratislavský veľký piatok – 25. marca 1988. Vydáva osobné svedectvo i o smutnom pôsobení kňazov, ako boli A. Horák, J. Lukačovič, Š. Zárečsky, J. Dechet, L. Škoda, ktorí boli napojení na komunistický režim. Tieto historické obdobia a momenty sú popretkávané osobnou históriou Jána Ch. Korca, počnúc časom jeho filozofických a teologických štúdií cez známu barbarskú noc z 13. na 14. apríla 1950, tajnú kňazskú a biskupskú vysviacku, zatknutie a roky väzenia, čas sledovania a predvolaní na výsluchy po prepustení z väzby, pokusy o jeho fyzickú likvidáciu a vlámania sa do jeho bytu až po prvé ranné zore vytúženej slobody. Pre čitateľa budú iste mimoriadne zaujímavými odpovede týkajúce sa života tzv. tajnej Cirkvi – stretnutia kňazov v Turčianskom Petre, no predovšetkým okolnosti tajných biskupských vysviacok a pôsobenia J. Blahu, F. Davídka, pričom sa autor nebojí hovoriť i o chybách a prešľapoch, ktorých sa dopustili ľudia patriaci do časti „skrytej Cirkvi“.

**Verný pravde a svedomiu**

Kniha uvádza autora jednoducho ako J. Ch. Korca spôsobom, akým boli podpísované za komunizmu jeho listy prezidentovi, parlamentu, Rudému právu, Pravde či iným inštitúciám verejného života, vždy s plnou adresou a menom. Neodvoláva a neskrýva sa za hodnosť kardinála či poslanie biskupa. Kniha je preto osobným svedectvom človeka, ktorý vo svojom živote vždy konal ako kresťan, za tieto svoje prejavy viery sa nielenže nehan-

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## Krátke správy zo Slovenska

V roku 2008 malo Slovensko 5, 412,254 obyvateľov. Narodilo sa 57,360 živých detí, čo bolo viac o 2,936 ako v roku 2007, zomrelo 53,164 osôb, prirodzený prírastok bol teda 4,196 osôb. Priemerný vek obyvateľa SR je 38.3 roka. Z novonarodených detí bolo 29,354 chlapcov a 28,006 dievčat, mŕtvo narodených detí bolo 226. Najpozitívnejším prvkom v demografickom vývoji na Slovensku v uplynulom roku je relatívne výraznejšie zvýšenie počtu živo narodených detí, ktoré dosiahlo úroveň z roku 2008. Najvyššiu mieru pôrodnosti vykazoval vlni Prešovský, Košický a Žilinský kraj. Vlni sa uzavrelo na Slovensku 28,293 manželstiev, čo je viac o 856 ako v roku 2007, a rozviedlo sa 12,675 manželských dvojíc. Priemerný vek pri sobáši v roku 2008 u mužov bol 31.4 roka a u žien 28.4 roka.

V inštitúciách Európskej únie (EÚ) pôsobilo ku koncu roka 2008 asi 600 Slovákov, z ktorých 308 pracovalo v Európskej komisii (EK). Stodevät'desiat osôb reprezentovalo SR na pozícii úradník a 108 na poste asistent. Ako vyplýva zo správy o piatom roku členstva SR v EÚ, ktorú schválila nedávno vláda SR, v komisii reprezentuje krajinu takmer dvakrát viac žien ako mužov. Podľa správy Slovensko má počas tzv. prechodného obdobia možnosť v EK obsadiť 279 stálych postov z približne 3,400, ktoré boli určené pre nové členské krajiny.

V Európskej únii pracuje päť percent ľudí načierno. Na Slovensku je percento tých, čo si takto privyrábajú, ešte vyššie. Šesť percent Slovákov čierne zárobky nepriznáva a ani ich nezdaňuje. K takým záverom prišla Agentúra Eurofond na základe svojho prieskumu o čiernej práci. Prieskum sa týkal len občanov EÚ, nie prísťahovalcov alebo nelegálnych cudzincov. Občania EÚ odpracujú v priemere načierno 200 hodín za rok. V južných častiach kontinentu je toto číslo ešte vyššie. V západnej a južnej Európe ide najmä o práce v domácnostiach. Na Slovensku a v ďalších štátoch bývalého východného bloku sa tak pracuje v stavebníctve.

Mesto Trnava spustilo svoje profilové stránky na najväčšej sociálnej internetovej sieti Facebook. Informovala o tom radnica na svojej webovej stránke. Malo by ísť o vôbec prvý slovenský profil, ktorý jej oficiálne podporený miestnou samosprávou. Radnica tento krok považuje za moderný spôsob priblíženia sa skupine občanov, ktorých tradičné komunikačné kanály už neoslovujú. Pre užívateľov Facebooku je to zase dobrý spôsob, ako získať informácie o dianí a novinkách v meste. Profil Trnavy budú naplňať a aktualizovať priebežne, nebudú chýbať ani pozvánky na najzaujímavejšie kultúrne a športové akcie. Postupne by mali pribudnúť zaujímavé fotografie, diskusie a ďalšie možnosti, ktoré takáto forma prezentácie a komunikácie ponúka. Je to zároveň aj možnosť získania nového druhu spätnej väzby pre samosprávu a jej zložky.

Niektorí poslanci Národnej rady Slovenskej republiky (NR SR) popri výkone svojho poslanskeho mandátu pracujú ako advokáti, vysokoškolskí profesori či zastávajú nejaký post v samospráve. Napríklad poslanec za Smer Róbert Madej si nedávno rozbehol advokátsku prax. Za minulý rok uviedol príjem popri verejnej funkcii 420-tisíc korún. Tvrdí, že obe práce sa dajú stíhať. Aj Milan Urbáni z HZDS okrem poslancovania má aj súkromnú gynekologickú prax, kde zamestnáva ešte jedného lekára. Minulý rok zarobil mimo NR SR 582-tisíc korún. Rekordných tri milióny korún za rok 2008 zarobil mimo NR SR nezávislý poslanec Gábor Gál (bývalý poslanec za SMK). Najväčšie sumy - takmer tridsaťosem a pol milióna korún - popri práci vo vládnom kabinete Roberta Fica zarobili ministri financií a vnútra Ján Počiatek (nominant Smeru) a Robert Kaliňák (Smer).

V rámci programu Erasmus študovalo v zahraničí v uplynulom akademickom roku najviac slovenských vysokoškolákov, v susednej Českej republike (277), nasledovalo Nemecko (263), Francúzsko (167), Španielsko (140) a Taliansko (101). Z celkového počtu vyše 200,000 študentov, predstavovali študujúci Slováci v zahraničí 0.78 percenta. Čechov, naopak, výmenný pobyt na Slovensku nelákali, len 88 z nich sa rozhodlo študovať na vybranej slovenskej vysokej škole. Českí vysokoškoláci prejavili najväčší záujem o Nemecko (1,080) a Francúzsko (724), Španielsko (476) a Veľkú Britániu (462). Vyplýva to zo štatistických výsledkov Európskej komisie, ktorá zverejnila, že v uplynulom roku študovalo v rámci Erasmusu 162,695 európskych študentov v zahraničí, čo predstavuje medziročný nárast o 2.1 percenta. Menej ako stovka mladých Slovákov sa vybrala študovať tiež do Veľkej Británie, Poľska, Rakúska, Portugalska či Fínska. Študovali aj v Štónsku, na Malte, či v Holandsku.

Zoznam ubytovacích zariadení cestovného ruchu, ktoré ponúkajú zvýhodnené ceny pobytov, zverejnila na internetovej stránke Slovenská agentúra pre cestovný ruch (SACR). Táto súborná informácia je výsledkom on-line prieskumu SACR a Zväzu hotelov a reštaurácií (ZHR) SR, do ktorej sa zatiaľ zapojilo 140 registrovaných ubytovacích zariadení. Prieskum zároveň vytvára priestor na prezentáciu ubytovacích zariadení CR, ktoré nemajú vlastnú webovú stránku alebo finančné možnosti na propagáciu. Návštevník stránky SACR resp. sekcie "Slovensko tu" má možnosť vybrať si zvýhodnené ubytovacie zariadenie podľa typu ubytovania, ceny, kapacity, mesta a kraja. Kliknutím na názov ubytovacieho zariadenia sa zobrazia detailné informácie o danom subjekte, ponuka zliav, akcií a kontaktné údaje.

Varšava a Bratislava sa toto leto prekvapujúco stali hitmi pre austrálskych turistov. Vyplýva to z údajov najpopulárnejšej austrálskej internetovej cestovnej kancelárie (CK), ktorá tento rok na svojej stránke <http://www.Wotif.com> začala prvýkrát ponúkať výlety do Poľska a na Slovensko. Záujem Austráľčanov o nové destinácie vo východnej Európe cestovnú kanceláriu doslova šokoval. Najmä, keď, ako tvrdí CK, je v mestách na území medzi Bratislavou a Varšavou menej ako 50 hotelov. "Väčšina našich klientov cestuje z Austrálie do Británie a odtiaľ vyrazia na potulky po Európe, pričom využívajú našu stránku so zoznamom hotelov. Sme uznávaná značka a je o nás známe, že zabezpečujeme hotely v mestách, ktoré sú niečím zaujímavé," uviedla generálna manažérka pre Európu Ines d'Arcesová.

Hala zrekonštruovaného Zimného štadióna Ondreja Nepelu v Bratislave by mohla ísť do skúšobnej prevádzky koncom roka 2010. Premiér SR Robert Fico to povedal nedávno na brífingu počas prehliadky rekonštrukčných prác na štadióne, v ktorom bude hokejový šampionát v roku 2011. Vychádzal pritom z informácií mesta Bratislavy, stavebnej firmy a architekta projektu. Celková cena diela bez DPH je 62.8 milióna eur (1.8 miliardy Sk), z tejto sumy štátom garantovaný príspevok predstavuje 40.5 milióna eur (1.22 miliardy Sk). Štadión sa nachádza v lokalite mestskej časti Bratislava - Nové Mesto, kde je koncentrácia viacerých športov - hokeja, tenisu a futbalu. Mesto Bratislava začalo rekonštrukčné práce 23. apríla tohto roka. Prestavbou je poverený Generálny investor Bratislavy. Práce na štadióne by mali byť hotové do 28. februára 2011.

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Manželia Mary a Michal Karch

## K 50. výročiu svadby Karchových v Edison, N.J.

Je iste darom Božím pre tie manželstvá, ktoré sa dožijú 50. výročia svojej svadby. Takýmto šťastlivcom sú aj Mary a Michal Karch, ktorí sú vďační Bohu, za túto milosť. Dňa 4. júna 1959 kľachiaci pri oltári, pred Bohom a ľuďmi si sľúbili vernosť až do smrti. Ich spoločná láska mala k oltáru dlhú cestu. Mary narodená 13. novembra 1931 v Jersey City, N.J. vyrástla čiastočne ako malé dievčatko v malej, ale peknej dedinke „Orechová“ na východnom Slovensku. Tu aj chodila do základnej, ľudovej školy. Vtedajšia vojnová a politická situácia jej nedovolila skorší návrat do Jersey City v USA. Dedinku Orechovú si zaľúbila a prežila v nej celých 13 rokov. Až po vojne sa mohla vrátiť do svojej rodnej vlasti, Ameriky. Podobná dedinka „Sejkov“ z ktorej pochádza Michal bola vzdialená iba na dohodenie kameňom. Nuž, nie je div, že Miško Karch si zalietaval často do Orechovej. Dôvod? Do očí a na okraj jeho srdiečka, mu akoby prirástla mladá, pekná, šarmantná, typická „Východniarka“ Mary. Netrvalo však dlho, keď náš Miško počul smutnú správu. Vraj Mary, odchádza za otcom do Ameriky. So slzami v očiach sa lúči s rodinou, kamarátkami a jej obľúbeným Slovenskom. V Amerike Mary začína nový život. A Miško? Sníva o tajnej láske deň, čo deň. Politická situácia však nebola ružová. A to dalo Miškovi dôvod rozhodnutia odísť do emigrácie, pokiaľ hranice neboli celkom uzavreté ostatným drôtom. Šťastne sa dostáva do Západného Nemecka. Tu však zistí, že do USA, je čakacia doba päť rokov. Po jednom roku sa dostáva na práce do Austrálie. Láska sa však v ňom nestrácala. Po dlhých päť rokoch, Miško dostáva povolenie emigrovať do USA a dáva zbohom Austrálii. A tu stretne svoju tajnú lásku „Mary“. Situácia si však vyžiadala určitý čas, kým pred Bohostánkom, prisahou vernosti, začali nový, spoločný život. Úprimná a verná láska, pracovitnosť bola odmenená peknou rodinkou. Pán im požehnal jedného syna a dve dcéry, ktoré rodičom dali do daru dvoch vnukov a dve vnučky.

Karchovi sú veľmi dobrí a pracovití ľudia. Viera v Boha ich viedla po správnej ceste života. Ich cit k slovenskému národu im navždy prirástol k srdcu. Sú členmi vo všetkých slovenských organizáciách, od Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, Slovenského Katolíckeho Sokola, Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Ženskej Jednoty, Slovenskej ligy v Amerike ako aj bývalého Svetového kongresu Slovákov. Mary bola 25 rokov predsedníčkou Ružencového spolku v Linden, N.J., kedy sa pod jej vedením poriadali pikniky a zábavy, na ktorých sa stretávala slovenská spoločnosť. Po mnohých rokoch mali Karchovi na starosti jedálne stánky na Festivale slovenského dedičstva v Holmdel, N.J., kde bolo treba obslužiť niekoľko tisíc účastníkov festivalu.

Nuž, nie je div, že ich 50. výročia svadby sa zúčastnilo 145 ľudí a v sále Msgr. Komar, Linden, N.J. slovenská hudba Kontakty, privolala do tanca väčšinu prítomných hostí, ktorí sa v dobrej nálade vykrúcali v kole do neskorých hodín. Vraj aj tí, ktorí majú do tanca dve ľavé nohy, si zaskočili do kola. Aj takto si uctili rodinu Karchových. Treba ešte pripomenúť, že pred dvoma rokmi, Karchovi zobrali svojich vnukov a vnučky na Slovensko, aby im ukázali rodné miesto dedka a krásy nášho malého, ale pekného Slovenska. A na záver, všetci tí kamaráti a priatelia, ktorí si rodinu Karchových vážia a úctia, ich pozdravujú a k ich tak mimoriadnemu sviatku 50. výročia svadby, prajú veľa Božích milostí, zdravia a radosti z ich detí a vnúčat.

Jozef Smák

## ♦♦♦ Európske dni kultúrneho dedičstva na Slovensku

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Rada Európy na návrh Jacka Langa, ktorý chcel, aby podujatie malo európsky rozmer, vytvorila oficiálne Európske dni kultúrneho dedičstva. V roku 1995 sa na podujatí zúčastnilo 34 európskych krajín a 26,000 kultúrnych pamätihodností si prišlo pozrieť 13 miliónov ľudí. Od toho roku sa k dňom viaže aj konkrétna téma. O tri roky neskôr sa k 44 európskym účastníckym štátom pridalo Turecko. Európske dni kultúrneho dedičstva sa stali spoločným podujatím Rady Európy a Európskej komisie v roku 1999.

K dňom kultúrneho dedičstva sa pripájajú nielen múzeá, kostoly, divadlá, knižnice, hrady a zámky spadajúce do vlastníctva štátu, ale aj súkromné pamiatky - paláce, bankové domy, justičné paláce a podobne. V ostatných rokoch sa na podujatiach zúčastňuje vyše 40 krajín.



Katolícky fraternalistický dvojtýždenník

# Jednota



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

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Hlavní úradníci Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty sa s cieľom zviditeľnenia organizácie od roku 2007 zúčastňujú rôznych festivalov, na ktorých majú rozostavané informačné stánky pre prítomných záujemcov. Aj toho roku vo štvrtok 16. júla sa členovia hlavného výboru IKSJ zúčastnili Slovenského dňa v Kennywood Parku neďaleko Pittsburghu, Pensylvánia. Toto každoročné podujatie pritiahne veľké množstvo návštevníkov zo západnej Pensylvánie, východného Ohia a západnej Virginie.

Na obrázku sprava: hlavný predseda Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty s úradníkmi Okresu Juraja Ondu, Greensburg, Pensylvánia.



## Európske dni kultúrneho dedičstva na Slovensku

Bratislava/Paríž (TASR) - Slovensko sa počas tohtoročných Európskych dní kultúrneho dedičstva rozhodlo zamerať na tému Víno a keramika. Výroba vína a keramiky sa na Slovensku, najmä v malokarpatskej oblasti, tešia bohatej tradícii. Preto sa otváracie podujatie Európskych dní kultúrneho dedičstva v dňoch 3. až 6. septembra uskutočnilo v mestách Svätý Jur, Modra a na hrade Červený Kameň. Európske dni kultúrneho dedičstva v roku 2009 sa na Slovensku organizujú v dňoch 3. až 30. septembra. Prehľad podujatí si možno pozrieť napríklad aj na stránke [www.snm.sk](http://www.snm.sk). Podľa programu sa dni začali otvorením výstavy Slávnosti hliny v Modre a expozície Najstaršie osídlenie Svätého Jura. Slávnostné otvorenie sa prvýkrát konalo v priestoroch SNM na hrade Červený Kameň. V rámci neho v piatok 4. septembra udelili aj ceny revue Pamiatky a múzeá. Časopis ich spoločne s jeho vydavateľmi, SNM a Pamiatkovým úradom SR, každoročne udeľuje za najvýznamnejšie výsledky v oblasti záchranu, obnovy, propagácie a prezentácie kultúrneho dedičstva Slovenska v siedmich kategóriách. Európske dni kultúrneho dedičstva sa na Slovensku skončia v Košiciach.

Ministerstvo kultúry Slovenskej republiky (MK SR) na svojej stránke informuje, že osobitné postavenie počas Európskych dní kultúrneho dedičstva majú Dni otvorených dverí v tých pamiatkových objektoch, ktoré sú v iných obdobiach roka spravidla zatvorené. Tieto aktivity - sprístupnenie múzeí, galérií a ďalších kultúrnych inštitúcií pre verejnosť - rozšírené najmä v západných krajinách a v Škandinávii, sa stali základom úspešného európskeho podujatia. Súčasne pritom ide aj o hľadanie spoločných riešení zameraných na záchranu a prezentáciu hodnôt kultúrneho dedičstva, o budovanie spoločného priestoru, do ktorého každá krajina, ba každý región prináša svoj osobitý vklad.

Vo Francúzsku, ktoré je autorom myšlienky Európskych dní kultúrneho dedičstva, pripadnú v tomto roku na 19. a 20. septembra a budú sa niesť pod heslom: Dedičstvo dostupné všetkým. Iniciatíva na ich založenie vzišla v roku 1983 z Ministerstva kultúry v Paríži, ktoré vtedy riadil Jack Lang. V roku 1984 už v konkrétnej podobe niesla názov Deň otvorených dverí. Týkala sa kultúrnych stánkov a historických pamätihodností, pričom sa organizovala a doteraz organizuje v tretiu septembrovú nedeľu. Po veľkom úspechu vo Francúzsku sa k iniciatíve nasledujúci rok pridalo niekoľko ďalších európskych štátov, ktoré už v roku 1985 zorganizovali vlastné Dni otvorených dverí. V roku 1991

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## Omšu na púti k Panne Márii v Marianke celebroid kardinál Tomko

Bratislava (TASR) - Na najstaršom pútnickom mieste na Slovensku - v Marianke pri Bratislave, ktoré je zasvätené Panne Márii, 6. septembra vyvrcholila tradičná púť. Korene tohto posvätného miesta siahajú hlboko do histórie, výročná púť sa tu každoročne koná okolo sviatku Narodenia Panny Márie, ktorý pripadá na 8. septembra. Katolícki veriaci v Marianke navštevujú predovšetkým miestny farský kostol a Lurdskú jaskyňu. Hlavnú svätú omšu pod holým nebom na poľnom oltári pred Lurdskou jaskyňou 6. septembra predpudným celebroid kardinál Jozef Tomko, emeritný prefekt Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov. Okrem mnohých veriacich a kňazov boli na bohoslužbe prítomní aj bratislavský arcibiskup - metropolita Stanislav Zvolenský, vojenský ordinár, biskup František Rábek a biskup bratislavskej gréckokatolíckej eparchie Peter Rusnák.

Kardinál Tomko v kázni hovoril o narodení Panny Márie ako o udalosti, ktorá je po Ježišom narodení "najdôležitejšia v Božích očiach a najvzácnejšia pre dobro ľudstva". Poukázal na negatíva i pozitíva slovenskej spoločnosti s tým, že každý pútnik má za čo odprosovať i za čo ďakovať. Tohtoročná výročná púť v Marianke bola zakončená slávnostným požehnaním.



## Folklórny súbor PAS z Pittsburghu na Slovensku



FOTO: Dr. Michael Kopanic

Pod záštitou prezidenta Slovenskej republiky, Ivana Gašparoviča a v spolupráci s Úradom pre Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí sa v dňoch 9. - 12. júla konali v poradí už 44. Folklórne slávnosti pod Poľanou v Detve. V scénickom programe skupín Slovákov žijúcich v zahraničí sa pred 10,000 divákmi predstavili súbory z Českej republiky, Francúzska, Chorvátska, Maďarska, Poľska, Rumunska, Srbska a USA. Na snímke pri Jánošíkovej soche v Detve je zoradená dievčenská zložka folklórneho súboru PAS z Pittsburghu, Pensylvánia zo Spojených štátov amerických. (Pittsburgh Area Slovak Folk Ensemble, PAS)