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The Glorification of Mary by Botticelli

## Mary, Queen of the Rosary

By Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SSCM  
Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA

October is uniquely Mary's month as we honor her – Queen of the Rosary. One of my favorite hymns is "O Mária Ružencová" (Mary of the Rosary). This is my choice for prayerful review this month.

With this hymn, I am sure, many of us have fond memories. I love to recall my own acceptance as a First Communicant, into the Rosary Society of Holy Trinity Parish in Gary Indiana.

In the opening verse, we call on Mary as Mother of Jesus and our Mother, to hear and grant us the gifts of God's love and mercy. We go on to recall how through Saint Dominic, we received this fit the Rosary, like a fragrant garland of roses.

Even as a gift of flowers can cause us to smile, the joy they bring is like a tender hug. As we pray the Rosary, we connect dearly with Mary. We review intimately the joy and beauty, sorrow and glory of Mary's life as she lived it with her son, Jesus.

Ultimately, our own hope and desire is that Mary teaches us to live in union with her Son. We ask and trust her to guide and support us with maternal love and kindness as we journey home.

In this way, the Rosary can serve as Mary's lift – to elevate us – body, mind, and spirit – to the eternal joy of living in the Trinitarian bliss of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Let us provide for each other in this spirit of Mary, as she leads us to God.

For the complete Slovak Hymn, O Mária Ružencová, along with Sister Hronec's English translation, go to p 3 of this issue.

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President Andrew M. Rajec gives his Quarterly Report to the Officers and Board of Directors at the FCSU home office in September.

## Our Society's Successful Quarterly Meeting

The Board of Directors of the First Catholic Slovak Union held their quarterly meeting on Friday and Saturday, September 16 -17, 2011, at the home office in Independence, OH.

Reports were presented by President Andrew M. Rajec; Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr.; Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt; National Treasurer George F. Matta; General Counsel Gary Matta; Chairperson of Auditors Karen Hunka; and Fraternal Activities Director Susan Ondrejo. Larry White of AQS gave an asset management report. A Jednota Properties Report was given by its President Regis Brekosky and a subsidiaries report was give on Jednota Inc by George F. Matta.

For more scenes from the FCSU Quarterly Meeting, go to pp 6-7of this issue.



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# Insights and Viewpoints



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

October 23, 2011

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22: 34-40

### Gospel Summary

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is frequently involved in confrontational situations. This reflects the tensions in the church of Antioch between conservative Jewish Christians and more liberal converts from among the Gentiles. The Pharisees in this

gospel represent in some sense a conservative position that emphasizes observance of the law. They want to draw Jesus into their own interminable and sterile disputes about the relative importance of their numerous and detailed legal minutiae.

Jesus responds by quoting the essence of that great text from Deuteronomy (Chapter 6: verses 5 and 6) which has been justly called the heart of Israel's covenant commitment. In fact, when devout Jews today attach a mezuzah to their door posts, it contains this very text. And it does indeed sum up the divine revelation of the Old Testament. Its importance, therefore, can scarcely be overemphasized.

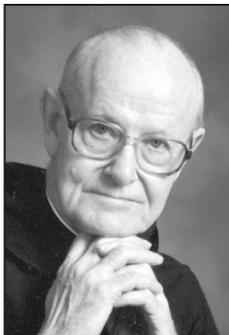
### Life Implications

We all recognize the importance of rules of conduct in our society. The alternative is chaos and the cruel law of sheer power. Laws are often derived from the accumulated wisdom of society. We have learned from hard experience that there can be no real freedom without an order that protects rights and assigns obligations.

At the same time, there are laws that are based on divine revelation and which we may very well not be able to discover by our own wits. The law that Jesus calls the first and greatest of all laws belongs to this category. It has two parts: love of God and love of neighbor.

Love of God always presupposes a prior experience of God's goodness, and God offers most of us abundant evidence of such goodness, usually mediated through the kindness of others and the beauty of creation. Nonetheless, the awareness of divine goodness may seem to disappear at times, such as at 9/11 or in the terrible consequence of Katrina. Love of God then becomes trust, which is especially pleasing to God, for even among humans it is a rare and precious gift. The experience of God's goodness that makes such trust possible causes us to be intensely aware of the gratuity of divine love. The proper response to such a discovery is wonder and gratitude.

Love of one's neighbor is profoundly influenced by one's loving relationship with God, because such human love, at its best, is also gratuitous. The other person is not loved simply because he or she is attractive. Rather, this love comes from the goodness of the one who loves and reaches out instinctively to anyone who is in need. After all, God did not love the Hebrew slaves in Egypt because they were beautiful or cultivated but simply because he is good and they were in desperate need. Such unconditional love, even among humans, creates freedom, confidence and beauty. A person who is loved in this way acquires an inner beauty, which manifests itself by a special personal sparkle. Perhaps that is because, even among humans, such love is really divine.



Demetrius R. Dumm  
O.S.B.

October 30, 2011

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 23: 1-12

### Gospel Summary

After describing four controversies with various religious leaders about paying taxes to Caesar, the nature of resurrection, the greatest commandment, and the Messiah (22:15-46), Matthew places Jesus' strong judgments against these authorities. The growing schism with the religious authorities of his own Jewish community will eventually result in Jesus' arrest and execution under the oppressive power of the Roman government.

In the first judgment, contained in today's passage, Jesus indicts the Pharisees who speak with the authority of Moses. Jesus tells the people and his own disciples to do whatever they teach, but they should not follow their example. Because of their authority, they can lay heavy burdens on people's shoulders, but do not lift a finger to help carry them. They do good works in order to be seen. They love all the marks of honor, and love to be called teacher.

Then Jesus gives instructions to his own disciples: do not be called teacher because you have but one teacher; do not call anyone father because you have but one master, Christ. "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

### Life Implications

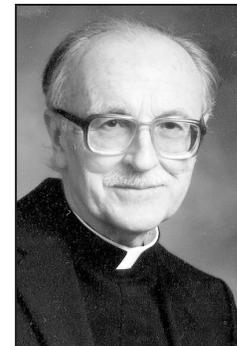
The unredeemed situation which Jesus addresses in this gospel passage is the human tendency to live in the prideful illusion of autonomy. (It is not a matter of removing titles from the dictionary.) When we are in that illusion about our most fundamental truth, we forget that all that we are and all that we do is ultimately a gift from God. We then seek honors for ourselves rather than living the truth that all glory belongs to God. Today's gospel reminds us that holding a position of power in religion appears to be particularly vulnerable to self-exaltation and abuse.

The tendency to take advantage of one's position of power by no means is limited to people in religion. Power in general has a tendency to corrupt. Examples of political corruption are rampant. In our culture, however, scientists, not religious leaders, hold positions with the most powerful teaching authority. I think of the late Carl Sagan who, in his TV Cosmos series, proclaimed that "the Cosmos is all there is, or ever was, or ever will be."

This famous teacher, I'm sure, was quite aware of the limits of astronomy and the scientific method. He was aware that his philosophical assertion of secularism was not a conclusion of any scientific experiment. You have the same abuse of power when a scientist in a position of teaching authority proclaims that evolution or the "big bang" proves there is no need of the Creator.

We may use titles -- with lower case, as it were -- only with the realization of the truth that we hold positions of power as a gift and in humble dependence upon God. If we had only Jesus' warning about the abuse of power, today's gospel passage would hardly be good news. The good news comes from our belief that the Risen Lord is present in the Eucharistic liturgy to share his Spirit with us. From the Spirit of truth we hope to receive the gift of using power not for ourselves, but in humble service to others.

Whatever our title -- father, mother, bishop, priest,



Campion P. Gavaler,  
O.S.B.

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## LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Jerry Costello for The Christophers

### A Hero to His Country

The priest who founded The Christophers back in 1945, Maryknoll Father James Keller, set down no rules for membership in the organization. All you had to do to join was to be convinced that you could change the world. Yep, that's it: change the world. That sounds like a tall order, and sometimes it is. You can change the world in big ways--if, for example, you carve out a career in an influential field and help to mold the opinion of others. Or you can do it in small ways, some of them so little that you hardly notice them at all--like being nice to people.

Repeated often enough, that too can change the world. That's just what Jeremy Henwood did, and in carrying out a simple act of kindness he managed to put an exclamation point on a lifetime of service.

I read about Henwood in a story in the Los Angeles Times. Born in Canada 36 years ago, he lived in Texas and ultimately found his way to Southern California. He had quite a military record as well, joining the Marines and twice drawing combat assignments in Iraq. Returning to the U.S., he became a police officer in San Diego and also remained active in the Marine Corps Reserve, attaining the rank of captain. Then came one more combat assignment, this time to Afghanistan, and when he returned he rejoined the San Diego Police Department.

A few weeks ago--on a Saturday afternoon, Aug. 6, to be exact--Jeremy Henwood was shot to death, literally for no reason at all. He was sitting in his patrol car, parked in San Diego's City Heights neighborhood, when he was gunned down by a 23-year-old assailant. The killer was himself fatally wounded not long afterwards when he refused to surrender to other officers, reaching for a shotgun as he did so. The weapon, it turns out, was the same one used to kill Officer Henwood.

So there it was: a life devoted to serving others, ended so senselessly. "He went boldly into harm's way," his commander said later, "knowing full well that he might not come back someday."

And oh, yes--that act of kindness that would define Henwood's life? That happened the same afternoon, shortly before he died, in a McDonald's not far from the shooting scene. A surveillance camera caught Henwood talking to a young boy who had asked him for some money. When the officer wondered what the money was for, the boy told him he wanted something to eat.

"I'll do better than that," Henwood replied. "I'll buy it for you myself."  
That's just what he did, and the camera got it all--one of the last things Jeremy Henwood would do on earth--down on tape. It's quite a way to be remembered.

The governor of California, Jerry Brown, other officials and about 3,000 of Henwood's fellow police officers heard about the incident a few days later, at the funeral service.

They also heard Henwood's sister, Emily, speaking between sobs. "I think it goes without saying that Jeremy was a great man," she said, "and a hero to his country."

Those are some of the things that go with what Jeremy Henwood did. And that, simply, was to change the world.

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Holy Mary, Queen of the Rosary

O Mária Ružencová

Holy Mary, Queen and Maiden  
of the Rosary,  
To your loving care we hasten,  
hold us tenderly.  
As Mother of the Rosary,  
hear your children's fervent plea,  
May your Son, with love and mercy,  
bless us graciously.

O Mária Ružencová,  
naša patrónka!  
My sa k tebe utiekama,  
čistá Panenka.  
Tys' Matka dobrotivá,  
patrónka ružencová;  
Prímlúvaj sa vždycky za nás  
u svojho Syna.

Holy Rosary, heaven's blessing,  
which God chose for us,  
Gift received by holy Dom'nic  
now is shared with us,  
Most fragrant flow'rs, roses bright,  
garland woven with delight,  
Mary's life and intercession,  
show us what is right.

Ten tvoj svätý ruženeček,  
ktorýs' nám dala,  
Skrz svätého Dominika  
nám ho poslala,  
Je z krásnych rúž pletený,  
v nebesiach zostavený,  
Aby hriessnik bol sa zemi  
nim potešený.

These choice blossoms, like your caring,  
draw us to your side,  
Comfort us with gentle kindness,  
call us to confide.  
May your tender love embrace,  
guard each child in every place.  
Guide us home to Heaven's glory  
by God's gen'rous grace.

Tie ruže nad všetky kvety  
sú spanilejšie  
A v ruženci tom spojené  
sú najvonnejšie;  
Krásna vôňa je jeho  
pre kresťana každého;  
Ved' Mária nám ho dala  
z trónu svojho.

Here on earth no other treasure  
brings us peace that lasts;  
Neither pearls nor gold nor silver,  
Precious jewels surpass.  
This our cherished Rosary,  
leads us toward eternity,  
Where with Jesus and His Mother  
we'll live happily.

Na tom svete nechcem iné  
mať potešenie,  
Ani perly, striebo, zlato,  
Drahé kamenie;  
Moje drahoceniny  
je ružence jediný  
A s nim Ježiš, ten Baránok  
Boží nevinný.

Sister Maria Theresa Hronec, SSCM, October 3, 2011

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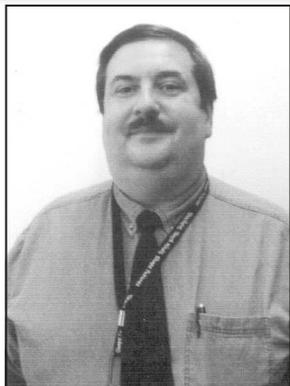
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# The Best of the Best!

## Top Guns Thru August 2011



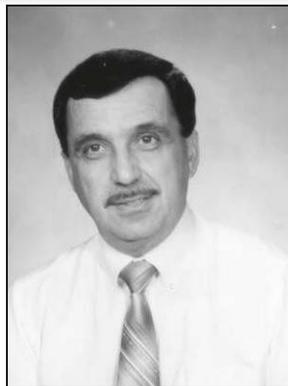
**Dorothy J. Petrus**  
First Place



**Michael J. Slovenkai**  
Second Place



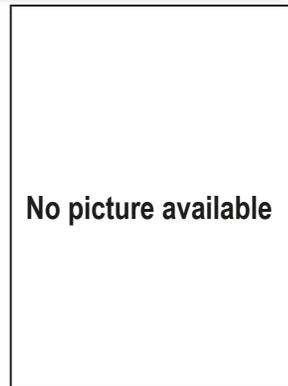
**Michael E. Lako**  
Third Place



**Cluey Sandy**  
First Place



**Robert J. Kopco**  
Second Place



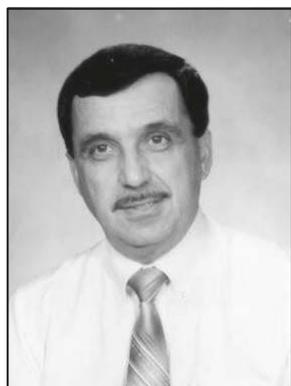
**Rose A. Froncek**  
Third Place

### TOP PROPOSERS BY AMOUNT OF INSURANCE SOLD

Name	Branch	Insurance Amount
Petrus, Dorothy J.	670	245,000
Slovenkai, Michael J.	382	200,000
Lako, Michael E.	2	140,000
Balazik, Audrey J.	367	130,000
Froncek, Rose A.	401	130,000
Rura, Joseph Edward	484	130,000
Matta, Florence K.	38	125,000
Marmol, Dolores	162	95,000
Rimarcik, Joseph C.	743	90,000
Tarquino, Frances	320	80,000

### TOP PROPOSERS BY TOTAL POINTS

Name	Branch	Total Points
Sandy, Cluey	322	486
Kopco, Robert J.	24	392
Froncek, Rose A.	401	352
Scavina, Joseph T.	682	241
Jurcenko, John A.	153	226
Lako, Michael E.	02	221
Rajec, Andrew M.	89	221
Kelchak, George J.	581	151
Petrus, Dorothy J.	670	140
Zakovic, Maria	45	127



**Cluey Sandy**  
First Place



**Robert J. Kopco**  
Second Place



**Joseph T. Scavina**  
Third Place

## Order Christmas Oplatky and Slovak Christmas Cards

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers and Slovak Christmas cards are available from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 24 until December 16, 2011.

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Rajec, Andrew M	89	221,422.29
Jurcenko, John A.	153	216,500.00
Zakovic, Maria	45	127,322.30
Swartz, Douglas J.	228	110,000.00
Nowatkoski, Katherine	856	100,000.00
Harcar, Andrew R.	40	99,441.17
Roman, Stephen A.	157	96,095.43

## Oct 30th Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle

On October 30, 2011, Transfiguration Parish is sponsoring a Harvest Pork Chop Dinner & Raffle from 12:30PM – 4:30PM in the Parish Hall at 12068 Madison Ave., Lakewood, OH, 44107. Adult tickets are \$10.00. Children under 12 are \$5.00.

For ticket reservations, call Paul Namitka at 216-226-1134 before October 23, 2011.

Enjoy good food, music, multiple raffles and fellowship.

Submitted by Norma Pohle, Transfiguration Church

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## Book Corner

### Baca, John. *A Humble Beginning: My Life*

(Saline, MI: Allegra Printing & Imaging, 2011). ISBN 978-0-615-45359-0

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

Most of us have a family story, but we seldom or never put it down on paper. John Baca Jr. of Roseville, Michigan (a Detroit suburb) decided he wanted to preserve his history, and discover it, so he spent ten years of life exploring his own past and that of his family which emigrated from Slovakia. His extensive labors have resulted in the publication of a thick book of over 600 pages, which has few rivals among Slovak-Americans – a written, documentary and pictorial history of numerous generations of his family and their lives in both Slovakia and the New World.

Baca researched eight generations of his paternal and maternal background and assembled a list of about 2,500 family members. With the assistance of a professional genealogist, Jan Zaleski, Baca combed records of his ancestral past both in Europe and America. Resources he consulted include Family Search Center materials (collected by the Mormons, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), the Detroit Public Library, U.S. census data, church records, municipal and county record offices, contacts with relatives, and family cemetery sites in the USA and Slovakia. He used Family Tree Maker software to put together family tree charts and copied information from the software's pages into the book.

His family lineage extends as far back as 1770-1800, for before those years the Austrian and Hungarian government did not keep extensive detailed demographic records. In the appendix, he assembled a list of several thousand family members from both the Baca (paternal) and Pavlik (maternal) sides of the family. For the sake of organization and easier reference, he assigned a specific number to each relative, beginning with no. 681, Andros Baca, who was born in 1775.

#### Author's Background

The author himself was born in 1934 in Vehec, a village of over 2,000 inhabitants in the Vranov nad Topľou District, which today is located in the Prešov Region of eastern Slovakia. The southeastern area of the region used to be part of Zemplín County in former Austria-Hungary and during the early years of the First Czechoslovak Republic. Baca included a brief history of the village and its culture.



The Prešov  
region of  
Slovakia

Baca immigrated to the United States in 1947, when he was 13 years-old, and never knew his father during his early childhood. His father, John Baca, Sr., had actually been born in Superior in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, just east of Pittsburgh. Baca's grandfather, Ján Bača, had arrived in the USA in 1890, and afterwards brought his wife Mária (maiden name, Pasztir) to this country. They had six children, with his father John being born in 1900. The family returned to Vehec, Slovakia after 1903. Baca's father grew up in the village and married a fellow villager, Susanna Pavlik, in 1923. He then moved the family to the United States, settling in Detroit, Michigan.

Since there was little work in the USA during the Great Depression, Baca's father moved his family to Slovakia in 1932, and proceeded to build a house in Vehec. After living there for two years, his father decided to return to Detroit in 1934 and found a job in an automobile factory. He left his 3 month pregnant wife behind, and John Baca was born that year.

Thus the author spent his childhood living in a Slovak village until the age of 13. He describes his family's home in great detail and many of traditions and customs they carried on in Vehec. The author also lived in Slovakia through the Second World War and relates



Vehec, Slovakia, the birthplace of John Baca. Source: <http://www.vehec.ocu.sk/sk/>

some of the happenings he witnessed, including the removal of dead German bodies and the putrid smell of dead flesh, an awful experience for a young child.

Why John's father did not send for his family before the war is not clear, but once the Second World War erupted, moving proved impossible, and his father was drafted in the US Army. So the family did not reunite again until 1947, when the guns had silenced and the immediate post-war situation had somewhat stabilized.

#### Life in America

Baca's story continues with his life in America and the initial difficulties he experienced in adjusting to a culture when he knew no English. But he soon learned to acclimate to his new home and eventually graduated from high school. After graduation, he took courses at the Chrysler Institute of Engineering and eventually became a full-time employee at Chrysler, and a part-time vocational teacher in engineering and design. He married Margaret Horvath in 1958 and they went on to raise a family of several daughters. His world nearly fell apart in 1970 and he went through a painful divorce, but survived and worked until illness led him to retire in 2004.

In 2005, he decided to make a return trip to Vehec, his native village in Slovakia. The author provided numerous photos from the trip, and it no doubt inspired his wish to pursue writing his life history.



Photos of John Baca's family

#### Critique

While the book provides a useful chronicle of his life, it has some drawbacks. The book could be somewhat better organized so that his personal history and the history of Slovakia are not intermixed. He starts out with his family history, switches to general Slovak history, and then returns to his life story.

The book also contains a number of spelling and grammar errors, such as misspelling "Westmoreland County." In some instances, nouns needed articles such as "a" or "the" before them. A few sentences read like bad translations. There are a few fragmented and confusing sentences that might not make sense to the reader. When writing about Slovak culture, the author uses some Slovak words, but does not always provide readers with an explanation of their English language meaning. A few Slovak words (for instance, priadkach on p. 61) are presented in cases other than the nominative form, which would be incomprehensible to non-Slovak speakers. So those not familiar with Slovak culture and language might stumble at times. Finally, there is some repetition of facts in different parts of the book. In sum, the book required somewhat more careful editing and an organization which flowed more effectively for readers.

Overall though, Baca's book is still a significant contribution to the collections of Slovak family genealogies. The most useful parts of the book are the many valuable photos and documents which he uncovered during his extensive years of research.

#### Contact Information

For those interested in finding out more about Mr. Baca's book and his ongoing research, they can refer to his website: <http://vehecinfo.me/>

The website contains a summary of his work, a list of some sources he has used, and contact information. Mr. Baca conveyed that he was willing to send his book at nominal cost to anyone who might be interested in obtaining a copy. For those who are seriously interested in pursuing a book-length history of their family, Baca's book provides a worthy model of what to research and what to include in such a monumental endeavor.

# MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011

### HOME OFFICE

### INDEPENDENCE, OHIO

**OPEN:**

President Andrew M. Rajec called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and asked Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., to lead the prayer.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members attending: Andrew M. Rajec, President  
Kenneth A. Arendt, Executive Secretary  
Andrew R. Harcar, Sr., Vice President  
George F. Matta, Treasurer  
James Marmol, Regional Director (By invitation of the President)

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE JULY MEETING MINUTES:**

The Executive Secretary presented the Minutes of the July 2011 Executive Committee Meeting. A motion was made by Kenneth Arendt and seconded by George Matta to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S STOCK AND BOND REPORT:**

The Treasurer presented a written report and answered all the Executive Committee's questions.

**INVESTMENTS:**

President Rajec presented Arvind Sachdeva, CFA, and Michael Hackett, representatives of Key Bank, to make a presentation on the Victory Capital Management Fund. Following the presentation they answered all questions from the Executive Committee.

Craig Ruch, Chief Executive Officer for MatlinPatterson Asset Management ("MPAM"), reviewed our investment with MPAM (via teleconference) and followed his presentation by answering all questions by the Executive Committee.

**AQS MANAGEMENT, INC.:**

Larry White, representing AQS Management, Inc., presented his monthly presentation by WebEx. After his report Mr. White answered the Executive Committee's questions.

The President asked Larry White for his opinion concerning the current annuity interest rates and to review our common and preferred stock portfolio and outline some suggestions for the future.

**SALES AND MARKETING:**

The Vice President reviewed our sales production report in different Regions and answered the Executive Committee's questions. The Vice President also reviewed the sales production report of our independent agents, noting that we are continuing to add agents. Vice President Harcar reviewed the upcoming seminars for 2011 and encourages District and Branch officers to contact him if their District or Branch is interested in conducting a seminar.

Vice President Harcar updated the Executive Committee on the upcoming Membership Meet which will be a four day Eastern Caribbean Cruise held November 14-18, 2011.

The Vice President stated we will continue to use direct mailing to market our products.

The President led a discussion on our current annuity interest rates. It was decided to maintain the current interest rates and the rates will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee Meeting held in September.

**FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:**

The President reviewed our FCSU National Picnic which was held August 14, 2011 at Wiegand's Lake Park in Novelty, Ohio. The President stated we received excellent feedback from our members. Registration went smoothly and everyone was pleased with the well maintained park, delicious food, and planned activities, and everyone had a good time. Our plan went according to schedule but unfortunately the weather was a major factor; however, we did utilize our back-up plan successfully.

The President reviewed plans for holding a joint golf tournament with other Slovak Fraternals in 2012 and will inform the Executive Committee as more information becomes available.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT:****FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK**

Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt submitted a written report to the Executive Committee which gave a complete update of the investments and transactions with the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB).

**PORTFOLIO CUSTODIAN**

The Executive Secretary updated the Executive Committee on the report from our portfolio custodian, Key Bank, and found everything in order and answered the Committee's questions.

**MORTGAGES AND OVERDUE MORTGAGES**

The Executive Secretary presented the report for the month of July for the Commit-

tee's review and answered their questions.

**MONTHLY DISBURSEMENTS**

The Executive Secretary reported that the following disbursements were incurred and paid during the month of July:

Disbursements for the month of July 2011:

Death Benefits & Accumulations	\$ 81,175.06
Cash Withdrawals & Accumulations	\$ 21,774.52
Matured Endowments & Accumulations	\$ 0.00
Trust Fund	\$ 0.00

The Executive Secretary also presented the Membership and Annuity Report. The Executive Committee reviewed the remainder of the disbursements and the Executive Secretary answered all questions.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Regional Director James Marmol, led a review on the proposed budget for the Memorial Monument Project in Middletown, Pennsylvania. After further discussion the President asked Regional Director Marmol to prepare a new budget to reflect the suggested changes made by the Committee to present to the Board at the September Board Meeting.

President Rajec reported on the Slovak Catholic Sokol Convention he attended along with Executive Secretary Arendt. He further stated they were both invited to give their greetings to the convention.

**REQUESTS FOR ADS AND DONATIONS:**

The request for donations and ads were reviewed and acted upon.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Andrew Harcar and seconded by Kenneth Arendt to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

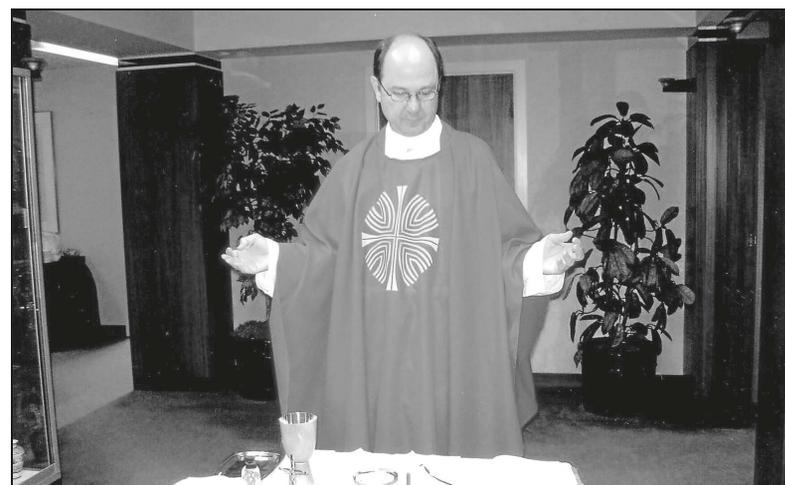
The President asked Vice President Andrew Harcar to close the meeting with prayer.

Andrew M. Rajec  
President

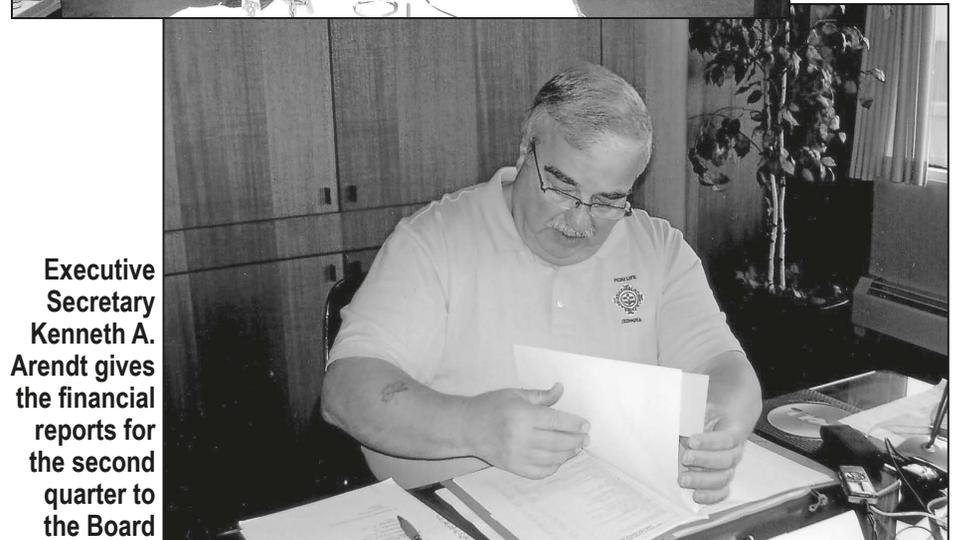
Kenneth A. Arendt  
Executive Secretary



## Scenes from A Successful Quarterly Board Meeting

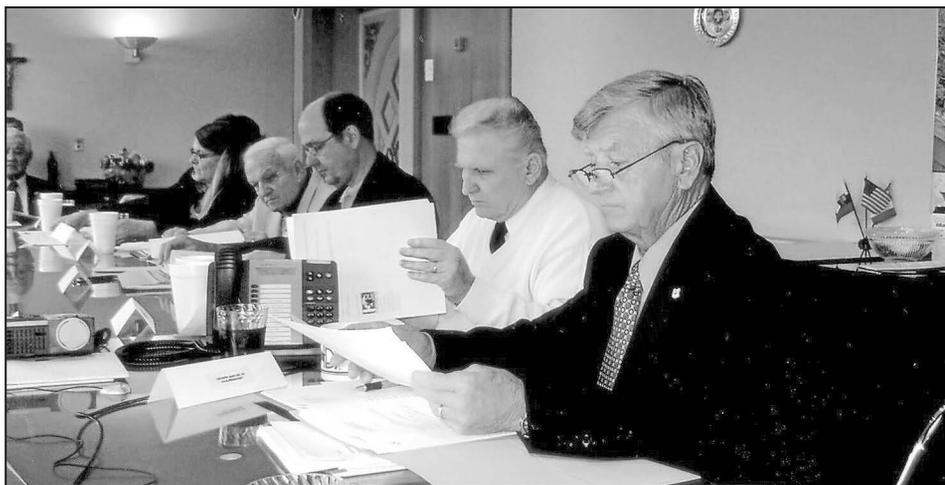


**Rev. Thomas Nasta, National Chaplain, celebrates daily Mass for meeting attendees and their guests**



**Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt gives the financial reports for the second quarter to the Board**

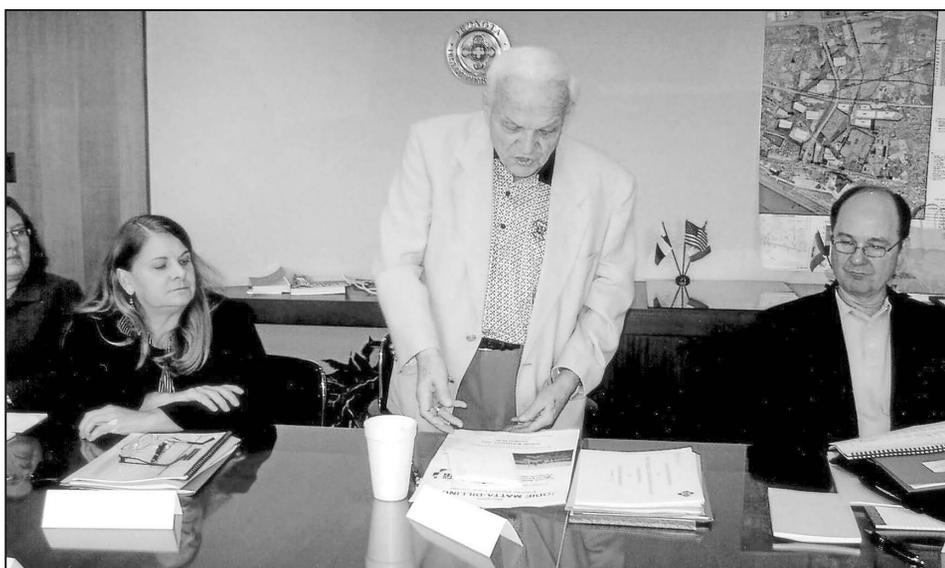
# Scenes From a Successful Quarterly Board Meeting



(Foreground) Vice President Andrew R. Harcar, Sr. goes over membership and marketing statistics for the Board of Directors



L – R) Fraternal Activities Director Susan M. Ondrejco and Chairman of Auditors Karen M. Hunka



(Standing) National Treasurer George F. Matta gives the Jednota Properties report



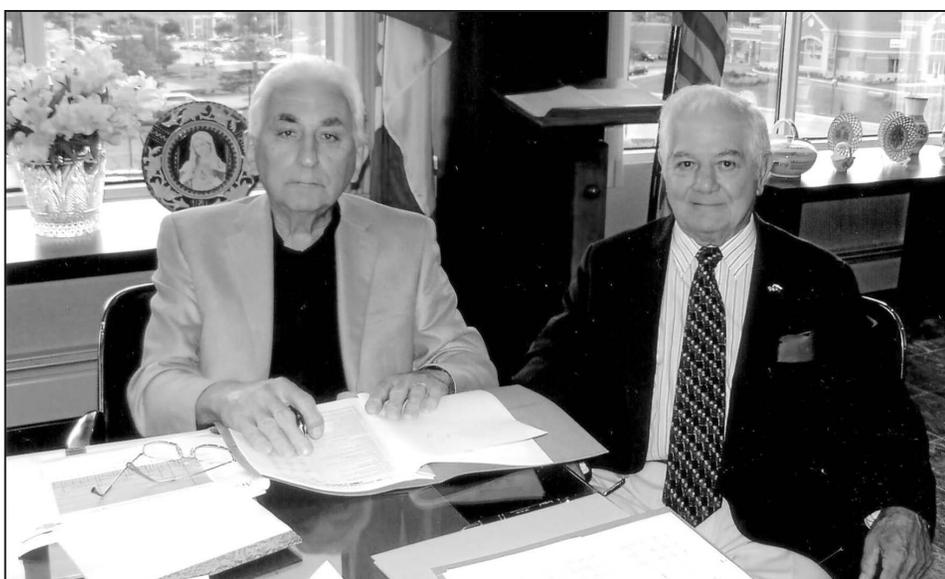
(L – R) Damian Nasta, Region 2 Director, and James Marmol, Region 4 Director



L – R) Milos Mitro, Regions 8 & 9 Director, and Carl Ungvarsky, Region 3 Director



(L – R) Gary J. Matta, FCSU General Counsel, and Executive Secretary Kenneth A. Arendt



(L- R) Henry Hassay, Region 6 Director, and Joseph Minarovich, Region 1 Director



Going over the reports (L – R): Regis P. Brekosky, Region 5 Director, and Rudolph Bernath, Region 7 Director

# REFLECTIONS ON POPE BENEDICT XVI'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS October 2011

## General Intention - Terminally Ill

*That the terminally ill may be supported by their faith in God and the love of their brothers and sisters.*



This month's prayer intention is appropriate for October, Respect Life Month. Our culture tends to see the terminally ill as a burden. There is this attitude: "They're going to die soon anyway; why not euthanize them?" (Truth be told, we are all going to die sooner or later.)

We like to disguise the fact that we are talking about killing another person. We call it euthanasia (Greek for good death) or mercy-killing. If we cannot kill a person's pain directly, this logic goes, we should kill the person, as if pain is the ultimate enemy.

In February 2009, Pope Benedict called euthanasia "a false solution to the drama of suffering, a solution unworthy of man. In-

deed, the true response cannot be to put someone to death, however "kindly," but rather to witness to the love that helps people to face their pain and agony in a human way. We can be certain that no tear, neither of those who are suffering nor of those who are close to them, is lost before God."

This month's prayer intention expresses our two obligations toward the terminally ill. First, we must support them in the faith that every human life from conception to natural death is sacred. We support them by helping them find meaning in their suffering. With the bishops of the Second Vatican Council, we can say to them: "You are the brothers and sisters of the suffering Christ, and with him, if you wish, you are saving the world." For when we unite our sufferings to Christ, we contribute to the ongoing salvation of the world.



Our second obligation to the terminally ill, whether family members or strangers, is to give them compassionate care, as the Samaritan did for the wounded stranger on the roadside. What we do for those who are sick, we are doing for Christ.

### Reflection:

How have I experienced the redemptive value of suffering in my own life? How can I help others find meaning in their sufferings?

### Reading:

Luke 10:29-37 Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



## World Mission Day

*That the celebration of World Mission Day may foster in the People of God a passion for evangelization with the willingness to support the missions with prayer and economic aid for the poorest Churches.*



On the 23rd this month we celebrate World Mission Day. In his message for this day, Pope Benedict reminds us this day is not an "isolated moment" in the Church year, but an opportunity to reflect how we live our missionary vocation throughout the year.

All of us, the contemporary followers of Christ, are called to share our gift of faith. The Holy Father reminds us: "The Gospel is not an exclusive possession of whoever has received it but a gift to share, good news to communicate." If we truly know of God's deep love revealed in Jesus, we won't be able to keep this good news to ourselves. We will be on fire to share the faith and to do everything possible to support those who do this as their full-time ministry, especially in places far from home.

"Continuous proclamation of the Gospel, in fact, also invigorates the Church," Pope Benedict said in his message. When we do the Church's work of evangelization, we grow stronger in our own faith. According to Pope Benedict, the proclamation of the Gospel "is the most precious service that the Church can render to humanity."

Let us join Pope Benedict in praying for the success of this annual celebration of evangelization. May we all have a passion for spreading the Gospel that leads us to do something concrete - support the work of the missions in the poorest countries through prayer and contributions. In Pope Benedict's words, "May World Mission Day revive in each one the desire to go and the joy of going."

### Reflection:

What elements of the faith do I find most exciting? What are ways that I can share those with others either through what I say or what I do?

### Reading:

Luke 24:13-35 The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

## Prayer of the Month



Lord Jesus Christ, you chose to share our human nature to redeem all people. Look with compassion on your servants who are suffering from terminal illness. Support them with your power, comfort them with your protection, and give them the strength to fight against evil. Since you have given them a share in your own passion, help them to find hope in suffering, for you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

- adapted from Pastoral Care of the Sick

## Address Changes?

Readers are reminded that all address changes for the JEDNOTA newspaper must be done at the Home Office in Independence, Ohio. If you have an address change, cancellation, or wish to receive the paper, write to: First Catholic Slovak Union, FCSU Corporate Center, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131-2398; Phone: 1/800-JEDNOTA (1/800-533-6682); Fax: 1-216-642-4310; or E-mail: FCSU@aol.com.

# Pictures from Branch 746 Summer Picnic

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 746 had their summer picnic on Sunday, August 21, 2011. The picnic took place at Linden Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue, Tremley Point. There were many members that came together to celebrate their Slovak heritage and enjoy the beautiful Sunday afternoon. Delicious Slovak food was served, of course, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you to our Branch members and friends who attended and continue to enthusiastically support our events. A special thanks to our Slovak chefs and to Mrs. Mary Karch for all her hard work in making the picnic a great success.

-Submitted by Sabina Sabados, President, Branch 746

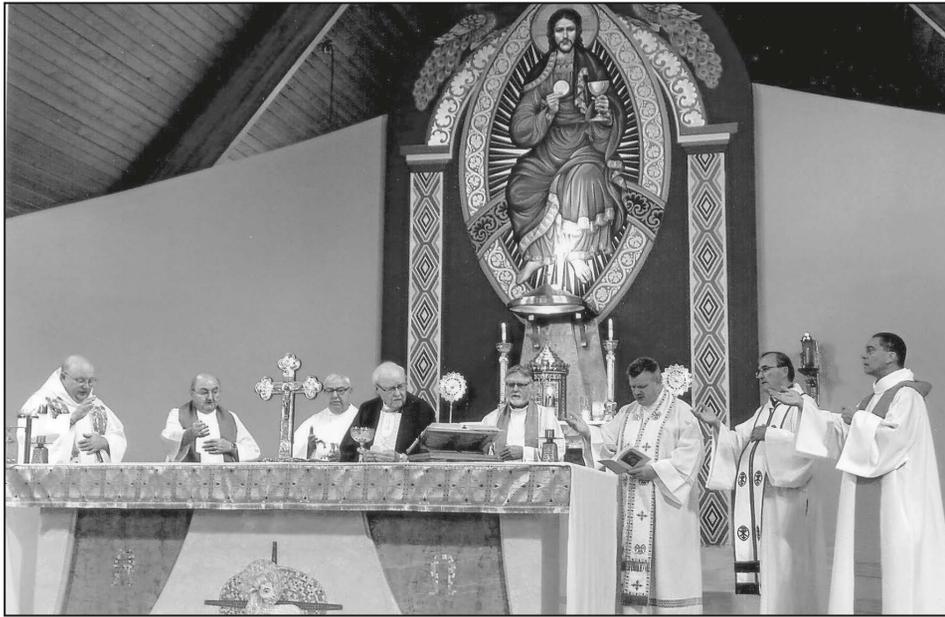


# Annual Pilgrimage Honoring Our Lady of Sorrows

Continuing a long-standing tradition, Mahoning Valley Slovak Catholics gathered on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon in North Jackson, OH, for the annual pilgrimage honoring our Lady of Sorrows, the patroness of Slovaks worldwide. Under the sponsorship of the Slovak Catholic Federation – Youngstown, Father George Franko celebrated the 4pm Mass in Slovak along with eight priests who concelebrated. Father Nicholas Mancini, former pastor of Saints Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH, came from his new assignment in Sacred Heart Church in Harrisburg, OH, to offer the homily highlighting the reasons for Our Lady of Sorrows being the patroness of the Slovak people. He illustrated how the sorrows of the Blessed Mother paralleled the difficulties and disappointments faced by the Slovak people throughout their history and the struggles of those who immigrated to the United States. Father Mancini also spoke about how the faithful can gain solace by contemplating the sorrows of Mary as well as gain guidance by her unwavering faith and steadfast dedication to Jesus.

The day began at 3pm with an anointing of those present, followed by meditations and prayers focused on the sorrows of the Blessed Mother, led by Father Daniel Cipar. The Sacrament of Penance was available throughout the opening service. A choir, led by John J. Janosik, sang hymns and liturgical responses in Slovak. There were more than 150 people in attendance. A dinner followed in Cedars Hall.

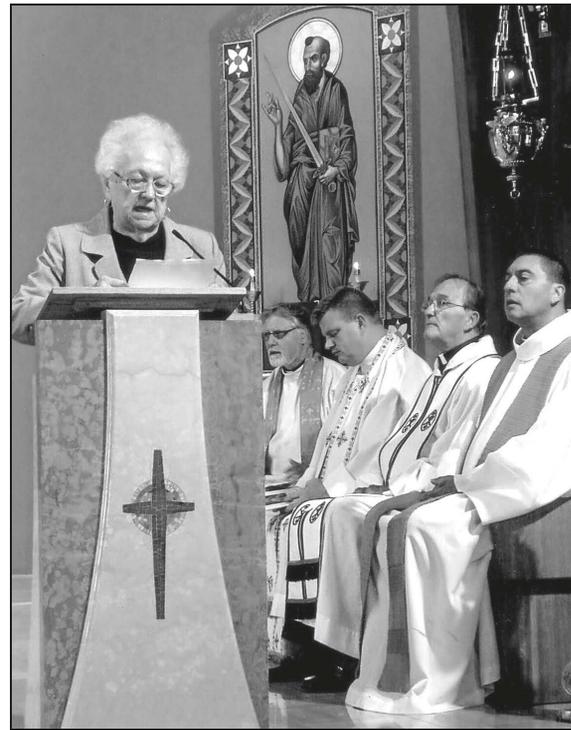
This year's pilgrimage marked the 18th annual celebration of their faith and heritage by those of Slovak descent from the Youngstown Mahoning Valley. Pilgrims came from the Pittsburgh and Cleveland areas as well.



Father George Franko flanked by concelebrating priests offers the prayers of the Eucharistic Consecration at the Mass honoring Our Lady of Sorrows during the annual pilgrimage of Slovak Catholics at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon. (L – R): Father David Misbrenner, Father Nicholas Mancini, Father David Cipar, Father George Franko, Father Melvin Rusnak, Father David Shortt, Father Nicholas Kraynak, and Father James Korda. Not shown: Father Gabriel Yablonsky.

This event is held yearly on the third Sunday of September, because of the day's proximity to the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows which the Church commemorates each September 15th. The pilgrimage is open to all who wish to attend.

Submitted by Tim Wagner, Slovak Catholic Federation, Youngstown



Mrs. Agatha Fabny of Saint Mathias Slovak Catholic Church, Youngstown, OH, does the second reading in Slovak during the Pilgrimage Mass honoring Our Lady of Sorrows, the patroness of Slovaks, worldwide. Also pictured (L – R): Father Melvin Rusnak, Father David Shortt, Father Nicholas Kraynak, and Father James Korda.

## Christmas Sales at Slovak Institute



Oplatki sales and traditional Slovak and English Christmas cards – as well as various Slovak and English books – are for sale.

Orders will be accepted until December 17, 2011.

The following is a list of available items, with prices:

- Oplatki – 3/pk - \$1.00
- Slovak or English Christmas Cards – 10 cards with envelopes - \$10.00
- To Canada – Christmas Cards – 10 cards with envelopes - \$12.00

- Large map of Slovakia (black & white) - \$10.00
- Large Slovak Flag - \$20.00
- Small Slovak Flag - \$4.00

Please add an additional \$4.00 for shipping and handling.

For additional information, you may contact Andrew F. Hudak, Jr., at the Slovak Institute, 10510 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, OH, 44101. Telephone: 216-721-5300, ext. 294.

## Branch 581 Invites All to Oct 16 Mass and Meeting

Branch 581 welcomes and encourages all FCSU members to attend the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass on October 16, 2011, at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Slovak Church; 1849 Lincoln Avenue Whiting, Indiana 46394. Branch 581 will have the privilege of presenting the Spiritual Gifts during Mass.

Branch 40 has supported this event by sponsoring the altar wine, a donation that has already been presented to St. John's pastor, the Reverend John Kalicky.

Prior to Mass, the members will have the opportunity to meet in the school facility directly across from the church at 1844 Lincoln Avenue. Coffee will be provided through the generous support of multiple branches of the FCSU.

Before leaving the church, members are encouraged to stop by the stained glass window, one sign of the substantial support the FCSU has provided over the years - not only to St. John the Baptist Slovak Parish, but also to the community at large.

Directly after Mass, there will be a brief, to-the-point business meeting held in the school facility. The meeting will be called to order at 12:30 PM by Region 7 Director, Rudy Bernath, and is expected to be concluded by 1:00 PM. A primary focus of the agenda will be new business and how to work for the good of the society. There will be a light lunch provided after the meeting.

We look forward to seeing our members and do encourage all to attend. For advanced registration or for more information, please contact: Ed Bach, FIC, by email at edjbach@aol.com or by phone at 219 678 0689.

Fraternally,

Ed Bach, FIC Branch 581

## Nov Slovak Heritage Festival Supports Slovak Studies Program in Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh Slovak Studies Program will present its 21st Annual Slovak Heritage Festival on Sunday, November 6, 2011. The Festival will be held from 1:00PM – 5:00PM at the Cathedral of Learning Commons Room in Oakland, PA.

As in past years, the Festival will feature our great ethnic food including kielbasa, halusky, holupki, pirohi, and a variety of pastries. There also will be Slovak musical performances throughout the afternoon, as well as a parade and cultural displays and lectures.

Festival attendees are encouraged to come dressed in Slovak folk costume and join in the fun!

For more information, call Chris Metil at (412) 624-5906.

### About the Slovak Studies Program

The University of Pittsburgh is the only university in the United States where students can take Slovak language and culture classes and opt to receive a Minor in Slovak Studies. People from other colleges in the region cross-register each year, the Slovak Studies Program has welcomed students, professors, and employees from CMU, Duquesne U., Chatham U., Carlow U., and La Roche College. Students sometimes come from universities around the country for a semester or two on a FLAS scholarship. People who meet the OLLI criteria are welcome to audit (almost all have chosen to participate fully) all our classes and do so every year. Chaired by Martin Votruba, the Slovak Studies Program is one of the programs funded in part by the First Catholic Slovak Union in our commitment to support efforts to the continuation of our shared Slovak heritage and customs. For more information on the Slovak Studies Program, go to <http://www.pitt.edu/~votruba/skprogram/skprogram.html>.

# Nov Benefit for Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Svorad



Located on the highest point in Cleveland, OH, the monks of St. Andrew Abbey ascend to God through a life of prayer and work, and run the all -boys college preparatory Benedictine High School. The Slovak Institute also is housed on the grounds. The Abbey is a part of Branch 24.

The Benedictine Monks of Saint Andrew Svorad Abbey will present their Abbey Benefit on Sunday, November 6, 2011. "Dedicated Commitment to the Lord", is this year's theme. The benefit will celebrate the fiftieth (50th) anniversary of the profession of Monastic Vows of Rev. Anselm Zupka, OSB, and the thirty-fifth (35th) anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Rev. Dismas Boeff, OSB.

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

Rt. Rev. Abbot Christopher Schwartz, OSB will be the main speaker for the banquet. Fr. Gerard Gonda, OSB will be the Master of Ceremonies. He will present recognition in memory of Dorothy Hudac, who volunteered for twenty years as a member

of the Benefit Committee.

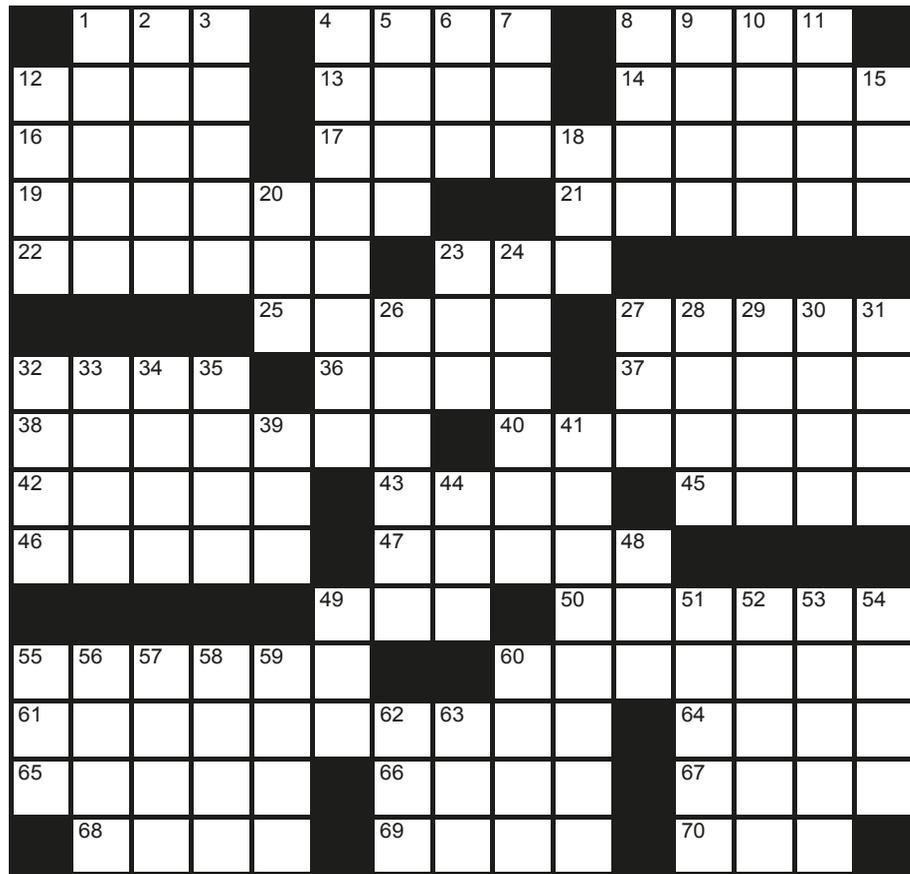
Entertainment will be provided by Swing City Big Band. Catering will be provided by Billy Hricovec, of Tom's Country Place. Center piece flowers donated by Orban's Flowers. A silent Slovak auction will be held. The event concludes about 4:00 PM with the Monks singing the "Benedictine Anthem" -- The Ultima.

Your support of our Annual Benefit is a very important part of the monks' present and future 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.

Ticket price is \$65.00. Additional sponsorships, including \$100.00 "Honor-a-Monk" contributions, are available. For reservations and additional information please contact Rev. Albert Marflak, OSB at 216-721-5300 ext. 209, Marie A. Golias at 216-228-8179, or Rose Stiffar at 216-721-5300 ext. 0. Please make reservations by October 27, 2011.

Submitted by Rev. Albert Marflak, Branch 24 Chaplain

# Jednota Crossword Puzzle



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**Across**

- 1 Heel
- 4 Medium gait
- 8 Swamp grass
- 12 Prison sentence, possibly
- 13 Overabundant
- 14 Enthusiastic approv
- 16 "...there is no \_\_\_ angel but Love Shakespeare
- 17 Bay rum, for one
- 19 Retainer
- 21 Repented
- 22 Takes the wheel
- 23 Gymnast's goal
- 25 Small drum
- 27 Youngster
- 32 Wedge
- 36 Mantle
- 37 Cherish
- 38 Playgrounds
- 40 Provided with food
- 42 True heath
- 43 Pismires
- 45 Biblical prophet
- 46 Impertinent
- 47 Endures
- 49 Pigpen
- 50 Functional
- 55 Birthplace of St. Francis
- 60 Astral
- 61 Woeful
- 64 *Gone with the Wind* location
- 65 Waste pipe
- 66 Twofold
- 67 Synagogue chests
- 68 Boast
- 69 TV award
- 70 Thing, in law

**Down**

- 1 Bearcat
- 2 Burning
- 3 Search (into)
- 4 Make a deal
- 5 Fissure
- 6 Frequently (Poet.)
- 7 Golf peg
- 8 Catch one's breath
- 9 Canyon sound
- 10 Distinctive flair
- 11 Humorist Barry
- 12 Fewer
- 15 *Cheers'* Danson
- 18 Competed in a marathon
- 20 Creative activity
- 23 Acme
- 24 Raises, as a building
- 26 Volcanic rock
- 27 Small rug
- 28 Notion
- 29 Average
- 30 Creme cookie
- 31 Scarlet and cerise
- 32 Sp. women (Abbr.)
- 33 Wife of Zeus
- 34 Horned goddess
- 35 Soft shoes, for short
- 39 Devilfish

- 41 Shrewdly
- 44 House vote
- 48 Compass pt.
- 49 Title of respect
- 51 Church table
- 52 Strident noise
- 53 Pipits
- 54 Time periods
- 55 Append
- 56 Belgrade native
- 57 Rigging support
- 58 Pelvic arch
- 59 Dance's partner
- 60 Close violently
- 62 Fruit drink
- 63 Old Brooklyn Dodger?



**FALL GALA**  

**Saturday, November 12, 2011**

**POKROVA HALL**  
6812 Broadview Road • Parma, OH 44134

Performances by  
**Lúčinka Children's Ensemble**  
and special guest **Living Traditions**

Music and Dancing to follow by  
**Ralph the Accordion Man & Party Band**

**Tickets: \$30/person**  
Includes full-course dinner with cash bar  
Raffles & Gift Baskets  
Cocktails 6:00p.m. Dinner 6:30p.m.

**For tickets, contact: Tom Ivanec at 440/668-7797**  
**Or Mary Ann & Dan Dzurec at 440/930-2197**

All proceeds to benefit the Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble

**Thank You for Your Support**

See Solution on Page 19

# Scenes from 6th Annual Mahoning Valley SlovakFest

The 6th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak-Fest was held on Sunday, August 14th in Youngstown, OH. It kicked off with a wonderful Polka Mass at St. Matthias Church, on Youngstown's Southside, an area where many Slovak families settled in the early 1900s. After the celebration of Mass, the festivities continued in the church parking lot and the former school, in the Father Snock Center.

Inside the hall, dinners were served from noon till 3PM, while outside attendees could purchase a variety of Slovak foods, beverages and pastries throughout the day. There also were indoor displays of Slovak crafts, outfits, pictures and books as well as information about various Slovak organizations and projects, cookbooks and recipes, and maps for you to locate ancestral villages.

The Eddie Vallus band played for attendees listening and dancing pleasure until about 3pm when the entertainment continued with the Living Traditions Folk Ensemble under the direction of Tom and Cathy Katrenich of Brecksville, OH who entertained with singing and folk dances. Starting at 4PM, the Grammy nominated Del Sinchak polka band played outside.

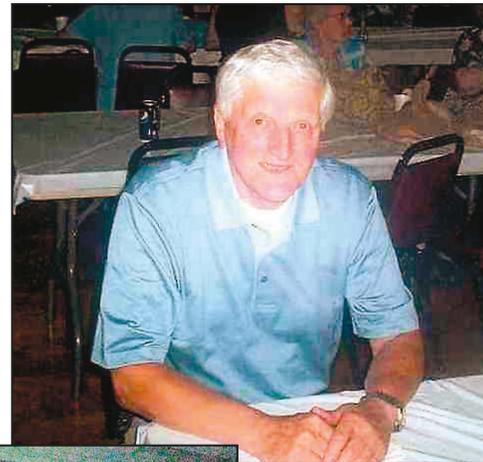
The SlovakFest also had many Slovak items on display or for sale including a selection of beautiful Slovak crystal as well as a silent auction and children's games, clowns and other activities throughout the day. A number of FCSU members helped out at the Slovak Fest, including those from District 14, the Rev. Joseph L. Kostik District.



(L – R) Jim Bobby, Jackie Bobby, John Bobby



(L – R) Joe Scavina, Barb Hosa, Irene Makovic, Judy Nuth, Nancy Scavina



Milan Krivan



Dancers from Brecksville, OH



(L – R) Paul Ritz, Joe Scavina, and clowns



(L – R) Millie Leskovyansky, Nancy Scavina, Bob Franko

Photos and captions courtesy of Susan Ondrejco, Fraternal Activities Director

# Reflections on the Mass Celebrating St. John Neumann's 200th Birthday

By Helena T. Gaydos, President Branch 55

On June 18th, 2011, members of Branch 55 K.J. were both proud and honored to represent the people of Slovak heritage at the 200th Anniversary of the Birthday of St. John Neumann at the church of St. Peter the Apostle, home of the Shrine of St. John Neumann.

The Celebration started with the Seminarians leading the procession of nationality groups each in their native dress, and provided a glimpse of grandeur of the variety of immigrants served by the Catholic Church at the time of St. John Neumann's ministry. Each group, in their respective native dress, was represented by a flag bearer and two women (one Reader and one to bring up offertory gifts).

From the moment we processed into the Church, we were filled with the Holy Spirit. Upon hearing the New York Choir passionately and gloriously singing: This is the Victory of our God, Alleluia, we trembled and our eyes filled with tears of joy for we knew we were entering a higher realm—our Saint, St. John Neumann, was with us. Indeed, his body is buried in the Crypt Church, and his spirit lives on with the descendants of the people he served so long ago.

Kurt Thomas Payne, Branch 55, carried the Slovak Flag in procession; Helena Gaydos, President Branch 55, read one of the Prayers of the Faithful in Slovak; and Annarose Payne, Fraternal Director, Stefan Furdek District 8, carried up one of the Offertory Gifts. The other nations in the procession representing the immigrants served by St. John Neumann were English, Polish, German, Mexican, and Tagalog. While a young priest from Bohemia, St. John Neumann learned eleven languages in order to serve the immigrants in his Archdiocese.

The highlight of the procession was the impressive number of forty priests that filled the sanctuary in a sea of white in honor of the Forty Hours Devotion instituted by St. John Neumann. For us it was a great joy to see for it was reminiscent of the religious fervor present at the Forty Hours Devotions held at our own beloved St. John Nepomucene Slovak Church.

The beautiful Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Edward Gilbert of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago with 40 Concelebrants was a glorious tribute to St. John Neumann. The Archbishop's inspiring homily was presented with the gentleness of the love that St. John Neumann held for his flock and the Archbishop's own love for our Saint. As Master of Ceremonies, Msgr. George Tomichek, magnificently organized every detail of the Ceremony that reflected his love of our Saint. All this love created a sense of holiness throughout the entire program and continued even at the dinner that followed the Mass where the guests enthusiastically shared their feelings of joy.

This turned out to be a truly fraternal event as we were assisted by our home office staff, the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, and our local Pastor of St. Agnes-St. John Nepomucene Slovak Church including FCSU President Andy Rajcek, and Administrative Assistant Karen Davis; Anne Southerland on the Jednota editorial staff; Sister Catherine Laboure, SS.C.M. at the Jankola Library in Danville, Sister Paulette, SS.C.M.; and our Pastor, Father Francis Lendacky. We appreciate their help in getting a native dress for the Gift Bearer,



Archbishop Edward Gilbert of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago Celebrating the Mass in honor of the 200th Anniversary of St. John Neumann with 40 priests Concelebrating at St. Peter the Apostle Church, home of the Shrine of St. John Neumann.

translating the Prayer of the Faithful into Slovak, training the Reader for the reading of the Slovak prayer, and providing a Slovak Flag for the procession—the flag was donated to St. Agnes-St. John Nep. Church by the Slovak Catholic Sokol in memory of John Gaydos, Kurt's grandfather. All were included in our prayers of thanksgiving. We are grateful to them for helping us be a part of a truly blessed and grace-filled event.



Kurt Thomas Payne, carrying the Slovak Flag, escorts Helen Gaydos from the Altar after reading one of the Prayers of the Faithful in Slovak.



Members of Branch 55 participating in 200th Anniversary Mass of St. John Neumann held at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Shrine of SJN. L-R: Annarose Payne, Fraternal Director, Stefan Furdek District 8; Gift bearer; Helena Gaydos, President, Br. 55 and Vice President of Stefan Furdek District 8, Slovak Prayer Reader; Laura Lynne Payne, Steven Gerba, VP Br. 55; Josephine Gerba, Sec-Treas., Br. 55; Lilyanna Rose Payne; and Kurt Thomas Payne, Slovak Flag bearer.



Annarose Payne (Ctr.) is shown with her family (all members of Branch 55) who participated in the Mass Celebrating the 200th Birthday of St. John Neumann: ( L-R) Laurie Payne, Auditor; Laura Lynne Payne; Erik Payne, Lilyanna Payne; Jeanmarie Abate; Gabriel Abate, and Kurt Thomas Payne,

## DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISTRICT 2 - THE REV. JOHN J. SPITKOVSKY DISTRICT

The Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District II Annual Meeting and Election of Officers will take place on Sunday, October 23, 2011 at Our Lady of Sorrows Benedictine Priory, 5900 W. 147th Street, in Oak Forest, Illinois. We will enjoy a short period of fraternal fellowship and refreshments starting at 1:30 pm.

The Annual Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 pm.

Attendees will enjoy a delicious catered meal. All branches are asked to send delegates; individual FCSU 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 beverages can be ordered for the meeting.

**Robert Tapak Magruder, Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 4 – MSGR. JOHN E. RURA DISTRICT – NEW JERSEY

The next semi-annual meeting of the Msgr. Rura District of New Jersey will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 1:00 PM. Branch 290 will host the meeting at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 16 East Somerset Street in Raritan, NJ. Branch secretaries are asked to call Joe Minarovich @ 732-469-5256 by October 21st to RSVP with the number of members that will be attending. After a brief business meeting, Mr. Andrew Harcar will be conducting a sales seminar for all attendees.

Please join us for this informational session. Refreshments will be served.

**Mary J. Kapitan, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 5 - MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Michigan District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at St. Patrick's Rayan Church Hall in Merrill, MI. The church hall is located at 4708 South Meridan Road (M30). A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served starting at 11:30AM. All members are encouraged to stay for the business meeting at 1:00PM. Branch 774 will be hosting; please notify Katherine Stevens at (989) 835-9895 by October 17th with the number of delegates that will be attending your branch.

Since this is our annual meeting, election of officers will be on the agenda, along with discussion of District business. We encourage all branches to be represented. Hoping to see many new faces.

**Ann Magusin, District Secretary**

### CORRECTION: DISTRICT 7 - REV. JOHN MARTVON DISTRICT - BLAIR, CAMBRIA, INDIANA, SOMERSET AND BEDFORD COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA

The Rev. John Martvon District will hold its Semi-annual Meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Hoss's Steak & Sea House, 441 Theatre Drive, Johnstown (Richland area), PA, 15904. The election of district officers will take place at this meeting. All Branches are invited to attend.

**Lawrence Fenimore, Branch 23 President ; District 7 Vice President**

### DISTRICT 8 - REV. STEPHEN FURDEK DISTRICT- EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA, MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish School, 130 Levittown Parkway, Levittown, Pa. 19054. The meeting will start at 9:45AM. Mass will be at 12 noon with dinner to follow. Donation for the dinner is \$10.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Branch 857. All checks and credentials must be returned by Saturday, October 8, 2011. PLEASE be prompt!!

Any questions, please call Loretta Dashner at 610.432.8350. Thank You!

**Loretta Dashner, Recording Secretary**

### DISTRICT 10 – REV. STEPHEN FURDEK

The Rev. Stephen Furdek District #10 will hold its second and final meeting for 2011. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 2pm at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, OH 44311.

This will be our final meeting for the 2011 year and we will hold election for new officers for the 2012 Year.

We invite all branches in District 10 to attend this meeting. To assist your district officers with planning refreshments – please let us know how many members will be attending from your branch.

Please call Linda Hanko @ 330-706-0151 or via email lhako@neo.rr.com.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M. Hanko, Secretary/Treasurer**

### DISTRICT 11 – MSGR JOSEF TISO DISTRICT – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Annual Meeting of the Msgr. Josef Tiso District will be on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at the C.U. Club, 912 Sixth Avenue, Ford City, PA, at 2:00 PM.

Delegates from all branches should call okres secretary Grace Charney at (724) 763-1104 to confirm their attendance.

Reminder: Attendance (at least one representative) at a District meeting each year and up-to-date payment of District dues (\$3/yr) are requirements for eligibility to Branches to receive their annual membership reimbursements from Headquarters and to send delegates to quadrennial FCSU Conventions. NO waivers will be granted, and Branch non-compliance with these requirements will be noted in minutes and reports.

**Grace M. Charney, Secretary**

### DISTRICT 12 – MSGR. ANDRE HLINKA DISTRICT

On Sunday, Dec 4, 2011, at 1:00 PM, a meeting of the Andre Hlinka District will be held at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. On the agenda: election of officers. Members of the various branches are urged to attend.

**Frances Tarquinio, Secretary**

### CORRECTION - DISTRICT 14 – REV. JOSEPH L. KOSTIK DISTRICT

The Reverend Joseph L. Kostik District 14 will hold a District Meeting on Tuesday October 18, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Branch 260 will host the meeting at St. Matthias Church Hall, 915 Cornell Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44502.

Please contact Carla Peshek at (330) 779-3927 or Executive Secretary Kenneth Arendt at (800) 533-6682 by October 14, 2011 to RSVP with the number of members that will be attending.

Following the business meeting Vice President Andrew Harcar will conduct a sales seminar for all attendees.

Please come and join us for the informational session. Refreshments will be served.

Fraternally,

**Carla Peshek, President**

### DISTRICT 15 - PRINCE PRIBINA DISTRICT - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Prince Pribina District will hold a meeting on Sunday October 30, 2011. Celebrations begin with a Holy Mass at 3:00 PM at St. John Bosco Chapel, St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Boulevard, BELLFLOWER, CA 90706. The Slovak Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Pavol Sochulak from San Bernardino. We will pray for All Saints and all beloved departed Souls.

The meeting will follow in the cafeteria. After the meeting will be a period of fraternal fellowship, and coffee and donuts will be served. All members are invited and all branches in our area are encouraged to send delegates to the meeting.

On the agenda will be promotion and schedule of District fraternal activities and First Catholic Slovak Union insurance information.

Sincerely,

**Paul Skuben, President**

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

The Msgr. Stephen Krasula District 16 will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 1:00PM in the rectory of the Most Holy Trinity Church, Yonkers, NY. The meeting will begin after the 11:30AM Slovak Mass which will be celebrated for our members by a Slovak priest at Most Holy Trinity.

On the agenda will be a financial report and a discussion of activities, as well as other business.

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

Refreshments will be served by Branch 41, Yonkers, NY, after the meeting.

Fraternally,

**Henrietta H. Daitova, Secretary-Treasurer**

## BRANCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BRANCH 1 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Saint Joseph Society Branch 1 will hold its next meeting on Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius School Hall, 12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. We will hold our elections at this time. It is also our Christmas party and all members are encouraged to attend. Members of our branch will be attending the annual Abbey Benefit on November 6, 2011 at the Church of the Assumption in Broadview Hts. Also members will be attending the Viliya that will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at Benedictine High School cafeteria and will be sponsored by the Slovak Radio Club. If you have any questions or are interested in attending please call 216.228.8179.

**Marie A. Golias, Secretary**

### BRANCH 5P – EXETER, PENNSYLVANIA

The Saint John the Evangelist Society, Branch 05P, will hold a meeting on Sunday afternoon November 6, 2011 at 1 pm at the home of Leonard J. Zavada, President, 141 Second St., Wyoming, PA.

Since this is the semi-annual meeting, on the agenda will be the nominations and election of officers for the coming year.

All members interested should attend.

**Marion Rubino, Vice President**

### BRANCH 19 – BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 19, will hold its breakfast meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2011. A Mass will be offered by Msgr. Joseph Pekar for our members at 8:30AM in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT.

Following the Mass, members are invited to return to the Rev. Matthew Jankola Hall in the lower level of the church for our regular meeting and breakfast. At this meeting, the John A. Zabor Scholarship will be awarded to the following college freshmen: Meghan Barry, Nora Elanhas, April Gulotti, Renee Lorys, Kenneth Novak, Leah Phillip, and Peter Salek. This scholarship was established in recognition of the many years John A. Zahor served as president of St. Joseph Society and of his commitment to the education of its members.

Also, the Andrew J. Imbro Grant will be give to the following college juniors for their college expenses: Marie Berarducci, Christopher Danielczuk, Matthew Lumas, Lydia Grace Monks, and Peter Nielson. This grant was established in honor of Andrew Imbro and his years as financial secretary of the St. Joseph Society and his commitment to its young members.

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 9:30AM in Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 79 Church Street, Bridgeport, CT. The election of officers will take place at this meeting. We cordially invite our members to attend these meetings and enjoy seeing their friends.

**Henry Zack, Recording Secretary**

### BRANCH 28 – BONNE TERRE, MISSOURI

There has been a merger between Branch 028K Bonne Terre, MO and Branch 900K Independence, OH.

All members of Branch 028K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of August 23, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

### BRANCH 45 – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The St. Matthew the Evangelist Society, Branch 45, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. after the Slovak mass at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th Street and First Avenue, New York City. On the agenda will be a financial report, officers' reports, a report on last year's activities, and a discussion on events for the upcoming year. The election of officers will also be chosen. We urge all members to attend this meeting.

Sincerely,

**Maria Jurasi, Financial Secretary**

## Reminder For All Branches

Among the requirements to complete in order to qualify for your branch stipend, under Bylaw Section 14. RULES GOVERNING LOCAL BRANCHES, is the following:

#### 14.01 General Rules

a) Branch and district meetings must be held in the close proximity of the hub of its members. The meetings shall be held at least semiannually, one of which must be for the elections of officers, who shall assume their duties upon election. **Notice of each of these meetings shall be published in the Official Organ at least thirty (30) days in advance of such meeting.**

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## BRANCH 100 – ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING

There has been a merger between Branch 100K Rock Springs, WY and Branch 900K Independence, OH.

All members of Branch 100K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of August 23, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 109 – ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

There has been a merger between Branch 109K St. Louis, MO and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 109K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of August 22, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 181 – UNITED, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 181 will hold a meeting on November 5, 2011, St. Florians' Formation Building, immediately following the 5:00PM Mass at St. Florians Church. On the agenda: election of officers.

**Geraldine Kovacina, 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 30, 2011, at 1:15 P.M. at the Old Country Buffet, Town Square Mall, Vestal Parkway, Vestal, New York. On the agenda will be a discussion of the District Picnic, District Meeting, and Branch business. Voting for officers of the Branch will also be held. Members are encouraged to attend.

Please call Sue Gabriel at 607-729-8043 or Arlo Meeker at 607-775-4896 by October 27 to reserve a place at the dinner. Hope to see you at the meeting.

**Arlo Meeker, President**

## BRANCH 200 – FORD CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 200, holds regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month for the benefit of its members. All meeting start at 7:00PM and are located in the upstairs hall of the CU Club, 914 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA.

Regularly scheduled meeting dates through the rest of 2011 are as follows:

October 6, 2011 and November 3, 2011, with a final annual meeting on Dec 1, 2011, during which time election of officers also will be held.

We encourage all members to come to our meetings. Let us hear your ideas and help us make our branch more productive.

Fraternally,

**Vicki L. Schaub,  
Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

## BRANCH 228 – LORAIN, OHIO

As Summer fades and Fall approaches, the St. John the Baptist/Holy Trinity Lodge, Branch 228 of the First Catholic Slovak Union, will begin holding their monthly meetings again at the American Slovak Club on 30th and Broadway in Lorain, Ohio. Our meetings begin at 7 P.M. and

are held on the 3rd Monday of each month except for the months of January, February, July and August when no meetings are held.

The branch will hold its annual election of officers and bylaw review during each December meeting. At that time, we will also elect two (2) representatives to serve on the American Slovak Club Board of Directors.

This is an opportune time to get into office and help manage our branch as well as become involved with the Slovak Club. Anyone interested in running for branch office and/or ASC board representative should contact the branch officers and attend the December 19, 2011 meeting. Visit the websites for the FCSU at fcsu.com and the Slovak Club at americanslovakclub.com for an update on current and future activities.

See you at the Club!

**Thomas B. Zuffa, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 268 – WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

There has been a merger between Branch 268K Weirton, WV and Branch 900K Independence, OH.

All members of Branch 268K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of August 26, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 290 – BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY

Branch 290, St. John the Baptist, will hold a meeting on November 9, 2011, at 7:30PM. Please call after 6PM at (732) 469-5256 for the location of the meeting. Ask for Joe.

Fraternally,

**Joe Minarovich, President**

## BRANCH 296 – GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

There has been a merger between Branch 296K Great Falls, MT and Branch 900K Independence, OH.

All members of Branch 296K will now hold membership in Branch 900K.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 380 – CANONBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Ignatius Society, Branch 380, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 2:00PM at Kings Restaurant, Canonsburg, PA. Agenda: election of officers. Members are urged and welcome to attend.

**Margaret Graytok, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 367 – UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Joseph Branch 367 will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 5:00PM at Bogey's Restaurant, Duck Hollow Road, Uniontown, PA. Under discussion: general branch business and selling insurance to get new members. All members are invited to attend this meeting. Call Audrey Balazik at 724-438-3887.

**Kathryn Baranek, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 382 – SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Branch 382 of Scranton, Pennsylvania will hold its Annual November Meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2011, at noon in the VFW, 110 Chestnut Street, Dunmore,

Pennsylvania.

On the agenda will be election of officers for 2012, future Branch activities, District 17 report, and Home Office information.

Refreshments will be served. All members are encouraged to attend.

Thank you.

**Elizabeth M. Slovenkai, Vice President**

## BRANCH 393 – GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 393, will hold a meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2011, at 1:00PM at the home of Mary Ann Nalevanko on 459 Front St, Greensburg, PA. All members are invited. A light lunch will be served. We will elect officers for the following year.

**Mary Ann Nalevanko, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 407 – THAYER, ILLINOIS

There has been a merger between Branch 407K Thayer, IL and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 407K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of August 23, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 408 – MADISON, ILLINOIS

There has been a merger between Branch 408K Madison, IL and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 408K will now hold membership in Branch 900K.

This merger has taken place as of August 25, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 410 UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

The SS. Peter and Paul Society, Branch 410, will hold a meeting on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. at the Highland House, 92 West Main Street, Uniontown, PA. The agenda will include the election of officers for the year 2012.

All members are invited to attend.

**Geri Buchheit, Recording/Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 419 – WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA

St. Stephen the Martyrs Branch 419 will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at 1:30PM during which time election of officers will be held.

We encourage all members to attend; help us make our branch more productive. Your participation is what makes our society successful.

The meeting will be held at Norm's Pizza on Sherman St, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Fraternally,

**Marie Gryczko, President**

## BRANCH 425 – BARBERTON, OHIO

The semi-annual meeting for St. Marks Society, Branch 425, Barberton, OH, will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at 1:00PM at the Slovak Society of Barberton, 887 West Tuscarawas Avenue, Barberton, OH. All members welcome.

**Jeanette M. Willis,  
Recording Secretary/Treasurer**

## BRANCH 450 – CLEVELAND, OHIO

St. Joseph the Guardian Society, Branch 450, will hold its next meeting at the home of Jozef Valencik on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 7:00 pm. The address is 13501 Park Drive, Brook Park, OH. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Margaret Valencik, Financial Secretary**

## CORRECTION BRANCH 493 - CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society, Branch 493 in Chicago, will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, with the branch Christmas Luncheon following, on Saturday, **November 26th, 2011.**

Location: Mabenka's Restaurant, 7844 South Cicero Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459.

At 1:30 pm, members will gather for a period of fraternal fellowship. The meeting will start at 2:00 pm, with a delicious dinner following.

If you plan to attend, please call the Financial Secretary Robert Tapak Magruder at (773) 505-0117 or (502) 244-6643 by **November 22nd.** Members of other FCSU lodges who attend will pay via separate check.

**Robert Tapak Magruder,  
Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 500 – HIBBING, MINNESOTA

There has been a merger between Branch 500K Hibbing, MN and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 500K will now hold membership in Branch 900K.

This merger has taken place as of August 25, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 553 – AKRON, OHIO

St. John's the Baptist, Branch 553, will be holding lodge meetings in 2011 on the following dates at the Slovak J Club, 485 Morgan Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44311.

Save these dates:

- Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 1:00 pm
- Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 1:00 pm – election of officers for 2012

Mark your calendars now so that you can hold the dates and attend your lodge meeting. Your participation is what makes our society a success.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M. Hanko, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 580 – WEST MIFFLIN, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Society, Branch 580, will hold a meeting on Sunday Oct 30, 2011 after the

9:30 mass in the Hily Trinity Social Hall. All members are welcome.

**Virginia Jasek, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 587 - ALIQUIPPA, PENNSYLVANIA

The St. John the Baptist Society, Branch 587, will hold its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2011, at 2:00PM at Alexander's Restaurant, 720 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA. The election of officers will be held. All members are welcome to attend. For reservations, call 1-724-375-2287 by November 10, 2011.

**Edith Valo, Financial Secretary**

## BRANCH 595 – MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN

Monthly meetings are held at Tatra Hall, Sixth Street and Sherman Blvd., on the third Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. (September through May). The meeting on Sunday, September 16,

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2011, will include some important information concerning the forthcoming year. We encourage all members to attend. Our future depends on the outcome of this meeting.

The election of officers for the 2012 year, will be held at the Sunday, December 16, 2011, meeting.

As always, you can call 231 733 7525 for additional information of current events.

**Donna Stone, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 670 –

### DONORA, PENNSYLVANIA

The officers of St. Anton of Padua, Branch 670, invite their members to attend the branch's next meeting on Sunday, December 4, 2011, at NOON at Kings Restaurant in Bentleyville, PA. On the agenda: election of officers. Members are urged to attend.

**Dorothy Petrus, President**

## BRANCH 706 –

### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The St. Anthony of Padua Branch 706 will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, November 18, 2011, at 3:00pm at the home of Vice President, Barbara Fayta,

1544 Rokosz Lane, Dyer, Indiana. If you plan on attending, please call Barbara at 219-864-8251, so arrangements for refreshments can be made.

Dinner will follow the meeting. On the agenda discussion on insurance sales, new business and election of officers for 2012. If you have moved or know of a member that has moved, please send us their address so we may update our files.

Sincerely,

**Barbara Fayta, Vice-President**

## BRANCH 716 –

### NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Stephen the Martyr Society, Branch 716, will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 30, 2011 at 1:00PM in the Parish Hall, St. John Nepomucene Church, 411 East 66th Street, NYC.

On the agenda will be a financial report, election of officers for the 2012 and discussion of plans for the next season.

All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally,

**Henrieta H. Daitova, Secretary**

## BRANCH 731-

### YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Members of Branch 731, Youngstown, OH, will participate in the celebration of Mass for our deceased members on December 18, 2011 at Noon. Liturgy will be at Saint Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Street, Youngstown, Ohio. We will have our annual meeting with election of officers immediately following at the Saint Matthias rectory. Your attendance is welcome.

**Jim Bobby, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 741 –

### WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

There has been a merger between Branch 741K Weirton, WV and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 741K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of August 26, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

We wish to thank all the past officers for their dedication and efforts through the years performed in the spirit of fraternalism.

Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 743-

### STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The St. Joseph Society, Branch 743 will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 4,

2011, at 1:00 p.m. On the agenda will be Officer Report, a 2011 financial report, approval of the 2012 budget, 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.

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, MI.

The annual meeting will follow 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 policy 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.

Fraternally,

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

## BRANCH 764 –

### WARREN, OH

A Mass will be held on October 30, 2011 at SS Cyril & Methodius, 185 Laird Ave NE, Warren, OH 44483. This Mass intention will be for the living and deceased members of FCSU for the combined parishes of SS Cyril & Methodius and St James. A free breakfast hosted by Branch 764 will be held following the 9:30 am Mass at the Social Hall. The breakfast menu will be cheese strata, sausage, potatoes, pastry and fruit cup served with coffee or milk. Door prizes will be awarded during the breakfast. A short business meeting will be held immediately following breakfast. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary**

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**Joy Brunetti, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 774 –

### MERRILL, MICHIGAN

The next meeting of Branch 774 will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2011, at 1:00PM. The meeting will be held at the home of Branch President Frank Radosa, 4084 Kane Road, Merrill, MI, 48637. On the agenda: election of new officers and also a discussion of branch activities.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Fraternally,

**Frank Radosa, President**

## BRANCH 775 –

### BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

There has been a merger between Branch 775K Birmingham, AL and Branch 900K Independence, OH. All members of Branch 775K will now hold membership in Branch 900K. This merger has taken place as of August 26, 2011. If you should need any service on your policy, or new or additional insurance, please contact the First Catholic Slovak Union, 6611 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Independence, OH 44131, (800) 533-6682.

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Sincerely yours,

**Kenneth A. Arendt, National Secretary**

## BRANCH 796 –

### WHITEHALL, PENNSYLVANIA

Branch 796, The Holy Trinity Society, will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 1pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church,

Egypt, PA. The meeting will be held in the church basement. Sokol Branch 255 will also be in attendance. Election of officers will take place. Food and beverages will follow the meeting. All members are cordially invited to attend.

God bless,

**Jerry Lloyd, Recording Secretary**

## BRANCH 844 –

### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Los Angeles Branch 844 will hold their Slovak All Saints Mass on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at John Boscoe High School located on 13640 Bellflower Bl. Bellflower Ca. 90706. Mass will begin at 3 PM; after Mass refreshments will be served and we will hold a a meeting to discuss branch activities.

We hope to see you all there.

**Milan Konkol, Secretary**

## BRANCH 888 –

### WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

The Holy Trinity Society, Branch 888, will hold its next two meetings on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 5:30PM at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33410, and on Friday, December 9, 2011, at 5:15PM at 4649 Perth Road, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33410. Contact President David Rafaidus by phone at (561) 776-0449 or by email at jednota888@yahoo.com for directions and further information.

On the agenda will be future branch activities, election of officers, treasurer's report, and items of mutual interest to the membership. All branch members are invited to attend.

**David Rafaidus, President**

## Branch 200 Members: We Need Your Help!

I am currently updating our beneficial membership list. I need information for any member that has a change of address, name, and/or phone number. I also would like to obtain email addresses and cell phone numbers. There may be policy holders that are deceased and the beneficiaries are entitled to life insurance proceeds. You may want to make beneficiary changes to existing policies or purchase additional insurance.

You can contact me by mail, email or phone. My mailing address is: Vicki L. Schaub, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, 910 6th Avenue, Ford City, PA, 16226. My email is [vshaub123@gmail.com](mailto:vshaub123@gmail.com). The phone is 724-763-9229 (Monday-Friday, between noon and 5PM).

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Fraternally,

**Vicki Schaub, Branch Financial Secretary/Treasurer**

## Oct 30th Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration

The 30th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration will be held Sunday, Oct 30, 2011, in the Parish Social Hall of St. John the Baptist Church, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, PA, from noon until 7:00PM. Divine liturgy will be at 10:30AM.

There will be ethnic food such as holubki, pirohi, halushki, kolbasi and sauerkraut, soup, potato pancakes, palachinki, baked good, and much more. The 14th edition of the popular cookbook, the Carpathian Cookery, will be available for sale.

In addition to performances by Slavjane Folk Ensemble at 3:00PM, there will be music for dancing and listening pleasure, displays of artifacts, authentic costumes, photographs, documents, and more.

Admission is free. For more information, call 724-438-6027.

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# Rest in Peace, Our Departed Members



The First Catholic Slovak Union has a Mass said for each of our deceased members at St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, Ohio.

Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name	Branch	Name
001K	Edward R Spisak	156K	John W Gasdaska Jr	308K	Michael Martin Humensky	553K	David John Donofrio
002K	Andrew J Banas	157K	Kevin Michael Hogan	313K	Irene M Ebeling	553K	Dennis Stanec
003K	Joseph H Baden	162K	Irene C Adams	313K	Elizabeth M Gorczowski	553K	John M Tondra
005P	William Anthony Baker Jr	166K	Helen C Butler	315K	Thomas L Biroscak	567K	John S Panik Jr
019K	Martha B Robel	169P	Emil F Yursky	327K	Nellie Shuick	595K	Melvin H Reich
024K	Kathryn L Healy	173K	Gerald W Gray	367K	Anna Tomik	600K	Helen M Pecus
024K	Michael Koneval	181K	Estelle Nifong Novak	393K	Mary Ann Dicken	667K	Helen E Bednarchik
035K	Joseph F Zahorchak	181K	Dolores L Pustay	393K	John Paul Koynok	731K	Craig L Hutira
038K	Margaret Kobus	200K	Veronica A Kovach	403K	David Matthew Hornick	731K	Margaret I Javorsky
055K	Andrew E Minarcik Jr	200K	James Edward Popolis	403K	Lawrence A Huska	743K	John Stephen Blahunka
083K	Benedict R Pilarcik	240P	Ann M Madigan	410K	Joseph A Kopnisky	743K	Gary Paul Fredrickson
085K	Joseph A Harcharik	240P	Catherine M Poplaski	410K	Mildred Morris	743K	Joseph Rimarcik
085K	Joseph A Harcharik	260K	Anthony C Dicola Sr	419K	Leonard Sylvester Lukas	796K	Edward A Bankos
090K	John Mcgurl	276K	Alice E Kapfer	419K	Joseph Robert Obester	796K	Elizabeth Kush
096K	Stella A Papon	280K	Edward M Svitek	505K	Andrew S Toth Sr	831K	Peter F Kupcic
096K	Mary L Shannon	292K	Lillian Elaine Hutsky	512K	Joseph E Nalepa Sr		
153K	Barbara H Bronkala	293K	Anthony P Konecny	553K	Patricia Jean Atkinson		

\* Processed in the month of Sept. 2011



## NELLIE SHUICK

### BRANCH 327 – POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

Nellie Shuick, 81, wife of Joseph Abrams Shuick of Fairview St., Stowe, passed away Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center. Born in N. Coventry Twp. she was a daughter of James and Elsie (Gilbert) Lockowitz. She was employed by the Pottstown Shirt Factory and the Philco Corp. She was a member of St. Gabriel's RC Church.

Surviving is a son, Joseph P. Shuick and wife, Wendy L (Shollenberger) Shuick of Pottstown; a daughter, Mary Ellen, wife of Larry Crothers, Jersey Shore, PA; grandchildren, Lisa, Jim and Jed, and great-grandchildren, Marcie, Cassie and Brandon. Predeceased by brothers, Walter and Edward Lockowitz, and sisters, Helen Ault, Josephine Dinno-cenzo and Julia Sexton.

A funeral Mass was offered at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in St. Gabriel RC Church, 127 E. Howard St., Stowe. A viewing was held 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. that same day at the Church. Burial was in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Stowe. Arrangements by Warker-Troutman Funeral Home, Pottstown.

## LIEUTENANT COLONEL CYRIL M. FERENCHAK (RETIRED) BRANCH 731 – YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Lieutenant Colonel Cyril M. Ferenchak (retired U.S. Army Special Forces) of McLean, VA, born on December 3, 1949, passed away August 28, 2011.

He is survived by his wife Marta (Prado) Ferenchak and son, Christopher, both of McLean, Virginia; sisters Paulette Smith, Canfield, Margaret, Youngstown, Theresa Kantz (David), Wexford, PA.; brothers Kenneth, Cleveland, George (Nancy), Atlanta, GA, Gregory, Miami Beach, FL, Michael, Cocoa, FL; nieces and nephews and



many friends.

Born in Youngstown, OH, Cyril was the son of Cyril Sr. and Wilma Ferenchak, formerly of Youngstown, both deceased.

He was a 1967 graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School and a graduate of Youngstown State University and Oklahoma State University. At the time of his death, Cyril was Foreign Services Officer with the U.S. State Department's Foreign Services Management Office in Washington, DC. Previously, Cyril served as the Vice Consular Affairs Officer at the American Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico. Cyril retired from the U.S. Army Special Forces after 30 years of service. After initial extended tours in Vietnam and Korea, Cyril's special training and service was mainly in Central and South America, including Panama, El Salvador, Bolivia, and Columbia.

Funeral services and viewing were held in Falls Church, VA, on August 31, 2011, and he was laid to rest with military honors on September 2, 2011 in the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, FL.



## ANTHONY VOJTISEK BRANCH 769 – ENDWELL, NY

Anthony Vojtisek, 93, of Endicott, passed away peacefully at home, Friday, September 16, 2011. He was born in Endicott May 3, 1918, to Emerich and Margaret Vojtisek. Anthony was predeceased by his wife, Regina; sisters, Genevieve, Stephanie, Mary, Josephine and Matilda; and a brother, James. He is survived by four daughters, Regina (David) Lindsey, Vestal; Suzanne (Gregory) Wolf, Saline, MI; Anita (Randy) Ott, Liverpool, NY; and Marie Askew, Endicott; a son, Anthony (Michele) Vojtisek, Endicott; fourteen grandchildren and their families, Kristen Hodgdon, Andria Kintner, Jacqueline Kelly

and Alexander Lindsey, Michael, Melissa and Jenifer Wolf, Kevin, Theresa and Peter Ott, Stephen Askew, Emily Washington and Anthony and Joshua Vojtisek; along with twelve great-grandchildren; a brother, Peter Vojtisek, Vestal; a sister-in-law, Josephine Vojtisek, Endicott; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was a lifelong devoted member of St. Joseph's Church, Endicott, where he was one of its first Altar Boys and was a member of its Altar Rosary. He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 769. He was a retired Endicott-Johnson Corp. employee, retiring after 40 plus years of service. Anthony was a decorated veteran of W.W. II, serving in the US Army, receiving numerous medals, including two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star. Anthony was a well-respected wise man, who loved his family and church. He will be missed for his great sense of humor, storytelling skills and for his love of fun family times. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 9:30 am from the Allen Memorial Home, Endicott, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church at 10 am. Burial was in Slovak Catholic Cemetery, Binghamton. The family received friends at the Allen Memorial Home, Monday, September 19, 2011, from 4-7 pm.

## SISTER M. THADDEUS, SS.C.M.

Sister M. Thaddeus (Margaret Mihalik), 96, died on Saturday, September 17, 2011, at Geisinger Medical Center. Born in Jessup Pennsylvania, on July 21, 1915, she was the daughter of Mathew and Elizabeth (Adam) Mihalik.

She attended St. Michael School, Jessup, St. Patrick High, Olyphant and Jessup High School, and graduated from St. Cyril

Academy in Danville, Pennsylvania. She received a B.S. in Education from Marywood University, Scranton, PA. She studied at several other schools, notably Pius X School of Music in NYC.

Sister entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville on January 6, 1933, was received as a novice on August 21 of that year and made her first profession of vows on August 22, 1935.

Her ministry in education was extensive. She taught Kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 in parish schools in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. For 12 years she served as superior/principal. Sister Thaddeus taught at the Villa Preschool and Kindergarten for 11 years. After spending 64 years in the classroom, Sister devoted her energies to pastoral visits to the Sisters at Maria Hall, Emmanuel Center and Maria Joseph Manor. She spent three years in retirement at Maria Hall.

She is survived by a brother, Joseph Mihalik, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey, a sister Martha Buchla, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and nieces and nephews.

The transferal rite and recitation of the Rosary took place at Maria Hall on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. The Wake Service was at 11:30 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated That afternoon at 1:30 p.m. a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Maria Hall. The celebrant and homilist was the Reverend Daniel Menniti, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, a first grade student of Sister Thaddeus at St. John the Baptist School, Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania. The following were concelebrants: Msgr. Thomas Kujovsky, the Reverend Albert Oldfield and the Reverend Gerard Heintzelman. Burial was in the Sisters' cemetery.

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# News From Slovakia

## Radicova: Leaders Expected to Bring Solutions, Action and Results

New York/Bratislava, September 24 (TASR) - We, the leaders in the United Nations, are expected to offer guidance and find solutions to the mounting challenges the international community faces today, Prime Minister Iveta Radicova said in her address to the 66th General Assembly of the United Nations in New York on this date.

She also referred to comments made by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff who, in her opening speech, said that courage and sincerity are the main challenges in the years to come.

Courage and sincerity are also much needed in Europe these days given the challenge posed by the economic and debt crisis, she said. "We have to say openly that we still do not have adequate solutions," she added.

"Those living in poverty, millions of people without jobs, without water, without food expect real answers, quick action and results from political leaders. What can such a small country as Slovakia do to address these challenges? First, it has to do its own homework in stabilizing the economy," she asserted and highlighted pension system sustainability, fiscal responsibility, labor market reforms and measures to tackle corruption and increase transparency.

"The financial crisis and its negative influence upon the entire European banking sector have clearly shown that the Eurozone was not prepared for such a crisis," she pointed out.

"We need courage in the Eurozone to return back to the old principles necessary for successful international cooperation and integration. We need stricter European and national fiscal regulation. We need institute of controlled default. And we need new rules for careful management of the financial sector," said the Slovak premier.

## Radicova: Croatia Can Learn from Slovak EU-entry Experience

Bratislava/Zagreb, September 26 (TASR) - Slovak Prime Minister Iveta Radicova congratulated her Croatian counterpart Jadranka Kosorova on Croatia's recent completion of EU pre-accession negotiations on her one-day official visit to the country on this date.

Kosorova expressed her gratitude for Slovakia's active support throughout Croatia's EU-integration efforts, which are expected to lead to Croatia being granted full EU membership on July 1, 2013.

Notwithstanding the European Union's current fiscal problems, EU membership brings many advantages to each member state, said Radicova, adding that Croatia can learn from Slovakia's experience in terms of communicating the need for EU membership to its citizens prior to a referendum on accession.

Also discussed during Radicova's visit were ways to boost mutual economic co-operation, such as increasing the use of the Rijeka harbor as a shipping point for Slovak companies.

In order for Croatia to be granted full EU membership, their application has to be ratified by all 27 members and Croatia's citizens must approve of the step in a referendum in December.

## Wulff: Integration Process in Europe Must Continue

Bratislava, September 27 (TASR) - Slovaks have earned their accession to the Eurozone by their tough economic and financial reforms and tight budgetary discipline, said German President Christian Wulff when proposing a toast at a ceremonial dinner in Bratislava on Monday evening.

Wulff, who is on a two-day visit to Slovakia, conceded that it may be difficult for some Slovaks to understand why they should provide financial support to countries with higher incomes per capita, such as Greece, Ireland and Portugal. "At the same time, it's true that the effects of the debt crisis concern all of us. No country will be able to tackle this challenge on its own and nobody can avoid it," stressed Wulff, adding that Slovakia and Germany must both continue to strengthen the foundations of the EU. "Only if we are part of a strong community of 500 million people will the world listen to us. The integration process in Europe must continue, because the European project determines the future of every single European nation," he said.

Wulff pointed to the fact that both Slovakia and Germany supported Croatia in its efforts to join the EU, a process that will be completed in 2013 with full membership. He expressed his hope that other countries of the western Balkans will soon follow suit. According to him, Slovakia should also offer the experience that it gained from its transformation period to countries of the Eastern Partnership (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine). "Because it was your own success in this process that finally brought you and your neighbours into the European Union in 2004," he stated.

Wulff also praised Slovakia as one of the most competitive countries in Central and Eastern Europe. "The fact that German companies provide almost 90,000 jobs in Slovakia today is due to another reason - that many Slovaks have excellent German skills. This is a real asset for your country," he told his host, Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic.

## Government Approves Special Bank Tax

Bratislava, September 21 (TASR) - Commercial banks active in Slovakia should deduct 0.2 percent of part of their liabilities to a special state financial assets account, according to draft legislation on special deductions concerning certain financial institutions that was approved by the Government on Wednesday.

The Finance Ministry expects that due to the new bank tax, banks will lose around 8 percent of their profits before tax, while the state will gain around €50 million each year.

The draft is designed to create mechanisms that will involve financial institutions and will cover the cost of financial crises and stimulate banks into reducing system risk, thereby protecting the stability of Slovakia's banking sector.

The basis for calculating the 0.2-percent deduction will be the liabilities of banking entities minus their equity and the level of deposits falling under the deposit protection system.

"Banking entities should neither pay deductions from their own capital resources, as increasing them is a long-term goal in line with the Basel recommendations aimed at combating the crisis, nor from their customers' deposits, from which banking entities are already deducting contributions for the Deposit Protection Fund," said the Finance Ministry.

According to provisional data provided by the central bank (NBS), the total level of bank liabilities that form the basis for calculating the deduction stood at €25.5 billion at the end of 2010. The state would therefore have gained €41.35 million.

## Slovaks Don't Match Up With Employers' English Requirements

Bratislava, September 22 (TASR) - Slovak jobseekers were required to speak a foreign language for most jobs in the first half of 2011, with English dominating the list as the most wanted foreign language and German following a distant second, reports the job portal profesia.sk on Thursday.

In total, 57 percent of jobs on Slovak labor market required knowledge of English. "It's not unusual for employers to require at least basic knowledge of English even for jobs such as a hairdresser or shop assistant, particularly when providing services in the larger city centers or tourist spots," said Profesia director Ivana Molnarova.

German was a prerequisite for 17 percent of jobs, with Hungarian taking the third place on 2 percent.

As for job applicants, 67 percent claimed to speak English at lower intermediate level; however, companies mostly require fluent English. The same holds true for German, spoken by 48 percent of jobseekers, but not at the level required by employers.

## Nearly One Third of Doctors in Hospitals Ink Notices to Date

Bratislava, September 25 (TASR) - Over 2,000 doctors out of the 6,500 working in Slovakia's hospitals have submitted their en masse resignation forms that have been collected by the Doctors Trade Union Association (LOZ).

"The number of resignation forms isn't final and their collection will continue into next week," said LOZ head Marian Kollar.

The notices are set to be submitted by the end of September, he said.

The unions view en masse resignations as a last resort aimed at saving the Slovak health-care system.

Doctors, who recently signed a declaration in which they expressed their desire to fight for better conditions in the Slovak health-care system, said that they were ready to hand in their notice if their demands weren't met.

LOZ has listed the ten biggest problems in Slovak health care, which include the drive to transform hospitals into joint-stock companies, low state contributions for policyholders, money-wastage in hospitals, a long-term shortfall in allocating money to health care and violations of the Labor Code, particularly the number of hours they are expected to put in.



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# Scholarship Funds Available at University of Ottawa

The Chair in Slovak History & Culture at the University of Ottawa, Canada, will once again offer scholarships to students and/or scholars who wish to study or do research in Slovak History at the university.

Scholarship funds at a variety of levels are available to support Slovak studies or research, including four funds specifically for research bursaries.

Individuals who wish to learn more and apply for a scholarship should visit the University of Ottawa Info Website at [www.uottawa.ca](http://www.uottawa.ca). Interested applicants also may call (613) 562-5734 for more information, or, if feasible, go to the University of Ottawa Financial Aid and Awards Services at the University Centre, 85, University, Ottawa, Canada K1N 6N5. Interested individuals may also email the Chairholder M. Mark Stolarik directly at [stolarik@uottawa.ca](mailto:stolarik@uottawa.ca) to learn more.

It should be noted that scholars who wish to apply for a research bursary must be prepared to include a curriculum vitae and detailed research proposal outlining the anticipated benefit of access to the University of Ottawa Slovak Archives, and the financial request to complete their research.



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

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

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- (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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## Monica Rodacy Boone Awarded for Recipe from Slovak-American Cookbook

In mid-August, Monica Rodacy Boone of Pittsburgh, PA – President of Branch 853 and past FCSU National Auditor and National Pension Board Trustee – entered the Angel Food Cake baking contest at the Washington County Agricultural Fair in Washington, PA. She earned third place for her pink angel food cake, which stood two inches taller than the other entries and which brought glowing comments from the judges including “a simple recipe with the best flavor” and “the most tasty glaze.”

To create her award-winning entry, Monica turned to her favorite old standby cookbook: The Anniversary Slovak-American Cookbook.

The cookbook, edited by the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, was first published in 1952. Monica worked from a third edition copy, which belonged to her late mother and the FCSU's fraternal sister, Elizabeth Rodacy – and varying only slightly from the recipe submitted by Mary Canner of Whiting, IN, in the 1952 publication. Monica's reliance on a recipe she grew up with and cherished her whole lifetime is her reminder to the contemporary cooks of our Society – our grandmothers and mothers not only brought love from the old country, but they also brought recipes with award-winning flavor.

**Monica, her husband Ron and son Charles are all members of Branch 853.**



## Answer to Puzzle

*Solution to Puzzle from page 11*

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## Transatlantická spolupráca má podporu na oboch stranách Atlantiku

Bratislava (TASR) - Aj na Slovensku boli v roku 2009, po nástupe amerického prezidenta Baracka Obamu do úradu, zaznamenané výrazné zmeny v pohľade verejnosti na transatlantickú spoluprácu. Zistil to výskum Nemeckého Marshallovoho fondu Spojených štátov (GMF). Nezávislá nezisková inštitúcia prezentovala 20. septembra na pôde slovenského ministerstva zahraničných vecí údaje z prieskumu svojho projektu Transatlantické trendy, týkajúce sa SR. Po rokoch turbulencií vo vzťahoch medzi Európou a Spojenými štátmi má transatlantická spolupráca v súčasnosti, desať rokov po 11. septembri, väčšinovú podporu na oboch stranách Atlantiku, konštatoval Marshallov fond. Podiel tých, ktorí schvaľujú zahraničnú politiku amerického prezidenta, vzrástol z 19 percent v roku 2008 (posledný rok prezidenta G.W. Busha) na 83 percent v roku 2009. Kým v roku 2011 sa tento trend vo väčšine krajín stabilizoval (priemer skúmaných 12 európskych krajín je 75 percent), na Slovensku došlo k poklesu na 58 percent.

V iných, menej personifikovaných ukazovateľoch transatlantickej spolupráce - ako sú podpora pre globálne líderstvo USA v medzinárodných otázkach či dôležitosť členstva v NATO pre bezpečnosť krajiny - nedošlo oproti vlaňajšku k významným zmenám. O dôležitosti členstva v NATO je na Slovensku podľa výskumu Marshallovoho fondu presvedčených 57 percent respondentov. Dôležitou témou tohtoročného výskumu Transatlantické trendy bol stav ekonomiky a kríza eura. Na Slovensku až 78 percent respondentov uvádza, že ekonomická kríza negatívne ovplyvnila ich osobnú finančnú situáciu. Je to o desať percentuálnych bodov viac než vlni a viac, ako je priemer za skúmaných 12 členských krajín EÚ (61 percent).

Zmeny nastali vo vnímaní dopadov členstva v EÚ a eurozóny na národnú ekonomiku: podiel ľudí, ktorí vidia pozitívne účinky členstva v EÚ na národnú ekonomiku, klesol na Slovensku zo 68 percent v minulom roku na 56 percent v roku 2011, čo už je menej ako priemer za skúmaných 12 európskych štátov, všima si GMF.

Pozitívny vplyv používania eura na národnú ekonomiku klesol podľa výskumu Transatlantické trendy zo 64 percent v roku 2010 na 55 percent v roku 2011, čo je však stále najviac zo všetkých skúmaných krajín eurozóny. Podiel tých, ktorí si na Slovensku myslia, že euro je pre ekonomiku SR zlé, stúpol medziročne zo 17 percent na 31 percent, čiže takmer dvojnásobne. Dlhová kríza a debaty okolo eura a eurovalu sa teda odrážajú aj na postojoch verejnosti a napriek tomu, že na všeobecnej úrovni ostáva obraz EÚ veľmi pozitívny, názory na niektoré aspekty členstva sa menia - sú kritickejšie než vlni, tvrdí Marshallov fond.

Výskum zisťoval aj názory európskej verejnosti na príspevky svojich krajín do "záchranného" fondu pre krajiny s rozpočtovými problémami a na možnosť posilnenia právomocí EÚ v hospodárskej a rozpočtovej politike národných štátov. Príspevky do záchranného fondu schvaľuje v priemere 60 percent európskych respondentov. Z 12 skúmaných krajín je najvyššia podpora v Taliansku (76 percent) a najnižšia na Slovensku (38 percent). S výrokom "EÚ by mala mať väčšie právomoci, čo sa týka hospodárskej a rozpočtovej politiky členských štátov" súhlasí 54 percent nemeckých respondentov, ale len 12 percent britských. Na Slovensku by takýto krok mal podporu tretiny obyvateľov, čo je blízko priemeru za všetkých 12 krajín EÚ, zúčastnených na prieskume projektu Transatlantické trendy Nemeckého Marshallovoho fondu Spojených štátov. Na Slovensku sa výskum Transatlantické trendy realizuje už od roku 2004, teda už po ôsmy raz. Názory obyvateľov SR na transatlantické vzťahy a mnohé ďalšie "horúce" zahraničnopolitické témy sa tak stávajú súčasťou medzinárodného výskumu, ktorý je pozorne sledovaný etablovanými zahraničnými médiami, odborníkmi i svetovými politikmi, vysvetľuje Marshallov fond.



## Kardinála Jozefa Tomka prijal Patriarcha Ruskej pravoslávnej cirkvi

Kardinála Jozefa Tomka, emeritného prefekta Kongregácie pre evanjelizáciu národov, 26. septembra 2011 v Moskve prijal Patriarcha pravoslávnej cirkvi, Jeho Svätosť Kirill. V úvode vyjadril radosť zo stretnutia s vysokým hodnostárom Katolíckej cirkvi a požiadal ho o odovzdanie pozdravu Svätému Otcovi Benediktovi XVI. Spolu s kardinálom Tomkom sa na prijatí u pravoslávneho patriarchu Moskvy a celého Ruska zúčastnili aj apoštolský nuncius v Ruskej federácii Mons. Ivan Jurkovič, jeho sekretár Mons. Visvaldas Kulbokas a člen sprievodu kardinála páter Viktor Jakubov, riaditeľ Pápežských misijných diel na Slovensku.

Kardinál Tomko poďakoval za možnosť stretnutia s patriarchom Kirillom a odovzdal mu srdečný pozdrav od pápeža Benedikta XVI. Obaja sa venovali témam, ktoré sa týkajú situácie v Ruskej pravoslávnej cirkvi a situácie v Katolíckej cirkvi, možnostiam ich vzájomnej spolupráce v oblasti obrany náboženských hodnôt v Rusku i v Európe, ako aj potrebe vydávania spoločného svedectva o Kristovi a prinášaní hodnôt evanjelia ľuďom dnešnej doby. Na záver vyjadrili potešenie z rozvíjajúcej sa spolupráce oboch cirkví a nádej v jej ďalšom rozvoji.

Kardinála Tomka prijal aj predseda Komisie pre vzťahy s náboženskými organizáciami v Štátnej dume Ruskej federácie Sergej Popov. Na prijatí sa zúčastnili aj apoštolský nuncius v Ruskej federácii Mons. Ivan Jurkovič, arcibiskup arcidiecézy Božej Matky v Moskve Mons. Pavol Pezzi a sekretár nuncia Mons. Visvaldas Kulbokas.

Tomko s Popovom si vymenili názory na viaceré témy, z ktorých najdôležitejšie sa týkali uvedenia do praxe nového zákona o Navrátení cirkevného majetku, prijatého v decembri minulého roku. Na jeho základe Katolícka cirkev v Rusku dúfa v návrat svojho vlastníctva, zoštatneného v priebehu sovietskej éry, ako aj možnosť udelenia pozemku na výstavbu nového katolíckeho chrámu pre veriace v Moskve. Venovali sa aj témam vzťahu medzi štátom a ostatnými náboženskými organizáciami.

Kardinál Jozef Tomko už v nedeľu slávil slávnostnú svätú omšu v Moskve. Ako mimoriadny legát pápeža Benedikta XVI. predsedal bohoslužbe pri príležitosti stého výročia posvätenia moskovskej katedrály - Chrámu Nepoškvrneného počatia Panny Márie.

TK KBS informoval Viktor Jakubov



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V Košiciach 27. septembra 2011 v Univerzitnej nemocnici Louisa Pasteura odovzdali očné prístroje zakúpené z finančného príspevku spoločnosti U. S. Steel Košice. Na snímke druhý sprava prezident U. S. Steel Košice David J. Rintoul, vľavo primárka očného oddelenia Danica Joncová.

*President of U.S. Steel Kosice David J. Rintoul (second from right) presented a new modern medical machine to the Ophthalmology Department at University Hospital Louis Pasteur in Kosice. Present to receive the equipment was Danica Joncova, head of the ophthalmology at the hospital.*

## Autopožičovňa CAR ONE na Slovensku

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Ku každému prenajatému vozidlu klient má k dispozícii navigačný prístroj, mapy pre destinácie, ktoré plánuje navštíviť a absolútna novinka je zapožičanie mobilného telefónu. Vozidlá pristavujú na letiská v Bratislave a vo Viedni bez poplatku!

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## Slovenský veľvyslanec v Kanade odovzdal ocenenie Mariánovi Šťastnému

Ottawa/Bratislava (TASR) - Slovenský veľvyslanec v Kanade Milan Kollár počas svojej návštevy v Québec City odovzdal 27. septembra legende slovenského ľadového hokeja Mariánovi Šťastnému ocenenie ministra zahraničných vecí Mikuláša Dzurindu za športovú diplomaciu a mimoriadnu prezentáciu Slovenska v zahraničí.

Minister Dzurinda ocenil bývalého vynikajúceho hokejistu v súvislosti s Majstrovstvami sveta v ľadovom hokeji, ktoré sa v apríli konali po prvý raz na Slovensku.

Marián Šťastný od svojej emigrácie v roku 1981 žije trvale v kanadskom Québec City a venuje sa hotelierstvu a svojmu golfovému klubu. Je významným predstaviteľom slovenskej komunity v Kanade a so Slovenskom udržiava pravidelný a intenzívny kontakt. V rozhovore s veľvyslancem Kollárom ocenil kvalitu organizácie Majstrovstiev sveta v ľadovom hokeji na Slovensku a vyslovil presvedčenie, že si slovenská reprezentácia udrží kontakt so svetovou špičkou.

## Slovenská známka vyhrala súťaž Grand Prix EÚ 2011

Brusel/Bratislava (TASR) - Slovenský veľvyslanec v Belgicku Ján Kuderjavý odovzdal koncom septembra v Maximiliánskej sieni radnice v Bruseli hlavnú cenu v medzinárodnej súťaži Grand Prix EÚ filatelického umenia rytcovi Martinovi Činovskému v hlavnej kategórii súťaže o najkrajšiu gravírovanú známku Európskej únie.

Známka 400. výročie Žilinskej synody, ktorú Činovský vytvoril podľa výtvarnej predlohy Dušana Kállaya, získala prvenstvo spomedzi 138 predložených návrhov z členských krajín únie na základe hlasov odbornej poroty i na základe hlasovania čitateľov oficiálneho orgánu filatelistickej služby PHILANEWS. Na druhom mieste sa umiestnila známka španielskych a na treťom talianskych autorov.

## Oznámenia spolkov a okresov

### Výročná členská schôdza Štefana Krasuľu Spolok č. 16 IKSJ

Oznamujeme všetkým členom, že Výročná členská schôdza Okresu Štefana Krasuľu Spolok č. 16 sa bude konať v nedeľu dňa 23. októbra 2011 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia na fare Slovenského kostola Najsvätejšej Trojice v Yonkers, NY. Výročnej členskej schôdzy bude predchádzať slovenská svätá omša, pri príležitosti našej Okresnej výročnej schôdzy, ktorú odslúži slovenský kňaz o 11:30 hodine dopoludnia.

Prosíme predsedov všetkých spolkov, ktoré patria do nášho Okresu, aby poslali čo najviac delegátov. Upozorňujeme, že aj nedelegáti sú vítaní. Na programe sú: podanie finančnej správy, prevedenie voľby úradníkov na rok 2012 a príprava plánu činnosti na budúce obdobie. Po schôdzy sa bude podávať občerstvenie, ktoré pripravia členovia spolku 41 Yonkers.

Ostávam s kresťanským pozdravom

**Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka**

### Výročná členská schôdza Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 IKSJ v NYC

Oznamujeme všetkým členom Spolku sv. Štefana č. 716 Prvej Katolíckej Slovenskej Jednoty, že v nedeľu dňa 30. októbra 2011 o 1:00 hodine odpolednia sa uskutoční Výročná členská schôdza vo farskej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 411 East, 66th Street v New York City.

Na schôdzy budú: podaná finančná správa, voľby úradníkov na rok 2012 a diskusia o návrhoch na ďalšiu činnosť. Vyzývame všetkých členov, aby sa tejto dôležitej schôdzy zúčastnili. Po schôdzy sa bude podávať občerstvenie.

Ostávame s kresťanským pozdravom

**Henrieta H. Daitová, tajomníčka**

### Schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu v Los Angeles, Kalifornia

Okres Princa Pribinu bude mať svoju schôdzu v nedeľu 30. októbra 2011. Oslava začne o 15:00 hodine poobede so svätou omšou v kaplnke sv. Jána Bosku pri St. John Bosco High School, 13640 S. Bellflower Bl., Bellflower, CA 90706. Slovenskú svätú omšu bude slúžiť otec Pavol Sochuľak, ktorý príde zo San Bernardina. Pripomenieme si v modlitbách pamiatku Všetkých svätých a milovaných zosnulých. Po svätej omši bude schôdza Okresu Princa Pribinu a nasledovať bude spoločné posedenie s priateľmi pri káve a šiškách. Všetky obvody v okolí sú pozvané na zasadnutie Okresu.

**Pavol Skubeň, predseda**

### Ročná Schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ

Oznamujeme našim členom, že ročná schôdza sv. Matúša číslo 45 IKSJ v New Yorku bude v nedeľu 4. decembra 2011 o 12:30 hodine (po slovenskej svätej omši) v osadnej hale Slovenského kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého na 1st Avenue a 66th Street. Na programe schôdzy bude: podanie správy úradníkov ako aj podanie finančnej správy; zhodnotenie činnosti za uplynulé obdobie; voľby do nového výboru, ktorý vypracuje program činnosti na ďalšie obdobie. Úctivo Vás žiadame o účasť na tejto výročnej členskej schôdzy. Ďakujem s pozdravom,

**Maria Jurasí, pokladníčka**



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V jeseni, keď je vzduch čistý ako kryštál, ani jedna maľba „Známych majstrov“ sa nemôže porovnať s krásou ranného slnečného svetla. Každý strom je akoby postriekaný farbou, ktorú nevytvoril ľudský štetec. Veď ktože by bol schopný vyčariť také kúzlo alebo pýab?

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S každým obláčkom dymu a hvizdajúceho vetra sa hromadí lístie po údolí a horskej ceste. Šuchoce cez oslnené drevo, krúti sa smerom na hradskú a široká vlna jemného vetríka ho zháňa dolu chodníkom. Má oblek jantárový, zelený, hnedý a zlatý. Lístie, to je jesenný poklad – trblietajúce šperky.

Je čas poznáť úrodu z polí v širokých košoch. Upletené sú piesňami vtákov a rôznofarebných motýľov. Naplnené sú vôňou divých kvetov, ktoré Boh zasial. Naložené sú ovocím, zrnom a dužinami z malých borievok pre mňa a pre teba.

Človek žasne nad farbami jesene a nad veľkosťou usmiatej vrchov, ktoré nasycujú náš pohľad dookola. Škoda, že zlaté dni jesene netrávajú dlho. Sú len požičané na krátky čas, aby po obdivuhodnom predstavení nechali miesto mäkkému snehu a zimným radovánkam – čas tichého premýšľania.

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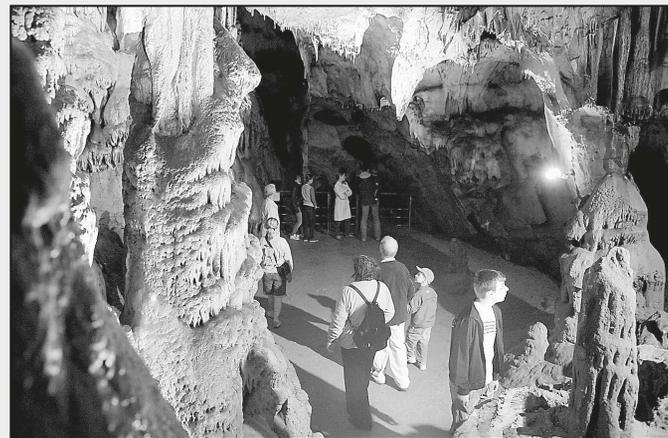
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Točia sa raz vpravo, postoja a sa potočia vľavo, potom vpravo,  
vyskočia a šup dolu a všetko ide výborne a hravo.

Iba malá Anička, pošmykla sa jej pravá nožička.  
Je však tvrdá, nezlomná, nezlomí ju ani malá slzička.  
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keď na nohe sa poraní prst a často je potrebný, drevený tragač.  
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Poranené kolienko „popľuje“, dá akúsi, len jej známu mastičku.  
Veď ich má toľko, že je pre každého dost' a rozum v malíčku.

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Slniečko, sa akosi zrazu poponáhľa schovať za hory.  
Červená žiara sa zdá, že tam nedajbože celý svet horí.  
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Nuž a tie naše, dobré, zlaté mamičky s otvoreným náručím, vítajú  
doma svoje unavené detičky. O krátky čas, detušky, svoj sen snívajú.  
Ďakujeme Ti Pane Bože, za našu dedinu, za naše detské ihrisko.  
Zvlášť, ďakujeme Ti Pane Bože za naše „Strnisko“.

**Jozef Smák**



*The Jasovská Cave is located near Medzev in the Kosice Valley. The cave was known since the 13th century and mentioned in a document in 1452.*

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Jasovská jaskyňa sa nachádza v Medzevskej pahorkatine v západnej časti Košickej kotliny. V roku 1846 sa stala prvou sprístupnenou jaskyňou na Slovensku, horné časti jaskyne boli známe už v 13. storočí a nápis z roku 1452, ktorý zaznamenáva víťazstvo vojsk Jána Jiskru z Brandýsa, predstavuje najstaršiu písomnú zmienku v jaskyniach na Slovensku. Na snímke turisti v jaskyni.

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Kostol sv. Rodiny, 210 Monroe St., Linden, NJ pozýva na tanečnú zábavu 29. októbra 2011 v hale Msgr. Komára. Hrať bude skupina „Relax“ od 7:30 PM – 1:30 AM. Vstupné je \$25.00 na osobu, v čom je zahrnutá večera. Lístky si môžete objednať na tel. č.: 908-275-3524, 732-516-1963.

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The University of Pittsburgh Slovak Studies Program pozýva slovenskú verejnosť na tradičný 21. ročník Festivalu slovenského dedičstva, ktorý sa uskutoční v nedeľu 6. novembra 2011, od 1:00 hodiny naobed do 5:00 hodiny poobede v Cathedral of Learning Commons Room v Oakland, PA. Počas festivalu účastníci budú mať možnosť si prezrieť výstavy slovenských predmetov, prehliadku slovenských súborov, zakúpiť slovenské jedlá a pečivo, alebo zúčastniť sa rôznych prednášok. O bližšie informácie volajte Chris Metil tel. č.: (412) 624-5906.

### Zábava v Parma, OH

Folklórna skupina Lúčina z Cleveland, OH usporiada večeru v sobotu 12. novembra 2011 v Pokrova Hall, 6812 Broadview Road v Parma, OH. Začiatok bude o 6.00 hod. Do tanca bude hrať Ralph the Accordion Man & Party Band. V kultúrnom programe vystúpi detský súbor Lúčinka. Vstupné je \$30.00 za osobu. V cene je započítaná večera. Vstupenky sú len v predpredaji, pri vchode sa predávať nebudú. Zisk z podujatia bude venovaný slovenskému folklórnemu súboru Lúčina.

Bližšie informácie a rezervácie: Tom Ivanec, tel. č. (440) 668-7797, alebo Dan a Mary Ann Dzurec, tel. č.: (440) 930-2197.

### Vianočné karty a oblatky u sestričiek sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Slovenské sestričky sv. Cyrila a Metoda z Danville ponúkajú Vianočné karty (pozdravy) k tohtoročným Vianociam. Objednávky začnú od 24. októbra do 16. decembra. Balíček oblatiek (5 kusov) 3 dolára, a Vianočné karty balíček (9 kusov) 6.75 dolárov, plus poštovné a balenie 5.75.

Pre bližšie informácie a objednávky kontaktujte: Sister Catherine Labouré S.S.C.M. na čísle 570-275-5606, alebo píšete na adresu: Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, 580 Railroad St. Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821

## Krátké správy zo Slovenska

• **Slovenská technická univerzita (STU)** investuje šesť miliónov eur z vlastných prostriedkov do najnovšieho centra výskumu a vzdelávania v informačných a komunikačných technológiách na Slovensku. Informovali o tom tlačový tajomník univerzity Štefan Berdis a vedúca útvaru práce s verejnosťou Zuzana Mokošová. Suma šesť miliónov môže po započítaní zdrojov na výskumné projekty a hodnoty novej budovy Fakulty informatiky a informačných technológií (FIIT) STU v konečnej fáze prekročiť 50 miliónov eur. Škola plánuje podporovať zakladanie vlastných podnikov svojimi študentmi prostredníctvom univerzitného technologického inkubátora. Doteraz STU podporila vznik alebo rozvoj 40 malých nových samostatných podnikov.

• **Polnohospodárske** družstvo vo Východnej premieňa britský investor už približne dva roky na modernú medzinárodne konkurencieschopnú biofarmu. Práve prírodné prostredie horného Liptova pod Krivánom si vybral spomedzi desiatich vytypovaných lokalít v celej východnej Európe. Spomínané družstvo bolo pred vstupom zahraničného investora v nelichotivej ekonomickej situácii so zastaraným strojovým parkom a havarijným stavom hospodárskych budov.

• **Slovensko-francúzsky** univerzitný inštitút (SFUI) v septembri oficiálne otvorili v priestoroch Fakulty politických vied a medzinárodných vzťahov (FPVaMV) Univerzity Mateja Bela (UMB) v Banskej Bystrici. „Jeho založenie vnímame ako výrazné ocenenie práce našej univerzity zo strany Francúzskej republiky a francúzskeho veľvyslanectva, za naše aktivity v predchádzajúcom období,“ uviedla rektorka UMB Beata Kosová. Podľa jej ďalších slov na univerzite majú päť spoločných, čiastočne frankofónnych študijných programov. Ide o FPV a MV a Ekonomickú fakultu. Zároveň pripravujú prekladateľov a učiteľov francúzskeho jazyka a v rámci európskych kultúrnych štúdií aj frankofónnych kultúrnych pracovníkov na Fakulte humanitných vied.

• **O titul najlepšieho mladého európskeho vedca** za rok 2011 zabojovali v Helsinkách medzi 130 študentmi aj traja Slováci. Súťaž Európskej únie pre mladých vedcov (EUCYS) sa tento rok uskutočnila v bývalej elektrárni Suvilahti, ktorá po adaptácii slúži od osemdesiatich rokov minulého storočia na kultúrne účely. O titul najlepších európskych vedcov za rok 2011 počas 23. ročníka súťaže zabojovalo viac než 130 talentovaných študentov vedeckých smerov vo veku od 15 do 21 rokov. Medzinárodná vedecká porota v záverečnom hodnotení posúdila 87 projektov z 37 krajín. Dva projekty slovenských účastníkov sa týkali biológie, jeden fyziky.

• **V Žiarskej doline** v lokalite Sihot' sa pripravuje nový športovo-rekreačný areál s 18 jamkovým golfovým ihriskom. Súčasťou voľnočasového areálu, ktorý si vyžiada investíciu vo výške 15 až 25 miliónov eur, majú byť aj doplnkové cvičné plochy, hotelové centrum a apartmánové domy. V letnej sezóne má návštevníkov priťahovať golf s doplnkovými aktivitami ako tenis, ľahká turistika, cykloturistika. V zimnej sezóne sa uvažuje s využitím areálu na bežkové lyžovanie a vodné plochy pre korčuľovanie. Celý areál sa bude rozprestierať na ploche približne 67,69 hektára. Z toho samotné golfové ihrisko zaberie 65,9 hektára. Ťažiskom golfového centra je podľa zámeru objekt klubového domu, ktorý je navrhovaný vo východnej časti riešenej lokality. Jeho súčasťou bude recepcia, denný bar, predajňa golfového výstroja, kancelárie, šatne a iné priestory. Výstavba projektu by sa mala podľa zámeru začať v apríli 2012 a s dokončením celého komplexu sa počíta v októbri 2013.

• **V polovici septembra** na pulty kníhkupectiev sa dostala kniha o neľahkom dospievaní Slovenskej republiky, ktorá v tomto roku oslavuje dospelé 18. výročie svojho vzniku. Novinka s názvom Kováč, Schuster, Gašparovič v rozhovore s Karolom Lovašom ponúka unikátny súbor osobných rozhovorov autora s tromi doterajšími slovenskými prezidentmi - Michalom Kováčom, Rudolfom Schusterom a Ivanom Gašparovičom. Lovaš je bývalý reportér a v súčasnosti katolícky kňaz, ktorý sa na chvíľu vrátil k svojmu pôvodnému povolaniu. Kniha 18-ročná Slovenská republika - Kováč, Schuster, Gašparovič v rozhovore s Karolom Lovašom vyšla vo vydavateľstve Cathedra.

• **Celkom 450 vojakov** a viac ako sto kusov vojenskej techniky sa 27. septembra presunulo zo Slovenska na medzinárodné cvičenie Full Spectrum Operations v Nemecku. Cvičenie 173. výsadkovej brigády v JMRC Hohenfels bude trvať do 27. októbra. Informoval o tom poverený hovorca Ozbrojených síl (OS) SR Peter Michnica. Cieľom cvičenia bude získavanie skúseností, ktoré americkí vojaci majú z rôznych medzinárodných operácií. Zároveň vytvára príležitosť na zladenie jednotiek a doplnenie ich národnej a nadnárodnej prípravy na plnenie záväzkov v rámci NRF (NATO response forces). Veliteľom cvičiacej jednotky bude počas doby veliteľ 13. mechanizovaného práporu v Leviciach podplukovník Ľudovít Valentíny.

• **Slovenskí hotelieri** sú s priebehom tohtoročnej letnej sezóny spokojní. Podľa predbežných odhadov totiž tohtoročné leto dopadlo lepšie ako vlani, uviedol prezident Zväzu hotelov a reštaurácií (ZHR) Jozef Bendžala. Presné percentá obsadenosti hotelov si však zatiaľ netrúfol odhadnúť. „Nárast ubytovaných hostí sme pocítili najmä u českých turistov. Spevňuje sa česká koruna, preto je pre nich zaujímavé k nám chodiť,“ vysvetlil Bendžala. Poliaci až taký výrazný nárast podľa jeho slov nezaznamenali. Lepšie sa pritom podľa Bendžalu darilo hotelierom v horách, ako pri kúpaliskách a vodných nádržiach. „Cítiť trend záujmu o turistiku v horách a pobyt na čerstvom vzduchu,“ konštatoval. Hotelieri podľa neho neprišli v tomto roku k zvyšovaniu cien za ubytovacie služby.

• **Spoločnosť Kia Motors Slovakia** začala koncom septembra nábor 1,000 nových zamestnancov. Dôvodom je zvýšený počet objednávok, spustenie sériovej výroby nových modelov a plánovaný prechod výroby automobilov na trojzmenú prevádzku v prvom štvrtroku 2012. Nábor zamestnancov potrvá podľa hovorca Kia Motors Slovakia Dušana Dvořáka do konca tohto roka. V závode v Tepličke nad Váhom vzniknú pracovné miesta vo všetkých výrobných prevádzkach - lisovňa, karosáreň, lakovňa, montáž a motoráreň.

• **Poslanci mestského zastupiteľstva** v Trenčíne prijali 29. augusta na zasadnutí uznesenie, podľa ktorého ponese trenčiansky zimný štadión meno Pavla Demitra. Zastupiteľstvo sa začalo minútu ticha na počesť tragicky zosnulého slovenského hokejového reprezentanta Pavla Demitra. „Pavol Demitra, ktorý pôsobil a žil v Trenčíne, bol významnou hokejovou osobnosťou a pre mnohých zostane športovým vzorom. Vzhľadom na jeho veľký prínos pre mesto Trenčín navrhujeme pomenovať zimný štadión na Zimný štadión Pavla Demitra,“ zdôvodnil svoj návrh primátor Trenčína Richard Rybníček s tým, že súhlas na použitie mena Pavla Demitra dala jeho manželka Mária aj v mene detí Lucasa a Zary. Bývalý kapitán slovenskej hokejovej reprezentácie a dlhoročný slovenský reprezentant Pavol Demitra zahynul 7. septembra pri leteckom nešťastí spolu s ďalšími hokejistami a členmi realizačného tímu hokejového klubu Lokomotiv Jaroslavl.

TASR a slovenské časopisy

## Na oslavy 200. výročia narodenia M. M. Hodžu prišli aj potomkovia

Rakša (TASR) - Pri rodnom dome Michala Miloslava Hodžu v Rakši v okrese Turčianske Teplice sa 24. septembra krátko popoludní konala slávnostná pietna spomienka pri príležitosti 200. výročia narodenia tohto jazykovedca, básnika, kňaza či predsedu celonárodného spolku Tatrín. Oslavy 200. výročia narodenia Hodžu sa konali od 18. do 25. septembra v Rakši a paralelne aj v Liptovskom Mikuláši, kde prežil 30 rokov života.

V rodnom dome Hodžu sa TASR rozprávala s Igorom Hodžom - priamym potomkom z vetvy Jána Hodžu, ktorý bol starším bratom M. M. Hodžu, a tiež s Ivanom Pišútom, prapravnukom Hodžu. „Aj keď mám iné meno, moja prastará mama bola Hodžova dcéra Božena a môj starý otec bol prvým vnukom Michala Hodžu,“ uviedol Pišút. Na ukážku priniesol aj prvé vydanie spevníka z roku 1843, ktoré venoval Hodža svojej manželke Kornélii, keď sa jej narodila najstaršia dcéra. Tiež ukázal pamätník Maríny Hodžovej. „V našom dome bývala aj sestra starého otca, ktorá bola vychovávaná u Maríny Hodžovej, a preto aj ostali u nás niektoré takéto pamätihodnosti,“ pokračoval Pišút. „Hodžu som vždy obdivoval a čím som bol starší, tak tým som sa viac o ňom dozvedal.“ Konštatoval, že Hodža bol ochotný obetovať všetko, „všetky peniaze boju za ideu, ktorú mal, aby teda slovenský národ bol konečne emancipovaný, nakoniec skončil veľmi biedne,“ doplnil Pišút.

Ako priblížil Hodža, „prvoradou úlohou našej rodiny, aj všetkých, je, aby meno Michal Miloslav Hodža aj všetci ostatní Hodžovci, ktorí pôsobili na poli národnom, boli pre históriu zachovaní“. Preto aj vzniklo Občianske združenie Odkaz Michala Miloslava Hodžu. To si pri svojom zrode v decembri 2010 stanovilo okrem iného dva základné ciele pre tento rok. A to pomoc súčasnému majiteľovi rodného domu Hodžu, ktorým je evanjelický cirkevný zbor augsburského vyznania v Mošovciach, „zachovať a zachrániť tento rodný dom a obnoviť ho. Lebo on bol v zlom technickom stave,“ priblížil Hodža. Druhá priorita bola príprava dôstojných osláv 200. výročia narodenia Hodžu.

V rámci osláv 200. výročia narodenia významného národného buditeľa Michala Miloslava Hodžu 22. septembra v liptovskomikulášskom evanjelickom kostole, v ktorom pôsobil ako kňaz takmer tri desaťročia, inaugurovali príležitostnú poštovú známku s jeho portrétom a pečiatkou s autogramom.



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Na snímke interiér rodného domu Michala Miloslava Hodžu v obci Rakša.

## Slovenská premiérka na Valnom zhromaždení OSN v NY

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správy, boja proti korupcii a klientelizmu, a rozširovania možností verejnej kontroly. Tento plán potom Slovensko formálne predstaví na druhom stretnutí na najvyššej úrovni v Brazílii.

“Open Government Partnership je pre mňa absolútne prirodzená a vítaná iniciatíva plne v súlade s programovým vyhlásením vlády a doterajšími krokmi, ktoré sme v tejto oblasti urobili. Napríklad zriadenie centrálného registra zmlúv. Iniciatíva nám umožní porovnávať sa s ostatnými a čo je ešte dôležitejšie, môžeme sa všetci navzájom inšpirovať a zvyšovať tak kvalitu života našich občanov,“ dodala premiérka Radičová.

### Radičová v OSN: Od lídrov sa očakáva riešenie, akcia a výsledky

New York/Bratislava (TASR) - Od nás, lídrov, sa očakáva, že ponúkneme líniu hľadania pri riešení výziev, ktorým dnes čelí medzinárodné spoločenstvo, vyhlásila slovenská premiérka Iveta Radičová 24. septembra počas všeobecnej rozpravy 66. Valného zhromaždenia OSN. Radičová sa odvolala na slová brazílskej prezidentky Dilmey Rousseffovej, ktorá v otváracom prejave uviedla, že hlavnou výzvou nasledujúcich rokov je “odvaha a úprimnosť”. Byť odvážny a úprimný je podľa predsedníčky vlády SR aj výzvou dnešnej ekonomickej a dlhovej krízy. “Musíme otvorene povedať, že zatiaľ nemáme primerané riešenia. Čelíme spoločným rizikám,“ poznamenala Radičová s tým, že väčšina svetovej populácie očakáva ekonomický rast, prosperitu a lepšiu kvalitu života. “Tie milióny, čo žijú v chudobe, bez práce, bez vody a bez jedla, očakávajú od politických lídrov skutočné odpovede, rýchlu akciu a výsledky,“ uviedla Radičová.

Premiérka sa dotkla i témy, ako môže malá krajina, akou je Slovensko, odpovedať na tieto výzvy. “Po prvé, musí splniť svoju domácu úlohu – stabilizovať ekonomiku. To znamená, prostredníctvom hlbokých reforiem vytvoriť udržateľný dôchodkový systém. Ďalej zákon o rozpočtovej zodpovednosti, ktorý zabezpečí zodpovednú rozpočtovú politiku pre budúce generácie. To znamená aj reformu trhu práce, ktorá podporí vytváranie nových pracovných miest, najmä pre najohrozenejšie skupiny. To tiež znamená znižovanie administratívnej záťaže a bariér pre podnikanie, a širšie využívanie služieb e-governmentu. A samozrejme, znamená to aj potlačanie korupcie a zvyšovanie transparentnosti - napríklad zákonom, že každá zmluva, ktorá využíva verejné finančné zdroje, začne platiť až po zverejnení na internete,“ vysvetlila Radičová.

Premiérka upozornila i na hlboké ekonomické problémy v Európe, ktorých riešenie si vyžaduje odvahu a úprimnosť. “Finančná kríza a jej negatívne dôsledky na bankový sektor v celej Európe jasne ukázali, že eurozóna nebola pripravená na krízu. Väčšina z krajín EÚ nevyužila priaznivé ekonomické obdobie na konsolidáciu svojich rozpočtov,“ uviedla Iveta Radičová. Eurozóna by sa podľa Radičovej mala vrátiť k starým princípom, ktoré sú nevyhnutné pre úspešnú medzinárodnú spoluprácu a integráciu. Ministerská predsedníčka vyzvala na prísnejšie európske a národné rozpočtové pravidlá a zavedenie inštitútu kontrolovaného bankrotu.

Predsedníčka vlády SR vo svojom prejave stručne predstavila aj aktivity Slovenskej republiky na medzinárodnej úrovni v oblasti humanitárnej pomoci: Slovensko sa zúčastňuje na rozvojovej a humanitárnej pomoci v 41 projektoch – tie pomáhajú trpiacim deťom v Keni, distribujú jedlo a vodu v Etiópii, poskytujú humanitárnu pomoc v Južnom Sudáne a po záplavách v Pakistane, pomáhajú utečencom od Líbye po Tunisko a tiež poskytujú technickú pomoc krajinám západného Balkánu a Blízkeho východu. Prostredníctvom účasti v 13 projektoch Slovensko pomáha pri zabezpečovaní demokratizačného procesu v Afganistane.

Tlačový a informačný odbor Úradu vlády SR



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## Slovenská premiérka na Valnom zhromaždení OSN v NY

New York (TASR) - Slovenská premiérka Ivetta Radičová sa 20. septembra v New Yorku stretla s prezidentom USA Barackom Obamom, ktorý vysoko ocenil kroky slovenskej vlády v oblasti zvyšovania transparentnosti. "Sme na vás hrdí," uviedol Obama počas krátkeho rozhovoru. Stretnutie sa konalo pred fórom o otvorenom vládnutí - Open Government Partnership, na ktoré americký líder Ivettu Radičovú pozval. Informoval o tom hovorca premiérky Radoslav Baťo.

Predsedníčka vlády počas rozhovoru povedala, že výzvou pre obe krajiny nie je len neustále zvyšovať transparentnosť vládnutia, ale aj boj proti vysokej miere nezamestnanosti a nevyhnutnosť prijímať razantné opatrenia ako v USA, tak aj v eurozóne, v súvislosti s rizikom návratu globálnej hospodárskej krízy. "Dôkazom toho, že pre Baracka Obamu je téma transparentnosti vládnutia kľúčovou prioritou, je aj jeho podrobný prehľad o opatreniach, ktoré v tejto súvislosti realizujú zúčastnené krajiny, vrátane Slovenska," povedala po stretnutí Radičová.

Cieľom iniciatívy Open Government Partnership je medzinárodná spolupráca v otázkach transparentnosti, zodpovednosti, občianskej angažovanosti a boja proti korupcii. Prezident Obama bol v utorok hosťiteľom prvého fóra zúčastnených krajín na najvyššej úrovni.

Spolu so Spojenými štátmi a Brazíliou sú zakladajúcimi krajinami iniciatívy Indonézia, Mexiko, Nórsko, Filipíny, Južná Afrika a Veľká Británia, a viaceré významné mimovládne organizácie.

Na stretnutí v New Yorku sa formálne k fóru pridalo ďalších 38 krajín vrátane Slovenska. Každá z týchto krajín preukázala odhodlanie k významným reformám podporujúcim otvorené vládnutie v oblasti transparentnosti v nakladaní s verejnými zdrojmi, slobodného prístupu k informáciám, či občianskej angažovanosti. Do marca 2012 vláda SR vypracuje akčný plán, ktorým sa zaviazá urobiť ďalšie reformy v oblasti transparentnosti verejnej



Ivetta Radičová

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Do Banskej Bystrice 30. septembra 2011 priniesol žilinský diecézny biskup Tomáš Galis putovnú relikviu sv. Cyrila, ktorú si odovzdávajú slovenské katolícke diecézy v rámci národnej duchovnej prípravy na 1150. výročie príchodu sv. Cyrila a Metoda na slovenské územie. Na území banskobystrickej diecézy relikvia zostane do 30. novembra. Na snímke relikviu prinášajú do Katedrály sv. Františka Xaverského, kde žilinský biskup celebraval svätú omšu.

*On September 30, Zilina Bishop Tomas Galis presented relics of St. Cyril to Banska Bystrica. These relics were given to the Slovak dioceses in preparation of the 1150 anniversary of the arrival of St. Cyril and Methodius in Slovakia. In the photo the relics are brought into the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier where the Zilina bishop celebrated Mass. The relics will remain in Banska Bystrica until November 30.*

## Milan Ježovica na seminári Invest in Slovakia v Južnej Karolíne

Štátny tajomník Ministerstva zahraničných vecí Slovenskej republiky Milan Ježovica v pondelok 26. septembra vystúpil na ekonomicko-investičnom seminári Invest in Slovakia v meste Columbia v americkom štáte Južná Karolína.

Cieľom seminára bola propagácia Slovenska, ako ekonomicky a investične atraktívnej krajiny, zástupcom amerických firiem pôsobiacich najmä v Južnej Karolíne. Štátny tajomník Ježovica na seminári predstavil priority vlády Slovenskej republiky v oblasti tvorby nových pracovných miest, zlepšovania podnikateľského a investičného prostredia, rastu ekonomiky a podpory spoločnej meny euro, znižovania administratívnej záťaže pre podnikateľov, znižovania miery korupcie, a fiškálne zodpovedného správania vedúceho k znižovaniu deficitu štátneho rozpočtu a k efektívnejšiemu využívaniu verejných financií.

Americkí podnikatelia sa zaujímali okrem iného o infraštruktúru Slovenskej republiky, možnosti dopravy cez európske dopravné prepojenia, ale aj o vzdelávací systém Slovenska a jeho napojenie na podnikateľskú prax.

Na fóre okrem štátneho tajomníka Ježovicu vystúpil aj viceprezident spoločnosti Honeywell Arthur Simonetti, zástupca JP Morgan Chase Roger Kodat, výkonný riaditeľ Americkej obchodnej komory na Slovensku Jake Slagers, Glenn Farrel zo Slovenskej agentúry pre rozvoj investícií a obchodu SARIO.

Počas návštevy Južnej Karolíny štátny tajomník Milan Ježovica zároveň v mene Slovenskej republiky prevzal ocenenie Spojenec Slobody v roku 2011 od nadácie Celebrate Freedom Foundation, ktorú mu odovzdal poslanec Kongresu USA za štát Južná Karolína Joe Wilson. Štátny tajomník Ježovica a kongresman Wilson v prítomnosti starostu mesta Columbia, členov mestskej rady a juhokarolínskych podnikateľov slávnostne otvorili nový slovenský honorárny konzulát v hlavnom meste Južnej Karolíny, vedený honorárnym konzulom Petrom Kornom. Honorárny konzulát bude napomáhať rast hospodárskej spolupráce medzi SR a USA, ako aj lepšiu ochranu záujmov občanov Slovenskej republiky.

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## Putovné ostatky apoštola Slovanov sv. Cyrila prijali v Banskej Bystrici

Podvečer 30. septembra 2011, kým po hlavnom námestí prinášali čiastku telesných ostatkov apoštola Slovanov sv. Cyrila, v centre Banskej Bystrice zvonil zvon. Putovné relikvie vierozvesta pre diecézu na dva mesiace prijal diecézny administrátor Marián Bublinc z rúk žilinského diecézneho biskupa Tomáša Galisa. Relikviár s pozostatkami sv. Konštantína Cyrila položili muži v krojoch z Terchovej pred oltár v Katedrále sv. Františka Xaverského.

V hlavnom chráme diecézy sa okolo zlatého relikviára zhromaždili veriaci a kňazi z dekanátov Banskobystrickej diecézy. Mons. Ján Krajčák, domáci dekan privítal žilinského diecézneho biskupa Mons. Tomáša Galisa, hlavného celebranta slávnostnej svätej omše. Dekan taktiež privítal primátora mesta Banská Bystrica, Mgr. Petra Gogolu, a poďakoval mu za budovanie kultúry a medzilidských vzťahov v meste pod Urpínom.

„Relikvia z tela sv. Cyrila je pre nás vzácnym podnetom a pozvaním, aby sme si pripomenuli dielo našich vierozvestov a posilnili sa vo viere v Božiu prítomnosť,“ prihovoril sa zidenému spoločenstvu biskup Tomáš Galis. V homílii prítomných povzbudil k viere v Boha a jednoduchosti kresťanstva.

Putovné relikvie obsahujú úlomky kostí z ramena svätého Konštantína Cyrila, významného vzdelanca a misionára svojej doby. To isté rameno, ako sa v homílii zamyslel biskup Tomáš, tvorilo hlásky prvého písma Slovanov. Tie isté ruky potom niesli preklady vzácných písomností do Ríma a to isté telo prekonávalo veľké vzdialenosti, keď prinášalo vieru a kultúru našim predkom, pokračoval biskup Galis. Úlomky v relikviári sú z toho istého ramena, ktoré svätý Cyril podával našim predkom. To isté telo napokon celkom vyčerpané uložili do hrobu v Ríme, ukončil biskup.

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