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Changes are coming to ALIVE IN CHRIST

Christ is Risen!

My fellow Orthodox Christians, changes are coming to Alive in Christ. Some will be significant, some subtle, with the intent of delivering a publication that serves you. The magazine will begin to dovetail more with the Diocesan website, and an editorial calendar is being developed to tap into the vast knowledgebase of the Diocese. If you have been submitting articles and photos, please continue. If you haven't, please reconsider. It is an important yet often overlooked area - promote yourself, your parish, your good deeds, your activities. And today it is SO easy. A digital photo emailed to the Diocese, a short paragraph, and a caption for the photo. That is all it takes. If you are a contributor, keep the content coming! If you aren't, PLEASE reconsider, and show what you've got going on!

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A WORD FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

PASCHA/PENTECOST 2012

THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN, AT THE BREAK OF DAWN, DREW NEAR TO THE TOMB OF THE LIFE-GIVER. THERE THEY FOUND AN ANGEL SITTING UPON THE STONE. HE GREETED THEM WITH THESE WORDS: WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? WHY DO YOU MOURN THE INCORRUPT AMID CORRUPTION? GO, PROCLAIM THE GLAD TIDINGS TO HIS DISCIPLES.

(PASCHAL STICHERA)

To the Venerable Pastors, God-loving Monastics and Devout Faithful of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania:
Christ is Risen!

When the Myrrh-bearing women arrived early in the morning to the burial site of their Lord and Master, they approached with fear and uncertainty, looking to anoint the One who had recently been laid in the sepulcher. Instead, they found an empty tomb and were greeted with the astounding words of the Angel. What power those brief words must have held for them and what joy must have filled their hearts! They came expecting death and found life; they came in fear and trembling and were given joy.

Christ, the Life-Giver, has triumphed over the law of death and this victory belongs to all of humanity. It is truly a universal victory, which the Angel indicated by sending the Women to announce the good news to the Disciples. By this action, the Angel was, in fact, telling the women to announce to the entire world that death has been overcome by the power of God and that Divine Love now has dominion over all.

With each passing year the Holy Orthodox Church bears witness to this universal reality through her Paschal shout of "Christ is Risen!" In our paschal liturgical celebrations, we perpetuate the original proclamation to the Myrrh-bearing Women. They shared it with the Disciples, and the Disciples, in turn, carried the news to the entire world. It is now our turn to share with the world, not only this message, but the reality of our own rebirth into eternal life through Jesus Christ.

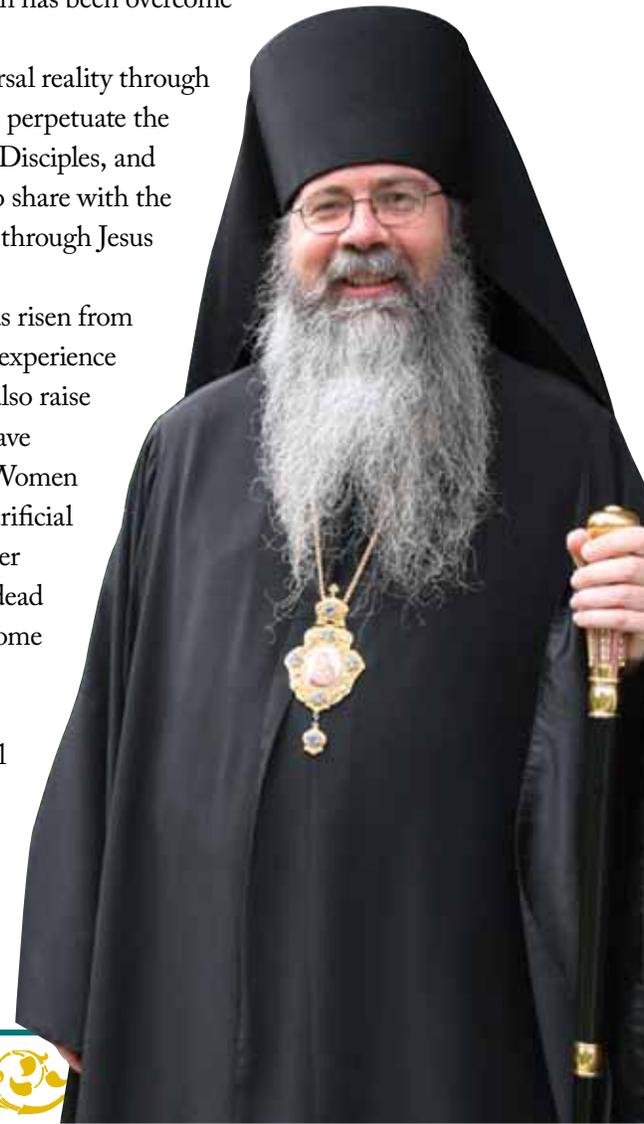
The Savior came into the world, suffered, was crucified and buried, and now has risen from the tomb in order that each person might have the chance to pass through this experience of the Cross and the Empty Tomb. St. Paul speaks clearly of this: God... will also raise us up by his own power (1 Cor. 6:14). Orthodox Christians in all generations have faced many challenges and our generation is no different. The Myrrh-bearing Women remind us that our faith is not in the power of death but in the power of the sacrificial life of Christ. That is why the feast of Pascha is the feast of the victory of life over death, for through the resurrection of Christ the Savior, resurrection from the dead has been granted to us all. And through the power of the Resurrection we become luminaries bringing light and life to the darkest regions of despair.

As we celebrate together this most glorious feast, I greet all of you with the Paschal embrace of hope and peace and I pray that you and your loved ones will be filled with the joy received by the Women at the Tomb.

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Lord,

✠TIKHON

Archbishop of Philadelphia
Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



An Unprecedented Meeting Held At The Chancery

On January 17 -18 an unprecedented meeting was held at the Chancery in Syosset, New York with the chancellors and treasurers of eight of the Orthodox Church in America's dioceses with His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah; Archpriest John Jillions, Chancellor; Archpriest Eric Tosi, Secretary; Mrs. Melanie Ringa, Treasurer; and Priest Gleb McFatter, Chair of the Metropolitan Council Finance Committee.

The intention of the meeting was to examine and move ahead on the resolution on assessments passed at the 16th All-American Council in November 2011. Each diocesan representative was then given an opportunity to present an overview of his or her diocese's current ministries, financial status, and concerns.

The first presentation was a historical overview rendered by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, who shared the many challenges and major issues that are only unique to us. These include having a Major Theological Seminary and a historical Monastery within the boundaries of the Diocese and how this and also sharing our resources and our Diocesan Bishop with these major institutions have impacted our unique history. Our Treasurer, Fr. Martin Browne, in his report gave a diocesan financial analysis based on the unique make-up of our parishes.





Following the end of our two-day gathering the ensuing timely communication appeared:

In the process of reviewing a number of possible methods for securing an appropriate level of funding for the Church, it was clear that, while maintaining the work of the Central Church administration is critical, equally critical is the need to lighten the financial burdens being faced on the diocesan and parish levels. A frank discussion was held on per capita assessment methods and the move toward proportional giving on the parish and diocesan levels.



It was clearly noted that the process will require creativity, especially in light of each diocese's unique circumstances and history. While it is obvious that some dioceses will take longer than others in embracing proportional giving, the chancellors and treasurers are committed to reforming the assessment methodology over the next triennium and will continue their work together.



A statement issued at the end of the two-day meeting offers full support for the Central Administration, the Chancery staff, and the departments and deep appreciation for their work and dedication despite limited resources. It also notes that "the current system of revenue is dysfunctional and will not support the OCA in the future.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR TALENTS?

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan Talent Survey

All of us know talented men and women in our parishes who are more than willing to use their talents and skills for the benefit of the Church, not just the parish plant or administration, but for the assistance of needy members of our parish families. But all of us know that in our parishes there are “holes” in that corps of talented people, skills and talents that are not available in our parish. But how many of us know if those talents are available in the neighboring parish or deanery? For the most part we don’t.

At the Diocesan Revitalization workshop at the All American Council in Seattle last year, a proposal was made to establish diocesan resource or talent banks to address this situation. The purpose of this “bank” is to make the treasury of God-given gifts present in our diocese available to all as needed according to circumstance. What is a talent? Any skill you have acquired, mastered and are willing to share with others, from computers to carpentry, electrical work, singing, cooking, baking, driving, typing, needlework, graphic design, accounting, legal, medical and other professional skills and anything and everything in between. As we are not simply members of our own parish, but of the Orthodox Church of Christ, our talents are given to us for the service of all the members of the household of God. So in this issue we include a talent survey, asking all the members of our diocese to fill them out and to return them so that we can begin to create this bank and make the talents present in our diocese available to everyone.

No doubt there are many questions and, perhaps, concerns. Everyone’s freedom and responsibility will be respected. Filling this out does not mean you have to do what you are unable to do due to time or other circumstance, but that you are willing to help **WHEN YOU CAN**. We hope that this will reveal that we have many people who have the same skills or talents, so that it can be done without burden for anyone. Making yourself available means you do so without expectation of compensation for your services, doing it for the glory of God and your own salvation. Filling this out does not mean that you cannot benefit from this talent bank if you have needs that require it. Parish priests are the ones who will make the inquiries of the diocese for specific needs, and parish priests are the ones who will be asked by the diocesan administration to approach parishioners who have indicated their willingness to help.

Please take the time and make the effort to return a completed form indicating your talents. And if you are unable to volunteer because of age or infirmity, indicate your willingness to pray daily for the health of our diocese, the bishop and clergy, the parish councils and all the organizations that serve, and especially for the ill afflicted and for the young.

Let us love one another with one mind and heart and hands...

The Diocese is establishing a Treasury of Talents from among our membership to be able to ascertain who might be willing to help, according to their abilities, in various aspects of Diocesan life. The following is a brief survey to help us develop the best possible resources.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Mobile: _____

email: _____

Parish: _____

My hobbies include: _____

My current (or previous) profession might be of interest, which is: _____

My educational background (degrees, certifications, training, etc.) might be of interest and is: _____

Please check which areas you would be willing to assist in:

General Activities

- Bookkeeping
- Carpentry
- Clinical
- Choral Directing
- Choral Singing
- Communications
- Television
- Radio
- Web Development
- Writing
- Computer Technology
- Construction
- Electrician
- Fund Raising
- Graphic Designing
- Heating/Air Conditioning
- Lawyer/Legal Background
- Outdoor Activities
- Plumbing
- Sales
- Sewing
- Social Worker
- Transportation
- Typing

Specific Activities

- Medical
- CPR Training
- Dental
- Nurse
- Physician
- Other

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With the passage of time, whole families of Liturgies came into existence. Eventually, the great Saints and ecumenical teachers of Christianity, St Basil the Great and St John Chrysostom, having in mind the earlier Eucharistic prayers, composed our two outstanding Liturgies which have been served in our Church without any interruption to this day.

Nevertheless, the perfect work of these two liturgical forms did not diminish the prophetic character of the Eucharistic assembly; neither was the ritual aspect promoted at the expense of the communion of grace. On the contrary, the theological perfection and inspiration of this work by the leading spirit of these Saints, delivers the celebrant from the anxiety of human imperfection and from having to improvise his own prayer. He can concentrate completely on celebrating with all due attention, so as to make the prayers as much his as they were of those who bequeathed them to us. There is no longer a need for a 'spectacular' manifestation of the various spiritual gifts of the faithful as in the early days of the apostolic gatherings. But all this leads us to ask how the communion of grace, which renews and enriches the faithful with an abundance of life²¹, is now expressed in the course of the Liturgy in our own time?

Firstly, the Divine Liturgy will always remain a prophetic event for many reasons. Above all it is the fulfilment of the Lord's commandment: 'Take, eat: this is my body ... this do in remembrance of me.'²² Just as in the beginning of creation the Lord spoke once only and His word applies for ever, so also now the fulfilment of His word actualises the Mystery of His Cross and Resurrection. Our 'remembrance' of this is not merely psychological, but a grace-filled initiation into His Spirit, accomplished by our human utterance of His word and our invocation of His Name. Everything is sanctified by this Eucharistic prayer. The eternal principle which the great Saint Paul formulated applies here, which is the basis of

Prophetic Life and Authenticity in the Church

every liturgical act: 'for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.'²³ In the Divine Liturgy the Second Coming of the Lord is commemorated as an event that has already come to pass and now is, because He who has come and will come again, Christ, is Himself present as He 'Who offers and is offered and given' to the faithful for food and drink, while the Holy Spirit overshadows the Eucharistic gathering and transforms the holy gifts. How are we to partake rightfully or worthily of the grace of this prophetic event?

The fundamental characteristic of the prophetic spirit is humility. Consequently, participation in the Divine Liturgy requires a similarly humble state of mind. The offering of the gifts should be done with humility. When we prepare bread, wine and water for the holy Mystery, we secretly place in them our whole life: our faith, our secret prayer of repentance. We place in them our thanksgiving for all that God has done for us and for the whole world, for every breath of air He gives us, for the protection and preservation of all creation, and above all for the fact that He is As He Is: no other is like Him Who alone is the all-good and merciful lover of mankind. We also place our humility in them and our confidence in His power and His promises.

These small personal gifts that we gather up as we prepare for the Liturgy in the secret of our contrite hearts will join us to the rest of the Body of Christ, uniting us to the gifts of all the other members whether militant in this life or triumphant in the next, having been made perfect in eternal life. These little gifts we offer as the fruit of our struggles will

²¹ Cf. Jn. 10: 10.

²² I Cor. 11: 24; cf. Lk. 22: 19.

²³ I Tim. 4: 4-5.



be the key to our entry into the communion of the wealth of gifts of all the members of the Body. This communion of grace constitutes the essence of the Church. In it even the poor are made rich and are saved by the grace flowing from the Head of the Body and through the prayers of those made perfect in Him, the Saints, who remain humble. The warmth and peace that we accumulate in the hidden 'closet'²⁴ of our heart will accompany us when we assemble for the Divine Liturgy. They will clear a holy and mystical space within us wherein our spirit is enabled to present itself before God. This state will allow us to come before the Lord in all humility, without any need of outward demonstrations of piety, and therefore without usurping the spiritual space of our fellows, as befits prophets. Then our sacrifice will be all the more pleasing to God, as we utter the words: 'Thine own, of Thine own, we offer unto Thee in all and for all.' And the Lord will respond by placing His very Life within the holy gifts, and the voice of His goodness will thunder, 'The holy things unto the holy.' The great miracle of this most unequal, yet gracious, of exchanges will then take place: That is to say, the Creator and Redeemer will grant us His boundless Life in exchange for our little life. Then we, the New Israel, will sing the song of victory, 'We have seen the true Light; We have received the heavenly Spirit.' We do not await the coming of the Lord Jesus passively, but prophetically we run towards that glorious and wondrous encounter, and we 'hasten unto the coming of the day of God'.²⁵

The purpose of the gift of prophetic life is to enable each one to discover his or her deep heart, which is the place of God's Presence in man. The uncovering and quickening of the heart is the work of the Holy Spirit, Who reproves, cleanses and makes it sensitive to receive the word of life, that it might be illumined by the Lord Jesus, and that His very form might

By Archimandrite Zacharias Zacharou

PART 2

be engraved upon it. Thus is wiped away the sin of unbelief in Christ, righteousness and the instruction of the Cross are renewed within the heart, and finally the enemy is shamed and punished.

The discovery of the heart and its refinement by the grace of God aims to make it fit to seize the word of God and with its energy to bear witness to Jesus, Who is risen from the dead. Although the word of God is by its very nature inexpressible, when it enters the heart, it does not perplex its host but rather fills him with incorruptible comfort. A prophetic event then takes place. The soul humbly surrenders to her visitation so as to conceive and bear it within herself. A personal covenant between God and man is then sealed, which is accompanied by inexpressible divine comfort. Man's spirit is 'born again, and this regeneration is man's encounter with living eternity which overshadows him and makes him like 'one that dreams', so 'drunk' is he with the joy of salvation. He overflows with the energy of indissoluble life, and the word of God is henceforth the divine source of his inspiration.

Christ continues to suffer in this world²⁶ and this suffering lays its head in the hearts of His true disciples. They too suffer: they are tormented by the fact that their heart is as yet not large enough to bear the great portion of the Lord's love, which he promised to the sisters of Lazarus and to everyone. But the disciple of the Master is none the less convinced to the end that 'God is greater than our heart'²⁷ and reproaches himself as an 'unprofitable servant'.²⁸ The prophetic inspiration his spirit has, will not allow him to rest until his zeal cleanses the house of God²⁹ so that it becomes a 'temple of the living God'.³⁰ As the Lord Himself explains, 'I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?'

²⁴ Matt. 6: 6. ²⁷ I Jn. 3: 20. ³⁰ II Cor. 6: 16.

²⁵ II Pet. 3: 12. ²⁸ Lk. 17: 10.

²⁶ Acts 26: 23. ²⁹ cf. Jn. 2: 17.

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Winter Teen Retreat 2012

THOU ART THE GOD WHO DOES WONDERS: MIRACLES AND ORTHODOXY



On the weekend of February 2-5, 2012, 35 Orthodox teens gathered together from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio for the annual Winter Teen Retreat at the Fatima Renewal Center in Dalton, PA.

Squeals of joy echoed down the halls of the retreat center as the students arrived one by one, greeting each other with smiles and hugs. Many of them already knew each other from Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp's Teen Program. *(But despite all of the previously-established friendships, newcomers never stay "new" for very long, and everyone settled in comfortably.)*

Fr. Timothy Hojnicky of Mechanicsburg, PA, led the group in Evening Prayers. Then, they gathered for a small workshop during which Fr. Hojnicky introduced the theme of the weekend – "Miracles and Orthodoxy"

Later that evening, everyone enjoyed spending free time in each other's company. Most of the students sat around on big, comfy couches in the lounge area, listening to music and catching up with each other. A few gathered around a piano in a different room, while others took the opportunity to draw pictures at a table covered in arts and crafts supplies. Someone started a lively round of "Apples to Apples", a card game that has become a tradition at the Winter Retreat over the years.

After a (*mostly*) restful night, everyone gathered for breakfast and Morning Prayers. At morning workshop, Fr. Hojnicky discussed with the teens how miracles are powerful confirmations of our faith that can strengthen our belief in Christ and the Church.

Lunch was eaten quickly in order for the teens to have enough time to enjoy a hike through the woods or a quick afternoon nap before the afternoon workshop and a special visit from His Eminence, Archbishop Tikhon. He spoke to the group about learning to recognize "everyday miracles" that may go unnoticed, such as the birth of a child, or the stars in the sky.

After Vespers and dinner, everyone enjoyed one more evening of free time before settling in to bed. They woke up early the next morning for Divine Liturgy, served by Archbishop Tikhon and Fr. Hojnicky. Everyone sang their hearts out during the service, directed by Mr. Andrew Bohush. Afterward, they gathered for one more meal before their parents began to arrive.

Upcoming Youth Events

There was a lot of hugging going on as the teens said goodbye to each other and shuffled out the door carrying luggage, pillows, and sleeping bags. Shouts of "See you at Summer Camp!" were heard regularly as parents corralled their teens out to the parking lot.

Although nobody was happy to go home, everyone had had a wonderful weekend, and they are all looking forward to returning to the Fatima Renewal Center for next year's Winter Teen Retreat.



Saint Tikhon's Summer Camp

July 1-7, 2012

For students age 7-17

Forms may be downloaded at www.sttikhonscamp.org now
Camper registration deadline is
May 31, 2012

Winter Teen Retreat 2013

February 8-10, 2013

For students in Grades 7-12
Forms may be downloaded at
www.ocayouth.org in November
2012



For more information about next year's Winter Teen Retreat and other programs offered by the Office of Young Adult Activities, please visit www.ocayouth.org.

PARISH & FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



Berwick

THEOPHANY CELEBRATION

Reverend Michael Demko, rector of Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church, Berwick, blessed the waters of the Susquehanna River at the Berwick Test Track boat launch on Saturday, January 14 in celebration of Theophany.

Pictured from left to right are Josh Hottenstein, Father Michael, John Parker, and Andrew Mihaly.



Pictured are members and friends of Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church Ladies Organization, Berwick, at a recent dinner.



Harrisburg

DISTRICT O CLUB CONVENTION

On Sunday, October 23rd, His Eminence, Archbishop TIKHON made an Archpastoral visit to Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church in conjunction with the Central PA District O Club Convention. His Eminence led the gathered clergy, faithful and guests at the Divine Liturgy and presided along with the O Club officers at the meeting and banquet. Those gathered were treated to a musical performance by Sophia Ressetar (who was accompanied on piano by her grandfather, Fr. Daniel Ressetar). We are thankful for the opportunity to host the O Club Convention and for the presence of Archbishop TIKHON, and pray that God will continue to strengthen them each in their respective ministries to Christ's Holy Church.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

On Tuesday November 22, 2011 our clergy distributed non-perishable food items, turkeys and over \$500 in grocery store gift cards collected by our parish family to our surrounding community. May God bless those who participated in this act of love and mercy; and grant us all hearts which are compassionate to those around us, and to see the image of God in our brothers and sisters who are in need



FR. LEONID AND MAT. LAURA VISIT

On Sunday, November 27th Fr. Leonid Schmidt visited Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church and led us in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Fr. Leonid and M. Laura (a daughter of our parish), were married here July 24, 2011, and it was a joyous occasion to welcome them back to their “parish home - away from home” as Priest and Matushka. The Schmidts are attached to SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church in Syracuse, NY - where Fr. Leonid is the assistant pastor and M. Laura is pursuing a Masters in Speech Pathology from Syracuse University. It was especially poignant, as Fr. Leonid was our “adopted seminarian” during his three years at St. Tikhons, and we were able to enjoy the fruit of that support, as he led us in the Divine Liturgy as a minister of the Holy Mysteries of Christ. May God bless Fr. Leonid and M. Laura for many years!



PARISH & FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS

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HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES THOMAS AND SAVANNA GROSS

On Feb.4, 2012, Thomas Grosz was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Holy Sacrament of Chrismation.

On Feb. 11, 2012, Savanna Marie Grosz, daughter of Thomas Grosz and Carrie Kurtz Grosz, was received into the Holy Orthodox Church through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation by Archpriest Claude Vinyard.

Stroudsburg

HOLY TRINITY WELCOMES DAWN
REBOLLIDO - NEWLY CHRISMATED
OCTOBER 23, 2011

We welcome newly Chrismated Dawn Rebollido into the Orthodox Faith and to Holy Trinity Orthodox Church. Dawn was Chrismated on October 23, 2011. Her sponsor is her future mother-in-law Katherine Pinto. Dawn is engaged to Holy Trinity Parishioner, Michael Pinto and will enter into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on May 12, 2012. Dawn lives in Mt. Bethel and has a daughter Cait and a son, Zach. Welcome Dawn and may God grant you many blessed years.



“BISHOP NICHOLAS” VISITS HOLY TRINITY FOR FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

Bishop Nicholas paid a visit to the Church School children at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, December 4, 2011 in celebration of the Feast Day of St. Nicholas of Myra in Lycia, Wonderworker on December 6. He presented gifts to all the good children of Holy Trinity. And in turn, the children presented those adults present at coffee hour, gifts of oranges and apples.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT HELD DECEMBER 11

The Holy Annunciation Church Choir from Berwick, PA and directed by Reader David Kessler, presented a wonderful concert on December 11 at 3 PM at Holy Trinity Church in celebration of the Nativity. Approximately 70 of our community neighbors and friends, as well as parishioners, enjoyed an afternoon of Liturgical and Traditional Carpatho-Russian Carols and a sing-a-long of Traditional English Carols. A light dinner was served following the concert in the Fellowship Hall. The Christmas Concert was televised on the Blue Ridge Cable station in January. We thank everyone for attending and for their donations to our Food Drive for Children and Youth Services of Monroe County. We welcome you back to join us for worship.



Wilkes Barre



Participants in our annual appreciation dinner. The dinner is offered in appreciation to all who work at the several parish fund-raisers.



Fr. David Shewczyk addresses a group of Dallas Area high school students during their visit to the parish as part of a religious history class.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

June 25-30

FOCUS Trip to Appalachia

July 1-7

St. Tikhon's Summer Camp

September 7-9

Russian Days, St. Nicholas Church, Bethlehem

September 9

Patronal Feast Day Dinner, St. Mary's Church, Coaldale

Visit www.doepa.org for more information!

ATTENTION: CLASS OF 2012 GRADUATES

Add one more thing to your post-graduation to do list! The Fall issue of *Alive in Christ* will feature our 2012 high school and college graduates. *Alive in Christ* would be honored to share your accomplishment with the Diocese. Submissions will also be posted on the Diocesan website.

To make this happen:

Graduates / Graduate's Families should submit a photo and brief biography.

THE BIOGRAPHY: *should include items such as:* name of student, name of parents, name of school, parish, future plans. Keep this a brief as possible.

THE PHOTO: should be a high resolution jpeg file. any variation from this will result in a loss of quality.

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