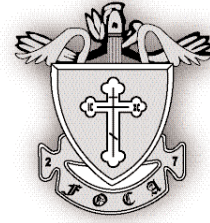


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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY

**Polly Walker**

*40th National FOCA President*



Greetings!

The first several months of our new administration provided us with many challenges! I am happy to report that the report for the Orlando convention has been finalized and showed a profit of just over \$15,000. Special thanks to Mickey Bowan for his attention to the preparation of this report.

Many of you have inquired as to the status of the Married Student Housing Project. To date we have collected \$157,300 in pledges. Since embarking on this project we have run into numerous obstacles, not the least of which was the discovery of loans taken against the land that we hope to build on. Both Fr. Bill and I have been in constant contact with Fr. Michael Dahulich, Dean of St. Tikhon's. He has kept us informed as to the progress the Seminary is making with regards to the release of the land. At the present time, the issue is in the hands of the Holy Synod and the Metropolitan Council. We will continue to collect pledges for this worthwhile project while we sit back and patiently wait for all to be sorted out.

Due to the downturn in the economy many members of the Strategic Planning Committee found it necessary to cancel their plans to attend our first meeting in Cleveland. We will address this issue at our Spring Board of Trustees Meeting and hopefully find an alternative method of meeting.

We are very blessed to have Dcn. Benjamin Tucci and Marge Kovach chairing our Youth Department. You would be hard pressed to find two more enthusiastic individuals who are dedicated to the Church, our organization and our young people. We are all anxious to hear their future plans at our February meeting.

Carol Deerson, CP&O just recently finalized the contract for the 2010 Convention to be held at the Westin Hotel in Pittsburgh. More details to follow.

I was privileged to represent the FOCA at the All American Council held this past November at which time His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH was elected as the primate of the OCA. Fr. Bill Evansky, our Spiritual Advisor did a yeoman's job as Co-Chairman. We should all be proud of him! Our Executive Board will be meeting with His Beatitude and the Chancery staff before our Spring Board Meeting to introduce the FOCA and to offer our support to the OCA. Bob Steffaro, as chairman of the Membership Committee is working with Greg Resselar on finalizing our promotional video. Rumor has it that there will be a new chapter in Ohio soon! Plans for the Basketball Tournament to be held in Minneapolis May 8-10 are well underway. We have received one inquiry regarding the possible sale of our headquarters building in Wilkes Barre. Immediate Past President Michael Steffaro is handling the negotiations. Approval by the convention body will be necessary if it is our intent to sell.

Seminarian Mark Klinski has been working on our new website which is presently in beta testing. He has been soliciting input from the Executive Board. In the meantime the old website is being maintained only with necessary changes so as not to duplicate efforts. We are hopeful that the new website will debut before the Hartford Convention.

Once again the members of our organization came forward in a time of need. I was contacted by a seminarian whose wife had recently lost her job. They needed emergency funds to replace the transmission in their car, their only mode of transportation. I am happy to report that we raised enough monies to help him with this and a little bit more that will be kept aside in an emergency fund for just such things. It seems that with the difficult economic times we are facing this will unfortunately happen more often. I am extremely proud of the members of our organization for the generosity!

May you all have a blessed Great Lent and joyous Pascha!

## EDITOR'S NOTES

**Nicholas D. Ressetar**  
Editor, *Orthodox Christian JOURNAL*

Greetings & welcome to the winter issue of your *Orthodox Christian Journal*, the first of the new year. Our cover features the enthronement of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah of the Orthodox Church in America – the new Fellowship spiritual leader – held at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington on December 27-28 (photo courtesy of oca.org). Many FOCA members participated and were involved in putting on the ceremonies and receptions, including those from the Nation's Capital "R" Club, the St. Mark "O" Club and the Vladicon "O" Club. Axios! He is worthy! We also cover the even more recent election and enthronement of Patriarch Kirill as patriarch of Moscow and All Russia at Christ the Saviour Sobor. Axios! He is worthy!

In Fellowship news, we remember two notables who have departed this life: life member & past national president, John "Dany" Daniluck, and Archpriest Stephen Karaffa, the Midwest District spiritual advisor. Both were staunch supporters of the FOCA and will be much missed. Memory eternal and our sympathies to their families.

The sports department invites you to the national basketball tournament in Minneapolis (May 8-10), sponsored by St. Mary's, and the national bowling tournament in Phillipsburg, NJ (May 15-17), sponsored by St. John's – promo pieces and entry forms are inside. Something new this year will be the creative arts rally for youth to be held in Minneapolis during the b-ball tourney. This is all in addition to the Celebration of Faith contest with the 2009 theme of "Our Journey to Christ." All the details are in this issue. Let's see a good turnout for these events!

Associate Editor Betty Slanta reports on the 2009 March for Life in Washington and we cover the 2008 Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) college conferences. It seems that Fellowship members are everywhere! St. Stephen's OCF Prez Larry Skvir covers this year's Novogodny Ball -- they went to one and had one! Sports Editor Ken Baron reminds us that this year's Richie Miskiv memorial dinner takes place on May 30th in Passaic.

For the Kidz Corner we have two features: an onion-skin Easter egg project and a St. Maria Skobtsova crossword puzzle, a followup to last issue. Matushka Valerie Zahirsky invites parents and children to download the OCA Department of Christian Ed's new activity book, "Saints in Times of Trouble." Thanks! And youth – don't forget to apply for FOCA scholarships, both national and district. Deadline is March 31st.

Michael Stenko gives us a preview of this year's national convention in Hartford, CT over the Labor Day weekend. We received a thank-you letter from an Orthodox serviceman in Iraq for the Gifts of Love kits. Our Passaic chapter updates us on their recent activities – thank you Eileen. And national prez Polly Walker provides an overview of busy Fellowship life.

A special thank you to Kathy Lazor for spearheading the *Journal* patron drive – please help us keep publishing one of the oldest, continuous Orthodox Christian periodicals in America! Have a spiritually productive Great Lent and we'll return after Pascha. Till then, enjoy the Fellowship you find on these pages!

## TRANSITIONS

**BIRTHDAY:** Helen Yannone, a life member of the Harrisburg "O" Club, #199, celebrated her 90th birthday on February 8, 2009. Originally from St. Clair, PA, she now lives with her daughter Andrea, her husband Luis Baez (clarinetist with the San Francisco Symphony) and granddaughter Lara in San Francisco. Cards may be sent to Helen at 4338 25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114-3603. Many years!

**DEPARTED:** Anna Berdy Dutko, 89, of Edwardsville, PA fell asleep in the Lord on February 3, 2009. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Church there for many years, serving on the parish council, and was a member of the "R" Club as well as the Friends of St. Andrew, the St. Tikhon Century Association and Friends of St. Tikhon's. Anna is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth, past Anthracite District governor, Suzanne and Audrey; son Peter, brother John, sister Mary, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Funeral services were celebrated at her church with burial in the parish cemetery. Memory eternal!

**DEPARTED:** Thomas "Foma" Bushallow, 82, died on Feb. 8th at his home in Auburn, NY. A former member of the Auburn "R" Club who attended many national conventions, he was a noted music educator and a graduate of St. Tikhon's Seminary and Lafayette College. Foma later served on the seminary's board of trustees and was a major benefactor, organizing a benefit concert by pianist/conductor Ignat Solzhenitsyn at the college. Metropolitan Herman, Fr. Stephen Mack and other priests served the funeral at St. Nicholas Church in Auburn. Memory eternal!

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## Novogodny Ball: 72 Years and Going Strong

Although the Philadelphia Eagle's loss in the NFL Championship game early in the evening of January 18 left Philadelphia fans temporarily lamenting another season without a trip to the Super Bowl, the ballroom of the Trevoise Radisson Hotel was soon filled with young and old revelers. For the past seventy-two years, St. Stephen's Orthodox Catholic Fellowship (Chapter 82) and its predecessor, Alpha "R" Club, have been welcoming F.O.C.A. friends to the Novogodny Ball every January for an evening of dancing and fellowship.

Unlike prior years, this was the first year that the Paul Kauriga Orchestra was without Paul, who had passed away. His sons, fortunately, have kept up the musical tradition, although it seemed strange not to see Paul leading the orchestra at the Ball and fiddling away on his electric violin.

For our subscribers who chose the dinner option along with the Ball, the evening began with a delicious meal prepared by the Radisson kitchen. The kitchen staff did a fine job with the choices of talapia or prime rib.

To officially begin the Ball, our Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Victor Gorodenchuk, welcomed everyone for coming. His Grace, Bishop Tikhon, who had attended last year, was unable to attend because he was in Mexico on church business. Fr. Victor intoned, "Memory Eternal" for the departed Mary Birkenbach, a beloved Chapter #82 member who had passed away in 2008.

The dance floor was full of dancers for most of the evening, enjoying a varied mix of traditional Russian ballroom, popular, and polka dancing. It was a joy to see all ages out on the floor, dressed up in their fancy clothes and celebrating the New Year. At 11:00 PM – some people had to go to work on Monday – the Russian New Year's balloons came tumbling down and youngsters eagerly sought the "balloon prize" tickets hidden in some of the balloons.

A splendid time was had by all. Chapter 82 thanks all of our F.O.C.A. friends who support the Ball every year. We especially want to thank our Washington, Maryland, and Virginia friends from the Colonial District who come to join us in fellowship and to play dominoes in the hotel lobby every year! Thanks to you, Chapter 82 will be able to support deserving charities again in 2009. And, finally, a thank you to

our capable long time Chairman of the Ball, Paul Fedoronko, and his co-chairperson, Lisa Lelo. And who knew that Gary Lelo could bake such great nut rolls and poppy seed rolls? We hope to see all of our F.O.C.A friends next January!

Submitted by: Larry Skvir, President – Chapter #82



# Metropolitan Kirill

*Elected and Installed as Russian Orthodox Patriarch*

Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad was elected the 16th Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, the primate of the Orthodox Church of Russia, by the local council of the Russian Orthodox Church on the evening of January 27, 2009. He and two others, Metropolitan Filaret of Minsk and Belarus and Metropolitan Clement, the chancellor of the Moscow Patriarchate, were nominated as candidates by the bishop's council. Shortly before voting commenced, in a dramatic move Metropolitan Filaret withdrew from the election and endorsed Metropolitan Kirill, who received 508 votes to 169 votes for Metropolitan Clement. The election was carried live on Russian television with animated commentators analyzing the voting as stock market results and sports scores flashed on the screen.

Patriarch Kirill, 62, led the Church's external relations department and is well-known in ecumenical circles. He oversaw the drafting of the document on social issues released in 2000, an important expression of the Church's views on a myriad of topics facing society, including poverty, capital punishment, abortion, the environment and the rights of workers. He succeeds Patriarch Aleksy, who died on December 5th and who is credited with leading the Church out of the

Soviet era and returning the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia into communion. Kirill is also said to be the personal spiritual advisor of Russian President Dimitri Medvedev's wife, Svetlana.

The enthronement of Patriarch Kirill took place in Moscow's Christ the Saviour Cathedral on February 1st. It too was televised live in Russia. Presiding at the divine

liturgy were Patriarch Theodore of Alexandria, Metropolitan Sawa of Warsaw, Metropolitan Christopher of the Czech Lands and Slovakia, Archbishop Anastasios of Albania and Metropolitan Hilarion of ROCOR. Delegations of all local Orthodox Churches were present. Metropolitan Jonah, who was enthroned as primate of the Orthodox Church

in America just 34 days earlier, did not attend which is puzzling since the OCA received its autocephaly from the Russian Orthodox Church in 1970; the OCA instead was represented by 2 bishops. Cardinal Walter Kasper represented Pope Benedict of the Roman Catholic Church.

After liturgy, Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev and All Ukraine and Metropolitan Vladimir of St. Petersburg led Patriarch Kirill to the patriarchal throne where he was seated three times, with

Metropolitan Vladimir saying: "The divine grace, which heals that which is infirm and completes that which is wanting, and always cares for its holy Orthodox Churches, seats our father, His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill of the great city of Moscow and All Russia on the throne of the holy primates of Russia, Peter, Aleksy, Jonah, Makary." *Axios!* (Greek for "he is worthy") was then repeatedly proclaimed by the clergy, the choirs and the laity.

Metropolitan Vladimir next handed Kirill the *paraman* or cowl, a piece of cloth with an embroidered cross worn by the Moscow patriarch, praying: "Today . . . you are given this 'helmet – the hope of salvation' (I Thess. 5:8). May the angels on it stand before the Throne of the Almighty with the prayer for your successful ministry. May the Cross of Christ that crowns the cowl remind you of the sacrificial exploit of the patriarchal office in the name of the love of God. Place this cowl on your head in the firm hope for our Chief



Shepherd Who died and was risen for us. May God's almighty hand strengthen you in your ministry." The cowl was placed on Kirill's head.

Metropolitan Vladimir of Kiev then handed Patriarch Kirill the patriarchal staff of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow, which is kept in the State Armory, saying: "This staff belonged to Metropolitan Peter of Kiev and Moscow, the miracle worker, who transferred the primatial see to Moscow. We hope that you will continue the ministry of the holy primates of Moscow who worked tirelessly to build and order the Church of Christ, who consolidated the unity of Holy Russia which by God's providence began its life in the holy baptismal font of Kiev. We promise to help Your Holiness in this sacred cause. The staff is a sign of a journey. It helps those who come to fulfill their mission. The primate of the Church is called to imitate Christ, Whom 'God sent into the world so that we might live through him' (I John 4:9). The handing of this staff to you is an expression of the willingness of the whole Church to follow you, to work under you so that the glory of God spreads over the entire earth. . . . May this staff be the one of God's inheritance (Jerem 10:16) and the 'staff of favor' (Zech 11:7) for our Church."

His Holiness delivered the patriarchal homily: "It is our Christian duty to take care of those who are suffering, of orphans and the poor, of invalids and the aged, imprisoned and homeless, of everyone whom we can help to find hope. The voice of the Church must become also the voice of the weak and those deprived of power, of those seeking justice." He noted that "there is no room for anything personal and private in the life of the patriarch. He and his whole life belong to God and the Church, and his heart bleeds for the people of God, in particular for those who have fallen away from unity with the Church and for those who have not yet found faith. The patriarchal ministry is a special spiritual feat. It is impossible to perform it alone or without the support of a limited circle of like-minded persons. All bishops and the whole Church with the variety of gifts of its members are involved in the accomplishment of this feat through communion in prayer. Therefore, being aware of my unworthiness, I



ascend to the patriarchal throne with trepidation and humbly entrust myself to the intercession of my holy predecessors, metropolitans and patriarchs of Kiev and Moscow before God's altar."

Next to address the assembly was President Medvedev: "First of all, allow me to sincerely congratulate Your Holiness on your enthronement as Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia. This is a great event in the life of our country and of all Orthodox nations. This event opens a new epoch in the development of Orthodoxy in our country and, we hope, provides new conditions for a full-fledged dialogue between the Russian Orthodox Church and the state. The patriarchal ministry is indeed a difficult one. The feat of the patriarchal office in Russia has testified to the attentive and special attitude to the people and to their protection under difficult and sometimes tragic circumstances. Today, when Russia is developing, and the world remains as controver-

sial and full of problems as many centuries ago, the common work of the state and the Church will be in demand. Russia is a complicated state, inhabited by many different peoples, by followers of different faiths, and in this sense also the mission of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia is extremely notable. Your Holiness, may I once again sincerely greet you and wish you success in your primatial ministry, good health and strength." Also present were Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and their spouses.

Concluding the enthronement ceremonies was the intonation of "Many years!" Patriarch Kirill personally greeted the various delegations over the next several days. *Axios! Axios! Axios!*



Sources: mospat.ru, rocor.org and *The New York Times* (Sophia Kishkovsky); Photos from mospat.ru

## FOCA Members Join Other Orthodox Christians in 2009 March for Life – by Betty Slanta

On January 22, 2009, the annual March for Life was held in Washington, DC in remembrance of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. Joining other Orthodox Christians were Fellowship members. Metropolitan Jonah, the new primate of the Orthodox Church in America, led the delegation which included Bishop Tikhon of Philadelphia/Eastern PA, Archbishop Nicolae of the Romanian Archdiocese and Father Zaccheus of the OCA representation church in Moscow. Seminarians from St. Tikhon's and St. Vladimir's seminaries together with Orthodox faithful from the Washington area, Pennsylvania, Ohio and elsewhere marched in support of unborn children.

Metropolitan Jonah was the first religious leader to address the rally on the National Mall preceding the march. He said that the Orthodox Church is "committed to life because each person is sanctified by God." Personhood begins at conception; each child is the beloved of God. Jesus Christ took human flesh and filled it with divinity, and this is the very core of what it means to be a Christian.

The primate continued: "We must fight to overturn laws that justify and validate the taking of human life. We must change our culture to a culture of love and respect and forgiveness. We must allow those who have violated love to create a repentant culture, and enable them to repent and be healed. The only way to do this is to make abortion no longer a choice. We need to give women the opportunity to give their children up for adoption if necessary and to support women who bear their unborn children throughout the nine months of pregnancy." Metropolitan Jonah asked that Congress overturn the laws that encourage infanticide and abortion, concluding: "Let us thank God for the ability to come together as free citizens contrary to the wishes of the current Administration and to know God and to love."

As the marchers reached a corner near the Capitol and Supreme Court, Metropolitan Jonah served a memorial service for the aborted unborn children. He challenged the Orthodox marchers to triple their presence in 2010. Memory eternal!

Next year, God willing, Orthodox Christians will gather for a pro-life vespers service at St. Nicholas Cathedral (OCA) in Washington on the eve of the march and the next day celebrate the divine liturgy before going to the rally and march on the Mall.

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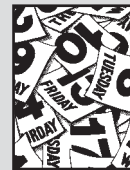
# The 7th Annual Richard J Miskiv Memorial Scholarship Dinner

The 7th Annual Richard J Miskiv Memorial Scholarship dinner is being held on Saturday, May 30th at SS Peter and Paul's Cultural Center in Passaic, New Jersey. Richard was a 35+ active year member of the FROC/FOCA who passed away at the age of 50 from a rare disease. His friends and relatives continue to sponsor an annual fundraising dinner in his memory and provide annual college scholarships for Garfield High School graduates (where Richard graduated from, and is a member of its Athletic Hall of Fame) and for qualified members of the New Jersey District.

The annual beefsteak dinner format is unique to the Northern New Jersey area, but the apparent dinner appeal and support for Richard's memory perpetuity have seen the dinner continue to have over 225 people attend annually. Additionally, the dinner has been fortunate to have the support for raffle and silent auction from organizations like the New York Mets, New Jersey Devils Hockey, Red Bulls soccer, New Jersey Nets Basketball, the PGA, the LPGA, Nike and Taylor Made Golf, as well as support from WFAN Sports Radio and famed ESPN college basketball analyst Dick Vitale (who grew up in Garfield). and CBS Football announcer Phil Simms.

If you are interested in attending this year's event, or are interested in making a donation in Richard's memory, please contact Ken Baron, one of the trustees of the fund, at 338 Landi Court, Wyckoff, NJ 07481 or phone 551-427-8069. Any donations can be sent to Ken made payable to the Richard J. Miskiv Memorial Scholarship Fund. The deadline for dinner reservations is May 15th.

## FOCA CALENDAR 2009



- February 20-21: "Spring" National Board of Trustees meeting, Hartford, CT
- March 2: Great Lent begins
- March 31: FOCA National Scholarship application deadline
- April 19: HOLY PASCHA
- May 8-10: National Basketball Tournament & Creative Arts Youth Rally, Minneapolis, MN
- May 15-17: National Bowling Tournament, Phillipsburg/Alpha, NJ
- May 30: Richard Miskiv Memorial Beefsteak Dinner, Passaic, NJ
- June 7: Pentecost
- July 24-25: National Summer Sports Tournament, New Tripoli/Allentown, PA
- September 3-7: 83rd National FOCA Convention, Hartford, CT

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# Archpriest Stephen Karaffa: In Memoriam

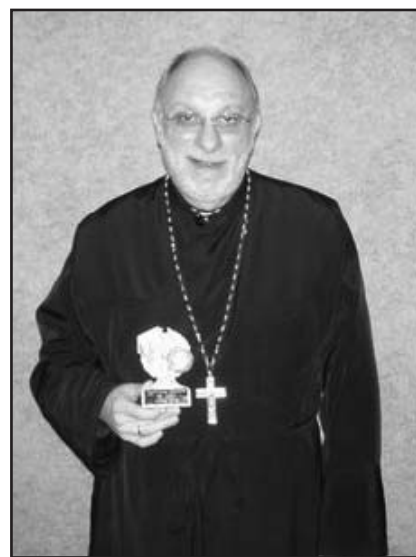
Shortly after liturgy at the All-American Council in Pittsburgh on November 11, 2008, Archpriest Stephen Karaffa, 65, fell asleep in the Lord suddenly. He was the rector of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Burr Ridge, IL and the Midwest District spiritual advisor. A native son of St. John's Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church in Bridgeport, CT, Father Stephen entered St. Tikhon's Seminary after a successful career in the financial sector. He was formerly pastor at St. John the Baptist Church in Nanticoke, PA.

A kind, gentle soul with a warm smile, Father Stephen together with Matushka Gayle and their family frequently participated in national FOCA conventions and other Fellowship events. At a recent national basketball tournament in Cleveland, he won the clergy foul-shot contest. Betty Slanta, our associate editor, remembered Father Stephen: "As chair of the FOCA mission hotline project, I hear from many clergy throughout the United States. One of the first loyal supporters of the hotline, through his cousin by marriage, Vera Hubiak (the Colonial District mission specialist), was Father Stephen, then pastor of St. Mark's Church in Wrightstown, PA. He was one of the first priests to answer the call in 1989 to search their closets for good but unneeded or extra church articles for donation to a mission parish. He expressed the urgency to Vera that these items be donated to missions. Soon after, he wrote to say that he had a duplicate inventory and donated many items, including icon and candle stands, a

holy shroud, set of royal doors, a censer, chrismation kit, vestments, icons and a blessing brush – these items went to missions and churches in Canada, Massachusetts, New York, Alaska and Florida. I will always remember his continued support of missions. He wrote ' . . . keep up the good work for missions' in a letter to me. Memory eternal, Father Stephen!"

President Polly Walker: "I was blessed to meet Fr. Stephen and Matushka Gayle when they arrived at Sts. Peter & Paul in Burr Ridge, IL. The Midwest District was looking for a new Spiritual Advisor and Fr. Stephen immediately stepped forward. You would be hard pressed to find two individuals more dedicated to the FOCA. As Governor I worked closely with Fr. Stephen who always brought with him a warm smile, enthusiasm for the organization, and was never at a loss for ideas. I thank God that I was lucky to spend some time with him at the All American Council before he passed away discussing our Midwest District and the challenges we are facing. Memory Eternal!"

Funeral services were held at his parish followed by additional services at St. Tikhon's Monastery church with burial in the monastery cemetery. In addition to Matushka Gayle, Father Stephen is survived by a daughter, Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan, a son, Kevin, and grandchildren Natalia, Zachary, Faith, Steffan and Sebastian. May Father Stephen's memory be eternal!



# HARTFORD: WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE

## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE 83RD NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Hartford "R" Club #80 and All Saints Orthodox Church of Hartford invite all FOCA members to come together over Labor Day weekend in Connecticut's capital city for the FOCA's 83rd National Convention. The Convention will be held from September 1-7, 2009.

Hartford is the center of a metropolitan area of nearly one million people. Bradley International Airport, New England's second largest, is only twenty minutes from our hotel, which is also located at the intersection of Interstates 84 and 91. The city is within an easy one-day drive for 85% of the FOCA's membership, and this will be the Fellowship's first "downtown convention" since the 75th Anniversary convention in Pittsburgh in 2001!

The Convention Committee is hard at work planning a fun and exciting week of affordable fun for all ages and interests. From our youngest "Fellowship Kidz" to our most mature members, Fellowship members will be pleasantly surprised with all that Hartford has to offer.

### Host Hotel: Hilton Hartford Downtown

The Hilton Hartford hotel is a shining star in Hartford's skyline, a 4-Diamond Quality and Service property that completely satisfies all levels of Hilton guests. The Hilton Hartford celebrated its Grand Opening on March 1, 2005 after completing a \$34 million renovation. Accommodations include 393 guestrooms and 11 beautifully appointed suites, many of which overlook the renowned Connecticut State Capital building. Every guestroom offers personal amenities such as a coffee maker, iron/board, and all are equipped with dual-line telephones with private voice mail and high-speed internet access. The Hilton Hartford hotel features an indoor pool, fully equipped state-of-the-art fitness center with the latest in cardiovascular and weight training equipment, a whirlpool and a sauna. Guests may dine at M&M's Coffee Shop, a full-service restaurant located within the hotel, and relax in Element 315, the Hilton's coffee/lobby bar. The Convention rate is \$109, plus tax, with parking available in the Hilton's garage at a rate of only \$15 per day. (Other parking options are located within walking distance of the hotel.) Make your reservations by calling the Hilton directly at 1.860.240.7272, Hilton reservations at 1.800.445.8667 or online at [hartford.hilton.com](http://hartford.hilton.com). Mention the FOCA to get the special rate. Deadline is August 9th.

### Daytime Tours and Attractions

Katherine Hepburn's Hartford  
The Mark Twain Home and Museum and the Harriet Beecher Stowe  
Connecticut Science Center  
Holcomb Farm

### Nights to Remember

Nina's Cabaret • Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame  
Old-Fashioned New England Clambake • Late Night "Networking"

### A Unique Experience for Our Juniors

During the morning plenary sessions, Juniors will be at the hotel having their own version of the "Rite of Passage Experience", an interactive program that builds team, teaches support for one another, and the power of working together to meet challenges and solve problems. Some of Hartford's own Juniors have participated in the full ROPE program at their schools, and they all say that it's an awesome program that can't be missed!

Start planning now for what promises to be a most enjoyable, entertaining and affordable convention. Ad forms for the commemorative program book were mailed in February. For ad forms and information, please contact V. Rev. William DuBovik at 860.523.0334 or at [asorthodox@snet.net](mailto:asorthodox@snet.net). Ticket order forms will be mailed in May. For more information on the Convention, contact Michael Stenko at 860.286.9234 or at [mjs1960@comcast.net](mailto:mjs1960@comcast.net).

The 30 members of the Hartford "R" Club, and our parish family from All Saints Church, will be ready to welcome the Fellowship to the place we call home. With history, sports, great food, and technology, Hartford truly is the city "WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE"!



## Winter 2008 College Conferences Held by the Orthodox Christian Fellowship

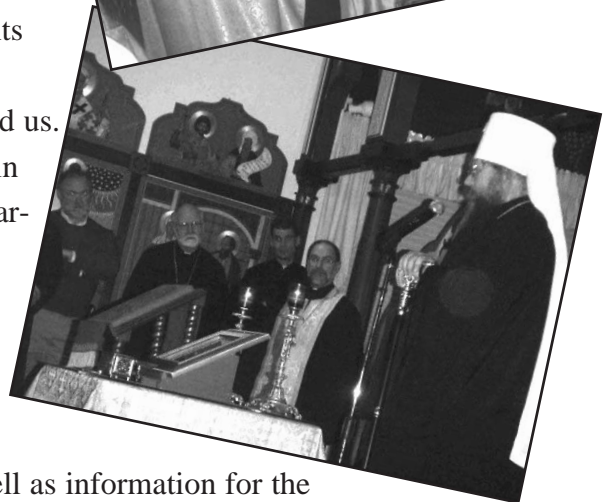
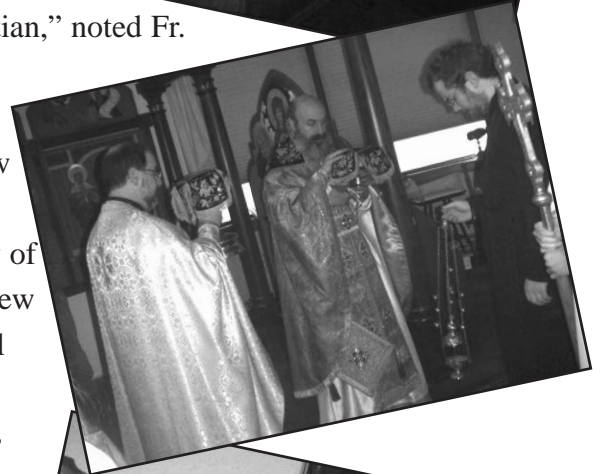
Creating a “Revolution of Love” was the theme explored by about 400 Orthodox Christian college students, speakers and hierarchs at the 2008 Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) college conferences. Students from across the United States and Canada gathered for worship, fellowship, reflection and fun at three locations: the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA; the St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA; and one new location, the Diakonia Center in Salem, SC.

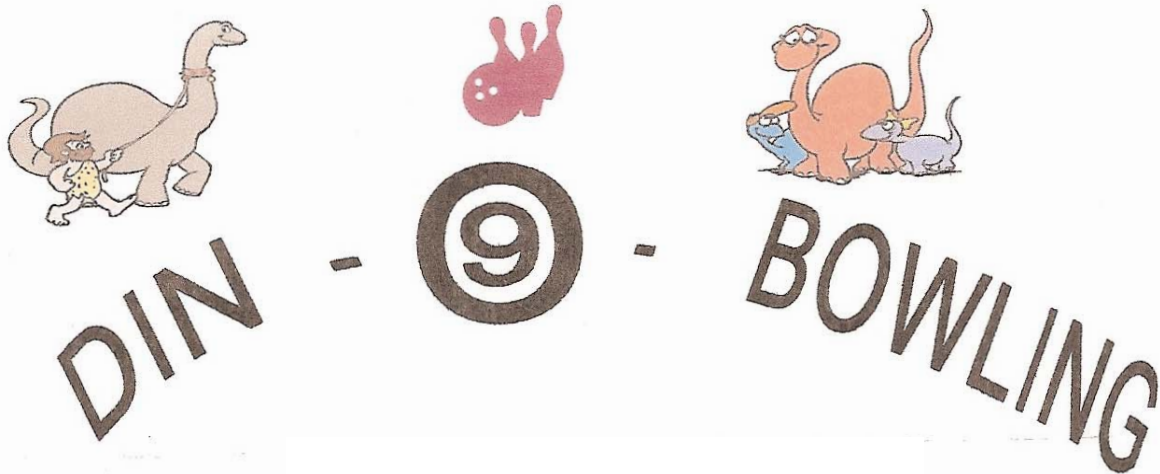
The college conferences take place each year from December 27-31. Speaking to the theme of a “Revolution of Love” were three keynote speakers: Fr. Kevin Scherer, OCF executive director (Antiochian Village); Fr. Nicholas Triantofilou, president of Hellenic College and Holy Cross Seminary (Diakonia Center) and Dan Christopulos, development director for International Orthodox Christian Charities (St. Nicholas Ranch). How Orthodox Christians should respond to poverty, homelessness, human trafficking and genocide were among the issues addressed by the keynote speakers and the students. “There’s only one response to poverty and injustice for the Christian,” noted Fr. Scherer, “and that is love.”

Making a surprise visit to the Antiochian Village conference was Metropolitan Jonah, who had been enthroned as the new primate of the Orthodox Church in America days before and who engaged the excited students in animated discussions on a variety of topics. During the conferences the OCF officially announced a new program called the “Pilgrimage for Justice.” This unconventional conference will take place over the Pentecost weekend (June 5-8, 2009) at the Antiochian Village and will further immerse students into the world of poverty and injustice, equipping them in the process to respond with Christ’s love to the broken world around us.

The OCF was also very pleased to open a new location in the south for 2008 at the Diakonia Center. Nearly 50 students participated in the first college conference at this location. One of the highlights was the service project in which students went to Atlanta to share meals with the homeless, thereby putting into practice the theme of the conferences. One student remarked: “I can’t begin to discuss how this has changed my views.”

For more reports on the 2008 college conferences, as well as information for the 2009 conferences and other OCF programs, visit [ocf.net](http://ocf.net). The OCF is an agency officially endorsed by the Standing Conference of Canonical Bishops in America (SCOBA). Source: [ocf.net](http://ocf.net); photos from [oca.org](http://oca.org).





**“A Family Affair”**

**Once upon a time there was a family of dinosaurs. Mama and Papa Dinosaur sent in their bowling registration to Anthony Schultz by April 24. They made sure they booked their room (you can, too, by calling 610-865-6300 \*FOCA group 3846) at the Comfort Inn by April 24.**

**David and Donna (the Kids) Dinosaur were excited. This was their first time attending an FOCA Bowling event. They were looking forward to bowling with their friends on Saturday morning.**

**Papa and Mama were also looking forward to bowling with their FOCA family and friends and listening to the cheers of the non-bowlers.**

**The dinosaur family (from the biggest to the smallest) of St. John's Sr. O Club is extending their welcome and hope to see you at Warren Lanes in Phillipsburg NJ, the banquet, Vespers, and Divine Liturgy on the weekend of May 15-17th, 2009.**

**Moral Support Sanction**  
**High score extended to Members OF USBC**

**SEND ALL ENTRIES TO:**  
**National Sports Director**  
**Anthony Schultz**  
 4877 Founders Dr.  
 Groveport, OH 43125  
 (614) 830.0492  
 apschultz@columbus.rr.com

**FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA**  
**70th ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
 NET and HANDICAPPED — Open to FOCA Members and all Orthodox Christians  
**May 15-17, 2009 Awards Banquet Sat. May 16<sup>th</sup> following Vespers (5:00 PM) at Almond Tree Manor (one block from Church) 319 E. Central Ave & Route 519 Alpha NJ**  
**Reservation:** Comfort Inn 3191 Highfield Drive (Routes 22 & 191) Bethlehem PA 18020  
**Reservation Deadline: April 24, 2009** Phone: 610-865-6300 Mention FOCA Group #3846  
**Sponsored by: St. John's Senior "O" Club, Alpha, NJ**  
**Chairperson: Gary Lelo 215-538-5321 pglelo71@verizon.net**  
 All entrants must buy Banquet Ticket

**Bowling: Warren Lanes 671 Memorial Parkway, Phillipsburg, NJ Phone: 908-859-1183**  
**Banquet: Sr. \$35 / Jr. tickets covered by the John Sutyak Fund**  
 PRIZE FEE RETURNED 100%

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE**

ENTRY NO \_\_\_\_\_ Four-Man \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Singles \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Doubles \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ All Events \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE RC/D \_\_\_\_\_ Make-up team \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Ticket \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
 AMOUNT DUE \_\_\_\_\_

**FEES per Person per Event**

Bowling Cost	9.00	<b>TOTAL</b>
Prize Fee	4.00	<b>\$13.00</b>

CAPT \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ District/Orthodox Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

AVG	4 PERSON TEAM - \$54.00 (ALL MEN OR ALL WOMEN)	4 PERSON TEAM - \$54.00 (MEN/WOMEN MIXED TEAM)	DOUBLES SINGLES \$13.50 PER PERSON PER EVENT	USBC NUMBER IF MEMBER	Doubles \$13.00	Singles \$13.00	Makeup Team \$13.00	ALL EVENTS	BANQUET	TOTAL
1.		1.	1.							
2.		2.	2.							
3.		3.	3.							
4.		4.	4.							
	\$		<b>BOWLERS MAY ONLY BOWL IN ONE TEAM EVENT</b>							Amount Sent \$

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT: SEE CHANGE FOR EVENT BOWLING DAYS AND TIMES\*\*\***

**MEN / WOMEN TEAM EVENTS - Friday 7:00 PM**  
**Welcome party to follow bowling**

**Doubles and Singles: Saturday 9:30 AM**

**JUNIORS - If lanes are available**

**I CERTIFY that the people listed on this entry form are FOCA members or Orthodox Christians. I CERTIFY that the averages indicated are accurate and that any discrepancies in the averages will result in DISQUALIFICATION.**

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BEFORE MIDNIGHT April 24, 2009**  
**LATE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED**

USBC members and nonmembers may participate in a USBC Moral Support certified tournament with award recognition automatically extended to USBC members. Eligible non-USBC members can qualify for USBC award by purchasing an associate membership card and paying National Dues (\$8) plus the actual dues charged by the local and state association the bowler is joining. When local and state dues are not known, adult associate dues will be \$19.

**TOURNAMENT RULES – PLEASE READ**

- USBC rules will prevail throughout the operation of this tournament as will the FOCA sports rules.
- No person may bowl more than once All bowlers must be from the same chapter, unless set up by the National Sports Director.
- The winners of each event will be proclaimed National FOCA Champions and shall receive trophies and cash in net and handicap divisions.
- Failure to report for bowling at a designated time will be cause to forfeit all entry fees and be eliminated from tournament.
- Use current USBC average as of March 15, 2009. A bowler bowling in more than one league must use his or her highest league average regardless of the fact that her may participate in this tournament with the team from the league in which his or her average is lowest. (Minimum of 18 games). If a bowler has no average for this season, he is permitted to use average and further, if he has no average for either, then he is permitted to use the previous year's concluded average '07-'08. Those bowlers not having an established average are permitted to enter at an average of 160 for Men, 125 for Women. Bowlers need to be familiar with average adjustment requirements of USBC Rule 319e.
- Handicap will be 70% between average and 200 for men and 190 for women.
- Failure to use proper average or make a correction prior to completion of first game of a series shall disqualify score if submitted average is lower than actual average or base winnings on submitted average if it is higher.
- All bowlers must report to alleys at least 1 1/2 hour before scheduled bowling time.
- Substitutes may be used if their name appears on entry blank.
- Bowlers who have qualified for a prize of \$600 or more in any tournament event in the past 12 months must report score, position and amount at time of entry as per 319d.
- Violation of above rules by team or bowler will subject the same to a one year suspension from FOCA tournaments. Prize Ratio will be at least one prize for each five entries in each event, except All Events which may be 1-10. (USBC Rule 308 requires at least one of each ten for each event and 1-20 for All Events.)

# FOCA NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

*Save the date - May 8 - 10, 2009*

## *Planning Guidelines:*

*ASAP – Mark your calendars and start fundraising.*

*January – Decide a method of transportation. Call airlines group sales to reserve tickets.*

*If you come Friday AM, you can spend the day at the Mall of America!*

*February – Reserve Hotel and local car or bus transportation.*

*March – Send in all forms and team reservations by April 12th deadline.*

## *Hotel Reservations*

*Marriott Minneapolis West – mention the FOCA National Basketball Tournament*

*\$84(plus tax) room rate. Call 1-800-228-9290 ([www.Marriott.com/MSPSP](http://www.Marriott.com/MSPSP))*

*rate deadline: April 12th (Palm Sunday)*

### *General Chair*

*Cheryl Morse*

*952-423-5480*

*Betsy Langlais*

*612-710-3864*

*Tournament Website:*

*[www.stmarysoca.org](http://www.stmarysoca.org)*

*[www.orthodoxfellowship.org](http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org)*

### *Tournament Chairs*

*Scott Rusinak*

*651-490-3351*

*Michael Voytovich*

*651-779-8743*

### *Housing Chair*

*Deb Manzoni*

*952-473-1250*

### *Reservations*

*Polly Walker*

*8926 Pine Bluff Ct*

*Eden Prairie, MN 55347*

*952-037-9224*

### *Spiritual Advisors*

*Fr Andrew Morbey*

*Fr Stacey Richter*

*St Mary's Cathedral*

*1701 - 5th St NE*

*Minneapolis, MN 55413*

### *Friday, May 8th*

*Registration, Food, and Open House at  
St Mary's Cathedral*

### *Saturday, May 9th*

*Basketball at Eden Prairie H.S.*

*Vespers, banquet at St Mary's*

### *Sunday, May 10th*

*Divine Liturgy and brunch at St Mary's*

*Championship games at Eden Prairie*



Send Meal Ticket Order Form  
and Entries To  
Polly Walker  
8926 Pine Bluff Ct.  
Eken Pine MD 55347  
Home 952-937-9224  
Paw1776@aol.com

**FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA**  
**2009 NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Open to FCCA Members and all Orthodox Christians  
May 6-10, 2009  
Sponsored by: St. Mary's O Club  
For Information Contact:

Charly Moore, [cmoore916@aol.com](mailto:cmoore916@aol.com) 952-423-5480

All entrants must pay Registration Fee and buy Banquet Ticket  
(Juniors banquet ticket covered by the John Sutysak Fund)

**HOUSING**

Maniot Minneapolis West  
9960 Wayzata Blvd  
Minneapolis, MN 55426  
1-800-228-9290

For Reservation Mention  
FOCA BB Tournament

Deadline is April 16, 2009

Bantam Boys Junior Boys Seniors Super Seniors(40+) Women Junior Girls Bantam Girls

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_ District/Orthodox Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_ Coach/Mgr. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The FOCA sponsoring chapter cannot take responsibility for any  
and alert to, from and during the Tournament.

We have read the Tournament Guidelines as described on this form.

Players' Name (player may only be on one roster) (Please print names)	Birth Date MM/DD/YYYY	Grade	TOURNAMENT RULES
1. _____			1) Juniors aged 14 and under are required to be housed under staying with parent in the hotel. No Juniors 14 and under may stay in a room without parent.
2. _____			2) ALL Juniors have a 12:30 a.m. curfew.
3. _____			3) Alcohol, beverages, drugs, or cigarettes limit on or consumed by Juniors will DISQUALIFY them from further participation in the Tournament for a one year period, and their parents will be notified.
4. _____			4) Any Senior member providing a Junior with alcohol or beverages, drug, or cigarettes will be DISQUALIFIED from further participation in the Tournament for a one year period.
5. _____			5) Attendance at Church on Sunday is expected.
6. _____			
7. _____			
8. _____			
9. _____			
10. _____			

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS APRIL 12, 2009	BANQUET INFORMATION May 9 <sup>th</sup> following Vespers at St. Mary's Cathedral Sr. \$30 / Jr. - covered by Sutysak Fund	Entry Fee: \$ 100.00 per Team \$ _____ Make-Up Team Fee: \$ 15.00 per Person \$ _____ Late Fee: \$ 15.00 after April 12, 2009 \$ _____ Total \$ _____
New Grade Cut-offs 8 <sup>th</sup> and under - Bantam 9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> - Junior Post 12th - Senior/Women		

Age 40 & up - Super Six.  
Make checks payable to: 2009 FOCA BB Tournament  
Include FOCA Registration Fees for Each Name Listed On This Form.

# ATTENTION STUDENTS!!!

## 2009 NATIONAL FOCA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America is now accepting applications for the following 2009 national scholarships:

- \* **Fred Lewis**
- \* **William Fekula**
- \* **John Klimkosky**
- \* **Nicholas Torsky (engineering) and**
- \* **Mischa Michaelson (for seminarians).**



Last year nearly \$10,000 in scholarships were distributed by the National Executive Board. (Note: not one seminarian applied for the Mischa Michaelson scholarship!). Graduate students are now also eligible for scholarship awards as are military academy students. Applying for a national scholarship also renders an applicant eligible for various district scholarships.

To be eligible, one must be a member from July of the previous year (i.e., July 2008) and the year of application (2009). Sandra Kapelan, FOCA national administrative secretary, serves as scholarship program administrator. Full details and the application form are available on the FOCA website: [www.orthodoxfellowship.org](http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org). An application may also be obtained from the National FOCA Office by calling (570) 825-3158 or via email request to [orthodoxfellowship@yahoo.com](mailto:orthodoxfellowship@yahoo.com). **Deadline is March 31st.** Apply now!

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### Thank You Note from U.S. Soldier in Iraq for last year's Gifts of Love – Servicemen's Kits

“Thank you for sending out the travel-sized supplies for Orthodox soldiers out here in Iraq. You have no idea how indispensable small icons, prayer books and pamphlets on the Orthodox basics are to the handful of us out here. I'd completely fallen out of my 'rule' by the time I came across one of your small red bags, and it's helped me really get back into the habit of regular prayer (which has, without doubt, increased not only my morale but more importantly my spiritual well-being). There is no amount of gratitude that I can possibly offer for what your organization has given me back as one of a handful of soldiers who often go unnoticed by the Chaplain Corps.

“I should add, however, that I have been quite blessed and well taken care of during my tour in Afghanistan two years ago. I had the privilege of serving most of the time based out of Kandahar, where the Romanian army had erected a full-blown Orthodox chapel and had a full-time priest. Additionally, there has always been a church nearby wherever my family and I have been stationed, and this tour we have had seamless chaplain coverage on Victory Base. The discovery of one of your 'survival kits' was just another reminder of why I should be grateful for how I've been provided for.

“I'll check out the FOCA website. I'm definitely interested in donating money, but what I'd really love to do is roll up my sleeves and help send out kits when I get home. God bless you all for this ministry – it is priceless to Orthodox soldiers!”



In Christ,

SSG Wallace J. Miller (Justin), 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, Camp Victory, Iraq

## Chapter news

### Chapter News – SS. Peter & Paul, Chapter #30, Passaic, NJ

by Eileen M. Telischak, President



We'd like to update our Fellowship members and friends on recent activities. Our chapter has been supporting the "Adopt a Seminarian" project since its inception. One of the families is our own Father Stephen and Matushka Valerie Kaznica and their three children. The other is a family from St. Vladimir Seminary. We made a collection in church after liturgy one Sunday and, along with a contribution from our chapter, were able to send a donation to the St. Tikhon's Seminary married student housing project.

Everyone seems to enjoy hot dogs and fries so, in May, we held our annual hot dog lunch; it was well attended as usual. In September, some of our Juniors attended the Orthodox Youth Day at Great Adventure park. Most of our chapter members attended the NJ District Convention banquet and sessions. Many thanks to Holy Trinity "O" Club for a sensational weekend and a job well done!

Two of our parish members were recipients of scholarships this year: Kimberly De Francesco and James Cahayla-Wynne. Congratulations! We are happy to have two of our members on the district executive board: Michael Kupec, Jr., treasurer, and Kelly Baron, assistant secretary. Both were reelected to their respective offices. In December we will host the annual St. Andrew vesper service.

Officers for the upcoming year will remain the same: Eileen Telischak, president, Helen Ochab, vice president, Paul Kutchmanich, secretary and Helen Morris, treasurer. Father Andrey Kovalev leaves us as our spiritual advisor due to his re-assignment to San Francisco. We wish him, Matushka Natalie and Tikhon all the best. Welcome aboard Father Stephen Kaznica, Matushka Valerie and children Alexei, Anna and Matthew!

This year we mourned the loss of our dear friend and fellow club member Sonia Mirowsky. Sonia was a warm, friendly and caring person ready to help anyone at a moment's notice. She leaves behind her husband Nick, daughters Mariann and Carol, son Nick and their families. Memory eternal! Upcoming events for this year are a lenten pasta dinner in March, a chicken kiev dinner in May and a kielbasy lunch in September.

## St. Tikhon's Seminarian Housing Project

I/We Pledge to give to the St. Tikhon's Seminarian Housing Project. (Please circle one)

<b>Benefactor-</b>	\$5,000 a year for three years	(\$500/month for 10 months a year)
<b>Founder-</b>	\$2,500 a year for three years	(\$250/month for 10 months a year)
<b>Supporter-</b>	\$1,000 a year for three years	(\$100/month for 10 months a year)
<b>Donor -</b>	\$500 a year for three years	(\$50/month for 10 months a year)



Signature of Donor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Please bill me monthly for three years

\_\_\_\_\_ Please bill me yearly for three years

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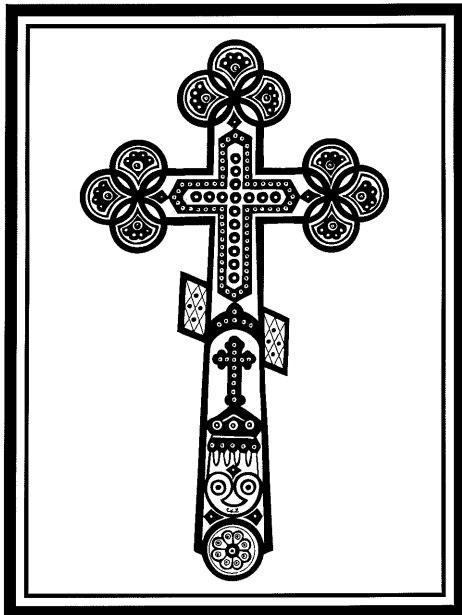
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send pledge form to: Michael Steffaro  
38 Beryl Street  
South River, NJ 08882  
732-698-1952 • michaelsteffaro@comcast.net**

**Checks made payable to the F.O.C.A.  
or St. Tikhon's Theological Seminary**

# SAINTS IN TIMES OF TROUBLE



Matushka Valerie Zahirsky,  
co-chair of the Department of Christian Education,  
Orthodox Church in America, invites parents and  
children to access the new activity book,  
"Saints in Times of Trouble."

Ideal for church school classes or home, this free  
book may be downloaded from the department's  
website at [dce.oca.org](http://dce.oca.org).

The past two issues of the Journal  
have featured excerpts from the chapter on  
St. Maria Skobtsova.

## Transitions

### John “Dany” Daniluck: In Memoriam



On November 14, 2008, one of the Fellowship’s greats – John “Dany” Daniluck – entered into eternal repose at the age of 94 in Indianapolis, IN. He was both a life member and past national president (1949-1950). Dany lived on the north side of Pittsburgh as a boy and attended St. Alexander Nevsky Church with his family. The church was next to the state penitentiary at 50 Ketchum Street. He was present at the first convention of the Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs in 1927 at the church hall and appears in the famous photo taken of that gathering. Dany recalled running errands and helping Matushka Fekula, Matushka Lomakin and his mother serve the meals. “I and three other boys – John Goidich, Peter Simick and Bill Mamay – set up tables and chairs, ran down to the corner store for food and helped out. It was held in the old Russian school building which had a small stage. For some reason I stayed for sessions and was very curious about how the meeting was conducted, how motions were made and so on,” he recalled in a videotaped interview conducted by Greg Ressetar in 2002 (and to whom Dany had given about 50 bow ties.)

“I remember one argument during the sessions. It came time to assign

chapter numbers to the different chapters. Monessen wanted #1 because they said they had the oldest chapter. But the delegates agreed to award #1 to Pittsburgh North Side because they organized the convention. I watched them assign the drawing up of the constitution and deciding what the dues should be. Elected as officers were Prof. Vladimir Prislowsky, as president, Andrew Goidich, vice president, John Perhach, 2nd vice president and Marie Ratica as secretary. Father Fekula was named spiritual advisor.”

Dany served the FROC in many capacities, including *Journal* editor, Pittsburgh District governor, North Side chapter president and for many years as CP&O director. He was known as a stickler for detail and, wearing his trademark bow tie, was a deft negotiator with many hotels. Once, upon entering a convention room, Dany noticed that several chairs had been moved out of place. Brandishing his diagram of how the room was to be setup, he remonstrated the offender and told him never to move anything without his permission. One never to shy away from the convention microphone, Dany became somewhat of a curmudgeon in his latter years but always, always had the best interests of the Fellowship at heart. He was especially proud of his early association with Father Prislowsky, the first national president and *Journal* editor. Dany also liked to hand out rather odd souvenirs, such as oversized paperclips, saying that whenever you see this, you’ll remember me. Your editor has an extensive collection of his convention badges and trinkets bought on Ebay. And many recall receiving handwritten notes in his distinctive penmanship.

Dany was in the U.S. Army with the 148th Signal Corps during World War II and was employed for 28 years with Bridgeport Brass, retiring in 1980. He and his wife Mary (Sudick)

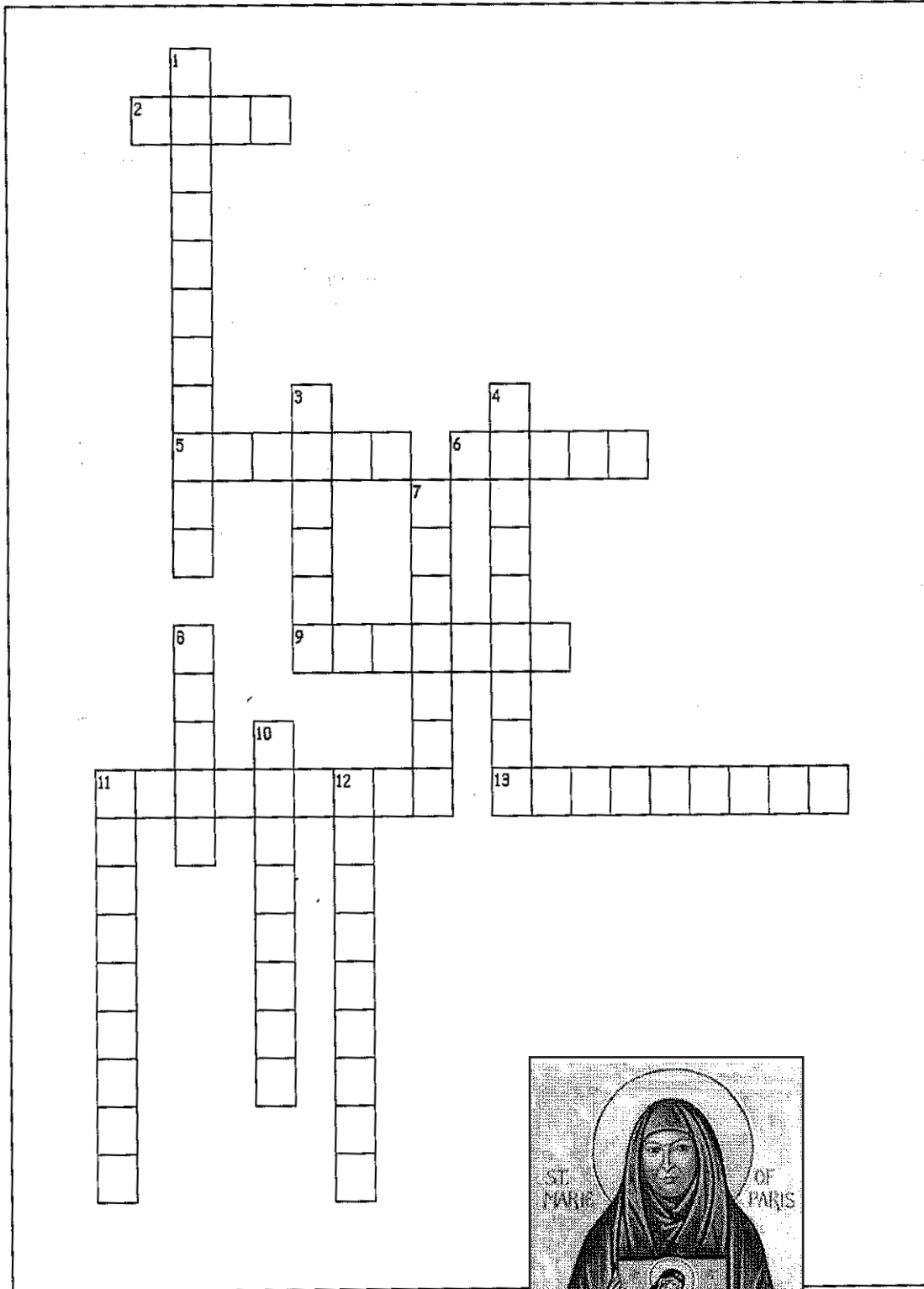
and family attended St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in Indianapolis and he was very active in parish life. An early leader of SOYO (Society of Orthodox Youth Organizations), he also edited its newsletter. In the mid-60s Dany helped achieve recognition of the Orthodox Church as a major faith in Indiana.

President Polly Walker: “Although I was in high school when I first began attending National Conventions, one could not help but notice John Daniluck who was CP&O at the time. The distinctive round glasses and bow tie made him a figure that would stand out in any crowd. Despite his diminutive size he commanded respect as he went about busily making sure that things ran smoothly and all details of a convention were attended to. Memory Eternal!”

Matushka Natalie Breyan remembers that John Daniluck “always had the Orthodox Church and the FROC on his mind. He often would send me articles for the *Journal* on Orthodoxy or churches which appeared in the newspaper or Russian recipes. He initiated an award for Eleanor Skuby, Annette Milkovich and myself for our work in the Church and FOCA. And he told me about Helen Corey, whose cookbook “Food from Bible Lands” is well-known – I did an article on it for the *Journal*.”

Preceded in death by his wife, Dany is survived by a daughter, Donna, a son, John; his brother, Serge of Maryland and the Nation’s Capital “R” Club, 5 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Funeral services at his parish were celebrated by Father Nabil Hanna and Father Daniel Ressetar, past national spiritual advisor, whom he had long ago asked to attend and intone “Vechnaya Pamyat.” And yes, Dany was wearing a bow tie. Memory eternal!

## St. Maria Skobtsova

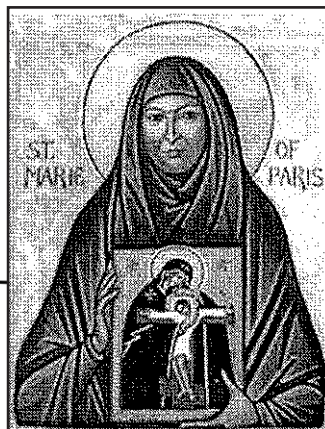


### Across

2. Name of her son
5. Name of her first child
6. City where she served as mayor
9. Shelter for the Jews
11. First name of Mother Maria
13. Name of her third child

### Down

1. Youth Camp
3. Name of her second husband
4. Caused the death of her second daughter
7. First stop after her family fled St. Petersburg
8. Culmination of the family journey
10. Rank of her first husband in the Roman Catholic Church
11. Gave her strength while she was in prison
12. Manner in which she remembered those tortured.



## **Pascha Project: Onion-dyed Easter Eggs**

After the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Mary Magdalene gave an egg to Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar. It turned the color red in his hand.

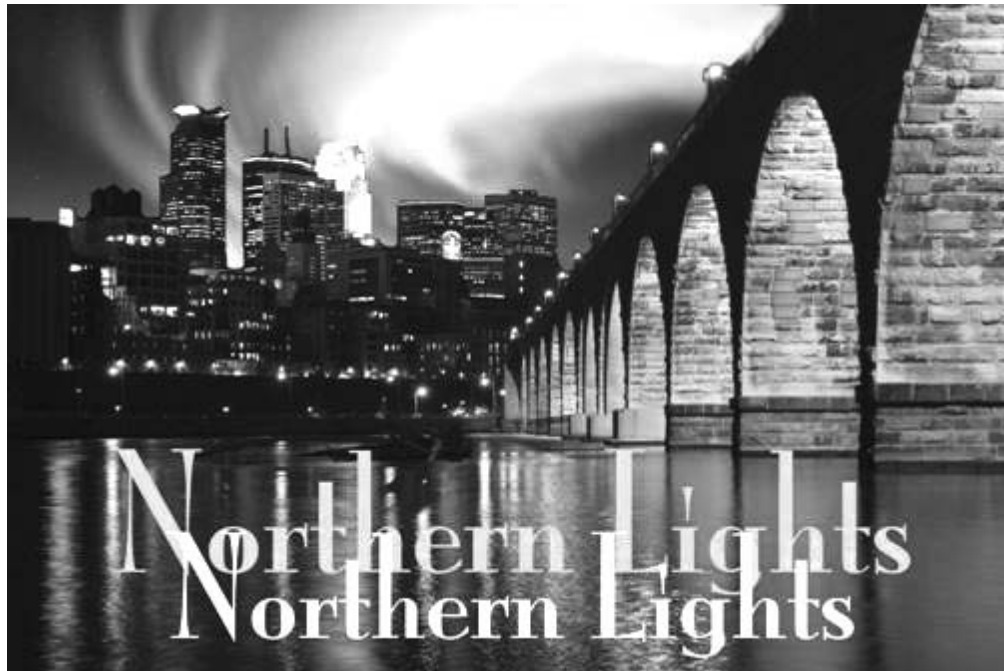
This was the first Easter egg.

Through the years, people have decorated eggs as a way of celebrating the Great Feast of Pascha, Christ's Resurrection from the dead. Dyes have been made from various ingredients but perhaps the best are made from natural dyes.

During Great Lent, many Orthodox cooks use lots of onions in their lenten recipes. Ask the cook in your family to save all the onion skins. Keep them in a ventilated bag. Just before Pascha, under adult supervision, boil the onion skins with the eggs for about 15 to 20 minutes or until the eggs turn a golden tan color. After the eggs have cooled, polish them with a bit of olive oil. Pink eggs can be made by boiling the eggs in beet juice.

You may then take the eggs to church in your basket to be blessed by the priest after the Paschal services and eat them during your festal meals.





Join us for  
**A Creative Arts Rally**  
**For Youth Grades 6th – 12th**  
**May 8 – 10, 2009**  
**Historic Northeast Minneapolis, MN**  
Minneapolis' Arts District

**Activities include:**

- **Religious/sacred art** (introduction to iconography with Archbishop Job and an icon project)
- **A trip to the Guthrie Theater** (backstage tour) <http://www.guthrietheater.org>
- **Photography** (a photo contest capturing elements of light in the city)
- **Art in Sculpture** (a visit to Nicholas Legeros's sculpture studio and an art project)  
<http://www.nikosculpture.com>
- **A visit to the Museum of Russian Art** <http://www.tmora.org>
- **Saturday Night Banquet and evening social activities with Basketball Tournament youth.**

**Participation Fee:** \$100 will include all meals and event costs

**Youth Housing:** Home stays are being offered with St. Mary's parish families at no cost for youth participants. Mark your housing request on the registration form.

**Hotel Information:** Marriott Minneapolis West (1-800-228-9290) Mention FOCA National Basketball Tournament. \$84.00 a night + tax. *Youth staying in hotels need to be with an adult over the age of 25. They will be chaperoned at the events by FOCA staff.*

**Deadline for registration and fees:** April 12th (Palm Sunday)  
A late fee of \$25 will be applied after the 12th.

**Registration Forms and Information:**

[www.orthodoxfellowship.org](http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org)

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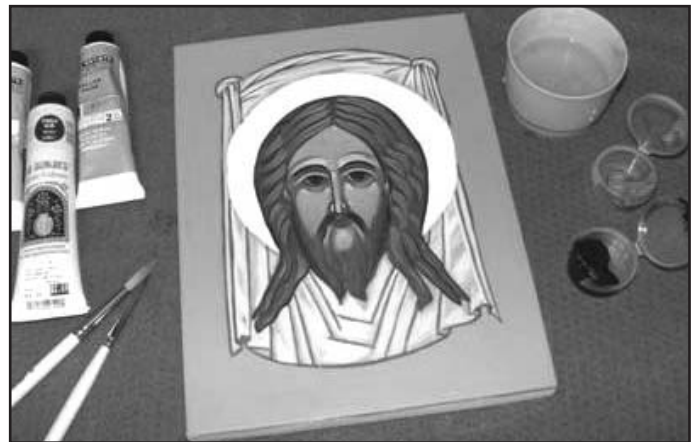
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# CELEBRATION OF FAITH

## 2009 Theme: Our Journey To Christ

Calling all Orthodox youth to celebrate your faith and participate in the F.O.C.A.'s creative arts contest

All youth who are communicants in a parish or mission of a canonical Orthodox Church in North America are encouraged to participate in this event.



### Create and submit art projects in the following areas:

- Literature
- Musical Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

A detailed list of rules for each category and entry forms may be found on the FOCA website or through your Jr. Advisor or your Youth Coordinator.

Youth coordinators and Jr. Advisors can use a retreat called "Journey" which is available on the OCA website:  
<http://yya.oca.org/TheHub/Retreats/RetreatOutlines/Journey/Introduction.htm>

**Deadline for entries is March 29, 2009**

**Mail to:** FOCA Celebration of Faith c/o Cheryl Morse  
4746 137th St. W., Apple Valley, MN. 55124

Entries will be displayed and awards presented at the National F.O.C.A. Basketball Tournament in Minneapolis (May 8 – 10) and posted on the OCA and F.O.C.A. websites.

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