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### ***St. Elia's Church Newsletter, December 2005***

*Our Church extends a warm Christian welcome to all that attend our Divine Liturgy especially all our guests and parishioners. Our heartfelt thank you to you all. May the Good Lord Bless you and keep you from all harm.*

*We welcome our new church members Brian and Della Rea and family.*

## **Women's Association**

The W.A. held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 13/05. The new **EXECUTIVE** is as follows: **Past President** - Mary Harasim; **President** - Anne Horn; **1st Vice president** - Anne Doskoch; **2nd Vice President** - Mary Shewchuk; **Recording Secretary** - Donna Sabadash; **Corresponding Secretary** - Donna Sabadash; **Treasurer** - Mary Holyk; **Bingo Treasurer** - Mary Ann Tymchuk; **Casino Treasurer** - Mary Ann Tymchuk; **COMMITTEES: Phoning Monthly Meetings** - Mary Chorney; **Monthly Meetings Lunch** - Justine Trush; **Lunch & Dinner Contact** - Mary Shewchuk; **Kitchen Supplies and Groceries** - Pearl Shopik; **Pyrohy Making & Sales & Easter Baking** - Tillie Ostrowerka; **Bake Sales** - Olga Dziwenko; **Fellowship Lunches** - Mary Shewchuk; **Church Sisterhood**-Anne Emsky, Rose Yusak, Olga Dziwenko, Mary Goly; **Church School** - Mary Goshko. Dobr. Olga Podtepa, Brenda Dziwenko; **Junior CYMK** - Dobr. Olga Podtepa, Tammy Ewanec, vacant ; **Cultural Convener** -Anne Doskoch; **Museum Convener** - Anne Emsky **Birthdays Cards** - Mary Chorney; **Benevolent** - Mary Goshko (Visits), Mary Chorney (Cards); **Rummage Sale** - vacant; **Handicrafts** -Rose Yusak; **Promin** - Anne Doskoch; **Membership** - Mary Holyk; **Archives** -Rose Yusak; **Special Events** - Mary Harasim; **Bingo Convener** - Sylvia Holubetz; **Bazaar Convener** - Pearl Shopik & Vicky Oleksyn; **Flower Bed** - Hilda Ewanec, Elizabeth Warzin; **Newsletter** - Mary Ann Tymchuk & Mary Harasim; **Controlling Committee** - Helen Gulevich. Tamara Ewanec. Mary Ann Wasylynchuk.

- At our meeting our longtime members of age 80 were honored and each received a bouquet of roses. They were Anne Emsky, Dorothy Hanchuk, and Rose Holowaychuk. Congratulations ladies.
- Our next Women's Association Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6/05, at 7.00 P.M. in the Church Basement. All members and guests please attend. New members are always welcomed.

## **Bazaar**

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar was cancelled due to the construction of our St. Elia's Cultural Centre. The raffle tickets draw was held on Sunday, November 27/05 and the winners were Jim Woroschuk, Lillian Bilyk, Bernice Linkevich, and Mary Kaziuk. Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks to all that sold and bought the tickets.

submitted by convenors Pearl Shopik and Vicky Oleksyn

## **Church School**

Registration and Church School will resume when the Church Basement is available. For more information Contact Mary Goshko 475-1698 or Brenda Dziwenko 476-2316.

## **CYMK**

Due to the construction of the Cultural Centre, registration will be announced at a later date.

## **Church Board**

- Today, December 4/05 our Annual Meeting will be held immediately after the Church Service. Lunch will be served. All Church members please attend. This is your opportunity to speak up and to give ideas for the betterment of the church. Elections will be held.
- Church memberships are now being accepted. The membership fees are \$75.00 per person or \$150.00 per family. Our Church Treasurer, Walter Marceniuk thanks you in advance.

## **Library**

Since all this construction on, the library is closed for now. For more information contact Mary Goshko at 475-1698.

## **Choir**

Choir practice starts at 7:00 PM every Thursday. If you love to sing, please join our Choir. For more information call our Choir President Pearl Shopik at 474-4178 or Nancy Demchuk at 471-2400. *Wishing all a Merry Christmas and the Best in the New year.*

## **Birthdays**

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to all our Parishioners who will celebrate their Birthdays and Anniversaries during the month of December.

- Congratulations to our longtime member octogenarian George Melnychuk who celebrated his 90th birthday on November 15, 2005.

For those who may be celebrating Christmas, December 25 as well as January 7, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (2006). May your holiday season be filled with peace, love and happiness and may your New Year bring you every joy.

Веселих Свят Різдва Христового і Щасливого Нового Року!

## **Christmas Prayer**

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson  
(1850-1894)

"Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord\* (Luke 2:10-11)

The first Christmas gift was also the best—a Savior. Through Jesus' birth and death and resurrection, He reconciled God and man. We no longer have to stagger under the burden of guilt and shame. Our hearts can be clear, because Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. We can be forgiven if we repent and believe in Him.

God's love overcomes hatred and evil, and enables us to love one another. His kindness to us inspires us to be kind to one another. When we are grateful for His forgiveness, we are moved to forgive others. This spirit of love and kindness and forgiveness lasts not only for the Christmas season, but all life long for those who have accepted God's gift.

This year as you give gifts to others, remember God's greatest gift of all—Jesus. His love allows us to "share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men."