Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church

Scranton, Pennsylvania



125th ANNIVERSARY

-1897-

-2022-



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"I was glad when they said unto me:
'Let us go into the house of the Lord!'"
Psalm 122, verse 1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

This initial verse of the Psalmist, quoted above, comes to mind as we commemorate and celebrate the ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the founding of

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

With the guidance of Archpriest Saint Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre, a pious group of Orthodox believers in Scranton was blessed to organize a parish, construct a church and assemble for Divine Services according to the Order of the Russian Orthodox Church. This beginning happened in 1897. Today we, the progeny of those founders, give glory and thanks to the Lord God for His divine Blessings upon our parish for the last one hundred and twenty-five years.

As we commemorate this holy history of our parish, let us remember the Pastors, Choir Directors, other clergy and parishioners who sacrificed much, faithfully supported, attended the Divine Liturgy and other Divine Services and practiced the Orthodox Faith with trust in the Lord. Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church is their legacy for us. May we, the custodians of this holy bequest, continually offer thanks to the Lord God and pray that our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless our parish and prosper our work for His Holy Church.

O HOLY CHIEFS-OF-THE-APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!

SAINT ALEXIS (TOTH) OF WILKES-BARRE, PRAY TO GOD FOR US!

Glory to God For All Things!
In Christ,
Archpriest Basil Micek,
Pastor

9 October, 2022

1897 - 2022

A brief history of

Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Under the inspiration and guidance of Archpriest Alexis Toth (glorified as Saint Alexis of Wilkes-Barre in 1994), a group of Eastern European immigrants in Scranton organized the Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Brotherhood in 1896. This Brotherhood was the genesis of Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

With the blessing of Saint Alexis, in March, 1897, construction of a church was begun in Scranton's West side at 1820 Division Street. Later that same year, His Excellency Bishop NICHOLAS consecrated the newly-constructed church under the heavenly protection of Saints Peter and Paul the Chiefs-of-the-Apostles.

The parish grew and prospered. Tragically, however, the church suffered a disastrous fire on two separate occasions: first on 18 January, 1912, and then again on 24 February, 1969. Following the second fire, the parish decided to relocate a block away on a tract of land at the corner of Washburn Street and South Fillmore Avenue. On 12 July, 1970, the Feast of Apostles Peter and Paul, His Excellency Bishop DOSITHEUS blessed the ground breaking for a new church. Following the completion of the edifice, on 19 March, 1972, the church was consecrated and the first Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Excellency Bishop MARK.

In 1987 The 5th Convocation of the Patriarchal Parishes was held at Saints Peter and Paul in Scranton. Hierarchs and representatives of the Moscow Patriarchate celebrated the Divine Liturgy and discussed many important issues regarding life in the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA.

On Sunday, 5 October, 1997, the One Hundredth Anniversary of Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church, Scranton, Pennsylvania, was observed. His Excellency Bishop PAUL celebrated the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and solemnly blessed the refurbished bells which now summon believers to worship.

The One Hundred and Tenth Anniversary of the Parish was celebrated on Sunday, 14 October, 2007, the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God.

The One Hundred and Twentieth Anniversary of the Parish was celebrated on May 7, 2017, the Feast of Saint Alexis of Wilkes Barre.

Pastors of **SAINTS PETER AND PAUL RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,** Scranton, Pennsylvania:

Saint ALEXIS (Toth) of Wilkes-Barre Founding Pastor

Father **Alexis Bogoslavsky**, Father **Alexander Yanovsky**, Father **Sergei Bazile**vich,

Father **Alexander Lupinovich**, Father **Policarp Cherniavsky**, Archpriest **Ignatius Lachno**,

Father **John Hanziuk**, Archimandrite **Ioanicky** (Krasko), Father **John Kivko**,

Father **Peter Felenchak**, Archpriest **John Zeltonoga**, Mitred **Archpriest Dimitry S. Kudrikoff**,

Archpriest **Alexander Golubov**, Mitred Archpriest **Basil Micek**.



Patriarch Kirill



Bishop Matthew



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Russian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate
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Dearest brothers and sisters,

With much love and joy the clergy and parishioners of Saint Nicholas Cathedral congratulate Saint's Peter and Paul church with their 125th anniversary. Since its founding, your parish has been an integral part of Orthodoxy in America, especially of the Moscow Patriarchate. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ gave to His disciples the following mission: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*" (Mt 28:19). It is in this spirit that your parish has served the Church of Christ beginning with the great missionary, Saint Alexis (Toth) of Wilkes-Barre. Despite numerous difficulties, hardships, and challenges, your parish has always demonstrated loyalty to this mission and to the legacy that Saint Alexis, Saint Tikhon, and all the other saints of North America left behind. Today, we remember all of the former clergy and parishioners of your parish that have fallen asleep in the Lord. Memory Eternal! We especially congratulate Father Basil Micek, the current rector who has been serving this community since 1985. May God grant Father Basil and the entire Saint's Peter and Paul community many blessed years!



Breaking Ground

Yolka 1966



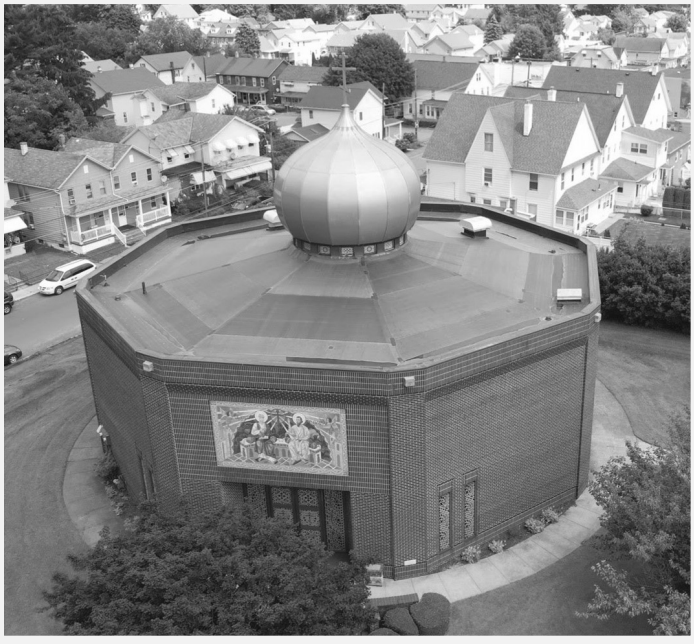


100th Anniversary



Fifth Convocation

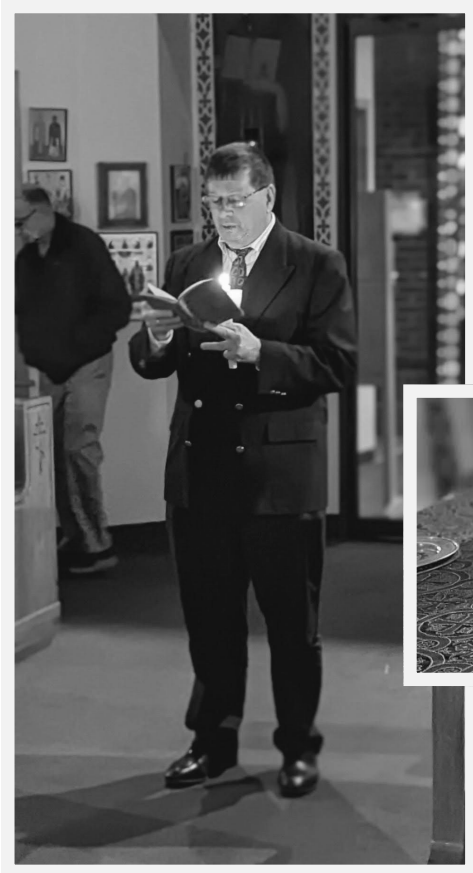




















Yolka



Nativity





Good Friday







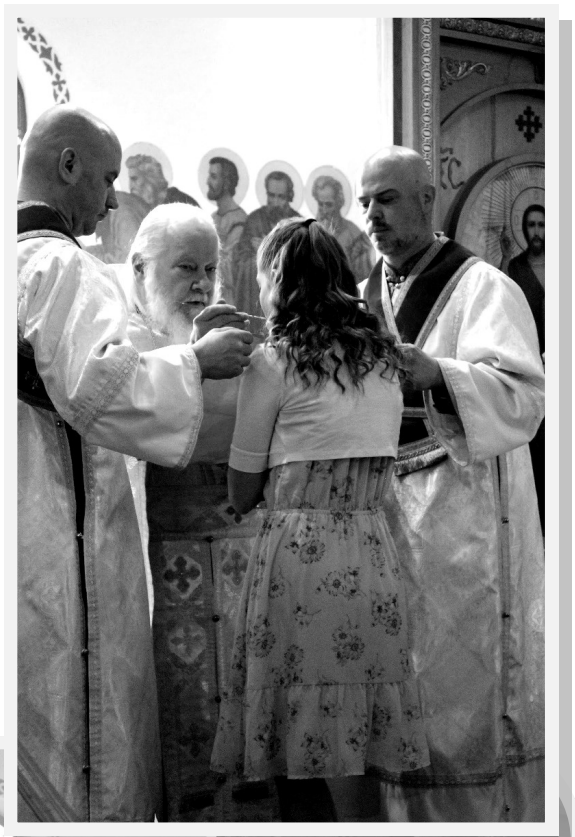
Blessing of the Baskets





Reading of the 12 Gospels





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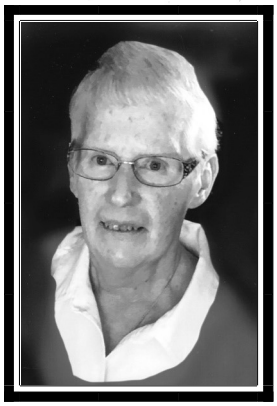
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Многая Лета!

Many Years!

The Hogan Family

Robert, Mary Ann (Wallick), Robert Jr. and John



IN LOVING MEMORY
+ MATUSHKA PAMELA ANN MICEK

Medical Assistant, Wife, Mother,
And most importantly
MATUSHKA

Grant Rest Eternal In Blessed Repose, O Lord,
To The Soul Of Thy Servant
+MATUSHKA PAMELA ANN
Who Is Fallen-Asleep, And Make Her Memory
To Be Eternal!

MEMORY ETERNAL! VECHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!

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Remembering:

Grandfather: **Michael Rusinko**
Grandmother: **Barbara Rusinko**
Father: **George "Lindy" Kofira**
Mother: **Kathryn "Kye" M. Kofira**

Memory Eternal

Congratulations
to

Saints Peter and Paul
Russian Orthodox Church
Scranton, Pennsylvania

as you celebrate your 125th Anniversary

MAY GOD GRANT YOU MANY MORE YEARS



Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
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Congratulations on your 125th Anniversary!

and we pray for continued health and furtherance in all good things for the Mitered Archpriest Basil, and all of the parishioners of your blessed Russian Orthodox Church of Saints Peter and Paul.

Многая лета! Many years!

Archpriest ***Luka Novakovic****, Rector*
with the Parishioners of
St. Michael the Archangel Russian Orthodox Church
Philadelphia, PA



In Loving Memory

of our parents

Bill & Joan Dreater

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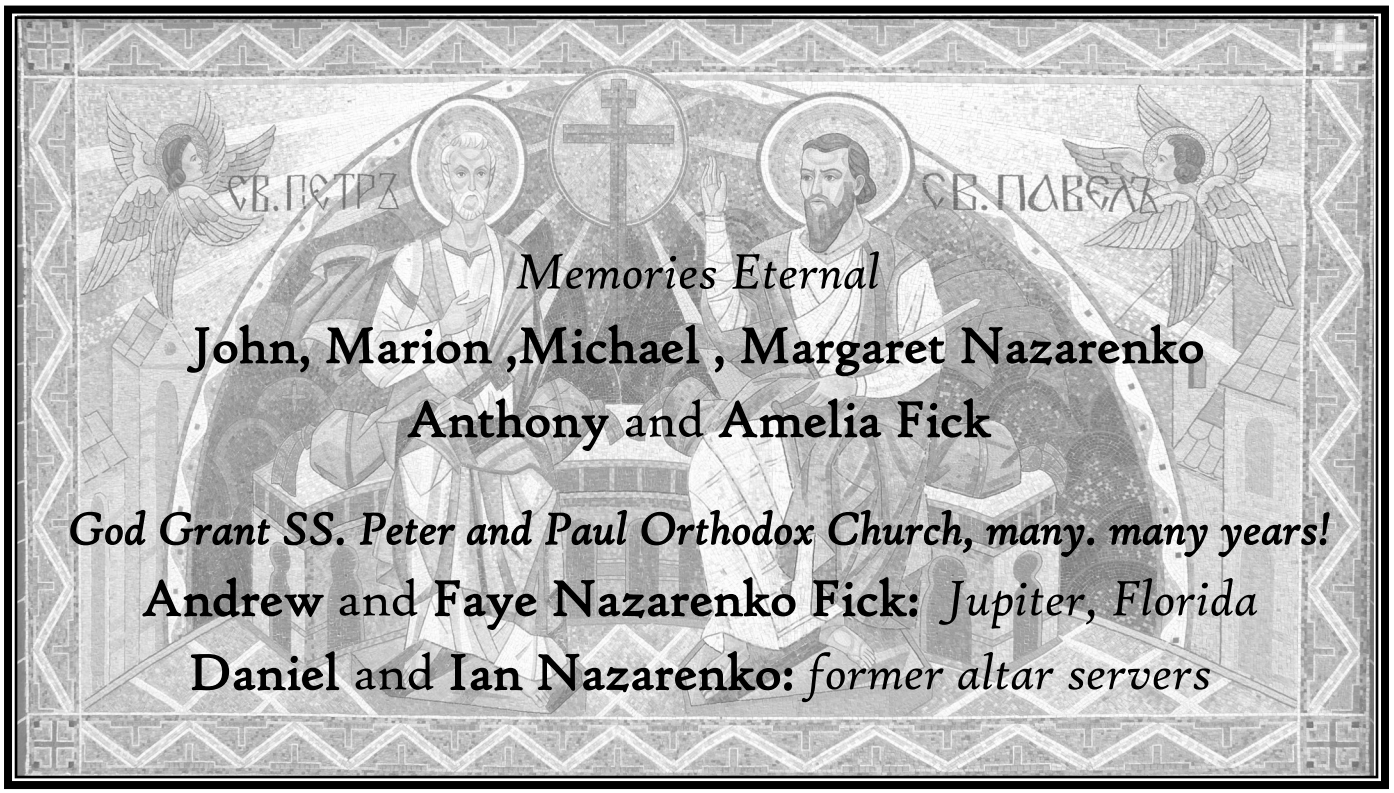
In Christ,

Jan & Denise Dreater Teitsworth

&

Jerry & Diane Dreater Ball



Memories Eternal

John, Marion ,Michael , Margaret Nazarenko

Anthony and **Amelia Fick**

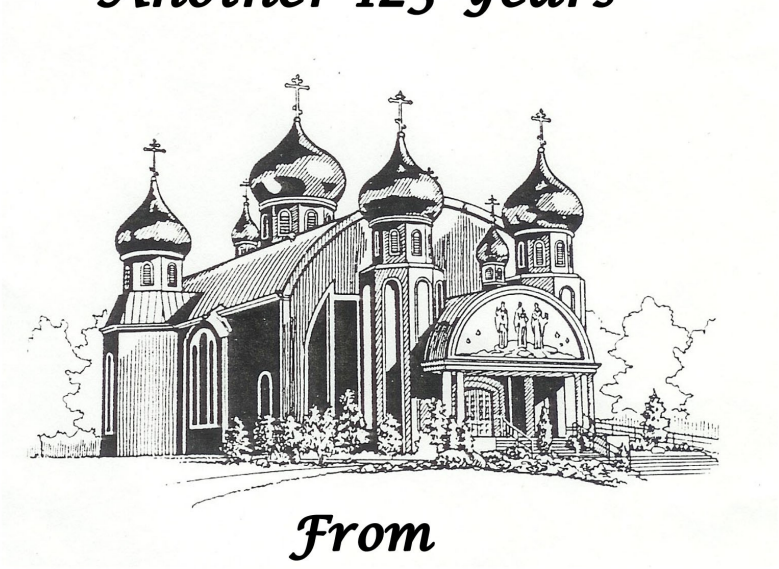
God Grant SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, many. many years!

Andrew and **Faye Nazarenko Fick:** *Jupiter, Florida*

Daniel and **Ian Nazarenko:** *former altar servers*

Congratulations on your 125th Anniversary

May God Grant the Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Another 125 Years



From
Archpriest George Konyev,
the Clergy
and
the Parishioners of the
Russian Orthodox Church of Three Saints
Garfield, New Jersey

Saints Peter and Paul Russian Orthodox Church

Scranton, Pennsylvania

125th Anniversary

Many Years!!

Subdeacon Timothy

Kathy, Mylei, Natalei

Micek

Pastors who served

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

Scranton, Pennsylvania

Father-Saint **Alexis (Toth)** of **Wilkes-Barre** (founding Pastor) (**1897**)
†Priest **Alexis Bogoslavsky** (first assigned pastor) (**1907**)
†Priest **Alexander Yanovsky**
†Priest **Sergei Bazilevich**
†Priest **Alexander Lupinovich**
†Priest **Policarp Chemiavsky**
†Archpriest **Ignatius Lachno**
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†Priest **Peter Felenchak**
†Archpriest **John Zheltonoga**
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O Holy Apostles Peter & Paul, pray to God for us!

O first enthroned of the apostles and teachers of the universe; entreat the Master of all, to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.

Joyous Congratulations on the 125th Year Celebration of Saints Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church 1897-2022

From the

Saints Martha & Mary Sisterhood

Praying that our Lord will always bless our parish with faith, love, peace, and oneness of mind for many years.

May God Grant You All Many Years!
Многая Лета!

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In loving memory of

All the departed members of our Sisterhood – our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all women of our parish – who offered untiring dedication and loving sacrifice to the building up of our parish and to the glory of God.

May Their Memory Be Eternal
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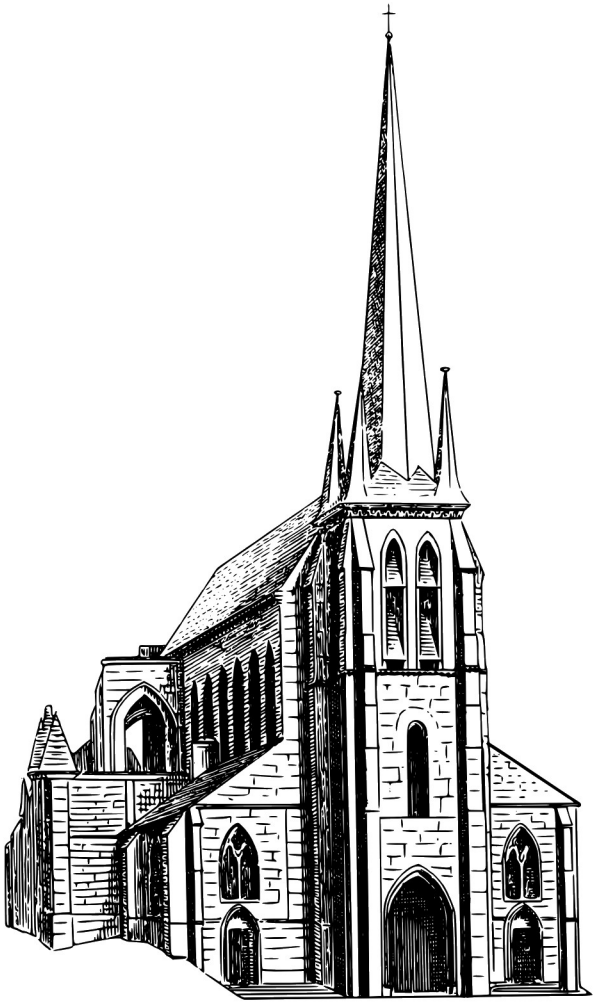

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In Memory of:

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Congratulations and Best Wishes to all
at Saints Peter and Paul R.O. Church,
upon the celebration of 125 years
serving the Scranton area.

Alma Fick Canfield

In memory of my Baba,
Mrs. Pelogia Slesh
Memory Eternal.



Congratulations and Best Wishes

as you celebrate your

125th ANNIVERSARY!



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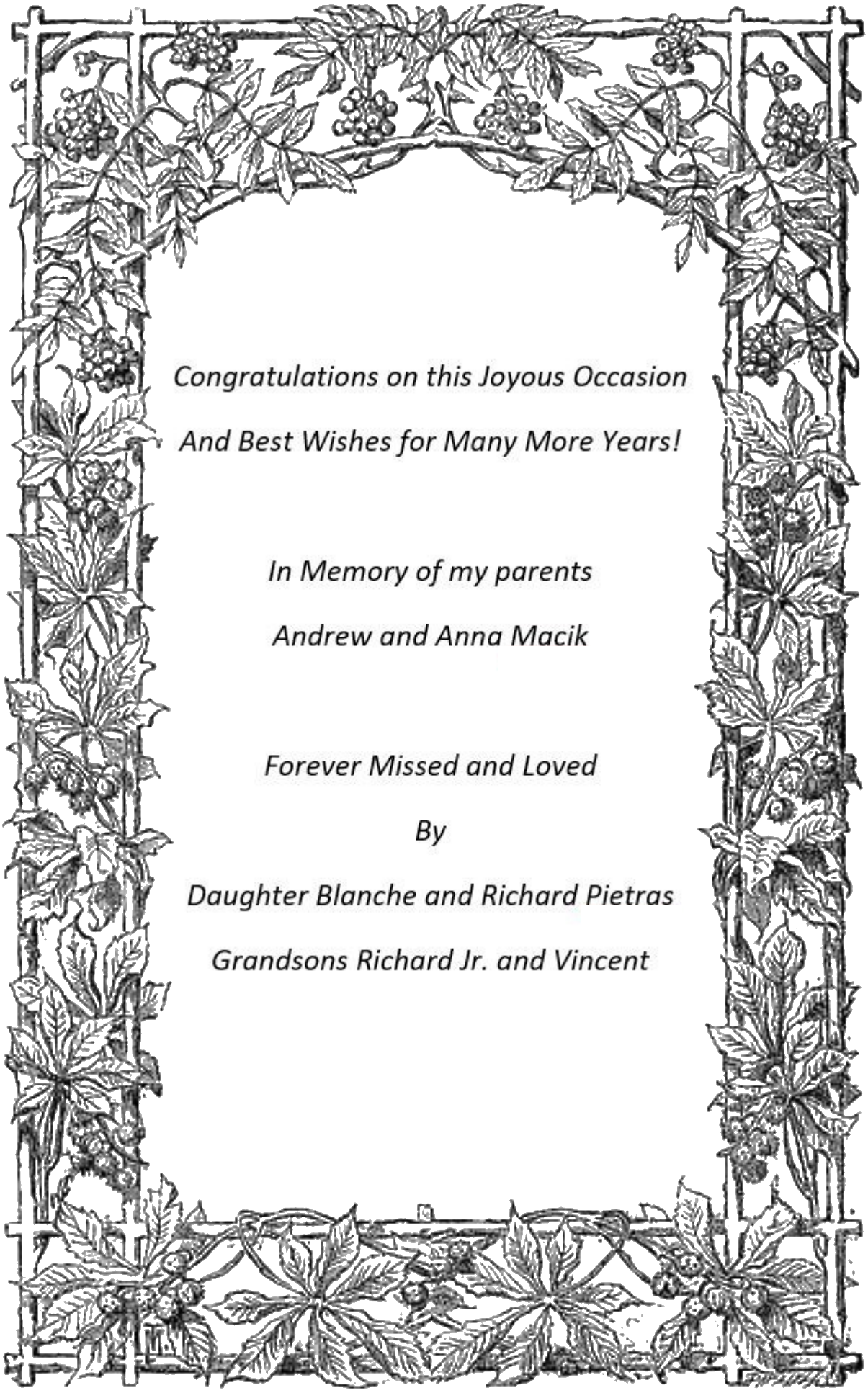

Congratulations on this Joyous Occasion

And Best Wishes for Many More Years!

In Memory of my parents

Andrew and Anna Macik

Forever Missed and Loved

By

Daughter Blanche and Richard Pietras

Grandsons Richard Jr. and Vincent

Our Sincerest Congratulations on the Joyous 125th Year Celebration of the Parish
1897-2022

GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS!

May God Grant You All Many Years!
Многая Лета!

With Love in Christ,
Marie Vass
Fr. John, Gregory and Nicholas Vass
Denise, Donald and Emily Hall

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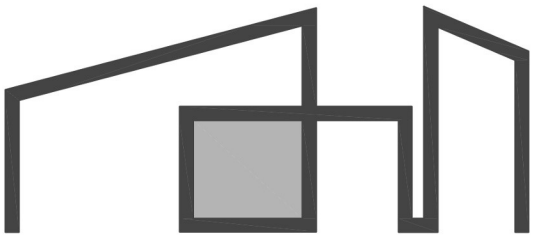
In loving memory of

Frank Romanuk (+1960)
Julia Romanuk (+1974)
Anthony Kornychuk (+1980)
John J. Vass (+2005)
Matushka Tatiana Vass (+2013)
Donald L. Hall (+1989)

May Their Memory Be Eternal
Вечная Память



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Charlie

- With fond Memories -

The Hogan & Wallick Families

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Martin & wife Mary

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John & wife Helen
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Paul
George

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William & Marie

George

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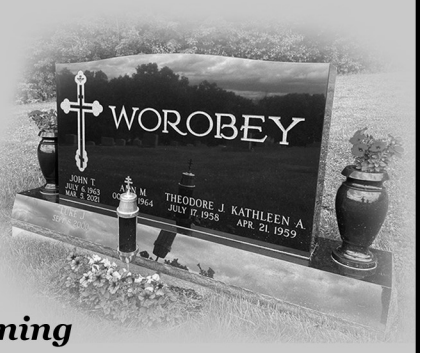

In Memory Of Our Dear Friend

And "Sister-in-Heart"

Elaine Pukita

Deeply Missed and Loved

By

Richard and Blanche Pietras

Godson Richard Pietras.Jr.

And Vincent Pietras

Congratulations on the 125th Anniversary of

Saints Peter & Paul Church

May God grant the faithful and Parish

Many more years.

Mitered Archpriest **James** *and Matushka* **Patricia Mason**

MEMORY ETERNAL

To the soul's servant of God

John** and **Anna Mason

Archpriest ***John** and Matushka **Daria Mason***

Kathryn Mason

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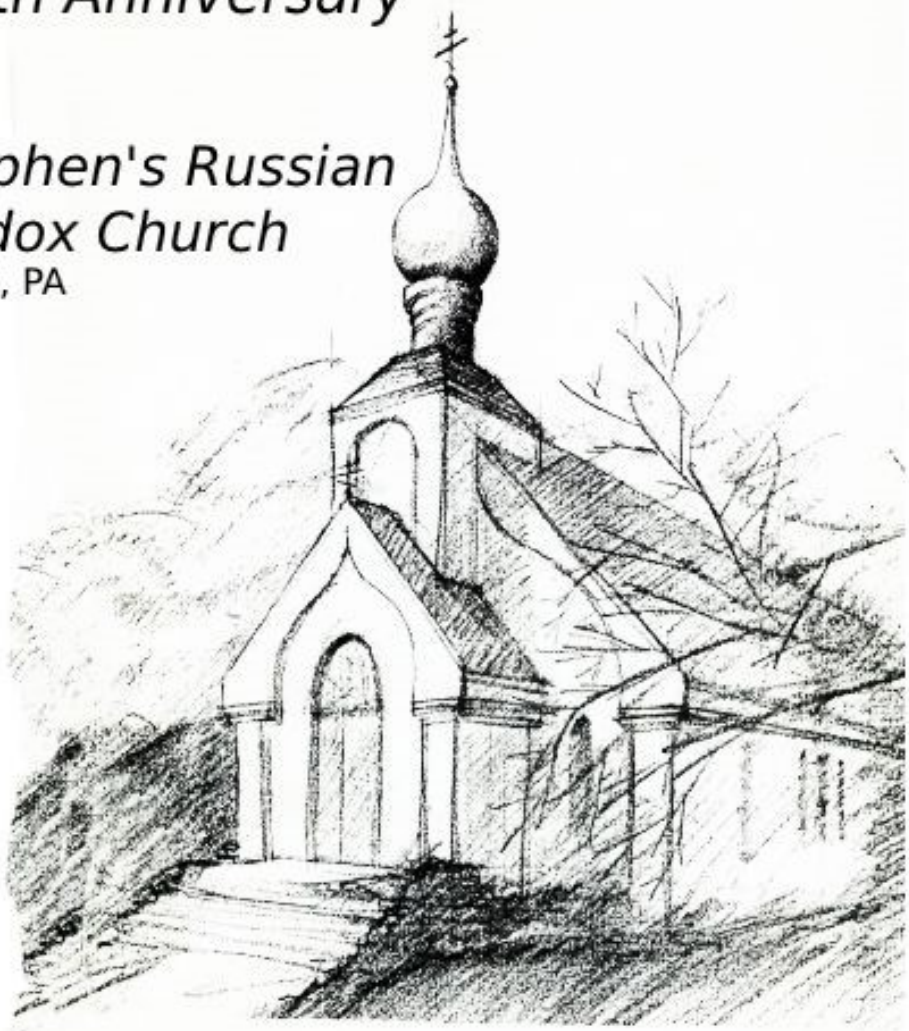

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On the

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Of

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Многая Лета

Marion Hubiak

Peter Hubiak

Eternal Memory

Of

Our Dear Son

Nicholas Pietras

By

Richard and Blanche Pietras

And brothers

Richard Jr. and Vincent

Congratulations to

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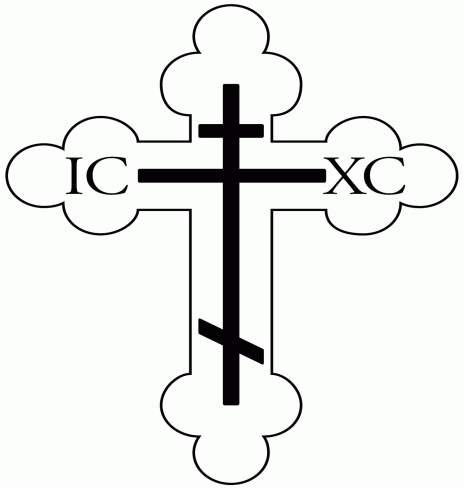
on your

125th Anniversary!

May God grant you Many more Blessed Years!



In Loving memory of the Lepa, Plishka, and Zack Families.

Memory Eternal.

From Native Son of the parish,

Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Lepa

CONGRATULATIONS & MANY YEARS

TO OUR MUCH-LOVED SISTER PARISH



OF SS. PETER & PAUL, SCRANTON, PA.

ON YOUR JOYOUS

125th ANNIVERSARY

AND FESTIVE CELEBRATION

ON OCTOBER 9th!!!

With many decadesof friendship,

Mitered Archpriest Roman &
Matushka Rose Marie Star
Elizabeth & LawrenceHatfield
Caitlin Minnick
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Gregory Star



In Blessed Memory of

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Give Rest with the Saints

Lois

Stephen

Maria

"Glorify those who love the beauty of Thy House…"

Many Blessed Years to the Faithful of Saints Peter and Paul!



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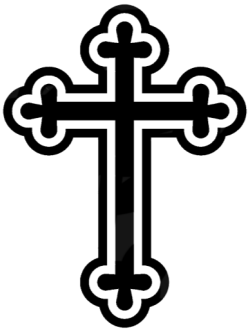
In loving memory of
Reader Michael Mellin
Past Choir Director
Happy 125th Anniversary to the
Parish of SS. Peter and Paul!

In Loving Memory of

Alexander. Mary and Mark Lezinsky

May Their Memory Be Eternal



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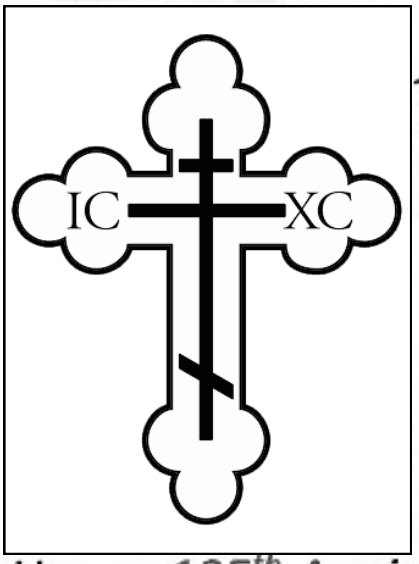

This Is the Day That The Lord Has Made! Let Us Rejoice! And be Glad in it!

Happy 125th Anniversary to the parish of SS. Peter and Paul!

Many Years!

With loving memories

The Havrilko Family

Dorothy Havrilko

Debbie and Mike Slaboda

Paul and AnnMarie Havrilko

Judith and Nick Lezinsky

And In Loving Memory of Paul Havrilko

Congratulations

to

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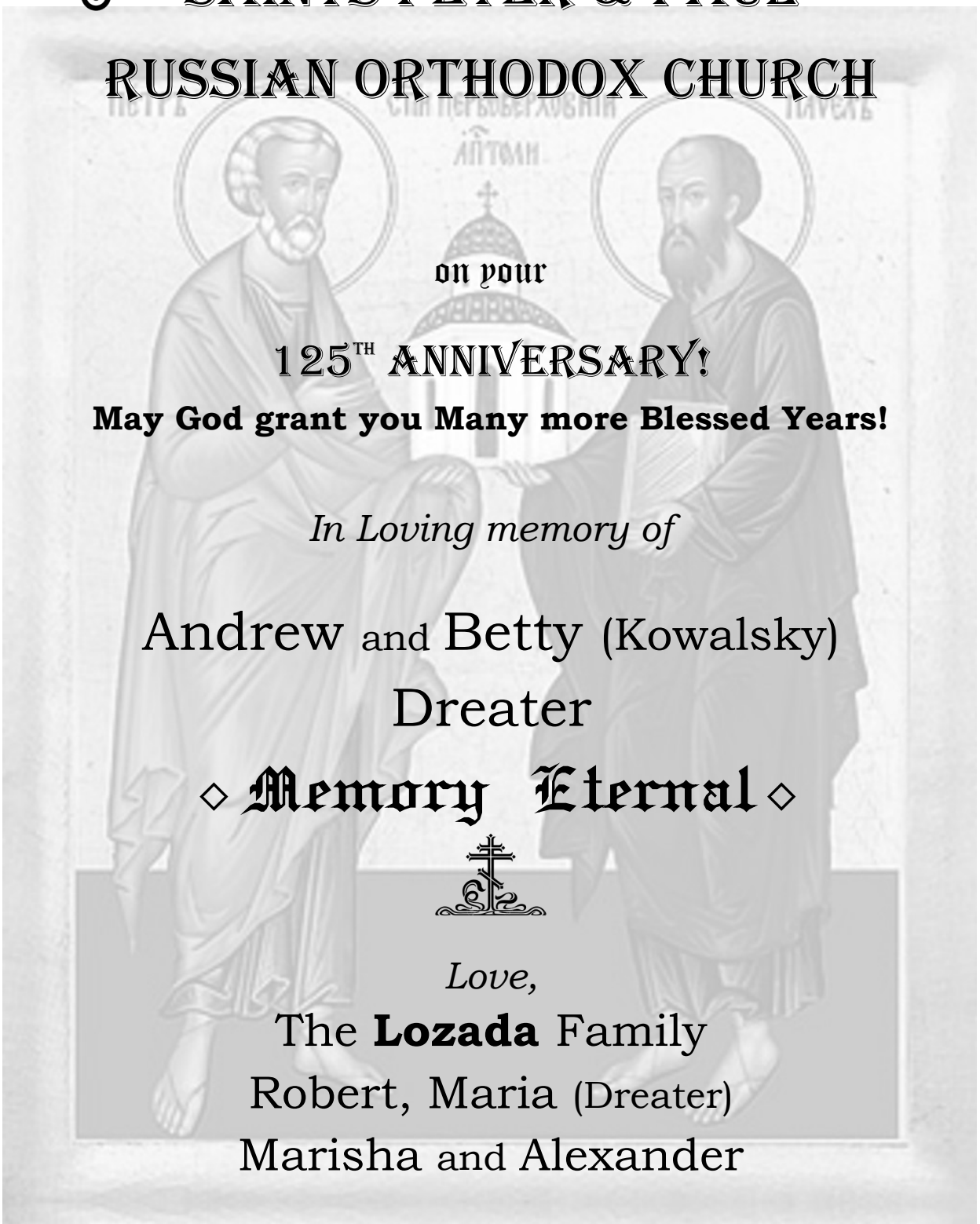

on your

125TH ANNIVERSARY!

May God grant you Many more Blessed Years!

In Loving memory of

Andrew and Betty (Kowalsky)

Dreater

◇ Memory Eternal ◇

Love,

The **Lozada** Family

Robert, Maria (Dreater)

Marisha and Alexander

DEDICATED AND OFFERED TO ALL DEPARTED MEMBERS

WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP OF THESE FAMILIES

IN BLESSED MEMORIES OF THEM

VECHNAY PAMYAT  **MEMORY ETERNAL**

THE FAMILIES OF

PUKITA ▪ SAYDER ▪ SOROCKA ▪ SPROVKIN ▪ STAVISKY & NEE

OFFERED BY

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF MY FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR THESE 50 YEARS

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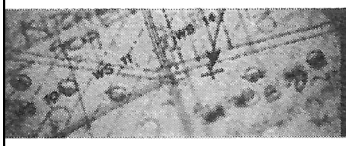

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Congratulations and God's blessings to

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At this time, when you celebrate this blessed milestone, of 125 years of your parish, may you reflect also on this passage.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen." (Eph. 3:20-21)

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