

# PARISH NEWS

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## Highlighted Charity

Families Helping Families

*Clinton families dedicated to helping Clinton families*

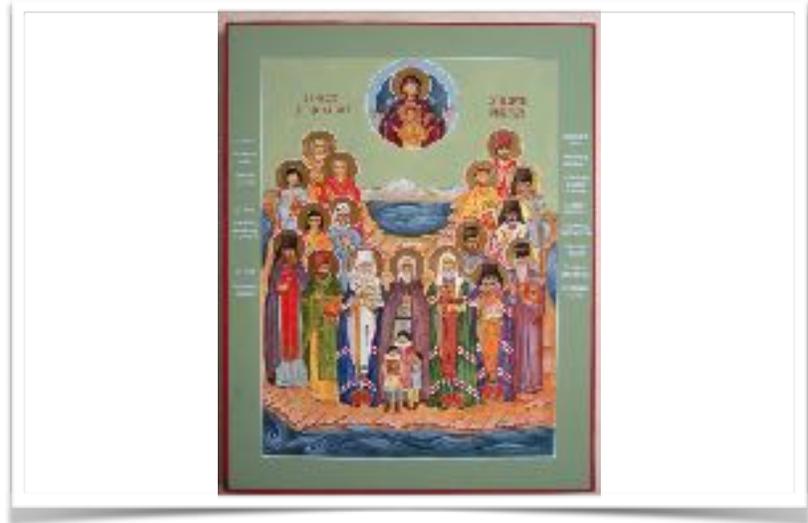
FHF is a grass-roots volunteer organization collecting non-perishables & money for fuel assistance for neighbors in need.

<https://www.facebook.com/ClintonFamiliesHelpingFamilies/>

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## Pastor's Note

Glory to Jesus Christ!

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who gave of their time and energy to ensuring that this year's Tag Sale was a success. Stasia PenkoffLedbeck has also ask to have her thanks conveyed to the parish for your willingness, eagerness and commitment to ensuring that the Tag Sale happened at all. Throughout the week, the sense of community, camaraderie and fellowship were prevalent and by the end of the day, Saturday, although 'tired' there was a true sense of accomplishment as well.

In conjunction with the *bake sale*, the proceeds from the Tag Sale this year, exceeded \$3200. Unlike previous years, there was no specific designation identified for the proceeds before the Tag Sale began. The parish council asked for feedback from the parish as to how the monies from this year's Sale should be allocated. During September's council meeting, these suggestions were discussed, and the council determined how direct the proceeds.



## Celebrations and Commemorations

This month we celebrate the birthdays of:

Gail Ferris, Vincent Melesko, Loyd Davis, Marlene Melesko, Susan Hayes, and Greg Jankura.

Alex and Luba Martins celebrate their anniversary, as do Ed and Susan Hayes, and Joan and John Skrobat.

God grant you all many years!

### Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the servants of God:

Our catechumens - Joe Barbera, Kyle Hollis and Stephen Wexell

And for the health and well-being of - Glenn PenkoffLedbeck, Evelyn Leake, Robert Pavlik, Joan Novarro, June Sacatos Bronen, Alla Hamesevich, Olga Kucharski and Daria Krawchuk

After several proposals, and much discussion, the council determined that the proceeds should be allocated as follows: 70% to “outreach” and 30% to “special projects.”

These broad categories, however, deserve some explanation.

“Special projects” refers to those which are *extra* budgetary. This might include having the floors re-sanded, or having the nave painted for example. These monies would not be used for paying bills, or covering items in the regular budget. With the 25th anniversary of the parish coming, there are likely to be several ‘special projects’ to consider.

As for “outreach”, this implies that the funds will be used to support those individuals or organizations that the *Outreach Ministry* has recommend to the council. While this ‘looking out’ is absolutely essential to the life of the parish, the council also wanted to insure that our community was taken care of as well. This means that if parishioners and families have a need, the parish will be in a position to offer some financial support.

### Ministry Reports

#### Buildings and Grounds:

The ministry met on Sunday, Sept. 11th during coffee hour and reviewed our list of short and long term goals; we also discussed new issues that had arisen since our last meeting.

Ministry members present included included Vinnie Malesko, Mike Kuziak, and Susan Eagan as well as Council liaison Sophia Brubaker; absent were members Susan Hayes, Marie-Christine Fourteau, Greg Jankura, and Daria Kruchuk.

Mike volunteered to be a co-chair(Vinnie handling issues regarding the church and Mike overseeing those pertaining to the red house)

Two short term goals that require fairly small expenditures were identified for fall projects: eliminating the mold on the sheetrock behind the refrigerator; and purchasing and mounting a first aid kit

The problems with the red house roof were discussed; Sophia

## Clinton Community Corner

### *Volunteers Needed*

New volunteers are always welcome additions to The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries team. Right now we need cooks for dinners in Chester on Sundays, Essex on Mondays, Deep River on Thursdays, and Wednesday lunch in Old Saybrook.

Our pantries also have some specific needs listed below.

Clinton - Wednesdays: Morning volunteers to help set up from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Evening volunteers to assist guests transporting groceries to their cars

Old Lyme - Fridays: Morning volunteers to set up tables and prepare for the Saturday pantry. Morning volunteers to work in the kitchen. Saturdays: Morning volunteers for a variety of pantry functions. Early morning volunteer to pick up prepared meals for distribution

Old Saybrook - Tuesdays: Late afternoon volunteers to assist guests transporting groceries to their cars.

Westbrook - Tuesdays: Early morning volunteers to pick up donations.

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volunteered to find another experienced cedar roofer to inspect the roof; She met Paul Maulucci of P. M Carpentry (860) 655-4993 or (860) 742-5826 as recommended by Country Carpenters Post and Beam in Hebron; Paul found that good quality, long cedar shakes had been used but the nails used were not what is required by the industry (enhanced stainless for buildings within 15 miles of the coast); the wrong size nail was also used—they are too short (short nails are only used in situations where there are exposed beams, for example and roofing nails can not extend down through the sub roofing material into the attic as is the norm; He discussed a couple of options which will be written up in a quote

The date for fall clean up will be decided upon later in the season as it is too soon to predict when the leaves will be down

### **Liturgical and Education:**

On August 12-13, St. Alexis Church held a Choral Workshop led by Mark Bailey. The Friday evening session was a lecture on both the history of liturgical music and making the connection between music and Liturgy by understanding the form and function of Liturgical music. On Saturday morning the focus of the workshop was on developing vocal skills for Orthodox Liturgical Singing. The Saturday afternoon session was a practice session of the choral singing techniques for Orthodox Singing. The workshop participants had a chance to try out the many techniques that had been covered. The afternoon workshop ended with a question and answer session. The majority of workshop attendees were members of the St. Alexis Church Choir with several guests from other Orthodox Parishes.

The workshop was both informative enjoyable. There were also several break times when everyone had a chance to talk more informally with Mr. Bailey and his background. Assisting with the workshop was violinist and conductor Kevin Sherwin. Mr. Bailey is both a conductor and Baroque violinist. He is founder and director of the American Baroque Orchestra and was also the leader of the Yale Russian Chorus. He served for 16 years on the faculty of St. Vladimir's Seminary and is currently the Head of Historical Sound Recordings at Yale University.

**Outreach and Evangelism:**

- 1) St Alexis Annual Tag Sale, Sept. 17, 2016. The Tag Sale was successfully undertaken with the inspiration of Stasia and the hard work of many parish members.
- 2) Clinton Fire Dept Candy Drive. The Sunday School Children under guidance of their teacher, Carolyn and Marlene bought and packaged a variety of candy and delivered it to the Clinton Fire Dept.
- 3) The IOCC Emergency Clean-Up Bucket Project. This project, under the leadership of Marlene and Vincent is requesting items and funds to gather the cleanup supplies for the hard hit flooded areas of Louisiana.

**Red House:**

Melissa gave a report on the progress of the ownership of the property on which the Red house sits. We have been able to dispel previous rumors by research at the Town hall, Clinton Historical Society, CT State Library and ancestry.com.

We are now planning trip to the Clinton assessor office in hopes of dating the house or additions to an original house. Alex will be taking photos of architectural features on the inside of the red house. This information along with what we have already will be submitted to the CT Trust for Historical Preservation. We may then qualify for the services of a circuit rider. ( see below)We will try to get these services at no cost.

*Connecticut Circuit Rider Program*

Our Circuit Riders work with many statewide and national preservation organizations to provide the widest range of tools to individuals and communities across Connecticut through investigative visits, consultations and meetings.

CT Trust Circuit Riders have experience with financial and economic development incentives, tax credits, State and CT Trust grants, historic districts, local ordinances and much more.

Through investigative visits, consultations and meetings, they:

- Help to define relevant issues and develop preservation strategies;
- Offer financial assistance through the Connecticut Trust’s Historic Preservation Technical Assistance Grants and Historic Buildings Financing Fund;
- And offer training session for local historic district commissions.

Who are the Circuit Riders? The Connecticut Circuit Riders are field officers trained to bring preservation resources to local groups.

A letter will be sent to the president of the Clinton Historical Society to ascertain if there is any interest in the Society purchasing the stone house.

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New volunteer orientation is held on the second Tuesday of every month at Grace Episcopal Church, 336 Main Street, Old Saybrook. The meeting for adults is from 6:30pm to 8pm. Meeting time for teens and court ordered community service volunteers is from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm. No pre-registration is required. For more information on volunteering contact [jward@shorelinesoupkitchens.org](mailto:jward@shorelinesoupkitchens.org)

### Council Meeting Minutes

#### New Business:

Fr. Steven contacted Council Members by email to request that the tabled motion from our last council meeting about fulfilling the request of \$500 from the Food For All Garden and a request for medical bill assistance from a parishioner be discussed further. A discussion with all Council members contributing followed.

Motion #1 Phyllis made a motion that we fund half of the medical bill \$600. Sophia seconded the motion.

Motion #2 Phyllis made a motion that we fund \$ 500 to the Food for All Garden. Sophia seconded the motion.

The results of the two votes are as follows:

Motion #1 passed unanimously.

Motion #2 passed with 4 yes votes and 2 no votes.

#### Highlighted Activities and Events

*Commemoration of the repose of St Innocent*    *October 5th - Great Vespers with Litya (6:30p)*  
*October 6th - Akathist (8:30a)*

*Commemoration of the repose of St Tikhon*    *October 8th - Great Vespers with Litya (5:30p)*  
*October 9th - Divine Liturgy (9:30a)*

*Diocesan Assembly*    *October 28th and 29th in Springfield, MA*  
Susan Hayes is your Diocesan Lay Representative

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### Patronage Opportunity

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I have been in communication with Photine Hunt, and she has expressed her desire to continue providing icons for the Parish and Parishioners of St. Alexis, either through personal commissions or donation toward an icon for the parish.

Personal commissions can be made at any time; please talk with Fr Steven to make the necessary arrangements.

Photine will be participating in a workshop, the focus of which will be the Pentecost icon. She has expressed a desire give the icon to the parish upon it's completion. Please talk with Fr Steven if you are interested in supporting Photine in this endeavor.