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The Annunciation by Murillo, 1655–1660, Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg

California ~ March 2018

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Eucharist



TO CZECH MASS

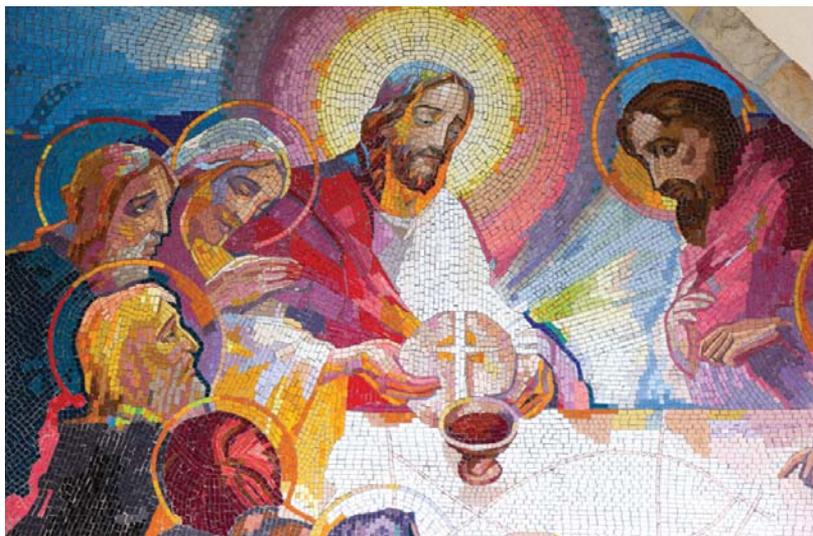
In SAN DIEGO our Holy Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 10th. of March at 4:00pm., in the St John Evangelist Hall, on the corner of Normal and Lincoln, San Diego. Refreshments will be available.

In LOS ANGELES our Holy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 18th of March at 1:15pm, in the St John Paul II Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda 92886. After Mass there will be st.Joseph Party with music, meals and drinks. More details on page 5.

In SAN FRANCISCO the next Holy Mass will be April 8th.

Mark your calendars for next Mass:

SD March 31st - LA April 1st (Easter) - SF April 8th



The Feast of the Annunciation

Celebrated on March 25th

The story is told in Luke's Gospel, 1: 26-38.

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.



Annunciation, work by unknown artist, c. 1420, Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya, Barcelona

Pope Francis' Intention of the Month



MONTH OF MARCH

Theme: Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Father Kučera's Visit

On February 13th 2018 Father Kučera from Valašská Polanka, Czech republic visited us at Velehrad in Los Angeles.

We had a great time and it was nice meeting you Father.



Czech catholic mission in Los Angeles

INVITES YOU TO A **DANCING PARTY**

Sunday, March 18th 2018 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm
(after a mass, which starts at 1:15pm)

In Polish Center
3999 Rose Dr. Yorba Linda CA 92886

COME AND HAVE FUN WITH LIVE CZECH AND SLOVAK MUSIC



VV BAND Ivana a Vladimír
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Music will be provided by **VV BAND, Ivana a Vladimír Váchovi** from Czech republic.

Food & drinks will be available for purchase. Dinner will be provided by Dana Leimberger (Schnitzel with potato salad, hot dogs, pastry).

Admission is Free!

if you can, please bring a desert to share.

Meals are limited. Please call 818-448-1716 (Anna) by Wed. March 14th, to reserve your meal.



Congratulations

On March 9th 2018 we will celebrate the 55th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Mons. ThDr. Petr Esterka emeritus auxiliary bishop of Brno living in the USA.

Msgr. Dušan Hladík's Visit



Msgr. Dušan Hladík, who is serving the Czech and Slovak Catholic mission in Chicago, has offered to visit us in California, and together with Bishop Peter will organize a Lenten spiritual renewal.

While visiting each of the Californian missions, there will be a confession one hour before each Mass. During the Holy Mass there will be a Lenten sermon, and after the Mass a free conversation with parishioners.

In San Diego, we will meet on Saturday 10 March, in Los Angeles / Orange on March 18, and in San Francisco on April 8. In Los Angeles, there will also be the Joseph's Dance Party as planned.

Msgr. Hladik will be staying in our California Velehrad, where he could also meet us for more discussions.

The purpose of this first visit is to get acquainted with all of us at each mission and to plan further visits. That is why I hope many of us will join these celebrations.

In the name of the mission board, Petr Peterka



In Loving Memory of

Hanna Paulson (Pavljuk)

Thoughts on Hanna Paulson's passing

For me, my mom was always the roof on my house, keeping inclement weather out. For our family, she was the understated bedrock, always willing, and able, to take care of all things and make everything better. As her health deteriorated the last few years, we all came to realize even more profoundly just how capably she had held everything together, and how much we missed her sparkly personality.

Hanna was born Hana Dobiasova in Kralupy nad Vltavou, a smallish town 20 km north of Prague, Czechoslovakia, on January 4, 1930, the youngest of three children. She was impish and cute, with a mass of golden curls, and her well-to-do family doted on her. She was very outgoing, sporty, musical, and used to a house full of the goings-on of her active older brothers, John and Joe. She met Paul (Pavel Pavljuk), her future husband, in high school ("gymnasium") when they were both 14. At the urging of several of her teachers, Hanna went on to study Economics at Prague University, earning her degree (an equivalent of a Masters) in 1952. Paul and Hanna were married on July 24, 1952, at Prague City Hall.

It was a difficult time for them, as for most people in Czechoslovakia at that time. For his outspokenness against the Communist regime, Paul was forced to leave Medical School and spent several years in the coal mines in Ostrava. Hanna was deemed politically questionable, and thus found it difficult to get, or hold on to, employment commensurate with her abilities, as periodic political purges forced her employers to let her go. Thus, she worked as a clerk in an architecture firm, as a radio announcer, as a producer on a children's puppet TV show, as a reservations agent for Czech Airlines, as a secretary in a research institute, and as an interpreter for foreign delegations. The irony of the "politically undesirable Hanna" having a post translating sensitive material and political speeches of foreign dignitaries was not lost on our family!

For many years, Paul and Hanna attempted to figure out a way to escape this politically stifling land. And, in 1966, they finally managed to arrange travel visas for all four of us for a two-week camping trip to Italy. We left on July 10, 1966, applied for political refugee status in Vienna, and for immigration to the United States, where Hanna's brother Joe would become our sponsor.

Several months later, we flew to New York, took a Greyhound bus cross country to California, and invaded our wonderful Uncle Joe and Aunt Ginny's home, a family of four moving in on a young family with three small children!

Hanna, fluent in several languages including English, found a job almost immediately with Scandinavian Airlines, working in reservations, on the group desk, and in ticketing over the 20 years she was with them. She fit right in with this quite international, friendly crew of co-workers, and I remember many fun parties at our home, as well as camping trips to the Sierras and to the desert. Paul got a job with an engineering firm in El Segundo, and two years later left to open his own engineering business, Rybett Controls, with partner Rick Williams, at which he worked until his retirement in his late seventies. Hanna dreamt of trying her hand at running her own business, and so in 1981 founded American West Travel, a travel agency she ran with me and her friend Lida Novacek. After several years, she opened a second branch nearer to her home in the San Fernando Valley. All along, Hanna also taught travel classes through West LA College, and volunteered to teach online classes when that medium was brand new! As the travel business was changing, with everyone booking their own trips directly online, Hanna sold the agency but continued to teach now online economics classes, which she continued to do until 2012.

Emigrating from one's homeland must have been very hard for our parents, but what my brother and I remember is the joy both Paul and Hanna took in seeing the Pacific Ocean for the first time (and taking a swim on New Year's day that first year!), in making new friends and keeping up with old ones all over the world, in the lively parties they enjoyed with their crew the Stehliks, Kovariks, Srameks, Lavaceks, Plavecs, Hlavaceks, and so many more, in skiing and hiking at Mammoth, in their involvement in SVU and the Czech consulate, in travelling all around the world, in chasing eclipses, in hanging with family. Especially hanging with family!

Hanna was a complex young woman who loved to read Steinbeck and Capek, who could do whitewater kayaking, play tennis and basketball, ski, fence, do judo. She could speak Czech and English and Russian and German, knit and crochet and sew, play piano and laugh and dance. She was a super mom to me and my brother Rick, and a loving and totally engaged grandmother to Jessica, Jennifer, Philip, Erika, Wolfie, Jake, and Annie. And, she was a doting, loving, forgiving wife to Paul for 65 years. We are so glad to have had this amazing person in our lives.

We love you, mama!

Barbara

Slová dozneli

*A duša ostala visieť v nemom priestore,
opojená láskou
neschopná prevravieť.*

*Vstúpila neha
rozvila lotosový kvet
tá vôňa túžila spolu
s dušou pozhovieť.*

*Pozdvihni oči k nebu
a vidíš lásky svet
spústať sa s modlitbou
v nemý, skvelý vzlet.*

*Kde slova netreba
duša sa ponára,
nasáva nektára z nebeských čiaš,
hojdá sa v priestore
nebeskej radosti
vidiac let pred sebou
o kraja večnosti.*

Autor: Olga Rajec

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS: March 2018



- 6. +Miloslav Mářík – manželka Edith
- 8. +Agnes & Stanley Brozek - Peter and Paul Brozek and families
- 11. + Estela Barcarcel - John Krato
- 13. +Michael and Anna - John Krato, father and husband
- 15. +Jaroslav Gajdos (anniv.) – manželka Charline
- 16. + Monika & Ferdinand Stachura
- 17. za živé a zemřelé členy české síně Karlín - Joe Kocáb
- 18. + Raymunda Dvorského - manželka Marie
- 19. +Zdenek and Helga Vernak - přátelé
- 20. za živé a zemřelé Frolíkovi, Zrzaví, Štíchovi - Aška s Lad'ou
- 23. + Jiřinu Jordánovou - manžel Pavel Jordán
- 24. +Karel Novak - dcera Irene
- 28. +Ellen Machackova - Victor Machacek

February 2018

We will publish, according to the practice of Catholic parishes, the amount of the collections, not distinguishing between the separate Masses, and also the amount received by mail that month. There will no longer be a monthly report of expenses. The balance sheet is published annually in our February Vestnik. If anyone has questions please call Bishop Esterka at 714 524 0092 and leave a message.

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