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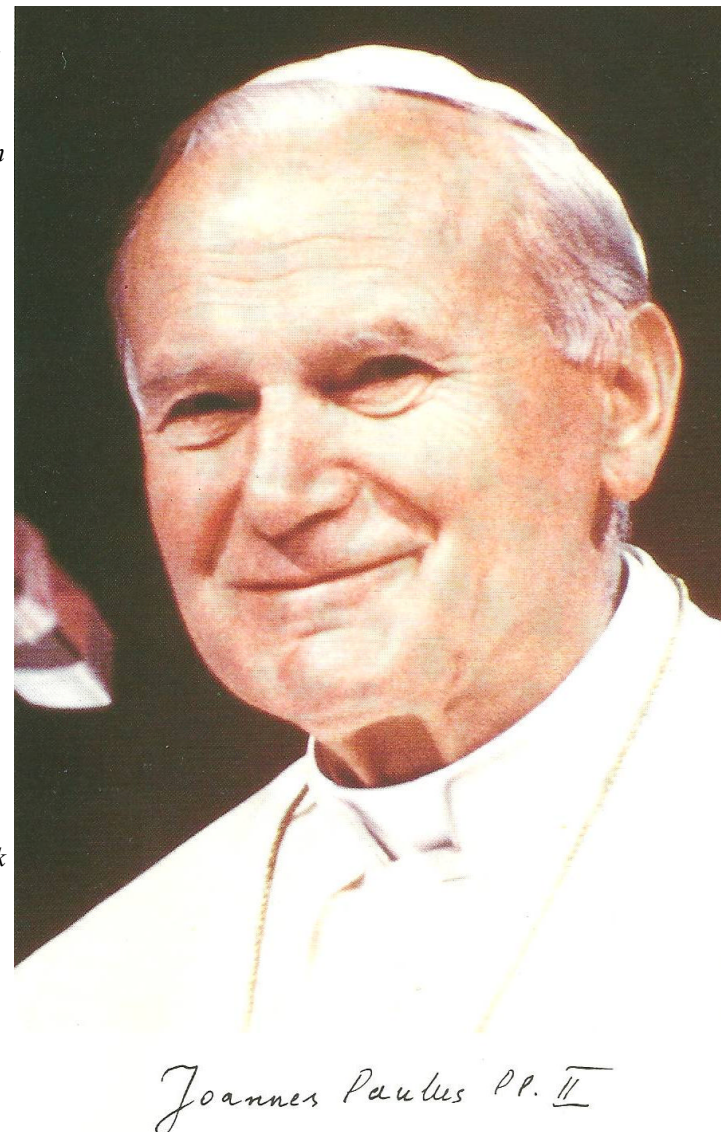
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Podporujte podnikatele, kteří inzerují v našem Věstníku. Kupujte jeliž výrobky
a používejte jejich služby! Oni podporují naši misii svými inzeráty a dary.

You are invited to attend



**OUR
CZECH
LITURGY**

In SAN DIEGO our Mass will be on Saturday, May 21 at 4:00 in the afternoon at St. John's Church on the corner of Normal and Lincoln in San Diego.

In LOS ANGELES our Mass will be on Sunday, May 22, at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Immediately after Mass a meal of svickova and knedliky will be served. A donation of \$10.00 is requested, \$5.00 for parky.

IN SAN FRANCISCO the Czech Mass will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 11 in the morning in the auditorium of the Church of Star of the Sea, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

Our next Mass will be our June 12 picnic at our Velehrad.

John Paul II . . .

Have no fear! The power of Christ's cross and resurrection is greater than all evil, from which one might recoil. Christ after his resurrection said to the apostles and the women : "Do not be afraid!" These words are needed today perhaps more than ever.

It is necessary to have confidence that there is One who holds the destiny of this passing world. And that someone is Love ...

Only he can fully give meaning to the words "Do not be afraid!"

APRIL 2011

Total collections for operation of the California Czech Mission: \$3,342. 00.

SD \$642.00, *Velehrad* \$300.00; LA collection \$1,545.00, meal \$503.00; for *Velehrad* \$25.00; SF collection \$652.00, for *Velehrad* \$437.00;

Regular expenses of our Mission: \$2,054. 00

\$1,000.00 (salary for the bishop), \$450.00 (rent of the halls in San Diego, Polish Center, and San Francisco); \$150.00 (gas & auto); printing for *Věstník* \$150.00, for postage \$264.00.

May God reward you for your generosity.

Please take care to make out your checks so that they will match the names on our accounts: RC Czech Mission, or Czech Center Building Fund, or if you wish it to go to the Bishop or to North American Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics: Bishop Peter Esterka, or NAPCCC

Please check out our website again. It is up to date and there are new pictures and stories. We have had hits from several states in the US as well as the Czech Republic and Australia. www.czechchurch.org

YOUR TRUST OR WILL: Please remember Czech ministry in your trust or will. Our legal title is: North American Pastoral Center for Czech Catholics, 344 KOCH Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. For information call Bishop Esterka, 714 524 0092.

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CERVEN • JUNE

1. za + Marii Jordánovou - syn Pavel

Memorials od paní Věry Svobodové ze Miladu Kozákovou a Václava Pavelku.

FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA

Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California



I write these lines the day before leaving on a missionary trip to Australia, where we also have several of our centers. My first stop will be in Sydney, where I will meet Slovak immigrants as well as Czechs in church next Sunday. As you may know in Australia we have had only one older priest, Capuchin Fr. Hrdina, who was sent on missions to the islands around the Philippines. Then he moved to Australia to be there for our fellow-refugees in various larger centers. He now lives in retirement at his monastery in Melbourne and several times a year celebrates Mass in Czech at our Šumava. In Australia we have been missionaries to the Czech Catholics. There were never Czech parishes, although Czech priests took turns serving there. It always worked in Australian parishes and our countrymen were appreciative. This time I meet with expatriates in Sydney at a Slovak church in the countryside, where a young Slovak priest, a former engineer in Australia, has only recently successfully completed his studies and was ordained for an Australian diocese. And he has an Australian parish, but also keeps the Slovak parish, which has a church, rectory and a large hall. His name is Fr. Petr Krigovsky, and he says Mass in Czech once a month for us, Czechs and Moravians. Incidentally, Fr. Peter also speaks excellent Czech.

Soon after my return from Australia we will have our Czech Masses here in California. The first weekend in Saturday it will be Holy Mass in San Diego and Sunday here at the Polish Center of John Paul II. The following Sunday will find me in San Francisco for our May Mass there.

Many of you were interested in my health, especially with regard to the "brain" tumor. But I would like to make that more clear. The tumor is not directly on the brain, but on the outer wrapping of the brain. Doctors such a tumor called "meningioma." The tumor is relatively small, averaging only 2.9 cm, about the size of an eyeball. It was found by chance. It is possible for such a tumor to grow to a diameter of the 7th to 8 cm. The tumor is "benign," almost surely not malignant or cancerous, and is above the left eye, where it can be said to be easily operable. After consulting with two medical specialists I have agreed to undergo surgery after my trips to Australia and the Czech Republic, where I will attend the pilgrimage and celebrations associated with the 200th anniversary of the birthday of St. John Nepomuc Neumann in Prachatice. Here in the U.S. he was at first a missionary around Niagara Falls and later became the bishop of Philadelphia, where he died of a heart attack at a relatively early age. He is credited with beginning the Catholic school system.

Saint John, pray for us!



APOŠTOLSKÁ NUNCIATURA
PRAHA

Prague, 23 March 2011

N. 2853/11

No doubt you remember that, as is every bishop, I was bound by canon law upon reaching the 75th year of life, to write a letter of resignation from my office, which I did. Here is the answer to my retirement letter. It was accepted, but I am being asked to continue my ministry, if no replacement is found. I guess God wants me to keep working

Your Excellency,

I wish to acknowledge your letter dated 1st November 2010, along with the letter of your resignation to the Holy Father.

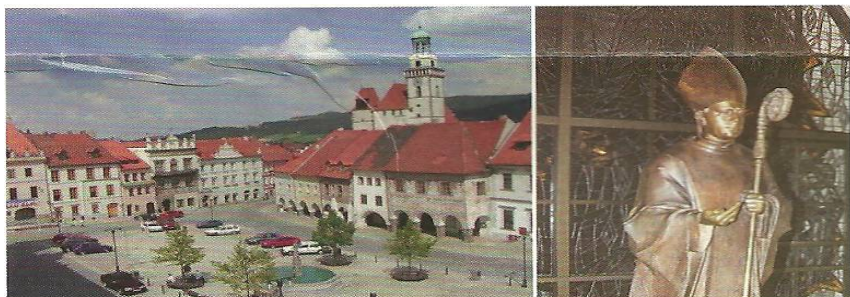
His Eminence Card. Marc Ouellet, the Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, informs that your resignation has been accepted by the Holy Father on 5th of this month, with the formula "*donec aliter provideatur*" which foresees and allows the possibility of continuing your Ministry as a Bishop until "*donec aliter provideatur*".

With cordial regards and in union of prayers

Yours sincerely in Christ

Mgr. Petr Esterka
W. Ay.

His Excellency
Mgr. Petr Esterka
Auxiliary Bishop of Brno
Bishop for Czech Catholics in Diaspora
California Velehrad, Center for Czech Catholics
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Národní pouť ke sv. Janu Prachatickému

Slavnostní bohoslužba bude v sobotu 18. června 2011 v 10 hodin v jihočeských Prachaticích.

Doprovodný program v Prachaticích po celý den.

Jan Nepomuk Neumann (Jan Prachatický) se narodil před 200 lety (28. 3. 1811, Prachatice), vloni jsme si připomněli 150 let od jeho úmrtí. (5. 1. 1860, Philadelphie, USA).

MILADA KOZAKOVÁ

As Jesus died and rose from the dead, so God will bring with Jesus all those who believe in Him. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Born

October 30, 1922.
in Českoslovakia

Died

March 30, 2011.
Glendale, California

Memorial Service

on Friday April 15, 2011
Bishop Peter Esterka, officiating



VÁCLAV PAVELKA

Almighty God, hear our prayers for our deceased brother Wenceslaus, and strengthen our hope that as your Son rose from the dead, so he too will be raised to new life and that we find each other in you again.

Born

August 16, 1914.
in Českoslovakia

Died

April 7, 2011.
in Glendale, California

Memorial Service

on Friday April 15, 2011
Bishop Peter Esterka, officiating



believers, because we did not see soldiers ready to act in front of any other monument or church. Back to the Virgin Mary. Tradition says that the first Christian community lived here. All in all, this Church believes that Mary died in Jerusalem. However, the local community has always believed that she died here in Efes and has always celebrated August 15th as the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. It's interesting how this cottage, well big house according to our standards, was rediscovered. In the beginning of the 19th century, there lived a nun in Germany, Catherine Emmerich, who besides the gift of stigmata also had visions. Not only did she exactly describe the last place where Mary lived and eventually died, but also the events that led up to St. Thomas' discovery of her empty tomb. In the end of the 19th century, French priest Gouyet set out to find the place described by the visions, and to his great surprise, found them. After many years of doubts and debates about the authenticity of this location, all struggles were greatly rewarded by its proclamation as a place of pilgrimage by Pope Paul VI. From then on, it has been unceasingly visited by pilgrims from around the world. Not even John Paul II and Benedict XVI were any exception as well as Paul VI who blessed this rare place with his presence during his pontificate. Just in case you were ever near this area, mass is served here every Sunday at 10 am.

From here it is only a short distance to Selcuk, the place where St. John spent the last moments of his life, where there are remains of a basilica named after him and a tomb in which he is buried. The place has an atmosphere of biblical importance as it was in the surrounding area that he wrote his Gospels and Revelations. An atmosphere that is carried out in the daily readings of his text. In short- an exceptional and unforgettable place. This ended our biblical voyage and we continued on, fully immersing ourselves in worldly joys. We decided to visit the world famous hot springs in the village of Pamukkale and we hoped that they would have the same effect, possibly beautify us, the way Cleopatra hoped, whom one of the springs is named after. As far as beauty goes, I'm really not quite sure, because I can still see those wrinkles in the mirror, but as far as relaxation goes, it was wonderful. We were in desperate need of it because the drive here and back took seven hours, plus it was through villages because there is no highway, so we traveled from one red stoplight to the next. And, where there is a highway, they want an ungodly toll which they don't tell you about beforehand and which they tailor depending on their momentary mood. We wouldn't give in though. We sat by the toll collector for more than half an hour letting all the cars stuck behind us in traffic honk, until the man and his colleagues finally understood that we are no pushovers and that they have to show us some respect and especially fairness. Patience and strong nerves persevered and we proudly drove off without having to pay any unfairly demanded payments. A priceless experience, believe me!

to be concluded next issue



Holy Mass will be celebrated outside at 1:30 in the afternoon, followed by a picnic meal of steak or chicken prepared on the grill. 2:30– 6:00.

SONGS, CONVERSATION
TOMBOLA !

ATTENTION

On June 12, we will have Mass outdoors at our Velehrad, followed by our annual picnic. In the past we had our picnics in the garden at Oberreiters. Now that we have Velehrad, we can enjoy our meal in the spacious back yard. This year, as in the past, we will serve steak or chicken. The price per serving will be \$ 15.00, when reservations are mailed in advance with a check enclosed. Without a prepaid reservation the price is \$ 18 per portion. Be sure to book in advance.

Bring your swimsuit and towel.

Reservations are required. Send Coupon (below) by June 8.



I(We) will attend the June 12 annual Mass (1:30PM) and picnic (2:30-5PM) at Velehrad:

Send with check, made out to **RC Czech Mission**, to: **Bishop Peter Esterka, 344 Koch Ave, Placentia, CA 92870 by June 8.**

Name: _____

Preferred entree @ \$18.00 at the door; \$15.00 with reservation
per person: _____Steak _____Chicken

Tel.number: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

I/We can help with ☐ Bring gifts for tombola, ☐ Sell tickets for meal and games, ☐ Come early to decorate and set up serving areas, ☐ Assist with setting up and taking down chairs and tables
☐ Bring side dishes and desserts, ☐ help serve, ☐ Entertain.



LA Easter Sunday Mass and Egg Hunt



VACATION IN TURKEY

(by Maria Peterka, continued from last issue)

We finally took off, left the European coast and, within half an hour, found ourselves in Asia. I don't know what we were expecting. Apparently some kind of shocking change in landscape, cuisine or language, because we unconsciously associate this

continent with a culture whose writing resembles scattered loose leaf tea. But nothing! No surprises, no changes.

After some delicious cheese, olives, yogurt and cucumbers, we regained our strengths and ventured into the first historical city right around the corner: to Troy. To our surprise, we found it was pretty crowded. In reality, there are nine cities of Troy on top of each other. As time passed and history accumulated, city stacked on city resulted in quite a few meters of ruins both wide and deep. Understandably, the most famous is Helen's Troy; famous for the wooden horse and Peloponnesian Wars. Again the time came and we had to leave this world famous place to encounter another historical great-Aristotle. We found him in a small village Assos a few kilometers from Troy, where he founded a school of philosophy and where we were greeted by images of his ageless face beaming down on us at every step. A romantic view of the stone village made the incredible historical experience even more enchanting. After a long day full of adventures we sat down for a well deserved rest. However, it was not meant to be, because at eleven at night we were woken to the sound of prayer from the local minarets. It spread like wildfire with no chance of escape. The sound rang in our ears for a while, taking us a long time to fall back asleep. But oh, at four in the morning this pious ritual began again. I have nothing against prayer of any religion, quite the contrary, but forced prayer at such an ungodly time of night is beyond me. And from the reactions that were coming from the other houses full of tourists, I was definitely not alone. After an unexpected breakfast, eaten almost even before dawn, we ventured out through the city of Izmir all the way to the village of Guzlecamli where we settled in the hotel Faustina and couldn't wait to head out to nearby places full of biblical history. We first set out to Efes, the place from which St. Paul sent his letters. There is nothing here that would evoke the feeling of these timeless writings. There is no mention of such a great biblical persona, even though St. Paul supposedly spent three years of his life here.

That however is not the case with the Virgin Mary who lived and died in a house not 8 kilometers from Efes. She was brought here by St. John who was entrusted to care for her by Jesus himself right before his death while hanging from the cross. Right after our arrival to this interesting place, we were aware of the wonderfully peaceful atmosphere, despite the machine guns pointed straight at us. The local army is always ready to protect the pilgrims against any unrest. ⁷ It wasn't quite clear to us whether they were really meant to protect Christians