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You are invited



**TO OUR
CZECH
LITURGY!**

In SAN Diego our holy Mass will begin on Saturday, February 22, at 3:00 pm in the Hall of St. John's Parish, on the corner of Normal and Lincoln. After Mass will be the Fašiangová zábava.

In LOS ANGELES Holy Mass will be held on Sunday, February 23, at 1:30 pm in the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda CA 92886. After Mass a meal will be served. Suggested donation \$10.00; parky \$5.00

In SAN FRANCISCO our next Czech Mass will be on Sunday, March 2, at 11:00 am in the auditorium of STAR OF THE SEA Church, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, CA. Refreshments will follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: March Masses SD 15, La 16, SF 23.

CALIFORNIA / FEBRUARY 2014

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF OUR expatriate missions in California ?

Summary of discussions with O. Bishop Vaclav Maly, the newly appointed commissioner for the spiritual care of Czechs living abroad, with Bishop Peter Esterka and the board of the mission in Los Angeles.

Our mission is aging, we have few young people. What will happen to us if Bishop Esterka's health will not allow his further service? Is there a chance that we might get a new priest? Unfortunately, the Czech Republic, let alone abroad, is experiencing the lack of priests, and cannot fulfill the needs of their own local parishes. The Czech country is a priority for the Czech Bishops' Conference, just because the Czech Republic is generally a very atheistic country, while in the U.S. Catholics are better accepted. Another pitfall is jurisdiction. For example, in Toronto P. Libor Švorčík responsible to both his Czech bishop and the local bishop; his work is the result of an agreement between Litoměřice and the Diocese of Toronto. Bishop Esterka has only limited jurisdiction over missionary priests. To make the whole process transparent, it would be necessary to have a new diocese for expatriate missions abroad. Finally, we should mention the practical, hence the financial, side of things. The usual priestly salary is 4000 USD per month, plus food, accommodation and health insurance. The funds of the mission can contribute only about 1000 USD, and Bishop Esterka de facto lives on his private income. We constantly have to deal with the lack of finances, because although we do have rich people who have promised substantial donations, none of this has yet materialized. What are the other options, the solution to our situation? If a Czech priest worked part time for our mission and for a standard American parish, many would find it inadequate. To do both would be a lot of work. Czech Masses are only once a month, but at three different locations spaced over 500 miles, adding funerals, weddings, baptisms and other pastoral activities, it is more than a half-time job. A priest from somewhere other than the Czech Republic who would have learned Czech? That also is probably not a solution. He would have the language, but lack the cultural experience and the Czech mentality. Bishop Maly promised that if we process our requirements and budget, and submit the request to the Czech Bishops' Conference, it will be considered. However, as already stated, the missions have relatively low priority on the agenda of the CBK and everything would depend on the initiative of a particular priest and the agreement of his diocese. That's why we ask you, brothers and sisters, think about what you just read and try to contribute to solutions according to their possibilities about the future of our expatriate mission! And above all, let us pray that God will keep Bishop Esterka in good health for many years!

Summary by Katerina Capkova

FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA
Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California



We are proceeding with planning for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Czech mission in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco. To commemorate this important event we would like to create a publication of photographs and historical articles about events that happened during that time, not just famous people, but all of you who are interested in financially supporting our efforts. Any family announcements, greetings, memorials for deceased family members, or business announcements and ads are welcome. Copies of this publication will be given to you for your contribution. Prices will be :

Back cover, full color	\$500
Inside covers, full color	\$250
Full page, full color	\$200
Full page, two colors	\$150
Half page, full color	\$120
Full page, black and white	\$100
Half page, two color	\$80
Half page, black and white	\$60
Quarter page, black and white only	\$40

You are invited to send your business announcement or your logo or personal photo in the form of "print ready artwork" to Frank Onderka, who is coordinating this project.

You have time to prepare your contribution to the book, but as soon as you are ready, send it with an enclosed check to Frank at Chateau Properties, 1128 W Gardena Blvd Suite 2, Gardena, CA, 90247. It should be sent as soon as you can, but no later than July 15, 2014. If you need more information or have ideas regarding the planned publication, please contact Frank at the telephone number of his office, (310) 768-1836. His fax is (310) 768-3472, and the number at home is (310) 532-1829. E - mail: frankgvlion@aol.com

Fašiangová zábava



Dear friends,

On behalf of the members of Karička you are invited cordially to enjoy our pre-Lent party, to be held on the 22nd February, 2014, in the Hall of St. John's Church, 4005 Normal Street, San Diego, 92103, beginning at 5 pm. Shrove Tuesday fun was traditional in Slovakia and also in Moravia and Bohemia. It offered abundance, excess and entertainment before the long period of Lent. Crucial to the custom were escorts in masks, and music and dancing.

Masks are welcome, along with friends to add to our escorts and to sing folk songs. We will welcome special guests Devin's Folk Ensemble II, and artistic director Daniela Laman. DJ Martin will see to the fun.

We look forward to seeing you there!!

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2013 (1/1/2013- 12/31/2013)**

DONATIONS

COLLECTIONS 36,301
MAIL 5,280

TOTAL DONATIONS 41,581

TOTAL INCOME 41,581

EXPENSES

Rent for churches 3,475
Salary/medical for bishop 12,998
Velehrad household 9,416
Program Expenses - tombola 175
Office 2,973
Car and California air travel 3,886
Vestnik printing and mailing 4,200

TOTAL EXPENSES 37,123

BALANCE 4,458

ASSETS

RC Czech Mission **checking** 9,044.06
share 2,318.83

TOTAL ASSETS 11,362.89

VELEHRAD CALIFORNIA CZECH CATHOLIC MISSION, Inc.

DONATIONS Building Fund 3,695

EXPENSES 13,712

County assessments 850.00
Loan payments 12,000.00
Insurance 862.66
Balance (10,017)

ASSETS 10,123.25

Building Fund checking 4,825.33
Savings 5,297.92
Equity in 344 Koch Ave 500,000 +

LIABILITY Remaining balance on loan (1.1.14) (362,665)

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ÚNOR • FEBRUARY

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- 8.+Dr. Lud'ka Kozlíka - manželka Brigitte
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KAREL SKROB

+ *January 19, 2014*

“Requiescat in pace!”



JANUARY - 2014

Income from Mission collections: \$1,770.00

SD collection: \$350.00; LA collection: \$810.00, meal \$410.00.

Regular Expenses: \$1,815.00

\$1,000.00 Bishop's salary; 250.00 (rent za farní halu v San Diegu 50, LA 200); **\$120.00 (gas, car maintenance); Věstník printing: \$215.00 +230.00 (postage).**

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

OUR MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST ONLY AS LONG AS WE SUPPORT IT FINANCIALLY.

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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