

Byzantine Catholic Serra Club



of Pittsburgh

O God, grant an increase of laborers
for Your Church.

"Our mission...

...is to foster, affirm, promote and support, by prayer and deed, vocations to the priestly and diaconal ministries and to the consecrated life, in the Byzantine Catholic Church."

Wednesday, January 22, 2014
6:30 p.m. Pizza Party
Seminary

JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Pizza Party – We will have a Pizza Party at the Seminary on Wednesday, January 22 starting at 6:30 pm. Please bring either a Salad or Dessert to the party.

If you are planning to attend, please call either Frank Chiprich (724) 258-7122 or Rich Trankocy (412) 672-4665 by Sunday, January 18, 2014.

February Dinner Meeting – We will return to the Crowne Plaza Hotel – South for our meeting on February 19 at 6:30 p.m. Metropolitan William will be our Speaker.

SAVE THE DATE! – Saturday March 15, 2014 is the Date for our Lenten Retreat at Mount St, Macrina, it will start around 9:30 an includes Lunch.

New Deacon – In one of his first official ceremonies, Passaic Bishop Kurt R. Burnette ordained Steven Galuschik a Deacon on January 6, 2014 in New Jersey. Our Serra Club sent a \$50 gift to Deacon Steven.

Christmas Party – It appears that our honored guest, St. Nicholas tried to sneak in unnoticed as Serrans, Seminarians, Sisters and Seminary Staff sang "O Kto Kto". Now isn't he the sly one? (L-R: Stella Druga, St. Nicholas, Seminarian Michael Bezruchka, Sr. Margaret Kapusnak, OSBM. Below, l-r: Angie Warhola, Patty Bovee and Joe Warhola in their holiday finery.)



(continued)



St. Nicholas (I) Toasts the New Year – *wishing you the blessings of health and prosperity in 2014!*

DUES ARE DUE! – We remind all Serrans that with the beginning of a new year, your dues are due. Please remit your check to Rich for \$55/semi-annual, \$110/year (12/1/2013-11/30/2014).

January 8 Board Meeting – Frank Chiprich, Patty Bovee, Bill Kress, Mike Pillar, Joe Senko, John Tomko, Rich Trankocy, Joe Warhola and Father Valerian attended.

Since the Serra USA and International dispute has been resolved, the Board decided to reinstate our dues of \$23.50/member to Serra USA Council.

The Board made plans for Sunday May 18's Dinner at the Crowne Plaza to honor the first class of Deacons as they celebrate their 10th anniversary this year. Fr. John Petro will be asked to speak, as he was instrumental in making this happen.

John Tomko reported that we received a \$100 check as a Christmas gift from GCU Lodge 53, and he gave the check to Treasurer Rich Trankocy. Rich gave the Treasurer's Report.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 22, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Pizza Party, SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary

February 5, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting, St. Gregory's

February 19, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Meeting, Crowne Plaza

Extended Dates

Board Meetings: March 6 (Thursday), April 3, May 7 and June 4

Meetings/Events: March 15 – Saturday Lenten Day of Reflection, April 23, May 18 – Dinner Honoring the Deacons of the First Deacon Class on their 10th anniversary, June 18 – Induction of New Members.