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Friends of Poland - Well, today is Palm Sunday. If you are a christian, we hope you are wearing a piece of blessed palm, preferably in the form of a cross, as a public profession of your faith in Christ.

How about a polka TULAK

in honor of the newly elected officers of the I.C. Holy Name Society - president Stanislaus Janeczek jr; vice-president Joseph Bujak; recording secretary Donald Tomczyk; financial secretary George Schatzel; treasurer Joseph Gregor aszczuk sr; and marshall Sylvester Brown.

Well, today we begin Holy Week. So, let's all enter into the spirit of Holy Week, by devoting a little more time this week, to prayer, good deeds and meditation on the sacred passion of Christ, in atonement and satisfaction for our many moral slips, falls and transgressions in the service of our God.

Next Thursday is Holy Thursday when we commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist.

The liturgy attended with a solemn procession will take place at 9 a.m. at the I.C. Church, after which the Blessed Sacrament will repose all day at a specially prepared and beautifully adorned altar for the veneration of the faithful.

It has become traditional for Catholics to visit the repository Holy Thursday in all the churches.

Hundreds upon hundreds visit the Holy Repository at the I.C.Church. If you have already in the past, then you know why. If you don't know why, then visit I.C.Church next Thursday.

If I.C. is any criterion, then we can say that not a few non-catholics visit the Holy Re

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pository in our churches Holy Thursday.

Lest you hesitate, being a non-catholic, let us assure you that you are most welcome to visit I.C.Church Holy Thursday for a few minutes of prayer and meditation.

By the way, the novena to Our Lady of Victory for the safety and speedy return of your loved ones in the service, will take place as usual Thursday evening at 7.30.

Incidentally, any number of our non-catholic friends are ~~making~~ attending this novena. One non-catholic family comes all the way from Flatbush. So why not join us.

Next Friday is Good Friday when we commemorate the death of Christ on the cross. The liturgy of the Mass of the Pre-sanctified will begin at 8 a.m. at the I.C.Church.

The cross plus the relic of the true cross will be exposed for the veneration of the faithful all day.

This may interest you: it is an old Polish tradition to expose the Blessed Sacrament all day not ~~only~~ Holy Thursday, but Good Friday & Holy Saturday as well for the veneration of the faithful.

However, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Blessed Sacrament, though exposed, is hidden behind a transparent veil, to symbolize that during these last ~~two~~ days of Holy Week, Christ is hiding His divinity, so to speak. The purpose is to lay stress on Christ's human suffering, lest some one doubt his real passion because of His divinity.

Again the converse is true: the Blessed Sacrament, tho exposed, is hidden behind a transparent veil, to symbolize that tho Christ is suffering like a common mortal, yet in that sacred body ~~of His~~ is hidden His divinity.

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In a word, the symbolism behind the transparent veil, is that Christ is not only man but God as well, that the person of Christ has not only a divine nature but a human nature as well.

So, why not stop in for a visit Good Friday to pay homage to your Redeemer exposed for your veneration over the sepulchre.

The Way of the Cross will take place Good Friday evening at 7.30 in memory of Christ's crucifixion.

While you ponder on these thoughts and assimilate some of them, we hope - we will honor with music Mr. John Szulc who today is 90 years young & his daughter, Mrs. Frank Van derburg who are also celebrating their birthday. CHERRY PICKERS POLKA.

x pfc Robert Braun + Mrs. Walter Schmidt

Next Saturday is Holy Saturday when the liturgy will begin at 7 a.m. with the blessing of fire; the blessing of the 3 branch candle stick, signifying the Trinity and the 3 Marys at the sepulchre; the blessing of the paschal candle, ~~signifying~~ symbolizing the Resurrected Christ, as the Light of the world; the blessing of the 4 grains of incense, signifying the cross and the wounds of Christ; the blessing of fresh & new Holy Water etc! for baptism etc etc.

This is followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, during which the purple coverings are removed from the statues, at the solemn singing of the Gloria, when for the first time since Holy Thursday the bells will be rung in token of the Resurrection.

May we remind you that the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day Holy Saturday behind a transparent veil, over the sepulchre for your veneration.

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The Blessed Sacrament will be restored to the tabernacle at 8 p.m.

Let us mention a tradition which is observed the world over wherever people of Polish extraction are found. Food is blessed by the parish priest Holy Saturday, that is, Easter Sunday's dinner, called THE SWIENCONKA.

~~In the old country, that is, Poland~~//////

In the old days, it all came from mother's kitchen stove, the freshly baked bread and the roasts.

No matter how poor the home, 3 staple foods were and are always and everywhere found. Holy Saturday - jajka i kelbasa - eggs and Polish boloney.

Eggs as you already know, are symbols of resurrection - new life.

At Xmas time, as we already mentioned on this program, it is ~~traditonal~~ traditional for people of Polish extraction, to exchange Xmas greetings with a blessed wafer - the DZIELENIE OPLATKIEM.

Well, at Easter time, the exchange of Easter greetings takes place with an ~~Easter~~ ~~blessed~~ Easter Egg already blessed by the parish priest Holy Saturday - the DZIELENIE JAJKIEM.

So if you visit a home at Easter Time where they cut a blessed egg to share it with you, you'll know what it is all about.

Yes, it is about time for ~~a~~ ~~polka~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ more music and it's going to be NOWO MODNA POLKA - NEW STYLE POLKA. for Sister Catherine of the Benedictine Hospital, a very devoted listener whose only complaint is a flattering one - that are program is all too short. Boż zmiłac Sister Catherine.

The solemn Resurrection service will begin at 6 a.m. at I.C. It is elaborate & symbolical.

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First, the priest in the company of the altar boys, proceeds to the sepulchre where he sprinkles with holy water and incenses the lifeless crucified body of Christ; then he covers it with a linen sheet. ~~Next to the bare cross and surmounted over the sepulchre~~

Next to the bare elevated cross and surmounted over and next to the sepulchre, ~~is~~ a statue of the Risen Christ is exposed.

Then the Blessed Sacrament is exposed which is carried in procession. As the priest faces the congregation, holding aloft the Blessed Sacrament, he intones aloud WESOLY LAM DZIS DZIWN NASTAL - AT LAST THE GLORIOUS DAY HAS DAWNED.

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He then marches about the church 3 times in the company of the members of the ~~parish~~ societies of the parish.

This is followed by ~~the solemn~~ a solemn Mass before the Blessed Sacrament exposed over the high altar. The liturgy ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At 10.30 Easter Sunday, there will be a sermon in Polish followed by Solemn Mass at 11.

And so we have been for an unbroken period of 100 years. We will play some polkas which we will play for the jubilee of Benedictine.

And so DO WIDZEMIA UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY at 5 minutes after 4 when the I.C. Choir will ~~recall~~ recall us with some traditional Polish Easter hymns. Oh, yes, we'll play some polkas too.

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God bless you and yours. And BOG ZAPLAC FOR LISTENING.

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