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ZOE for Life!® Annual Prayer for the Unborn

Our annual prayer service this year took place on January 16, 2022 at St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma Ohio. His Grace Bishop Irinej of the Serbian Diocese of Eastern America presided over our annual Prayer for the Unborn. The Service was for the unborn, their parents, the souls of those who perished from abortion and for those who would end their lives. The Service was concelebrated by the Venerable Hieromonk Nektarije (Tesanovic) of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church in Lorain, Ohio, the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Stavrophor Remus Grama of St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio, and the Rev. Deacon Milan Damljanovic, of St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Parma, Ohio. Responses were rendered by Maksim Damljanovic. Support for live stream technical services was provided by the Very Rev. Father Aleksa Pavichevich of St. George's Serbian Church in North Canton OH.

His Grace Bishop Irinej has been a strong advocate and supporter of ZOE for Life!® for many years. He spoke of the beginnings and ministry of ZOE for Life!® and emphasized how the gift of discernment, Orthokrisia, is fundamental to those who work with women in



crisis pregnancies. He further described the very nature of Motherhood and the tenderness as fundamental, unrequited love, which is deeply rooted in the intuitive relationship of a mother, who offers, and her child, who receives. His Grace presented the relationship between

Human Rights and the Human Person and quoted the remarks of Jaroslav Pelikan, noting that the question of abortion and the right of the unborn child to life is "the great human rights issue of our time."



This year the Prayer for the Unborn and the presentation that followed were offered both in-person and as live-streamed. There were many in the church and many that attended via live-stream. Feedback that was received has been very positive and very enlightening, in particular the comment from a viewer below:

"had never heard our Pro-Life stance articulated like that! That totally changed my perception"

The prayer service and the presentation were recorded and are available for viewing on the Serbian Orthodox Church Diocese of Eastern America and can be reached through the following link:

https://www.easterndiocese.org/news_220122_2

The Circle of Serbian Sisters offered a meal afterwards to all that attended in-person. We thank them for all their kindness and for a lovely dinner.

We thank all who attended or logged into the view the live-stream. We especially thank His Grace Bishop Irinej for his strong support and for his inspirational and enlightening presentation.

2020 Gifts ...

We gratefully acknowledge EVERY donation made to this life-affirming ministry! The following have been named specifically.

In Honor Of:

9/11
Aliquippa Philoptochos Members
All St. Alexis Kids
Anna
Matushka Debbie Clements
Kathy and PJ Ferder
Fr. Michael, Michael, Peter,
Juliana, Eric, Olga and Deb
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Paulette, Mary and Charmaine

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Robert Padousis
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Peter
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Petrykowski
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Daniel Resanovic
Robert
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Roseanne Sepsick
Phillip Serene
Pamela Tedford
Peter D. Tatsis
Virginia
Deacon John Zarras

In Memory of Those Lost of COVID-19:

Benito
Friends
Maria Stanciulescu



For the Special Occasion of:

Baby Bottle Drive
Merry Christmas
St. Katherine Feast Day

Prayer for the Unborn Service at St. Innocent

A beautiful service for the unborn victims of abortion and their mothers was served at St. Innocent Orthodox Church in Olmsted Falls, Ohio. We gathered on Thursday January, 28, 2022, to join Fr. Peter Simko and his parish community in prayer. After the service, a short presentation was given by Kathy Kovalak, Executive Director of ZOE House® and Board Member of ZOE for Life!®



Kathy talked about the history of this ministry, what our mission is, as well as what has been happening at ZOE House®. She also shared the hopes and dreams of ZOE for Life!® for the future.

St. Innocent Church has always been a faithful supporter of this ministry, not only financially, but also with items donated and work done at ZOE House® itself.

After Kathy's presentation, many offered to volunteer their time meeting with mothers in need, always most welcome! Then the parish overwhelmed Kathy with their very generous donation of a van load of baby items collected to help those we serve at ZOE House®. God bless you all!

The Grace Given to All

Advent and Christmas make us mindful of the supreme love and trust the Virgin Mary has in Our Father. She was raised in the temple and through her education there she knew that soon the Messiah would be born, as the prophets had foretold. How devastatingly humbled she must have felt at His choosing her to bear His Son, the Lord and Savior of the world! It is incredible to even try to imagine. But in her humility and obedience, she agreed and said nothing to anyone. She waited on God's Divine providence and provision.

Consider, are we as believers not sharers in her Divine mission? Are we not asked to bring Christ into a hurting world? Is not our assignment the same, but in a different way?

The Mother of God carried the Christ Child with her everywhere she went, holding Him close, nurturing Him. If we give ourselves the time to feel this too, in

our hearts and in our souls, we can begin to recognize that the miracle of His coming into the world to save, engages us too. Is this not an incredible thought, that we are found worthy to bring Him to others?

How can we accomplish this this holy calling?

The Grace and Love of God is shared in myriad ways - some share it through service to others, some through preaching, some through sharing the material blessings He has bestowed upon them. Some share His love through art, or music or writing. Which is your gift? Which of His Graces has He granted you?

Whatever your gift, share it with the utmost dignity and devotion, as it was bestowed upon you. Let His Grace and Love glow so brightly within you, that it will shine in the hearts of all you meet, so that they will yearn for this grace as well.

ZOE Women's Center® Update

Reaching Out to Abortion Minded and Abortion Vulnerable Women

God willing, by the time you read this, ZOE Women's Center® will have hired a full time Executive Director, who will be our first full time employee. Theirs will be a very impactful position, drawing all the strings of assets and volunteers together, allowing us to serve His children, and save the lives of unborn. Thanks to your continued prayers and support, we will be able to more precisely reach out to abortion minded and

abortion vulnerable women in unplanned pregnancies, to empower them to make life affirming decisions for themselves and the children they carry.

This is God's work. We are beyond honored to serve Him. If you feel moved to get involved, please don't hesitate to call Paula at 440-893-9990. God bless you!

What's New at ZOE House®

By God's grace, ZOE House® continues to serve the greater Cleveland area, providing baby items free of charge to Moms in need. Our goal at ZOE House® is to help moms keep their babies safe and healthy, and also to offer her other resources that can be of assistance to her and her family. Although the number of clients served has decreased since the start of the pandemic, we are seeing a gradual increase the past few months. We continue to be blessed with so many generous donations not only from the Orthodox community but from many others wanting to help.

Recently we helped a family who had to flee Afghanistan. They came to the U.S. with nothing. They have two children another on the way. We were able to give

them with a new car seat, clothing, diapers, shoes, socks, and even toys for the older children. When her baby is born, she will be welcomed back for six more visits to gain assistance.

Last month we were visited by a mother who came from Somalia. She has five children and was pregnant, without a husband. We were also able to provide her with a new car seat and diapers and clothing for the new baby. Both were very grateful. Thank you to our very loving volunteers who help these moms and also to all of you who have given your help in many ways so we may assist these moms who are so greatly in need.





Join Our Bottles for Babies Campaign

We want to send you a baby bottle, and ask you to fill it with loose change. What could be simpler? Simply empty your change into the bottle every day. When it is full, take it to the bank and send the cash to ZOE for Life!®. Reuse and repeat! Contact Georgiann at cgbod@sbcglobal.net.



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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Are you a physician who is wanting to help confirm the sanctity life of the unborn? ZOE Women's Center® is in need of a licensed physician to read ultrasounds to confirm the viability of pregnancy. This is pro bono work, and currently occurs once a quarter. We are hoping this will increase. Please contact Paula at 440-893-9990 to help.

ZOE for Life!® Southern Tier Chapter News

We are excited about having two potential options for a physical space where we can set up an office, receive clients, and store materials for distribution. We hope to begin getting things established within the next couple of months.

We are grateful for donations of some furniture and a computer, as well as monetary donations. Our website is being planned, and will be under construction within weeks, due to the generous help of a knowledgeable volunteer. We're in the process of recruiting parish ambassadors to help spread awareness, raise funds, collect infant supplies, expand our mailing list, and plan events. We're in need of local or remote help from volunteers with accounting, legal, PR, IT, website building and maintenance, event planning, fundraising, counseling, or social work expertise. (New York State experience would be most helpful.)

As always, we encourage your prayers for the continued advancement of this life-affirming ministry.

For more information about our needs, and to offer support contact Matushka Marge Kappanadze at mkappanadze@gmail.com or (607) 259-2646.

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