

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



With joy and pleasure I wish you and your loved ones, a happy, healthy and Merry Christmas. May Baby Jesus shower you with warmth and peace throughout the New Year.

In love of the Newborn Christ,
Fr. Henryk Noga, SVD



Calendar for Christmas Season 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE - Friday, December 24

Vigil Mass in English, 4:00pm
Vigil Mass in English, 10:00pm
Live Nativity 11:00pm – 12:00 Midnight
Shepherd's Mass in Polish, 12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY - Saturday, December 25

Latin Tridentine Mass, 7:00am
Mass in English, 9:00am
Mass in Polish, 10:30am

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Saturday, January 1, 2011

Vigil Mass in English, December 31, 6:00pm
Latin Tridentine Mass, 10:00am
Mass in English, 4:00pm
Mass in Polish, 7:30pm



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Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! *Wesołych Świąt! Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!* In this Holy Season, as we joyfully anticipate the Birth of Christ, the Community of the Pope John Paul II Polish Center in Yorba Linda extends best wishes to everyone. We wish you an abundance of blessings, peace, joy and love – may the wonder of Christmas dwell in your hearts and in your homes! In this busy time of the year may our thoughts and activities reflect the true meaning of this Holy Season, may we remember to “Keep Christ in Christmas”, and joyfully celebrate His coming!

A variety of Christmas events are taking place at the Polish Center in Yorba Linda – traditional events, so special and dear to every Polish heart. The annual “Jaselka” (Nativity Play) on December 12th, beautifully performed by the students of the Helena Modrzejewska Polish School was followed by the “Wigilia” Dinner, sharing of the Oplatek and singing of carols. Knights of Columbus Blessed Father Jerzy Popieluszko Council spread Christmas cheer while happily wining and dining after lighting Christmas sign and tree at the Center. In the same spirit members of the Ladies Guild shared friendship at their annual Christmas Brunch at a local Restaurant.

Since this Holy Season would not be complete without some charitable action, Polish Center's community participated in spreading Christmas cheer to less fortunate people in our midst and shared their hearts, time and goods with the needy. Knights of Columbus organized assistance to the poor and needy in the area with donations of food and other necessities. In the same spirit Ladies Guild has made generous donations to a few charitable organizations.

Many members of the Center are looking forward to the annual “Oplatek / Polonia Awards” Luncheon sponsored by the Polish American Congress of Southern California. This event will take place on Sunday, January 2nd at the *Quiet Cannon Restaurant* in Montebello. It will include Polonia Awards ceremony during which a member of our Center: Stanisław Czarnota will be one of the honorees. Also honored will be Frank de Balogh and Michał i Danuta Zawadzki (posthumously). Congratulations! Info. & reservations: Marty Cepielik (626) 577-9797, Natalia Kamińska (626) 282-4686, Michael Dutkowski (714) 608-0511.

The Polish Center's Folk Dance group “Polanie” is busy planning another famous “Sylvester” – a New Year Eve Gala which will take place at the Center to usher in the New Year 2010. Tickets: \$ 60 - includes fabulous dinner, dancing to the music of the group “Pax”, and evening of fun and elegant enjoyment. Information: (949) 495-6622. To continue celebration of this Holy Season of Christmas, an evening of “Koleđowanie” (Caroling), sponsored by “Polanie”, is on the calendar for January 8th.

Once again, we wish everyone a very Blessed, Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! *Wesołych Świąt! And Dosiego Nowego Roku!*

“Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;
Let every hart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing!”

Isaac Watts

We are sorry to announce the passing of Adam Nowak – Przygodzki, who died on December 17th after a long illness. Our condolences go to his family: wife Zofia, daughter Helen (Paul) Kogat, sons: Greg Nowak and Tony (Jill) Nowak-Przygodzki, and many grandchildren.

Adam Nowak - Przygodzki was a long standing and very active member of the Pope John Paul II Polish Center in Yorba Linda and one of the Center's Founders. He was also 4th degree Knight of Columbus. Rosary will take place on December 22nd at 7pm, and Funeral Mass on December 23 at 10am – both at the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Dr. Yorba Linda. Burial at the Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange. He will be greatly missed. May God grant him eternal rest and happiness.

now ordered their publication online, the state archive said.

“Symbolic gesture”

One of the documents is a 5 March, 1940 letter from the then-head of the Soviet secret police or NKVD, Lavrenty Beria, to Soviet leader Joseph Stalin, recommending the execution of Polish prisoners of war.

Beria refers to them as “steadfast, incorrigible enemies of Soviet power”. “Each of them is just waiting for liberation so as to actively join the struggle against Soviet power,” it says. The letter bears Stalin's signature in blue pencil, with the comment “In favour”.

Given that historians have already had access to the files for some time, correspondents say the decision to put them on the state archive website is likely to be seen as a symbolic gesture, rather than shedding new light on what happened at Katyn.

“We on the Russian side are showing absolute openness in telling what happened in Katyn and other places with Polish prisoners of war,” Russian state archive chief Andrei Artyzov was quoted as saying by Russian news agencies.

“All the basic documents about these events have been published.” Among the files that remain secret are documents

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CBS N.Y. news website

Baby Jesus Removed From S.I. Ferry Terminal

Reporting Ginny Kosola
NEW YORK (WCBS 880) – Baby Jesus is no longer welcome at the St. George Ferry Terminal, Ginny Kosola reports. WCBS 880's Ginny Kosola reports

Christmas trees decorate the Terminal on Staten Island, but the Nativity scene has been removed.

“Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Christmas, everybody should be able to celebrate,” said commuter Marian Oust.

A Department of Transportation spokesman was quoted as saying the agency didn't give permission for the Nativity scene, and that it was put up by workers.

One Salvation Army worker at the Terminal was disappointed, especially given the Christmas season. “There's a lot of us who don't know the true meaning of Christmas,” she said. □

Russia publishes Katyn massacre archives

A letter from Soviet Secret Police Chief Beria was among the files published. Russia has published online once-secret files on the 1940 Katyn massacre, in which some 22,000 members of the Polish elite were killed by Soviet forces.

The state archive said the “Packet No. 1” original files had until now only been available to researchers.

The Soviet Union denied its role in the massacre for decades. But relations between Russia and Poland have warmed since the Polish president and others were killed in a plane crash on their way to a Katyn commemoration.

The six documents that were published on the state archive website were declassified in 1992 on the order of the then-Russian president, Boris Yeltsin. Current President Dmitry Medvedev had

Dear Friends,

The Polish American Film Society would like to thank you for your support of the Polish Film Festival Los Angeles.

As the year, in which we organized two festivals, comes to a close we would like to announce the dates of the Twelfth Annual Polish Film Festival Los Angeles. We will celebrate the achievements of Polish filmmakers from October 11 to October 20, 2011.

As a loyal supporter of the Polish Film Festival Los Angeles you recognize the importance of promoting Polish film and Polish culture in Hollywood.

As the end of the year is upon us we want to give you the opportunity to make a tax-deductible donation to the Polish Film Festival Los Angeles, which you can write off when filing your taxes for 2010. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please make your invaluable, tax-deductible financial contributions to: Polish American Film Society and mail your checks to 7726 Ethel Ave., North Hollywood, CA 91605, or go on line to <http://www.polishfilmla.org> and make a donation through PayPal.

The Festival continues to grow each year by screening more films and drawing larger crowds. As we grow, we seek increased support for this truly unique and rewarding “Holiday of Polish Cinema.” This is where our friends, patrons and valued sponsors (you can find sponsorship opportunities on our web site) can help.

Without such generosity and support, this event would not be possible.

We thank you for your anticipated support.

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with Board of Directors
and Members of the Honorary Committee

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