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Celebrating PCHF's 20th Anniversary

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This coming April of 2020 marks the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Preserve Croatian Heritage Foundation ("PCHF"). It began with the initiation by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's ("PennDOT") Route 28/East Ohio Street Project. When a group of parishioners of the St. Nicholas Croatian Roman Catholic Church, North Side, Preservation Pittsburgh ("PP"), and then pastor of the church, Reverent Grgo Sikiric, became interested in the plight of the church and its surrounding neighborhood, PCHF was born. So much has happened since the year 2000.

In these past 20 years, PCHF has experienced many successes along with substantial disappointments. A few of our board members have passed on, and new members were recruited who surprisingly weren't



parishioners or even Catholic. For various reasons, many people became members of PCHF because they desired to join forces with PCHF in the effort to work towards saving and preserving the first Croatian parish in America. Some admired PCHF's perseverance, courage and tenacity to fight for a cause that they truly believed in, and never gave up on, regardless of the obstacles they faced. But St. Nick's parishioners and the preservationists are still here, forging on to keep the memory alive of St. Nicholas Church, North Side.

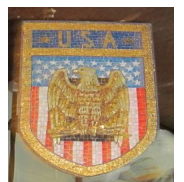
Looking back to 2001, PCHF's first significant accomplishment by PCHF's board members was winning the nomination and designation of St. Nicholas Church, N.S., as a City Historic Structure in the City of Pittsburgh by the Historic Review Commission and Pittsburgh City Council.

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LOST FOR SEVEN YEARS! By Kathleen Buric



Saint Nicholas Croatian Roman Catholic Church, North Side, had been adorned by three beautiful mosaics, one above the front door proudly emblazoned with "First Croatian Roman Catholic Church in America". To the left and right of St. Nicholas' front doors were two mosaics, one a coat of arms of the USA and one a coat of arms of Croatia. Upon demolition of St. Nicholas Church, N.S., in 2013, those mosaics were deliberately removed; however, no one seemed to know where they were taken to be stored.



Recently Reverend Nicholas Vaskov has been named director of the Catholic Shrines in Pittsburgh and had taken residence at the rectory of St. Nicholas Church, Millvale. Kathleen Buric and Susan Petrick of Preserve Croatian

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Later, PCHF worked towards and met the \$1.2 M in pledges that were required by Pittsburgh Diocesan officials to save the church building into perpetuity.

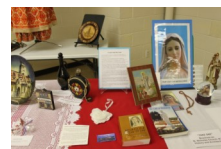
In 2003, PCHF held a unified Earth Day Event that included a walking tour from the St. Nicholas Church, Millvale, along the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks, and through the Mala Jaska neighborhood with a docent giving a church/grotto tour. Supported by Friends of the Riverfront, walkers also engaged in a litter clean-up along the way. The tour ended with a homemade, Croatian luncheon served in the Saint Nicholas Croatian Roman Catholic, N.S., lyceum with beautiful displays of authentic, Croatian artwork and memorabilia. Despite a continual light rain, hundreds of guests from all over the city participated in this tour with umbrellas in hand.

After Bishop Donald Wuerl closed St. Nicholas' doors in 2004 and announced that the church would no longer be a worship site, he indicated that St. Nicholas could become a Shrine and formed a Leadership Committee composed of prominent men in the community. This proved to be fruitless and a tactic designed to divert the attention away from abruptly closing St. Nick's doors without ever giving its parishioners the respect of a closing Mass.

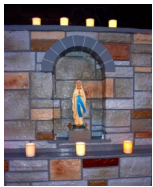
PCHF united with the Croatian American Cultural and Economic Alliance ("CACEA"), who proposed sales agreements to purchase the church. After waiting several months, the Diocesan officials responded to CACEA's attorney with terms of a contract that were unreasonable. Their non-negotiable Diocesan contract included forbidding distribution of alcoholic beverages in the social hall. Also, the Bishop could at his discretion exercise his right to terminate the agreement and reclaim the title, allowing the Diocese to repossess the church buildings in later years at minimal cost to the Diocese, even though millions could have been invested in the buildings. These unreasonable conditions left CACEA with no other choice but to reject the Diocese's conditions.

PCHF welcomed a partnership with the Northside Leadership Conference ("NSLC") in 2009, whose executives worked pro-bono and proposed several offers to the Diocese to purchase St. Nicholas Church, N.S., with the intention of turning the church into a national immigrant museum. Two feasibility studies were funded by PCHF and performed by reputable companies that proved favorable. The results of those studies found that the church would adapt well in its transition into a museum and that the museum and trail could expect to draw 50,000 visitors a year.

In response to the Diocesan request to have a geo-technical study performed to prove that the church was, in fact, stable and bore no threat to the general public as the Diocese had claimed, PCHF board members worked feverishly in just one weekend collecting the required funds to meet the Diocesan deadline. But the Diocese received a higher offer to purchase the church from the fraudulent Follieri Group, an Italian investment firm who bought up closed church real estate and had close connections with the Vatican. Even after Follieri's CEO was jailed for fraudulent real estate schemes, Bishop Zubik claimed that they had their own geo-tech study done on paper stating that St. Nick's Church was a threat to public safety. Five experts, including an engineer, an architect and a contractor intimately familiar with our church building countered this opinion, and the city's Historic Review Commission rejected the Diocesan study. No threat to the public was ever identified by the city's Building Inspection Department, city police or PennDOT, and no restrictions on Rt. 28 traffic were instituted



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to protect the public from the structure even during its demolition. But Diocesan officials never did give the green light for PCHF to have the geo-tech study performed, including a core drilling conducted as they had required.

NSLC, PP and PCHF members constantly performed on-site inspections of the church and worked continuously boarding up its windows and doors to deter vandals and thieves from regularly breaking into the church. PCHF paid thousands of dollars to have one of the onion-domed steeples repaired after its copper was stolen. When vandals were caught red-handed in the act of burglarizing the buildings by Pittsburgh police, the acting St. Nick's Millvale pastor refused to prosecute those vandals. PCHF's offers to install and pay for a security system were also denied.

In 2006 when the Route 28/East Ohio Street Project was being finalized, something amazing happened. George White, a retired, civil engineer and member of PP and Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation proposed Alternative 7 which was adopted by PennDOT. That Alternative moved the highway closer to the railroad tracks and saved all of the houses and green hillsides on Troy Hill Road that were in jeopardy and alleviated the need to build numerous 60' tall retaining walls — saving millions of tax payers' dollars. But most importantly, Alternative 7 eliminated the need for PennDOT to demolish St. Nicholas Church, N.S.

Despite their claims that the North Side church was a financial strain on the St. Nick's Millvale parish, Diocesan leaders refused all offers to sell the church property. Even the Urban Redevelopment Authority's ("URA") last ditch offer to the Millvale Parish of over \$350,000 one week before demolition was rejected -- an offer that could have easily saved the Millvale church thousands of dollars in demolition costs.

For years, PCHF has continued our St. Nick's Croatian traditions. We hosted the annual St. Nicholas Day Banquets, Memorial Day Services, All Souls Day Prayer Services at the St. Nick's Hahn Road Cemetery, Generations Together socials, Candlelight Prayer Services, wine tasting fund-raisers, and held church picnics at the Croatian Center. We designed a billboard advertising PCHF, sold logo wear with a beautiful, gold embroidered rendition of St. Nick's Church, sold brass ornaments commemorating our church's 100th Anniversary, as well as photo post cards and note cards depicting the St. Nicholas Church, N.S., the grotto and the St. Nicholas Church Historic Site. We compiled a DVD in 2000 that encompasses numerous photographs of church services/activities and a video portion with Reverend Grgo Sikiric, T.O.R., giving testimony of why St. Nicholas Church, N.S., should be saved. We created a church brochure and an amazing website that includes over 500 church-related photographs. PCHF participated in a National Preservation Conference, designed and financed the Children's Memorial Cemetery Plaque, sang at Crèche scenes in Downtown Pittsburgh, spent months collecting St. Nicholas Church, N.S.'s, artifacts that will be displayed at the Heinz History Center; and, most recently located and provided the Croatian Fraternal Union with many of our church's artifacts to be displayed in their museum for all to admire and appreciate.

Whether old or young, PCHF members were dedicated and relentless in the crusade to save our church and preserve its memory. But some battles cannot be won when the owner, Bishop David Zubik, ultimately chose demolition.

But the saga of St. Nicholas Church, N.S., has not ended with a dark cloud — PennDOT executives understood PCHF's plight well after St. Nick's was demolished. They respected the immigrants who built St. Nicholas Church, N.S., and what the parish contributed to this city. PennDOT officials worked with PCHF, PP

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and Troy Hill Citizens to design and build a beautiful and respectful historic site — a site reflective of the church's unique onion-domed steeples and that also would include a brass octagon ring embedded in the ground and located on the exact location of the church's main altar. The site also includes a seating wall commemorating St. Nick's Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, along with three vivid, interpretive panels that tell the story of our ancestors who built such a magnificent church and grotto and passes on the story of the immigrants who lived in the Mala Jaska neighborhood. In 2015, PCHF proudly celebrated a dedication ceremony for the St. Nicholas Church Historic Site and the PA State Historical marker, an event that drew in prestigious people from all over the world. Attending the ceremony were the Croatian Ambassador, the Mayor of Pittsburgh, representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the Jewish President of Preservation Pittsburgh to name a few. Today this historic site stands prominently in the very heart of that North Side neighborhood that our Croatian ancestors called Mala Jaska. To the 60,000 motorists who drive by each day and the many joggers, walkers and bicyclists who utilize the walkway to the historic site, it serves as a reminder that our St. Nicholas Church, N.S., once stood proudly on that very spot. It will serve as a constant reminder of the beautiful "Croatian cathedral" that our Croatian forefathers built over 125 years ago.

Now after 20 years of PCHF's existence and of painstaking hard work to save the church that we dearly loved and fought for with all our being, we are not disheartened. Rather, PCHF board members take comfort in knowing that the St. Nicholas Church Historic Site is and always will be a sign of our church's history for generations to come.

We all know that with time comes change; and the Board Members of PCHF have made the decision that as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of PCHF, it is time for our organization to come to a close. We believe that we have succeeded in our goal to keep the memory of St. Nicholas Church, N.S., alive into perpetuity. But we couldn't have done it without all of your continued prayers, encouragement and financial support these last two decades. PCHF wishes to thank each and every one of you for all that you have done over the years. Know that you will always hold a special place in our hearts and in our prayers. Thank you!



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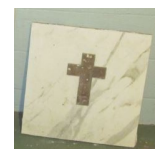


Heritage Foundation contacted Father Nick, requesting that he search the two Diocesan warehouses which reportedly held religious objects from the area's closed Catholic churches. After searching the first warehouse, Father Nick announced that he had not found these artifacts. Shortly thereafter, an email was received indicating that Father Nick had found them in the basement of the rectory of St. Nicholas Church, Millvale!

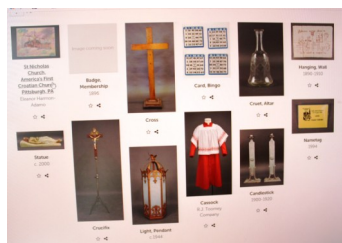
Along with the mosaics stood the following artifacts:

- Original stone carved (in Croatian) with - First Croatian Roman Catholic Church in America established in 1894,
- A white marble piece, embedded with a black marble cross, which was part of the altar of The Mother Of Sorrows alcove, located inside the church vestibule and to the left upon entry,
- Stone which was inscribed with: Commemorating the centennial of St. Bernadette birth & golden jubilee of oldest Croatian parish in USA. Parishioners & Croatian Catholics of America erect this grotto in honor of our Lady of Lourdes AD 1944,
- St. Nicholas Church, N.S., Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation plaque,
- Three donor plaques which had been erected below the coat of arms plaques and the historical plaque.

All of these precious artifacts have now been delivered to the USA headquarters of the Croatian Fraternal Union in Monroeville, PA along with artifacts that PCHF had stored. Some of these artifacts included the original statue from the baby Jesus manger scene, as well as altar candlesticks and a parishioner's christening dress. A hearty THANK YOU goes out to the young men who were former parishioners of St. Nicholas Church, N.S., who lifted these incredibly heavy objects, and the donation of Denny Petrick's time and use of his pickup truck. Since the large mosaic was longer than the truck bed, the tailgate of the truck had to be left down. Apparently a legion of angels were commissioned to fly behind the truck to keep that mosaic from sliding out on its way from Millvale to Monroeville, as all the objects arrived safely! These artifacts will join an existing exhibit of items to enhance the display in the CFU Museum to preserve the historic significance of St. Nicholas Church, North Side, and the North Side Pittsburgh Croatian community. Artifacts once lost, but happily found...Hvala Bogu!



Heinz History Center On-Line Catalogue Features Croatian Items by Steve Willing



PCHF and the Heinz History Center (“HHC”) have been working on a project to collect and donate items of Croatian heritage for use at the HHC. PCHF thanks you for donating those items. Emily, Curator at the museum, has shared an on-line link to view some of these items. It is:

<http://museumcollections.heinzhistorycenter.org/search/Croatian>

In the rectangular box located above the word, Search, type in the words: Croatian, Preserve Croatian Heritage or St. Nicholas. Ten of the 12 images displayed are from St. Nicholas Church, N.S.

Children's Memorial Dedication

By Kathleen Buric

On Sunday, October 5, 2019, Preserve Croatian Heritage Foundation, (“PCHF”), was blessed once again with a glorious day -- blue skies and a sun-filled, crisp fall afternoon for the dedication of the Children's Memorial in the Children's Section of the St. Nicholas Church, North Side Cemetery. PCHF members and supporters gathered with family members of the deceased little ones for this noble project.



Bernice Goyak gave out programs and greeted participants in each car entering the cemetery as songs in both Croatian and English with a children's theme floated through the air via loudspeaker prior to the commencement of the program.

Promptly at 1 PM, William Vergot began the program as Master of Ceremonies with a short talk, then introduced Kathleen (Ribar) Buric. Kathleen addressed the crowd explaining how the memorial came to fruition.

The beautiful monument lists the names, birth and death dates of the children buried so many years ago in the Children's Section of St. Nick's N.S. Cemetery. When St. Nicholas Church, North Side, first purchased this cemetery in 1915, parishioners had not yet purchased plots for themselves. So until each family could purchase individual plots, they buried their children in the Children's Section, all together.

This project was born a few years ago, when at a meeting of the members of PCHF, Patricia Polaritz, lamented that the tombstones in the Children's Section were getting so weather worn that they were becoming unreadable. She suggested that a memorial be erected in that section to commemorate those chil-

dren. The board voted favorably that the Foundation would erect a memorial listing as many of the names of these little one as could be found. Articles about this noble project were written and published in the Zajednicar and in PCHF Newsletters which resulted in many, generous donations as well as funding from PCHF to cover the cost of the Children's Memorial.

For many months, PCHF board member, Bernice Goyak, and Kathleen Buric, forged ahead with this complex project. Kathleen photographed all the stones that were visible, enlarged them to view those fading letters and recorded as much information from them that could be gleaned. Many stones had names that were partially readable; some dates were gone; some stones were totally unreadable and required a rubbing technique where almost miraculously a name was revealed.

In April 2018, Bernice and Kathleen contacted the Pittsburgh Diocese Archives in Crafton, PA to view the record books of Masses said for the dead from St. Nicholas Church, N.S., from microfiche. Given special permission, Bernice and Kathleen viewed those sealed records. Kathleen entered names, along with dates into a computer Excel document. The names were sorted into two separates lists; by date of death and also alphabetically, so that it would help in piecing together the tombstone information that was only partially readable.



The Mass record books proved challenging in trying to read the priests' handwriting as well — some being written in Croatian and some in English. Ultimately, Kathleen and Bernice were able to record the names and death dates from the cemetery's

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inception in 1915 until 1940 of over 500 children under the age of 19 for which a Mass was said. In addition, the priests' handwritten information in the Mass record books appeared undecipherable as well, such as o's and e's looking identical. Not being sure that all of the children for which a Mass was said at St. Nick's were buried in the Children's Section at the cemetery on Hahn Road, a journey to verify the ones that were began.

Fortunately, names for the dead were recorded in typewritten form in the Pennsylvania Death Index, categorized by death year. An online website, Findagrave.com, had online photographic records of approximately 70% of this cemetery's tombstones. In cross referencing the tombstone photos, Mass records, Find-a-grave.com and the PA Death Index, names were spelled differently in each of those sources; and a spelling had to be chosen to use, ultimately resulting in the names and death dates of the 99 names that are listed on the memorial.

The final step was to work with the Pittsburgh Diocese Catholic Cemeteries Association and the parish priest from St. Nicholas, Millvale, to choose a location site. Members of the association were kind enough to donate the memorial's footer. Franklin Bronze was chosen to create the bronze portion of the memorial, and Grundler Monuments was contracted to provide the granite, attach the bronze, and install the monument over the concrete footer.

Upon completion of the monument, a dedication ceremony for it was held on October 5, 2019. Kath-



leen opened the program by explaining the very labor some but rewarding task of how the children's memorial was accomplished; she ended her part of the program commenting that since no one has prayed for these little angels in a long time, she would like to offer a prayer for them and sang a beautiful rendition of the "Our Father" for the children.

Deacon Greg Jelinek from the Catholic Shrines of Pittsburgh who gave the blessing was then introduced. His talk during the service was indeed inspiring with his many references to children who had passed on...lost so early in life. Ending, he sprinkled Holy Water on the monument and prayed for the children.

The event ended with Marianne Linn and her team from the Pittsburgh Catholic Cemeteries Association inviting the crowd to partake of the cookies and bottled water they had provided, set on a festive table.

PCHF wishes to thank all who made this event possible. All worked together -- the donors, the Catholic Diocese Archives, The Cemeteries Association, the monument and bronze companies, the participants in the ceremony -- to make a memorial to commemorate those children whose names will now never be forgotten!



The Former Croatian Fraternal Union Building (3441 Forbes Avenue in Oakland)

by Melissa McSwigan

In August 1927, the Croatian Fraternal Union of America purchased a parcel of land on Forbes Avenue in Pittsburgh's rapidly developing Oakland neighborhood to build a new national headquarters that included offices, an auditorium, and meeting hall. Pierre A. Liesch was the architect whose design was innovative and a markedly rare commercial interpretation of the Flemish Gothic style

in Pittsburgh.

The Croatian Fraternal Union was built by the Rust Construction Company and is made of brick, steel, and concrete construction with an exterior cladding of polychromatic terra cotta. The new building was dedicated January 20, 1929 with Mayor Charles H. Kline serving (see Page 8)

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as one of the honorary guests and speakers. Total building costs were reported as being \$250,000.00 (*The Pittsburgh Press*, December 23, 1928). The Croatian Fraternal Union occupied the building until 1961 when it moved to its present home office in Wilkins Township.

Most recently 3441 Forbes Avenue served as the Allegheny County Health Department offices and clinic (1962-2018). Despite alterations by the Health Department externally and internally, the building maintains a moderate level of integrity. Even in its altered state, the building is one of only three examples of the Flemish Gothic style in Pittsburgh. It has been said that Pierre Liesch was also credited with providing the design inspiration for downtown's Union Trust Building. As a cultural landmark, the former Croatian Fraternal Union building represents a distinct era in the growth and advancement of the former Croatian-American immigrant population, both in Pittsburgh and nationally.

In summer 2018, Allegheny County sold the building to the University of Pittsburgh who purchased it with plans to demolish the building to clear the site for future development. Given the building's cultural and architectural significance, Preservation Pittsburgh prepared a history of the building and an application was submitted in September 2018 in conjunction with Preserve Croatian Heritage Foundation for consideration as a City of Pittsburgh historic landmark. If awarded a landmark designation, any exterior renovations or plans for demolition would need to be reviewed by Pittsburgh's Historic Review Commission.

At the November 2018 Historic Review Commission meeting to discuss the nomination, it was determined that the University of Pittsburgh should work with the nominators of the building to see whether there could be a way to find common ground. Thus the nomination for landmark status has been tabled in order to have a discussion. Over the past year, the University engaged the services of architects and engineers to evaluate the building (primarily focusing on the façade) and shared their findings as well as allowing a site tour. From the winter 2019 site visit, Preservation Pittsburgh noted that the steel beam construction with reinforced concrete floors, considerable ceiling heights, wide stairs, good clearances,

and an elevator, would speak to the possibility for building reuse.

Out of these meetings and studies, Preservation Pittsburgh believes that the opportunity exists to utilize the former Croatian Fraternal Union building façade and possibly part of the building as a component of the University of Pittsburgh's larger plan for a proposed Oakland Innovation District. It could be a laudable project greatly celebrated by the Pittsburgh community with signage and displays of Croatian heritage within. Preservation Pittsburgh also acknowledges that renovating and incorporating an existing building into a new structure requires a creative approach and presents additional challenges and costs.

Pittsburgh has already lost a significant Croatian site, St. Nicholas Croatian Roman Catholic Church on the North Side. The loss of 3441 Forbes Avenue would continue the erosion of our shared heritage and the City of Pittsburgh's character.

With Oakland undergoing a lot of development, Preservation Pittsburgh believes the incorporation of the former Croatian Fraternal Union building into the proposed Oakland Innovation District would help to maintain human scale architecture, celebrate the Pittsburgh immigrant story, and attract additional investment.

In fall 2018, the Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh included the former Croatian Fraternal Union building on their *Top 10 Preservation Opportunities* list. In early February, Preservation Pennsylvania released their *2020 Pennsylvania At Risk* list that includes the former Croatian Fraternal Union. Out of this publicity, this news article occurred:

<https://www.wesa.fm/post/scallop-shells-and-dolphins-local-groups-want-preserve-former-croatian-fraternal-union-building#stream/0https://www.wesa.fm/post/scallop-shells-and-dolphins-local-groups-want-preserve-former-croatian-fraternal-union-building#stream/0>

For further information and to receive any updates on the status of the former Croatian Fraternal Union building, please contact:

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Last St. Nicholas Day Banquet is celebrated at Javor By Steve Willing

December 7, 2019, marked the final celebration of the St. Nicholas Day Banquet at Javor Hall on Pittsburgh's North Side. The event was originally celebrated in the social hall of St. Nicholas Croatian, R.C. Church, North Side, until the church was closed by the Diocese on December 7, 2004. The celebration was moved to Javor Hall. Seventy-seven loyal supporters and friends of St. Nick's were in attendance for the last banquet. Javor Hall was beautifully decorated, with red and green table cloths, a Christmas tree complete with a nativity scene and wreaths wrapped in red ribbons that hung on the walls.

Always a festive event, the St. Nicholas Banquet was well attended each year, as guests looked forward to meeting and reconnecting with former parishioners and supporters of St. Nicholas. Many of those friendships have endured for decades.

Guests began arriving around 5 PM, meeting the friendly staff at the bar to get their favorite beverage. For beer lovers, Javor Hall is one of the few places in Pittsburgh that you can buy a bottle of the favorite Croatian beer, Karlovacko.

Around 6 PM, guests took their seats; and to the delight of children and adults alike, St. Nicholas made his annual rounds handing out gold chocolate coins. Since this was the last banquet, the St. Nicholas costume has been donated to the Croatian Fraternal Union to be displayed in their museum.

Nova Catering served a traditional Eastern European dinner buffet. No one left hungry that night after being served a delicious mix of salad, rolls, stuffed cabbage, chicken, pierogies, and kielbasa. For dessert, a raspberry-filled, white sheet cake and homemade desserts satisfied everyone's sweet tooth.

Co-chairs Bill Vergot and Stephen Willing updated the audience with the PCHF related events of 2019. The Memorial Day service was well attended. One of the former bells that was saved from St. Nicholas was dedicated at the Croatian Fraternal Union on April 29, with a large crowd in attendance. The Children's Memorial plaque, to honor infants buried at the St. Nicholas Church, N.S., Cemetery was dedicated to a group of faithful followers at the cemetery on October 5, 2019.

The St. Nicholas Church Historic Site continues to draw visitors from far and near. PCHF continues to share the rich history of St. Nicholas by supplying and replenishing a box of brochures, which are available at the site. Please remind your friends and family to visit the St. Nicholas Church Historic Site so that it will never be forgotten.

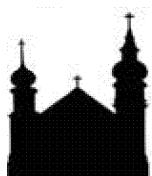
Three door prizes consisting of a bottle of Croatian wine, a gift basket, and a framed photo collage of St. Nicholas Croatian R.C. Church, N.S., containing photographs shot by PCHF Co-Chair, Stephen Willing, were presented to three lucky winners.

The Mikey Dee band played lively ethnic music throughout the night, and attendees were treated once again to the beautiful voices of the Javor Pittsburgh Ensemble which filled the banquet hall, entertaining guests with Croatian melodies. All joined in unison singing Christmas carols and hymns in Croatian and English.

All guests were given a souvenir packet to take home which contained the history and a color photo of Saint Nicholas and 2 ink pens inscribed with the words: "Preserve Croatian Heritage Foundation, St. Nicholas Croatian Church, North Side, www.stnicholasns.org"

PCHF wishes to thank Preservation Pittsburgh for all the help and support that they have given us throughout the years. We would also like to thank all who attended the many banquets that were sponsored by PCHF. May we always keep the spirit and the memory of St. Nicholas alive in our hearts.





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