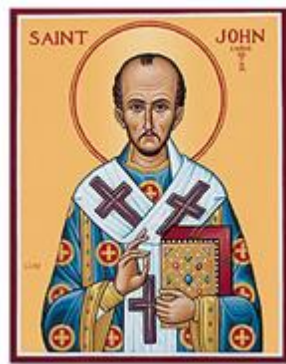


Light of the East



QUATERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE YOUNGSTOWN-WARREN CHAPTER OF
THE SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
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MEMORY ETERNAL!



Vito Rosario Carchedi

October 7, 1945

May 6, 2016

Our beloved "Chairman" Vito Rosario Carchedi (70 yrs.) entered into eternal life on May 6. Vito organized and faithfully lead our chapter for 18 years with an ecumenical passion and desire for church unity. He was relentless in his pursuit to keep the local chapter moving forward into the 21st century by inviting

outstanding speakers to address a myriad of topics relevant to the Catholic – Orthodox dialogue. Vito was also responsible for our Chapter Newsletter - "**Light of the East**" in which he always informed our members about timely ecumenical topics and promoted upcoming meetings.

On May 11, Fr. Gage along with Cantor Ken Stanislaw led a prayer Service for our brother Vito at the end of the calling hours. Several clergy from our SSJC Chapter were also in attendance. Fr. Rohan gave the Carchedi Family an icon that was placed in the coffin from the Orthodox Clergy Association of Youngstown.

On May 12, a Mass of Christian Burial took place at Christ Our Savior Parish, St. Nicholas Church in Struthers. Bishop John Michael Botean offered some beautiful words of encouragement, consolation and prayers for our deceased brother. Fr. Bonnot presided and preached most eloquently on the virtues of our leader.

Concelebrants were: Fr. George Gage, Fr. Joe Witmer, Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak & Fr. Mel Rusnak. Both Ray Nakley and Rich Mattiussi offered respective eulogies. Also, SSJC National President Jack Figel's message of condolence and moral support to Vito's family and friends was read during the eulogy. Vito was truly loved by his family and friends within our local chapter. The words spoken by all the clergy present at the Funeral Liturgy was a testament to the personal sacrifices Vito consistently made over an 18 year period as our Chairman.

On Sunday, June 12, a *PARASTAS* (Memorial Service) led by Fr. George Gage for Vito Rosario Carchedi took place after the Sunday Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church in Boardman. In attendance were Vito's wife Donna Carchedi, fellow parishioners, and some members of the SSJC local chapter. Fellowship and refreshments followed. St. Mary's was Vito's home parish for many years as he enthusiastically embraced the Byzantine Tradition. On June 14, the third regular meeting of the chapter was held at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell. There was a brief Memorial Service (*Panachida*) led by Fr. Kevin Marks in the church in memory of Vito Rosario Carchedi before the meeting. Later on, our local chapter met in the church hall to hear Mother Theodora speak on "Traditional Eastern Monastic Life Today." Mother Theodora is from Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton, Ohio. She is the Abbess of this Byzantine Catholic Women's Monastic Community in the Eparchy of Parma. In spite of his failing health, Vito was responsible for setting up this meeting several weeks prior. His last words to me were "Rich, you have to take charge of the meeting in June."

Vito was never one to give up on the cause for Christian unity. He wanted things to continue whether he was healthy enough to be present or in his absence. Vito knew how to delegate and that was a great sign of his leadership skills in action. It is now up to our local SSJC

Youngstown – Warren Chapter to carry on the legacy of ecumenical dialogue, prayer and fellowship that will hopefully lead us to full and complete reconciliation! Please read the following obituary for further details about our brother in Christ. Memory Eternal!

by
Richard A. Mattiussi
Interim President

Vito Rosario Carchedi



STRUTHERS – Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, at the Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Christ Our Savior Parish, St. Nicholas Church in Struthers, for Vito Rosario Carchedi, 70, who passed away Friday evening, May 6, 2016, with his family by his side..

Vito was born Oct. 7, 1945, in Youngstown. He was the son of Alessandro and Nicolina (Malacaria) Carchedi.

He was a 1963 graduate of Lowellville High School and earned his Bachelor's of Science Degree in

Education from Youngstown State University in 1967.

Vito was an English teacher at Struthers High School, retiring in 1996. Upon retirement, his focus was being “papa” to his two grandchildren, Natalie and Vince.

His love of books, the ability to speak about any subject, and his dedication to his faith are a few of the many reasons people enjoyed being in his presence. Vito embraced his Italian heritage and truly enjoyed sharing in lifelong traditions with his family. He was a true friend, and people welcomed his company, his singing voice, his sense of humor and advice.

Vito was president of the Society of Saint John Chrysostom, Youngstown-Warren Chapter.

Besides his wife, the love of his life, Donna (Marapese) Carchedi, whom he married June 17, 1967, he will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Chris (Tom) Hensperger; his two grandchildren, whom he adored, Natalie and Vince; a brother, Ted (Mary Jo) Carchedi; brother-in-law, Bob Pushkar; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.

Vito was preceded in death by his parents, Alessandro and Nicolina; his two sisters, Mary Pushkar and Barbara Hutchinson; his parents-in-law, Ben and Virginia Marapese;

and sister-in-law, Mary Jane McCormick.

Friends may call from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at the Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home, 4442 South Ave. in Boardman, where there will be a Byzantine Wake Service held at 7:30 p.m .

- See more at:

<http://www.vindy.com/news/tributes/2016/may/09/vito-rosario-carchedi/#sthash.SuBktywx.dpuf>

A Heartfelt Thank You from Vito's Wife Donna Carchedi and Family:

Dear members of the SSJC,

Please accept our donation (\$200) to the SSJC in loving memory of Vito. We hope that this contribution will help in the Society's continuing endeavors. Thank you for helping us honor his memory in this way.

God's grace to all of you.

Fondly,

The Vito Carchedi Family

Donations to our local chapter in memory of **Vito Rosario Carchedi**

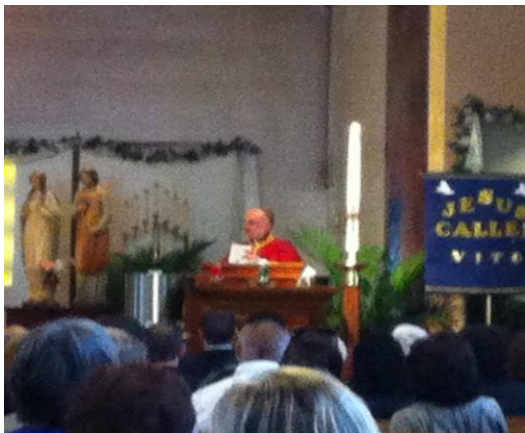
Donna Carchedi -\$200

Ray Nakley-\$100

MEMORY ETERNAL!

Thank you and God be with you.

Mass of Christian Burial for Vito Rosario Carchedi and Mercy Meal at St. Nicholas



Vito's Vision: Always Looking Ahead!

Before Vito was hospitalized this past April-May, he would always bring up the challenge about finding new speakers and possibly asking former speakers to return. The daunting task of identifying pertinent topics and good speakers who are usually under various time constraints and living at a distance made Vito's life an exercise in an asceticism and patience.

I would welcome any suggestions on future topics, speakers and host churches for our regular meetings! For example, some suggested topics that various members have cited are: The Holy and Great Synod of the Orthodox Church; One Easter and One Creed; the Afterlife; the Refugee Crisis; Marriage, Divorce and Annulments; Pope Francis and the Theological Commission on Deaconesses; the Churches of the Syriac Tradition; Orthodox and Catholic Pastoral Responses to Homosexuality and Transgenderism; the Situation in Ukraine; What Unites Us and What Divides Us?, Our Lady of Fatima, Weeping Icons, etc. Please make your suggestions known.

Moreover, Vito was very adamant about our local SSJC Chapter sponsoring an Ecumenical Vespers Service. There has been some very preliminary discussions concerning this noble endeavor. May it come to fruition! THANK YOU!
RM

Our Lady of Soufanleh, Pray for us to be reconciled and in full Eucharistic Communion!



PRAYER OF SOUFANIEH ---

UNITY OF HEARTS! UNITY OF CHRISTIANS!

UNITY OF THE FEAST OF EASTER!

Bequest

In this, our first newsletter of the “post Vito Carchedi era,” we have felt it so appropriate to review the improvements and innovations Vito made to strengthen and develop our Chapter-- such as this very publication that Vito founded, edited and published for many years.

Vito was also responsible for overseeing other very important tasks such as: the two Anniversary Dinners, updating our website, the excellent management of our meager resources into a respectable treasury, our close relationship with National SSJC President Jack Figel, the consistently high quality of our speakers, the good relationships (with both Orthodox and Catholic) theologians and Bishops, and our local congregations from the various sister churches.

Let us continue to further the legacy that Vito worked so hard to advance, that is our cause--the quest for Christian Unity which was our Lord's fervent desire. Help us build on the great platform Vito laid down with a contribution to The Youngstown-Warren Chapter of the Society of St. John Chrysostom, 4656 Driftwood Ln, Youngstown, OH 44515, In care of Dr. Richard A. Mattiussi, Interim President, 330-573-8653.

Thank you,
Ray Nakley
SSJC Y-W (Chapter Secretary)



SSJC Y-W Chapter MANIFESTO

by

Vito Rosario Carchedi

Editor's note: After some inquiring with a number of SSJC members and searching the internet, I have reached a high degree of moral certitude that our beloved deceased "Chairman" is the sole author of the local SSJC Chapter's Manifesto. Thank you Vito for this inspirational reminder of who we are in Christ Jesus! May your legacy continue – Memory Eternal!

"Who are Eastern Christians?"
Why are we here? Why are we Oriental Orthodox, Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Catholics, and Western Catholics members of our chapter of the Society of Saint John Chrysostom?

First, because many of us, from deep within our beings, believe that

the unity of the churches will come when the Holy Spirit wills it, and when the ordinary clergy and faithful raise a cry to their leaders for it. God bless our Popes, Patriarchs, Bishops, and theologians who work on the issues that divide us, many of which are complicated and subtle. But we are here to express our desire and need for unity, and to enable this desire and need to flow forth and encompass all Christians.

While it is true that most Christians don't have church unity as a priority in their daily lives, we believe that those who do is increasing-soul-by-soul, heart-by-heart, across the world.

And so, we gather regularly to pray together, to eat together, to learn of each other's beliefs, customs and traditions, and, most of all, to get to know and love each other. When we do this, we believe that we are doing what Jesus asked us to do.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Fr. Bob Bonnot Retires



Article Link:

http://doyorg.ipage.com/files/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2029:as-he-retires-father-bonnot-looks-down-the-road--literally&catid=36:diocesan-news&Itemid=53

Editor's note: Fr. Bob Bonnot (Pastor of St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity Churches) has been a great friend, active member and a most generous supporter of our local SSJC Chapter. He has involved several excellent presentations over the years to our members. We will always be very grateful for Fr. Bob's hospitality as host pastor. Fr. Bob stated in the article (see link above) that he would be heading to California for one of his trips after he retires. Maybe we could visit the SSJC Western Region Chapter near San Diego as our goodwill ambassador? God's blessings on your well-deserved retirement!

**CONGRATUALTIONS
CHORBISHOP
SPINOSA!!!!**



**Msgr. Spinosa to be ordained
Chorbishop at
North Jackson Shrine**

Catholic Exponent - Friday, 12 August 2016

NORTH JACKSON – Msgr. Anthony Spinosa, Rector of the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon, will be ordained a Chorbishop for the Maronite Catholic Church Aug. 13.

Bishop A. Elias Zaidan of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles will confer Ordination at the Divine Liturgy at noon. The appointment was made by Cardinal Beshara Peter Rai, Patriarch of Antioch. In the Maronite Church, a Chorbishop is comparable to an auxiliary bishop in the Latin-rite tradition, Msgr

Spinosa explained. The difference is that Chorbishops are not involved in administration of a diocese or eparchy but tend to serve in outlying areas.

The pastor of St. Maron Church in Youngstown, the only Maronite parish located in the six county-diocesan (DOY) area, is Chorbishop Michael Kail. The Maronite Church is one of a number of Eastern Churches, like the various Byzantine-rite Churches, that are in communion with the pope but operate autonomously with their own liturgy and traditions.

Msgr. Spinosa said his appointment “certainly came as a surprise. It is not just an honor for me but for the shrine.” He pointed out that the basilica shrine here is one of only two Maronite shrines in the world – with the other one being Our Lady of Lebanon in Harisa, Lebanon, outside Beirut.

“I’m not planning on leaving the shrine and I don’t think West Syriac Tradition. Please send your submissions to the Editor for review. THANK YOU!” Msgr. Spinosa said, “If my bishop asks me to represent him in some capacity, I’d be happy to do so.”

In the Maronite tradition, chorbishops do not ordain priests or deacons, but they do have the authority to ordain subdeacons. Subdeacons are liturgical ministers who still function in Eastern Churches but not in the Latin rite.

Although in the Maronite tradition the sacrament of confirmation is generally conferred at the time of baptism, a chorbishop does have authority to confirm.

Editor’s note: On behalf of all our SSJC members, We wish newly ordained Chorbishop Spinosa a very big CONGRATULATIONS! He has been a faithful and active member for many years. May God continue to guide you.

“THE SYRIAC CORNER”

Editor’s note: Many of our ecumenical conversations within the local chapter have a tendency to focus on Rome and the Papacy, Constantinople and at times Moscow (the Roman and Byzantine Traditions respectively). The Churches of the East and West Syriac Tradition seem to not be given as much coverage. However, I must note that the last 2 issues of *Light of the East* that were published under Vito’s oversight did cover some particular dimension of the Syriac Churches: The Maronite Church and the Assyrian Church of the East (see also the previous article directly above). Nevertheless, we hope to rectify this situation with the submission of future articles (brief, comments, letters to the editor or links directly pertaining to the Churches rooted in the East or

Refugee Crisis: Help Our Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ!



<https://www.iocc.org/about>

<http://www.cnewa.org/donations.aspx?ID=2536&sitecode=HQ&pageno=1>

<http://www.antiochian.org/his-eminence-metropolitan-josephs-statement-regarding-archdiocesan-syrian-relief-program>

<https://www.kofc.org/uns/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html>

Fr. Hopko on ROME and Church Unity:

Editor’s note: I would like to invite all our members to send Letters to the Editor, articles, links and any suggestions pertinent to the goals and mission of our SSJC Y-W Chapter News Letter! I will gladly share these resources with the readership.

For example, Fr. John Schmidt was kind enough to give me a copy of the transcript of Fr. Thomas Hopko’s talk on **Ancient Faith Radio** from 2014 titled --- “WHAT DOES ROME NEED TO DO?” Fr. Tom was a loyal member of our SSJC chapter and

outstanding presenter at several of our regular meetings for a number of years (Memory Eternal!). Please google this two part presentation. You may either read or listen to it on line. Whether you agree or disagree with his presentation, it will be worth your time.

Thank you Fr. John!!!

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Excellent Links:

<https://www.holycouncil.org/>

<http://www.rferl.org/content/explainer-orthodox-churches-holy-great-council/27810011.html>

http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/4823/vatican_ii_and_eastern_orthodoxys_approaching_council.aspx

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=The+Holy+and+Great+Council+Orthodox+commentary&view=detail&mid=E00E157DDB0AD81C0752E00E157DDB0AD81C0752&FORM=VIRE>

<https://www.orthodoxcouncil.org/commentaries>

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KUDOS!

Thank you **Christina Brundage** for continuing to be so helpful as our SSJC webmaster for at least the last 7 years! Christina lives in North Carolina and keeps the website going!

Thank you **Fr. Dan Rogich** (Speaker in March) for donating your stipend back to our local chapter. Your presentation and extensively written handout were well received!

Thank you **Chorbishop Michael Kail** for hosting the Steering Committee at your church and offering your insights as we continue to develop a Constitution and by-laws for our local chapter!

Thank you **Ray Nakley** for all your time and dedication in drafting and refining the Constitution and By-Laws, and proof reading this NL! Attention members, more information on the Constitution will be forthcoming in future emails in the Fall.

Thank you to the following clergy who attended the calling hours and/or the Funeral Liturgy for Vito: **Chorbishop Kail, Chorbishop Spinosa, Fr. Rohan, Fr. Gall, Fr. Loveless, Fr. Witmer, Fr. Rusnak, Fr. Lubomyr, Fr. Gage, and Fr. Bonnot.**

Thank you National SSJC President **Jack Figel** for all your support over the years!

Thank you both former and active **SSJC members** for sending in your condolences to Vito's family.



St. John Chrysostom

John Chrysostom, c. 349 – 407, Archbishop of Constantinople, was an important Early Church Father. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, and his ascetic sensibilities. The epithet Χρυσόστομος means "golden-mouthed" in Greek and denotes his celebrated eloquence. (Cont.)

DID YOU KNOW?

John Chrysostom Feast days

Eastern Calendar

13 November (Accession to the archbishopric of Constantinople)
27 January (Translation of Relics)
30 January (Three Holy Hierarchs)

Western Calendar

13 September (Repose—transferred from 14 September)

FYI --- Websites:

National SSJC:

<http://www.ssjc.org/index.htm>

SSJC Y-W Chapter:

<http://www.byzcath.org/stjohnchrysostom/>

SSJC Western Region:

<http://lightoftheeast.org/>

SSJC England:

<http://www.orientalelumen.org.uk/>

Ron Roberson's Eastern Christian Churches:

<http://www.cnewa.org/default.aspx?ID=1&pagetypeID=9&sitecode=US&pageno=1>

Adam DeVille's Eastern Churches Book

Reviews:

<http://easternchristianbooks.blogspot.com/2010/10/ecumenism-binds-everybody.html>

Coffee with Sr. Vassa on You Tube - hosted by Dr. Sr. Vassa Larin (ROCOR) of the University of Vienna, Austria:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh-FBwgf93rU-g8BH3xiuUQ>

Ancient Faith Radio:

<http://www.ancientfaith.com/>

Local Radio Channels:

ORTHODOX:

600 AM SOHM at 12 Noon
with host George Mansour

CATHOLIC:

89.5 FM Living Bread Radio

Ecumenical Cable Channel:

ETC- check your local cable TV Channel for Orthodox and Catholic programs

CHAPTER DUES 2016 PAID: Fr. Rohan, Fr. Rusnak, Fr. Loveless, Nakley, Democko, Fr. Witmer, Br. Dominic, Br. Peter, Joan Binsley, Jenna Binsley, Stanislaw, Sleever, Vito Carchedi, Donna Carchedi, Benedictine Sisters, Fr. Schmidt, Basista, Barkett, Vasilchek, Billcheck, Demiduk. Fr. Ettinger, Fr. Manning, Jacquet, Chorbishop Kail, Chorbishop. Spinosa, Fr. Hilinski, Beri Berardi, Chris Berardi, Fr. Conoboy, Deckant, Fr. Rudjak, Fr. Mastroberte, Jim Dershaw, Esther Dershaw, Fr. Bonnot (If you haven't paid, please mail a check payable for \$20 (\$25 family, \$15 student) to the Society of St. John Chrysostom in care of Richard Mattiussi, 4656 Driftwood Lane, Austintown, Ohio 44515.

**PRAY FOR UNITY! BRING
A FRIEND TO OUR NEXT
MEETING. PLEASE PAY
YOUR 2016 DUES. THANK
YOU!**

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE
INTEREST OF INQUIRY, OUR
NEWSLETTER SOMETIMES PRESENTS
ARTICLES WITH POINTS OF VIEW
WITH WHICH WE DON'T
NECESSARILY AGREE.*****

OUR NEXT MEETING

Seminary Choir

Date: Wed., Sept. 20

Time: TBA

**Agenda: we will also be
meeting with Jack Figel Nat.
SSJC Pres.**

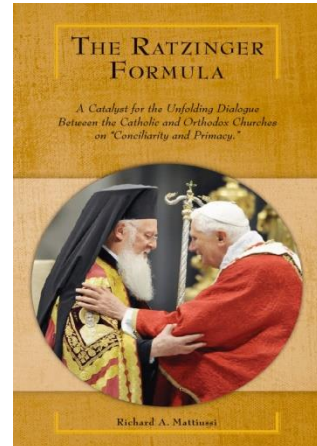
**Location: St. Mary's
Byzantine Catholic Church**

356 S. Belle Vista Ave.
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
Ph# 330-799-8163

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[Wish List:](#)

On more than one occasion, presenters have requested a projector and screen in order to show photos or do a power point presentation. Please keep our local SSJC Chapter's need in mind. THANK YOU!



Dear Friends,

I would like to make copies of my book *The Ratzinger Formula* available once again for the standard price of \$30. All profits (total \$135.00) will be donated to our local chapter in memory of Vito Rosario Carchedi. There are 15 copies left for sale.

Thank You,

Rich Mattiussi



**Resurrection Sunday
April, 16, 2017 (together this year)**

Ut Unum Sint !

Let us pray for a just and holy unity of the Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

A unity (not uniformity) in the same Faith, Morals, Sacraments, Liturgical Worship, and of all the Bishops in full communion with each other and the Bishop of Rome.



Treasure's Report:

Balance (8/22/2016)

\$1,466.72

Special THANK YOU !

Thank you Dominic and Monica Mattiussi for all your assistance inputting our Newsletter together!
