

Church News



EASTER BREADS — Members of Sts. Cyril and Methody Russian Orthodox Church recently held a bake sale featuring Easter breads and ethnic baklava, as well as cookies and cakes. Their tables were set up at Niedringhaus and Edison on April 17 and at Crossroads Shopping Center on April 18, the days before their celebration of the Orthodox Palm Sunday (Journal Staff Photo)



HOW MANY'D YOU GET? The above photo of the 1940 Granite City High basketball team at its recent reunion ran in Monday's Press-Record without any identifications for one reason — we wanted to give you a chance to identify them. FRONT (left to right): Danny Eftimoff, Assistant Coach Leonard David, Andy Hagopian. CENTER: Manager Harold Brown, Ed Hoff, Evon Parsagian. BACK: John Markarian, Andy Phillip, George Gages, Sam Mouradian. Below is the way they looked in 1940.

(Press-Record Photos)



Granite City is state champion. The boys from the school of 1,580 students, a city of 25,130 persons, defeated Ferris, 24-22, Saturday night for the title. Here are the Happy Warriors, seated left to right—Dan Eftimoff, Andy Phillip, Evon Parsagian, Andy Rapoff, and Edward Mueller; standing—Coach Byron Bozarth, George Gages, Manager Harold Brown, Everett Daniels, Ed Hoff, Sam Mouradian, and Andy Hagopian.

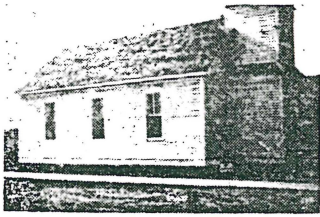


Some of the Little Folks Who Will Enjoy the Benefits of the New Community House

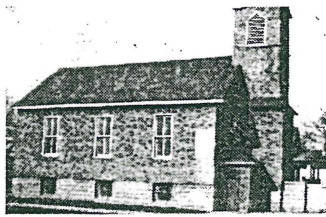
“Don't stare up the steps, step up the stairs.”

Lincoln Place Mission Baptist Good Will Center

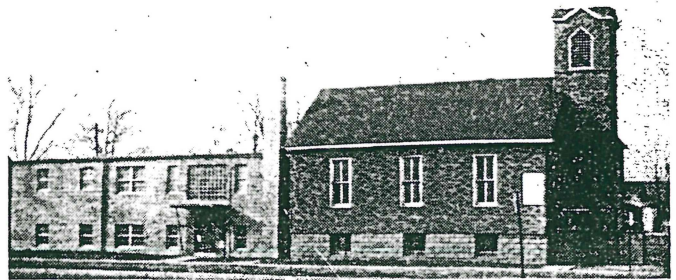
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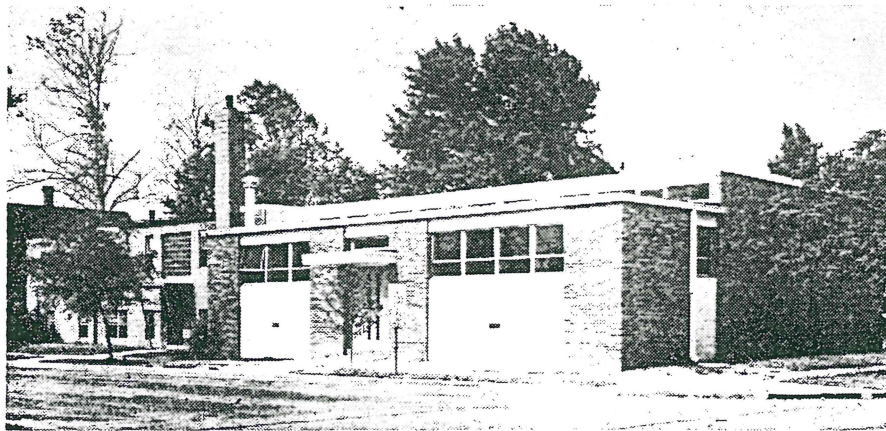
Original Building 1914



Remodeled, 1944



Rear Building added, 1950



EXISTING
BUILDING

COMPLETED
1960

- 1908 Members of First German Baptist Church in St. Louis (now the St. Louis Park Baptist Church) started work among the Hungarians in Lincoln Place.
- 1908 - 1914 The group met in homes.
- 1914 Frame Building was constructed on lot donated by the Niedringhaus Estate.
- 1914 - 1940 The work expanded to include the many different nationalities in Lincoln Place. It was carried on by interested Baptist people from St. Louis, East St. Louis and Granite City, with occasional help from the Associations and the Home Mission Board.
- 1940 The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention assumed full responsibility for the work and introduced a Community Center type program, with week day Bible classes for all age groups.
- 1950 Concrete block structure added to rear of building. Vacant lot across street was bought for use as a playground.
- 1951 First Nursery School and Kindergarten was begun in September.
- 1959 Frame building was removed to make way for modern structure.
- 1960 New building, made possible by the Annie Armstrong offering, was used for the first time around Easter. Dedication services were held June 5th. The Illinois Baptist State Association this year began joint support of the work with the Home Mission Board.

Current activities include:

- Adult Bible Study Club
- Teen-Age Club
- Junior Boys' Club
- Junior Girls' Club
- Primary Story Hour
- Beginner Story Hour
- Sunday School
- Activity Night

- Planned recreation for each age group
- Supervised playground time
- Visitation
- Drama
- Choir
- Vacation Bible School
- Planned summer activities
- Family Night suppers

VIVIAN WILSON
Missionary

SARAH FRANCES DIAZ
Missionary

Immigrants reunite with missionaries

Women helped kids fit in with new peers

BY BRIAN BRUEGGEMANN
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GRANITE CITY — It was the 1950s, and they were children of immigrant steelworkers, trying to fit in.

Vivian Wilson and Sarah Frances Diaz helped them do it.

The pair taught the children everything from how to read a map to how to set a table. In between, they also gave the children lasting lessons about how to be Americans and Christians.

From 1951-68, Wilson and Diaz ran the Lincoln Place Mission in Granite City. On Saturday, they got together with dozens of the people whose lives they touched at the mission.

"It was a melting pot," Wilson said. "We tried to mold them into Americans."

The mission was operated by the Southern Baptist Convention. Wilson, now 76, and Diaz, now 79, were missionaries with master's degrees in religious education.

Wilson came from Georgia; Diaz, from Florida. They brought knowledge and sophistication to the children of Granite City.

Janet Darakjian Warren of Belleville recalled growing up near the mission and going there about three days a week before she was old enough to start school.

"They were ahead of their time," Warren said of Wilson and Diaz, who now are retired and live in Tampa, Fla. "They were such an influence on us. They taught us so much and widened our horizons. This was the place to go."

The children who frequented the mission represented 26 nationalities. The mission was more like a

SUNDAY

September 17, 2000

Sunny and warmer
High 84 Low 62

MISSION | Stayed in the area

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preschool today and served mostly children who were 4 and 5 years old, although older kids also attended.

"We were the children of immigrants," Warren said. "These ladies treated us all the same, and not many people would have done that."

Despite the Baptist affiliation, Diaz and Wilson said they never tried to change anyone's religious beliefs. "We never tried to make a Baptist out of anybody," Diaz said. "We tried to make them better members of their own faith."

They did it through a wide array of activities, ranging from drama productions and games to Bible study and field trips.

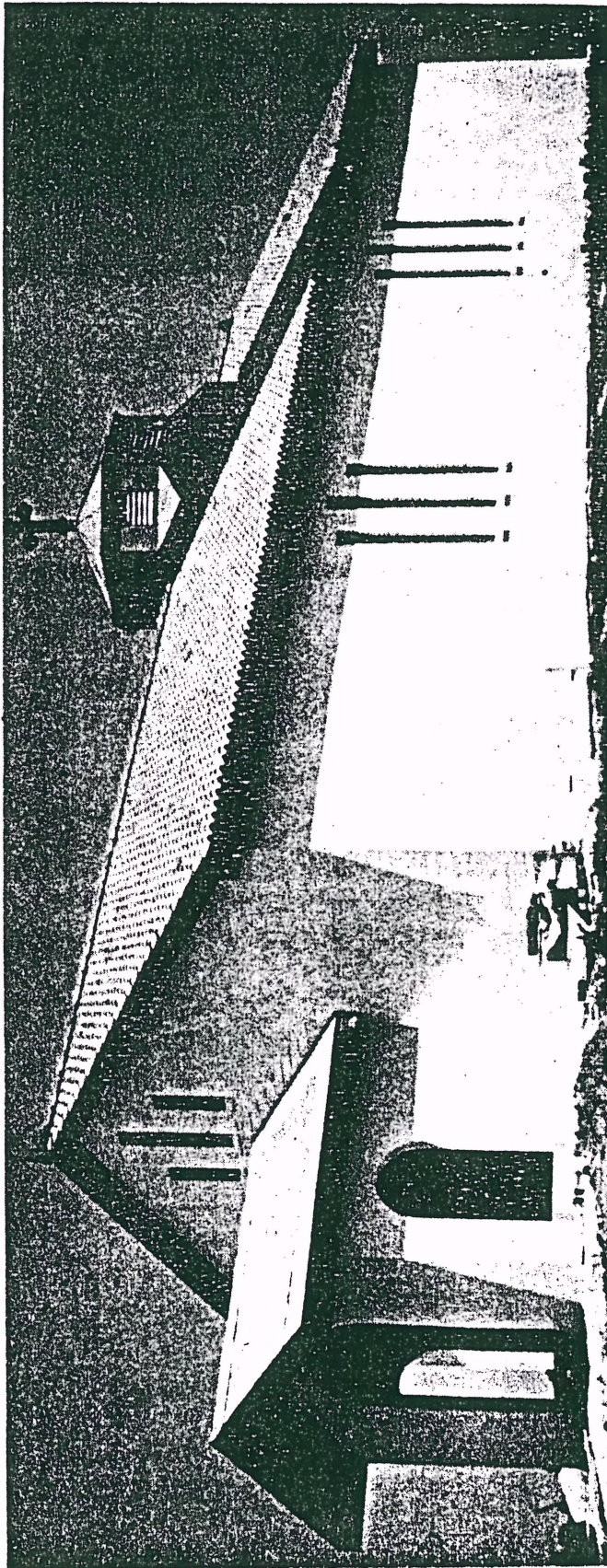
Wilson and Diaz left the mission in 1968, and it closed a few years later for lack of funding. But rather than take a different assignment in a Detroit ghetto during a tumultuous time, they took jobs with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, working in East St. Louis.

"We stayed in the area and watched these children grow up — went to their graduations, went to their weddings and sometimes their funerals," Wilson said. "We continued ministering to them."



BISHOP KYRILL, a native of Bulgaria, who will celebrate the name day of Saints Cyril and Methody at services Sunday at 10 a.m. He will also conduct vesper services Saturday at 7 p.m. Father Kiril Antonoff will assist the bishop at both services, which will be held at 1801 Madison Ave., Granite City, by a local congregation. Diocesan bishop of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania and a member of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in America and Canada, Bishop Kyrill was ordained a bishop of the Bulgarian Diocese of the U.S. and Canada in 1964.

GRANITE CITY AND DUBLIN AREA



SS CYRIL AND METHODY Eastern Orthodox Church under construction at 4770 Maryville Road south of Morrison Road. The green, Spanish clay tile roof and floor joists of the church were obtained from Sacred Heart Church in East St. Louis at the southeast corner of the interchange of I-64 and I-70 prior to that church being

razed for highway improvements. Some members of the parish, which has a congregation of about 100, have done portions of the construction and preparatory work. The structure has yet to be consecrated, but has been put into use by the parishioners. Constantine Michaeloff Jr. is president of the congregation.

(Press-Record Photo by Pat Foley)

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NO ORDERS TAKEN AFTER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2001

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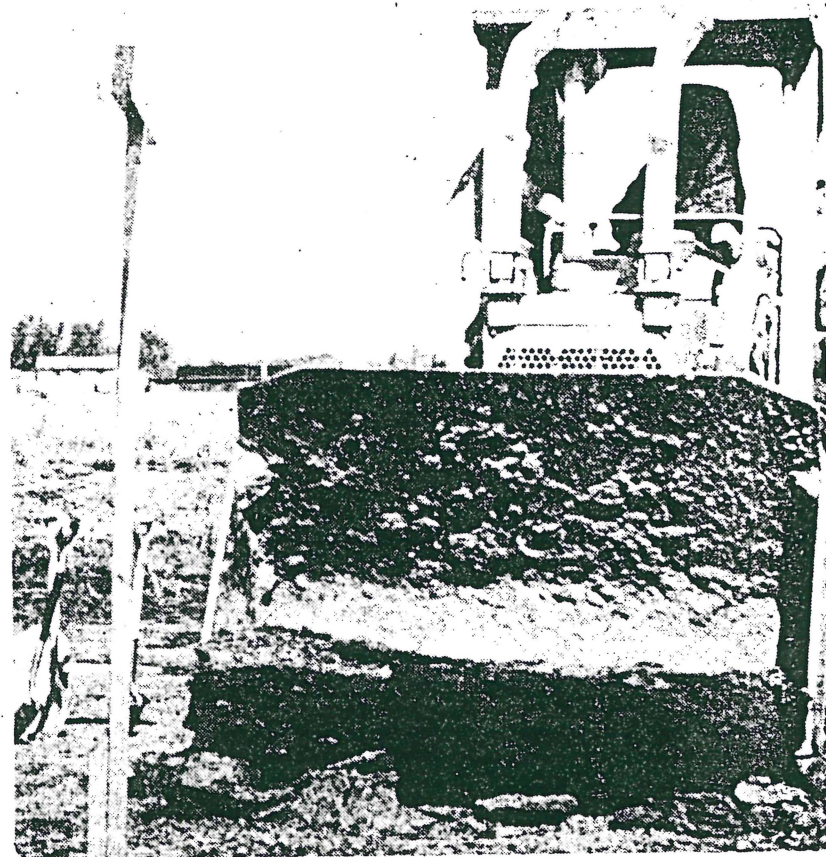
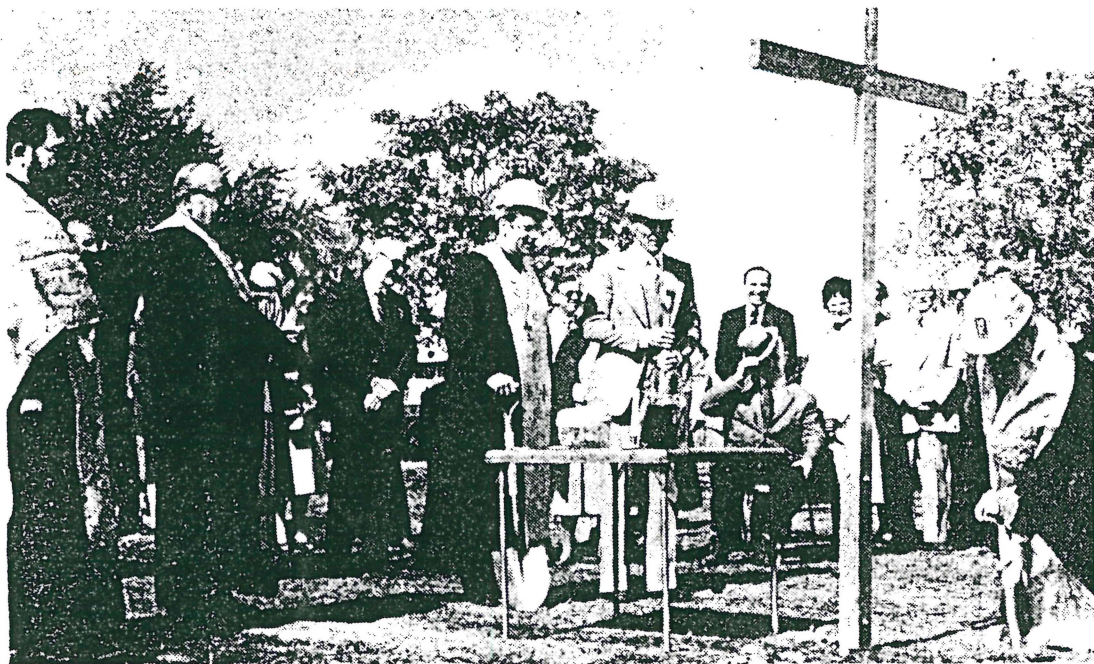
ITEMS		UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY	ITEM PRICE
BAKLAVA	Per Piece	\$.75 each		
BREADS	Banana Bread	\$4.50 each		
	Pumpkin Bread with Cinnamon Glaze	\$4.50 each		
COOKIES	Goorabee - .50 each (Russian Tea Cakes)	\$5.00 doz.		
	Greek Honey Dip - .50 each	\$5.00 doz.		
	Horns - .50 each (Dates & Nuts)	\$5.00 doz.		
	Layer Cookies - .50 each (Apricots & Nuts)	\$5.00 doz.		
	Thumbprints - .50 each	\$5.00 doz.		
	Cut-outs - .50 each	\$5.00 doz.		
NUT ROLLS	Whole Nut Roll	\$7.00 each		
PEETA	Cheese Peeta - Per Piece	\$1.50 each		
	Spinach Peeta - Per Piece	\$1.50 each		
STRUDEL	Whole Apple Strudel	\$6.00 each		
		TOTAL		

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THANK YOU!!!!



BREAKING GROUND FOR THE BREAKING OF BREAD — Wearing both a construction hard-hat and the traditional robes of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church in America, Bishop Kyrill of Toledo, Ohio, breaks ground for the new Sts. Cyril and Methody Eastern Orthodox Church at 4907 Maryville Road. Also present at the ceremonies last week were the Rev. Thomas Succarote of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Russian Orthodox Church, Madison; the Very Rev. Kiril Antonoff of Youngstown, Ohio; the Rev. Daniel Gurovich, Sts. Cyril and Methody parish priest; Constantine Michaeloff, church president; architect Bill Pistrui and contractor Ralph Korte, both of Highland; interior-designer/artist Dimitri Zonia of St. Louis; and about 125 parishoners. Ceremonies included placing the cross in the ground at the approximate point where the Holy Altar will be located in the sanctuary of the completed church building. Prior to the ceremonies on Maryville Road, the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was conducted at the Trattler Building on Niedringhaus Ave., where the congregation is presently holding services. The 38-foot-by-70-foot building with a 20-foot-square arched canopy should be completed in two to three months, at a cost of between \$230,000 and \$250,000. (Journal Staff Photos)

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Macedonian Bakerettes keep cookies coming

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Every Christmas, the Macedonian Bakerettes of Sse. Cyril and Methody Eastern Orthodox Church in Granite City get very busy preparing ethnic cookies, breads and pastries for their annual bake sale.

The group meets every Wednesday to bake ethnic items ranging from baklava to peeta (a cheese and spinach pie), and a wide variety of cookies.

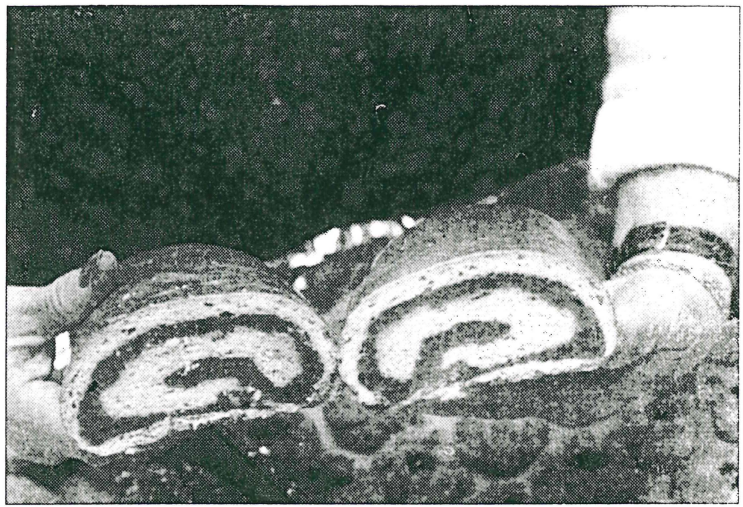
Orders will be taken through Saturday. The baked goods can be picked up from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 21 at the church, located at 4770 Maryville Road.

The recipes came from individual families within the church.

The group started baking at about the same time the church was built in 1979. Originally, the women baked in their homes, but eventually moved to the church.

Today, they will bake "thousands" of individual items for about 200 customers.

In the past the Bakerettes had two major bake sales, at Easter and Christmas, but eventually settled on one large sale



John Swistak Jr. photo

A Bakerette displays one of the many goodies the group has made above is a sample of a whole nut roll.

at Christmastime. However, they also bake on a monthly basis, mainly apple strudels for the church's monthly fish fry, held on the second Friday of each month.

Helen Christich has been baking with the group for 10 years.

"We love it, we have so much fun," she said. "We just have a real good time."

Christich said it is important

for people to place orders.

Although there will be some items available Dec. 21, they will go quickly.

"If they don't order, we could run out," she said.

For order forms, call 931-6465, 451-2676, or 451-5793. Forms should be returned to the Sts. Cyril & Methody Bake Sale, P.O. Box 1303, Granite City.

Chapman seeking full term on Appellate Court Announces plans to run for re-election to Fifth District

A Madison County woman who was appointed to Illinois' Fifth District Appellate Court in June will seek a full 10-year term on the court.

Judge Melissa Chapman, a Democrat, announced plans last week to run for re-election to the post in next year's election.

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"Serving on the Appellate Court has been one of the most exciting and rewarding challenges of my career. I have seen firsthand how the decisions we make...affect the lives of people..."