



## Bethlehem Peace Light

In 2008 Roger Knuteson and Joe Reding of Troop 113 in Minnesota, brought the Peace Light to Chicago from JFK in NYC. Joe Stocchero, District Executive of Chicago Area Council and Guntis Dabolins of Chicago Latvian Church Scouts and representatives from Mexico, held "Lighting of the Peace Light Services" at Chicago Area Headquarters. This was the first Peace Lighting in this area. In 2009, Ernie Aguilera, District Executive of Chicago Area Council and Guntis Dabolins brought the Peace Light to Chicago from where it spread to many churches and organizations and continues to spread throughout the North American Continent.

This year, Guntis Dabolins of Chicago Latvian Church Scouts, Scout Leaders from neighboring Councils, and Church Leaders from last year are meeting on December 1 in Palatine to ignite the Chicago Peace Light that will be used to spread the light at other Peace Lighting Ceremonies. This started out as a Scout venture. Talk to your pastor about bringing it to your parish.

**The latest news flash...** 11/28/2010 9:31:10 P.M.

*Stefan Holt, the 2010 Peace Light child has light his lantern at the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem Israel. Austrian Air has successfully flown the Peace Light to Vienna Austria, and will bring it to New York on Monday 11/29/10. Roger and I are currently in New York preparing to pick up the 2010 Peace Light.*

[www.peacelight.org](http://www.peacelight.org) A web site dedicated to facilitating the distribution of the Peace Light from Bethlehem throughout the North American continent. "Check out the Photo Gallery."  
<http://www.scoutingnews.org/2008/12/10/peace-light-from-bethlehem-to-minnesota/>

Check out both websites for interesting stories and pictures of the Peace Light starting in Europe (continues to be distributed by bike) and spreading throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, through the original efforts of Roger Knuteson and Joe Reding of Troop 113 in Minnesota.



*Thomas Heinrich, Austrian Airlines Director of Security and Wolfgang Kerndler, Austrian Airlines Director of Training and Safety and Scouts from Troop and Pack 27 in Staten Island, N.Y. outside Our Lady of the Skies chapel in JFK airport, terminal 4, 2009.*



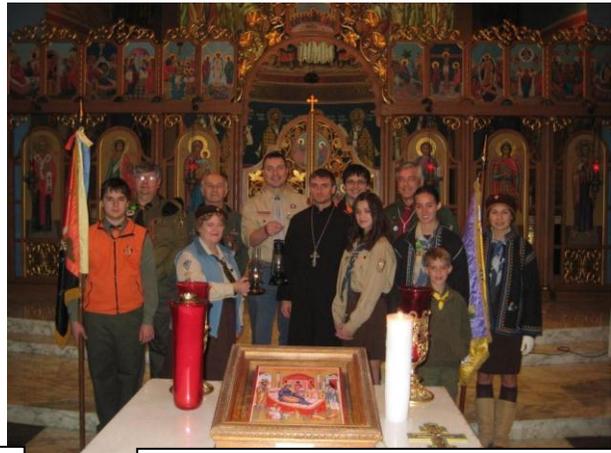
*Two lanterns strapped into first class Austrian Airline seats are prepared for their trans-Atlantic flight in 2009 from Austria to JFK Airport.*



*All of the Scouting youth who attended the Peace Light ceremony at Our Lady of the Skies chapel at JFK Airport Dec 2009.*



*Guntis Dabolins of Chicago Latvian Church, Ernest Aguilera, District Executive of Chicago Area Council and Roger Bazarko of Troop 113, Minnesota, in front of the Danville, IN Christian Church. Guntis and Ernest brought the Peace Light back to Chicago in 2009.*



*Chicago Plast Ukrainian Scouts with Guntis Dabolins - BSA Chicago at St. Joseph's Church in Chicago. The Peace Light continued to be shared throughout the 2009 Christmas season.*

*In December 2008 the Peace Light was first brought to Chicago Area Council Headquarters by Roger Knuteson and Joe Reding from Troop 113 in Minnesota. Guntis and Scout Mexico representative receiving the Peace Light from Roger.*



*A large group of Scouts with the Peace Light in Torreon Mexico. The Peace Light spreads throughout Mexico, 2009.*

**2009 Peace Light tracking map**

This is a google map showing all the reported 2009 Peace Light recipients in North America, by zip code.



**This year's schedule**

**Wednesday, 12/1, 2010**  
 10:00 am will be the only stop Joe and Roger will have in Chicagoland.

The location:

Immaculate Conception

725 S Benton St. Palatine

**Ernie Aguilera** is setting up Peace Light exchanges for the next several weeks in the Chicagoland area. Chicago Area Council and the Palatine contingency will be spreading the Peace Light in their locales. If you are interested in participating in a Peace Light ceremony, contact Ernie 312.421.2804 EXT 215 [ernest.aguilera@scouting.org](mailto:ernest.aguilera@scouting.org) for a location in the Chicagoland area and what you need to bring in way of a lantern.

**The Ukrainian Scout families will be conducting the Peace Light Ceremony for the Ukrainian Scout families in a fifteen minute ceremony on Sunday, December 12, at 9:00 AM at their Christmas bazaar at the Ukrainian Cultural Center of Sts Volodymyr & Olha at the southeast corner of Chicago Avenue and Oakley (one block east of Western). The Peace Light will remain until Noon and anyone is welcome to pickup there. They also have plans to get the Peace**

Light to Philadelphia PA, Baltimore MD, Washington DC, Fort Bragg NC, Albany NY, Syracuse NY, Rochester NY, Buffalo NY, St. Catherine's ON, Toronto ON, and Montreal QC

The **Lithuanian Sea Scouts Ship 2029** out of Tall Grass District in Des Plaines Valley Council plan on distributing the Peach Light to Indianapolis, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston and DC as well as to their local Lithuanian Catholic Churches.