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56th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY

On August 15, 2010, the Pontifical Divine Liturgy was celebrated at 10:00 am for the 56th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage hosted by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY. The main celebrant was Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics in the U.S.A. Celebrating Bishops were: Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, homilist, and Most Rev. Basil Losten.

More photos from the pilgrimage will be in the next issue of "The Way."



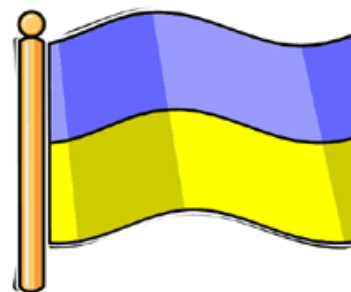
Shroud of Turin replica was on display.



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Watch videos from the Pilgrimage on our Blog.
www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

From the Archbishop's Desk



Glory to Jesus Christ!

My Brother Priests,

The 19th anniversary of the independence of Ukraine will be commemorated worldwide this August 24th, 2010. I urge you to remind the faithful of the significance of the commemoration for all Ukrainians worldwide and, particularly, for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Freedom and democracy are highly valued in the United States of America. We cherish and live it. We also desire it for all in the world. Today, there are signals that genuine freedoms and democracy are at risk again in Ukraine. The commemoration of the 19th anniversary of the proclamation of Ukraine's independence calls us to do all we can to ensure that Ukraine be independent and that Ukrainians enjoy the freedoms and privileges of democracy we all expect.

Please urge the faithful to pray for our beloved Ukraine. Include a special petition in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 22nd. Ask our generous and merciful God to inspire Ukrainians to strive for peace, mutual love and respect, and with the desire to celebrate life in God.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+Stefan Soroka". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+Stefan Soroka
Metropolitan-Archbishop

The Ukrainian Heritage Tour

Excerpt from the article "We need to like ourselves more"
<http://republicanherald.com>

by: **JOHN E. USALIS**

Last weekend, I got a really good review in the Ukrainian half of my heritage. My mother's parents, Daniel and Magdalen Sulich, came from the old country early in the 20th century and belonged to St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah.

Actually, back then it was St. Michael Greek Catholic Church, which of course is the oldest Eastern Rite Catholic church in the country. I think it's safe to say it's the oldest such church in North America, and probably the Western Hemisphere. If someone knows otherwise, please inform me.

My mother, Mary, was raised in the church, but changed to Roman Catholic when she married my father, John. The former leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is retired Archbishop Stephen Sulyk. I always wondered if we're related in some distant way. The first time I met him, I thought he looked like my Uncle Steve. They could have been brothers. Maybe we're both from the same family group,

though is so, the connection is probably distant.

About 30 people of Ukrainian descent came to the region to learn about the history of the first immigrants who settled in the anthracite coal region more than a century ago.

The Ukrainian Heritage Tour, sponsored by St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church (www.stnicholasucc.org) in Passaic, N.J., stopped at many sites in Schuylkill, Northumberland and Columbia counties during its first two full days here, with the final day spent at Ukrainian Seminary Day in Primrose last Sunday (July 25, 2010).

The Passaic church is celebrating its centennial this year, and the local interest in learning where Ukrainians first settled when coming to America. The tour was timed with attending Ukrainian Seminary Day.

The tour group arrived in Schuylkill County on Thursday afternoon, and

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Shenandoah, PA



Shenandoah, PA



Maizeville, PA

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after settling in, traveled to St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Frackville, where they were greeted by the Very Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, pastor, who is the dean of the South Anthracite Protopresbytery of the Philadelphia archeparchy. Fields led the tour of his church, followed by a trip to the parish cemetery for a Panachyda service. The group returned to the church hall for a buffet diner provided by the parish, which included an overview of Ukrainian immigration in the southern anthracite region by Fields and Rev. Deacon Paul Spotts.

Friday's first stop was St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah, the oldest Ukrainian and Eastern Rite Catholic church in the United States. The church celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2009. The group, led by Fields, learned about the history of the parish. He explained that the church building is the third one, the second being destroyed by fire in 1984, 100 years after the founding of the parish. "When the Ukrainian immigrants came, they didn't have their own church," said Fields. "First of all, they weren't accepted by the Latins (Latin Rite Catholics).

Second, they had their own ideas and their own way of worship, their own customs, their own liturgical calendar." The concept of intolerance is nothing new around here. The Irish, Polish, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Slovaks, etc., all had to deal with intolerance when they got here. Those of Spanish descent are just the latest group. The first Ukrainian Catholic service was held Dec. 18, 1884, in Kern's Hall. The land was purchased for a church, and the first Divine Liturgy was held in 1886 in the new church, which still stands on West Centre Street.

The tour included a rare visit into the sanctuary, located behind the ornate iconostasis, or icon wall, which is found in Eastern Rite Catholic and Orthodox churches. Father Fields described the different elements found in the sanctuary, which usually cannot be seen from the nave of the church. After getting a group photo in front of St. Michael's, the group traveled a short distance to the original St. Michael's church.

The stop was brief since the building was locked, and the bus left for St. John the Baptist Ukrainian

Catholic Church in Maizeville, which is also pastored by Fields. Fields explained the church history, with the parish celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2008. He explained that the Ukrainian immigrants had a rough life when they came to the coal region.

"At the turn of the century, our immigrants did not have any easy life when they came here," said Fields. "According to history, three miners were killed every two days on average in the mines. Most had injuries, whether it be lost fingers or a foot, breathing problems, scars. They died young."

After leaving St. John's, the group headed to Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine & Steam Train in Ashland. After lunch in Higher-Ups Park, the group took the coal mine tour and the Henry Clay Lokie ride. The tour leader was Marion Hrubec, who has visited the area many times and is familiar with the sites and history. She provided some of the site descriptions in Ukrainian, since many of the tour members had emigrated from Ukraine many years ago and still speak their original language in addition to English. Hrubec said there is a great interest in

learning about where their ancestors settled.

"Their grandparents or great-parents came here, worked the mines, some died here and others never went back. That's why they want to see their roots, where they worked, where they lived," said Hrubec. "It's part of our celebration in going back to our roots, because they celebrated 125 years in Shenandoah."

The final stop on Friday's itinerary was in Centralia Heights for a visit to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, which was founded in 1911. Upon arrival, the Rev. Stefan Bilyk, pastor, greet the group and provided the tour. In the evening, the group returned to St. Michael's in Frackville for dinner.

On Saturday, the group toured Yuengling brewery in Pottsville. Hey, you can't visit the area without stopping at Yuengling. They also visited St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic churches in Saint Clair and Minersville, then traveled to Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mount Carmel, and Transfiguration of Our

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The Ukrainian Heritage Tour

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Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shamokin.

During the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Ukrainian Seminary Day, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka welcomed the visitors from New Jersey. "We welcome the parishioners of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church who have traveled these past few days to come to know the roots of our Church in this deanery," said Soroka. "It is so beautiful that they are among us and come to appreciate the beginnings of our Church in this country, and also it is an era that gives us hope because this is the fourth and fifth generations and the churches are strong and continue to give us good example and great hope to all the churches in the United States of America.

"We also welcome the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, who are among us and have been a part of the foundation of this deanery in all the schools they have served in. Let us pray that God will provide us the strength and the perseverance that we need to continue to be most worthy and be generous co-workers in building God's Kingdom here on earth. Slava Isusu

Christu (Glory to Jesus Christ)."

Fields spoke of the seeds sown in the region in the 19th century that grew over the years.

"When you drive from Saint Clair to Frackville, you see a little stream along that way. That seems small in this little mountain village, but when you go down to Philadelphia, it's a mighty river called the Schuylkill," he said. "The same thing is true of our Church. It was founded in this region in 1884 in Shenandoah, and it is the home of the Ruthenian churches, the Ukrainian churches, and even many of our sister churches of the Orthodox faith. And just as that little stream begins in these mountains, that faith that was sown here over the centuries in time has grown into our Ukrainian church in the United States in for one archeparchy and three eparchies. It is the same for the Ruthenian church. Why? Because it was built on firm faith.

"They also heeded the word that we hear in the Gospel. They were not afraid. They faced an uncertain future, leaving their homeland, but even though they left mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters behind, many never

even saw the ground again. They faced the future believing in God and putting their trust, and literally their hands, in Jesus Christ."

Fields explained that the Ukrainian heritage and culture is strong in the area because of the percentage of Ukrainian-Americans who make up the population of the many boroughs and townships. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the U.S. communities with high percentages of people of Ukrainian ancestry (2000 Census) are:

- 1. Cass Township, 14.30 percent
- 4. Gilberton, 12.40 percent
- 7. Saint Clair, 8.80 percent
- 9. Frackville, 7.60 percent
- 10. Norwegian Township (tied with Olyphant, Pa.), 7 percent

- 13. McAdoo (tied with Baden, Pa.), 5.90 percent
- 14. Branch Township (tied with Postville, Iowa), 5.70 percent
- 18. Mount Carmel Township (tied with Ambridge, Pa.), 5.30 percent
- 20. Kline Township (tied with Bigler Township, Pa.), 5.10 percent.

"As we gather here today, we are building on what our ancestors built as we celebrate our culture, our heritage and, most importantly, our faith," said Fields.

"Let us go into the future with confidence in Jesus Christ."

The visitors I spoke to want to come back, possibly on an annual basis, and expect to have more people to come after they tell their friends about the area. That's something we can be proud of.



PRESS RELEASE

SAVE THESE DATES!

The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great
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The Seventy-Ninth Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God



Saturday, October 2, 2010 6:00 PM – 8 PM
Sunday, October 3, 2010 10 AM – 5 PM

Guest homilist

Saturday - Very Rev. Robert Hitchens

Sunday – Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM

With the presence of The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka,
Metropolitan-Archbishop
Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy and Clergy

Theme: Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38)
Surrender to God’s call

LUC Meeting

North Anthracite Council – League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on
Sunday, August 29, 2010, at Ezzyk’s Farm in Berwick.

Moleben at 2:00pm, Business Session at 2:30pm followed by annual picnic.

For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-
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[Submitted by Paul Ewasko]

DO YOU KNOW???

that in our Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States, we have our own **contemplative monastery for women**



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His Excellency Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, and the Contemplative Basilian Nuns after Divine Liturgy in their monastery chapel

Let us be of one mind and one heart.... a celebration of Marriage!

We, as believers, celebrate the gift of life. It is the most precious gift God gives us. It is a gift we are given to share with one another. Through Jesus, we find our purpose, our full potential as human beings and the source of life here and in the world to come.

If we are so blessed, we are graced with a partner in life with whom we can share this gift in the Holy Union we call Marriage. It is holy in it's openness to life; in it's ability to create and nurture new life, and to create a loving, safe and healthy environment wherein our love can grow and where God dwells.



In today's day and age, the sustaining of that type of spiritual life is challenged. The world proclaims that security, "the good life", a successful life is found in money, material possessions and a position of power. Yet, sometimes we can be so busy making a living, that we never make a life or never really live the one we have been blessed with.

We can take for granted the loved ones in our life, and the routine of life can begin to dull our joy.

We are calling upon all our faithful to join with us in prayer and love to recommit ourselves to life! A *spiritual* life which is based on a loving service rooted in the gratitude we have for the "good life" we have in Jesus. It is good that we make the time to remind ourselves of what goodness and resources we have at our disposal: the grace to be courageous, to be strong, to be faithful, to be happy, to be forgiving, to live in freedom from bondage of self, to be God-filled, love filled... there are SO many gifts God gives us.

This October we will celebrate Marriage in a special Liturgy and banquet at our Cathedral.

We ask all our married couples to join with us in celebrating their commitment to each other; their commitment to life!

Archbishop Stefan Soroka invites you to come and join in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy on October 17, 2010 at 11:00AM at our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. It will afford us the opportunity to say once again: "Yes...I do...I love you and always will" to our spouses and to God. We ask for your support through your prayers for all our married faithful and your participation in this celebration of Marriage. There will be a banquet following in the Cathedral Hall where there will be the sounds of music and dancing, and love celebrated in good food, good fellowship and God's joyful presence.

Come and join us! Let us push aside the negative, selfish messages of the world and make the time in our lives to shine the light of faith and love and commitment and LIFE! Let our love for one another be a message of hope and affirmation to those seeking to live in a Christ-centered life!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA

October 17, 2010
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia , PA



**We invite all our married faithful to join with our
Archbishop-Metropolitan +Stefan
at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral
on October 17, 2010
for the celebration of their Wedding Anniversaries
at a Divine Liturgy at 11:00AM
followed by a Banquet in their honor
in the Cathedral Hall.**

Registration Form:

Husbands Name _____

Wife's Name _____

Address _____

Parish _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Years Married _____

Number of Guests _____ *Deadline for Registration October 5, 2010*

Cost: \$30.00 per Anniversary Couple \$20.00 Per Guest

Mail to: Office for Evangelization 827 N Franklin Street Philadelphia PA19123

Make checks payable to *Archeparchy of Philadelphia.*

Catechetical Sunday and You!

Each year as September rolls around, the first days of a new school year have just begun—or are not too far away.

In keeping with local classroom calendars, many parishes begin a renewed program of religious instruction at the same time. Often parish programs are designed for people of all ages.

Our Church is no different. For many years particular attention has been paid to what has become known as “Catechetical Sunday.” Usually scheduled for the third Sunday in September in the past, it has become increasingly necessary to let this day be observed at different times as school programs across the country follow different schedules.

Labor Day used to be the starting-point for schools to resume. Now, with more and more school systems on “track” schedules, or opting to start mid- to late-August, or wait until mid-September—it is less necessary to have a fixed time to focus on a religious class schedule.

We have, in the Byzantine tradition, September 1 as the beginning of the Church Year, and a natural focal point for our religious studies. Many parishes provide classes for all age groups—not just those in elementary or secondary schools. Some even have programs that integrate all generations into a single program—with multi-level sessions on a rather well-developed theme.

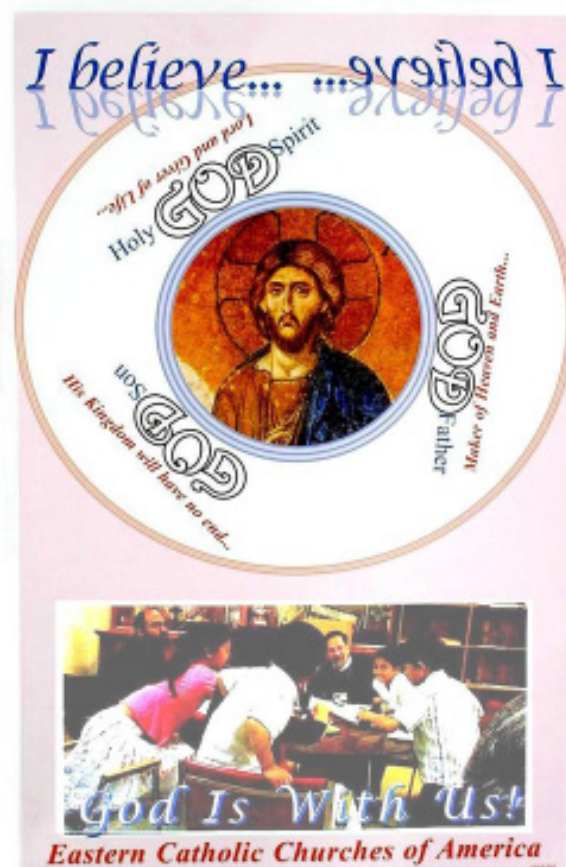
Whatever the situation, you may see in your parish church, social hall, school or some other facility a poster drawing your attention to two facets of our faith: “I believe...” and “God Is With Us!”

Sponsored by ECED, an extension of the work of the Eastern Catholic bishops of this country, the combined group of Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education has developed a poster that proclaims a focus for all.

With mirror-image lettering, we recall the creedal statement “I believe...” as we reflect on the idea that we cannot see God, except as if in a mirror—and can only learn of Him through His attributes.

Our Faith teaches us God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The poster places the word “God” in a nimbus of light—which, by God’s Word—came into being. This orb is larger than the boundaries of the field and hovers over His creatures—excited by the truth: “God is with us!” Each eparchial Director of Religious Education has posters to distribute to the parishes—along with material suitable for bulletin and pulpit announcements, and other aids in commemorating “Catechetical Sunday” in each local community as their schedule deems practical.

Look for the posters in your parish—await the learning aids—and attach yourself to the expression of belief in the fact that “God is with us!”



Taste of Ukraine: Helen Ewasko improves on traditional Kapusta

BY JOSH MCAULIFFE (STAFF WRITER)
<http://thetimes-tribune.com>

Just because a recipe's been in your family for decades doesn't mean it's set in stone and can't be improved upon.

Such is the case with Helen Ewasko's recipe for Kapusta, or Ukrainian Sweet and Sour Cabbage, a unique and very tasty side dish that's a must-have at Ewasko family holiday dinners and summertime barbecues alike.

The recipe took first-place honors in this week's Local Flavor: Recipes We Love contest. Mrs. Ewasko, a resident of Glenburn Twp., received a \$75 gift certificate for Rossi's ShurSave Market in Old Forge.

Norma Krzywiec of Eynon was awarded the \$25 runner-up prize for her Biscotti with Anise Flavor. Her recipe can be found online at www.thetimes-tribune.com/localflavor.

A native of Ukraine - she was 6 when her family fled the country at the end of World War II - Mrs. Ewasko was actually taken by surprise with the news that her recipe had won the contest. Her husband of 50 years, Paul, sent it in on her behalf.

Kapusta - it translates roughly to "cabbage" in Ukrainian - originates on Mr. Ewasko's side of the family. His grandmother, Maria Papara, passed it on to his mother, Ann Ewasko, who then passed it on to her daughter-in-law.

In addition to cabbage, the dish has sauerkraut, tomatoes (diced, whole or crushed, they all work fine, Mrs. Ewasko said), ketchup, water, onions, salt, pepper and sugar. Over time, Mrs. Ewasko made the recipe her own by adding bacon and tomato soup to it.

"My mother didn't do that at first, but she started to after I did it," said Mrs. Ewasko, the mother of five children, Steven, Christine, Kathy, Lisa and Greg, and grandmother of four.

Once all the ingredients are combined, they simmer on low for a good 90 minutes to two hours, said Mrs. Ewasko, who first learned to cook in the kitchen of her mother, the late Maria Izak.

All that time on the stove produces a sublime final product. The sourness of the cabbage and sauerkraut melds perfectly with the sweetness of the sugar, the acidity of the tomatoes and the saltiness of the bacon.

A must-have at the Ewaskos' Christmas and Easter dinners, Kapusta goes terrifically with ham, pork and kielbasi, or kobasa, as the Ukrainians call it.

"And it's great with hot dogs. But it has to be all beef," said Mr. Ewasko who likes to tell the story about a friend of the family who couldn't stand cabbage but fell in love with Kapusta when he came over to the house for dinner one night.



Helen Ewasko took some liberties with her family's traditional Kapusta recipe that has become the new standard at her home. (Michael J. Mullen / staff photographer)

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The dish is also well known at the Ewaskos' church, St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Greek Catholic in Scranton, where Mrs. Ewasko's late father, the Rev. Bohdan Izak, was the pastor for many years. There, "when you think of Kapusta, you think of Helen's recipe," Mr. Ewasko said.

A specialist in all sorts of Eastern European cookery, Mrs. Ewasko's other notable dishes include borshch, holupchi, pyrohy, schnitzel and chicken paprikash. No stranger to cooking contests, five years ago she won Country Living magazine's annual "Mom's Best Cake" contest for her Ukrainian Festive Walnut Torte.

Still, Mrs. Ewasko remains modest about her talents in the kitchen.

"I'm not what you would call a 'gourmet' cook," she said.

Maybe not. But you don't have to be a gourmet to be a really good cook.

Contact the writer: jmcauliffe@timeshamrock.com

Helen Ewasko's Kapusta

Makes 12 servings

1 medium (or two small) head cabbage
1 12-ounce can sauerkraut
1 12-ounce can diced, whole or crushed tomatoes
1 10-3/4-ounce can tomato soup
1/2 cup water
4 medium onions
6 strips bacon
1/3 cup ketchup
5 teaspoons sugar
salt and pepper, to taste

Remove core of cabbage and slice into thin strips. Chop onions.

Dice bacon and fry in five-quart pot until crisp. Remove bacon and place in small bowl. Add chopped onions to the remaining bacon fat in pot and saute until soft and transparent. Add cabbage to the onions and saute until cabbage is slightly cooked. Drain sauerkraut in colander, rinsing thoroughly with water. Squeeze sauerkraut and place in pot with cabbage. Add bacon, tomatoes, tomato soup and water. Mix everything thoroughly, adding sugar and pepper. Continue mixing and add salt. Bring to a slight boil, mixing frequently.

Cover pot, turn heat down to low and simmer lightly for 90 minutes to two hours. Stir often to avoid burning and continue adding water if the liquid becomes low. Add ketchup and again mix thoroughly. Taste to see if it needs more sugar, pepper or salt.



Icon of Sts. Peter and Andrew courtesy of Eastern Christian Bulletin Service, Fairfax, Va.

Orthodox and Catholics: Together yet Apart

*The Eleanor Malburg
Eastern Churches Seminar*

October 8-9, 2010

**Notre Dame College
4545 College Road
South Euclid, Ohio 44121**

This is the 26th annual Eastern Churches Seminar. It is open to all clergy, religious and laity of the Eastern and Western churches, and is especially helpful for religion teachers and pastoral ministers to aid their understanding of the Eastern traditions.

Orthodox and Catholics: Together yet Apart:

The world and contemporary currents in Christianity pose some real challenges to the relationship of our ancient churches. The views of contemporary culture on moral and social issues present opportunities for joint witness as regards the concerns of climate change and care of this earth, but also call for some clear joint clarification on issues of protection of human life and end of life. Also, within broader Christianity there are certain teachings and practices which are not consonant with the apostolic tradition which ancient church believers unanimously revere. The estrangement between Catholic and Orthodox believers of some thousand years has brought us to some differences in doctrine and practice that have yet to find satisfactory resolution with the present situation in the dialogue.

The Notre Dame College Center for Pastoral Theology and Ministry, together with its co-sponsors, presents this seminar with the hope that knowledge will lead to greater understanding and mutual respect.

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Advocating for Adoption

By Cassandra Meholick

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Harrisburg has been assisting families, birth parents and adoptees for over 70 years. Catholic Charities Adoption Services believes in the innate dignity and value of every human life and that every child is entitled to an environment in which he or she is loved and accepted unconditionally.

The adoption process is a major undertaking, emotionally and legally. Some birth mothers want to maintain contact with their children; some do not; and some want to reserve the right to decide later. Sometimes years later siblings want to learn more about their brother or sister who was adopted. The legal process for adoption should safeguard the interests of all parties involved; but the current law in Pennsylvania could use some improvement.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference is supporting Senate Bill 1360, revising the Adoption Act, as it significantly improves services for those involved in the adoption process. The bill has two key components. First, it

recognizes and establishes procedures for voluntary open adoption agreements, whereby a prospective adoptive parent can enter into a voluntary agreement with a birth relative of a child to permit continuing contact between the child and a birth relative.

"Some children who are older refuse adoption because they feel it's disloyal to their birth parents that they still see," says Kelly Bolton, Director of Adoption Services in Harrisburg. "This helps children say it's an ok deal because their birth parents are on board."

Under the legislation, all parties involved must consent to having contact. Bolton also added nearly all adoptions from birth facilitated by Catholic Charities of Harrisburg have some form of contact between the birth parent, adoptee and adoptive family.

The second part of the bill streamlines procedures for accessing adoption records and directs DPW to establish a statewide confidential registry for the receipt, filing and retention

of medical and social history information and authorization forms for all adoptions finalized or registered in Pennsylvania.

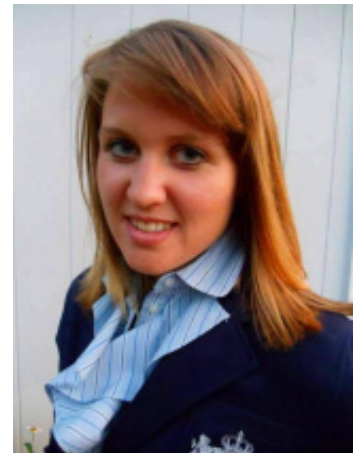
Adoption services in Pennsylvania follow a confidential intermediary system. An intermediary is a person certified by a judge to search for adoption information upon the request of an adoptee. Under current law, only adoptees can request information. The revision allows for increased access so that birth parents and other relatives of the parties involved, like siblings, may also request information.

In recent years, we have heard disheartening statistics showing an increase in abortions taking place in the state of Pennsylvania. A life-affirming alternative to abortion is adoption. By working to improve the adoption process, we may help more mothers see adoption as a viable choice for their children.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network is urging state senators to support SB 1360. Visit, call or write your state senator, or log on to

www.pacatholic.org/current_issues/catholic-advocacy-network/ to join the Advocacy Network and send an e-mail message.

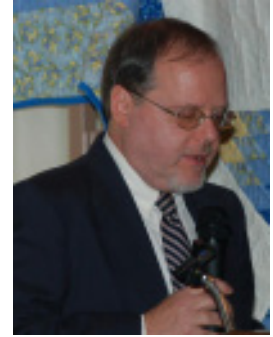
PCC advocates many life and dignity issues as well as Catholic education, religious liberty, marriage and family, social justice, health care, and faith. When you sign up for the Advocacy Network, check any and all of the categories on the sign-up screen to receive updates on each of them. Join us, be heard, make a difference.



Meholick lives in the Diocese of Harrisburg. She is a senior at Kent State University in Ohio and just completed a summer internship with the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference.

CANTORS: Liturgical Music Workshops

Professor Joseph Roll will be conducting a sequence of Liturgical workshops consisting of six sections:



Professor Roll

- 1) Divine Liturgy and Resurrectional Tones
- 2) Requiem Services
- 3) Easter Matins
- 4) Presanctified Liturgy and Vespers, especially for Good Friday
- 5) Matins: (specifically 12 Passion Gospels and Jerusalem Matins) and Compline (specifically for Christmas and Epiphany)
- 6) Molebens, Akafists and Devotional Hymns

The workshops are already underway in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Diocese of Stamford and Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma. The following sequence will commence in the fall of 2010:

Sequence 4 : Presanctified and Vespers

September 24-26th, 2010

St. Basil's College, Stamford Connecticut

Contact Fr. Maxim Kobasiuk 203-356-0770

Sequence 1 : Divine Liturgy and Resurrectional Tones

October 8-10, 2010

Gilmary Retreat Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Contact Fr. Valerian Michlik 412-766-8801

Sequence 2 : Requiem Services for the Deceased

November 5-7, 2010

Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lansdale PA

Contact: Rev Archpriest Daniel Troyan-215-627-0143

The Liturgical Workshops are open to everyone. Cantors and choir directors are encouraged to attend but anyone interested in the Liturgical Music of our church is also encouraged to participate.

Eparchy of Saint Josaphat

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Graduate of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Ordained to Priesthood

One of the recent graduates of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Rev. J. Claudio Melnicki, was recently ordained to the holy priesthood by Most Rev. John Bura for the Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Parma, OH, in his hometown of Campo Mourao, Brazil. Father Claudio was a student at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary from January 2006 through January 2010, where he graduated from Catholic University of America with a Masters of Divinity degree. He was a former seminarian and student of St. Basil's Seminary in Stamford, CT. Father Claudio was a classmate of Rev. Paul Makar (Vocations Director for the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Philadelphia) and Father Ignatius Kury (Pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Akron, OH, and Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canton, OH) at St. Josaphat's, both of whom were in attendance at Father Claudio's ordination. Father Claudio is currently awaiting assignment for the Eparchy of Parma, OH.



Father Claudio standing with Father Paul after conferring his first blessing.



Soon-to-be Father Claudio posing with Bishop John Bura and the Catechist Sisters by the Taras Shevchenko monument in Prudentopolis, Brazil.



The newly-ordained Father Claudio standing with his brothers and sister at the reception afterwards.



Beheading of St. John the Baptist

At that time King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the

leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. (Mk. 6, 14-30)

This took place about a year before the Resurrection of Christ.

King Herod had married Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. This was against the Law of God, and John rebuked Herod for it. Herodias was furious with John and wanted revenge, so she forced Herod to imprison John and also wanted him to be killed. But Herod was afraid of the people, who revered John, and refused this request of hers.

While John was in prison, his disciples were perplexed that God had allowed His great herald

John to be put in prison. They could not understand the ways of God, which seemed unjust to them. So they started to doubt whether Jesus was truly the Messiah, as John had told them.

In order to resolve their doubts, John sent two of his disciples to Christ to ask: "Are you the One Who is to come, or do we look for another?" At that moment Christ was working many miracles of healing, and He replied: "Go and tell John that which you hear and see: the blind see and the lame walk, the lepers are

cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, who is not offended because of Me."

According to the Church Fathers, John put this question in order to guide his own disciples. He himself did not doubt that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah, because God Himself had granted him to see the Holy Spirit descending and remaining on Him, and to hear the Voice of the Father calling Christ His beloved Son. John's disciples were

sorrowful about the plight of their master John, and in doubt about the Divinity of Christ. So Christ's answer was a quotation from the Prophet Isaiah (29:18; 35:4-6), in which the prophet describes the works that the Messiah will do.

Christ's parting words to them: "and blessed is he, who is not offended because of Me", mean that we should not in God when we do not understand His ways at times. How often do people say: "How could

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St. John the Baptist

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God allow this to happen?" when they don't understand why some evil is taking place.

Then the Lord continued to speak about the greatness of John the Baptist. He said that he was the prophet of whom God spoke in the Scriptures, saying: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You" (Isaiah 40.3-5; Malachi 4.5). Then the Lord said that John was the greatest born of women - "but he who is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he." What did the Lord mean? He meant that as long as John was outside the Kingdom of heaven, which is the New Testament Church, he would be less than even the least inside the Church. Of course, when Christ crushed the gates of hell, He took with Him to Paradise all the righteous who had died before the Coming of Christ, including the greatest of them, John the Baptist.

Now Herodias was plotting to have John killed. So she hit on a clever scheme. When Herod's birthday was being celebrated, the daughter of Herodias, who was called Salome, danced before the guests and pleased Herod. So he promised her on oath to give her anything she asked. Salome, prompted by her mother, said: "Give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter." Herod was upset and frightened, because he knew that John was a prophet. But he did not want to lose face with his guests, because he had made an oath of Salome. So he sent and had John beheaded in prison. And his head was brought on a platter and given to Salome, and she brought it to her mother.

The Church teaches us that when we have to choose between two loyalties, or between a bad oath and following God's will, it is better to break our oath to men than to anger God. As we hear in the hymns of the feast: "O Herod, it would have been better for you to have broken your oath to man than to have killed a prophet of God."

The Church also teaches that after his beheading John descended into hell and preached to the souls imprisoned there that the Savior was on His way. He taught them to repent so as to receive the forgiveness which Christ offered.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 22, 2010: Ukrainian Folk Festival. "Tryzub" Ukrainian-American Sport Center, County Line & Lower State Rd, Horsham, PA. Festivities begin at 12:00 noon. www.tryzub.org

October 2-3, 2010: Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God, Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase Manor, PA.

October 17, 2010: Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA. Divine Liturgy at 11am followed by a Banquet. (Deadline for registration is October 5th.)

November 7, 2010: Archieparchial Festival "Songs of the Soul" groups of children and youth from Ukrainian Catholic Parishes. For information call Fr. Popyk at 215-627-0143 or 609-695-3771.

November 21, 2010: Opening Divine Liturgy and Reception, Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Centennial Celebration (for invited guests only)

March 26, 2011: Archeparchial Women's Day

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