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New Renovations have begun at Ascension Manor in Philadelphia, PA



After years of planning and preparation, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka along with members of the Board of Directors of Ascension Manor reached settlement to renovate Ascension Manor on August 16, 2010.

On August 19, 2010, meetings were held with residents of Ascension Manor to discuss the new renovations that have begun. Each apartment will receive new treatments; the main floor of each building will be reconfigured to create the best possible environment for the current residents and future residents of

Ascension Manor. In addition two Fitness Rooms, a Computer Learning Center, a Meditation Room, an Arts and Crafts Room, an updated Doctor's Suite, and the development of 20 additional Mobility Units are also planned.

Ascension Manor is a Senior Citizen Apartment Complex for people 62 and older. It is under the direction of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. For more information on Ascension Manor please call 215-922-1116.



Bill Gorodetzer, Metropolitan Stefan and John Siwak on August 16th.



(pictured left) John Siwak, General Manager of Ascension Manor, speaks to residents on August 19th.



A ladder being used during renovations. Pictured in the background is the Cathedral.

Ascension Manor Renovations

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Located one block from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



Ascension Manor

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Equal Housing Opportunity



Photo from meeting with residents (l to r): Bill Gorodetzer (Continental Mortgage), Msgr. Peter Waslo (Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia), Dave Brawer (Brawer & Hauptman Architects), John Siwak (Manager of Ascension Manor), Debbie Lapergola (Dale Corporation), Eric Ford (Dale Corporation), Brian Colley (Dale Corporation)



Bill Gorodetzer spoke to Residents about how "We are truly blessed because of the commitment of the owner, the Ukrainian Catholic Church."



Dave Brawer spoke about new color samples and tiles selected by a Committee from the Board of Directors.



September 5, 2010

85 YEARS AS A RELIGIOUS SISTER

Sister Sozonta Izkiw, SSMI celebrated her 85th anniversary as a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate on August 7, 2010 at Sloatsburg, NY. A Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, and Rev. Evhen Moniuk. Bishop Paul offered a homily of reflection on the giftedness of Sister Sozonta's life as a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate. Joining their Provincial, Sister Michele Yakymovitch, and the Sister Servants of the Province of Immaculate Conception in the USA were the Superior General of the SSMI from Rome, Sister Janice Soluk, SSMI and the Provincial and a number of Sisters Servants of the Canadian Province.

Sister Sozonta served in many capacities throughout her 85 years as a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate. She was one of the earliest pioneers in the formation of the American Province, administered and taught in many schools, taught catechism to children and adults, and was instrumental in the development of the monastic site at Sloatsburg. At her 99 plus years, Sister Sozonta continues to minister by writing letters of encouragement to faithful and through her faithful prayers offered for so many needs presented to her.



Congratulations, Sister Sozonta! THANK YOU!

**God grant you many blessed years,
"na mnohaya lita"!**

Are You Happy With Your Life?

Sometimes, trying to live a good life as a Catholic Christian in today's world is very difficult. We are constantly distracted with many problems, pressures, and cares and we often get diverted away from God's plan of salvation for us. Would you like to explore ways of living a Christian life that will enrich your own spiritual development and share your experiences with peers who have a common bond of faith with you? If so, we have an opportunity for you!



Come to the Young Adult Gathering (ages 16-35) at the Seventy-Ninth Annual Pilgrimage under the Protection of the Mother of God at the Basilian Spirituality Center in Fox Chase, PA on Saturday, October 2, 2010. For more information, call Sr. Dia Zahurska, OSBM at 215-379-3998 (email sdiaosbm@yahoo.com) or Sr Ann Laszok, OSBM at 412-260-1607 (email srannl@aol.com).



*If this is the case,
then perhaps we can help!*

Come to our Young Adult Gathering (ages 16-35) at the Seventy-Ninth Annual Pilgrimage under the Protection of the Mother of God at the Basilian Spirituality Center in Fox Chase, PA, on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

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SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

Are You Seeking Spiritual Enrichment?



Our program schedule includes:

- 5:00 pm** – Young Adult Gathering / Registration (Basilian Spirituality Center)
- 5:30 pm** – Presentation – Hearing God's Voice by Father Paul Makar (English – Basilian Spirituality Center)
- 6:30 pm** – Break/Gather for Candlelight Procession
- 7:00 pm** – Candlelight Procession to the Grotto of the Mother of God
- 7:15 pm** – Akathist to the Mother of God (Bilingual)
- 8:00 pm** – Young Adult Dialogue with Father Paul Makar and Sister Diya Zahurska OSBM (Basilian Spirituality Center – two groups: English and Ukrainian)



We invite you to come and explore how God looks at us, because God truly sees us differently than we see ourselves. God wants us to spread the Good News about His Kingdom which He prepared not only for us, but for all of the world.



EASTERN EPARCHS AT SUPREME KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONVENTION

A number of Eastern Eparches participated in the annual Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus held this year in Washington, D.C. from August 2nd through August 5th, 2010. Also in attendance was Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten. The Knights of Columbus have generously contributed to special projects of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA and Canada. Our St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary was the beneficiary of a generous grant of \$100,000 for renovations. The Knights of Columbus also paid for the travel costs of all the bishops when they attended the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops held in Philadelphia in 2007, amounting to \$35,000. Councils also provide generously for pro-life and vocations programs of the archeparchy. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus.



Photo (left to right) Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Stamford), Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka (Philadelphia), Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR (Saskatoon, Canada), Abbot Nowakowsky (Saskatchewan, Canada).



Photo: (left to right) Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR (Saskatoon, Canada), Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Stamford), Bishop William Skurla (Byzantine, Passaic), Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka (Philadelphia).

Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY

Even the weather was perfect as the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate gave thanks for 75 years of ministry in the United States and 50 years as the American Province under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception. The culmination of a two year celebration of God's goodness and blessings, this year's Pilgrimage began on Friday evening with Moleben to the Mother of God celebrated by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka, followed by a barbecue on the back terrace of St. Mary's Villa, the site of the first Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in 1954. Violin music, performed by Inessa Tymochko Stone, provided a wonderful background for this evening of good food and fellowship.



Saturday began with the Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, followed by Panakhyda for all the deceased bishops, clergy, sisters and pilgrims who have come to pray and supported the pilgrimage in years past.

The new Blessed Josaphata Chapel Shrine was blessed on Saturday morning by Bishop Paul. The chapel shrine will be open to anyone who wants to come and pray to Blessed Josaphata and light a candle. A new icon, written by iconographer, Sviatoslav Makarenko, who also completed the chapel shrine, is hanging inside the chapel and in the near future the relics of Josaphata will be permanently enshrined inside the chapel.

During the remainder of the morning and afternoon there was an opportunity to listen to a series of talks about the work of the Sisters Servants, Mary and Marian devotions and the history of the Eastern Church, given by Sister Thomas Hrynewich, SSMI, Rev. Bohdan Danylo, Bishop Paul, Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak, and Rev. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM.

In the evening following the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Fr. James Spera, and Moleben celebrated by Bishop William Skurla, people were entertained by songs performed by the Pavlyshyn Sisters. The evening ended with a fireworks display which was truly breath-taking.

Sunday was a wonderful day of prayer and devotion. Although the sky was cloudy, the rain held off until the end of the last Moleben of the day.

Throughout the weekend, 15 youth and young adults participated in the yearly youth campout. This year, through discussion and other activities the young people tried to discover what qualities Jesus possessed and how their own qualities and gifts can be used in following Jesus.

The highlight of the weekend was the display of the replica of the Shroud of Turin, which was brought from Philadelphia to St. Mary's Villa for the Pilgrimage weekend. This is one of nine replicas that have been blessed and sanctioned by the Holy Father. The Shroud replica was touched to the actual Shroud of Turin. It will be permanently displayed in our Cathedral in Philadelphia. Bishops, clergy, sisters and pilgrims alike spent time praying at the Shroud throughout the weekend.

More than 3000 persons came to Sloatsburg to honor the Holy Mother of God at this year's Pilgrimage. They came to place their personal joys and sorrows into the hands of Mary, trusting that she will carry them to Her Son and gently ask for His help. May God bless all those who came to Sloatsburg for the Pilgrimage and those who, for various reasons, could only be spiritually present with the Sisters Servants during this very special annual event. The Sisters hold each of you in their daily prayers.

Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY



Friday's Barbecue



*Photos on this page
submitted by
Sr. Eliane, SSMI*



Saturday's Blessing of new Blessed Josaphata Chapel Shrine



Fireworks



Workshop with Sr. Thomas, SSMI



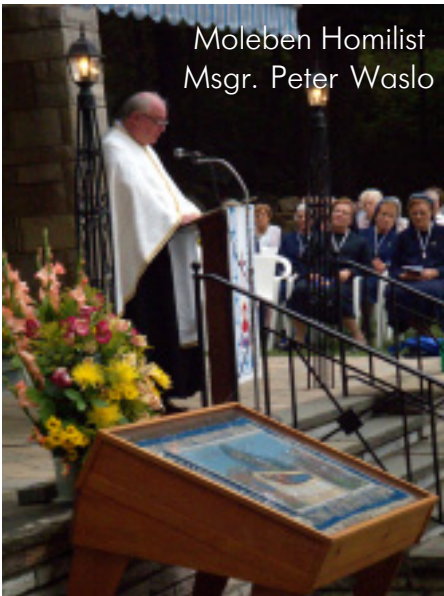
Saturday's Moleben



Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY



Sunday's Liturgy



Moleben Homilist
Msgr. Peter Waslo

Photos on this page
by Teresa Siwak and
Tanya Bilyj



Sr. Grace, SSMI and
Sr. Anne, SSMI in the
gift shop.



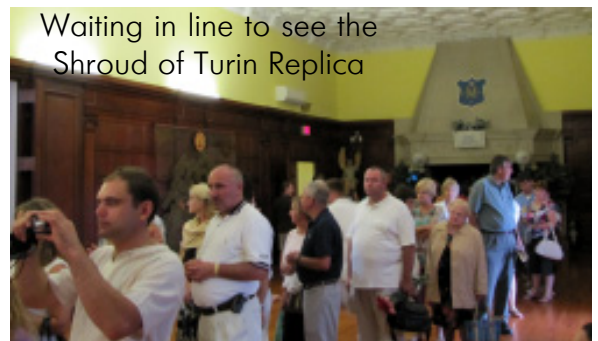
Combined Choir: Cathedral Choir and
St. Josaphat's, Philadelphia



Flowers presented to Choir
Director, Rosalie Senick



Shroud of Turin Replica
was on display



Waiting in line to see the
Shroud of Turin Replica

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St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church
1013 Fox Chase Rd., Jenkintown, PA 19046



BISHOPS' CHILD PROTECTION OFFICE LISTS MESSAGES CHILDREN HEAR IN SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON -As schools launch a new academic year, millions of children also are set to learn the ABC's of child protection. In Catholic schools and parishes nationwide, safe environment training gives children the skills necessary to protect themselves from would-be-offenders. Mary Jane Doerr, associate director of the Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has listed here some of the messages children hear in safe environment programs.

1. Abuse is never a child's fault, a point that children need to hear over and over again. Offenders try hard to make children feel complicit in the abuse or to blame them for the abuse. Children learn that that is never true! The blame always belongs to the adult who is taking advantage of a child's trust and vulnerabilities.

2. God loves children forever and wants them to live holy and happy lives. If a child has been abused, that child learns they are still innocent and loved by God and their families. The

shame of child sexual abuse needs to be put where it belongs: on the abuser.

3. Abuse that has happened should be reported. Children learn to tell a parent or another trusted adult if someone is hurting them and to keep telling until they are believed. One study shows that children tell of their abuse an average of nine times before someone believes them. Parents can help children learn whom they can trust by pointing out the adults who can be trusted. Parents can also teach children the correct names of private body parts. This simple step gives children the vocabulary to tell others what happened to them.

4. You can recognize abuse when it happens. Children learn to trust that feeling that says something isn't right and to tell a parent or other trusted adult when something happens that makes them feel uneasy. Children learn to question if someone is telling them to do what the child doesn't like but says it is because he loves the child. Children learn to tell parents or trusted adult if another person makes

them sad or confused or tries to get them to break rules. This can stop the process of grooming by which an abuser lures a child toward danger. A child who questions another's inappropriate behavior can send a message to the offender that this child is not an easy target, but one that will tell what is being done to him/her.

5. There are ways to spot a grooming process. Offenders are willing to spend a great deal of time grooming the family, the child and even the community so they may be seen as a trusted family friend. Children learn that anyone who lets children break rules, gives them alcohol or shows them pornography needs to be reported to parents and other trusted adults. Children learn not to keep secrets from parents. They learn that they should tell parents when someone gives them special gifts or is always touching them or tickling them and says not to tell.

6. Parents or other trusted adults will talk about this subject. Children often try to protect their parents from bad news,

so they need to learn they can tell their parents anything. This lesson is conveyed when parents stay involved in their children's activities and talk with them about what is happening in their lives. This is how children learn what can be shared with parents. The more effective safe environment programs include parents in the learning process. This gives the child a clear signal that this subject is not off limits but instead is something to be talked about with family members.

7. Boundaries exist. Learning about personal boundaries can protect children and their knowing boundaries reinforces the teaching to listen to one's instincts. Children who listen to the voice that says, "This doesn't feel right," can protect themselves.

8. Children can stand up for themselves. Children need to be respectful and obey, yet at the same time need to know there are times when it is okay to say no to an adult. Children learn when it is appropriate for them to say, "No, stop doing that."

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For example, they hear they can say no to someone who makes them uncomfortable, shows them pornography, or offers them alcohol.

9. There are ways to explain inappropriate behavior. Children learn how to describe what's happening when someone is doing something that just seems a "little weird" even though it may not seem wrong. The ability to articulate what has happened to a child enables a child to more easily confide in a parent or other trusted adult. This can alert the adult to a potentially dangerous situation so it can be avoided. This is ultimately the goal of safe environment education.

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Pope Sends Message for Ukrainian Independence Day

Diplomat Underlines Christian Values

VATICAN CITY, AUG. 26, 2010 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI sent a message of congratulations for the 19th anniversary of Ukrainian Independence Day.



The Pope sent a telegram to Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich for the anniversary, celebrated Tuesday, reported the apostolic nunciature in Kiev.

In Rome, Ukrainian representatives from the embassy laid flowers at a monument to Taras Shevchenko in the St. Sophia Greek Catholic Cathedral, reported the Religious Information Service of Ukraine.

The ambassador of that country to the Holy See, Tatiana Izhevskaya, stated that "the restoration of Ukrainian statehood is proof of the triumph of historical truth and justice, it crowned our people for freedom and independence."

Izhevskaya told Vatican Radio: "This joyous holiday shows not only an important historical stage of life of our homeland, but the strengthening of its spiritual foundations.

"An important prerequisite for the material and social welfare is moral development based on Christian values. I believe that together we will achieve a high level of development of our society for the benefit of all Ukrainians."

Fr. Fields offers Homily at Memorial Service...

"Firemen are inspiration. I would like to express gratitude for what you do."

Memorial services honors fallen, active firefighters

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FRACKVILLE - The sound of bagpipes filled Oak Street on Sunday evening as about 75 firefighters processed into St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church for a memorial service.

The service kicked off the weeklong Schuylkill County Firefighters Association Convention, co-hosted this year by Friendship Fire Company No. 1, Englewood, and Good Will Hose Company No. 1, Frackville.

About 50 other members of the community participated in the service, set to honor fallen firefighters of the area and those active with companies throughout the county.

Michael J. Kitsock, president of the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society, said the memorial service is a moving experience each year.

"It's always beautiful and a proper way to start the convention," Kitsock said as a light rain glazed his dress uniform. "It puts everything into perspective."

Jeff Long, secretary of Pine Grove's Hose, Hook and Ladder Fire Company No. 1, also said the service was moving.

"To have this every year to pay respects to those who have fallen and honor the active members is important."

Long also praised the service - led by the Very Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, the Rev. Fred Crawford, chaplain of the Schuylkill County Firefighters Association, Monsignor William Glosser and Deacon Paul Spotts - with special regard to the homily offered by Fields.

"It was very moving and right on point," Long said.

During the homily, Fields told firefighters that they are important because they serve the community in so many ways. He said firefighters have the fire of God guiding them and they understand "that every person is your neighbor."

Fields said as a child he would pedal a toy fire truck, look forward to rides on real fire engines and



considered becoming a firefighter.

"We all wanted to be firemen (when we came off of the engine rides), because firemen were men of honor," Fields said. "Firemen are inspiration. I would like to express gratitude for what you do."

Kevin Lonergan, chaplain with the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society and a seminarian at St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, Pottsville, said the service helps community members recognize the work of firefighters.

"A service like this is so important because it helps people realize what firefighters risk, that firefighters risk their lives to protect our lives and

our property," Lonergan said.

After the memorial service, Bryan Rogers, a firefighter with Mahanoy City's Citizens Fire Company No. 2, said his company especially felt compelled to attend the service and other events throughout the week because they often come to assist the Frackville and Englewood companies, and both companies assist Mahanoy City in turn.

"We're like sister companies. For all firefighters, it's a brotherhood, but we work a lot with them, and we want to support them and make sure they have a

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good turnout this week," Rogers said.

The convention continues throughout the week with events almost everyday.

Today's event is an open house at the Schuylkill Historical Fire Society, 106 S. Jardin St., Shenandoah, and book signing by Kitsock, and Michael R. Glore, co-authors of "History of Firefighting in Schuylkill County," starting at 6:30 p.m. Fallen comrades

Sixteen fallen firefighters were honored since the 2009 Schuylkill County Firefighters Association memorial service. They include:

Andrew Bender - Good Will Hose Company No. 1, Frackville

Robert Blankenhorn - Cressona Fire Company

Jim "Pappy" Brennan - Good Will Hose Company No. 1

Paul Byrne - Phoenix Fire Company, Shenandoah

Albert Cumer - Ryan Township Fire Company

Donald Finkel - Friendship Fire Company No. 1, Englewood, Butler Township

Thomas Hartz Sr. - Citizens Fire Company, Tamaqua

Ralph Hummel - Friedensburg Fire Company

Anthony Jaskierski - Friendship Fire Company No. 1

Uriah Lauchnor - Kaska Fire Company

William Marquardt - Rangers Hose Company, Girardville

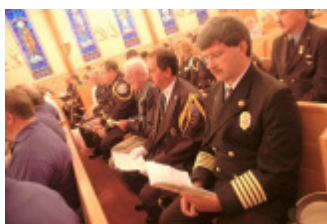
Alphonsus Marsincavage - West End Fire and Rescue, Mahanoy City

John McGrath - Columbia Hose Company, Shenandoah

Sharon Mullins - Friendship Fire Company No. 1

Jack Soberick Sr. - Volunteer Fire Company, Coaldale

John Thomas - Phoenix Fire Company, Shenandoah



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Lk. 10, 38-42; 11, 27-28)

This Feast provides us with an occasion for praise and thanksgiving in honor of the personal sanctity and vocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the mother of the Lord Jesus.

The Feast of Mary has its origin from the Eastern Church. Church documents support that this Feast was commemorated in the West as early as the 5th century.

One may wonder, where was the Virgin Mary born? Since the Holy Bible does not provide us with the answer to that question, we have to turn to the early Church traditions to determine what the Christians believed in those days. Catholic Church documents tell us that three different traditions have survived since ancient times.

Based on the first tradition that goes back to the writing of "De nativ. S. Mariae" around A.D. 580, the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in Bethlehem. The belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary was born, educated and greeted by the angel in the Holy House of Loreto has been supported in the Bulls of a number

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of popes over the centuries. (Paul II, 1471; Julius II, 1507; Leo X, 1519; Paul III, 1535; Pius IV, 1565; Sixtus V, 1586; and Innocent XII, 1698.) These Papal Bulls were not affirming any validity to the historical question as to where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. They simply consisted of expressing the common belief of their days.

Based on the second tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in Sephoris, about 3 miles North of Bethlehem. This belief is based on the fact that under Constantine, a Church was built in Sephoris to commemorate the residence of the parents of Mary. This does not necessarily support that the Blessed Virgin Mary was born there, but rather, that she may have lived in Sephoris for some time with her parents, Joachim and Anna.

The third tradition which is the most believable is that the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in Jerusalem. While the Feast of Our Lady was not celebrated in Rome until 799 A. D. when it was prescribed by the 10th canon of the Synod of Salzburg, there is evidence

to support that it existed prior to that date. Such is found in two sermons that were written by St. Andrew of Crete who died in 680 A.D. (P.G., XCVII, 806)

The vocation of Mary as the Mother of God incarnated through Jesus is based on a number of Bible passages.

The prophecy that is found in the Old Testament Book of Micah is seen as being fulfilled in the Gospel of Matthew. "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old." [Mic. 5:2; Mt. 2:6]

Also, the prophecy that is found in the Book of Isaiah is seen as being fulfilled in Matthew 1:23. "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel' which means, 'God is with us.'" [Is. 7:14; Mt. 1:23]

Matthew 1:25 tells us that Mary brought forth a Son and He was named Jesus, the name given by the angel who appeared to Joseph. [Mt. 1:21]

And according to the Gospel of St. John, verse

1:14, "The Word became flesh and lived among us."

Finally, based on the Gospel of Luke, verses 1:41, 3, filled with the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth said to Mary, "And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?"

Mary's title as the "Mother of God" has been recognized in the writings of the early Church Fathers as seen in the writings of St. Ignatius, St. Irenaeus, and Tertullian. Also, the Council of Ephesus proclaimed Mary to be Theotokos in the true sense of the word.

Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew affirms that, in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, Jesus was of the seed of David. [Mt. 1:6; Lk. 1:26-7, 1:32, 1:69, 2:4] The Letter of Paul to the Romans tells us that Jesus descended from David according to the flesh (made flesh) and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the Spirit. [Rom. 1:3]

This summarizes the Feast



of the Birth of Mary as predestined by the Lord God who called her to be the Mother of Jesus, God incarnated. As affirmed by the Holy Bible, the Blessed Virgin Mary was a virgin when she gave birth to the Lord Jesus. And as affirmed by the teachings of the Church since its early days, Mary has remained a virgin until she was taken up to Heaven at the end of her earthly life.

Her virginity speaks for itself. Created as a new creation, the Second Eve, Mary was immaculate in nature from the moment of her conception. Mary was created holy, gave birth to the Son of God in holiness, lived a holy life in the Presence of the Lord God and was taken to Heaven in the fullness of her holiness. Truly, she shall be blessed every generation. [Lk. 1:48]

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The Religious Leaders of Greater Philadelphia meet to build relationships of mutual support and offer moral and spiritual voice in our region. The Council identifies issues and concerns for dialogue and action. Archbishop Stefan Soroka is a member of the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia and has actively participated in the group since its inception in 2006. An Administrative Group plans meeting agendas, pursues issues and concerns raised at meetings of the Council, develops program initiatives, and oversees administrative and budgetary matters. Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo, Chancellor, is a member of the Administrative Group.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 18, 2010: Autumn Festival at St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1013 Fox Chase Rd., Jenkintown, PA from 3pm -11pm.

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



METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective September 1, 2010, Rev. Taras Lonchyna is relieved of his extra parish responsibilities for Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manassas, VA and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Richmond, VA.

Effective September 1, 2010, Rev. D. George Worschak is assigned as pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manassas, VA and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Richmond, VA.

Effective September 1, 2010 Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan is assigned as Chaplain for the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great at Fox Chase, PA.

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