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Metropolitan Province Clergy Retreat was held September 20-23, 2010 in Hershey, PA



Photo: Msgr. Roman Golemba



BISHOP SVIATOSLAV
SHEVCHUK (Retreat speaker)

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Retreat of the Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchs and Clergy in the United States

The Ukrainian Catholic bishops and clergy in the United States gathered together for a general retreat on September 20–23, 2010, in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The retreat was conducted by Most Rev. Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Apostolic Administrator of Protection of the Mother of God eparchy in Argentina.

Among present at the retreat there were Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Philadelphia Archeparchy, Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, Eparch of Stamford, Most Rev. Richard Seminack, Eparch of St. Nicholas eparchy in Chicago, Most Rev. John Bura, Apostolic Administrator of St. Josaphat eparchy in Parma, Most Rev. Basil Losten, bishop-emeritus of Stamford eparchy, also 160 priests of all four eparchies in the United States and hieromonks of monastic orders of St. Basil the Great and Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists).

This was the first general retreat for the Ukrainian Catholic clergy and organized under the initiative of Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan. In his conferences and homilies, the retreat master, Bishop Sviatoslav talked about uniqueness, importance and dynamics of renewing personal relationship with Christ in the priestly life and service by reflecting on the reading from the Gospel of John about an encounter of the Samaritan woman with Christ at Jacob's well and suggesting ten steps to finding joy in the priestly life. During the retreat bishops together with priests reflected upon the texts of the Sacred Scripture, prayed Hours and Vespers, celebrated the Divine Liturgy in English and Ukrainian.

As Bishop Sviatoslav stated, "This retreat was a wonderful occasion for the spiritual renewal and brotherly fellowship of the priests, who are divided among themselves by thousands of miles. It certainly helped to bring together and strengthen the unity of the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolia in the United States."

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- 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)



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“Let it be done to
me according to
your word” (Luke 1:38)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

- 5:00 PM** Young Adult Gathering / Registration
Basilian Spirituality Center
- 6:00 PM** **Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)**
Holy Trinity Chapel Grounds
- 7:00 PM** **Candlelight Procession**
- 7:15 PM** **Akathist to the Mother of God (Bilingual)**
Shrine of Our Lady of Pochaiv
Celebrant:
Archbishop Stefan Soroka
Homilist:
Very Rev. Robert Hitchens
Responses:
Andrij Dobriansky Choral Group
- Blessing of Water**
- Refreshments after Akathist**
*Basilian Spirituality Center Dining Room,
Faculty House*
- 8:00 PM** **Young Adult Dialogue**
*Basilian Spirituality Center
(Refreshments Provided)*
Rev. Paul Makar
Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM
Sister Dia Zahurska, OSBM
Seminarians
- Blessing of Cars and Buses**

**Veneration of the Shroud of Turin,
Holy Trinity Chapel**

* Presentations: Rev. Daniel Troyan (English)
Rev. Ivan Demkiv (Ukrainian)
HOLY TRINITY CHAPEL

We invite you to feel free to walk to the Sister’s cemetery
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010

- 10:00 AM** **Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)**
Monastery Grounds
- 10:30 AM** **Gather for Procession**
Basilian Spirituality Center
- 11:00 AM** **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)**
Faculty House Auditorium
Celebrant:
Archbishop Stefan Soroka
Homilist:
Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Concelebrants:
Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Bishop Basil Losten
Very Rev. Philip Sandrick, OSBM
Altar Servers:
Youth – St. Ann’s Church,
Warrington, PA
Choir:
Annunciation BVM Choir
Immaculate Conception Choir
Liturgical Director:
Monsignor Peter Waslo
- 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**
Food Service (Parking Lot Food Court)
- 2:00 PM** **Presentation – Shroud of Turin***
- 2:45 PM** **Gather for Procession**
Basilian Spirituality Center
Moleben (Bilingual)
Shrine of Our Lady of Pochayiv
Celebrant and Homilist:
Archbishop Stefan Soroka
- Choir:**
St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Catholic
Church (Elizabeth, NJ)
- Mystery of Holy Anointing / Healing (Bilingual)**

On-going Blessing of Religious Articles
Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan
Basilian Spirituality Center, Side Lawn

Longtime Pastor of Ukrainian Church in Perth Amboy, NJ bids sad farewell after 30 years.

A buffet luncheon was held on Sunday, September 12, 2010 to bid a fond farewell to our beloved pastor of 29 years, Father Roman Dubitsky, and to welcome our new pastor, Father Ivan Turyk. A special Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Father Roman and Father Ivan at 10 AM. Following Divine Liturgy, a hot buffet luncheon was held at the parish school auditorium. Guests, numbering 480, included visiting clergy, Father Roman's family members, friends, and parishioners. It was the highest-attended parish banquet in 20 years. Buffet dishes included pork loin, BBQ chicken, seafood cakes, pyrohy/varenyky (kapusta and potato), holubchi, roasted potato's, mixed vegetables, salads, and homemade desserts. All of the dishes were entirely homemade by parish volunteers.

Musical selections were sung by our Choir "Boyan" which sang "Отче наш" to open the program plus an additional selection sung later. Children from Assumption Catholic School, our parish school, sang two songs. A traditional "privit" welcome dance was performed by a unique "all generations" Ukrainian dance group.

October 3, 2010



Fr. Roman Dubitsky and Fr. Ivan Turyk during Divine Liturgy.

The group was assembled special for the occasion and included dancers ranging in age from young to old. In addition, the parish's Nadiya Dance Ensemble performed the dance "Квітка." For their efforts, the performers received well-deserved applause from the huge gathering.

In the interview to the local newspaper a day before the Liturgy, Fr. Roman said that when he arrived at the church in 1981, there were mostly American families in attendance. But in recent years, more and more Ukrainian families have joined the church and settled in neighboring towns of Old Bridge, Sayreville, South Amboy, Woodbridge and even

Holmdel. As a result, the church conducts services in both English and Ukrainian. The church also works with the families who don't speak English to help them learn the language.

"Ukrainians are now increasing in membership. They speak the Ukrainian language," Dubitsky said of the congregation, which has about 400 to 500 members. The Ukrainian

members often plan special events like New Year's Eve dinner and Valentine's Day dinner. The church also has some Hispanic members.

For many parishioners, it was a day of mixed emotions for the parish, sad because Father Roman is leaving Perth Amboy, yet joyful as we welcome Father Ivan, our new pastor.



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Assumption Catholic School students



Choir "Boyan"



See more photos on website: www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net



Fr. Ivan with his new set of keys.



Fr. Roman and Choir Director Alla Korostil.



Back to School Barbecue

Assumption Catholic School has been part of the fabric of Perth Amboy for the past 47 years. As part of the parish of the Ukrainian Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it has been quietly educating children of Perth Amboy and the surrounding areas. During those years it formed many traditions that graduates make time in their schedule to come home and celebrate with present students and families. Among these traditions you will find a very young celebration, the Back to School Barbecue.



After a successful spaghetti dinner sponsored by the faculty during a Catholic Schools Week a few years back, the teachers wondered what they could do the following year to welcome new families to the school as well as welcome home many of the alumni and their families. They also wanted to find a way to help parents defray the cost of field trips. Since this conversation took place in June, the idea of a barbecue sounded like a good idea. So, this year Assumption Catholic School faculty will host the fifth annual Back to School Barbecue.

The barbecue is held at the school's playground on Paderewski Avenue(?). In attendance you will find school children with their families, parishioners, alumni, and even families from the neighborhood. While families sit and enjoy a good old fashioned barbecue meal, faculty members, with the help of the principal and vice principal, make sure that plates are filled with a variety of foods that they prepared themselves. You will find choices of everything from burgers and dogs, to potato salad, Spanish rice, and a variety of other tempting side dishes. If there is still enough room, guests can make their way to the dessert table and choose many offerings.

This year parents and children will have a chance to welcome our new pastor to the school. Father Ivan Turyk has been assigned to the parish and he also takes on the responsibility of our school. Father Roman Dubitsky, pastor of almost 30 years retired on September 1st. We are looking forward to at least thirty more years with the help of Father Ivan in serving the Perth Amboy community!



If you have been looking for a place for your child to receive an education in a safe, caring environment, come and visit our school any time. We are a K through 8th grade community. If you would like to receive more information about our school, you may call our office at 732- 826- 8721. Ask for Sister Yosaphata. You can also find us on the web at: assumptioncatholicsschool.net

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43 Rittenhouse St., Simpson, PA

is holding their annual stuffed cabbage roll
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Dinners can be pickd up in the church hall
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advanced orders - takeout ONLY dinner.

Orders can be placed by calling:

Dorothy Bebla 282-2084 or

Marge Thornton 282-5680 or

Nancy Marchuck 282-5167

All orders must be received by

Sunday, October 17.

Dinners are \$9 each.



Annual, Shop for the Holidays Craft Sale in Berwick, PA

Saturday, October 23rd, 9am to 3pm.

SS. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic
Church, 706 Warren St & First Ave,
Berwick PA

Handicap accessible.

Lunch will be served from 11am,
ethnic food and baked goods.

Interested Vendors: \$15/8' tables, to reserve
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St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church

1545 Easton Road -

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October 2 - 8a-2p -

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many vendors, White Elephant Table,

Food will be served in the Hall

Orders for **Fruit & Nut Roll Sale**

\$14/roll (Pick-up on 12/11 during our
Cookie Walk (holiday cookie sale))



The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC), the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. This article is one of a series highlighting PCC's interesting history of Catholic advocacy in Harrisburg. To learn more about PCC's 50th Anniversary and other public policy issues, log on to the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Institute for Public Policy website at www.pacatholic.org.

On the bus to Catholic school – a brief history of religious liberty

By TAMI A. QUIGLEY

"The wheels of the bus go round and round..."

An old familiar tune for sure, but not one that was playing for parochial schools in Pennsylvania until 1965, when busing was established for nonpublic school students.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) – which marks its golden anniversary this year – played an important role in bringing busing to Catholic school students in Pennsylvania by lobbying the state legislature. The late Most Rev. Joseph M. McShea, D.D., founding Bishop of Allentown, played a pivotal role in securing busing for students.

"Bishop McShea got the bus bill through in Pennsylvania without a doubt," offered the Most Rev. David B. Thompson, bishop emeritus of Charleston, S.C., formerly a priest of the Allentown Diocese who served as PCC vice president 1970-88.

Henry Aschenbrenner, former

PCC education director, (1968-96) said, "Both Bishop McShea and Msgr. Thompson were very strong supporters and worked very hard. We needed the people in the pews to write to their legislators. They were very helpful and supportive from day one."

S c h o o l transportation statutes were enacted in 1965 and 1972. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court upheld their constitutionality in 1967 and 1979.

"PCC was the principal advocate for both of these statutes, and PCC legal counsel defended their constitutionality in court," said Phil Murren of Ball, Murren & Connell, PCC's current legal counsel. "Each of these decisions was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but that court refused to disturb the rulings of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court."

"The busing of Catholic school students

had a lot to do with keeping schools open," said Aschenbrenner. "The whole thing was part of trying to secure government aid for the tax dollars spent by Catholic school parents – it was an attempt to get tax benefits for parents who sent their children to Catholic school. It wasn't passed as something with a Catholic tag – it benefitted all nonpublic school students."

Key to the process was the late William Bentley Ball, chief counsel for the PCC who previously served as its first director on the PCC's inception in 1960.

"Bill Ball led the charge," Aschenbrenner said. "He was well known nationally as a scholar of the law, especially constitutional law." Ball had been a professor at Villanova University Law School, Philadelphia.

The transportation statute passed in 1965 said nonpublic school

students were entitled to transportation services along public school routes. "We weren't asking for new buses or routes – if they lived in the area, they were entitled to a bus ride," Aschenbrenner said.

By 1969-70, PCC saw Catholic school students were not gleaning much benefit from the law. The average percentage of nonpublic school students transported by bus to school was only 15 percent. The public school percentage was 53 percent.

"That's an outlandish comparison – the law exists and only 15 percent ... we took the data and lobbied at the capitol," Aschenbrenner said.

"Key fellows" in helping in the fight were two Catholic legislators, "the two Martyrs": Martin Murray, a senator from the Scranton Diocese who was Senate president pro-

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On the bus to Catholic school

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tem; and Representative Martin Mullen of Philadelphia, “who was Catholic inside out and upside down,” Aschenbrenner recalled.

So in 1972 a law established that if a student’s nonpublic school was located within 10 miles of the school district in which they resided, the public school district was responsible for transporting them.

“Ten miles was a reasonable amount. And, remember, a lot of kids go to a parochial school different from the school district they live in,” Aschenbrenner said. “We got it passed.”

The percentage of nonpublic students riding the bus to school rose to 40 percent. “Parents were happy. Transportation is very important to schools. In many ways, transportation had a hand in keeping Catholic schools alive in the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s. We got a huge cost paid for by public dollars,” Aschenbrenner said.

A group called the Citizens for Educational Freedom was a key figure in getting the legislation passed, but Bishop Thompson said Bishop

McShea was the main proponent of it. He was known to put legislators on the spot in public situations.

Gov. William Scranton (1963-67) came to see Bishop McShea to ask him to relent on the pressure he was putting on one particular state senator. Instead, Bishop McShea asked the governor to “help our children and provide for their safety.”

“It was all Bishop McShea ... he was wonderful,” Bishop Thompson said. He added though Bishop McShea had to leave to attend the talks of the Second Vatican Council, he was in frequent contact with Bishop Thompson regarding the situation.

The busing “had a direct impact on enrollment. Many were disadvantaged and did not have the means or the time to transport the children themselves,” Bishop Thompson said.

Dr. James Cusimano, retired superintendent of the Office of Catholic Education of the Diocese of Allentown (1974-2002) was involved in drawing

up the legislation, getting it passed and implementing it.

“Probably next to the loan of textbooks and instructional materials, busing was one of the most beneficial programs the local districts and state provided,” Dr. Cusimano said. “We argued that we deserved it – parents were paying public school taxes, so why shouldn’t they get busing for their children?”

“It was a matter of justice and equity,” Dr. Cusimano said, adding it also saved the public schools tax money they would have spent educating these children.

After the law passed Dr. Cusimano visited all 53 public school districts in the five-county area and spoke personally to the superintendents to explain

the new law and discuss its implementation.

“There was a lot of opposition,” recalled Dr. Cusimano, who helped public school districts set up new routes. “It took a few years to get all the school districts to cooperate and obey the law.”

Dr. Cusimano said for at least the next decade, a public school lobbying group tried to repeal the law, but there were always enough votes to rebuff the repeals.

PCC still fights for fair consideration of non-public school students. For more information, visit www.pacatholic.org/catholic-education.

Quigley is a staff writer with the A.D. Times in the Diocese of Allentown.





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METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE SEPT/OCT, 2010

September

2-10 - Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, Lviv, Ukraine

13-26 - Host Bishop Sviatoslav Shevchouk of Argentina

19 - Mysteries of Initiation for Matthew Illia Myronyuk, son of Rev. Myron and Iryna Myronyuk

20-23 - Clergy Retreat of Ukrainian Catholic Clergy of all four eparchies in USA, Hershey, PA

25 - 30th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, Jenkintown, PA with rededication and blessing of hall

26-29 - Diocesan Finance Officers of USA meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

30 - Oct. 1 - Board of Governors Meeting, Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Harrisburg, PA

October

2, 3 - Archieparchial Pilgrimage to the Mother of God held by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase Manor, PA

11 - Meeting of Religious Leaders Council of Philadelphia

12, 13 - Meeting of Pennsylvania Catholic Bishops, Ventnor, NJ

17 - Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia

24 - Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrating 100th anniversary of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ

25 - Reception honoring Most Rev. Archbishop Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to USA, Washington, D.C.

27-30 - Allocations meeting, Home Missions Committee of USCCB, Albuquerque, New Mexico

31 - Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrating 100th anniversary of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, Hazleton, PA

ST. NICHOLAS, PASSAIC, NJ CENTENNIAL JUBILEE NEWS

The highlight event of the year- long celebration of the Centennial Jubilee of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ is quickly approaching.

This past year, the Jubilee Committee has held a variety of events in celebration and thanksgiving for the graces bestowed upon the parish throughout its 100 year history and for the founding clergy and parishioners.

The Centennial Jubilee will be celebrated on Sunday, October 24, 2010 beginning at 1:00 PM with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka.

Following the Liturgy, there will be a gala banquet at the Royal Manor, Garfield, NJ, commencing with a cocktail hour at 4:00 PM followed by dinner and a short celebratory program.

Former parishioners, St. Nicholas school alumni, and friends who would like to attend but have not received an invitation should contact Mrs. Helen Newmerzycky, at 973-614-1373, or the pastor, Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, at 973-471-9727, as soon as possible.



32 Bishops Attend Cornerstone Event for UCU Dormitory

By Oksana Shkodzinska and Matthew Matuszak

On September 5, Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, with 32 bishops from Ukraine, Western Europe, the Americas, and Australia in attendance, placed a time capsule in the foundation of the new dormitory of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU). The dormitory is one of a number of buildings planned for a new campus, including a campus church and pastoral center, academic building, library, information center, museum, and hotel.

The event began with a moleben (prayer service) to the Greek Catholic martyrs beatified by Pope John Paul II in Lviv in June 2001. The moleben was held in the Church of the Blessed Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church on Vulytsia Stryiskyi 29, near Stryiskyi Park, with the participation of bishops, priests, and faithful. This was followed by a procession to the construction site, which the late pope blessed in June 2001.

"Today we have placed a time capsule in the foundation of the future university campus. In the very place where the most needy, our developmentally disabled



friends, will live," said Fr. Borys Gudziak, Ph.D., UCU rector. The dormitory is planned for 180 to 200 students. Some staff will live there and it will also contain special lodging for people with special needs from the L'Arche community for the developmentally disabled.

"[The developmentally disabled] were," continued Fr. Gudziak, "isolated from society and, in particular, from the academic environment. This is a declaration of our openness to various social environments with which we are prepared to cooperate and together with whom we are prepared to learn how to live the faith."

UCU, announced Patriarch Lubomyr in his speech, is more than an academic institution. "This is a community of people – students, teachers, staff – who look for their future in the union of the newest scholarly achievements and the deep experience of the faith of the martyrs. For,

with the assistance of the experience of martyrdom we can more deeply peer into the essence of our existence... Our university opens its eyes to the truth of life not only by the means of positive learning. It is a community of witnesses who respond to today's needs, emphasizing the value and dignity of the human being. Our activity is a very important factor in the building of a new and better future."

In his greeting, Myroslav Senyk, head of the Lviv Regional Administration, encouraged those present to help in the construction of the new campus: "Serve God with those talents which He gave us: engineering, construction, philanthropy, and other not less important abilities."

Mayor Andrii Sadovyi of Lviv called UCU's new campus "a place of tomorrow, which is based on the foundation of faith and learning."

The dormitory will be the first building on UCU's new campus, which the university plans to have completed by 2020.

Further information about UCU (in English and Ukrainian) is available on the university's website at www.ucu.edu.ua. Readers may also contact the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, which is the largest supporter of UCU's annual operating budget. One of the effects of this assistance is to provide scholarships to worthy students, allowing them to get an excellent education that they otherwise might not be able to afford. The UCEF may be contacted in writing at 2247 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60622; by phoning 773-235-8462; e-mailing ucef@ucef.org; or browsing its website, www.ucef.org. The phone number of the UCEF in Canada is (416) 239-2495.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord said: "Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Lk. 6, 31-36)

Be merciful and compassionate. This is the message of today's Gospel: "Even as you wish men to do to you, so also do you to them.....Be merciful even as your Father is merciful.

Jesus wants us to love as God loves. God is love itself. He loves, not because anyone deserves His kindness but because He loves His image and likeness...human beings. Their dignity as humans and their helplessness are the objects of God's love and mercy.

We human beings, however, are so much unlike God. This is why it is difficult for us to understand God's love. His love extends to everyone....even His enemies. We know this especially from Jesus' words on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!"

But we....we favor friends. We love only those who love us, and, those who do good to us. We expect God to follow our human standards instead of us following His rules.

Jesus gives us His standard...the commandments. "You have heard the commandment," He said, "You shall love your friends but hate your enemies." My command to you is: Love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. This will prove that you are sons of your heavenly Father. For His sun rises on the bad and the good. He allows it to rain on the just and the unjust." (Matt. 5:43-46)

Psalm 102 which is sung during the Divine Liturgy reminds us of God's kindness and compassion. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits. He pardons all your iniquities; He heals all your ills He redeems your life from destruction. He crowns you with kindness and compassion. He fills your lifetime with good; your youth is renewed like the eagles."

Be God-like! Each of us...be merciful even as your heavenly Father is merciful.

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church TRICKY TRAY



Date: Sunday, October 24th, 2010

Time: Doors open at 12:30 PM
First drawing at 2:00 PM

Where: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church
315 Fourth Street, West Easton, PA 18042

\$10 admission includes first sheet of tickets.
Many prizes valued at \$100+!!! Door prizes and 50/50 raffle, too!

Refreshments including pierogies, kielbasa & sauerkraut, halushky, BBQ, hot dogs, homemade baked goods and more will be available to purchase!

Top Prizes include: Flat Panel TV, Netbook, Keurig Coffee Maker, Camcorder, and wide variety of kitchen items.

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A Gentle Sister - Sister Damien Matyszczak



On Sunday, September 19, 2010, Sister Damien Matyszczak, OSBM, passed quietly from this life into eternal rest in the Kingdom of God. Private services for the repose of Sister Damien's soul were held on Tuesday evening, with Parastas sung by the Sisters in the Holy Trinity Chapel of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great. Reverend Edward Higgins officiated. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 22. Divine Liturgy was concelebrated by the Sisters' chaplain, Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan; Rev. John Ciurpita; and Rev. Edward Higgins. Internment took place at the Sisters' cemetery.

Sister Damien was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 17, 1920, and attended Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church. She entered the community June 9, 1938 and made her final profession on August 26, 1947. As a member of the community of the Jesus, Lover of Human Province, she served as an educator in numerous Ukrainian parishes before retiring to the Motherhouse, often contributing her considerable skills and talents to other ministries. Her work carried her from her native Philadelphia (her only assignment in the City of Brotherly Love being St. Nicholas Parish) to the following parishes administered or supported by the Sisters of St. Basil: St. Nicholas, Watervliet, NY; St. John the Baptist, Pittsburgh, PA; St. Vladimir, New Kensington, PA; SS. Peter and Paul, Parma, OH; St. John the Baptist, Syracuse, NY; St. John the Baptist, Northampton, PA; Holy Ghost, Chester, PA; St. John the Baptist, Newark, NJ; SS. Peter and Paul, Auburn, NY; and St. Basil, Chesapeake City, MD.

In his homily, Father Troyan reminded those present that "Though we have come to offer this Divine Liturgy for the repose of Sr. Damien, it is also a Liturgy of thanksgiving for her dedicated life. . . On Sunday September 19, the world would say that Sr. Damien woke up dead. However as believers, we know she woke to beauty, and love, face to face with the God she lived for and believed in. She awoke to the gentle and loving embrace of her Resurrected Lord who welcomed her home. She heard the words of Jesus she longed to hear: 'Well done my good and faithful servant. Come now to the place that has been prepared for you.'" Father Troyan also spoke of the priests who had worked with Sr. Damien. Learning of her death while at a retreat, each praised her goodness and her gentle spirit: "What a wonderful woman! She was so gentle and caring to everyone. The love of God and humanity shone through her in everything she did."

In saying their final farewells to Sister Damien, her Sisters in Christ also remembered her goodness and her gentleness, qualities that so often inspired others to be kinder and gentler in their everyday lives. A touching eulogy was delivered by Provincial Superior Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, who spoke of Sister Damien's inner and outer beauty, emphasizing the attributes that ". . . like a summer breeze or a calm stream . . . soothed and softly touched everyone with gentleness and love." The Provincial Superior also described her first meeting with Sister Damien—a meeting between a beautiful and serene Bride of Christ and a seven-year-old child preparing for her First Holy Communion. "She was the first nun I had ever met . . . and who knows, maybe that was the day that God planted the seed of my vocation."

Sister Damien was predeceased by her parents, Mary Simpson Matyszczak and Daniel Matyszczak, and her brother William. She is survived by two brothers, Stephen and Joseph, and by a community that will miss her steadfast goodness and gentleness.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE 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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 10, 2010: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine in Washington, DC will host the "Dumka" Chorus.

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 5-7, 2010: Liturgical Music Workshop with Professor Joseph Roll at Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Church, Lansdale, PA. For information contact Fr. Troyan at 215-627-0143.

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

November 21, 2010: Cathedral Christmas Bazaar (Franklin & Brown St, Philadelphia, PA)

March 26, 2011: Archeparchial Women's Day

LUC Convention has been CANCELLED

October 8 - 10, 2010: The 72nd Annual League of Ukrainian Catholics Convention that was supposed to be held at the Holiday Inn, Suffern, NY has been cancelled.

October 3, 2010

Harvest Dinner Dance

Sponsored by St. Vladimir
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Saturday, October 23, 2010 - 6:00pm to ?

**St. Vladimir Parish Center -
428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA**

Roast Beef Dinner - Adults \$12.00;
Children ages 5 thru 12 \$6.00;
no charge for children age 4 and under

Dancing to modern and ethnic music of
"The Golden Tones"

Theme of the evening - Mock Ethnic Wedding

Reservations close Sunday, October 17, 2010

No tickets sold at the door

For reservations contact
Kathleen Izak at
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**Divine Liturgy:
Saturdays 4:00pm
Sundays 10:30am**



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