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79th Annual Pilgrimage under the Protection of the Mother of God in Fox Chase Manor, PA

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great held their 79th Annual Pilgrimage under the Protection of the Mother of God on October 2-3, 2010. The main celebrant at the 11am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on October 3rd was Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and the Homilist was Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM. A highlight of the Pilgrimage was the Shroud of Turin replica that was on display at Holy Trinity Chapel.

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



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UGCC BEGINS TO WORK ON PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR 50 YEARS

On 2-9 September, the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek catholic Church was held in Lviv. By its specific decision, the Synod set up special groups which are to work on developing the vision of UGCC for the next 10, 20 and 50 years. "The next step will be to select means to reach that goal," explained the head of UGCC to journalists. He also added that the groups will have to work very intensively in the next few months in order to design the mentioned mission in the best possible way.



"It has been twenty years since UGCC came out of the underground and we seek to check how far we have gone, how well we managed to revive various institutions, by which our Church lives, and how successful we are in fulfilling our calling to preach and represent Jesus Christ," explained Patriarch Lubomyr.

The Synod dealt with the issues of migration. "We sought to realize that emigration in the history of our Church in the last 150 years has been a very important factor. We talk about four big waves of emigration, which took place in different periods and under different circumstances and for different reasons," noted the head of UGCC as he summed up the results of the Synod.

He stressed that the Church aspires to help them at various levels and added that the members of the Synod tried to look into the history of these emigrations, especially, in the countries "where our emigrants settled down and established their own church and public organizations." Patriarch Lubomyr noted that modern emigrants need even more pastors than those available now, especially, such ones "who would be ready to go to Western Europe, Africa or Asia, be duly trained and realize their calling."

The annual Synod of UGCC was attended by 39 bishops from Ukraine, Western Europe, USA, Canada, Latin America and Australia as well as Bishop Milan (Shashik) of Mukachiv of the Roman Catholic Church and guests from Czech Republic - Bishop Ladyslav (Huchko), Greece - Bishop Dimitrios (Salakhas) and Belarus - Archimandrite Serhii (Gaiek).

The next Synod of Bishops of UGCC will be held in Curitiba (Brazil). Its main themes will be practical questions of pastoral care of emigrants and development of specific measures to implement the evangelization strategy of UGCC.

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Patriarchal Council of UGCC of 2011 to Be Held in Brazil

The members of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on 8 September considered the question of organization of the Patriarchal Council of 2011 which is to be held in the Brazilian city of Prudentopolis.

“The Patriarchal Council is convened by the head of the Church in order for the whole Church in its fullness to meditate on the place and role of the persons dedicated to God who are now faced with new challenges and difficulties. We want to help the dedicated persons to fulfil God’s calling and the Church’s task entrusted to them,” noted the Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of UGCC, Bishop Bohdan (Dziurakh),

According to the department of information of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, the question of evangelization became another issue considered by the bishops on the seventh day of the work of the Synod of UGCC.

According to Bishop Bohdan, the Synod of Bishops of UGCC has considered this subject from various angles for a few years now. This year, the statutes of the Patriarchal Committee on Matters of Evangelization was finally approved. Two projects were considered within the framework of the question of evangelization. The first project is the publication of the Catechism of UGCC. The preparation of the text is now at the final stage.

“The bishops will consider it. Final comments will be made and we hope that during the next year, the final positive decision will be made and the catechism will appear. We treat the question of the publication of the catechism with a tremendous responsibility. It is the textbook of our faith, which never appeared in the history of our Church,” stressed the Secretary of the Synod.



The second project discussed by the bishops is the question of the return to the practice of catechumenate which was used by the early Christians. “We have come across the post-soviet reality that many people are baptized but are not integrated in the life of the church community as they did not get to know their faith deeper. We want to help these people to consciously accept the obligations following from the sacrament of the Baptism and to live by them. The practice of the early Christianity known to us as the catechumenate becomes a valuable help to us, stressed the bishop.

The work team, Catechetical Committee and Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute of UCU were entrusted with the task to continue the work in this regard. “we hope that at the next Synod, steps to introduce the practice of catechumanate in the pastoral care of our Church will be presented,” noted Bishop Bohdan.

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In To the Glory of the Holy, Consubstantial, Life-giving and Undivided Trinity,
Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit,
and for the good of the people of God entrusted to us. Amen.

BY DIVINE FAVOR
AND IN FULL COMMUNION
WITH THE ROMAN APOSTOLIC SEE
+ LUBOMYR

Major Archbishop of Kyiv and Halych
of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church
To the Most Reverend and Reverend Bishops,
Reverend Spiritual Fathers, Reverend Monks and Nuns
and to the Laity of the "Sui Iuris" Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church I PROCLAIM AND PROMULGATE

RESOLUTIONS

of the Patriarchal Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

*held in Lviv-Bryukhovychi,
on September 2-9, 2010*

- 1.** To approve the text of the Pastoral Letter issued by the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops to all faithful and people of good will.
 - a) To commission the Pastoral and Missionary Department, in cooperation with the Hierarchs of the UGCC, with a task to prepare and present to the attention of the Permanent Synod a list of guidelines for pastoral service for those faithful of the UGCC who are in emigration;
 - b) To restructure the Emigrants Committee into a division of the Pastoral and Missionary Department;
 - c) To recommend local hierarchs to appoint individuals responsible for the pastoral care of emigrants in their eparchies and exarchates;
 - d) To encourage scholarly institutions, the Ukrainian Catholic University in particular, to organize conferences and other events in the countries with the greatest number of Ukrainian immigrants in order to expand the knowledge about the identity and mission of the UGCC in the Catholic Church;
 - e) To commission the Pastoral and Missionary Department, in cooperation with the scholar and formation divisions of the UGCC, to organize centers specializing in educating missionaries and candidates for the pastoral service among the Ukrainian emigrants;
 - f) To commission the Pastoral and Missionary Department, and the Ukrainian Catholic University, with a task to elaborate a concept of establishing the Pastoral and Missionary Institute, and present it to the attention of the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011;
 - g) To request the Society of Ukrainian Canonists to compose the Codex of the canonical procedure of appointing and dismissing the missionaries, to discuss it with appropriate ecclesiastical institutions of the Catholic Church and to present it for the approval of the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011;
 - h) To commission the Pastoral and Missionary Department, in cooperation with the Hierarchs of the UGCC of the Central and Western Europe, with a task to organize the European Congress of Ukrainian Missionaries for the exchange of their experience and expansion of their service among immigrants;
 - i) To commission the Patriarchal Liturgical Committee with a task to prepare bilingual texts of the Divine Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great, as well as the Sacrament of the Baptism, Chrismation and Matrimony for the pastoral needs in the countries of the greatest number of the Ukrainian Catholics;
 - j) To request the Society of Ukrainian

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Canonists to compose the Canonical and Pastoral Codex of performing the Holy Sacraments, Holy Matrimony in particular, to the Ukrainian immigrants, and present it to the attention and approval of the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011;

k) To recommend the bishops of the UGCC to establish in their eparchies and exarchates Consulting (advisory) Centers for the immigrants;

l) To assign the Pastoral and Missionary Department with a task to establish cooperation with the international organizations specializing in combating and preventing human trafficking.

3. To accept for a three-year trial term the Statute of the Patriarchal Committee of Evangelization, with applicable corrections and additions.

4. To commission the members of the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops to submit their remarks and suggestions for the draft of the Evangelization

Concept in the UGCC to Most Reverend Taras (Senkiv) by the end of the current calendar year.

5. To commission the Patriarchal Committee of Evangelization, in cooperation with appropriate structures (institutions) and competent individuals, with a task to elaborate and present the draft of the Evangelization Strategies to the attention of the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011.

6. To review and approve the financial report of the Patriarchal Economy of the UGCC for the 2009.

7. To approve the 2011 budget of the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC.

8. To review and approve the 2009 financial report of the "Andriyiv Hrish" Foundation (St. Andrew's Penny).

9. To approve the new procedure of preparation of the UGCC Patriarchal Curia budget.

10. To review and approve the report of the Working group on the elaboration of the Canons of the Particular Law of

the UGCC, and to bless further work of the Patriarchal Canon Department on the document in order to submit it for approval of the Synod of the Bishops of the UGCC in 2011.

11. In order to finalize the work on the Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and to complete it with publication:

a) To commission the Theological division of the Patriarchal Curia with a task to review the text and to present the Head of the UGCC with their opinion on the possibility of its publication;

b) To issue it on behalf of the Synod of the Bishops as an official publication of the UGCC;

c) To commission the Patriarchal Catechetical Committee of the UGCC, in cooperation with the Working group responsible for the Catechism composition, to elaborate and conduct the program of its presentation and popularization;

d) To involve the Foundation of the Catechism of the UGCC,

according to its Statute and to the resolution of the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops of A.D. 2008, and extending its competences for a 5-year-term, in translation and publication of the Catechism, as well as in the conduct of its presentation and popularization.

12. To bless further work of the Patriarchal Catechetical Committee in the field of Catechumenate development.

13. To bless the establishment of the Patriarchal Committee of Preservation of the UGCC artistic and cultural heritage.

14. To entrust the UGCC Postulate Center in L'viv under the patronage of the Archbishop of L'viv, as part of the Patriarchal Curia.

15. To review the report of the Patriarchal Liturgical Committee.

16. To commission the Patriarchal Liturgical Committee with a task to elaborate a draft of the Instructions on the translation of the liturgical

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texts into the Ukrainian and other languages, and submit it to the attention of the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011.

17. To commission the Patriarchal Liturgical Committee with a responsibility to collect the information from all eparchies and exarchates about three priority issues of liturgical life in their territories, and submit it to the attention of the first session of the Permanent Synod in 2011.

18. To commission the Patriarchal Committee of Formation in Seminaries with a task to elaborate the directions for the Vocation Ministry.

19. To recommend the Ukrainian Catholic University to establish the Department of the Pastoral Theology.

20. To bless further work of the Church in the field of the Ministry to Seafarers, continuing to utilize the possibilities of ecumenical cooperation in it.

21. To reorganize the Synodal Committee of Migrants, Refugees and Sailors of the Civil Fleet, into these two: Committee of the Migrants and

Refugees, and Committee of the Sailors of the Civil Fleet.

22. To approve the following members of the Synodal Committees:

- Committee of the Sailors of the Civil Fleet: Most Reverend Vasyl (Ivasiuk), Chair; Most Reverend Paul (Chomnycky), member of the Committee;

- Committee of the Migrants and Refugees: Most Reverend Dionisiy (Lyakhovych), Chair; Committee of the Beatifications and Canonizations: Most Reverend Michael (Hrynchyshyn), Chair; His Grace, Most Reverend Ihor (Vozniak), member of the Committee; Most Reverend Hlib (Lonchyna), member of the Committee; Most Reverend Richard (Seminack), member of the Committee;

- Committee of the Monastic Life: Most Reverend Benedict (Aleksiychuk), Chair; Most Reverend Myron (Mazur), member of the Committee.

23. To acknowledge a fact that development of the social communications is one of the important ways of expanding Church/eparchy/exarchate.

24. To recommend the Bishops of the UGCC to appoint, where the need remains, a qualified person responsible for the press-service in their eparchies and exarchates.

25. In attempts to ensure proper preparation for the Fifth Session of the Patriarchal Sobor in 2011 dedicated to the aspects of the religious life:

- accept without any changes the current emblem of the Patriarchal Sobors;

- accept the Program of the 2011 Sobor, as presented by the Secretariat of the Sobor;

- recommend to say the Prayer for Vocations to the religious life, as proposed by the Secretariat of the Sobor;

26. To bless the establishment of the Permanent Secretariat of the Patriarchal Sobor of the UGCC.

27. To approve the Statute of the Fifth Session of the Patriarchal Sobor of the UGCC.

28. To dedicate the year 2011 to the theme of the religious life.

29. To commission Most Reverend Bryan (Bayda) and Dionisiy (Lyakhovych), in cooperation with the Youth Committee of the UGCC, with a responsibility to elaborate the program of the events for the UGCC youth at the 2011 World Youth Day in Madrid, by January 1, 2011, and publish it in all eparchies and exarchates of the UGCC.

30. To develop a tradition of the yearly celebration of Youth Day in our Church, emphasizing personal participation of the bishops in its conduct.

31. To approve the presented schedule of the Fifth Session of the Patriarchal Sobor and the 2011 Synod of the Bishops.

These resolutions become effective as of September 21, 2010 A.D.

on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

+Lyubomyr (Husar)
Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

+Bohdan (Dzyurakh)
Secretary of the Synod of the Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

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PATRIARCHAL CATECHETICAL COMMISSION UGCC MEETS

On August 25 - 26, 2010, the PATRIARCHAL CATECHETICAL COMMISSION of the UGCC met in Toronto, ON to prepare an outline for the preparation of the Catechumenate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. In attendance were: Sr. Luiza Ciupa, SSMI vicechairperson of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, the co-ordinator of the working group and Rev. Fr. Taras Barscevski, her deputy, Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM (USA), Iryna Galadza (Toronto), Vira Chajkowska (Winnipeg), Sr. Marijka Konderewicz SSMI, (Saskatoon), Rev. Fr. Petro Shumelda (Toronto), Oleh Bych (Toronto), Rev. Fr. Petro Babey (Edmonton).

The working group was hosted by the Most Rev. Stephen Chmilar, D.D of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada. An outline for a two year proposed program was developed and submitted for consideration by the Synod in September, 2010. The proposed outline was approved and the Most Rev. Peter Stasiuk, Head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission appointed the working group to further develop the project.

In his letter of appointment Bishop Peter writes:

We express our sincere thanks to all members of the working group of the program of the Catechumenate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The Synod of Bishops of the UGCC from 2nd to 9th of September, 2010 has blessed the presented "Proposals regarding the practice of the Catechumenate in the UGCC" and resolved to "Bless further work of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission of the UGCC to implementation of the work of the Catechumenate"

I wish to inform you that I am appointing Sr. Luiza Ciupa, SSMI vice chairperson of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, the co-ordinator of the working group and Rev. Fr. Taras Barscevski as her deputy.

I confirm the working group consisting of the following members:

Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM (USA)
Iryna Galadza (Toronto)
Vira Chajkowska (Winnipeg)
Sr. Marijka Konderewicz SSMI (Saskatoon)
Rev. Fr. Petro Shumelda (Toronto)
Oleh Bych (Toronto)
Rev. Fr. Petro Babey (Edmonton)
Nazar Duda (Ukraine)
Rev. Fr. Petro Zhuk (Ukraine)
Rostyslav Shemechko (Ukraine)
Rev. Fr. Anastasiy Kabalya OSBM (Ukraine)

First and foremost it is necessary to prepare instructions of the methodology for parish priests and catechists with regard to the program of preparation of the catechist and likewise in cooperation with the Patriarchal Liturgical Commission to prepare all liturgical services that pertain to the work of the catechist. At the same time it is imperative to begin work on the textbooks that are essential for the catechist:

1. Evangelization
2. Nicene Creed and the History of Salvation
3. The Beatitudes and the 10 Commandments
4. The Lord's Prayer
5. Mistagogia



Because the work of the catechist is so vital, I ask the working group to commence work as soon as is possible. Please keep me informed. I pray that your work is fruitful and may the blessing of the Holy Spirit be upon all members of the working group.

PATRIARCHAL CATECHETICAL COMMISSION of THE UGCC

Lviv, 10th September, 2010

To the Directors of the Eparchial Catechetical Commissions, Catechetical Centres and all Catechists

Dear Directors and Catechists,

I greet you all on the occasion of the Day of the Catechist. The Church has entrusted us, the catechists, with a special service: to teach and educate in the faith children, the youth and adults; to show them the way to Christ. Your mission includes witness to Christ, proclaim Christ and His teachings, show others the way to Christ and by the example of one's life to captivate and to lead people to Him, as did the Apostles and His followers "We have found the Messiah – Christ, "Come and see" (Jn 1, 39-45). You carry out this service with great love and dedication. On behalf of the Church, I want to thank you most sincerely and express my gratitude and recognition for the catechetical service that you carry out in the Church in different countries of the world. The celebration of the Day of the Catechist provides us with the great opportunity to join together in prayer to thank the Lord for His bountiful graces and gifts given to us to fulfill our catechetical service. It is

also an opportunity to review the quality of our work and mutual support in this service. Let us continue to pray that our God continues to call and send workers into His vineyard, inspires to creative service and to search for new methods that would enable you to speak to the hearts of people about God and about the great calling of each person, created in the image and likeness of God.

I would like to share with all of you some matters relating to catechising, about the recent Bishops' Synod and the plans for the coming year.

1. The Catechism of the UGCC

The Synod of Bishops of the UGCC took place from 2nd to 9th September, 2010 where, among other matters, the Catechism "Christ Our Pascha" was discussed. The working group dedicated over 400 hours to work with the Catechism only this year. The printed text was presented to the Bishops. The group continues to work on the text with the indices still to be completed, corrections to be made and some icons to be included.

The Bishops' Synod has:

1. Blessed the Catechism text as an official publication of the UGCC according to canons 661:3 and 621:13 CCEC.

2. It has commissioned the Theological department of the Patriarchal Curia to review the text and to give its findings to the Head of the UGCC as to its publication.

3. It has authorized the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission in cooperation with the Catechism working group to develop and to realize the presentation of the program and to promote the Catechism of the UGCC in Ukraine and abroad.

4. The Synod has instructed that the UGCC Catechism Foundation be activated according to its statutes and the resolutions of the Bishop's Synod of 2008, extending its term for the next five years for the realization of translation and printing of the Catechism as well as the presentation and implementation of the Catechism.

This process may take a few more months and then the Catechism will be printed. The Patriarchal Catechetical Commission plans to call you all to Lviv

in May-June 2011 (the date will be advised in due course). Your participation in the conference will give you an opportunity to meet and plan the implementation of the Catechism in your Eparchies or Exarchates.

2. Analysis of Catechetical Service in the UGCC

In July of 2009 the Head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission sent a letter to all Eparchies of the UGCC with a questionnaire in order to analyse the catechetical service in each Eparchy, progress and perspectives in the working process and if there were any difficulties. Based on these reports (unfortunately not all the Eparchies responded) the Catechetical Commission can, after analysis, determine the state of catechetical work in Ukraine and abroad. In Ukraine, in the 2766 parishes there are 537 catechetical schools, 1661 catechists and 50,626 children as students. Such an analysis indicates that there is a great field of work existing and that systematic catechesis is not present in all parishes. Abroad, we have over 1200 catechists working.

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I understand that there exist various, and at the same time, difficult situations however, this does not exempt us from the catechetical care of children, youth and adults. I wish to emphasize the importance of the serious preparation of catechists in the initial stage and the need for ongoing formation of catechists. They require to be qualified to answer questions from persons who today find themselves in situations of moral and spiritual danger. We need to revise the program of preparation of catechists, the ongoing care for catechists and to prepare those who will look after catechists. When the Catechism is published, it will be the blueprint for the program of preparing all catechists.

At the same time, I wish to point out that in the last few years the awareness in our church has increased as to the importance of catechists in our parishes. The larger number of catechists and volunteers in this service is testament to that. Among the many problems, there is the lack of awareness of parents with regard to catechesis for their children who have already received First Holy Confession and Solemn Holy Eucharist.

Unfortunately, this also refers to the awareness of the parish priest and the parish. There is a lack of resources and programs for various groups. It is impossible to have conclusive analysis because all Eparchies have not forwarded their responses. On the basis of what we have received, it is possible to make some conclusions. We thank all the Eparchies who did respond to our call.

3. The Catechism of the Catechumenate

According to the decree of the Bishop's Synod of the UGCC of 2009 (No.6), the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission held two meetings to develop proposals for the writing of the Catechism of the Catechumenate for the UGCC. The first meeting took place in Lviv on 16th July 2010 with the following participants: Fr. Anastasiy Kabalya OSBM, Fr. Petro Zhuk, Mr. Rostyslav Shemechko, Mr. Nazar Duda, Sr. Luiza Ciupa SSMI and Fr. Taras Barscevski. The proposals submitted by the Sheptytsky Institute in Ottawa (Fr. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky, Fr. Stepan Voitsihovsky and Fr. Dr. Petro Galadza) were elaborated at this meeting. The next series of meetings took place in Toronto from 24th to 27th August, 2010

with the following participants: Sr. Ann Laszok OSBM (USA), Ms. Iryna Galadza (Toronto), Ms. Vira Chaykovska (Winnipeg), Sr. Marijka Konderewicz SSMI (Saskatoon), Fr. Petro Shumelda (Toronto), Sr. Teresa Slota SSMI (Toronto), Mr. Oleh Bych (Toronto), Fr. Petro Babey (Edmonton), Fr. Taras Barscevski (Ukraine) and Sr. Luiza Ciupa SSMI (Ukraine).

During these days, the catechumenate process was discussed and its main components were determined. The issues relating to the catechumenate are as follows: 1) recipients, 2) duration and stages of the catechumenate, 3) content, 4) liturgical forms associated with the catechumenate and the administration of the Sacraments – Christian Mystery 5) practical considerations. The catechumenate process is built on the key moments of the liturgical year, based on patristic tradition, ecclesiastical practice of our Church taking into account contemporary challenges. The program approved by the Synod is in Addendum 2. The Synod of Bishops listened to the report of work presented by Sr. Luiza

Ciupa SSMI, assistant to the Head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission and blessed further labours of the working group on the development of the contents according to the proposed program.

4. Fifth Session of the Patriarchal Sobor on the Consecrated Life:

will take place in Brazil from 31st August to 3rd September, 2011. The Synod approved the program of the Sobor, the prayers and the program of Eparchial Sobors in preparation for the Council. Our Commissions in the Eparchies, Exarchates and in our Catholic schools have a special opportunity to spread this prayer through catechesis of children and together with the children that we catechise to pray for vocations to consecrated life, for those who fulfil that vocation in our parishes and to emphasize the importance of this vocation for the Church and for our people, to nurture the grain of vocation in those whom we teach and educate in the faith. Therefore, I request those responsible for catechization in Eparchies, Exarchates and the

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catechists involved, to show creativity in organizing various events dedicated to the preparation for the Council.

5. The Elaboration and Publication of Catechetical Manuals

We have:

1. Completed work and published the catechetical manual "Life in Christ" for 10th grade.
2. Elaborated the program for preparing for First Holy Confession "Christ the Bread of Life" The work on the manual for the catechist is still in progress.
3. Published the Bible for children "God talks to His children", illustrated with Eastern icons.
4. Completed work on a film about liturgical catechesis (accomplished translation and published "Interpreting Sacred Scripture in the church".
5. Finished the translation and published Catechesis 1-6 cent. "Christian Symbols".
6. Finished the translation and published "Commentary to the Song

of Songs" by Archbishop Gianfranco Ravasi.

7. Published the papers of the biblical conference 2009 "God's Word in the life and mission of the Church".

6. Planned work of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission 2010-11

The following must still be done:

1. The printing and publishing of the Catechism and its translation into five languages.
2. Devising a plan to implement the Catechism in Eparchies, Metropolitanates, and Exarchates by means of conferences and seminars.
3. Preparation and staging of conference to present the Catechism of the UGCC.
4. Completion and publishing of the catechism for 11th grade (16-17 years) Liturgical Year and catechesis.
5. Begin work on the program of the catechumenate, on the manual and implementing it according to the decree

of the Bishop's Synod of the UGCC.

6. Elaborate and organize a course for training of catechists for Spain, Portugal, Italy, London and Ireland.

7. Preparation for the 5th session of the Patriarchal Council on consecrated life and living out this life.

8. Continue work on publishing biblical documents necessary for the development of the biblical apostolate and introduce them into Eparchies that desire this. Organizing courses for training leaders for biblical communities in Ukraine and abroad.

9. Review the translation and modernization of the Sacred Scripture and completing the translation of notes from the Jerusalem Bible of the Old Testament and to publish it.

10. Improve the program of catechesis from five years on all levels and to publish a brochure after consultation with eparchial catechetical commissions.

11. Develop a catechesis for godparents. As you can see the plan is very large

but all these issues stand before us as an assignment to be realized. With God's help, our endeavours and fruitful cooperation, we shall answer modern challenges, and with the Church's approval and blessing, improve the quality and holiness of our common catechetical service. We entrust ourselves to your prayers and invite you all to a creative and fruitful association.

God's blessing on all of you.

+Peter Stasiuk
Head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission

First Catechism of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to Appear Soon

"Catechism of our own is an indication of the maturity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church," so commented one of the authors of the first edition of the Catechism of UGCC, Fr. Dr. Myron Bendyk, on its publication that is planned for the nearest future. The work on the text, which was coordinated by the Patriarchal Catechetical Committee, lasted for nearly 9 years. The planned number of copies is 50 thousand. The

Catechism is to be printed in three languages: Ukrainian, English, and Portuguese or Spanish.

"One can talk about a dynamic situation in our church, which is developing very quickly both in Ukraine and abroad, particularly, in the eastern diaspora. Therefore, we hope that the Ukrainians who live in the dull, post-Soviet zone will be stimulated by the very fact of the publication of the catechism to make

themselves known. It will become a good stimulus of consolidation of our faithful in the whole world," stressed Fr. Dr. Myron Bendyk, the Rector of Drohobych Spiritual Seminary of the UGCC, one of the authors of the Catechism.

"We want the Catechism of UGCC to become one of such powerful unifying factors of all Ukrainians. Anyway, the need to compile our own Catechism is an indication



of the maturity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which feels that it can itself present what it believes in as it relies on its tradition," stressed Fr. Myron.

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Mosaics for Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ

Two weeks ago, mosaics depicting the words "to know, to love, and to serve God" were installed over the main entrance of Assumption Catholic School. (Mosaic is the art of creating images

with an assemblage of small pieces of colored glass, stone, or other materials.)

These words were chosen for the mosaics, because our goal is to know, love and serve God in this world in order to be happy with Him in the next life. That is, with each school year, both we teachers and our children continue in the school of life - we are teaching (but so are the

children!), they are learning (and so are we), and hopefully, all of us are praying and advancing, bit by bit, in our spiritual lives. We pray and study and work through one year and, before we know it, we're planning the next.

The mosaics are a beautiful and inspirational addition to our school building. We hope that they will inspire our children to know, love, and serve God and each other, through academic pursuits, spiritual

development, and community involvement.

We thank our teacher, Mary Ann Makar, for sponsoring the mosaics in memory of her parents.



Zones of Peace

Helpful Hints to Make the Most of Your Experience



As we welcome new partners in the 'Zones of Peace' initiative, we encourage reflection on the insights gained during the pilot program:

1. Embrace the powerful message of 'A Call from People of Faith to Stop Violence,' adopted by the Religious Leaders Council in October 2007, by creatively adapting it for your community. For example, an 8th grade student from St. Francis De Sales School transformed the pledge into a song that has been recorded by her classmates.
2. Become inspired to do something you have not done before. For example, St. John's Lutheran Church engaged Lutheran advocacy in Pennsylvania to do a series of workshops, help the congregation to identify an issue of community concern, and advocate for change. Now is the time!
3. Celebrate previous successes and take the next step with a program/partnership you are already committed to. For instance, Mount Pisgah AME Church hosted a symposium with 'Mothers in Charge' to talk about root causes of violence, share resources, and pray for those who have been impacted by violence directly.
4. Branch Out! If you are having trouble brainstorming a project in your own community, be aware of other peace efforts in our city and consider how your unique resources and talents could enhance their current endeavors. For instance, Mishkan Shalom encouraged community members to participate in gun violence prevention advocacy in partnership with 'Heeding God's Call.'
5. The action piece of this initiative is the most important, yet is also the most adaptable in truly making the project your own. As a 'Zone of Peace' you can commit to assessing your community's unique needs and resources. For example, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints developed a family home evening lesson plan on finding peace through forgiveness. This lesson plan was disseminated to local congregations throughout the region and celebrated by national staff.



6. Get involved and share your story! Take advantage of all that has been innovated in this pilot year, and share your thoughts on how to make 'Zones of Peace' bigger and better.

Pilot Sites

2009-2010:

- Al Aqsa Islamic Society, South Kensington
- Arch Street United Methodist Church, Center City
- The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints
- The First Presbyterian Church, Germantown
- Mishkan Shalom, Manayunk
- Mount Pisgah AME Church, West Philadelphia
- St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School, Northeast Philadelphia
- St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church / School, West Philadelphia
- St. John's Lutheran Church, Cheltenham
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Frankford



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An Invitation to Join Zones of Peace



The Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia has committed the resources of its congregations, members, and rich religious traditions to imagining our region as a zone of peace, free of fear, filled with respect, and marked by deeds of kindness. Join us!

"The Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia prays fervently for an end to violence in our region. It calls upon all people of faith and good will to be proactive in creating 'Zones of Peace.' Together, we will honor the dignity of all, work together toward freedom from fear, and create greater safety within our region."

-'A Call from People of Faith to Stop Violence' Religious Leaders Council, Adopted October 21, 2007



Founded in the spring of 2006, the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia is dedicated to building relationships of mutual support, serving as a moral and spiritual



voice in the region, and identifying issues of critical concern for dialogue and action. With the formation of the Religious Leaders Council, Philadelphia has joined an international movement that brings together leaders from diverse religious traditions for dialogue and cooperation.

'Zones of Peace' helps communities commit themselves to activities that curb violence and promote peace. It is a region-wide interfaith movement of churches, mosques, synagogues, other houses of worship, schools, and social agencies. Each participating community will publicly display their commitment to peace and engage in collective action to address the root causes of violence in its neighborhood.

What's Involved...

As a member of the 'Zones of Peace' initiative, your congregation, school or organization will be encouraged to:

- Engage in a project that does one or more of the following:
 - Brings together people from diverse backgrounds for a cooperative service project, artistic creation, or peace-education event;
 - Addresses a root cause of violence;
 - Empowers and educates your members ;
 - Calls individuals to take responsibility for their choices and actions;
 - Creates greater public awareness of your commitment to peace in the community.
- Creatively utilize 'A Call from People of Faith to Stop Violence' in your community.
- Publicly display the 'Zones of Peace' symbol.
- Send a representative from your community to meetings of an interfaith task force to work with other 'Zones of Peace' communities in your area.

The Pledge: A Call from People of Faith to Stop Violence

"I pledge as an individual: to promote peace in my home and community.



I pledge to work with others to eliminate the causes of hatred, to honor dignity of all people, to lay down our weapons, and to find non-violent solutions when tempted to hurt another.

I pledge to be an instrument of God's peace: to make my home and neighborhood zones of peace, free of fear, filled with respect, and marked by deeds of kindness."



'Zones of Peace' History

October, 2007: Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia adopted a 'A Call from People of Faith to Stop Violence.' This Pledge was translated into Spanish and Arabic and used by local congregations in a variety of ways.

November, 2008: Members of the Religious Leaders Council imagined ways of bringing to life the Pledge not just with words, but with collaborative actions at the grassroots level.

April, 2009: Members of the Religious Leaders Council nominated sites to participate in the 'Zones of Peace' pilot program.

May, 2009: Leaders from pilot sites began meeting regularly to establish criteria for designating a community as a 'Zone of

Peace,' build partnerships with other community groups holding similar goals, and implement projects that address the root causes violence in their neighborhoods.

November, 2009: Youth and adults from pilot congregations attended a workshop to design a unifying symbol for the 'Zones of Peace' initiative held at St. Francis De Sales School. This symbol will be displayed on every participating 'Zones of Peace' congregation or school, connecting each individual faith community in an inter-religious effort to promote peace.

February, 2010: Pilot congregations engaged with 'Zones of Peace' in a wide variety of ways. The initiative served as encouragement for communities to take another step with programs / partnerships they were already committed to, as inspiration to do something they've been meaning to do for a while, and as reason to celebrate previous successes and raise awareness in their communities.

*"To bring peace to Philadelphia will require both the grace of God and the active efforts of every person of good will. The commitment is there, but there needs to be a smarter and more intense act of ending violence on the part of political and religious leaders and family. Every effort that is made builds on every other effort; it's a network of commitment in relationships." -Rev. John Hougen
The Bulletin March 20, 2009*



The need is great.....

- 179 people aged 7-24 were killed in Philadelphia in 2009. Of those, 94% were killed with firearms.
- In 2009, reported violent crimes in Philadelphia included 330 murders, 1001 rapes, 9,757 robberies and 9,814 assaults.
- One in every four women in Pennsylvania will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. One in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape.
- In 2008, 12.1% of Pennsylvanians were living below the poverty level, while 23.8% of Philadelphians were living in poverty.

....but the possibilities are far greater!

- Our region is home to more than 2.6 million religious adherents representing 21 diverse communities of faith.
- As the birthplace of religious liberty, Philadelphia provides fertile soil for a wealth of collaborative and transformative projects.
- The Religious Leaders Council offers a model for people to build relationships of mutual support and engage in collective action across lines of difference.

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PENNSYLVANIA BISHOPS GATHER IN HARRISBURG

By A. B. Hill

The Bishops of Pennsylvania's eight Roman Catholic and two Byzantine Catholic dioceses gathered in Harrisburg on October 1 for the Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC).

As the Board of Governors of the PCC, the Bishops meet each year to establish the principles of the PCC and determine its policies. This year marks the Conference's 50th anniversary.

The PCC is the public affairs arm of the Catholic Church in the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania. As such, it formulates policy positions in reference to state government programs, legislation and other policies that affect the common good and the interests of the Church. PCC represents the Church before all branches of state government and other statewide groups. PCC's professional staff help identify the needs of Pennsylvania citizens concerning morality, health, welfare, education, and human rights. They work alone and with other groups to meet these needs and prevent and eliminate conditions that cause moral, social, educational, and health problems.

The PCC also aims to foster a public understanding of the Church's teaching and concern about these issues.

In addition to celebrating the many accomplishments of PCC's 50 year history, the Bishops discussed the status of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program, health care reform in Pennsylvania, and developments in the effort to protect marriage across the country; and outlined a plan to invite concerned Catholics to get involved with the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network.

To read the latest news about Catholic education,

religious liberty, life and the dignity of the human person, marriage and family, social justice, health care, and faith and politics, log on to www.pacatholic.org. Or, become a member of the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network to receive alerts on legislative issues. Sign up at www.pacatholic.org/current_issues/catholic-advocacy-network Join us. Help the Catholic voice to be heard. Make a difference.



PHOTO CAPTION: Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archdiocese of Philadelphia (left), and Bishop Joseph McFadden, Diocese of Harrisburg, prepare to blow out candles on cakes to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC). PCC Executive Director, Dr. Robert J. O'Hara, looks on from the podium. PHOTO CREDIT: Chris Heisey, *The Catholic Witness*, Diocese of Harrisburg

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ST. NICHOLAS, PASSAIC, NJ CENTENNIAL JUBILEE NEWS

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 Newmerzyckyj, at 973-614-1373, or the pastor, Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, at 973-471-9727, as soon as possible.

Ss. Peter & Paul Greek Catholic Church



43 Rittenhouse St., Simpson, PA

is holding their annual stuffed cabbage roll dinner on Sunday, October 24, 2010.

Dinners can be pickd up in the church hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be an 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
call Janina 570-759-2824 after 5pm.

Challenges of the Heart: Being a Man & Living a Christian Life in Today's World

The Byzantine Franciscans in Sybertsville are sponsoring a day of reflection for men on ***Saturday November 13, 9am-3:30pm***, presented by Neil Oberto, Director of Catholic Social Services in Hazleton and a noted presenter on family well-being, effective management of emotions, and human relations.

This day of reflection will help participants to think constructively and act wisely from a Christian perspective even during times of stress and strong emotions. How we perceive others, our personality, judgments, and experiences all influence how we interact with people. Exploring these influences and how they affect us, we will examine ways to establish habits that encourage healthy relationships.

The day includes Divine Liturgy, lunch, and an opportunity for Confession. Cost: \$20. For information/registration, contact Fr Jerome at holydormition@gmail.com or 570-788-1212 x 402.

Schedule of Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cantors Workshop

(At Presentation of Our Lord Church, Lansdale, PA: November 5 – 7, 2010)

Friday

- p.m. 3:00 – 4:00 Sign In – Registration
4:00 – 5:30 Introduction: Texts, Structure and Analysis of Requiem Services
(uses, incorporation with other services, trends)
6:00 Dinner
6:45 – 8:00 John Damascene Verses: Eight Tones Samohlasni
8:15 – 9:00 Canon: Odes and Structure



Professor Joseph Roll

Saturday

- a.m. 8:00 Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 Three Stasis (Stations): Opening Prayer Sequence, Psalmody, Sidalen
10:45 – 11:45 Traditional Galician Liturgy Responses
p.m. 12:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:15 Canon: Odes, Interruptions, Abbreviations, Paschal Changes
2:30 – 3:45 Panakhyda (including Paschal Season Changes)
4:00 Celebration of Divine Liturgy (24th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7)
5:30 Dinner
6:15 – 7:15 John Damsacene Verses and Verses of Final Farewell
7:30 – 8:30 Beatitude Verses, Epistle-Gospel Sequence

Sunday

- a.m. 8:00 Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00 Stations and Beatitude Sequence
10:15 – 11:15 Canon Sequence
11:30 – 12:30 Celebration of Divine Liturgy (24th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 7)
p.m. 12:45 Lunch
1:30 – 1:45 Formal Observance of Parastas
2:30 – 3:15 Discussion: Comments Suggestions, Evaluations

For information contact Fr. Troyan at 215-627-0143.

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.

www.HolyGhost-Ukrainian-Catholic.org

Going global

Recently, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka called upon the clergy of the four eparchies of our Church in the United States to come together for a retreat. A number of priests from the St. Nicholas Eparchy heeded +Stefan's call and made the trek to Hershey, PA for the event. We were lured not only by dreams of chocolate, but also by the preaching of +Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Argentina.

+Sviatoslav immediately set out to wake us from our travel-induced torpor. In front of the gathered throng, he declared the Ukrainian Catholic Church to be a global Church, and he challenged us to break the fetters which we impose upon the Gospel by our ghetto mentality. Gulp! Did he really say that? Yes indeed, and he did even more: he incarnated the words by his presence and actions. You see, though Ukrainian-born, +Sviatoslav has mastered not only English, but Italian and Spanish as well. (I even threw a bit of French at him, and he didn't even flinch!) Moreover, he stood before a clergy which itself reflected the global nature of our Church: among our number were those born in Ukraine, Poland,

Romania, Germany, Brazil, Canada and - gasp! - there were even a few native-born Americans.

Perhaps boldest of all, +Sviatoslav chose to address Ukrainian Catholic clergy in the local language - i.e., English - rather than the expected Old World Ukrainian. (As you can well imagine, grumbling ensued!) In so doing, +Sviatoslav recognized one of the fundamental characteristics of Byzantine "ecclesiology" - i.e., Church structure. Our ecclesiology differs from the conventional view commonly held by Roman Catholics, who often see the "locus" of the Church to be Rome, with the fullness of the Church emanating from there - which, by the way, is why they keep asking us if we are "under Rome", as if we were expected to be a branch office. We Byzantines, on the other hand, consider the local worshipping community to be the "locus" of the Church: the "fullness of the Church" exists at the local level and then builds upward, forming eparchies and metropolias and patriarchates and the Universal Catholic Communion as communities "embrace one another in love". By

addressing the clergy in English, +Sviatoslav recognized that the fullness of the Ukrainian Catholic Church exists just as much here on American soil as in Ukraine. He even suggested - horrors! - that we might do away with the word "diaspora".

What comes to mind is something that I learned in a class on Medieval France at Middlebury College in Vermont. As you can well imagine, there were few maps in Medieval Europe, where people had too much trouble just surviving to worry about detailed cartography. So how did they keep track of things like kingdoms and borders? Easy: settlements such as villages and towns were considered to be part of one political entity or another and, as such, turned inward toward their "compatriots" who held the same allegiance - with the consequence that they "turned their backs" on those who did not belong. Being American-born, I have been shown enough scornful backs to suspect that the same phenomenon happens within our Church. I could be accused of insensitivity were I to suggest that the Ukrainian-born have never experienced scornful backs aimed at them as well. Heaven forbid!

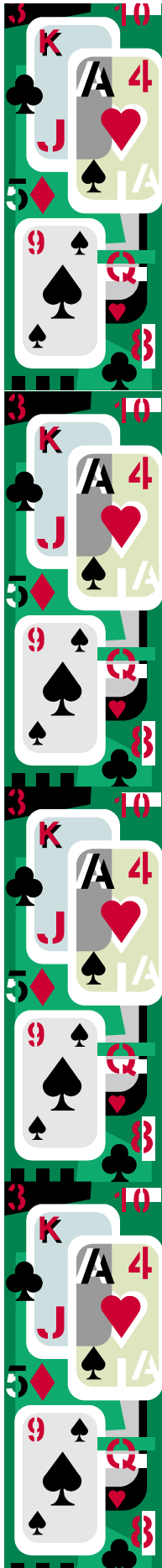


None of this, of course, is in keeping with the tenets of our faith. Didn't Jesus tell the apostles to "go forth and teach all nations, baptizing them..."? Didn't St. Paul try to put an end to prejudice, saying that there should be "neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, but all one in Christ Jesus"? Our Church can live only when we "embrace in love" all those whom Christ, for His own inscrutable reasons, chooses to put into our company.

Only Divine Love - not only coming to us, but also going through us to others - can transform us into the credible icon of Christ which God intends the Church to be. When outsiders look at us, is this indeed how they see us? A French hymn asks "When the Lord appears, will He find in the world people who are strong in the faith, and whose love responds to His own?" This might be a worthwhile reflection for us as we begin the St. Philip's pre-Christmas fast this month.

-Fr. Jim Karepin, op

THE WAY



Texas Holdem' Tournament

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7:30 pm

Church Parish Hall

Annunciation of the BVM

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19027

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Tony Desderio at 215-233-0894.

Perogy paradise!

Danny Schur cooks up church fundraiser musical

By: Brenda Suderman

(Article is printed in "The Way" with permission.)

Perogies on the menu and on stage

"It is comedy laced with real world social messages," the Winnipeg-based composer of Strike! says of his most recent work, aptly titled The Perogy Supper Miracle. "And I love that comedy can be the pill to swallow life's lessons."

Featuring a seven-member cast made up entirely of the ranks of Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, with priest Rev. Mark Gnutel playing himself, the hour-long original musical premieres 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at Centro Caboto.

"We cast clergy in this fundraiser about this problem with the fundraiser," says Schur, 44, of the event which is expected to raise at least \$10,000 toward an elevator for the 50-year-old building at Grant Avenue and Harrow Street.

"It's specifically written to the talents of people we've cast and written in such a way the burden doesn't fall to any one participant."

Perogies are definitely on the menu — and in the script — in an experience which Schur describes as theatre with dinner. He's tight-lipped about the plot and won't reveal the rest of the cast, who will be mixing with the dinner guests until they take to the stage.

He does say the musical is loosely based on Holy Family's past issues of recruiting enough certified food handlers and other volunteers from the congregation to run their monthly perogy suppers.

Backed up with a recorded soundtrack, and bursting with catchy Motown-style tunes and mouthwatering lines such as "If your heart's set aflutter, smelling onions and butter, is one more perogy so bad?" Schur promises the musical is a lighthearted take on the challenges religious institutions face when recruiting folks to run their programs.

He says the underlying question is how parishioners can balance the speed and demands of family life with often labour-intensive church volunteer jobs, something

he faces himself as he squeezes in rehearsals for this production into a schedule already filled with his paid work of collaborating with playwright Rick Chafe on a musical about Louis Riel.

"What are we as individuals willing to do to make our organizations function?" asks Schur, who regularly peels potatoes before his parish's perogy dinners.

"We can't commit any more time, but a connection to a spiritual community is what we actually need."

Regular church community meals are often a way to build connections between people from all walks of life who might not otherwise meet, suggests Gnutel, who left Holy Family in summer to take over the pulpit at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in North Kildonan.

"The perogy supper is a fundraiser, but most importantly, it's a ministry of hospitality," says Gnutel, who reprises his role as priest of Holy Family on Nov. 6.

"The parish sees it as a chance to welcome the

community into the church basement."

For Schur, a perogy supper stuffed with good food and a hall full of hungry folks might just be a metaphor for the church and how it includes everyone, even the guy who always shows up but never pays for his plate of potato-and-cheese dumplings smothered in onions.

"A lowly perogy supper in a church basement, in addition to raising money, can't be overlooked as an important social function," says the father of two.

"We're so individualistic, we're so lost in the world."

Schur was surprised when others expressed interest in the musical. His sister in Saskatoon jumped on the idea as a fundraiser for her parish, and eight days after the Winnipeg debut, The Perogy Supper Miracle opens for one show in Saskatoon. The production by Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church will feature Bishop Bryan Bayda of Saskatoon in Gnutel's role.

"Two things really resonate: the idea of

Perogy paradise!

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making perogies as a fundraiser. We do that," explains Carolyn Schur, chairwoman of her parish council's fundraising committee.

"That problem with getting people with those (food handling) certificates really resonates with us."

As for the miracle of the musical, Schur isn't saying, but the chairman of Holy

Family's elevator committee has his own interpretation of what that might be. Faced with raising \$400,000 for an elevator and accessible washrooms, Jim Antonick says he'll be happy once the project gets off the ground.

"Getting the community behind it and getting this thing done. That's the miracle in my mind," he says.

And another miracle might just be the musical itself. After hearing repeated calls for help, Schur volunteered his time and talents to his church to do

what he does best: write catchy tunes about real life problems and entertain a whole lot of folks along the way.

Check out <http://holyfamilychurch.wordpress.com/> for **Got no time**, a song from the musical about the frantic speed of everyday life. Go to Song from The Perogy Supper Miracle on the website.

brenda@suderman.com

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Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord

(October 23/ November 5)

When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. (Lk. 7, 1 – 10)



Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord

In the Epistle to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul writes that together with the Apostle Peter, the Apostles James and John were also considered to be pillars of the Church. Saint James was the son of Joseph the Betrothed by his first wife and therefore is called the brother of the Lord in the Gospel. According to tradition, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him after His Resurrection and set him as bishop of the Jerusalem Church. In this way, a special work fell to James' lot: he did not travel about various countries preaching as did the rest of the Apostles, but taught and performed the sacred ministry in Jerusalem, which has such an important significance for the Christian world. As the head of the Jerusalem Church, he presided at the Apostolic Council in Jerusalem in the year 51 AD. His voice here was virtually decisive, and the proposal made by him became the resolution of the Apostolic Council (Acts, 15th Chapter). This circumstance has an important significance, in view of the pretensions of Catholics to elevate the Apostle Peter to the position of head of the Church, in order then to secure this headship for the Roman Pope.

The Apostle James'

ascetic life strengthened his significance even more. He was a strict virgin, did not drink either wine or other spirituous beverages, abstained from meat and wore only linen clothing. He had the custom of going off by himself in the temple for prayer, and there he would pray for his people on bended knee. He was so often stretched out on the ground in prayer that the skin on his knees became calloused.

The Apostle James' ministry was difficult amidst a multitude of the most vehement enemies of Christianity. But he acted with such good sense and fairness, that not only Christians esteemed him, but also Jews, and they called him the support of the people and a righteous man. Remaining in the office of Bishop of Jerusalem about thirty years, he spread and established the holy faith in Jerusalem and in all of Palestine. When the Apostle Paul visited the Apostle James on his final journey, at that time the presbyters gathered together unto him and told him of the successes of the Christian preaching among the Jews in the following words: Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law

(Acts 21:20). Many of the Jews were converted to the Church by trusting the word of the righteous one alone.

Seeing such influence of the Apostle, the Jewish leaders began to be apprehensive lest all the people be converted to Christ, and decided to make use of the interval of time between the departure of the Procurator Festus and the arrival of Albinus in his place (62 AD), in order either to incline James unto denying Christ or to kill him. The godless Sadducee Ananias was the high priest at that time. During a great conflux of the people, they led the Apostle to the portico of the temple, and after a few flattering words they disdainfully asked: "Tell us about the Crucified?" - "Are you asking me about Jesus?" the righteous one said loudly. "He is sitting in the Heavens at the right hand of the Most High and shall come again on the clouds of heaven." It turned out that in the crowd were many Christians, who joyfully exclaimed: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Then the chief priests and the scribes cried: "O, even the righteous one himself is in error!" - and they cast him down to the ground. James was still able to raise himself to his knees and

said: "Lord, forgive them! They know not what they do!" "Let us stone him", cried his enemies. A priest from the tribe of Rechab (they did not drink wine, lived in tents, did not sow wheat, nor cultivate grapes) began to try to persuade them: "What are you doing? See: the righteous one is praying for you." But at that minute a fanatic, a cloth worker by trade, struck the Apostle in the head with his fuller's club and killed him. Many Christians were killed together with him.

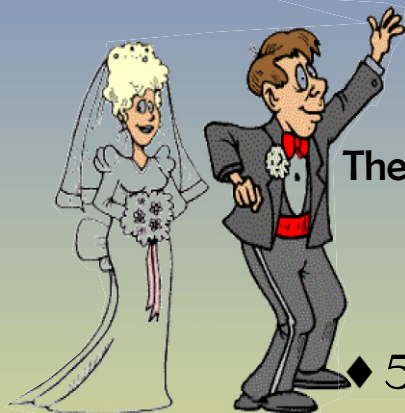
The Jewish historian, Josephus Flavius, in enumerating the reasons for the fall of Jerusalem, says that the Lord chastised the Jews, among other things, for the murder of the righteous James. The Apostle James wrote his Catholic Epistle not long before his death. The main purpose of the Epistle was to comfort and strengthen Jews that had converted to the faith in the sufferings which lay ahead for them, and to warm them against the error that allegedly faith alone can save a man. The holy Apostle explains that faith not accompanied by good works is dead and does not lead to salvation. Church tradition ascribes to the Apostle James the composition of the most ancient order of the Divine Liturgy. (www.stjohndc.org)

Saint Vladimir Parish, Scranton,
cordially invites
you to our annual

HARVEST DINNER & DANCE



*Saturday, October 23, 2010
at St. Vladimir Parish Center
428 N. 7th Ave., Scranton*



Theme of the evening: A Mock Ethnic Wedding
Come just as you would
to an old fashioned wedding reception!

- ◆ 5:30 p.m.—Cocktails
- ◆ 6:00 p.m.— Mock Wedding Ceremony, Prayer, Toast
 - ◆ Home-cooked Roast Beef Dinner
 - ◆ Dancing to live music by "The Golden Tones"
 - ◆ Bridal Dance & 50/50 Raffle

Adults: \$12 Students: (age5-12) \$6 Children: (age 4 & under) Free

Reserve your spot at this fun and unique evening:

Tickets available following the Saturday evening 4 p.m. Liturgy
or Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Liturgy;
or by calling Kathleen Izak at 570-346-2414.

No tickets will be sold at the door. Reservations close on Oct. 17.

Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops

(EXCERPT FROM THE ARTICLE)

VATICAN CITY, 5 OCT 2010 (VIS) - The Holy Father has appointed the following persons as participants in the forthcoming Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops, due to be held in the Vatican from 10 to 24 October on the theme: "The Catholic Church in the Middle East. Communion and Witness. Now the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul":

MEMBERS

- Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals.
- Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, major archbishop of Kyiv-Halyc, Ukraine.
- Cardinal Walter Kasper, president emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.
- Cardinal John Patrick Foley, grand master of the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.
- His Beatitude Michel Sabbah, patriarch emeritus of Jerusalem of the Latins.
- His Beatitude Baselios Cleemis Thottunkal, major archbishop of Trivandrum of the Syro-Malankars, India
- Archbishop Edmond Farhat, apostolic nuncio.
- Archbishop Riccardo Fontana, of Arezzo-Cortona-San Sepolcro, Italy.
- Archbishop Mounjed El-Hachem, apostolic nuncio.
- Archbishop Cyril Vasil, S.J., secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.
- Bishop Bohdan Dzyurakh, C.S.S.R., auxiliary of Kyiv-Halyc, Ukraine.
- Bishop Dimitrios Salachas, apostolic exarch for Greek Catholics of Byzantine Rite resident in Greece.
- Bishop Bosco Puthur, curial bishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly of the Syro-Malabars, India.
- Msgr. Archimandrite Robert L. Stern, secretary general of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA).
- Msgr. Mikael Antoine Mouradian, patriarchal vicar of the Institute for the Patriarchal Clergy of Bzommar, Lebanon.
- Fr. David Neuhaus, S.J., head of pastoral care for Hebrew-speaking Catholics in the Patriarchate of Jerusalem of the Latins.

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CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH ON THE 30TH PARISH ANNIVERSARY - SILVER SPRING, MD

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Silver Spring, MD, is blessed to be able to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of its parish with a most special event – the consecration of the church! In these 30 years the parish has grown spiritually strong and vibrant. It was able to build a beautiful Hutsul-style wooden church on a 7-acre plot of land. Through God’s Providence just in this past year the parish obtained a beautiful iconostas by renowned artist Petro Andrusiw from the now closed church of St. Nicholas in Mahanoy City, PA, and was gifted with a sizable donation from the estate of +Dr. Oleh and +Sophia Kudrick. This gift enabled the paying off of the church mortgage.



Holy Trinity church was built in 1999 and blessed in 2000 by His Grace, Metropolitan Stephen Sulyk. However, until the mortgage was paid off, the full rite of consecration could not be performed. But now this is possible!

The church will be consecrated by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Stefan Soroka on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 1:00PM. The address of the church is: Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 16631 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Tel. (301) 421-1739.

The consecration of a church, like Baptism, occurs once in the history of a church. The rite of consecration is unique and spiritually very meaningful.

You are cordially invited to come to this event; it will be a real privilege for you to participate.

You are also sincerely invited to come to the Jubilee Banquet at St. Andrew’s Hall at 5:00PM at: 15100 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Kindly please order your tickets by October 20, 2010. For ticket information you may write to this e-mail address : info@holytrinity.org

Preparations for this event took much effort and planning.

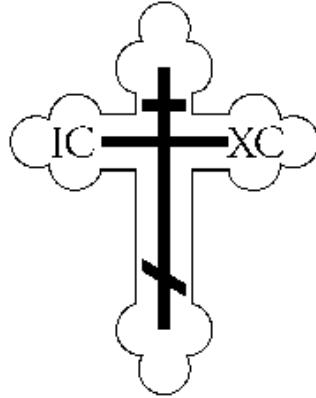
Please consider a donation to the Building Fund for future renovations of the church.

This is a very important day for the parish family; it is a time to reminisce about the events of the past 30 years and to celebrate together with you, God’s love for each of us.

Very Rev. Taras R. Lonchyna
Pastor and Protopresbyter

(Photo of church by Tom Manuccia)

**THE VOCATIONS OFFICE OF THE UKRAINIAN
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INVITES YOU TO THEOLOGY ON TAP!!!!**



RULES, CHURCH, AND SECULAR SOCIETY

Have you ever wondered why the Church has certain rules for Catholic Christians to follow that often seem to set you and the Church against the “progress” of today’s society? Have you ever considered that the laws of the Church do promote freedom and human flourishing? If this catches your interest, come and enjoy fellowship, good food, and of course, good beer (or other beverage of your choice) with your fellow brothers and sisters while learning how the rules of the Church do help us on our journey in life!

All people age 21-50 are welcome. This Theology on Tap event will be held on Tuesday, 19 October 2010, from 7:00-9:30 pm at:

*Kilkenny House
112 South Avenue East
Cranford, NJ 07016*

For more information, please contact Father Paul Makar at:

1-215-627-0143
ukrvocations@catholic.org

May God bless you always, and remember, this is a Catholic event. Come and enjoy, but enjoy responsibly and in moderation!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 14, 2010: Holiday Bazaar and Gift Auction, Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, Meredith & Jacques Streets, Perth Amboy, New Jersey. 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., assumptioncatholicschool.net

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)

December 4, 2010: Christmas Bazaar at the Nativity of BVM Church (630 Laurel Street, Reading PA) from 12 to 4PM. Baked bread, rolls, pyrohy, holubtsi, halushki, soups, cakes & pastry, art & crafts, raffle and more. For more info, please call 610.376.0586 or e-mail nativitybvmucc@catholic.org.

March 26, 2011: Archeparchial Women's Day

GOF at St. Josaphat's (Philadelphia)

November 28, 2010 & December 19, 2010: Generations of Faith (GOF), St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, 4521 Longshore Ave, Philadelphia, PA following the 10am Liturgy. For more information call 215-332-8488.

MALANKA 2011 Planning Meeting

Meeting to plan the Ukrainian New Year Dinner Dance – MALANKA – is scheduled for 7:00pm, Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton.

Northeastern Pennsylvania's 7 th Annual MALANKA is set for Friday evening, January 14, 2011 at St. Vladimir Parish Center.

For additional information, contact Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275

LUC Meeting Sunday, October 17, 2010

North Anthracite Council – League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, October 17, 2010 at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 87 Zerby Avenue, Edwardsville PA. Moleben at 2:00pm with general session and social to follow. For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354

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