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## The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka Celebrates His Tenth Anniversary as the Sixth Archbishop of The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of The Ukrainian Catholic Church in The United States of America

Ten years ago on February 27, 2001, the Most Reverend Stefan Soroka was enthroned as Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. The new metropolitan entered the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA, accompanied by thirty-five bishops, including four cardinals, following a procession of 400 children and altar boys throughout the archeparchy and 200 members of the clergy and religious.

The Installation Ceremony began with a greeting by His Beatitude Major Archbishop Lubomyr Cardinal Husar followed by the reading of the Papal Bull of appointment from Pope John Paul II by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.



Installation of Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka  
ten years ago on February 27, 2001.

Cardinal Husar and Archbishop Montalvo then led Metropolitan Soroka to the Episcopal chair, the “cathedra” where he was seated, or “enthroned” after the Apostolic Nuncio exclaimed, “Receive this pastoral staff with which you are to shepherd Christ’s flock entrusted to your care. Axios!”

After the enthronement ceremony, all the clergy of the Philadelphia Archeparchy came forward to express their promise of obedience to the new Metropolitan.

During his homily, Metropolitan Soroka, referenced the reading of the Papal Bull by His Grace, Archbishop Montalvo at the beginning of the installation, wherein it describes a bishop as a good shepherd who knows the sheep and whose sheep know him. A bishop should stand in the midst of his people as “*One Who*

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# The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka Celebrates His Tenth Anniversary

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*Serves*", (Metropolitan Soroka's motto.)

Metropolitan Soroka stated, "This is expressed in the verses preceding today's Gospel reading from St. John where the shepherd is described as one who enters through the gate first, and then calls each of his own by name, and the sheep hear his voice and follow him, because they recognize his voice. The Gospel reading we heard cites the good shepherd as one who knows his sheep and they know him. The good shepherd is prepared to lay down his life for his sheep. And, the good shepherd must also lead and call other sheep who do not belong to this fold, and they too will recognize his voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."

He continued, "Those of us called to leadership in our Church are called to lead by example. We cannot expect our people to do anything which we would be unwilling to do with them. As your shepherd, I am called to be among the priests, religious and people enough that you will recognize my voice and trust my heart. I must have

enough courage to go first, compassion enough to choose a safe path for the weakest among you, and confidence enough to know that you will follow if I lead."

**Watch a video from the Installation in 2001 on our blog at [www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com](http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com)**

Among many things over the past ten years, Metropolitan Soroka has visited most if not all of the parishes in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

He has instituted parish advisory councils and parish finance councils.

He was instrumental in the founding of the "Treasury of Faith Museum" a visual display of the history of the Ukrainian Catholic faith and its rich traditions.

Evangelization is a major project still being realized but much has been done in the past ten years under Metropolitan Soroka's guidance to use new technology to reach our faithful and introducing the Generations of Faith program.

In addition to the area of Evangelization, Metropolitan Stefan has continued to care for the lives of the priests by having semi-annual formation and renewal conferences. He has upgraded and practically rebuilt the seminary building of St. Josaphat in Washington, DC not only physically but also with the formation of seminarians. Vocations are of utter importance to him that he appointed a full-time Vocations Director, Reverend Paul Makar. The renewal of parishes have been foremost in his mind with the re-introduction of the Mysteries of Initiation and instituting parish councils and finance councils.

And this year, Metropolitan Soroka plans to institute an Archieparchial Pastoral Council.

On this, the Tenth Anniversary of the Installation of Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, the entire clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia offer our joyous wishes and greetings to Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka as he continues his journey of service to our Lord and to all of our people.

**Many Happy and Blessed Years!**

**Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**



**Blessing the "Treasury of Faith Museum" in 2005.**

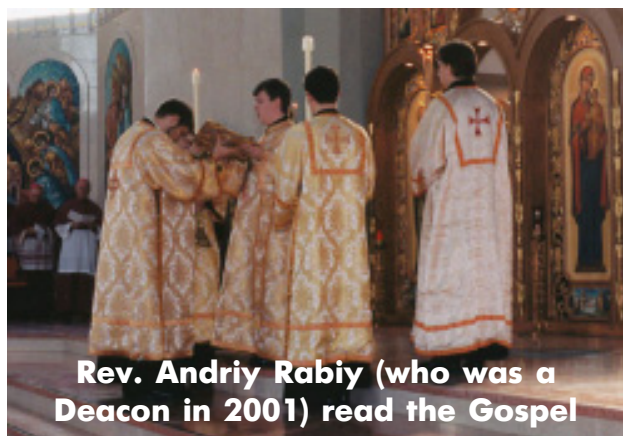
**Ten years ago, this was the Gospel read during the Solemn Rite of Installation of the Most Reverend Stefan Soroka as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia on Tuesday, February 27, 2001.**

*The Lord said: "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*



*the hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.*

*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd." (Jn. 10, 9-16)*



**Rev. Andriy Rabi (who was a Deacon in 2001) read the Gospel**

***Heartfelt Congratulations and Best Wishes to  
Your Grace,  
Metropolitan-Archbishop  
Stefan Soroka***



*on Your 10th Anniversary  
of being Installed as the  
Sixth Metropolitan-Archbishop  
of the Ukrainian Catholic  
Archeparchy of Philadelphia.*

***The Chancery Staff***



MAY CHRIST THE HIGH PRIEST  
BLESS YOU ARCHBISHOP STEFAN  
ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF YOUR ENTHRONEMENT AS OUR  
METROPOLITAN



*“For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands.” 2 Timothy 1:6*

OUR PRAYERS AND LOVE ARE WITH YOU, ARCHBISHOP STEFAN

THE FAITHFUL PEOPLE AND PRIESTS OF  
THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
OUR CHURCH IN THE NATION’S CAPITAL

***MANY HAPPY YEARS – МНОГІЇ ЛІТА***



# **Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate**

*Congratulate*

## **Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka**

*As he celebrates 10 years as the Archbishop Metropolitan of Philadelphia*

*God's peace and joy as you continue to reflect The face of God to whom all you meet.*

**Mnohaya Lita**







Congratulations & All Our Best Wishes  
to His Grace Most Reverend

*Stefan Soroka*

on the

*10<sup>th</sup>*

*Anniversary*

of Your investiture as

*Metropolitan-Archbishop*

for the

*Archeparchy of Philadelphia*

May the Good Lord continue to  
bless you for many years to come!

Rev. Ihor Royik and all the Parishioners of  
Annunciation of the BVM Ukr. Catholic Church  
Melrose Park, Pennsylvania



On this momentous occasion we extend to  
His Grace Most Reverend Stefan Soroka many happy, healthy years in celebration of the  
10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of enthronement as  
Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Многая Літа!

Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great  
Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province  
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Manor College  
Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, President

St. Basil Academy  
Sister Carla Hernandez, Principal

Basilian Spirituality Center  
Sister Marina Bochnewich, Director



Celebrating 100 Years in America as a praying, healing, life-giving presence

***Best Wishes and Sincere Congratulations to  
Metropolitan-Archbishop  
Stefan Soroka***

***From The Staff and Residents of  
Ascension Manor***

***May you be blessed with happiness,  
today and every day.  
Mnohaya Lita!***



***(Located one block from the Cathedral.)***

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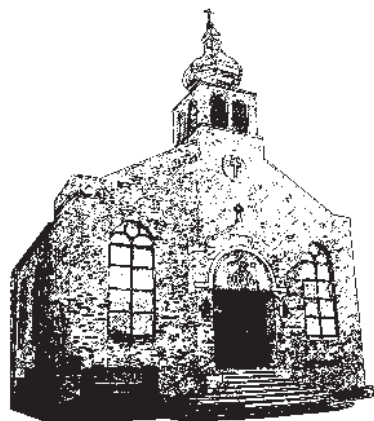




Our pastor, Fr. Andriy Rabi, and parishioners of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Reading, PA, congratulate His Grace, Archbishop Stefan Soroka on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his installation as the Metropolitan and Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia!

In our prayer for you we pray  
That God will bless you in a special way.  
Your precious smile, your warm handshake,  
Your words of concern, our day does make.

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Reading PA*



In our prayer for you we pray;  
That in your life, God has His way,  
That, as you go from task to task,  
For what you need, in faith you'll ask.

In our prayer for you we pray;  
That in your trials, you'll pray  
For guidance clear and wisdom dear,  
And the Lord's presence ever near.

In our prayer for you we pray;  
That your life be touched in a special way  
And that your leadership and guidance mean as much  
As our lives made happy through you by our Lord's touch.

*May the good Lord grant you many blessed years!*

*Многая Літа, Владико!*

The parishioners of  
Ss. Peter & Paul Greek Catholic Church  
Simpson, Pennsylvania



Join with our pastor, Rev. Paul Wolensky  
In extending our heartfelt congratulations to

His Grace  
Most Reverend Stefan Soroka



as he celebrates the tenth anniversary  
of his enthronement as  
Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Archeparchy  
of Philadelphia.

“Thank you for your many years of generous service  
to the people of God. May God Bless You  
and keep you in His care.”

Congratulations  
Metropolitan Stefan,  
as you mark your tenth  
anniversary of coming  
to Philadelphia as our  
Metropolitan-Archbishop.



Prayerful best wishes  
from Father Paul Wolensky  
and the Parishioners of  
Saint Vladimir Parish,  
Scranton, Pennsylvania

Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita, Vladyko!  
May God grant you many  
happy and healthy years!



The community of SS Peter and Paul church Wilkes-Barre, Pa said a prayer for you today and knows in our hearts God definitely heard. We know about your integrity, sincerity, talent and good will because you have given us many examples in action. Therefore, we asked Him to send you treasure of a lasting kind.

We asked that He be near you at the beginning of each day to grant you health, blessings and friends to share your way. For His loving care but most of all, we prayed that He continually offer His loving care.

Go forward with courage and faith.



**Saints Peter & Paul  
Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
635 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

***Congratulations and Best Wishes on 10 Years of Dedicated Service as Our Metropolitan-Archbishop***



**The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan-Archbishop delivers the homily to the faithful during his Enthronement Divine Liturgy on Tuesday, February 27, 2001.**

***May God Grant You Many Happy and Blessed Years of Service in the Vineyard of Our Lord!***

**Reverend Archpriest John M. Fields  
and the Parishioners of**

**St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Frackville, Pennsylvania**

*Axios! He Is Worthy!*  
*May God Grant You Many Happy and Blessed Years*  
*as You Continue Your Journey*  
*Walking in the Footsteps of the Apostles*



Enthronement of the Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, as Metropolitan-Archbishop, Tuesday, February 27, 2001. (Left to right: His Beatitude Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, Metropolitan Soroka, Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States)

*Congratulations on Your Tenth Anniversary as Our*  
*Metropolitan-Archbishop*

**Reverend Archpriest John M. Fields  
and the Parishioners of**

**St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Maizeville, Pennsylvania**





## St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church

1344 White Oak Bottom Road  
Toms River, New Jersey 08755



***Our Hearty Congratulations &  
Prayerful Best Wishes to His Grace***

***Most Rev. Stefan Soroka***

***On the occasion of the 10th  
Anniversary celebration***

***As Metropolitan Archbishop of the  
Archeprarchy of Philadelphia.***

***May the Lord continue to bless you for all  
the many lives that you have touched as a  
caring Shepherd.***

2001

27<sup>th</sup> February

2011



***Father Oleksandr Dumenko and the  
parishioners of St. Stephen Ukrainian  
Catholic Church Toms River NJ***



**METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP STEFAN SOROKA**



***MNOHAYA LITA !***

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE  
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INSTALLATION AS  
METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA  
FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS**

**REV. ANDRIY DUDKEVYCH AND THE PARISHIONERS  
OF  
ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY 07055**



*"The grace of the Holy Spirit be with you,  
enlightening and strengthening you,  
and endowing you with wisdom  
all the days of your life"*

- Rite of Episcopal Consecration

**Our Grace Metropolitan Stefan!**

**On the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary  
of your appointment  
as the Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics  
in the United States of America  
please accept our prayerful best wishes  
for continued blessings  
in your service in  
the Vineyard of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Многая Літа!**

St. Basil Seminary  
Stamford, Connecticut  
[www.stbasilseminary.com](http://www.stbasilseminary.com)







*“Accept the crozier so that you may tend the flock of Christ entrusted to you, and be a staff and support for those who are obedient; use this staff to lead the disobedient and the wayward, the staff of compulsion, the staff of correction”*

*- Rite of Episcopal Consecration*

**Your Grace Metropolitan Stefan!**

**On the occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of your Episcopal service as Shepherd and Father of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, please accept the heartfelt wishes and prayers of the clergy, religious and faithful of the Eparchy of Stamford.**

**May God grant you many fruitful, blessed and happy years!**

**Многая Літа!**

*+ Paul, OSBM*

**Eparchy of Stamford  
14 Peveril Road  
Stamford, CT 06902  
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# Happy Anniversary, Your Grace!



Congratulations  
and  
Best Wishes  
from the  
Parish Family of Ss.  
Cyril & Methodius  
in Olyphant, PA.

May Our  
Heavenly Shepherd  
bless you as you  
tend His flock.

May God grant you many Happy and  
Blessed Years!

Na Mnohaya I Blahaya Leeta!

# *Congratulations on your 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

Your Excellency Archbishop Stefan,

The parishioners of Transfiguration of Our Lord parish, Shamokin, PA., and parishioners of Patronage of the Mother of God parish, Marion Heights, PA., would like to congratulate you on your 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Your leadership strengthened our confidence and love to the Church and brought us closer in relationship with God. Celebration of your Anniversary is a joy and pride not just for the Archeparchy but also for the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church. We deeply appreciate your significant role in making the Archdiocese a harmonious, peaceful and God loving Christian community.

As you begin the second decade of your leadership of the Archdiocese we ask God to bless you with good health and many successes. We will continue to uphold you in our prayers as you continue your apostleship in the Church of God.

With best wishes for God's rich blessings on you,

Very Sincerely,  
Rev. Stepan Bilyk



*Transfiguration of  
Our Lord parish,  
Shamokin, PA.*



To His Grace,

The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka

With happy memories of attending your  
Enthronement as Metropolitan-Archbishop

for the

Archeoparchy of Philadelphia on

February 27, 2001

I offer you my prayerful best wishes  
for the future

Reverend Monsignor Francis R. Seymour, KHS  
Archivist of the Archdiocese of Newark  
Seton Hall University  
South Orange, NJ 07079

*Congratulations To Our Beloved  
Metropolitan-Archbishop  
**Stefan Soroka***

*on the 10th Anniversary of your Enthronement as  
Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.*

*May Almighty God continue to Bless you  
with Good Health and Happiness!*

*Na mnohaya lita!*

*From, Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko  
and the Parishioners of  
**Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church,  
Mount Carmel, PA.***



Photo: Enthronement Divine Liturgy on February 27, 2001.



*Congratulations and Best Wishes*

*Your Grace,  
Metropolitan-Archbishop  
Stefan Soroka*

*on the 10th Anniversary of  
your Enthronement as  
Metropolitan-Archbishop  
for the Archeparchy of  
Philadelphia.*

*May God Grant You  
Many Happy Years!*

*Na Mnohaya i Blahaya lita!*

*From, Very Rev. Archpriest  
Michael Hutsko  
and the Parishioners of  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ukrainian Catholic Church,  
Centralia, PA*





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з десятиріччям невтомної праці, на престолі Верховного Ієрарха нашої Церкви в ЗСА  
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ської спільноти, чим заслужив собі шану і прихильність громади та священно-монашого чину.

З нагоди першого десятиріччя наполегливої праці в “Христовому винограднику”

ми гратуємо за всі дотеперішні здобутки і зичимо в майбутньому нових осягів на ниві зцілення людських душ для добробуту нашої багатостраждальної, але нескореної Церкви на славу української спільноти.

Широ зичимо Вам, Владико, здоров'я, Божої ласки та надхнення у Вашій кропікій праці плекання Вічного та Доброго!

На Мнорії і Благії Літа!



### The Executive Board of the Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics and the Editorial Staff of the weekly America extend their best wishes to



### His Grace, Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Metropolitan for Ukrainians in the United States of America

on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of his installation  
(February 27, 2001) on the throne of the Philadelphia Metropolitan See

Having led the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA over the last decade, His Grace has earned the respect and love of his flock, including the laity, clergy and religious, whom he has shepherded with sincere conscientiousness, spiritual commitment and absolute dedication, for the glory of Almighty God and for the benefit of our Church and society.

On the occasion of this milestone marking ten years of laboring here in “Christ’s vineyard” we congratulate Your

Grace for all your accomplishments so far and may you achieve much more while working for the welfare of our souls

and the benefit of our long-suffering Church and the good of the Ukrainian community.

We sincerely beseech Our

Lord that He shower Your Grace with a multitude of his generous blessings, and provide inspiration and strength

in your efforts that focus on eternal values.

Mnohaya Lita, Vladyko!

Celebrating 99 years of service to the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Community



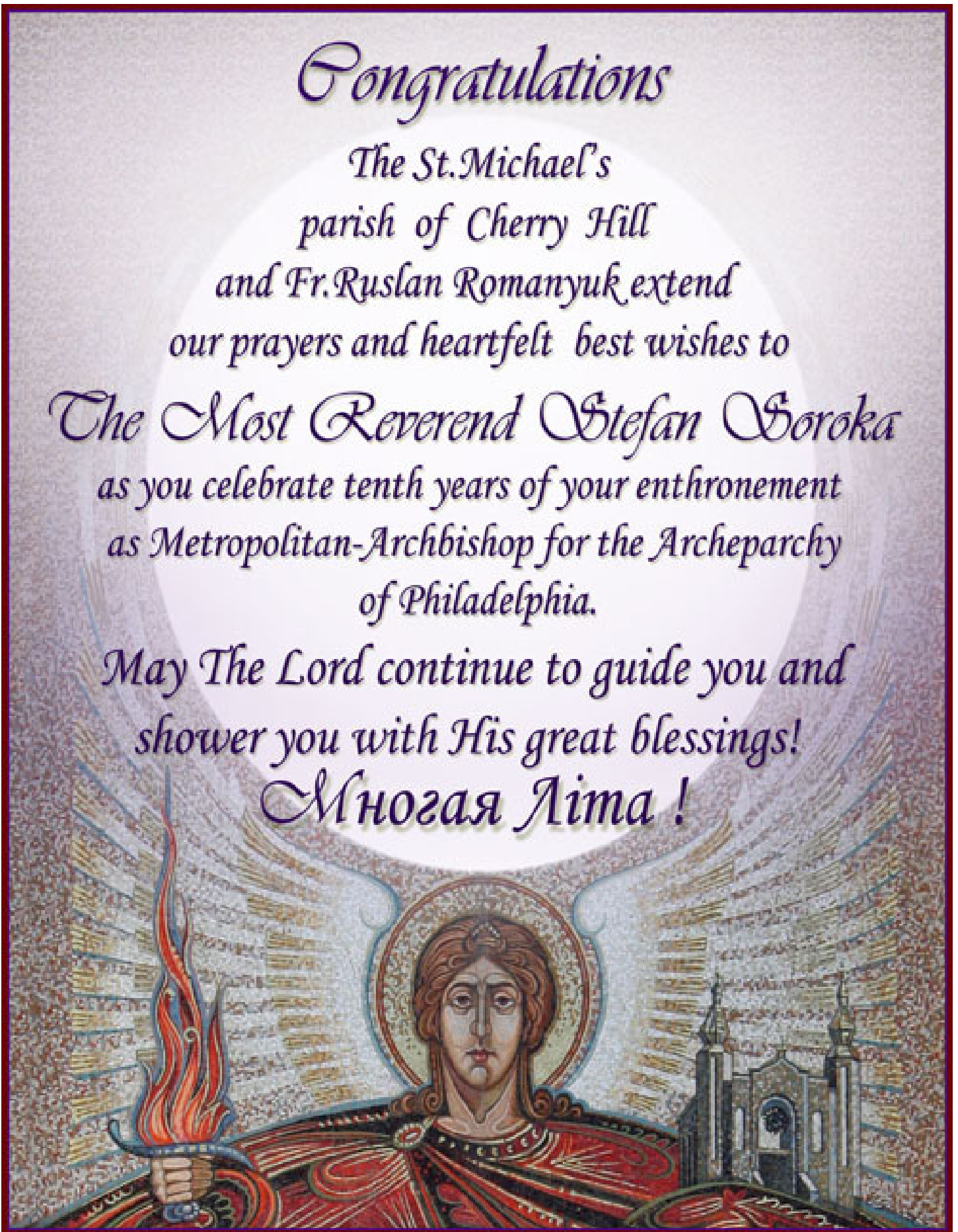
# *Congratulations*

*The St. Michael's  
parish of Cherry Hill  
and Fr. Ruslan Romanyuk extend  
our prayers and heartfelt best wishes to*

*The Most Reverend Stefan Goroka  
as you celebrate tenth years of your enthronement  
as Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Archeparchy  
of Philadelphia.*

*May The Lord continue to guide you and  
shower you with His great blessings!*

*Многая Лета !*



Greetings



*from The Blessed  
Virgin Mary Ladies Guild of  
Saint Vladimir Parish,  
Scranton, Pennsylvania*

*to His Grace Most Reverend  
Stefan Soroka on his tenth  
anniversary as Metropolitan-  
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

Saint Ann's Ladies Sodality  
of

Saints Peter & Paul Parish  
Simpson, Pennsylvania

congratulates

Metropolitan  
Stefan Soroka

on his tenth anniversary  
as our Archbishop

*May God grant,  
Metropolitan Stefan,  
many blessed and  
healthy years  
as Archbishop.  
Mnohaya Lita!*

*Father John Seniw  
and parishioners of  
St. Nicholas Ukrainian  
Catholic Church,  
Glen Lyon, PA*

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## Just One of the Jewels in His Crown

In his ten years of steering the Ark that is the Church of our Metropolitan Archeparchy in the United States, Archbishop Soroka has, in a sense, only just begun to navigate our Church and its people through the often-rough seas of our world and our times. This journey is not one that has a finite duration. Rather, like Eternity that has neither a beginning nor a terminal point, guidance of the Church is timeless. It (the faithful of the Church) journeys over both the arduous and tranquil waters of life, striving ever closer toward "Godlikeness" while being captained by one whom the Holy Spirit has sent to us. "Then they prayed, 'You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one... you have chosen...'" (Acts 1:24) In this time, our time, Archbishop Soroka has been chosen for us, and steers the Ark under the divine guidance of Providence, ever leading us toward Eternity, toward the Eternal One, Our God-Triune.

From the very moment of his appointment as Archbishop of Philadelphia on November 29, 2000 and his solemn enthronement on February 27, 2001 to the present day, Metropolitan Stefan



### **St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, (Washington, DC) our Hope and our Future.**

Soroka has emphasized the formation of priests at Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC, as one of his highest priorities. Each seminarian who graduates in anticipation of ordination is carefully educated and trained to serve Ukrainian Catholic communities here in the United States as well as overseas. In recognition of this essential preparation for service, Metropolitan Soroka has spoken time and time again of the seminary as the center of our Church, as the beating, living, and evangelizing heart of our Church. Indeed, it is the institution of our metropolia that perhaps most influences the future of our Church. For if the priests it helps form are alive with the Gospel, and they are transformed through their seminary experience into competent ministers who are

courageous, creative, daring, and most importantly, they are holy, then our Church has truly an enduring and blessed future hallowed by Jesus Christ.

Over these past ten years, Archbishop Soroka has been a witness to a seminary building that was weak and distressed. Devoted to his alma mater and his hope in what can be, he made a commitment to ensure that necessary repairs and renovations were made to a structure that was in danger of becoming uninhabitable because of massive failures of the plumbing, electrical, and heating systems. He also made a decision to bring a building built with post-World War II technology into the 21st Century with energy and cost-saving, modernized equipment. In addition, he ensured a building that was

welcoming and full of a spirit of warmth and zeal for training men to serve Jesus Christ and the faithful people.

Archbishop Soroka saw to it that the *Fifth Program of Priestly Formation for Priests*, of our United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, was successfully implemented into the program of formation at St. Josaphat Seminary. He further supported the addition of a Clinical Pastoral Education program into the curricula so that future priests will have had an opportunity to sharpen their ministerial and pastoral skills before they are ordained for service to our people. He has also seen to it that those who do complete the whole program of formation at St. Josaphat Seminary will have done

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## Just One of the Jewels in His Crown

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so by having earned from the Catholic University of America, at a minimum, a graduate degree of a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (STB) or a Master of Divinity (M.Div.). As of 2009, seminarians can choose to matriculate with a combined STB/ M.Div. degree from the Catholic University of America, one of the finest schools of theology in the world. Another highlight of the program offered by the seminary is the opportunity for seminarians to study the Ukrainian language and culture through the intensive immersion summer language program offered by the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv, Ukraine. The President of UCU, Fr. Borys Gudziak, is always welcoming and supportive of our seminarians who have been entrusted into this program by Archbishop Soroka.

Interwoven into the intellectual, the spiritual, the human, and the pastoral dimensions of priestly formation is a genuine spirit of Eastern Christian spirituality. This is exemplified by the practices of the seminary's prayer life, its daily celebration of the cycle of prayer, the Divine Praises, the Divine Liturgy, and

other liturgical services according to the typikon and season. For example, during the time of the Great Fast, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on weekdays. Rather, the Vespers and Matins of the Fast are celebrated as well as the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. At the seminary there is a time for reflection and self-examination, quiet time, a time for the Mystery of Penance, recollections, and retreat. There is also the time and opportunity to build the body and heart along with the soul through participation in intramural athletics and through experiencing the many available arts and culture available in the various venues in and around the nation's capital city. All of these are aspects of Eastern Christianity-spirituality-liturgy, which, by its very nature, is holistic and addresses the body, mind, heart, and soul. These cement the program's foundation and serve as the capstone of the formation program that was inaugurated by Archbishop Soroka.

Yet another hallmark of the program of formation is its emphasis on Evangelization and Ecumenism. When the seminary was solemnly



### **Seminarians are anointed after Great Vespers and Litiya.**

rededicated in the fall of 2004 by our alumnus and now Patriarch-emeritus Lubomyr I, Archbishop Soroka made it very clear that he wanted the seminary to no longer be an isolated island of the Archeparchy, from which the seminarians and seminary fathers could not leave nor any of the faithful cross the imaginary great abyss to it. He wanted the seminarians to be involved in the life of our parish in our nation's capital, the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. In this way, the seminarians could interact with parishioners so that the faithful can become partners with the seminary, helping to form the future priests with direct exposure, those who one day might serve them and their children. Today the seminary fathers, as well as the seminarians, help

to provide pastoral care for the faithful of Holy Family.

The seminary is also very visible to the Catholic University community. Seminarians participate in monthly formation events with their fellow seminarians from Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Seminary and the Theological College, which is the Roman Catholic seminary of Catholic University. During the Great Fast, St. Josaphat Seminary celebrates the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in the Crypt Byzantine Chapel of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, located on the Catholic University of America campus, where students, faculty, and visitors to the Basilica join in this Eastern Christian worship. The seminary

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## Just One of the Jewels in His Crown

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also enjoys a healthy relationship with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, especially the St. Andrew Cathedral and its pastor, Fr. Volodymyr Steliac, along with his family, as well as many other Orthodox Church scholars who visit Washington. As the seminary is located in our nation's capital, the seminary also engages in activities with the Embassy of Ukraine and the Ukrainian-American Organizations in Washington. These Evangelization and Ecumenical efforts are characterized by Archbishop Soroka's blessing and guidance such that St. Josaphat Seminary is part of the presence of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in our nation's capital city and a presence to the many people who visit here from all over the world.

Only a few know this, but through Archbishop Soroka's leadership and dedication to the seminary, St. Josaphat Seminary was commended for many of its innovative ideas in priestly formation and seminary life during a site visit by a delegate from the Holy See for the *Apostolic Visitation of the*

*Seminaries of the United States of America*. The general report offered the following observations: "...the Congregation conveys a sense of satisfaction and gratitude toward the seminary system in the United States: Let bishops, major superiors and rectors, as well as all who are involved in running the nations' seminaries and religious houses of formation, take comfort in the notable improvements that have taken place, and spare no effort in ensuring that those generous young men who offer themselves today for the priesthood—whether diocesan or religious—receive a formation that is equal to the generosity they are showing."

It has only been ten years, but in those ten years our Metropolitan Stefan Soroka has seen to it that St. Josaphat Seminary is no longer known as just a building at the top of the hill. It is authentically, the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, in Washington, DC, and an important member both of the Catholic University of America community and the Ukrainian American Community of the United States. The seminary has been visited by patriarchs, cardinals, archbishops and

bishops, dignitaries, and by our own Ukrainian Catholic faithful who help to support our shared Hope for the Future, Our Saint Josaphat Seminary. Saint Josaphat Seminary is truly one of the jewels in the crown that Archbishop Soroka has worn so well during the relatively short time that he has headed the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Philadelphia. In truth, Archbishop Stefan Soroka has been instrumental in seeing to it that our Hope

continues and that our mission to proclaim the Good News in the United States will also continue through our Church's unique and authentic Eastern Christian, Ukrainian and Catholic style.

For all of the good work, for the hope you have and instill in us all, and for the vision you have shown to us all, thank you and God Bless You, Archbishop Stefan – Many Happy Years - МНОГІЙ ЛІТ!



**Seminarians Spring 2011 (l-r) Carlos Semchechen (Stamford Eparchy), Walter Pasicznyk (Philadelphia Archeparchy), Pedro Fulop (Stamford Eparchy), Subdeacon Joseph Matlak (Parma Eparchy), and Mark Therrien (Parma Eparchy).**

# GREAT FAST PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A.

Dear Clergy, Religious,  
and Faithful of the  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
in the United States,

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

The word “liturgy” comes from a Greek word meaning “public work”. What exactly is the “work” which we do in the liturgy of our Church? You will probably – almost automatically – answer “worship”, and you will be right – partially. You see, liturgy is so much more than that. Among other tasks, liturgy has a teaching function as well: when the community participates in liturgy, the Church performs the necessary task of educating the faithful in the ways of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How does the liturgy educate? Of course, we participants are exposed to the beauty of Galician chant, we are overwhelmed by an avalanche of words, and we work together to fulfill the detailed rubrics by which the *typicon* transforms our common efforts into an intricately exquisite choreography. All of these, however, rather than being an end in themselves, are aimed at

a higher goal. What the Church helps us to create is an experience of the God Who teaches us how to share in the abundant life of the Trinity.

Liturgy is not a spectator-sport; rather, all must participate. Shakespeare tells us “All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women ... players”. In the theater of life, there is no audience; rather, all are actors who must learn how to play their parts. In the theater, actors need to rehearse their roles so as to perform them properly. The Christian life likewise requires practice if we are to become proficient. In a sense, liturgy teaches by serving as a rehearsal for the Christian life: we “role play” behaviors which we will need to exhibit outside the church building, behaviors which theologians refer to as *orthopraxis* – i.e., doing the right thing.

The Great Fast begins with Forgiveness Vespers, a significant liturgy which has important lessons for our broken world. Perhaps the most important lesson is that, despite the promise that Christ’s Kingdom of peace and justice will eventually triumph, the world remains broken, and

we remain broken people. Much of the brokenness, alas, results from our sinfulness – that is, from our stubborn refusal to love as Christ would have us do. Forgiveness Vespers offers a remedy for our brokenness, but the “spiritual therapy” is every bit as arduous as the physical therapy prescribed by orthopedists for those with broken or worn-out bones.

In his first letter, St. John tells us that the one who claims not to be a sinner is a liar. By our sinfulness, we all contribute to the brokenness of our world. We all stand in need of forgiveness. It is painful to admit our sinfulness to ourselves; it is even more painful to admit it to others, but this is exactly the therapy which the Church prescribes for us. Forgiveness Vespers requires us to humble ourselves, to approach each person in sorrow, admitting that we have hurt that person, and asking for forgiveness.

Forgiveness Vespers requires yet a second difficult exercise in our spiritual therapy: we are directed to offer a word of forgiveness to the one who has come to us in

sorrow. This too requires humility, for it requires us to abandon our delusions of superiority, embracing another person whose sinfulness makes us uncomfortable since it reflects our own.

The painful flexing of muscles is necessary for physical therapy to bring about healing; so is it with the healing of our broken lives. Healing comes not only to the person who says the painful words “I’m sorry”, but also to the one who receives them; healing comes not only to the one who hears the words “I forgive you”, but also to the one who offers them. Such is the back-and-forth of the spiritual therapy offered in Forgiveness Vespers; such is the back-and-forth of the Christian life for which Forgiveness Vespers seeks to prepare us.

Physical therapy restores bodily function and agility. Rehearsal allows performers to improve their skills. May our participation in Forgiveness Vespers provide spiritual therapy which will make us more skillful participants in the Christian life!

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# GREAT FAST PASTORAL

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With prayers for God's blessing upon you in your Lenten journey of growth - aided as it is by your renewed faithfulness to prayer, fasting and almsgiving - we ask for your prayers as well.

+Stefan Soroka  
Metropolitan-Archbishop  
of Philadelphia

+Richard Seminack  
(author)  
Eparch of St. Nicholas in  
Chicago

+Paul Chomnycky,  
OSBM  
Eparch of Stamford

+John Bura  
Apostolic Administrator  
of St. Josaphat in  
Parma

Great Fast, 2011

## Bishop Ihor Voznyak's Appeal for a Successful Synod

All the faithful of our Church have been informed that the Holy Father Benedict XVI has blessed the petition of His Beatitude Lubomyr to be relieved of his office of Major Archbishop. We meet this happening with great trust in the Lord and in his care for His Church.

The Church is a Divine institution. It is guided by the Holy Spirit; sent on His Church on Pentecost by our Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit "sends prophets, perfects priests, teaches the ignorant wisdom, reveals the fishermen to be theologians and unites the entire Church." (Verse at Vespers of Pentecost)

Today we prepare for the Synod that will elect a new Head of our Church. The Decree calling the Synod, informed, all

members of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, that the election is to take place from March 21 -24 with the Solemn Installation planned for the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, March 27, 2011, at the Patriarchal Sobor of the Resurrection in Kyiv.

The election of a new head of the Church is a Divine act and in order to elect a person in accord with God's will, "*Not as a man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.*" (1Sam. 16:7 NAB), all of us, clergy and laity, are called to sincere prayer

I urge you all to sincere prayer, that the Spirit of the Lord, as in times past with the prophet David (Cf. 1Sam 16:12), would point out the person and anoint

the newly-chosen Head as His chosen and His leader of the People of God of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

For the intention of a successful Electoral Synod, after every Divine Service, the congregation, is to, together, with one heart and one voice, recite the prayer "Heavenly King" three times followed by one "Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit now and ever and forever. Amen.

**May the name of the Lord live in our hearts and be glorified in our actions!**

+IHOR  
Administrator of the Major Archepiscopal Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church"

Given Kyiv at the Patriarchal Sobor of the

Resurrection, February 16, the year of God 2011.

All Pastors are to read this Appeal during the Divine Liturgy in all Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches on Sunday, February 20, 2011. Until the conclusion of the Electoral Synod, in every Divine Liturgy the following petition is to be added during the Litany after the Gospel

**"We also pray our Lord God, that He hear the prayers of us sinners, and send the grace of the Holy Spirit on the participants of the Electoral Synod of our Church, strengthen them, enlighten them, and bring their God-pleasing act to a successful conclusion."**




Father Paul Wolensky and the Parishioners of Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Scranton, cordially invite you to join us for our annual observance of Meatfare Sunday, at our annual Pre-Lenten Pork & Kapusta Family Dinner.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011**  
12:30 P.M.

**Menu**

- Slow Roasted Pork Loin
- Homemade Pan Gravy
- Ukrainian Kapusta (cabbage)
- Real Mashed Potatoes
- Green & Yellow Beans
- Applesauce
- Rolls, Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Beverages

At Saint Vladimir Parish Center, 428 N. 7th Ave., Scranton, Pa.

We're on North 7th Avenue on the hill, between West Lackawanna Avenue and West Linden Street. Sunday Divine Liturgy is at 10:30 a.m., with the Dinner afterwards.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS PLEASE: call Kathleen Izak (570) 346-2414. Do not call the church.

Adults \$11 Students \$5.50 (age 5-12) Under age 5: free

Takeouts: please pick up between 11:30 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.



**PIEROGY**  
(Dough stuffed w/ potatoes)

*St Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church*  
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Warrington, PA  
215-343-0779



**HOLUBSCHI**  
(Stuffed Cabbage)

**UKRAINIAN DINNER**  
Saturday—March 5 from 4 to 7 pm

PLATTER= \$10  
(2 pierogy, 1 holubtschi, kielbasa w/sauerkraut, rye bread, drink & dessert)  
A LA CARTE = priced separately  
(all of above plus holuschi (egg noodles & cabbage))



**KIELBASA & SAUERKRAUT**

**EAT IN**

**TAKE OUT**

## South Anthracite Deanery 2011 Lenten Devotions

During this Lenten season, the faithful of the South Anthracite Protopresbytery will continue the decades-old tradition of gathering for Lenten devotions on Sunday afternoons in the various churches of the deanery. After the services, a cake and social is held in the respective parish halls. These Lenten devotions are coordinated by the clergy and Holy Name Societies of the South Anthracite Deanery.

### The 2011 Lenten Devotion Schedule is as follows:

Forgiveness Vespers, Cheesefare  
Sunday, **March 6** - 4 p.m.  
St. Michael's Church, Frackville, Pa.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast,  
**March 13** - 4 p.m.  
St. Michael's Church, Shenandoah,  
Pa.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast,  
**March 20** - 4 p.m.  
Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Mt.  
Carmel, Pa.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast,  
**March 27** - 4 p.m.  
St. Nicholas Church, St. Clair, Pa.

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast,  
**April 3** - 4 p.m.  
Holy Transfiguration Church,  
Shamokin, Pa.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast,  
**April 10** - 4 p.m.  
St. Michael's Church, Hazleton, Pa.

Flowery (Palm) Sunday,  
**April 17** - 3 p.m.  
St. Nicholas Church, Minersville, Pa.



**REGISTRATION FORM -**

**PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 15, 2011**

Pre-event registration: \$25.00 Day of Event registration: \$30.00

Registration 9:00am Program 9:30am - 4:00pm

Make checks payable to: **Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia**

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**Mail registration to:**

Women's Day Registration, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia  
827 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123-2097

**For more information, contact:** Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM  
(215) 663-9153 or dabusowski@stbasils.com

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**NORTH ANTHRACITE DEANERY**

**2011 † STATIONS OF THE CROSS † 2011**

Sunday afternoons during Great Lent, beginning at 4 p.m.  
at the following churches in The North Anthracite Deanery  
of The Archeparchy of Philadelphia:

**MARCH 13: Holy Transfiguration Parish, Nanticoke**  
240 Center Street, 18634  
Rev. Roman Petryshak


**MARCH 20: Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Wilkes-Barre**  
635 North River Street, 18705  
Rev. Orest Kunderevych

**MARCH 27: St. Nicholas Parish, Glen Lyon**  
153 East Main Street, 18617  
Very Rev. John Seniw

**APRIL 3: Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Plymouth**  
20 Nottingham Street, 18651  
Rev. Roman Petryshak

**APRIL 10: St. Vladimir Parish, Scranton**  
430 North 7th Avenue, 18503  
Rev. Paul Wolensky

*Light Lenten fare and fellowship after the services.  
Everyone is prayerfully invited to attend.*





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 27, 2011:** Myasopusna Prelenten Celebration, Transfiguration Church, Bliss & Center St, Nanticoke, PA, Noon-4PM.

**February 27, 2011:** Pork & Kapusta Dinner, St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton, PA at 12:30pm. For more information call Kathleen at 570-346-2414

**March 5, 2011:** "Ukrainian Dinner" 4 to 7 pm at St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Warrington, PA.

**March 6, 2011:** North Anthracite Deanery will hold a Forgiveness Vesper Service at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, 706 N. Warren St., Berwick, PA at 5pm. Lenten refreshments will follow in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome in order to begin the Great Fast in the spirit of christian forgiveness.

**March 13, 2011:** Lenten Afternoon of Reflection. Presenter: Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan. For information call Sr. Marina, OSBM, 215-780-1227

**March 13, 2011:** LUC Meeting - North Anthracite Council - at Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 240 Center Street, Hanover Section of Nanticoke PA. General session at 1:45pm will focus on planning the April 3 rd Ukrainian Cultural Exhibit and Craft Sale. Lenten Service - *The Way of the Cross* is scheduled for 4:00pm followed by fellowship and refreshments. For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354.

**March 26, 2011:** Archeparchial Women's Day. For information call Sr. Dorothy Ann, OSBM 215-663-9153 or e-mail [dabusowski@stbasils.com](mailto:dabusowski@stbasils.com)

**April 1-3, 2011:** Men's Vocations Discernment Retreat, Philadelphia, PA. For information call Fr. Paul J. Makar 215-627-0143 or email [ukrvocations@catholic.org](mailto:ukrvocations@catholic.org)

February 27, 2011

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 3, 2011:** Ukrainain Cultural Exhibit & Craft Sale, Ss. Peter & Paul, 20 Nottingham St, Plymouth, PA. For information call Janina 570-759-2824.

**April 8-10, 2011:** Resurrection Matins Liturgical Music Workshop, Philadelphia, PA. For information call Fr. Dan at 215-922-2917.

**April 9, 2011:** Centennial Celebration Spring Symposium - Our Basilian Heritage - Basilian Spirituality Center

**April 16, 2011:** Easter Bazaar, Reading, PA

**May 23-25, 2011:** Spring Clergy Conference in Hershey, PA.

**June 18, 2011:** Centennial Open House - Basilian Motherhouse

**September 26-29, 2011:** Clergy Retreat in Long Branch, NJ.

**October 2, 2011:** Centennial Pilgrimage - Sisters of St. Basil the Great

**November 6, 2011:** Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great celebrate their Centennial with a Liturgy at the Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA.

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