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His Beatitude Sviatoslav enthroned as the new head of the UGCC



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On Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, 27 March, the new head of the UGCC, Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk was enthroned. His Beatitude Sviatoslav was elected by the Electoral Synod of Bishops of the UGCC on 23 March and his choice was confirmed by the Holy Father on 25 March.

The enthronement ceremony of the new Head of the UGCC began with the cross walk from the church of the Annunciation to the main Cathedral of the Greek Catholics - the Patriarchal Sobor of the Resurrection, located on the left bank of Kyiv. 350 priests, who came to the enthronement of the

new Head of the UGCC from all eparchies and exarchates of the Church, led the solemn procession followed by the hierarchs, metropolitans and bishops. About 60 bishops from the UGCC and other Eastern Catholic Churches as well as representatives of the Holy See and European Bishops' Conference, hierarchs of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine

and the Orthodox Churches of Kyivan tradition, members of the All-Ukrainian Council of churches and religious organizations came to participate in the enthronement ceremony.

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Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ began with the proclamation of the decision of the UGCC Synod of Bishops, announced by Synod's Secretary Most Rev. Bohdan (Dzyurakh), about the election of Most Rev. Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) as the Head of the UGCC. After that, the newly elected Head of the UGCC stepped on the Hierarchical Ambon and during proclamation of "AXIOS!" he received insignia of the Head of the Church. An omoforion to the Primate of the Church was presented by Metropolitan of Peremyshl-Warsaw- Ivan (Martyniak), a panagia and an enkolpion were presented by Metropolitan of Philadelphia - Stefan (Soroka), and Metropolitan

of Winnipeg, Lawrence (Huculiak), presented him a miter . Patriarchal rod, a symbol of acceptance of the new authority and new powers, was presented to the new Head of the Church by Archbishop of Lviv Igor (Voznyak), who until the enthronement had acted as the UGCC Administrator .

His Primate ministry Most Rev. Sviatoslav began the prayer of entrance on throne, after which a combined choir of Kyiv Archeparchy performed a Prayer for the Patriarch introduced in times of Patriarch Josyf (Slipyj). The rite of sitting on the throne, a central liturgical moment of the enthronement according to the Byzantine tradition, was performed by



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Metropolitan of Peremyshl-Warsaw Ivan (Martyniak), Metropolitan of Philadelphia Stefan (Soroka), Metropolitan of Winnipeg Lawrence (Huculiak), Apostolic Exarch for the Ukrainians in France, Benelux and Switzerland Bishop Michael (Hrynchyshyn), Eparch of Sambir-Drohobych Bishop Julian (Voronovskyj) and Bishop-

emeritus of Stamford Eparchy Most Rev. Basil (Losten).

Once the most distinguished hierarchs of the Church put His Beatitude Sviatoslav three times on the throne, the new Father and Head of the UGCC, Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych,

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Photo: Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten put His Beatitude Sviatoslav on the throne. (Photos: UGCC Information Department)

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Metropolitan of Kyiv and Bishop of Kamianets-Podilsky delivered his first enthronement sermon.

“Today we, the heirs of Volodymyr’s baptism, experience unity and continuity with our history and tradition and inherit a precious heritage of our great predecessors: the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrey (Sheptytsky), Patriarchs Josyf, Myroslav Ivan and Lubomyr. Today these men with a warm hand of Lubomyr bless us and make this treasure alive, significant and enlightening for a modern Ukrainian. “Holiness of the united people of God” – this is and this will be the development strategy of

our Church “- said His Beatitude Sviatoslav in the final part of his first patriarch’s speech. He also stressed out that the UGCC lives and acts as one body in the whole world, as the Church of the universal scale. The UGCC is and it will be the soul of the Ukrainian people, in order to sanctify it, to open its heart to brothers and neighbors, to preserve our nation as people of God and to lead it to salvation and eternal life.

Following the solemn Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, the honored guests gave a congratulating speech for the new Head of the Church as well as for the UGCC faithful. His



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Beatitude Svyatoslav, in return, thanked everybody.

“Spring has come! In this Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, we can actually feel a foretaste of the Resurrection and for this reason I would like to sincerely thank all those who prayed for me and for our Church! “-

addressed the faithful and all people of good will the new Primate of the UGCC through many cameras at the end of the solemn procession in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection in Kyiv.

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Photo of the American Bishops with His Beatitude Sviatoslav shortly after he was elected Major-Archbishop.

Photo (l to r): Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop John Bura, and Bishop Richard Seminack.



Pope Benedict XVI greets new head of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

“With great joy I greet today His Eminence Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the new Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych, together with the bishops and faithful who accompany him. I assure my constant prayer to the Blessed Trinity to bless you with gifts, to keep in peace and love the dear Ukrainian people,” with these words Pope Benedict XVI began his greetings to the faithful and the church hierarchy during the general audience March 30, 2011, Vatican Radio reports.



(Photo: www.ugcc.org.ua)

Addressing the new head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church personally, Pope Benedict said: “Your Eminence, the Lord called you to ministry and guidance of the noble church of the people, which over a thousand years ago was christened in Kyiv. I am sure that you, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, will lead your church, carrying in her faith in Jesus Christ, according to your own traditions and spirituality in communion with the Holy See, which is the hub of the visible unity, for which many sons and daughters did not spare even to give their lives. In these moments I recall our beloved brother His Beatitude Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, distinguished Major Archbishop. With the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God I pray for God’s blessing for you, your bishops, priests, monks and nuns and all the faithful.”



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Together with the head of the UGCC today’s general audience was attended by the following bishops: Ihor Voznyak, CSSR, Archbishop of Lviv, Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan of Winnipeg (Canada), Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan of Philadelphia (USA), Bogdan Dzyurakh, CSSR, Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, David Motiuk, Bishop of Edmonton (Canada), Volodymyr Viytyshyn, Bishop of Ivano-Frankisk, Ken Nowakowski, Bishop of New

Westminster (Canada), Vasyl Semeniuk, Bishop of Ternopil. Together with numerous representatives of religious communities were Father Basil Koubetch, Protoarhymandryt Basilian Order of St. Josaphat and Sister Janice Soluk, General Superior of Sisters of Mary Immaculate, as well as diocesan priests, seminarians and lay people.

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Women's Day 2011

The 5th Archieparchial Women's Day was held on March 26, 2011 and was attended by approximately 130 people at the Cathedral Hall in Philadelphia, PA. The theme was **"God's Presence in the Seasons of a Woman's Life."**

The first speaker was **Lada Pastushak**, an up-and-coming business and community leader. She spoke on the **Season of Spring**. Lada said that Spring is a symbol of a new beginning, a new hope, an opportunity to put behind all hardships and misfortunes of the past year and start over again. She said that Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, is the very symbol of a new beginning. Lada said, "You always go through the seasons of Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter, and they do continue again and again, but you always have to remember there is a Spring, there is a Summer, there is a Fall, and there is a Winter. Each season has its purpose and with each season there comes responsibilities, whether it is an age that you see as a season or whether it is an event that you have gone through that you see as a season."



(Photos: Teresa Siwak)

The second speaker was **Christine Hayda**, who among many accomplishments, has facilitated retreats and workshops with faith based communities. Christine spoke about the **Season of Summer** and building a summer garden as an analogy for building individual relationships with people and with God. If you go on

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Lada Pastushak



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vacation for a week or two during the hot summer months, and you only have "annual" flowers planted in your garden, when you come from vacation, you will find the flowers wilted and the tomato vines dried up because you weren't there to care for them. However, if you plant "perennial" flowers, once they are planted and established, they need very little attention and nurturing in order to bring years of beauty. They come back year after year. You can go on summer vacation and they will be there when you come back, they remain loyal.

In this analogy, the annual plants are those we encounter in a very short period of time, those who we see and give



Christine Hayda



a dollar or a cup of coffee. Perennial plants are relationships with family, friends and colleges, people whose needs we tend to without a doubt. How does a woman hear God in her busy and hectic world? Christine said, "To hear God in her hectic world, she needs to plant annuals and perennials so she will have a life that is eternal. She needs to foster individual relationship with people so that she can have an individual relationship with God." We need the stability of the perennials and the beauty of the annual plants that offer variety to our garden. "Through our love for one another we feel God's presence and we hear His voice." Christine

encouraged every woman present at Woman's Day that it is not too late to plant, it is not too late to engage in a spiritual practice that will help you realize God is present. Simple prayer is the beginning (the seedling), doing a good deed may be the next step (the fertilization), and repeating this turns into nurturing, and this journey prepares us "for our eternal season in heaven."

The third speaker was **Dr. Zenia Chernyk**, a nephrologist, who spoke on the **Season of Fall**. Dr. Chernyk said, "When we talk about this stage of life, we think of sitting in a rocking chair reflecting on life. We reflect on wonderful and happy memories but



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unfortunately on grim and difficult moments." Typically we turn to God when life is tough, when there are difficulties, and we wonder if God hears us, if He is listening, and if nothing happens right away, we wonder if He deserted us. Dr. Chernyk recalled the poem, "Footprints" where an unknown author spoke of how he walked along the beach with the Lord and saw two sets of footprints, one was his, and one was the Lords. In times of difficulty, he noticed one set of footprints in the sand, and the Lord said in those difficult times, I did not desert you; it was then that I carried you.

Dr. Chernyk shared a personal experience of how she comforted her brother at an early age, and how she went on in life trying to comfort people. Dr. Chernyk said, "It gives such an enormous satisfaction when you can help somebody." She credits these early childhood experiences into her becoming a physician. Dr. Chernyk says she prays for guidance, and she is sure we do too. Dr. Chernyk said, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but it is measured by the number of moments that take our breath away."

Women's Day was also filled with small group discussions, singing of songs led by Susan Roncoroni, and an anointing service. You just had to be there to experience it all! One of the women who attended Women's Day told me that this year's Woman's Day was the best!



The next Women's Day will be in 2013, join us and invite a friend!

Teresa Siwak, "The Way"

**Videos from Women's Day are
posted on our blog at
www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com**



Women's Day Participants from Perth Amboy, NJ.



Blessing by Fr. Robert Hitchens.

Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka will hold Holy Thursday Service at Assumption Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ.

Pontifical Liturgy with Vesper, Chrism Blessing and Washing of Feet of 12 Priests,
Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

This solemn ceremony is the commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his 12 disciples, just before his betrayal and crucifixion.



All are invited. The Assumption Church is located at 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ. 732-826-0767 or www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2011
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PHILADELPHIA, PA**

Holy Thursday, April 21

6:30 p.m. CATHEDRAL. Matins of the Passion (12 Gospels) "Strasti" (UKR/ENG)

Good Friday, April 22

4:00 p.m. CATHEDRAL. Vespers, Procession, Entombment of Jesus Christ (UKR/ENG) Shroud of Turin exposition.



Holy Saturday, April 23

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - CATHEDRAL HALL
Confession – CATHEDRAL. Shroud of Turin exposition.
3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - CATHEDRAL HALL
Confession – CATHEDRAL. Shroud of Turin exposition.
5:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - CATHEDRAL HALL
Confession – CATHEDRAL. Shroud of Turin exposition.
5.30 p.m. CATHEDRAL. Service at the Grave. Nadhrobne. (UKR/ENG)

Easter Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m. CATHEDRAL. Procession, Resurrection Matins
9:00 a.m. CATHEDRAL. Hierarchical Easter Divine Liturgy (UKR)
Blessing of Easter Food - in Church.
11:30 a.m. CATHEDRAL. Easter Divine Liturgy (ENG)

Pastoral Message from the Ukrainian Catholic and the Ukrainian Orthodox Hierarchs of United States of America and Canada

25th Anniversary of Chernobyl Tragedy

Twenty-five years ago, in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 26, 1986, the residents of Prypiat, a large town and administrative centre located on the river of the same name, one of the many tributaries along the upper reaches of the mighty Dnipro north of the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, were awakened from their sleep by an event that would change their lives forever. This event was of such immense proportions, that its devastating effects spread far beyond the limits of the city and even of Ukraine itself, and indeed, they are still being felt today.

At precisely 1:23 am local time a huge explosion rocked Reactor No. 4 of the nearby Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station, splitting its walls and sending a toxic plume of radioactive fallout, 400 times greater than that emitted by the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, high into the night sky. Although the Soviet authorities initially attempted to minimize the magnitude of the nuclear accident and even deny its occurrence, the immense scale of the disaster became quickly evident to

the entire world as the toxic cloud passed from Ukraine into Russia, Belarus and eventually into Scandinavia and Western Europe.

The economic, environmental and human costs of the nuclear accident in Chernobyl that night have been truly staggering. Many people living in the immediate vicinity of the power plant were killed outright in the aftermath of the explosion. Many more suffered agonizing deaths due to radiation sickness. Others were sickened with cancers and other illnesses directly linked to excessive exposure to radiation. Children proved especially vulnerable. It is estimated that in the 25 years since the catastrophe, over 4,000 children in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia have become ill with thyroid cancer. Their numbers are still growing.

The explosion and ensuing radioactive contamination also forced the evacuation and eventual resettlement of 350,000 people living in Chernobyl and in 90 separate communities in the surrounding area. The Chernobyl Exclusion Zone – an area almost 40 miles in diameter surrounding the crippled power plant – is off limits to human habitation and



Photo: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chernobyl_disaster

will remain so for generations to come because of radioactive toxins that have poisoned the once rich and productive soil.

A quarter century on, the catastrophe in Chernobyl remains the largest and most devastating nuclear accident in history and has rightly been described as the technological disaster of the 20th century.

Recalling and reflecting upon these sobering and saddening facts on the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe, we can only lift up our

hearts in prayer to the Almighty God and beg for His continued mercy and compassion as we remember those who suffered indescribable pain and loss.

We recall firstly, on this solemn anniversary, the many innocent men, women and children who perished in this tragedy and we pray for the repose of their souls. We remember in particular the brave and selfless firefighters, who, in the hours and days following the explosion, knowingly and willingly exposed themselves to mortal danger and almost certain

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death in order to extinguish the flames and construct and place the sarcophagus on the smouldering ruins of the reactor. Of such men Christ speaks eloquently when He declares: *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."* (Jn. 15:13) We pray that God grant them eternal rest in a place of everlasting light where there is no pain, sorrow or mourning.

We also remember and pray for those whose health was irrevocably damaged by the radiation that was released that day, those who were taken ill and are living with sickness to this day, and for their families, and for those whose lives were cut short by premature death. We especially remember the children, most of whom who were born after the catastrophe itself, who suffer physical and psychological disabilities today because of Chernobyl. We also remember and pray for the many thousands of people who were forced, by the noxious cloud of radiation, to flee their homes and leave behind forever, everything that was familiar and loved by them: the villages, houses, fields and farms where they and generations before

them were born, lived, laboured and died. May God grant all who suffer His peace, hope and consolation.

And, in a special way, we also remember and pray for our beloved homeland of Ukraine: so rich, generous and abundant, yet so often neglected, plundered, and abused over the centuries by the men who ruled over her.

We read in the opening verses of Holy Scripture in the Book of Genesis that, after creating Adam and Eve, God the Father blessed them and entrusted the earth and everything that He had created on it to them and their posterity saying: *"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion... over every living thing that moves on the earth."* (Gen. 1:28) *"Then God saw everything He had made, and indeed it was very good."* (Gen. 1:31)

As the summit of God's creation, made in His image and likeness, mankind was thus given the great privilege of being stewards of God's creation, entrusted by Him with the awesome responsibility of caring for, preserving and nurturing the earth and all that God had deemed 'very good' for all generations. Sadly

however, we know that through his sinfulness, mankind time and time again throughout history has neglected the sacred duty of responsible stewardship over the earth and has abused his privileged position in exchange for prestige, profit and personal gain, often desecrating and destroying God's creation in the process.

And so it was in Chernobyl. The world now knows that the nuclear accident in Chernobyl, according to the findings of the Nuclear Safety Advisory Group, was entirely avoidable and can be attributed to "...a deficient safety culture, not only at the Chernobyl plant, but throughout the Soviet design, operating and regulatory organizations..." It was the morally bankrupt and dehumanizing Communist ideology of the Soviet Union, and those that were unfortunate slaves to it, the system that placed the fulfillment of 5-year plans before the good of the people, that are the true causes of the nuclear catastrophe in Chernobyl.

From the distance of a quarter century we can see, despite the incalculable death and destruction caused by Chernobyl, that some good has come from it as

well. For one, the catastrophe in Chernobyl proved to be, in some ways, the death knell of the Soviet Union. The explosion shook not only the nuclear power station, but the foundation of the godless system that built it as well. The world came to realize, perhaps as never before, with what utter duplicity and callous disregard the Soviet leadership treated its citizens. It is no surprise that within a few years of Chernobyl the entire Soviet Empire had collapsed in ruins.

In addition, over the years many people, Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike, as well as organizations from nations the world over have been united in their efforts to aid the victims of Chernobyl in whatever way they can, especially the innocent children. They are people who live the reality that we all form one Body of Christ, and that, as St. Paul says: *"If one member suffers, all the members suffer with him..."* (1Cor. 12:26) We remember and pray for them as well, that God reward them for their good hearts and kind deeds.

In conclusion, on the solemn 25th anniversary of the nuclear

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catastrophe in Chernobyl, let us invoke the loving protection of the most holy Theotokos, Queen of Ukraine. May she shelter us with her Omophor and, through Her powerful intercession, may those who perished find eternal repose, may those who suffer find spiritual and physical healing, and may the land of Ukraine be renewed and blessed.

Given April, 2011.

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Shroud of Turin exposition is in Washington, DC until April 14, 2011.

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NOTICE

Computer Conversion – Coming April 16th

Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union is
converting to a new computer processing
system.

**Credit Union will be closed Saturday, April
16th and Monday April 18th. We will reopen
for Business – on Tuesday, April 19, 2011.**

Please Note:

- If you wish to update your passbook or get a statement, you must do so prior to April 15th. We will not be able to access old history on the new system.
- Internet teller and Bill Pay will not be available April 16th thru April 18th. Please: if you have any on-line automatic transfers or bill payments scheduled monthly on the 15th thru the 18th – please reschedule them in April for an earlier or later date.
- VISA Debit will not be available April 16th thru April 18th

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Hillside, NJ parish children visit Summit, NJ monastery and venerate a 17th Century replica of the Shroud of Turin

Hillside, NJ – On Saturday, March 26, 2011, children from the Religious Education program at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside, NJ visited the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit, NJ as part of their Lenten preparation. During this very special visit, the children, parishioners and Hillside pastor Father Joseph Szupa learned about the monastic life of the cloistered Dominican nuns of Summit and venerated a 17th century replica of the Shroud of Turin.

After traveling 15 minutes through Union County, NJ from Hillside to Summit, the children were immediately impressed with the solemnity of the monastery. The children arrived just in time to listen to the 3:00pm Office of Readings & None prayers held in the chapel. Since the nuns are cloistered, the children could not see them praying or singing. Rather, the nuns prayed and sang, with an instrumental harp, from behind a curtain. It was a very moving experience. Many of the children said that it reminded them of the nuns in the “Sound of Music”.

Only one of the nuns, Sister Maureen of the Eucharist, was allowed to meet with people from the “outside world”. Accordingly, her title is “Extern”.

Sister Maureen gave a history of the Summit monastery and gave an “insider view” of monastic life. The children asked many questions relating to the typical day of a cloistered nun and how Sister Maureen was called to be a nun.

The children were very honored to venerate a 17th century replica of the Shroud of Turin that the nuns have kept in their Summit monastery since 1924. The replica was commissioned by the Duchess Maria Magdalena in April of 1624 and is called a True Copy.

Duchess Maria Magdalena presented this replica to the Nuns of St. Catherine’s Monastery in Rome, Italy. The nuns in Rome venerated this replica for almost 300 years before they presented it to the



Photo: Sister Maureen poses with the children from Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church (Hillside, NJ) Religious Education Program.

Dominican Nuns of the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit, NJ on April 6, 1924.

A very special aspect of this replica was that it was laid upon the original Shroud of Turin for a significant length of time. When this replica was removed from the original Shroud of Turin, the replica was damp at the exact site that marked Jesus’ Wound in the Side. The dampness looked like blood and stained the replica in the wound site. In 1987, scientists from the STURP (Shroud of Turin Research Project) team confirmed that the stain was truly human blood and was of the same blood type as on the original Shroud of Turin.

Pope Pius XI had granted rich indulgences for the veneration of the replica which resides in Summit. Thus, the children were truly blessed to be able to venerate this holy replica – especially in preparation of the upcoming feast of Pascha.

As a sign of gratitude and honor, Fr. Joseph Szupa led the children and parishioners in singing a heartfelt “Mnohaya Lita” to Sister Maureen. Sister was truly very appreciative and impressed.

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The Hillside, NJ parish Religious Education program is designed to allow children to obtain 15 years of Sunday religious instruction from the age of 3 through senior year of high school. Through the guidance of six instructors, the children learn about their Catholic faith from an Eastern (Ukrainian Catholic) perspective while also understanding and respecting the Western (Roman Catholic) perspective.

Photos from other parish religious events geared towards children can be viewed on the parish website: www.byzcath.org/ImmaculateConception



The 17th century replica of the Shroud of Turin which is kept at the Dominican Nuns Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit, NJ.



Fr. Joseph Szupa, the children and parishioners ask Sister Maureen questions about the lives of cloistered nuns, the monastery's history and the 17th century replica of the Shroud of Turin.



Emilia Pelesz & Nicholas Shatynski, who both recently turned 3 years old, are excited to begin their journey of up to 15 years of religious education at the Hillside, NJ parish.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk. 10, 32-45)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT

James and John, the Sons of Zebedee ask Jesus for the two seats of honor when Jesus comes into His glory. In the culture of that day, sitting didn't just mean a physical posture, but it could also be used as a term of ruling. So sitting near someone didn't just mean that they were to be physically close to Jesus, but that they were to have a large share of the honor and authority that Jesus had. Basically James and John were asking to be number one and two in Jesus kingdom.

Their request demonstrates that they didn't understand. In fact, Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking." The fact is that most people don't know what these brothers were requesting.

Perhaps the biggest problem we have understanding the brothers' request is in that word "glory." Glory brings to mind things like God's presence as a fiery cloud and smoky pillar leading Israel through the wilderness. We think of Mount Sinai shaking in smoke and terrifying the Israelites. We think of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration as he glowed with His own self-

generated light. We remember the glory of God as the angels announced Jesus' birth. We may also remember Jesus walking on the water, stilling the storm, healing the sick and injured, raising the dead, and so forth. All these things are demonstrations of the glory of Jesus' power and authority. When James and John made their request, they were thinking about these signs of Jesus' glory.

There is much more to Jesus' glory than power and authority. When John's faith and understanding matured under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, He would write, [John 12:16] "His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him." What does the word glorified mean in that verse? What does the word glorified mean when [John 12:23] Jesus answered them; "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."? Jesus had a



conversation with Peter after the resurrection in which He told Peter about his death and John explained it in this way: [John 21:19] "This he said to show by what kind of death [Peter] was to glorify God. What does the word glorify mean there?"

Jesus' glory does not just refer to His power and authority. It also refers to His victory on the cross. When we look at the shame of the cross, we see the glory of our savior as He wins salvation for us. As Jesus was walking the road to Jerusalem with His disciples, He began to tell them what was to happen to him. He was telling them how He would bring glory to God by earning salvation for us with His

suffering, death, and resurrection.

Jesus had just been explaining the glory of the cross when James and John came to Him. They said to Jesus, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Since Jesus had just been talking about the glory of the cross, James and John were asking to be crucified, one on Jesus' right and the other on Jesus' left. No wonder Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking." They demonstrated that they did not understand.

We are like James and John. We think glory is all

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about power, authority, and control. We want that kind of glory. We want to be important. We want honor. We want to be number one. We want to be the center of attention. We are greedy and self-centered. Jesus tells us that the truly great are those who serve, but we are not interested in serving. Jesus tells us that the leader should take up the vocation of slave, but we are not interested in being slaves. We aren't interested in doing things Jesus' way. We want our way. We want what we want when we want it. We want and we demand. Jesus must tell us what He told James and John, "You do not know what you are asking."

James and John unknowingly asked for crucifixion with Jesus. Our self-centered attitude earns us something much worse than a reservation on a cross. It earns us eternal punishment in hell where there is no sense of God's presence. A person can be number one in hell because, in spite of the fact that many will suffer in hell, each of them will experience hell in the utter torment of total loneliness. The loneliness of hell will

allow every tormented soul in that place to be number one, for they will sense no one but themselves.

Fortunately for James and John, and you and me, Jesus does not have a problem with His role as servant and slave. Even as Jesus set the standard for us He also kept that standard. He continued to teach His disciples in spite of their stubbornness and He said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Even though we don't serve as we should - even though we don't adopt the role of slave as Jesus commands, Jesus still became the perfect servant for us. [[Philippians 2:8](#)] He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

In Jesus Christ we see the glory of victory in the agony of the cross. [[Hebrews 2:9](#)] We see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Jesus Christ confirmed that victory when He rose from the dead just as He had said. In His resurrection, He certified His perfect service - His role as perfect slave in order to offer us perfect salvation. He now offers us forgiveness when do not offer ourselves as servants and slaves. He offers us forgiveness for seeking our own glory, power, and pride. He offers us the salvation that He earned with His glorious victory on the cross.

We, like James and John, want glory for ourselves. We want popularity, fame, power, security, and all the

other things that serve our own self-interest. This is one more symptom of the sin that is around us and in us while we live in this world.

Jesus came for a different kind of glory. He came to rescue us from this world of sin by submitting to death on a cross. He has a special honor and glory because of the suffering of that death and He revealed that honor and glory with His resurrection from that death. Now He offers salvation to us through the Holy Spirit's gift of faith for He has given His life as a ransom for many.





Mosaic of Christ the Pantocrator, Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA

The True Paycheck of Answering God's Call (part 2)

Regarding rewards of the priesthood, I was only able to scratch the surface of it in our last article, because the reward due of a good priest who wholly follows God and faithfully carries his cross is a reward that is shared. It is a reward of pure unconditional love and joy that knows no boundaries.

Of course, the life of a priest is a difficult one. It is a life that is seen as countercultural, at odds with the modern world and often scorned for being archaic, hierarchical and anti-progress. It is not an easy life. Jesus himself warned others that the Son of Man himself has nowhere to lay down his head to rest; He himself was crucified for his preaching, and said that it would be no different for his followers. Yet blessed is he who would pick up His cross and follow Jesus gladly in his vocation.

Yes, the life of a priest can be difficult, but then again what compares with the reward of bringing someone into the faith through Baptism, Chrismation and the Eucharist? What better reward is there for consecrating the life giving bread and wine? What can compare with that feeling of love of forgiving a sinner and giving him hope, or being present with the sick, suffering and bringing the Grace of God to the oppressed and despairing? It is an unconditional gift of love that no money can buy, and no man or woman can ever take away.

Rev. Paul J. Makar

*Perhaps you feel that God may be calling
you to service in His Church?*

If you would like to discuss God's call to a vocation in your life, do not hesitate to contact:

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The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ukrainian Catholic Church is pleased to present a marriage preparation workshop, **“Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage”**, to take place on **Saturday, May 14, 2011** with a follow up session on **Saturday, May 28, 2011**. The program focuses on various aspects of marriage, both spiritual and practical, and provides each person an opportunity for greater understanding of one’s partner and a means to strengthen one’s relationship.

In addition to various presentations and exercises, each couple will be given the opportunity to take the Catholic version of a premarital questionnaire called FOCCUS (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study) which was developed by Sister B. Markey, Ph.D. and M. Micheletto, from the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha. The FOCCUS Inventory provides participants with a computer-generated profile of unique couple issues, challenges, strengths and realities to be discussed prior to marriage. The FOCCUS results for each couple involved will be presented to them by a Pastoral Counselor trained in the use of this tool in a subsequent 30 minute private session on May 28, 2011.

Each attending couple must commit to participating in all the sessions on May 14, 2011 as well as the 30 minute private meeting on May 28, 2011 in order to receive the certificate of completing the program. No exception will be made.

The workshop will be held at: **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
1204 Valley Road
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Yours in Christ,

Rev. Ihor Royik

The total cost per couple will be \$120 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. Please make a check payable to “ABVM Ukrainian Catholic Church”

Please fill out this form and mail back as soon as possible to the above address!

His name _____ Her name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

e-mail _____ e-mail _____

Parish you belong to _____

Date and place of marriage _____

An unforgettable “Lenten Spiritual Program” at the church of Annunciation

Last Sunday on April 3rd, 2011 the parishioners of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melrose Park, PA had the pleasure of experiencing a beautiful spiritual program prepared by our own Father Ihor Royik, and Fathers Myron Myronyuk, Volodymyr Klanichka and Ruslan Romanyuk.

During the program the priests focused their attention on prayers and the importance of repentance in our lives. Their program was interspersed with Lenten songs so harmoniously that it touched your spirit with an understanding of the sacrifice Our Lord made. Their oral presentations were so moving that almost everyone went to Confession after the program.

We would like to thank Fathers Ihor Royik, Myron Myronyuk, Volodymyr Klanichka and Ruslan Romanyuk for such a wonderfully prepared spiritual program and may God bless them and their families. May the Blessed Virgin Mary look over them and bless them on their next and hopefully many more programs like this to come.

Parishioners of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian
Catholic Church, Melrose Park, PA



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did You Know...

1. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was established by the USCCB in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy.

2. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* includes guidelines for

reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.

3. The *Charter* directs action in all the following matters:

- Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;

- Making prompt and effective response to allegations;

- Cooperating with civil authorities;

- Disciplining offenders;

- Creating a safe environment for children and young people;

- Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through a national Secretariat of

Child and Youth Protection and a National Review Board.

4. The *Charter* calls for annual audits of dioceses/eparchies to ascertain compliance with the *Charter* by the bishop and his diocese/eparchy. Annual Audits have been conducted since 2003. Of the 195 dioceses/eparchies 188 participated in the 2010 audit. Results of the audits are published and a copy is sent to the Holy See.

5. Safe Environment training is taking place in all audited dioceses/eparchies of the country. Over 2 million employees and volunteers have been trained to recognize the behavior of offenders and what to do about it.

6. Safe Environment training was provided to 162,026 educators; 38,053 priests, 14,783 deacons and 6,007 candidates for ordination to recognize the behaviors of offenders and what to do about it.

7. Background evaluations have been conducted on over 2 million volunteers and Church personnel who have contact with children.

8. In 2010, 162,753 educators, 37,891 priests, 14,790 deacons and 6,028 candidates for ordination have had their backgrounds evaluated.

9. All audited dioceses/eparchies have Codes of Conduct spelling out what is acceptable behavior. These codes serve to let people know what behaviors are and are not accepted as well as what behavior can be expected.

10. All dioceses/eparchies have Victim Assistance Coordinators, assuring victims that they will be heard. In 2010 dioceses/eparchies provided outreach to 2,346 victim/survivors.

11. Regardless of when the abuse occurred, a cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child sexual abuse is permanently removed from the priesthood. There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexual abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church.

12. Dioceses/eparchies require intensive background screening as well as psychological testing for those wishing to enter the seminary. Audit figures for 2010 report out

of 6,078 Candidates for Ordination 6,007 have been trained and 6,028 have had a background check.

13. Over 5,341,000 children were given the skills to recognize both a grooming process and to tell parents and other trusted adults about such behavior.

14. Again in 2010, no diocese or eparchy entered into confidentiality settlements unless the victim/survivors/survivor requested it and it was specifically noted in the agreement.

15. Dioceses/eparchies report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the civil authorities.

16. The *Charter* requires that all dioceses/eparchies be open and transparent regarding any and all cases of sexual abuse. Parishes affected by abuse are informed openly, honestly and compassionately of allegations.

17. There is a bishop representative from each episcopal region of the U.S. on the Committee on

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the Protection of Children and Young People.

18. The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection helps dioceses/eparchies/become and maintain compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and to integrate the *Charter* into the diocesan way of life.

19. The National Review Board is a lay group appointed by the USCCB President to offer its advice on matters of child and youth protection to the Bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People. You can see who all the current members are on: <http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/nrb.shtml>

20. The Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People has designed orientation sessions to address questions new bishops and eparches may have regarding the *Charter* and the audit process.

21. The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection develops resources for use by dioceses/eparchies.

Many are compilations of information from the audit documents. Resources can be found on their website. <http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/resources.shtml>

22. The National Review Board is overseeing the completion of the Causes and Context of the Sexual Abuse Scandal Study by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. The final report is due Spring, 2011.

23. Bishops and eparches communicate with each other on a regular basis to ensure a cleric who committed an act of sexual abuse is not transferred to another diocese or eparchy.

24. To ensure open communication between religious orders and bishops, a representative from the Conference of Major Superiors of Men serves on the Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People.

25. Recognizing the importance of on-going formation, bishops and eparches are committing time and resources to continued formation

programs of chastity, celibacy and human formation for clerics.

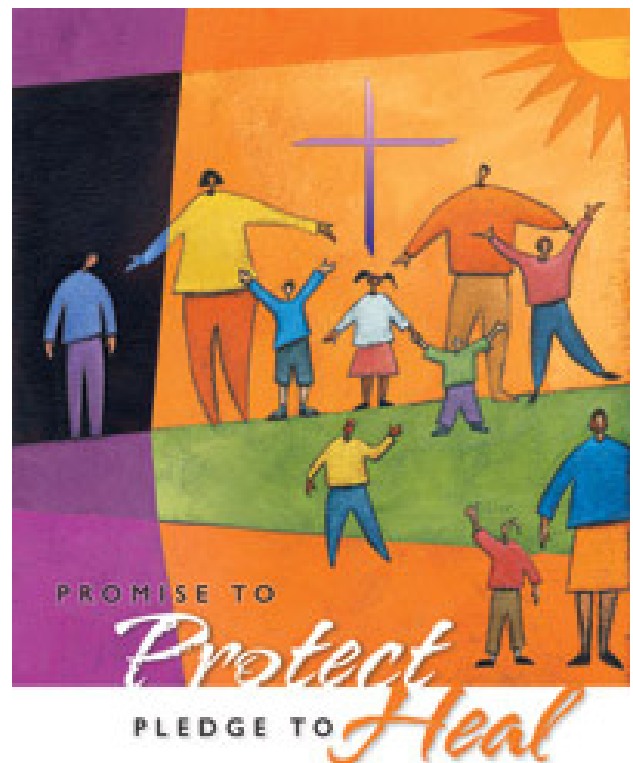
26. Reconciliation among all people, especially those most affected by abuse is an on-going part of diocesan/eparchial outreach activities and efforts. Masses, retreats, prayer groups, healing gardens, evenings with the Bishop are a few examples of outreach efforts.

27. All dioceses/eparchies have written policies on the sexual abuse of minors by clerics and church personnel.

28. There are 52,910 clerics in the United States that are dedicated, holy men of integrity who work tirelessly to bring Christ to the faithful.

The Catholic Church has worked hard to protect children. Much has been done but more needs to be done. Until child sexual abuse is no longer a part of society, the Church will continue its efforts to stop it.

<http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/1-Did-You-Know.pdf>





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A unique Centennial Book is being prepared to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in America. The Centennial Book will be over 100 pages in length and filled with unique pictures, stories and memorabilia from the Sisters. Work on the book is already underway, and it should be completed in time for the 100th Anniversary Celebratory Benefit Dinner on November 6, 2011.

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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Passaic, NJ

Ah, here comes Spring. As the chirping birds start building their nests, parents who are searching for a “school nest” for their little ones may do well by noticing the accomplishments of the fledglings who are preparing to leave or have already flown the nest of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School.

One might wonder how students who have been “sheltered” in such a small school for eight years manage to acclimate to Clifton High, the second largest public high school in New Jersey. The answer is, “Quite well, thank you.” Maria Harhaj recently wrote us that “St. Nicholas got my son George (Class of 2009) into Honors classes with the best team of teachers in the new Annex. He achieved Honor Roll for 2 marking periods in freshman year, and so far, every marking period in sophomore year.” And this fall, freshman Nicholas Glodava (Class of 2010) was one of the top 4 students in Honors Biology 1 classes in Clifton High School, which led him to be chosen to represent Clifton High in the New Jersey Science League test, a statewide contest in which public and private high schools may

participate. He holds a 96.67 GPA, and has earned Distinguished Honors for the first two marking periods, for which he and his family will attend an Awards Dinner at Westmount Country Club. He managed to achieve these academic honors

while winning a trophy for best defender on the Freshman Soccer Team, and is currently participating in wrestling, as well. His mom writes: “Nicholas has stated that the education and work ethic he received at St. Nicholas has definitely prepared him for his classes.”

Some St. Nick’s graduates go on to continue their education in Catholic or private high schools. Recent graduates, Cory and Brandon Nutile continue their education at Don Bosco Prep. 2009 graduate Paul Temnycky is on the Honor roll at Seton Hall Prep, while his sister, Christine, now a Senior at Lacordaire Academy in Montclair, recently spent her high school’s Career Week observing classes at St. Nick’s in preparation for her college major in Education. Recent



graduates who have gone on to Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington and who are on the Honor Roll there include Matthew Kosciolek, Philip Kosciolek, Daniel Wanio, and Ogilvie Hernandez, as well as 2009 graduate Roman Diduch, who was accepted into accelerated Math and Science courses and has been on the Honor Roll in both Freshman and Sophomore years. He recently was selected to represent Queen of Peace High School at the 2011 National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on Engineering. The NSLC seeks outstanding high school students from around the country who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership ability.

This year’s 8th graders’ outstanding Coop scores

have led them to win scholarships to Paramus Catholic and Queen of Peace, and also to be accepted to such schools as Seton Hall Prep, Mary Help of Christians, DePaul, Morris Catholic, Pequannock High, Wallington High, and Clifton High.

We invite all St. Nicholas alumni to share their accomplishments and news with us by dropping a line to the PTA mailbox or by sending an email to snspta@optonline.net.

As the mother of a 4-th grader myself, I am gratified that St. Nick’s provides Ukrainian and religious instruction, as well as music, physical education, art, computers, ESL, and a newly refurbished library. The cable TV and VCR in every classroom, hot lunches and

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air conditioning keep the students comfortable. The true value of St. Nick's to me, however, lies in its very dedicated and caring teachers and staff, where the small classes (average size – 12 students) assure that no child remains "invisible." For immigrants, the fact that the Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers speak Ukrainian is a definite plus, and even for children entering higher grades, the fact that several other teachers and many other students speak Ukrainian is a decided comfort and benefit. The church's generous financial assistance and the diligent fundraising of the PTA keep the tuition reasonably low.

If you have a school-age child or grandchild, we heartily encourage you to visit St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School and see for yourself. Visits may be arranged by calling the school at (973) 779-0249.

Mrs. Sonia Lechicky

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10, 2011: Pysanka Workshop and Easter Bazaar at Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, 4250 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017 <http://www.ucns-holyfamily.org>

April 10, 2011: Spaghetti Dinner at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, 315 4th Street, West Easton, PA 610-252-4266

April 16, 2011: Easter Bazaar at Nativity of the BVM, 630 Laurel St., Reading, PA (12-4)

April 21, 2011: Holy Thursday Service (Washing of Feet) at Assumption Catholic Church, 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ. 732-826-0767 or www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net

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

June 5, 2011: The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education will hold the 1st Annual Festival of Children's Religious songs, at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA. Please contact Fr. Volodymyr Popyk at 215-627-0143 or Ukrainian Catholic Priests.

June 18, 2011: Centennial Open House - Basilian Motherhouse

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 26, 2011: 12 to 6 pm - Ukrainian Festival and Dinner at St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church - 1545 Easton Road - Warrington, PA 18976

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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