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## PASCHAL GREETING OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE U.S.A. TO OUR CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS, SEMINARIANS AND BELOVED FAITHFUL

CHRIST  
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*"At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice... My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:33-34)*

The above citation describes to us one of the most somber scenes in the entire Gospel: the reaction of creation to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

This darkness that descended upon the world when Jesus ascended on the cross was a symbolic return to the chaos that

existed before creation when, as we read in the Book of Genesis, "... the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the abyss." God did not wish the earth to remain in darkness and so He said: "Let there be light, and there was light. God saw how good the light was.

God then separated the light from the darkness." (Gen. 1:2-4)

The tragedy of the suffering and death of the Son of God on the cross was felt by very few at that time. Only the small group gathered at the foot of the cross mourned with Mary, his Mother. The others

watched the tragedy with indifference, with fear, or perhaps even took delight in the death of a condemned man. So when humanity failed to respond to the nailing of Jesus on the cross, the natural world responded with darkness.

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# PASCHAL GREETING

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What humanity failed to understand at the time of the crucifixion was that Jesus was the true Light sent by God to illumine the world. This is the message we hear at the Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday during the reading of the Gospel according to the Evangelist John. John tells us that *"in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* (Jn. 1:1) John goes on to tell us that Jesus, the Word of God *"...became flesh and made his dwelling among us..."* (Jn.1:14) For thirty-three years Jesus journeyed on this earth, making it a holy place, teaching the true meaning of this world and our purpose in the world. Jesus not only witnessed to the power of the love of God for us, he was the one who would lead us to this loving God. *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (Jn. 8:12)

This interplay of darkness and light, of void and creation, is very deep and very powerful. Its spiritual significance can be very easily overlooked in our modern world where, with the flip of a switch, we overcome darkness with artificial lighting. But for those who have ever

been caught at night without electricity, or more so, for those who lack full use of their eyesight – darkness can mean uncertainty, danger, fear and even death.

There continues to be much darkness in our world today, a darkness which is far more intimidating than the natural darkness of a moonless night. There is, for example, the darkness of poverty and loneliness. There is the darkness of loss of employment and lack of suitable housing. There is the darkness of addiction to drugs, alcohol, gambling and other such dependencies. There is the darkness of illness and the lack of adequate health care. There is the darkness of war and violence. There is the darkness endured by those who have had their lives turned upside down by natural disasters, such as those we have witnessed recently in New Zealand and Japan.

Most of all there is the darkness experienced by those who either reject Jesus and his Gospel, or have never had the opportunity to know Jesus. This is the darkness brought on by sin and ignorance – neither of which is will of God, the Giver of Light.

So then, as we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Resurrection, let us go in search of the Lord at the break of dawn and await, along with the Myrrh-Bearing Women, the coming of the true Light. Having heard the proclamation in the Liturgy that Christ has risen from the dead, let us go and announce this good news to all. Let us endeavour to eliminate the causes of darkness in this world and within ourselves. And let us always strive to enlighten our families, our friends, and the strangers around us with the joy of the Risen Lord!

This year in a very special way we also extend Paschal greetings for the first time to the newly-elected Head and Father of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who was chosen to be the successor to His Beatitude, Lubomyr Husar during the recent Bishops' Synod in Ukraine. We pray that God strengthen, enlighten and guide him in the days and years ahead. And at the same time we express our prayerful gratitude to His Beatitude Lubomyr for the years of wise and fatherly leadership and for his undying spirit of love for our Church and people.

May God grant them both many blessed years!

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Lord Jesus Christ has brought a new and glorious light to the world. Today we rejoice because *"...the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining."* (1 Jn. 2:8) Christ has lifted us from the shadows of the tomb to the brightness of eternal life.

May God grant to you and your loved ones, and to our brothers and sisters in our beloved Ukraine and scattered throughout the world, good health, joy, peace and contentment as we celebrate this great Feast. A blessed Pascha to all!

## **CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

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Resurrection, 2011

*On the occasion of the  
Feast of Feasts -  
the Resurrection of Our Lord,  
the Staff of "The Way,"  
wishes Metropolitan Stefan, all the clergy, religious,  
and all the faithful a Blessed Easter.  
We wish all, God's choicest blessings here on earth  
and salvation in heaven.*

***Christ Is Risen!  
Indeed He Is Risen!***



## **Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (Jn. 1, 1-17)*



## ICON OF THE RESURRECTION

The glittering crown of the Church's liturgical year is the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (Pascha). Iconographers through the ages have tried to capture this glorious event in visual dimension. However, because the gospel revelation is silent on the manner and exact moment of Jesus' Resurrection, they ordinarily portray His descent into the realm of the Old Testament righteous dead.

The icon of the Descent of Our Lord into Hades reflects the hymnology of the Sixth Ode of Resurrection Matins: "You have descended into the realm of death, O Christ, and have broken the ancient bonds which held the captives and, like Jonah from the whale, on the third day You rose from the tomb."

The **depth of the earth** is shown as a dark, open, gaping and eagerly embracing pit. Christ in triumph stands in the very center of that place, clothed in resplendent garments. A radiant halo, symbol of Glory encircles His entire being. Rays of light, like those in His Transfiguration, emanate from His risen body and pierce the darkness.



Christ stands and treads on a **broken gate of the kingdom of death**, thus indicating His victory over this ancient enemy of mankind. Jesus has entered and tasted death itself and has emerged victorious over its dreadful clutches because of His own death and Resurrection.

**Satan, prince of darkness and singular author of death**, is depicted as he lies bound hand and foot to portray the destruction of his power and the dread power of death.

Up to the time of Christ's triumph in the Resurrection, the doors of the place of the dead were bound and locked. Now the **locks of these doors** can be seen smashed and broken at the base of the icon. **Broken chains, bolts and keys** are scattered about to signify the freeing of those held captive and the utter destruction of death's hand over all.

Christ is seen **raising Adam and Eve from the grave**. In freeing our first parents whose sin introduced death in our midst, Christ also frees those souls who placed their faith in His coming and triumphant victory.

The **remaining figures in the icon** represent us and our participation in this victory. Everyone who believes and lives that belief in faith commitment to our Saviour is depicted in the persons of the innumerable just souls who waited so eagerly to be included in the redemption of Christ, but had to patiently await His coming victory. We have seen and witnessed what they could only dream and pray for. We are now included in the fulfillment of the promises made to us in paradise. We now know that our Lord literally takes us by the hand and leads us before the throne of the Eternal Father, there to find unending fulfillment and beatitude.

## Easter message of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

To the Most Reverend Archbishops and Bishops, Reverend Priests and Hieromonks, Venerable Monks and Nuns, Beloved in Christ Lay People of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

*Christ is risen!*

“This is the day of Resurrection. Be illumined, O people! Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord. From death unto life; and from earth unto heaven. O Christ, our God, has led us, as we sing a hymn of victory.” *Resurrection Matins, Paschal Canon*

Today, on the bright Feastday of the Resurrection of Christ, the Church glorifies her Savior, Who rose from the dead, with these words from the Paschal Canon. Just as in the past, on the first day of the creation of the world, today out of the darkness of the tomb, which is certainly the darkness of nothingness, despair and hopelessness, the divine and unmade light of life has shined. “*This is the day of Resurrection. Be illumined, O people!*” This divine light, radiating from the torn and wounded yet resurrected body of Jesus, permeates all of us today, penetrates

our personal darkness of sin, weakness, hopelessness and despondency and enlightens, enlivens and raises – it opens the door to a new life.

The Pascha of the Lord, which we celebrate today, is an invitation of the risen Christ to follow Him from death into life. Today, He, like the new Moses, is calling us to leave behind the slavery of Egypt as well as the service of everything that takes away from us the dignity of being God’s children. The Servant of God, Pope John Paul II, whose solemn rite of the admittance to the ranks of the Blessed – Beatification – is to be held on the first of May of this year, has called this modern slavery a culture of death, that is, a set of rules of modern society that promotes violence against the unborn and the sick, that spreads contempt towards the Christian family and morals, that takes away our freedom as God’s children and forces us to grovel before a variety of earthly idols and contemporary celebrities.

This year, celebrating the tenth anniversary of the pastoral visit of this holy man to Ukraine, let us recall his motto: “Christ – the way, the truth and the life!” as well as his paternal words, with which he instructed us on the path of life, recorded in God’s Ten Commandments. The Pascha of the Lord is a pilgrimage

along this path; it is the beginning of a journey from earth to heaven. And this journey is fulfilled through the power of God, Who has conquered today that which is most powerful in this world - death itself. “*From death unto life; and from earth unto heaven. O Christ, our God, has led us.*” Let us not stand to the side of this divine path, let us not allow ourselves to be diverted to the sidelines of life by shallow allurements, because, only by walking in this Paschal procession, will we proceed, as a united People of God, with our Savior from earth to heaven.

Beloved in Christ, sons and daughters of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church! On this radiant day, on the road to meet the risen Christ, we do not walk silently – “*we sing a hymn of victory!*” How important it is for our people that live on every continent and are at times confused, dejected and despondent regarding their inherent human dignity and strength, to sing today this solemn Paschal hymn of victory! May its splendid words

echo from every Ukrainian heart, permeate every body and soul, and soar to heaven, for in the risen Savior is the power, endurance and victory of the Ukrainian spirit. “*The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?*” – sings Prophet David (Ps. 26:1).

May this Paschal song of victory reverberate today in our every home and family! Along with an Easter egg and blessed bread let us carry it today to the poor and the suffering, to prisoners and those broken by hard labor, to the sick and those who mourn and weep under the burden of the crosses of daily life. May the power of the Resurrected Savior, Who triumphantly rises from the sealed tomb today, be your light, your strength and your song!

*Christ is risen!*

+ SVIATOSLAV

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at the Patriarchal Sobor  
of the Resurrection of  
Christ  
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Feast of the  
Annunciation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

## **Do Molodi To The Young**

### A Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych

*"...therefore, like children, we also carry signs of victory and cry out to You the conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"* (Tropar of Palm Sunday)

*Dear Beloved Youth in Christ!*

On the Feast of the triumphant entry of our Lord to the capital city of Jerusalem, I address you with my first pastoral letter after my installation as the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

A tradition has developed in the Catholic Church that on Palm Sunday special attention is given to youth. On this day in St. Peter's Square in Rome hundreds of your peers from around the world gather to pray together with the Holy father. I want to take advantage of this opportunity to appeal to you, by means of this letter, to reassure you my personal concern and to invite you to dialogue with the Word of God, which the Holy Church preaches.

Palm Sunday — this is a day that makes us participants of an extraordinary event. Jesus Christ comes to the culmination of his salvific

mission. His crucifixion, death and resurrection are drawing near. And here, on the eve of His passion, the God of Israel in human flesh comes to His people. This advent was prefigured by King David, ceremoniously carrying into Jerusalem the Ark of the Covenant adorned with the images of the cherubim that signalled the presence of the One Who is enthroned upon the Cherubim. A visible sign of the presence of the Almighty was for the Israelites an assurance of their invincibility, because God Himself dwelt among them.

Today, Almighty God meets His People, albeit, without the assistance of some inanimate object. Today He, Son of the Heavenly Father, filled with the Holy Spirit, comes personally and in a visible form! Jesus Christ opens to us the possibility of a personal encounter with Him. It is exactly to this meeting that the Church of Christ prepares us and invites us by the words of Saint Andrew of Crete: "Come let us ascend together to the Garden of Olives to meet Christ, Who today ... freely approaches His holy and blessed suffering in order to complete the

mystery of our salvation (Discourse 9 on Palm Sunday)

Venerable Andrew points out the spontaneity of such a meeting from both sides. From the side of God — this movement of love of the Creator toward His creation... a love that leads Him to suffering, a total sacrifice of the Son of God for each one of us. From the human side — this spontaneous response of young to God's approach. It is particularly the young people of Jerusalem that felt this movement of love toward them. Their reaction was spur-of-the-moment, unplanned and even unthinkable for the religious and political elite of that day. The Evangelist Luke tells us that, "some of the Pharisees, who were present in the crowd, told Him, 'Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!'. He answers them, 'I tell you that if these were silenced, the very stones would cry out!'" (Lk 19:39-40). It was the children and the youth that recognized in Christ the incarnate God of Israel and began to shout, "Hosanna!" - which means "save us!" The desire of a young person to love and to be loved opened them to Divine Love, because to

save means to give one's life in love — life eternal.

Dear Young people! Christ today approaches you too! He enters His city — Jerusalem, which is each one of our communities, each of our groups and the heart of each one of us. Today the Church needs your spontaneity and your intuitive openness to the reality of God Who is present among us. It is you are the voices by which the Church welcomes its King singing: "Blessed is He, Who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Jn 12:13).

In our day, unfortunately, this innate youthful devoutness and the search for that eternal Love, which is God - are both often wounded and purloined. It is difficult for us to allow ourselves to love, because we are afraid of being deceived or used. Moreover, sometimes we are incapable of loving. We give more value to things, virtual amusement and communication in social networks, rather than real living persons who are near to us. These characteristics of today's culture isolate us, close us into ourselves and render

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us incapable of meeting others. That is why the contemporary young person often feels deeply lonely even in a noisy and cheerful crowd of friends. Not having encountered the Lord, one cannot encounter oneself.

Nevertheless, today the Lord victoriously approaches Jerusalem. Let us boldly go out to meet Him! The green branches, with which we welcome Him, are a symbol of a person's victory over isolation and loneliness in relation to God and our neighbour. Oh how much we need in our day this green sign of awakening,

this fresh air of spring that shatters stereotypes and prejudices, that overcomes doubts and suspicions and recognizes Him who comes to each of us. On this day, it is to us - the young Church (which the Prophets often referred to as the *bride of the Lord*) that the words of the Prophet Zachariah are addressed as he calls upon us not to fear, "Rejoice O Daughter of Zion, ... lo, your King comes to you, ...riding on a colt!" (Zach 9:9)

On this festal day, that brings us closer to Easter, do not be afraid to meet with Christ and

do not be embarrassed to identify yourselves as Christians even before those that may want to forbid you from doing this. If you remain silent, then the stones will shout out. Regardless of how strange this may sound in the modern culture of the young, let us not fear to shout to Him, "Hosanna in the highest!" Today we do not simply take into our hands blessed branches with symbols of the springtime renewal of nature — we take into our hands symbols of victory over sin and death, and through them we receive the strength of Him, Who

goes to the Resurrection. Let us experience this encounter together today — and let us become inspired with the strength of Love, with which we build our future together.

*Blessed is He, who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

**+Sviatoslav**

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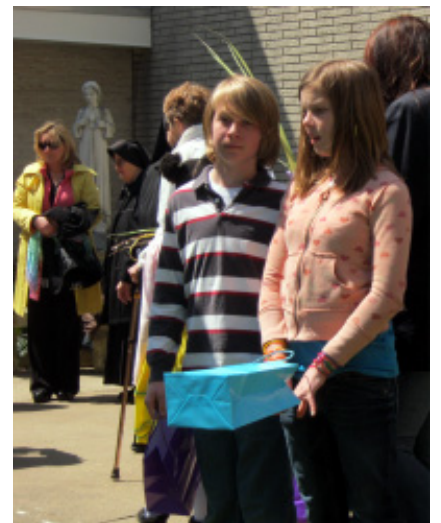
## Palm Sunday 2011 at the Cathedral in Philadelphia



Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka reads the Gospel.

# Egg Hunt at the Cathedral in Philadelphia on April 17, 2011.

*(Photos: Teresa Siwak)*



April 24, 2011



**Христос Воскрес!**



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Visiting on April 7th, 2011 with Metropolitan Stefan Soroka to discuss Ukrainian community issues in Philadelphia were (left to right), Mr. Antin Kushnir, a pediatrician from Ukraine, studying in Philadelphia under a Fellowship Grant from the State Department, Dr. Zenia Chernyk, and former Congressman, Charles Dougherty.



Secretary of the World Congress Committee, Mr. Stefan Romaniw, and Mr. Yuriy Nakoneczny, secretary of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, visited with Metropolitan Stefan Soroka on April 11th, 2011 to discuss challenges facing Ukrainians throughout the world.



# CHORNOBYL

**25th Anniversary of the Chornobyl Nuclear Catastrophe**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm**

**Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

**830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123**

All proceeds raised during the concert featuring Ukrainian choirs and a performance by the Japanese-American community are designated for victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Buses are being organized and will be leaving from the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center.

Please call the UECC Office ( 215.663.1166 ) to reserve a free seat and for additional information.

## **Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Catastrophe in Philadelphia**

The Ukrainian community of the Greater Philadelphia area, in solidarity with and support from the local Japanese community, will be commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear catastrophe on **Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm** at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception located at 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123.

Buses are being organized and will be leaving from the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center. Please call the UECC Office at 215.663.1166 to reserve a free seat and for additional information.

Organized by the Philadelphia Ukrainian Community Committee, an umbrella committee of community organizations and cultural institutions in the Philadelphia area, this event is planned to mark the solemn milestone of a horrific human and ecological tragedy, honor those who perished in the catastrophe in Chernobyl and those who suffered and continue to suffer the repercussions from this disaster, and lend support and aid to the people of Japan in their time of crisis. All proceeds raised during the commemorative concert featuring Ukrainian choirs and a performance by the Japanese-American community are designated for victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. After the program, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka will be hosting refreshments in the church hall.

The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, founded in 1980, is a non-profit organization whose objective is to preserve and promote awareness of Ukrainian heritage throughout the Philadelphia community. The UECC is located at 700 Cedar Road in Jenkintown, PA 19046 and can be reached at 215-663-1166 or by e-mail at [contact@ueccphila.org](mailto:contact@ueccphila.org). Visit us on the web at [www.ueccphila.org](http://www.ueccphila.org).

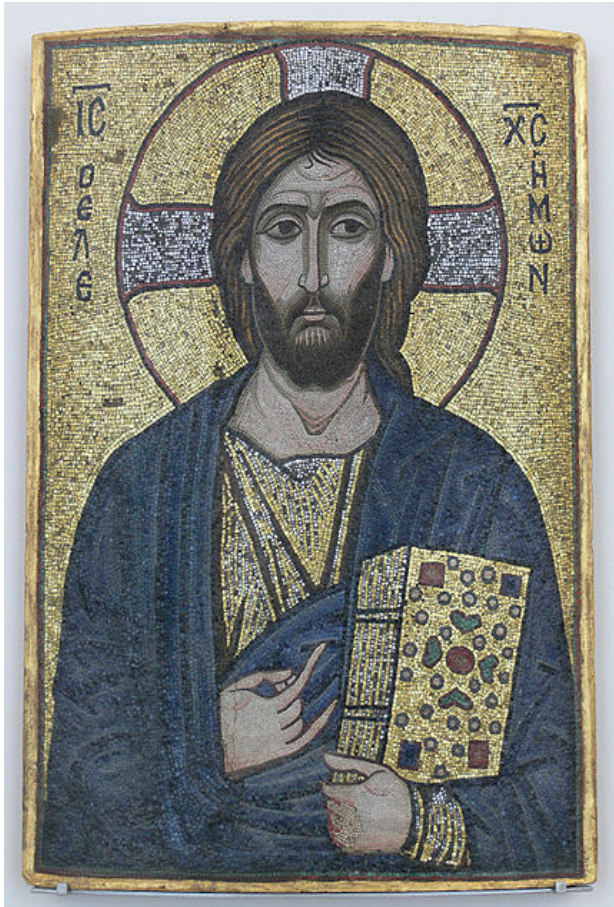
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## **Chernobyl +25 Exhibit in Chicago**

25 years ago on April 26, 1986, the lives of millions of people were forever changed by the explosion that took place in reactor #4 at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant. The radiation from this explosion carried all across Europe with the most contaminated areas being in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine. Over 400,000 people were evacuated from their homes, many of them never able to return. Today there are still over 5.5 million people who are living on land that is contaminated from this disaster. Countless individuals have sacrificed their health and even their lives to help clean up after the devastation. 25 years later they are still battling how to contain the tons of nuclear material that is still present at the Chernobyl nuclear site. There are still those who live in the town of Chernobyl. Exhibit Opens on Friday, April 8th at 7 pm and continues through May 25, 2011.

**Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago**  
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### ***Priest as the Image of Christ***

In many places in the bible, it is said that all humanity was created in the image and likeness of God. This holds true for all people, regardless whether or not they are Christian. This is an especially important concept for us as Christians because if we follow the two greatest commandments, to love God with all our heart, mind, body, and soul and to love each other as ourselves, we realize that we are created as divine beings in God's divine image. God is love and if we truly and honestly try to love as He loves us, we realize this divine image in ourselves.

Now the priest is a very special example of the divine image. In everything the priest does in life, he is the very image of Jesus Christ in our midst. This is not just because he was changed by the Holy Spirit at his ordination. The priest relies on God to fill him with the Holy Spirit so that he may best exemplify Christ to all people. Through his actions and prayer, the priest is the image of Christ, a priest, prophet, and king who leads, teaches, and nourishes not only his own people but all people. The priest, like Christ, fearlessly preaches the Gospel and denounces sin in all forms. Like Christ, the priest comforts the sick and the suffering. Like Christ, the priest teaches the faith and what it means to serve God. Like Christ, the priest not only leads the people in offering up worship and sacrifice to God, but also willingly lays down his own life for his people when it is necessary to do so. It is this divine image of Christ in the priest that shows everyone that he is a special gift from God to all of us.

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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## “Is Christ calling me to follow Him?”

The First Annual Vocations Discernment Retreat for Men was held during the weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, at the Ortynsky Spirituality Center in Philadelphia, PA. Four young men came to escape from the every day worries of the world to come closer to the Lord and discern God’s plan for them in their lives. The theme of this first vocations retreat for me was, “Fools for Christ” – not just because the retreat was held over April Fool’s weekend but also because there are also saints known as “Fools for Christ” who completely devoted themselves to God, which was looked at as an oddity by the people of their day. Even today, at times, when giving ourselves completely over to God, some are looked upon as “fools” by those who do not understand the workings of the grace of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The men arrived on Friday evening to participate in the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and settle in. Afterwards, they shared dinner with Father Paul Makar and Msgr. Peter Waslo, where they shared fellowship and were also presented with guide books for their retreat as well as holy cards for vocations and an

icon for personal prayer. After fellowship and dinner, all participated in night prayer.

Saturday was quite busy. Everyone rose at 6:30 am to pray Matins for the Deceased. Afterwards was breakfast and a presentation on discerning and praying about one’s vocation by Father Paul Makar. Father Paul shared his personal experiences in discerning a vocation and shared with the group ways of praying and discerning God’s plan of living life for us; whether it be to the priesthood, religious life, or secular life. After some quiet reflection, everyone gathered to pray the 6<sup>th</sup> Hour and to enjoy lunch. After lunch, everyone gathered for a second presentation on the priesthood and religious life by Father Daniel Troyan, who discussed what the meaning of God’s call to service is for men of God. Following this presentation was the opportunity to relax, discern, and take advantage of spiritual direction and the Sacrament of Confession. In the evening, everyone gathered to sing Great Vespers for the Sunday of St. John Climacus and then went out to enjoy dinner at Darling’s Diner

and fellowship at the Ortynsky Center. Before long, everyone gathered for night prayer, and afterwards retired for the night.

On Sunday, everyone rose early again at 6:30 am to pray Sunday Matins for the Sunday of St. John Climacus. Afterwards, everyone gathered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Divine Liturgy. After Divine Liturgy, everyone gathered together for brunch with Father Paul Makar and Deacon Michael Waak. Following this, Father Paul blessed the retreatants and their icons/holy cards.

Overall, the weekend retreat for the young men participating was a very spiritual weekend that was very relaxing and, at the same time, spiritually uplifting. There was much prayer and quiet time to reflect on God’s plan of life for the men involved, not to mention plenty of opportunity to dialogue with our clergy. All of the retreat participants especially enjoyed the monastic cycle of prayer – it is a fairly regimented way of prayer that everyone participated in;



it gave a strong sense of community and brotherhood that led to a very prayerful, relaxed, and spiritual atmosphere for all participating in the retreat. Everyone left spiritually refreshed and ready to tackle the remainder of the Great Fast and their everyday lives.

The Office of Vocations is planning to host another Discernment Retreat for Men in Spring of 2012. We encourage all young men from ages 18-55 to consider taking a weekend for themselves to come and discern what God may have planned in their lives. For more information, please contact the Vocations Office at:

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## Safe Environment - TEN POINTS FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN

*Teresa M. Kettelkamp, Executive Director, Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection*

### **1. Sexual molestation is about the victim.**

Many people are affected when a priest abuses a minor, but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life. The abuser, the family of the abused, and the parish community are all affected by this sin and crime, but the primary person of concern must be the victim.

### **2. No one has the right to have access to children.**

If people wish to volunteer for the church, for example, in a parish or school, they must follow diocesan guidelines on background checks, safe environment training, policies and procedures, and codes of conduct. No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the church without proper screening and without following the rules.

### **3. Common sense is not all that common.**

It is naive to presume that people automatically know boundaries so organizations and families have to spell them out. For example, no youth minister, cleric or other adult leader should be in a child's bedroom, alone with the child.

### **4. Child sexual abuse can be prevented.**

Awareness that child sexual abuse exists and can exist anywhere is a start. It is then critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm. These barriers come in the form of protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

### **5. The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime.**

Those who have been abused seldom "just get over it." The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Some have even described the feeling as if it has "scarred their soul."

### **6. Feeling heard leads toward healing.**

Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's appropriate sense of rage and indignation are acknowledged. Not being acknowledged contributes to a victim's sense of being invisible, unimportant and unworthy; they are in some way "revictimized."

### **7. You cannot always predict who will be an**

**abuser.** Experience shows that most abuse is at the hands of someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family. Most abuse also occurs in the family setting. Sometimes the "nicest person in the world" is an abuser, and this "niceness" enables a false sense of trust to be created between abuser and abused.

### **8. There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers.**

Training and education help adults recognize grooming techniques that are precursors to abuse. Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts. Another common grooming technique is to allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, which includes wrestling and tickling. It is also critical to be wary of age-inappropriate relationships, seen, for example, in the adult who is more comfortable with children than fellow adults. Parishes can set up rules to guide interaction between adults and children.

### **9. People can be taught to identify grooming behavior –**

which are the actions

which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. An abuser may develop a relationship with the family to increase his credibility. Abusers might show attention to the child by talking to him/her, being friendly, sharing alcohol with a minor and giving the child "status" by insinuating that the child is their favorite or "special person." Offenders can be patient and may "groom" their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

### **10. Background checks work.**

Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children. If an adult has had difficulty with some boundaries that society sets, such as not driving while intoxicated or not disturbing the public peace, he or she may have difficulties with other boundaries, such as not hurting a child. Never forget that offenders lie.

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## Spring Liturgical Workshop: Resurrection Matins



*Left to right: Ed Patch, Mark Bej, Debbie DeMarco, Lisa Oprysk & Daisy, Jerry Maksymiw, Claudia Petruncio, Susan McMaster, Peter Letenauchyn, Joe Roll, Maria Bej, Pete Nush, Sonja Komar, Eugenia Korlatowych, George Shevchuk, Bohdanna Yaroshevych, Margaret Klos.. missing from Photo Debbie Kaczmarek.*

The Archeparchy of Philadelphia hosted the Spring Liturgical Music Workshop: RESURRECTION MATINS at the Ortynsky Spirituality Center in Philadelphia on April 8-10, 2011. Sixteen people attended the workshop directed by Professor Joseph Roll of Bloomsburg PA: Edward Patch Sr, Eugenia Korlatowych, Mark & Maria Bej, George Shevchuk, Lisa Oprysk, Claudia Petruncio, Susan McMaster, Debbie DeMarco, Debbie Kaczmarek, Peter Nush, Jerry Maksymiw, Peter Letenauchyn, Sonja Komar, Bohdanna Yaroshevych, Margaret Klos.



The theology, history, usage and musical theory and application were discussed concerning the Resurrection Matins for our Ukrainian Catholic Church services. The texts in Ukrainian and English with music, was distributed and the areas of the Canon: Tropars for each mode, Exapostlarian and Paschal Verses, Verses of Praise, and the structure for Bright Week Parastas and Paschal Moleben were studied.

The next liturgical workshop will be held with Professor Roll May13-15, 2011 in Stamford Connecticut. The topic for the Workshop will be: MATINS OF 12 PASSION GOSPELS, JERUSALEM MATINS, AND CHRISTMASTIDE COMPLINE , hosted by St. Basils College. Contact Fr. Maxim at 203, 256-0770 for more information or to register.



## Ukrainian Catholics to attend beatification of Pope John Paul II in Vatican

Dozens of Ukrainian pilgrims intend to participate in the events connected with the beatification of Pope John Paul II on May 1-2 in the Vatican. The pilgrimage is a chance for participants to learning more about the outstanding pope and experiencing unity with the whole Catholic Church during the beatification.

“John Paul II is an outstanding figure not only for Catholics but for all Christians and the whole world. It is, undoubtedly, an event which we, as the faithful of the Catholic Church in Ukraine, could not stay away from,” the head of the Rafail Pilgrimage and Retreat Center of the Studite Monastery of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Andrii Delisandru, told RISU in an interview.

Pilgrims from Odesa, Vinnytsia, Kyiv, Novohrad-Volynskyi, most of whom are Roman and Greek Catholics, are going to visit the Vatican together with the Rafail Center. The group will be pastored by a Roman Catholic priest from Odesa.



“The people intending to participate in the pilgrimage include some who have had a personal meeting with John Paul II. It might be only a few minutes but during that short time they experienced so much that they would be ready to pay any amount of money to have the chance to meet again with their favorite pope during his beatification,” added the deputy head of the pilgrimage center, Vasyl Mikula.

The most important thing which the Ukrainian pilgrims can experience during the pilgrimage is the Universality of the Catholic Church, stressed the theologian Andrii Delisandru. “It is a wonderful opportunity to attend a gathering of one and a half to two million Catholics and to realize that we in Ukraine are only one of the local churches of the world. In order to experience that one should be in the presence of a great number of people gathered for one religious purpose.”

The pilgrimage program includes deeper familiarization with the figure of John Paul II, his life, as well as with his predecessor John XXIII who paved the way for his outstanding successor. On their way to the Vatican, Ukrainians will be able to visit places connected with the life and ministry of Karol Wojtyła: Krakow where he attended a seminary and served as the Metropolitan of Krakow, and the heart of the Catholic Poland, Czestochowa, which was quite often visited by John Paul as the pope.

“The participants of the pilgrimage understand well that they will not be able to see all the outstanding places that we usually visit during our continual regular pilgrimages to Italy. The motivation of these people is the figure of John Paul II as well as the spiritual need to experience unity with the whole Catholic Church during the beatification and not just the desire to see Rome or Italy.”

Not all interested Ukrainians are able to participate in the pilgrimage. As soon as the date of beatification was announced, all the hotels in Rome and Italy raised the prices. And it is difficult to book enough rooms even at the raised prices as a fever has started in the world with regard to the beatification.

<http://risu.org.ua/en>

## Visiting the Cathedral and Treasury of Faith Museum

A group from Our Lady of Ramson Roman Catholic Church in Northeast Philadelphia visited the Cathedral and the Treasury of Faith Museum Saturday, April 9, 2011. Rev. Deacon Charles Schultz conducted the tour in the Cathedral and the Missionary Sisters of Mother of God conducted the tour at the museum.



## Generations of Faith Program at St. Vladimir in Hempstead

“The Great Fast” was the theme of the first *Generations of Faith* Program (GOF) that was held at St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hempstead, NY on Sunday, March 13, 2011. Previously, on November 14, 2010, Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, Director of the Eparchial GOF program, had presented an overview of the innovative five year-long cycle of programs.

*Generations of Faith* is a collaborative project of Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox Eparchies of the United States. The curriculum is an intergenerational, event-centered approach to faith formation for the whole parish. Its goal is “lifetime and systematic” faith formation by bringing people of all ages in the parish together to learn and participate in all aspects of their Byzantine faith tradition.

The bilingual program at St. Vladimir’s was organized by Dr. Cathy Szul, President of the Rosary-Altar Society. The members of the Rosary-Altar Society also contributed to the program by preparing and serving breakfast and lunch. The program began with a presentation on the Crucifixion Icon by Maria Olynech, Parish Choir Director. Parishioner Slava Kunitska, who serves as Director of St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Studies School, continued the program with a scripturally-based presentation about “Forgiveness.” Former Ukrainian Studies School teacher, Ola Pyszczumuka, then presented on the topic of “Prayer and Fasting.”



**Dr. Cathy Szul**

Dr. Szul gave the final presentation on “Repentance”, and closed the program by leading a discussion on all three topics. The more than twenty-five people in attendance engaged in a lively exchange of ideas and questions concerning these Lenten topics as the diverse group ranging in age from an elementary school child to senior citizens worked to apply the scriptural references and exhortations on Forgiveness, Repentance, and Prayer and Fasting, to their own lives. Father Wasyl Hrynkiw, Pastor of St. Vladimir’s, also actively participated in the discussion. Following the program, plans were discussed for the next GOF program to be held in the fall.

## General Assembly of Providence Association holds Annual Meeting



**Members of the General Assembly of the Providence Association with Ukrainian Catholic hierarchs (photo: Irina Galai).**

On April 8-9, the General Assembly of the Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics held its Annual Meeting in its Home Office in Philadelphia. There were 22 attendees at the two-day meeting, including the following hierarchs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States: Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of the United States; Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford, Connecticut; and Most Rev. John Bura, Apostolic Administrator of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma, Ohio.

On Saturday, April 9, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was celebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan, Bishops Paul and John, Revs. Ihor Midzak, Bohdan Danylo, Peter Waslo, and Ivan Demkiv, the Cathedral Rector. They were assisted by Subdeacon Roman Oprysk. Msgr. John Terlecky, along with the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, led the liturgical responses, which were sung by the present members of the General Assembly as well as guests. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Paul, who emphasized the importance of the Great Fast (Lent), and the significance of Akathistos Saturday, which honors the Mother of God. After the Divine Liturgy, a *panakhyda* requiem service was offered for all the deceased members of Providence.

### **Leo Iwaskiw**

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## School choice legislation will benefit thousands of Catholic school families

By A. B. Hill

In coffee shops and around water coolers, Pennsylvanians everywhere are talking about it – school choice and Senate Bill 1 – the Opportunity Scholarship and Educational Improvement Tax Credit Act.

SB 1 does two things: increases the successful Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) scholarship program and provides Opportunity Scholarship Grants, or vouchers, to low-income students to pay tuition at any school they choose, including a Catholic school if they wish.

SB 1 prudently starts small with vouchers for the poorest students in the most chronically underperforming schools in the first year. In the second year, it expands to low-income students who live in the same neighborhood but already attend another school. By year three the scholarship grants go to low-income families no matter where they live or what school they attend. Many current Catholic school students

everywhere will qualify for these vouchers.

People who place their children in nonpublic schools willingly make an enormous financial sacrifice to pay tuition in addition to paying their state and local taxes. They do it because they believe strongly that the nonpublic school is best for their child. In doing so, they save the state and local district the cost of educating their children in the public schools. In Pennsylvania, they save taxpayers four billion dollars annually in education costs.

It is easy to see how school choice benefits low income families; but if allowed to be fully implemented in year three, SB 1 will provide aid to thousands of middle income families as well. Currently the average income of EITC scholarship recipients is around \$29,000 for a family of four. The formula for Opportunity Scholarship Grants gives vouchers to families who make a little over \$28,000. If all qualified EITC scholarship students received a voucher to pay their tuition, it would free

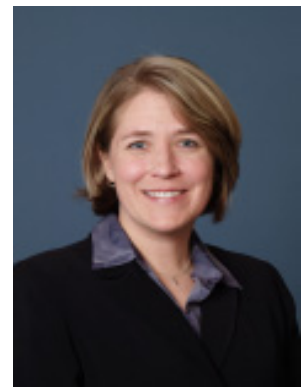
up millions of dollars in EITC scholarships for more middle income families. The qualifying standard for a family of four under EITC would be \$84,000 in annual income with the passage of SB 1.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) has been an outspoken advocate of school choice for over 20 years. We believe that providing a quality education for our children is the most critical investment we can make for our future. Supporting families in educating their children is part of our obligation to promote the common good. Parents have the duty and responsibility to provide the best education possible for their children. They have a fundamental right to determine which school best suits their child. The state has the duty and responsibility to support parents in this effort.

Senate Bill 1 - the Opportunity Scholarship Grant and Educational Improvement Tax Credit Act is the right choice for Pennsylvania and a smart investment for our future. Phasing in SB 1 is sensible

and responsible, but to truly make a positive change in education the legislation must include the provisions of year three and beyond.

Visit, call, fax, write or e-mail your state legislators. Urge them to support school choice and vote YES on the three year phase-in plan of SB 1. Go to [www.pacatholic.org/schoolchoice](http://www.pacatholic.org/schoolchoice) for details about how to reach your legislators and more information about school choice.



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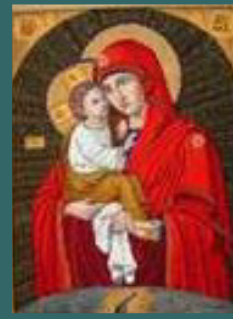
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## ***The Bishops Have Shown Great Courage!***

*A Reflection by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka*



*Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka with the new Major Archbishop.*

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, characterized the decision of the Electoral Synod Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in electing its youngest bishop as the new Major Archbishop as showing much courage. The well deserved comment invited my reflection on the experience. Indeed, much courage was demonstrated by the participating forty bishops. We **listened** to the Holy Spirit in our deliberations and in the election process! That took courage. It demanded our letting go of our own perceptions of what might be or should be. We were called to listen to the directions of the Holy Spirit in the atmosphere of prayer we found ourselves in.

The Electoral Synod began with a day of discussions and sharing as to our perceptions of the needs of our Church today. We reflected on the nature of leadership needed for progressing in already well established directions begun by our former Major Archbishop Lubomyr Cardinal Husar. There was some additional reflection as to our shared vision for our Church being developed by the committees of bishops, clergy and laity commissioned by the Synod of Bishops.

On the next day, we entered St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv for the celebration of a Pontifical Divine Liturgy. We prayed for the intervention of the Holy Spirit in the electoral process of choosing our chief shepherd. The marvelous Cathedral Choir lifted our spirits as we prayed and reflected on the message given by Rev. Borys Gudziak, in his homily during the Divine Liturgy. Fr. Gudziak then gave us two additional reflections during the day as we prayed and meditated on the holy process we were preparing to enter.

The days of the Electoral Synod were marked by periodic prayer and the celebration of Lenten Services in the chapel at the Patriarch Josyf Slipyj Retreat House in Bruchovich, located outside of Lviv. Preparations for the Electoral Synod were magnificent. Special polling booths and ballots had been prepared, listing all the eligible bishops. We prayed for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as each election session took place. And then it happened! So quickly and decisive was the deciding voting session when the new Major Archbishop was elected! I believe that all of us paused in amazement, wondering at what had just occurred. And then, we patiently awaited the newly elected candidate's response to the question as to whether he accepted. Our newly elected shepherd heard and felt the call of the Holy Spirit. The call was so decisive that it could not be ignored. So, he humbly accepted. The reaction was one of great joy!

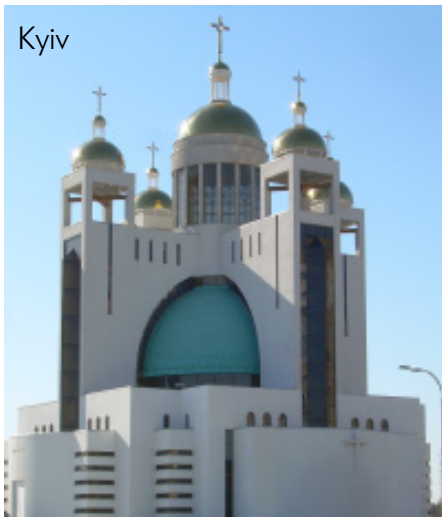


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Kyiv

The clergy, religious and faithful awaited the announcement of who was to succeed the Patriarchal throne, relying heavily on rumors, and guessing at what was occurring in the closed and guarded voting sessions. So guarded were the deliberations that a group of six to eight police stood guard at the gate of the complex, not allowing anyone to enter or leave. The necessary documents were readied and signed, and the oaths of office administered. The Papal Nuncio dutifully carried them off to be sent to the Holy Father for his confirmation. We patiently awaited the formal announcement and confirmation made by the Holy Father in Rome, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Mother on the Gregorian Calendar, the same date on which our newly elected Major Archbishop was ordained a priest. Our Blessed Mother was overseeing the initiation of this newly elected spiritual shepherd of her Ukrainian nation!

Our next destination was the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection in Kyiv, where on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011; the newly elected spiritual shepherd of our Ukrainian Catholic Church was installed as its Major Archbishop. The Cathedral was filled with a standing only crowd of clergy, religious, and faithful, eager to hear the first proclamations of His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav Shevchuk. The participants and witnesses included Patriarch Gregory III (Laham) of Antioch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the forty participating Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Ivan Jurkovič, the Episcopal



*Mrs. Yushchenko poses for a picture with Metropolitan Stefan.*

representative and Secretary of the Congregation for Eastern Churches Archbishop Cyril Vasil, S.J., and many bishops of other Eastern Catholic Churches, and representatives of the three Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in Ukraine. All gathered in this yet to be completed holy temple to pray for the newly installed spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide. The Holy Spirit was at work. Courage of all who chose to be present prevailed. A luncheon reception for 1,000 guests followed the Pontifical Divine Liturgy. The wife of the former President of Ukraine, Mrs. Yushchenko was among the many special guests who came to personally offer their greetings to His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav Shevchuk.

Opportunity was made for the bishops to visit a number of the places of religious and historical interest in Kyiv. It is a city witnessing much growth and renewal. Most notable was the new monument to the Holodomor, or Great Famine in Ukraine of 1932-33 in which more than seven million Ukrainians died in a man-made

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famine engineered by Stalin. The monument provides for an excellent presentation of historical facts and documented evidence of victims of the famine.

The members of the Permanent Synod and the Metropolitans of USA and Canada then accompanied His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav to Vatican City. All participated in a general audience with the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, in which the Ukrainian crowd gave a tremendously loud testimony to their presence and to their support for the newly elected Major Archbishop. The Holy Father appeared to be visibly moved by their enthusiasm, as evidenced by his rising to acknowledge the new Major Archbishop and the Ukrainian faithful during the singing of the "mnohaya lita's". His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav then met with Pope Benedict XVI on the next day in private, and then with the accompanying Ukrainian Catholic hierarchs. The days at the Vatican were also occupied with visits and discussions with His Eminence, Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, His Eminence, Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, Secretary of State for the Vatican, and with Archbishop Nikola Eterovic, Secretary-General of the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Particularly meaningful and joyful were the periodic meetings and reception offered by Ukraine's Ambassador to the Vatican, Her Excellency, Tetiana Izhevskaya.



A Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by our new Patriarch with the Ukrainian Catholic hierarchs was celebrated at St. Sophia Ukrainian Catholic Sobor in Rome, with many of the clergy, religious and faithful living in Rome participating. A special meeting offering an opportunity to meet with the newly elected Major Archbishop concluded the day's celebration at St. Sophia.



Take courage, my brothers and sisters in Christ! The election and installation of

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a new spiritual leader for our Ukrainian Catholic Church is yet another invitation by the Holy Spirit for us to courageously step forward in our faith. Take courage to listen to the prevailing wind of change being initiated by Almighty God for you and for me within our Ukrainian Catholic Church. Let us not hesitate in our response of love and charity in doing all we can with our newly elected spiritual father in the service of our holy Church. Let each of us live and act as people of hope. Let us pray unceasingly for His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav Shevchuk, that he may be guided by the Holy Spirit in all his endeavors in the service of God's Holy Church. And pray that the omophor of our Blessed Mother warmly surround his actions done in the service of her Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.



Tomb of Pope John Paul II



Ukraine's Ambassador Tetiana Izhevskia



Archbishop Nikola Eterovic



Tomb of St. Josaphat, Ukrainian Catholic Bishop and Martyr, in Rome



His Eminence, Leonardo Cardinal Sandri

## Patriarch Sviatoslav met by Cardinal Leonardo Sandri in Rome

The prefect of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, passed to Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) the original letter from Pope Benedict XVI, by which the pope on March 25, 2011, approved the election of the new supreme archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC). The letter was presented on April 3, after the Hierarchical Liturgy of the newly elected head of the UGCC in the St. Sophia Church in Rome.

According to the Information Department of UGCC, the liturgy was attended by the secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the Catholic Church, Archbishop Mykola Eterovych.

The service was also attended by the secretary of the Papal Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, Ambassador of Ukraine to the Vatican Tetiana Izhevskaya, ambassador of Canada to the Vatican and ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Italy, rector of Russicum, chaplain of Russicum, representatives of the Catholic Church in Italy, director of the Emigrant Office of Rome, and rectors of the Collegiums of the Holy Protection and St. Yosafat in Rome. The head of the UGCC was greeted by dozens of priests from Ukraine and Italy, students of Rome's educational institutions, representatives of monastic communities, numerous pilgrims from various Greek Catholic parishes of Italy.

Before the liturgy, the head of the UGCC was addressed and greeted by the rector of the Cathedral of the St. Sophia in Rome, Fr. Dr. Ivan Muzychka. The patriarch was also addressed by the head of the Christian Society of Ukrainians in Italy, Oles Horodetskyi.

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Березень місяць в житті Української Греко-Католицької Церкви в Україні та поза її межами назавжди закарбується в історії як місяць, коли паства Греко-Католицької Церкви збагатилась ще одним духовним батьком, в особі Вашого Високопреосвященства.

Від імені духовенства та вірних Української Православної Церкви США висловлюємо Вам наші найщиріші привітання із прийняттям цієї нелегкої, але духовно важливої місії в житті духовенства та вірних, котрих надано у Вашу духовну опіку. Ця подія відбувається на передодні третьої неділі Великого Посту – Хрестопоклонної неділі, коли Церква Христова є на півдорозі до радісного святкування Воскресіння Господнього – перемоги Христа над гріхом і смертю. Отож, нехай хрест Господній буде завжди для Вас запорукою підтримки Господньої у Вашому архипастирському служінні.

Дорогий брате у Христі, від усього серця бажаємо Вам щоб світло і радість воскреслого Господа завжди супроводжували Вас у Вашому служінні. Молимося, щоб Ваша душпастирська діяльність позитивно впливала на розвиток стосунків між православними та католицькими християнами, та й усіма людьми доброї волі. Бажаємо Вам великих успіхів у духовній місії спасіння людських душ. Ми усвідомлюємо, що одних лише людських сил не вистачає, щоб нести це служіння, до котрого покликано Вас. Нехай же допомога приходить від Господа, нашого Творця, бо Він є добрий і милосердний.

З молитвами у Христі Господі,

*+ Константин*

+Константин, митрополит

*+ Антоний*

+Антоній, архиєпископ

*+ Даниїл*

+Даниїл, єпископ

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 26, 2011:** Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Catastrophe in Philadelphia, 7:00 pm, Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123.

**May 1, 2011:** Annual Easter Brunch "Sviachene" at 10:30 AM, Annunciation of the BVM Church, 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park, PA. For information call 215-635-1627 or email [A.B.V.M@comcast.net](mailto:A.B.V.M@comcast.net)

**May 5-8, 2011:** Carnival, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, 223 President St, Passaic, NJ

**May 15, 2011:** "Sviachene" Easter Dinner after 9 AM Liturgy at the Cathedral, 830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA.

**May 15, 2011:** Icon Lecture Series, 2-5pm, BASILIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTER, 710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA 19046.

**May 15, 2011:** 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God of Zarvanytsya at 12:30pm, Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1629 W. Cayuga St., Philadelphia, PA 19140

**May 22, 2011:** Easter Dinner "Sviachene", St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 428 N. Seventh Ave, Scranton, PA at 1pm. For information call 570-346-2414. Reservation deadline is May 15th.

**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

April 24, 2011

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**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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