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Ascension Manor to host a Grand Rededication Ceremony on September 17, 2011

On June 22, 2011, an Open House was held at Ascension Manor for members of the Board of Directors and various organizations that have played a role in the \$11 million dollar renovation project at Ascension Manor. The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia opened Ascension Manor I in 1967 and Ascension Manor II in 1977 to provide quality, affordable housing for seniors in the community. After nearly half a century of service however, the buildings showed their age and were in need of substantial rehabilitation.

Rev. John Fields, who spoke at the Open House on behalf of the Board of Directors talked about the importance of having a place to call home. He also spoke of how a neighbor is any child of God regardless of race, ethnic orientation and nationality. Rev. Fields said, "As the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, we are proud to have this housing for the people. It's a home and we work with our neighbors -- and bringing those two together, we give Gospel message to the Scripture and the word of God."



Fr. Fields spoke at Ascension Manor.



Fireplace in Ascension Manor I.

During the Open House, everyone enjoyed a "Sneak Peek" at the Renovation project that will be completed this summer. The Grand Rededication Ceremony is scheduled for September 17, 2011. Mark your calendar for this exciting event!

Ascension Manor is a Senior Citizen Apartment Complex for people 62 and older. It is under the direction of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. For more information on Ascension Manor please call 215-922-1116.

**Watch a video from
the Open House on our Blog at:
www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com**

Scenes from the Open House at Ascension Manor

(Photos: Teresa Siwak)

Mark your calendar for September 17th, to see Ascension Manor's new renovations and more including a Computer Room, Fitness Rooms, Meditation Room and more!

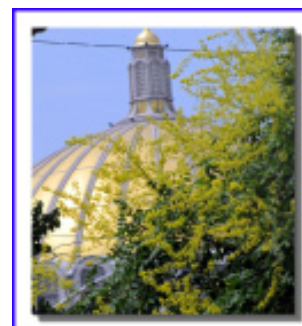
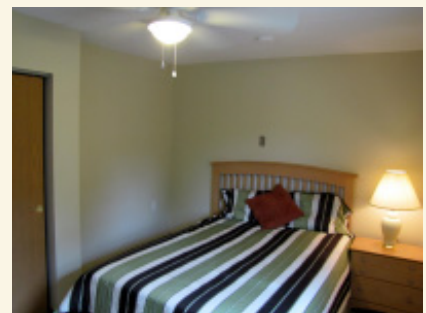


Common seating area in Ascension Manor II.



Kurt Imhof (Field Representative from the office of Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.) poses for a picture with John Siwak (General Manager of Ascension Manor) in the TV lounge in Ascension Manor I during the Open House.

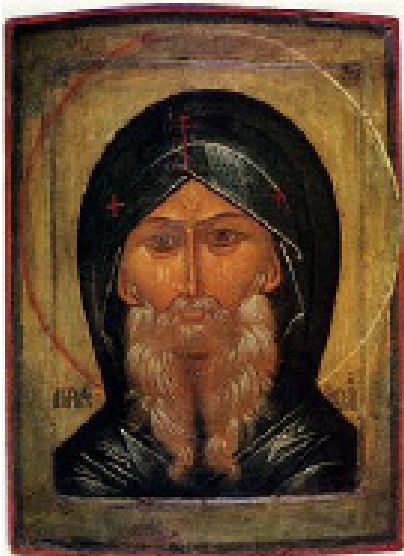
A sample Mobility Apartment designed with more accessible features for those with disabilities. *(furniture not included)*



View of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral from one of the windows at Ascension Manor.

Ascension Manor
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Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-922-1116

Equal Housing Opportunity



Venerable Anthony of the Caves (July 10)

Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven". (Lk. 6, 17-23)

Saint Anthony of the Kyiv Caves was born in the year 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernihiv, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life.

The igumen saw in St. Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, "Anthony, it is time for you

to guide others in holiness. Return to your own land, and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you. Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kyiv, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos.

Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kyiv by the banks of the River Dnipro. The forested area near the village of Berestiv reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kyiv (October 21). Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, "Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here." He began to

struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint.

Among Anthony's first disciples was St. Nikon (March 23), who tonsured St. Theodosius of the Caves (May 3) at the monastery in the year 1032. The virtuous life of St. Anthony illumined the native land with the beauty of monasticism. St. Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked St. Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about St. Anthony, the brethren dug

a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it. After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, St. Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves.

At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dymytrijiv monastery. With the blessing of St. Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already reached a hundred men. The Kiev

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Venerable Anthony of the Caves (July 10)

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Great Prince Izyaslav (+ 1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and

vigil. Although St. Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus.

For his holiness of life, God glorified St. Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and St. Theodosius in the Blachernae church in

Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms (See May 3, the account of the Kyiv Caves Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos). Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to Rus on the command of the

Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of St. Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073. Through Divine Providence, the relics of St Anthony remain hidden. <http://molonlabe70.blogspot.com>

McAdoo Parish Teens Make a Difference

St. Mary's is a small parish tucked in the hills of the South Anthracite coal region of eastern Pennsylvania. Mostly forgotten or overlooked, St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church stands tall in an old former mining town. The church is one of our oldest, and was built in 1891. Distinguishing itself over the decades for having outstanding groups including, Choirs, a theater and performing group, Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, Ukrainian ethnic arts, and more, St. Mary's also produced 4 priestly and 2 diacon vocations.

Recently the outstanding good deeds of two young

high school members of St. Mary's Parish have distinguished themselves and deserve our credit and acclamation. Both young men, Walter Price and Matthew Borchik, are active parish members. In fact, they serve as Acolytes for the Divine Services.

Walter Price was honored recently for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He labored at completing all aspects and fulfilling the requirements for this noble scouting rank. He was the guest of honor at a gathering for him of family, friends, and his Pastor, Father James Melnic. In addition to being a devout member of St. Mary's

Church, Walter is a hard worker, an athlete, and an avid hunter and fisherman.

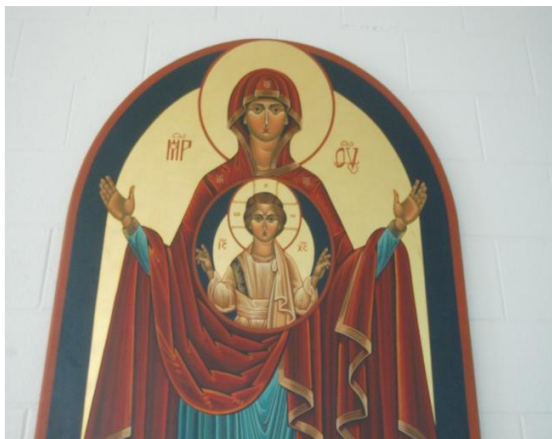
Matthew Borchik is a hard working skilled young man, who willingly gives his talents and efforts to his church. He recently distinguished himself by literally saving a man's life.

He happened to notice a man walking in a fierce rain storm with his umbrella. The man was struck by a bolt of lightening which visibly passed through his body leaving him motionless on the ground. Matthew, witnessed this and without hesitation rushed to the man's side and to administer mouth to mouth

resuscitation, thus reviving him and giving him a second chance at life. Matthew's heroic actions are affirmed and applauded by his parish community, his town, and soon he will be honored by the State of Pennsylvania.

Our faith tells us to live according to the example and ways of Our Lord, namely by following His law of love of others, and doing good to all. May these two young men and their proud parents be abundantly blessed with many happy years!

Fr. Deacon Michael Waak



*57th HOLY DORMITION (ASSUMPTION)
PILGRIMAGE
AUGUST 13 – 14, 2011*

*ST. MARY'S VILLA / SLOATSBURG, NEW YORK
SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE*

Theme: Mary Hope of Christians

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy celebrated by Rev. Kiril Angelov (chapel) - **English**
followed by Panakhyda remembering deceased clergy, religious, pilgrims
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford

10:00 – 12:00 / 2:00 – 4:00 pm Workshops - Rooms to be announced

FOOD AVAILABLE AT PAVILION

5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy, Rev. Jody Baran, main celebrant / homilist (grotto) - **English**
Choir of St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral, Passaic, NJ.
Blessing of Water (front of Villa)

8:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession (grotto) - English
Most Rev. William Skurla, main celebrant / homilist, Eparch of Passaic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

8:00 a.m. Lamentations to the Mother of God – Rev. Edward Young, celebrant (chapel) – English

10:00 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy with procession to grotto followed by blessing of flowers

Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia, **homilist**
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford
Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of Stamford
Choir: St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Rochester, New York

12:00 p.m. Youth Liturgy, Rev. Vasyl Kornitsky, main celebrant / homilist (**chapel**) – **English**

1:30 p.m. Healing Service with Akathist (Villa chapel, grotto steps)
Blessing of Religious Articles (front of St. Joseph's)

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Ukrainian –grotto)
Rev. Bohdan Danylo, main celebrant / homilist

Blessing of cars and buses

CONFESSION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Reverend Bohdan Danylo, Rector St. Basil Seminary – Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator

**HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE CONFERENCE SATURDAY
August 13, 2011 Sloatsburg, NY**



**MARY, A MODEL
OF CONSECRATED LIFE**

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM

Bishop Paul is the Eparch of the Eparchy of Stamford, CT. A native of Canada, Bishop Paul, was taught by the Sisters Servants in Vancouver.

**RELIGIOUS LIFE IN AMERICA
AMONG THE NEW
IMMIGRANTS**

Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak

Rev. Dr. Bohdan Ivan Kaszczak is the Pastor of the Protection of the Mother of God Parish, Bedford Hills, NY. He holds a Doctorate in Religious Education from Fordham University.



**"FOLLOW ME" - A MODEL OF
CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE
WRITINGS OF THE FATHERS
OF THE BYZANTINE CHURCH...**

Rev. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM

Rev. Maxim Kobasuk is a member of the Order of the Fathers of St. Basil the Great. He is currently the Spiritual Director of St. Basil Seminary.

**MARY, THE HOPE OF
CHRISTIANS IN OUR
LITURGICAL SERVICES**

Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo

Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo is the Rector/President of St. Basil College Seminary, Vocations Director and Director of Youth Ministry for the Eparchy of Stamford.



**MARY'S ROLE IN THE
DOMESTIC CHURCH**

Natalya Pistun

Natalya Pistun works for St. Basil Seminary and the Eparchial Museum. She holds a Degree in Canon Law.

**MARY, MODEL OF GOD IN
ICONS**

**Rev. Msgr. Mitred Archpriest
John Terlecky**

Msgr. John Terlecky is the pastor of St. Peter & St. Paul Parish in Ansonia, CT. He serves as Econom for the Stamford Eparchy.





Mosaic of the Holy Theotokos of the Sign,
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, PA

The Priest – Man of Courage

Have you ever wondered just how strong our priests are? True, we do have some priests who are physically strong (a while back, the Religious Information Service of Ukraine had an article about a priest in his 60s who was a championship and nationally ranked weightlifter), but what I am talking about here is spiritual, moral, and mental fortitude – courage at its best. The priest is a strong man precisely because he is a weak man that is strengthened by the Grace of God. Even though the priest has his shortcomings, imperfections, and sins, if he has his heart open to the Holy Spirit and is wholly focused on Christ, God can work miracles through him. It takes courage and nerves of steel to say “Your sins are forgiven” to a hardened criminal or to someone who lost all hope. It takes great strength to comfort someone who is depressed, suffering from an addiction, or grieving over a lost one. It requires unwavering dedication to God to preach the Word, especially when it comes to correcting a wayward person preaching heresy or condemning a sin that is universally accepted by society.

Our priests, clergy, and religious orders all have a particular drive to serve God and all of you, the faithful. It takes patient and relentless determination and total focus on Jesus Christ, our Savior, to serve God with all your heart, mind, body, and soul. Christ our God, and our Church, seeks such individuals with courage and intense determination to serve Him with fidelity and love.

Rev. Paul 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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Rev. Andriy Rabi

Pastor of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church, Reading, PA

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August 24, 1991

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

12:00 noon

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Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
(Philadelphia, PA)



Innesa *(Lviv, Ukraine)*



Fata Morgana Band



Fralinger Mummers String Band
(Philadelphia, PA)

12:00 - 1:30 Music and Dancing - "KARPATY" ORCHESTRA

1:30 - 4:00 Festival Stage Show

12:00 – 5:00 P.M. – Folk Arts and Crafts Vendors – Displays and "Bazaar"

1:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Children's Fun Area: Amusements, Fun & Games



4:00 - "Zabava" Dance: FATA MORGANA BAND

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FREE PARKING

Fathers and Sons Serve Together at Father's Day Divine Liturgy

Story and Photos by JOHN E. USALIS (staff writer jusalis@republicanherald.com)

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Pictured above left to right are: Jacob Damiter, Peter Damiter, Devan Shimko, George Shimko, Hunter Shimko, John Spotts, Michael Spotts, Deacon Paul Spotts, Nicholas Meridionale, Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, John Meridionale, Robert Meridionale, Stephen Mazur, Stephen Mazur, Alex Mazur.

FRACKVILLE - Five fathers and their nine sons celebrated a very special Father's Day in St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church on Sunday as they assisted at the Divine Liturgy to celebrate the Sunday of All Saints.

For the first time, active altar boys in the parish served with their fathers, most of whom were altar boys in their youth, to commemorate the special day and the link between

generations in serving the Catholic Church.

The Very Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, pastor, wished all fathers a very special day, and prayed that those who have died in the bosom of Abraham and numbered among the saints and that their memories may be eternal."

The fathers and sons participating were Deacon Paul Spotts and sons,

John and Michael; Robert Meridionale and sons, John and Nicholas; Peter Damiter and son, Jacob; George Shimko and sons, Devan and Hunter; and Stephen Mazur and sons, Alexander and Stephen.

Another father and son were in the choir loft - Dr. Michael Halupa, cantor, and son, Anthony.

"Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad,"

Fields said in his homily. He spoke of Jesus telling His followers to pray "Our Father," the fathers in the Old Testament, and the commandment to "Honor your father and mother."

The fathers were honored to be asked to serve at the altar with their sons.

"I thought it was great. I was very proud to stand there with my sons. It will

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Fathers and Sons Serve Together at Father's Day Divine Liturgy

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be something to remember for a long time," Mazur said, who had not been an altar server before.

His son, Stephen, has been an altar boy for seven years, while his brother, Alex, has been one for six years.

"It was different and something to remember," Stephen said about serving with his father.

"It was nice that he was

able to serve with us for Father's Day," Alex said.

Peter Damiter had served at the altar about 30 years ago, and he was pleased to have a new memory to go with Father's Day with his son, Jacob, a sentiment also passed along by George Shimko, who also has experience, having last served about 25 years ago.

Devan has been an altar boy for about four years.

"It was fun, but it was also a little bit awkward for awhile until we moved along," Devan said.

Robert Meridionale said he had experience at the altar, but in another Catholic rite.

"I was approached by Father a couple of weeks ago and asked me if I wanted to do this, and of course I wanted to do it since I was an altar boy in the Roman Catholic

Church for 10 years," Meridionale said. "It was something I always liked doing, and it was a honor to be up there on the altar. It's something that when you're younger you take for granted. Now it felt really good to be up there and be part of it with your sons. It's a great experience."



Deacon Paul Spotts proclaims the Gospel surrounded by altar boys and their fathers.

Frackville Honors High School Grads



On Sunday, June 5, North Schuylkill High School Class of 2011 graduates Tanya Halupa and Maria Spotts were honored during the Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Frackville, Pa. Tanya, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Halupa will continue her education at Kutztown State University. Maria is the daughter of Rev. Deacon Paul and Donna Spotts. She will attend Bloomsburg State University in the fall.

Pictured above are (l. to r.): Tanya Halupa, Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, Rev. Deacon Paul and Maria Spotts after the June 5 Divine Liturgy in St. Michael's Church, Frackville, Pa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY METROPOLITAN STEFAN SOROKA



Effective June 27, 2011, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens is appointed Dean of the Washington Protopresbyterate. We are grateful for the ministry as Dean of his predecessor, Rev. Taras Lonchyna, who has extended himself to serve the Protopresbyterate for the last decade and is now relieved of this responsibility.

Effective July 1, 2011, Rev. Volodymyr Baran, CSsR will undertake the responsibilities as Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manassas, VA and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Richmond, VA. He is also assigned to do missionary work in Virginia, searching for Ukrainian communities which may require pastoral initiatives from our archeparchy.



St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Saturday, September 10, 2011

12 noon – 6 p.m.

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*Kovbasa (Sausage
and Sauerkraut)*



*Plyatski
(Potato Pancakes)*



*Borsch
(Beet Vegetable Soup)*



*Halushki
(Noodles and Cabbage)*

A letter from visitors who went to the Cathedral to see the replica of the Shroud of Turin and toured the Treasury of Faith Museum, Philadelphia, PA

Sister Timothea,

Can't tell you how much we enjoyed meeting you and taking the tour(s). Thank you so much for your generosity with your time.

I am a retired science researcher, with a background in immunology & cellular biology. My wife & I met when I was in graduate school, she was starting physical therapy school. I retired 12 years or so ago to teach high school science full time, something I had always wanted to do. I teach Chemistry at Knoxville Catholic High School, we have just under 700 students; I am originally from Knoxville, I have always carried a love for the TN mountains in my heart, so it was a no brainer for me to move back here. I spent most of my research career in MD (Baltimore & Bethesda), also worked at the ECU School of Medicine in NC before moving back to Knoxville. My wife works with cancer patients, you probably picked up from talking to her, that she is a saint, and I am the luckiest guy alive to be with her.

I have always been interested in the Shroud since I first saw the images in the early 80s, but have only studied the scientific findings in more detail the past few years. I had hoped to travel to Turin for the exhibition in 2010, but my schedule just didn't quite work out. This past Lent, I decided to read/watch everything I could find about the Shroud and became especially interested in the studies on the bloodstains. For me, it's an irresistible mix of faith & science-I've never thought they had to be mutually exclusive, but should really complement each other. I've been working on an overview article about the blood studies that have been done on the Shroud, especially the typing experiments, and hope to complete it by the summer's end; when things wrap up, I'll send you a (personally autographed) copy!

I've seen several life-size displays of the positive & negative images of the Shroud, with separate front & back images, but never a replica of how the Shroud actually looks (together, in one piece). I was struck by how clearly the weave/twill was and the how realistic the color/tint of the cloth was compared to the photographs & videos I've seen of the actual Shroud. Way more detail than the previous backlit displays I had seen. Moreover, even though it is a replica, I felt as though I was standing in the presence of something Holy; praying together with you with our hands on the image & touching the bloodstains is something I will never forget. I can't thank you enough for giving us the opportunity.

We also really enjoyed going through the Treasury of Faith Museum, I didn't really know what to expect, but was surprised at how large your collection is-was all very, very interesting.

Have a Blessed week & a Blessed summer.

All our Best Regards,

Kelly & Kathy Kearse

P.S. Attached is a photo I took during our visit-have been using this as my computer screensaver the past couple of weeks



Golden Jubilee Celebration Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

On May 28, 2011, a Divine Liturgy was celebrated in the Holy Trinity Chapel of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great to honor Sister Susanne Matwijiw, OSBM, on the occasion of her 50th anniversary. Divine Liturgy was concelebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Archpriest Daniel Troyan, chaplain to the Sisters, and was followed by a Jubilee dinner, which was attended by the Sisters in the Fox Chase community, by members of the clergy, and by friends of the honoree. At the Divine Liturgy Archbishop Stefan spoke of the special qualities of the Jubilarian, especially her humanness and her ability to impart joy, love and life to her students, Sisters and friends.

Sister Susanne was born in Lisenburg, Germany. She and her parents, Roman and Ksenia, immigrated to the United States, first settling in Virginia and then moving to Chicago where another child, Irene, was born into the family. The family attended St. Nicholas Cathedral and the children attended Chicago's St. Nicholas School. Sister then came to Fox Chase to attend St. Basil Academy.



Photo caption: (back row) Jubilarian Sr. Susanne Matwijiw flanked by Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, chaplain of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Most Rev. Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Provincial Council members Sisters Lydia Ann Sawka, Maria Rozmarynowycz, Dorothy Ann Busowski, Provincial, Joann Sosler, Anne Laszok. (photo credit Sr. Lydia Anna Sawka)

Graduating from the Academy, she returned to Chicago, where she worked for a short time at City National Trust Company Bank. She applied and was accepted as a postulant by the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in 1961.

After receiving her BA in European History from Villanova University, Sister Susanne taught at Immaculate Conception Elementary School in Hamtramk, Michigan, SS.

Cyril and Methodius School in Olyphant, Pennsylvania, St. Basil Elementary School, and St. Nicholas School in Philadelphia. Her second BA in Art Education led her back to Fox Chase to teach at St. Basil Academy. A creative and well-liked teacher, her personal educational journey came full circle when she received her master's in education in 2009. An accomplished artist, Sister continues her professional career at St.

Basil Academy, teaching Art, History, and Ukrainian culture and language.

During the dinner, in her tribute to Sister, Sister Dorothy Ann spoke of her many talents, especially in art, and commented that the various pieces on display in the monastery—all marked by a soft and flowing style, was reflective of her very person. She further observed that Sister is “constantly looking for a

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Golden Jubilee Celebration Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

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deeper understanding of who she is as one of God's own and reflects that to her students. She speaks often about her students in loving and caring terms, and it is easy to see her commitment to their education, devotion to their well-being, and mastery of the materials that she transmits to them." Addressing the honoree, the provincial superior concluded, "Your relationship to your students is as John Steinbeck so nicely describes . . . 'a great teacher is a great artist . . . teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind.'"

Centennial Celebration Continues with Open House

On Saturday, June 18, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great hosted an Open House on their grounds in Fox Chase. Over sixty people attended the event, which included a tour of the buildings and grounds.

Alumnae, neighbors and friends strolled through the former Saint Basil Academy; the first Motherhouse for the Sisters (which was also the former residence of Betsy Ross); Holy Trinity Chapel; and the Basilian Spirituality Center. The day concluded with light refreshments served outdoors.

The Sisters are half-way through a one year celebration of one hundred years in America, and they look forward to the next event: the Pilgrimage to the Mother of God on October 2, 2011. The Centennial Year will close with a Divine Liturgy and Banquet on November 6, 2011.

For more information contact the Sisters' Development Office at 215.379.3998 or visit the Sister's website at www.stbasils.com.

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



Kathy Notarfrancesco, Sister Pula Jacynyk and Sister Barbara Terefenko at the refreshment table.



Tour Guide, Sister Marina Bochnewich and visitors in the Spirituality Center.

A Young Priest Remembers One of His Elders

Then Jesus appeared: he came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. John tried to dissuade him, saying: "It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!" (Matthew 3:13-14)

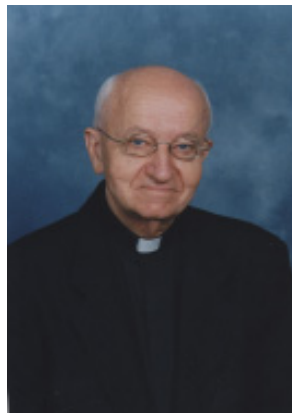
These words, written by the evangelist Matthew, rang in my head last week, for I was present to lay **Father Augustine Molodowitz** in his resting place within the bosom of the Earth until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I was asked to pray the Panachida, grant him final absolution, and to bless and seal his grave. For a relatively new priest, this was moving for me as this was my first time laying someone in their final resting place by myself. It was even more moving to me, however, for I was an altar boy for Father Gus (as he was fondly known to many) during my high school and early college years, during the days when he was assigned as an assistant to Father Roman Dubitsky, helping to serve the parishes of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ, and St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River, NJ. It was not easy, for I remember Father Gus when I was young; it reminded me of the time when I was a seminarian, assigned to

Washington Hospital Center for supervised ministry training, learning how to provide pastoral care to the sick and the dying. One particular day, I was sent to visit and care for a sick priest over at National Rehabilitation Hospital (which is connected to Washington Hospital Center). I felt a sense of inexperience and vulnerability and yet a sense of awe and grave responsibility, ministering to one who supposed to minister to me. But as Our Lord, Jesus Christ, replied to John the Baptizer:

Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that uprightness demands. (Matthew 3:15)

In a certain way, it is fitting that a young altar boy who served with Father Gus at the altar now laid him to rest. It was sad, for it was the funeral director, the cemetery manager, and I at that secluded spot at the cemetery in Bala Cynwyd for his burial. No one should ever die alone, especially a priest who has served people with his unique talents in Christ. Yet

Father Gus wanted it that way. Most who know Father Gus, knew he was a quirky, and at times, a troubled man, with his own ways and his own crosses to bear. Sometimes this rubbed people the wrong way. Yet he had a pastoral love that was second to none, for once you got past his eccentric exterior, you realize the heart of gold that he had. He was present to the



various parish societies as a chaplain to them. He had a love for the liturgical services that shone forth, especially in his melodic singing. In

particular, Father Gus had a very deep pastoral love for those who were suffering. I will never, ever, forget his dedication in ministering to the sick and the shut-ins of our parish. He would make it a point to visit the sick and the shut-ins at least once, if not twice a week or more! If you found yourself suddenly in the hospital, he would show up in your room, almost out of thin air, and say hello, bless you and give you the sacraments if you needed them. He always was there when you needed him,

especially when you were sick, ready to help extend the comforting presence of the Lord when you needed it. To me, Father Gus was, in a way, a modern day "un-mercenary", ranking with those saints who selflessly gave themselves to comforting the sick and the suffering, not accepting any pay or recompense while healing and souls in the name of Jesus Christ.

Despite his imperfections and eccentric ways, Father Gus was blessed with many graces from God that he freely and unconditionally shared with others. Father Gus is an inspiration to me as a priest; he carried his crosses to the utmost of his ability and selflessly shared himself to serve the Church and to comfort those who were sick, suffering, and dying. I personally will always keep his memory eternal for the selfless love he had for the church, and especially for his compassion and mercy that he freely gave to those who were suffering from illness and injury. May God grant him rest among the saints in paradise, and may his memory always be eternal, Вічна Пам'ять!

Rev. Paul J. Makar

For the obituary of Father Augustine Molodowitz, you may view it at www.fletchernasevitch.com.

Pro-Life Legislation Moves through State Legislature

By Joelle Shea

The start of the 2011-2012 Pennsylvania legislative session saw movement on several pieces of pro-life legislation. Given the fact that Pennsylvania boasts a pro-life governor and a pro-life majority in the House and the Senate, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) is hopeful that these bills will become law as the session progresses. There is vocal opposition to all pro-life legislation, so please be sure to log on to www.pacatholic.org this summer to send a message to your legislators in support the dignity of every human life. Here is an update as of the legislature's summer recess:

Should abortion clinics be held to the same standards as other surgical facilities?

In Pennsylvania, freestanding abortion clinics are not subject to the same health standards as other ambulatory surgical facilities. Simply put, the current law favors the abortion industry. Both chambers of the legislature have been working to address this discrepancy, which

manifested itself in the stark reality of the "house of horrors" run by Dr. Kermit Gosnell in Philadelphia. In May, the House passed House Bill 574 and in June the Senate passed Senate Bill 732.

In late June, the House Health Committee amended and passed Senate Bill 732 with essentially the same language as House Bill 574. After the summer recess, PCC expects the amended Senate Bill 732 will go to the House floor for a vote, and then be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Should abortions be covered in the health care exchange set up by federal health care reform?

Senate Bill 3 would clearly prohibit abortion coverage in the taxpayer-supported insurance plans to be created in Pennsylvania's health insurance exchange when the state implements the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). SB 3 passed the state Senate on June 7 with a vote of 37-12. In late June, SB 3 cleared the first hurdle in the House of

Representatives with the 22-2 vote in the House Insurance Committee. The PCC expects this bill will also be taken up after the summer recess.


Does the budget reflect a pro-life agenda?


In the midst of severe funding cuts for several programs in the Department of Public Welfare budget, the PCC is pleased that the state's alternatives to abortion program, Real Alternatives, received a 4% increase. This will enable more women to receive valuable resources throughout their pregnancy.

What should we expect in the fall?

In addition to the legislation mentioned above, the PCC is also supporting the Ultrasound Access Bill, which requires that a woman be given the option to see her ultrasound and see/hear her unborn child's heartbeat. The PCC expects this bill to be introduced in the fall in the House of Representatives. Nearly 100 representatives have already signed on as co-sponsors. The lists of state legislators who voted in favor of House Bill 574,

Senate Bill 732 and Senate Bill 3 are posted on PCC's website, www.pacatholic.org. It is critical that your senator and representative hear from you on these issues. This summer, please consider calling, visiting or emailing your legislators to voice your support for human life from conception to natural death. Also, become a member of our advocacy network at www.pacatholic.org to receive the most up-to-date information about legislation concerning Catholics.

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July 2011

Bishop Hlib Lonchyna - new Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainian Faithful of Byzantine Rite in Great Britain.

On Tuesday, 14 June 2011 the Holy See reported that the Holy Father Benedict XVI, having taken into consideration the decision of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, appointed Most Rev. Bishop Hlib (Lonchyna) M. S. U. Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainian Faithful of Byzantine Rite in Great Britain. Prior to this appointment, Bishop Hlib was Apostolic Administrator "sede vacante" of the Apostolic Exarchate in Great Britain.

Bishop Hlib Lonchyna was born on 23 February 1954, in the town of Steubenville, Ohio (USA), into a Ukrainian family. He studied theology at Rome's Urbaniana University (license degree in biblical theology) and defended a

doctorate in liturgy at the Pontifical Oriental Institute.

In 1975 he joined the Ukrainian Monastery of Studite monks in Grottaferrata near Rome in which he took his vows on 19 December 1976. He was ordained a priest by Patriarch Josyf Slipyj on 3 July 1977, in the same monastery. For a few years he ministered in the USA. In 1994 he moved with the monastic community to Ukraine. He was a chaplain at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv. He taught liturgy and biblical studies at Holy Spirit Seminary, the Lviv Theological Academy, the Institute of Higher Religious Culture, and also at catechetical courses.

On 11 January 2002, he was nominated Auxiliary

Bishop of Lviv and received hierarchical ordination in the Cathedral of Saint George's in Lviv on 27 February 2002. On 14 January 2003 he was named Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Italy. From 25 March 2003, to 9 May 2006, he was the Apokrisarius-procurator of the Major Archbishop of the UGCC at the Holy See. On 4 March 2004, by a decree of His Holiness John Paul II, Bishop Hlib was named Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Spain and Ireland.

On 2 June 2009, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Hlib Apostolic Administrator "sede vacante" of the Apostolic Exarchate for



Ukrainian Faithful of Byzantine Rite in Great Britain. The Apostolic Exarchate was erected on 10 June 1957 for the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in England and Wales and was extended to the whole of Great Britain on 12 May 1968. It is the only Eastern Rite Catholic structure in the United Kingdom.

After the materials of Radio Vaticana <http://www.ugcc.org.ua/>

Head of Ukrainian Catholics became a member of the Congregation for Eastern Churches

22 June 2011

Today Pope Benedict XVI has appointed His Beatitude Svyatoslav (Shevchuk), Major Archbishop of Kyiv and Halych, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, a member of the Congregation for Eastern Churches.

The Congregation for the Oriental Churches began as part of the *Congregatio de Propaganda Fide pro negotiis ritus orientalis*, established by Pope Pius IX on January 6, 1862 with the Apostolic Constitution *Romani Pontifices*. Pope Benedict XV declared it independent on May 1,

1917 with the Motu Proprio *Dei Providentis* and named it *Congregatio pro Ecclesia Orientali*. Pope Paul VI with the Apostolic Constitution *Regimini Ecclesiae Universae* of August 15, 1967 changed the name to *Congregatio pro Ecclesiis Orientalibus*.

As an institution this Dicastery received from the Supreme Pontiff the mandate to be in contact with the Oriental Catholic Churches for the sake of assisting their development, protecting their rights and also maintaining whole

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and entire in the one Catholic Church, alongside the liturgical, disciplinary and spiritual patrimony of the Latin Rite, the heritage of the various Oriental Christian traditions.

The work of the Cardinal members,

gathered in special ordinary and plenary assemblies, is to define the most important questions, while regular issues are dealt with by H. Em. Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, assisted by the Secretary His Excellency Cyril Vasil', S.I., and by the

Undersecretary Mons. Maurizio Malvestiti in collaboration with the Officials and Consultors.

<http://risu.org.ua>

Daniel Kozelinski Netto

Daniel Kozelinski Netto (born 18 February 1952) is the Apostolic Administrator sede vacante of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Eparchy of Santa Maria del Patrocinio in Buenos Aires since his appointment by Pope Benedict XVI on 22 June 2011. He had previously served as Auxiliary Bishop of Sao Joao Batista in the Ukraine in Curitiba.

Kozelinski Netto was born in Cologne Paraiso, Bom Sucesso, in Parana State in 1952. He attended philosophy studies at the Studium OSBM Curitiba and theology at the Studium Theologicum Claretianum the same city. He holds a Bachelors degree in Youth Ministry and Catechetics at the

Pontifical Salesian University in Rome. He was ordained priest 10 February 1980.

He carried out his pastoral ministry in various activities and tasks: coadjutor in the parish of the eparchial cathedral, and pastor of the parish, "St. Joseph" in the seminary and Trainer Dorizon eparchial less, and pastor of the parish "Sacred Heart of Jesus" and Rector of the Minor Seminary; Rector of the Seminary "St. Josaphat," and pastor of the cathedral eparchial, and pastor of the parish, "St. Joseph" in Cantagalo, a student in Rome at the Pontifical Salesian University, in pastoral service in the city of Mallet, PR.

On 20 June 2007 he was appointed Titular Bishop of Eminenziana by Pope Benedict XVI and Auxiliary of the Eparchy of Sao Joao Batista of the Ukrainains in Curitiba (Brazil). He received his episcopal consecration on 16 September of same year. At present, plays the role of the Eparchy Syncellus and deals with the region's pastoral Uniro da Vitoria, a city where she lives.

He was appointed Apostolic Administrator sede vacante of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic



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Eparchy of Santa Maria del Patrocinio in Buenos Aires on 22 June 2011 replacing Sviatoslav Shevchuk who was elected Major Archbishop following the retirement of Cardinal Husar.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Kozelinski_Netto

Continuing 500 years' tradition, the UGCC presents a new Catechism



A peculiarity of the UGCC theological tradition, which draws its roots from Eastern Christianity, identifies the need of a proper Catechism. Celebrations of the jubilee of Millennium of Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine in 1988, as well as emergence of the UGCC from the underground, are two factors which have clearly defined the idea of a new Catechism in which Christian faith would be transmitted in a proper millenarian tradition.

This idea was expressed by the Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav. On June 24 in Lviv, the UGCC Primate promulgated a new UGCC Catechism "Christ is our Easter" consisting of three parts: faith, prayer and life of the Church.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav is convinced that a better understanding of our proper Christian roots will help the faithful to rediscover their own identity in modern world marked by processes of globalization and assimilation. At the same time, it will contribute to a better understanding of the universal significance of our tradition. "Current situation of the UGCC in Ukraine as well as abroad, the needs of the faithful of our Church define the goal of the Catechism – to help the faithful to understand better and implement more profoundly in ones life Christian faith transmitted to us by the Fathers of our Church; to cherish Kyivan Christian Tradition; and in their light to find the responses to the challenges of modern world", - noted the Head of the UGCC.

In his opening word to the UGCC Catechism, His Beatitude Sviatoslav recalled the words of his venerable predecessor Lubomyr Card. Husar who who had specifically emphasized the need of such a publication in the following words: "The teaching of Christ is one and the same for all, the faith of Christ is also the same for all Catholics regardless of their right or their belonging to some local church. Instead, theological understanding of the truths revealed by God can be different in different cultures, as there are different liturgical rites".

The Catechism "Christ is our Easter" continues the tradition of written or printed catechisms of the UGCC whose origins date back to the XVI century. Since that time there was not a century without presentation of a new Catechism. To mention a few of them, noteworthy are: "Catechism" from XVII century compiled by St. Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk; Catechism entitled "Proclamation to the people or Word for catholic people" from XVIII century; "Great Catechism for parochial schools" from XIX century and Catechism "God's Teaching" from XX century.

Presentation of the Catechism is within the International scientific-practical conference, taking place in Lviv on 24-27 June 2011. The conference participants are Bishops, priests, religious and faithful of the UGCC from the USA, Canada, Russia, Poland, Brazil, Serbia, Portugal and Ukraine. The new Catechism will be translated into English, Polish, Russian, Portuguese and Spanish.



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Tens of thousands of people join the Pontifical Divine Liturgy in Lviv (Sykhiv) to celebrate 10th anniversary of the Blessed John Paul II's visit to Ukraine

On June 26 the Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, presided at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy in the church of the Nativity of Theotokos in Lviv on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Blessed John Paul II's visit to Ukraine. With the UGCC Primate were concelebrating: Most Rev. Ihor (Vozniak) – Archbishop of Lviv, Archbishop Mykola Eterovych – Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops of Catholic Church, Bishop Petro (Stasiuk) – Eparch for Ukrainians in Australia, New Zeland and Oceania, Bishop Vasylj (Ivasiuk) – Exarch of O d e s s a - C r i m e a . Numerous seminarians, religious and more than 50 priests were participating in the Liturgy.

Exactly 10 years ago, near the church of the Nativity of the Theotokos (renamed thereafter John Paul II Square), took place a meeting of the Holy Father with the youth. More than 500.000 people joined the event then. And 10 years later, on the same day, by some estimates around 40.000 faithful came to participate in the

Pontifical Divine Liturgy commemorating 10th anniversary of the Pope's visit to Ukraine. 10 years ago Blessed John Paul II also beatified 28 martyrs of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

In his sermon, His Beatitude Sviatoslav recalled John Paul II's meeting with the youth, how the Holy Father during heavy summer rain sang a song: "It's raining, children are growing". The UGCC Primate stressed out that during his visit, John Paul II talked about freedom. "True freedom comes when we get closer to God, when we choose Him, when we are following the path of Ten God's Commandments. Talking about that path as the development of civilization, John Paul II told all of us then that true civilization consists not only in economical advance, but, foremost, in human, moral and spiritual growth" – remarked His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Granting to the UGCC Blessed Martyrs, John Paul II provided us with a guide, with an example which we have to follow after. Then, during the

beatification ceremony, he told us that "martyrdom is the supreme way of serving God and Church". Besides that, the Head of the UGCC mentioned that during the Holy Father's visit to Lviv, a number of crimes in the city decreased, "nobody wanted to commit evil, because everybody felt that a great God's power radiates from that person, a successor of St. Apostle Peter".

"We thank God for the gift of that visit, for the gift of martyrdom for our Church, we thank Him that our Church is growing and is in the process of development. We ask the Lord to help us follow firmly and together the path indicated to us by Blessed Pope John Paul II" – said at the conclusion of the



Liturgy His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

After the Liturgy, Archbishop Mykola Eterovych recalled the Pope's meeting with the youth taking place on this very place, "when with his word and prayer he made the sun come out casting away dark clouds and rain as a sign that after a storm a better future for the youth will come". "Among 1345 Blessed and Saints canonized by John Paul II, there are many Ukrainians" – noted in his word Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops of Catholic Church, Archbishop Mykola.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 23, 2011: "Being an Eastern Catholic in Today's World", Holy Dormition Byzantine Franciscan Friary, Sybertsville, Pa, speaker Fr. John Seniw. For more information, contact: Bob Leggo at BLeggo127@gmail.com

July 31, 2011: 77th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, PA Route 901, Primrose, Minersville, PA. For info phone 570-874-1101 or e-mail ibah@aol.com.

July 31, August 28: Liturgy in St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE at 5 pm. For information call 302-762-551

August 13-14, 2011: Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate's Holy Dormition Pilgrimage, Sloatsburg, NY.

August 20-21, 2011: Annual Picnic hosted by St. John's (Maizeville) and St. Michael's (Frackville) Ukrainian Catholic churches, Saturday, August 20, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, August 21, from 12 noon to 8 p.m., at St. John's Picnic Grove in Maizeville. For info phone 570-874-1101 or e-mail ibah@aol.com.

August 21, 2011: Ukrainian Folk Festival. "Tryzub" Ukrainian- American Sport Center, County Line & Lower State Roads, Horsham, PA. Festivities begin at 12:00 noon. www.tryzub.org

September 10, 2011: Ukrainian Cultural Festival, St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1344 White Oak Bottom Road, Toms River, NJ 08755. Noon until 6pm. For more information call 732-505-6053.

September 17, 2011: Grand Rededication Ceremony at Ascension Manor, 911 N. Franklin St, Philadelphia, PA. For information please call 215-922-1116.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

October 7-9, 2011: LUC Convention, Holiday-Inn Airport, Cheektowaga, NY

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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