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A new General Superior of the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate has been elected

On July 18 during the XII General Chapter of the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, taking place in Rome, Sr. Theresa Slota was elected a new General Superior of the Congregation. Prior to this, Sr. Theresa served as the Provincial Superior of the Province of Christ the King (Canada).

The honorary Head of the meeting, during which the election took place, was Bishop Dionisij Liakhovych, Apostolic Visitor for the Ukrainians in Italy and Spain.

The General Chapter also elected the Council of the Congregation made up of the following Sisters:

Sr. Marta Kozak, of the Province of the Co-suffering Mother of God (Ukraine) - First Councillor and Vice-General

Superior; Sr. Evfrosynia Lukavyj, of the Province of St. Michael the Archangel (Brazil) - Second Councillor; Sr. Stefania Jurcenko, of the Province of the Holy Spirit (Slovakia) - Third Councillor; Sr. Julia Bojchuk, of the Province of St. Joseph (Serbia) - Fourth Councillor.

Reference: **Biography of Sr. Theresa Slota**

Sr. Theresa Slota was born on 15 March 1948 in Toronto where she spent her childhood. On 28 Nov. 1966 she joined the Congregation of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Sister holds BA in psychology and English language from the University of Toronto.

Sr. Theresa worked on missions in London and Lourdes. In the period 1977-1978 she helped

Bishop Jeronim Khymij in British Columbia, working as a teacher and later on as a Headmaster in the Sacred Heart School in Yorkton.

From 1992 till 2003 Sister Theresa Slota worked as a secretary and interpreter for the Nuncio in the Apostolic Nunziature in Kyiv. After completion of her mission in 2004, she returned to Canada. In 2005 Sr. Theresa became a Provincial Councillor and the Superior of the Province House. In August 2009 she was elected as the Provincial Superior of the Province of Christ the King



**Sr. Theresa Slota, SSMI
new General Superior**

in Canada. Prior to this, she worked as a secretary of the Metropolitan of Winnipeg, Laurence Huculiak.

Sr. Theresa Slota is fluent in English, Ukrainian, Italian and understands Russian and Polish.

<http://www.ugcc.org.ua>

General Superior and the General Consulters



(Photo: <http://www.ugcc.org.ua>)

On July 18-19, 2011 the XII General Chapter of an Order of Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate took place in Rome. During the General Chapter the General Superior and the General Consulters were elected:

Sister Teresa Slota – the General Superior (Christ the King Province in Canada)

Sister Marta Kozak – First General Consulter and Vice-General Superior (Mother of God Co-Sufferer Province in Ukraine)

Sister Evphrosynja Lukavyj - Second General Consulter (Saint Archangel Michael Province in Brazil)

Sister Stephaniija Jurchenko – Third General Consulter (Holy Ghost Province in Slovakia)

Sister Julia Bojchuk – Fourth General Consulter (St. Joseph Province in Serbia)



Newly elected Superior General of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sister Theresa Ann Slota, SSMI, poses for a picture with Sister Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI, the Provincial Superior for the Immaculate Conception Province in the United States

Photo: <http://www.ssmi-us.org>



*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

Installation of the new leadership team of the United States' Immaculate Conception Province of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate was held on June 28, 2011



Photos: <http://www.ssmi-us.org>

Row 1 (L to R): Sr. Natalya Stoczany, Sr. Thomas Hrynewich, Sr. Stephanie Sema, Assistant Provincial, Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, Provincial Superior, Sr. Eliane Ilnitsky. Row 2: Fr. Januarius Lucavei, OSBM, Fr. Joseph Hutsko, Fr. Basil Hutsko, Fr. Roberto Lucavei, OSBM, Fr. Mario Dachyshyn, OSBM.

Congratulations on your Jubilee Sr. Anne, SSMI, and Sr. Bernard, SSMI

On July 30, 2011 in St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY, a Jubilee Divine Liturgy was held in honor of:
Sister Anne Roman, SSMI - 50 Years and
Sister Bernard Chronik, SSMI - 80 Years
Many Happy Years! Mnohaya Lita!



Jubilarians Sr. Anne and Sr. Bernard pose for a picture with Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI, the Provincial Superior, and the priests who celebrated the Jubilee Divine Liturgy.

Rev. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ, blesses Sr. Anne and Sr. Bernard. Sr. Anne is the Principal of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic, NJ.

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Rev. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Passaic, NJ treated the altar servers of the parish to a luncheon and show at Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament on Thursday, June 2, 2011. Earlier that day the same group of dedicated boys and young men presented Father Andriy with a donation of \$163 which they raised at a two day popsicle sale at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School. The altar servers thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Medieval Times and are truly thankful to have such a kind and thoughtful pastor. A wonderful time was had by all!

By: Daniel Peltyszyn

Ukrainian American Sport Center – Tryzub

Sunday, August 21, from 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M.



UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL

- “Syzokryli” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (New York)
- “Voloshky” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble (Philadelphia)
- Violinist **Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo** (Lviv, Ukraine – New York)
- Fata Morgana** Orchestra (Ukraine – Philadelphia)
- Fralinger** Mummers String Band (Philadelphia)
- Zabava** – Ukrainian Social Dancing ~ **Fata Morgana Orchestra**

Admission: \$15; Students: \$10; Kids 14 and under: Free; Free Parking

Lower State & County Line Roads, Horsham, PA ~ 267-664-3857
www.tryzub.org

News from outside the Archeparchy

John Edward Paluch was honored by the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help with an award for Leadership Extraordinaire on June 19, 2011, at the Father’s Day Dinner. The Reverend Canon Father Michael B. Krupka serves as pastor of the Wheeling, WV, parish where John serves as cantor and both the president and treasurer of the Holy Name Society. The award was presented to John Paluch by Gemma Twaddle, treasurer/secretary of the Apostleship of Prayer.





Blessing of Fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Rev. Ruslan Romanyuk blessed fruit at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Williamstown, NJ, on August 6, 2011, on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

Blessing of the first fruits of the earth occurs on this day in order to give thanks to God.

Watch a video on our blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

From the Archbishop's Desk

My Brother Priests,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

In a special way, I ask you to pray for Ukrainians worldwide on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine, celebrating on August 24th, 2011. On Sunday, August 21st, please add the following petition during the petitions following the Gospel and Homily:

“For growth in the bond of unity and love amidst Ukrainians worldwide as the 20th independence of Ukraine is celebrated, and for genuine commitment and courage to ensure that the benefits of independence is enjoyed by all of its citizens, let us pray to the Lord.”

In your parish bulletin and verbally, please ask the faithful to pray for our beloved Ukraine. The power of our united prayer will inspire the peace and advancement we all desire for Ukraine.

Thank you.

+Metropolitan Stefan Soroka



From the Archbishop's Desk

Your Generosity Helps Tremendously

The small Ukrainian Catholic parish community of the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ in the village of Chervonovershka in Eastern Ukraine gather with their Bishop, Vasyl Ivasiuk, Exarch of the Odessa Eparchy, awaiting the building of a small chapel for worship. They wrote to



our Archeparchy indicating their readiness to build. All of the building materials were bought by the people and were being transported to the village. They needed approximately \$7,500 to pay for specialized building trades people to begin construction.

Your donations to assist such projects in Ukraine are placed in a separate account. We had \$7,500 available. This was immediately forwarded to the parish priest so that they could begin their modest but important building project. They are at work building their parish chapel for worship.

Please know that there are many more such requests awaiting our help. The parishes in the far eastern regions of Ukraine are poorer and have benefited little from Western aid. Their needs are modest compared to other requests. Commonly, they desire to build a small chapel where the faithful can gather for prayer and worship. They need some financial help to make it happen especially in these challenging financial times.

Will you help to make it happen for other such villages in Eastern Ukraine? Please help. Send your generous donation to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. We promise to ensure that your generosity is immediately put to good use in the building of such modest worship sites in Eastern Ukraine.

God bless you for your anticipated understanding and assistance.

+Metropolitan Stefan Soroka

SAINT MARY'S

UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH
210 West Blaine Street

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INVITES YOU TO THEIR 4TH ANNUAL
"SAVE THE DOMES"

HOMECOMING PICNIC

FRI AUG. 19TH
6 PM - 10 PM

SAT AUG. 20TH
12 NOON - 10 PM

SUN AUG. 21ST
11 AM - 7 PM

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT DAILY:

FRI: The Shannon Marsyada Trio (6 PM - 10 PM)

SAT: DJ Shannon Marsyada (12 NOON - 3 PM)

The Legends (6 PM - 10 PM)

SUN: "On the Road Live" Polka Joe Manjack (10 AM - 1 PM) WLSH-AM 1410

The Golden Tones (3 PM - 7 PM)

PYROHY - HOLUBTSI - BLEENIES - HALUSHKIE

OTHER ASSORTED UKRAINIAN FOODS

MEXICAN FOODS

"TRICKY TRAYS"

"CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST" SHOP

TOURS OF OUR CHURCH

UKRAINIAN GIFTS AND ARTISANS

RAFFLES AND BINGO



Families flock to Ukrainian Seminary Day

by Leslie Richardson
<http://republicanherald.com>



Photo by David McKeown

PRIMROSE - The annual Ukrainian Seminary Day held Sunday is a day used to raise funds for the only Ukrainian Catholic seminary in the United States, but it is also a day to celebrate family, friends, heritage and memories.

"We've been coming here for years. Our roots are in the St. Nicholas parish in Saint Clair and my grandkids go to school at St. Nicholas School," Sandra Sninsky, Port Carbon, said.

Sninsky sat at a table filled with family and friends during the 77th annual event held at the St. Nicholas grove.

"We come mostly to see friends and family we might not see during the year," Sninsky said. "Of course, the food is wonderful and the music is good."

Sninsky said her family attended Ukrainian Seminary Day at Lakewood Park, Barnesville, years ago.

"We go back to the old Ukrainian Day at Lakewood Park. I used to have to learn a part to say in the program and my mom and dad would

pack a lunch and we would sit on the hill by the boathouse," Sninsky said. "Later we would go on the rides and, of course, we would go to the hall for the liturgy."

Ukrainian Seminary Day began in 1934 at Lakewood Park. When the park closed in 1983, there was one year without an event until it was moved to St. Nicholas grove in 1985.

The ethnic celebration is sponsored by the 12 parishes in the South Anthracite Protopresbytery of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. The parishes are located in Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia and Luzerne counties.

Homemade Ukrainian and Slavic food is always a big draw and the smell of halushki, pierogi, bleenies and bean soup wafted through the air from the kitchen to the parking lot, luring people to the shaded picnic grove.

The sounds of polka music filled the air.

Kazka, a Ukrainian folk dance ensemble, performed from 1:30 to

3:30 p.m. and the Pennsylvania Villagers, a polka band, played from 4 to 8 p.m.

"Dad is waiting to hear the polkas," Tina Eisenhart, Mount Carmel, said.

Eisenhart, a member of Ss. Peter and Paul parish, Mount Carmel, attended Sunday's event with her father, Peter Cherapan, Wilburton, her daughter, Ruth Martz, and her granddaughter, Kassondra Martz, both of Mount Carmel.

"We come here every year. It's a family tradition," Eisenhart said. "We used to go to Lakewood until it closed, now we come here. The only things missing are the rides. The food, especially the bleenies, are delicious."

The day started as always with a Divine Liturgy for Vocations in St. Nicholas Parish Hall.

The main celebrant was Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians and Metropolitan of

Ukrainian Catholics in the United States.

Soroka spoke about the need to live an "others centered" life.

"You come together as one family to undertake the challenge of raising funds. There is something special in that," Soroka told those gathered. "It is an example of community of faith in action."

According to Republican-Herald archives, more than \$500,000 has been raised for the seminary and the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life since 1985.

Continuing with the family theme, three generations of the Hashin family, Mike, his son, Michael Hashin, and grandson, Alan Evans, 3, all members of St. Nicholas Parish, Minersville helped collect donations during the liturgy.

"I am so proud that we could all be here for this today," Hashin said.



The Miracle at Cana

Icon Workshop
led by Marylyn Barone

Thursday-Sunday
September 8-11, 2011

Thursday 6:30-9:30pm

Friday and Saturday 9am-4pm*

Sunday noon-4pm

Having studied under Phil Zimmerman, Marylyn has written icons since 1997. She gives workshops in

parishes across Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Able to teach people of all ages and abilities, Marylyn has written icons for many parishes and individuals.

This workshop will be at the beginner level for adults. Each student will write an 8"x14" icon of the Miracle of Cana with two figures, using a prepared prototype, learning techniques for faces, garments, 23k gold-leaf gilding, and background. All supplies are included.

Marylyn will also present the theology of icons, focusing on Jesus and the Theotokos (Mary).

Cost: \$200 includes supplies and Fri & Sat midday meals.

Housing and other meals available at additional charge.

Contact: Fr Jerome at holydormition@gmail.com; 570-788-1212 ext 402.

* You must be able to attend all classes Thursday-Sunday in order to have a completed icon. Those who must work on Friday may request an evening time.

The workshop schedule will allow you to attend Divine Liturgy and other services.

Holy Dormition Friary, home of the Byzantine Franciscans, is located on Pennsylvania Highway 93 at Main Street in Sybertsville, PA 18251.

ANNUAL FRACKVILLE-MAIZEVILLE PICNIC—SAT. SUN. AUGUST 20-21 IN MAIZEVILLE PICNIC GROVE

Food and live dance music will be featured at the Annual Picnic which will be held 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 here on Main Street in Maizeville. The picnic is jointly sponsored by the parishioners of both St. John's Church, Maizeville and St. Michael's Church, Frackville. Saturday dance music will be provided by The Pennsylvania Good Times, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday dance music will be provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Admission and parking are free and the picnic is held rain or shine. Seating is provided in the large enclosed dancehall and under several large tents that are set up on the spacious 5 acre property. Ethnic foods, including pyrohy (pierogies), holubtsi (halupkis), halushki, bleenies, and kobasa (kielbasa) as well as open fire kettle bean soup will be sold. Homemade desserts, hand-dipped ice cream, theme baskets, beverages, games will also be available. St. John's Picnic Grove is located on Main Street in Gilberton approximately one mile west of the Gilberton exit off of Route 924 in Schuylkill County, Pa.

**St. John's - St. Michael's
ANNUAL PARISH
PICNIC**

**St. John's Grove
MAIZEVILLE-GILBERTON**

SAT. SUN. AUG. 20-21

SAT. 1 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. SUN. 12 NOON - 8 p.m.

*Pyrohy (Pierogies) Halushki Bleenies Holubtsi (Halupki)
Kobasa (Kielbasi) Bean Soup Baked Goods Beverages
Hand-dipped Ice Cream Theme Baskets*

Sat. 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Pa. Good-Times

Sun. 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Pa. Villagers

FREE ADMISSION FREE PARKING

*Located approximately one mile west of the
Gilberton exit off Route 924 in Schuylkill County, Pa.*

News from St. Anne's, Warrington, PA

St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church is looking for former parishioners to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2013. Please send us your name and address so we can invite you to our festivities. We will be having a banquet and reunion of all parishioners in the fall of 2013.

We are also looking for pictures and stories that you would like to share of your memories from our festivals, picnics, etc.

You can send names and address to: stannesecretary@comcast.net
You can send pictures, stories, etc to: josephcol@aol.com

You can also mail the information to:
St Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church - ATTN: 50th Anniversary -
1545 Easton Road - Warrington, PA 18976.

Thank you, in advance, for helping our cause.
Helene (Zadworniak) Michalko
Parish Council





Gospel Book with Ormate Cover
(Photo courtesy of Byzantine Church Supplies, Philadelphia, PA)

Vocations and Family

The importance of the family in fostering vocations cannot be underestimated. Studies show that the encouragement of parents and family to pursue a vocation highly influences a person's decision to become a priest, deacon, or religious monk or sister. After all, this is because the family, as the most basic and fundamental unit of society, is directly responsible for the formation of our children.

It is very understandable for parents to want only the best for their children and for them to succeed and become the greatest in the world. It is also a blessing for parents to see their children's children, and continue on the family traditions and heritage. Yet our most important heritage is not culturally or nationally based – our most important heritage is God. Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word, our salvation, is our most important heritage. A family who lives by the Word of God is blessed with the Holy Spirit, and this heritage endures forever.

Think of fostering vocations within your family as offering a precious gift to God. God has blessed all of us with life and a family; how proper and fitting would it be for us to offer up our own to the Lord as a gift unto him! By doing this, and by praying for vocations, and by fostering vocations in our families, God will send us the wonderful gifts of grace by rewarding us with faithful and holy priests, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers, who will serve all of you with fidelity and love. What greater gift is there than by fostering a vocation within your family?

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:

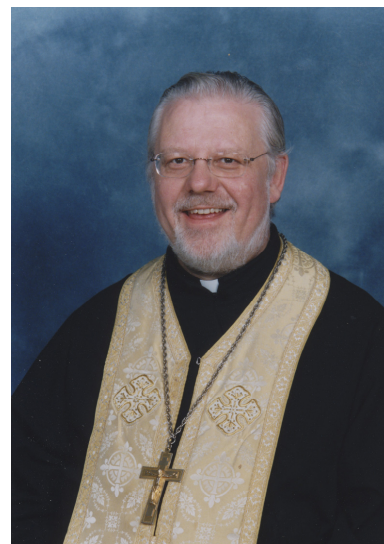
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Come and Get to Know Your Clergy And Religious Men and Women!



Msgr. James Melnic

Pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Hazleton, PA, and Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo, PA.

Program of Study for the Catechumenate

June 24 - 29, 2011 marked a historical milestone in the history of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church: the presentation of the new Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, "Christ Our Pascha" after ten years of work. However, along side of the Catechism presentation, work on the development of an outline for the Catechumenate also took place.



Directors of Religious Education for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church from around the world meet in Lviv, Ukraine

Members of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, from around the world worked to develop an outline for presentation to the Bishops Synod in Brazil in September 2011. After approval, this three year outline will be further developed into a program of studies for people who want to become members of our Church. Prior to Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist they will undergo instruction for three years (depending on their background knowledge and experience). The new Catechumenate program is based on the new catechism "Christ Our Pascha" whose two fundamental resources are the Nicene Creed and the liturgical anaphora of St Basil the Great.

There are three parts to
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the catechism: the faith of the Church, the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church (the Prayer of the Church) and the spiritual and moral dimensions of the Church (the Life of the Church). Saint Basil's Anaphora gives a rather full account of the history of salvation culminating in the resurrection and in this way the main truths of the Christian faith are elaborated. These truths along with the Creed constitute *the first part of the Catechism*.

The second part of the Catechism, takes for its focus the words from the anaphora of the institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper. This liturgical interpretation of the Eucharist is the centre from

which the liturgical cycles of the Church emerge (daily, weekly and yearly) and the Mysteries, the birth of the spiritual life and the blossoming of devotion.

The spiritual and moral dimensions of private, family and the socio-political life of persons is also remembered in the anaphora and so this forms the content of *the third part of the Catechism*, which concerns the deification of people and the transformation of their lives.

The publication of our catechism is timely because Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, proclaimed in his inaugural press conference, "The No. 1 priority for . . . the church

is evangelization, preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world." Pope Benedict XVI has selected as the topic for the XIII Synod of Bishops of the Catholic Church, *The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Catholic Faith*. The lineamenta (discussion document) makes special mention of the Eastern Catholic Churches in the context of discernment of new ways of being Church:

Attending the historical event and subsequent catechetical meetings on the Catechumenate from North America were Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM,

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Program of Study for the Catechumenate

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Director of Religious Education of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Fr Peter Babij, Iryna Galadza and Oleh Bych from the Office of Religious Education in Toronto. "Christ Our Pascha" is

available for purchase in Ukrainian only - a hard cover version in Ukrainian is \$25. Soft cover will be available soon for \$20

(English version not yet available) at <http://www.stjosaphateparchy.org/Store.html>.



Sr Luiza, SSMI, Sr Ann, OSBM, Iryna Galadza, and Fr Peter at the Catechism implementation meeting



Bishop Peter facilitates the Catechumenate meeting

Sisters of St Basil Documentary Video trailer

View the Sisters of St Basil Documentary trailer on YouTube http://youtu.be/DZC_C1ri0TE

Please feel free to forward this link to any or all of your friends and acquaintances or put it in your bulletins or newsletters.

We are still looking for old videos and /or pictures of any Sisters of St. Basil "working" with children or of your favorite Sisters. If you would like to give a testimonial please contact Sr Ann Laszok or Sr Dorothy Ann at 215-379-3998 or email us at srannl@aol.com or dabusowski@stbasils.com. We will be happy to digitize your videos (16mm, 8 mm, VHS, etc) also and return them to you ASAP.

Sisters of St. Basil celebrating 100 Years in America as a praying, healing, life-giving presence

LUC Meeting Berwick, PA

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, August 28, 2011, at Ezzyk's Farm in Berwick. Outdoor Moleben Prayer Service "under the trees" at 2:00pm, business session at 2:30pm followed by traditional annual summer picnic. This is a family-oriented event in the beautiful mountains of Berwick, Pennsylvania. Come enjoy an afternoon of spiritual and social well-being including a generous buffet and Ezzyk's famous sweet corn. All members and their families are invited. New members warmly welcomed. For additional information and directions, contact: Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354

73rd Annual Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics to be held in Buffalo, NY, October 7-9th

The League of Ukrainian Catholics will hold its 73rd Annual Convention from October 7, 8, 9, 2011 at the Holiday Inn-Airport in Cheektowaga, NY. The theme of this year's convention is "Grant me the wisdom of our Eastern rite, to hold it, to renew it and develop it." Taken From the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky's Prayer of the for Divine Wisdom.

The Convention will begin on Friday, October 7th with a general meeting of delegates. Following the meeting there will be a workshop conducted by Rev. Ivan Kaszczak. A "Buffalo Fest" Welcome Party will begin the weekends festivities.

Saturday will begin with breakfast followed by a keynote address by Rev. Kaszczak. Then its on to Niagara Falls, NY . A Panachyda service for deceased members of the League will be held at Protection of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church. After the service its on to various locations in Niagara Falls and the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston, NY. At the Saturday evening Banquet, Reverend Czeslaw Michal Krysa, Director of Worship of the Diocese of Buffalo will be the Main Speaker, entertainment will follow the banquet.

Sunday morning will begin with Liturgy at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Buffalo, NY. The convention will conclude with Brunch and closing activities at the hotel.



SAINT MARTYR MYRON (August 17)

The Lord said: "They will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. And so you will bear testimony to me. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. Stand firm, and you will win life. (Lk. 21, 12-19)

The Holy Martyr Myron was a presbyter in Achaia (Greece), and lived during the third century. He suffered in the year 250 under the emperor Decius (249-251). The presbyter was gentle and kind to people, but he was also courageous in the defense of his spiritual children.

On the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, he was celebrating the Divine

Liturgy. The local governor Antipater came into the church with soldiers so as to arrest those praying there and to subject them to torture. St Myron began to plead for his flock, accusing the governor of cruelty, and for this the saint was delivered over to be tortured.

They took St Myron and struck his body with iron rods. They then threw the

presbyter into a red-hot oven, but the Lord preserved the martyr, but about 150 men standing nearby were scorched by the fire. The governor then began to insist that the martyr worship idols. St Myron firmly refused to do this, so Antipater ordered the leather thongs to be cut from his skin. St Myron took one of the leather thongs and threw it in the face of his tormentor.

Falling into a rage, Antipater gave orders to strike St Myron all over his stripped body, and then to give the martyr to wild beasts to be eaten. The beasts would not touch him, however. Seeing himself defeated, Antipater in his blind rage committed suicide. They then took St Myron to the city of Cyzicus, where he was beheaded by the sword. (www.lngplants.com)

Catechetical Sunday
September 18, 2011

Catechetical Sunday Is Here, Again

It is September again. For some the school year has already begun. For others, classes will soon begin.

Whatever the case, Catechetical Sunday is observed in churches across the country.

To bring our scholastic studies into focus, we put our attention to Christ, the Holy Wisdom of God, and see that we, as members of His Church are together in Him. Again, ECED, the Eastern Conference of Eparchial Directors of Religious Education has supplied a poster to accompany this observance. As well, there are prayers and bulletin or pulpit announcements available for catechetical coordinators to distribute to the parishes if a formal ceremony is planned to inaugurate the school year. There are also certificates for students and teachers.

The poster for this year reminds us that our connection with Christ also connects us to others who believe in Him—no matter their method or manner of approach we employ to worship Him.

The Church in America is greatly enhanced by the varied ways it expresses the Catholic Faith. The presence of large numbers of Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States is a testimony to the catholic nature of the Body of Christ that is also one, holy and apostolic.

Whatever our Tradition, whatever our ritual family background, we learn that Christ is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow. Whether we are Armenian, Byzantine, or Syriac of whatever particular Church, we have the fullness of the Gospel to lead us.

Close attention to the poster can help us see that Christ is the main entity of the Church. He is alive in each—a fact accentuated by the use of the color green, so often associated with abundant life. He is in the midst of all of us—shown by the inclusion of the names of the Eastern family of Churches to which we belong. Our importance is faint in relationship to His fullness. He overshadows our every activity—as His image hovers over a few of the ways we come to be gathered together “in His Name.”

It may be in a church—or in a procession on the way—at a concert of hymns of praise to Him. We can show our enlightened state in a bright surrounding—or express a sense of awaiting the Second Coming in a subdued atmosphere of a candle-lit sanctuary.

He can be met—and served at the Holy Table; studied in a formal setting; experienced in a casual, social atmosphere. We find him where we live, how we live.

“Catechetical Sunday” is not just for formally-conducted classroom instruction—but a chance for us to realize that every time we come together, whether at the parish church for a Divine Liturgy, or even just sitting around enjoying the company of other Christs (other Christians) we are in His presence—and He is in our midst. We keep Him alive for ourselves and for others.

The poster has no date—it may be left up indefinitely as a reminder that “catechism” is not for a limited time or place, but for every day of our life.

For more information on Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States see <http://www.eced-eca.org> or call your Eparchial Religious Education Office.



For where two or three are gathered together in My Name,



**there am I
in the midst of them**

MT 18:20

**Alive In the Traditions of the Armenian, Byzantine and Syriac
Catholic Churches of America**

ECED 2011

Summertime Support for School Choice

by AB_Hill

School is out and the state legislature has recessed for the summer, but school choice is still being debated all over Pennsylvania. There are two great ways advocates can keep this issue alive over the summer:

1. Visit your state legislators in their district offices
Summer is a good time to reach legislators in their home district offices. You can look up their local contact information

by logging into the [PA Catholic Advocacy Network](#). Or you use the PCC's [easy website tool](#) to send an e-mail message. Forward the message to friends, family and neighbors. A strong show of grassroots support will reinforce the need to waste no more time passing school choice when the legislature returns to session in September.

2. Show your support by attending a public hearing
As legislators prepare to

vote on school choice legislation when they return in the fall, committees in both the House and Senate are holding hearings. The legislators will be hearing official testimony from both supporters and opponents of school choice, but a strong presence of supporters in the audience will make a big impact. If your schedule allows, all are welcome to attend these hearings. Bring your children or grandchildren; wear your school's colors or a button that shows

your support; make a sign that says "School Choice Now" or another encouraging message. Many Catholic schools and parishes have a supply of school choice signs. Check with your principal or pastor to see if signs are available.

PCC will post more information when it becomes available at <http://www.pacatholic.org> and on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP

Professor Joseph Roll will be offering a Liturgical Music workshop on the *Good Friday Vespers and Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*

November 18, 19, 20, 2011 at the *Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center* in Philadelphia.

Cost for the workshop is \$150.00 which includes meals, books, and classes.

To register please contact Fr. Daniel Troyan at 215-922-2917 ; or email the information to dan.troyan@yahoo.com or complete the registration form below and mail it to:

Archbishops Chancery 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123

NAME _____ Date _____

Address _____

Parish _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Discounted overnight accommodations are available at the Ortynsky Center, but rooms are limited so please reserve them early.

DEADLINE FOR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION IS November 9, 2011

All checks should be made payable to : *Archeparchy of Philadelphia: Music Workshop.*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

October 23, 2011
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, PA



**We invite all our married faithful to join with our
Archbishop-Metropolitan + Stefan
at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral
on October 23, 2011
for the celebration of their Wedding Anniversaries
at a Divine Liturgy at 11:00AM
followed by a Banquet in their honor
in the Cathedral Hall.**

Registration Form:

Husbands Name _____

Wife's Name _____

Address _____

Parish _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Years Married _____

Number of Guests _____ *Deadline for Registration October 9, 2011*

Cost: \$30.00 per Anniversary Couple \$20.00 Per Guest

Mail to: Office for Evangelization 827 N Franklin Street Philadelphia PA19123

Make checks payable to *Archeparchy of Philadelphia.*

Patriarch Sviatoslav Installs Apostolic Exarch for Greek Catholic Ukrainians in Great Britain



The installation of the fifth Apostolic Exarch for Greek Catholic Ukrainians of Great Britain, Bishop Hlib (Lonchyna), was administered on August 2 before the hierarchical Divine Service in the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Exile in London, ZIK reported with reference to the press service of the Apostolic Exarch in Great Britain.

The events were attended by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Antonio Mennini, Bishop Mykhail (Hrynchyshyn), Apostolic Exarch in France, Benelux and Switzerland and Fr. Petro (Kryk), Exarch in Germany and Skandinavia, six Roman Catholic bishops, Fr. Archimandrite Serhii Keleger, who provides pastoral care for Ukrainians in Ireland, President of the Society of John Chrysostom, John Salter, Orthodox priests, Fr. Bohdan Matviichuk and Fr. Yevhen Stasiuk and numerous faithful of the cathedral parish and representatives of public organizations.

During the end of the Divine Service, the head of UGCC opened and consecrated a marble table commemorating those who perished for the freedom of Ukraine which was installed by members of the Association of Former Ukrainian Fighters in Great Britain. "The visitation of the Ukrainian people of God in Great Britain were for the newly elected head of UGCC an opportunity to see for himself the life of our faithful and clergymen, strengthen them in their faith and let them feel the care of the mother-Church in Ukraine for its children in diaspora," said in conclusion Bishop Hlib.

During the following three days, Patriarch Sviatoslav visited Ukrainian Greek Catholic parishes in Gloucester, Bradford, Oldham, Rochdale, Manchester and Nottingham and the Plast and SUM (Association of Ukrainian Youth) camps in Wales. The head of UGCC ended his visit with a Divine Liturgy on 7 August in the cathedral in London, where he called the faithful to give generously even the smallest force to God so that the Lord may multiply it as He once multiplied the bread in the desert.

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Sviatoslav, was on a pastoral trip to Great Britain from August 1 to 8. <http://risu.org.ua>

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has new bishop

On July 23, 2011, it was announced that Pope Benedict XVI accepted the canonical choice of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) to appoint Fr. Dmytro Hryhorak, Apostolic Administrator ad nutum Sanctae Sedis of the Buchach Eparchy of the UGCC, as the bishop of Buchach.

According to the Information Department of the UGCC, Fr. Dmytro Hryhorak was born on January 1, 1956, in Ivano-Frankivsk. From 1963 to 1973 he earned a high school education in Ivano-Frankivsk. In 1973 he joined the Ivano-Frankovsk Institute of Oil and Gas. He graduated in 1978 with a degree in engineering. He worked at various factories in Ivano-Frankivsk as a design engineer.

On October 14, 1989, he officially entered the Order of St. Basil the Great. He was a novitiate in Hoshevi and Krekhiv in 1990-1991, and in 1997 he made vows for life.

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From 1991 to 1996 he studied at the Basilian Fathers Seminary and graduated from the Ivano-Frankivsk Theological and Spiritual Catechetical Institute. He completed his theological studies with a master's in ecclesiology from the Lublin Catholic University in Poland.

He was ordained a deacon on September 21, 1992, and a priest on October 25 of the same year.

Starting from 1992, he performed a variety of pastoral services in Ivano-Frankivsk and the Volyn region.

Subsequently he was appointed abbot of the monastery and parish church of St. Basil the Great in Lutsk. He initiated the construction of a monastery and church. At the same time he served as spiritual director of the organization UMH. He organized ecumenical interfaith prayer. He was the spiritual inspiration of the NGO Movement for Life. He built up the spiritual life and ministry of the UGCC in Volyn.

On July 28, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Fr. Dmytro Hryhorak as Apostolic Administrator ad nutum Sanctae Sedis of the Buchach Eparchy.

On July 23, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI confirmed the choice of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to appointment of Fr. Dmitry Hryhorak as bishop of the Buchach Eparchy.

In addition to Ukrainian, Bishop Dmitro speaks Russian and Polish, as well as Italian, English, German, Old Slavonic and Greek. <http://risu.org.ua>

Ukrainian Greek Catholics Celebrate Anniversary of Baptism of Rus

On 31 July, at the Patriarchal Cathedral of Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv, a hierarchical liturgy was celebrated on occasion of the 1023rd anniversary of baptism of Rus-Ukraine.



The hierarchical liturgy was led by the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk in concelebration with Bishop Yosyf (Milian) and priests providing pastoral care for Ukrainians in Russia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal...

"On this Sunday, we would like to celebrate the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine. We wish to experience again the event when our Prince Volodymyr Equal to the Apostles sought the true God. On the eve of his baptism he became blind but at the moment of baptism, he saw the true light, the Christ. After that, he enlightened our whole nation with that light of Christ's Gospel. We continue to glorify the great prince even today as we were able to see the action of God in the history of our nation through him."

In the end of the celebratory events, the patriarch consecrated the water in the river Dnieper and sprinkled it on the faithful. So reported the Information Department of UGCC. <http://risu.org.ua>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

August 19-21, 2011: Homecoming Picnic, St. Mary's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, McAdoo, PA

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

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

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

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

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

October 15, 2011: Grand Rededication Ceremony at Ascension Manor, 911 N. Franklin St, Philadelphia, PA. For information please call 215-922-1116.

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

November 13, 2011: Pastoral Visit by His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk. Divine Liturgy will be held at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.

Date Change

The Grand Rededication Ceremony at Ascension Manor has been changed to October 15, 2011.

Ascension Manor is a senior citizen apartment complex under the direction of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

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