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Patriarchal Council of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Held in Brazil

In the Brazilian city of Prudentópolis, on 31 August-4 September, the 5th session of the Patriarchal Council of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is held. According to church law, a council is an assembly of all the bishops, representatives of the clergy, monks, nuns and laymen of the church and is convened every five years.

The previous Patriarchal Council of the UGCC was dedicated to the youth in the church of the third millennium. This year, the theme of the session is consecrated life and its motto is a passage from the Gospel of Matthew: "You are the



light of the world, you are the salt of the earth." (Mt. 5, 13-14).

According to Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), the goal of this session is to ponder on the present monastic life of UGCC and on what it should be like and what the church today expects of religious persons.

According to radiovaticana.org, representatives of all the

eparchies and exarchates of the UGCC headed by their local hierarchs, superiors, delegates from monastic communities, orders and associations of laymen together with the faithful of Prudentópolis on 31 August met the head of UGCC, Patriarch Sviatoslav.

The session of the council began with a prayer in the Church of St. Yosafat and it was

officially opened in the Monastery of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Bishop Bohdan (Dziurakh), the Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, read out the Decree on the opening of the session. Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) addressed the participants stressing that the council is

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a god opportunity to exchange experience and concentrate on the vocation to religious life as well as to thank all those

fathers, monks and nuns who relentlessly worked for the development of the UGCC in Brazil during the last century.

Bishop Volodymyr Kovbych, the Eparch of Curitiba called the council an excellent opportunity to get to know the Brazilian

land and its dynamic Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

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Greek Catholic Council Discusses Role of Consecrated Life in Culture, Education and Life of lay People

Representatives of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) from thirty archeparchies, eparchies and church centers in America, Europe, Asia and Australia participate in the 5th session of the Patriarchal Council on consecrated life in the UGCC in the Brazilian city of Prudentopolis, in the former novitiate chapel of sister-servants.

According to the Information Department of the UGCC, during the four days of the council the participants will ponder on ways to create necessary conditions for the development of vocations to consecrated life. Six reports and fifteen joint reports will be made.

The first day dealt with the traditional monastic life, monasticism in the history and tradition of UGCC, identity of

consecrated persons in Ukraine. Special attention was paid to the charisma of the founders of consecrated communities in UGCC, Eastern branches of the Western orders and associations of the UGCC and communities of consecrated laymen in the UGCC.

On September 2, the participants of the council will ponder on what the church expects from consecrated persons in the modern world. Joint reports will deal with what laymen expect from consecrated persons, the role of consecrated life in culture and education and ministry of consecrated people in schools. The practical experience of the missionary work will be presented with the use of the example of the activity of consecrated persons in Brazil. Specificities of evangelization and



catechization in Brazil and social ministry will be considered.

The meetings of the third day will deal with education of consecrated persons. The main reports will be dedicated to the role and place of the prayer and intellectual education in the life of consecrated persons.

The speakers will concentrate on the role of family, youth organizations and parish communities in

fostering vocations to consecrated life.

The Patriarchal Council on consecrated life of the UGCC will end on September 4 with a liturgy. After that, the Greek Catholic bishops will move to the town of Curitiba where sessions of the Synod of Bishops will be held until September 10.

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On the second working day of the V session of the UGCC Patriarchal Sobor

On 2 September 2011 the delegates of the V session of the Patriarchal Sobor, which is being held in Prudentopolis, Brazil, reflected on the mission of religious people. The Major Archbishop of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, read out the first presentation of the second working day, "What the Church expects of religious people in modern world", prepared by His Beatitude Lubomyr (Husar).



The Major Archbishop-retired noted that "for the Church to live, grow up and serve its people, it needs foremost people with moral authority. And actually religious people should be such people in our religious community as an encouragement to truly Christian way of life". He also underlined that "moral authority is not an honorary title, but a result of a very persistent and consistent toil on ourselves". The spiritual leader of the UGCC paid his attention also to the issue of decrease in number of vocations. He noted that in some parts of our Church this problem is particularly acute, because "we lack live examples of religious life, which, similar to magnet, would attract faithful to our monasteries, orders, congregations and institutes".

Ms. Eugenia Osatchuk in her co-presentation on the expectations of lay people from religious people stressed out that religious people should be "an example of life, people of prayer enlightened by the light of Christ's Gospel" in order to encourage lay people to a better life.

Rev. Borys Gudziak, Rector of the UCU, in his co-presentation encouraged religious people to a more active involvement in the field of culture and education. He presented some data on Catholic universities and the role of religious people in their establishment. Sister Lydia Sawka, OSBM, talked on the ministry of religious people in schooling.

In the afternoon session, Rev. Mario Maryniuk, OSBM, presented to the Sobor delegates an experience of missionary work of religious people in Brazil. The first co-presenter, Most Rev. Danyil (Kozlinskyi), Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of the Protection of God's Mother in Argentina, indicated the mission of religious people in serving one's neighbour and in building up God's Kingdom through ministry which is a sign of charity. Next co-presenters (Ms. Maria Magdalena Loza, Sister Beatrice Oribko and Sister Mavrykia Hajovyach, SSMI) talked on "Social ministry".



The focal point of the assembly's meeting is a daily Divine Liturgy which unites in a visible way around Christ all the members of the Patriarchal Sobor from different countries and continents.

On 2 September the Divine Liturgy was presided at by Archbishop-Metropolitan of Philadelphia, Stefan Soroka.

Secretariat of the V session of the Patriarchal Sobor

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Patriarchal Council of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Closed

During the session of the Patriarchal Council of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church held in the Brazilian town of Prudentópolis, the head of UGCC, Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), made a report on September 3. The hierarch stressed the role and place of intellectual education in the life of consecrated persons, the Information Department of the UGCC reported.

The participants of the council passed a resolution in the form of an address to the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC and a letter to consecrated persons of the UGCC. In his closing word, Patriarch Sviatoslav thanked those who prepared the council and participated in it, and said that 32 bishops, 24 eparchial priests, 28 lay people, 40 monastics and 50 visitors attended the council, which, according to the head of the UGCC, is an indication of the unity of the church which is rich in various gifts.

Patriarch Sviatoslav highly appreciated the work of consecrated persons during the council of the monastics held in the previous years. This work resulted in a concluding document of the first session of the Council of the Monastics of the UGCC entitled “Transformation in the Lord” – “Identity of the monastics in the vocation and service to UGCC” of 2008. In conclusion, the head of the UGCC declared that document official and obligatory for all members of the UGCC.

On September 4, 2011, the closing ceremony of the 5th session of the Patriarchal Council of UGCC was held. The head of UGCC led a liturgy attended by 32 bishops of UGCC, numerous priests, monastics and a large number of the faithful from Prudentópolis and its suburbs.

In the end of the liturgy, a decree of the head of the UGCC was read out and the Synod of Bishops was officially closed. Patriarch Sviatoslav presented letters of gratitude to all those who contributed the most to the preparation of the Patriarchal Council.

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HIS BEATITUDE, KYR SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA



During the weekend of November 12th-13th, 2011, His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav will be making a pastoral visit to the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. This will be his second visit to the United States since he will have attended the celebration in Chicago for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Eparchy of St. Nicholas.

On Saturday, November 12th, he will visit the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, PA to meet with groups and children from Ridna Shkola, PLAST and SUM. He will also visit the St. Sophia Association.

On Sunday, November 13th, a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 2:30PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with the clergy and faithful of the Archeparchy.

Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, a reception will be held at the Liberty View Ballroom in the Independence Visitor Center (6th and Market Streets). The reception will be from 6:00PM-9:00PM. The cost for the reception is \$100.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased from the Archeparchy of Philadelphia by mail or through PayPal© on the Archeparchy of Philadelphia website. Round-trip transportation by trolley from the Cathedral to the Independence Center will be provided during that time.

A special collection will be taken in all of the parishes before this weekend. All proceeds will be given to His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav for the completion of Resurrection Cathedral in Kyiv. Envelopes will be distributed to the parishes in the near future.

After this weekend, His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav will travel to Washington, DC to visit St. Josaphat Seminary, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops the State Department, and the Ukrainian Embassy. The final leg of his visit will be in New York City to attend the Holodomor Commemoration, St. George Church and Fordham University.



Synod of Bishops of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Opened in Brazil

In the city of Curitiba, Brazil, on September 5, 2011, the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was opened. The opening ceremony was held on September 4 at the closing session of the 5th Patriarchal Council of the UGCC in Prudentopolis, the Information Department of UGCC reported.

The synod, which is led by Patriarch Sviatoslav, is attended by UGCC bishops from Ukraine and other countries (western Europe, USA, Canada, Brazil, Argentine, and Australia). It is the first synod led by Patriarch Sviatoslav.



The synod began with a prayer service led by Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of UGCC, Bishop Bohdan (Dziurakh). In the end of the service, the bishops took their oath.

According to the head of the UGCC, at this synod the bishops are to spend most of the time formulating a strategy to develop the UGCC till 2020.

The main moment of the first day of the sessions was the program report of the head of the church presenting an analysis of the current state of the UGCC and outlining priorities for the nearest future. According to Patriarch Sviatoslav, the "main objectives of the church are to preach the Word of God and provide quality pastoral care to the faithful. Our structural reforms, development of new exarchates, eparchies and even the patriarchal system should be directed exactly towards that purpose."

The head of the UGCC expressed his conviction that the clergy and monastics will play the most important part in achieving this goal and shared his thoughts as to ensuring appropriate training for work in evangelization. In the end the hierarch noted internal and external threats, which can make it more difficult for the church to achieve its goals and called the members of the synod to cooperate in fulfilling "God's plan for our church."

On the same day, the members of the synod heard reports on the activity of the Patriarchal Curia, committees and departments of the patriarchal level and reports of the synodal committees. This year detailed reports were made by the Committee on Matters of Laity, the Committee on Matters of Youth, the Committee on Social Justice and Charitable Activity.

The Synod of Bishops of the UGCC will end on September 11.

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More articles about the Synod will appear in the next issue of "The Way."



Image of Christ within the Icon of the Dormition of the Theotokos, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ

The Power of a Smile

Many have heard that it takes less muscles and less effort to smile than it does to frown. While this saying has been debated quite often among scientists, one thing is clear – a smile has a lot of power. A smile at the right time often dissolves away tension, makes one feel comfortable, or communicates a deep sense of gratitude and satisfaction. One could go so far as to say that a smile indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit, for it communicates the reception of the gift of unconditional love.

One unique thing about the priesthood, and about living one's life as a Christian is the two-way effect of a smile. When visiting someone who is suffering from sickness and great pain, perhaps even on the point of death, a smile and prayer from a visitor goes a long way in promoting spiritual healing. And seeing a smile on that suffering person's face, after having given them the Mysteries of Anointing, Confession, and Eucharist – that cannot but touch a priest who brings the healing Word of God with them (it often deeply touches anyone else who is there, be it medical staff, family, or even laity who simply visit the sick and shut-ins to see how they are doing). The joy and grace of God is truly there, for the gift of unconditional love shared between the priest and his flock, especially a member who is lost or is alone and suffering is a reflection, or an icon if you will, of God's unconditional love for us all. May God grant you also the grace to share in this unconditional love by praying for our priests, deacons and religious!

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:

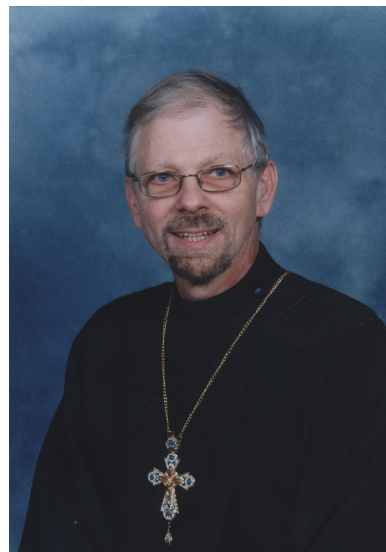
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Come and Get to Know Your Clergy And Religious Men and Women!



Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Gurovich

Pastor, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church,
Bethlehem, PA

Ukrainian Catholic Patriarchal Commission for priestly formation meets in Ivia, Brazil



Ivia, Brazil, 27-30 August 2011: The Patriarchal Commission for priestly formation held a meeting under the leadership of Most Rev. Ken Nowakowski, eparch of New Westminster, Canada. The commission members includes rectors and formators of Ukrainian Catholic seminaries and houses of priestly formation from Ukraine, Italy, Germany, USA, Canada and Brazil.

The Commission worked on drafting a document on fostering vocations to the priesthood to be presented to the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops at their annual meeting, this year to be held in Curitiba, Brazil. Currently there are more than 600 men studying in Ukrainian Catholic seminaries and houses of formation throughout the world.

The Commission members were welcomed to Brazil by Bishop Volodymyr Koubetch, eparch of Curitiba, Brazil. Also joining the Commission meetings were Bishop Paul Chomnycky, eparch of Stamford, USA and Bishop Myron Mazur, auxiliary bishop in Brazil. Mr. Andriy Waskowycz, president of Caritas Ukraine presented a talk on the role of social service in ordained ministry.

The Commission members held their meetings at the Basilian Father's novitiate in Ivai. During their stay in Ivai the Commission members celebrated Divine Liturgy at the local Ukrainian Catholic parish, and also visited the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate's novitiate also located in Ivai.

Upon the close of the Commission meeting, the members traveled to Prudentopolis, to take part in the V session of the Patriarchal Sobor on Monastic, Religious and Consecrated Life. The Commission will hold its next meeting in the spring of 2012 in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church 26th Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 25, 2011

12 noon – 8 p.m.

Sponsored by

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Admission: \$2.50 per person

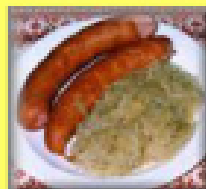
*Ukrainian Food
and Beverages,
Live Music, Vendors,
50/50 Drawing.
Ukrainian Dancers will perform.*



*Holubtsi
(Stuffed Cabbage)*



*Borsch
(Beet Vegetable Soup)*



*Kovbasa (Sausage)
and Sauerkraut*



*Varenyky-Pierogies
(Dumplings)*

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World Youth Day 2011



DEPARTURE DAY

On Sunday, August 14, a group of Pilgrims set out from Pittsburgh to journey to World Youth Day 2011, which was held in Madrid, Spain. The group was led by Sr. Ann Laszok. Accompanying Sr. Ann from the Eparchy of St. Josaphat's was Cole Bury, Allison and Nicole Cross, Joseph Levy, Anna and Christine Patoray, Phillip and Stephanie Russick and Roger Turocy. Providing spiritual leadership was Fr. Jim Kerapin of the Eparchy of St. Nicholas.

After Liturgy at SS. Peter and Paul in Ambridge, the group had lunch in the Church Hall and held their final meeting. They then headed to Greater Pittsburgh International airport where the excitement was clearly growing. They were laughing, joking, hugging. The joy was so amazing that it was clear that they had failed to notice on the departure board that their flight was now cancelled. Weather had been wreaking havoc with the New York area.

A stunned quiet set in. Sr. Ann and others discussed the situational with the airline who had devised a plan to have the group come back the next day to try again! The problem, they said, was that the connecting flight to Madrid would still leave on time, but there was no way to get the group to Newark in time to catch it.

We realized that we might now miss the first day of WYD. But Sr. Ann was persistent. The airline was asked to explore other options. We provided various scenarios which certainly tried the agent's patience as the counter line grew longer and longer, but they still explored each one. Suddenly, it was confirmed that another flight was running very late and it now had eight open seats. As the discussion continued, a ninth seat opened. The decision was made to grab the nine seats and get Sr. Ann and eight young adults to Madrid on time. Fr. Jim and Joe Levy would have to wait. They took the news well and were very supportive. God bless these fine men!

As the nine were being checked in, something amazing happened. At the kiosk next to us, two gentlemen were stunned to find that their connector from Newark to North Carolina was cancelled. They didn't want to be stuck in Newark and asked for rebooking. Our agent, Jason, heard a glimpse of the conversation. He asked the other agent to confirm what flight they just gave up. **Yes, it was two seats on our new flight.** He grabbed the seats and booked them. Fr. Jim and Sr. Ann were the final two through the line. Jason looked up at them and said, "Wow, God was really looking out for you". Indeed he was.

About 11:00 PM the group boarded their Newark flight for Madrid. Departure day was over. And God had already touched them. They should arrive in Madrid around noon where their journey with God continues. Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Photo caption: Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM and participants.

World Youth Day 2011

On August 14, 2011, eleven pilgrims set out on a pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain to join thousands of other young people in celebrating their faith with the Pope: Allison and Nicole Cross, Roger Turocy (Ss. Peter & Paul Church, Ambridge, PA), Anna and Christine Patoray, (Holy Trinity Church, Youngstown, OH), Cole Bury, (St. Anne's Church, Austintown, OH), Philip and Stephanie Russick, (Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Ford City, PA), Joseph Levy, (St. John the Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA) along with Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM, Eparchy of St. Josaphat and Fr. James Karepin, OP, Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago.

The trip got off to a bumpy start with a cancellation due to storms in Newark, NJ and then turbulence on the delayed rescheduled flight. Excitement in exploring a whole new city, learning the subway system, and meeting other Ukrainian Catholic young people from Canada, the United States and Ukraine characterized the whole week. Daily catechesis led by our Canadian counterparts in English was thought provoking. Bishop Bryan's homilies were enlightening and inclusive at the Liturgies as well at the catechesis.



Challenges in maneuvering through the massive crowds for various events, meals and travel from place to place, etc. were faced with patience and good humor. Disappointments in not being able to visit the vocation site, the Prado or the Mozarabic Liturgy (an ancient Spanish rite prior to the Roman rite) because of humongous lines were turned into opportunities to happen upon Mother Theresa's exhibit, the Cathedral of St Isadore (patron saint of Madrid), and the Church of Santa Cruz and the red carpet walk. The highlight of the week was seeing Pope Benedict XVI up close (after 6 S hours of waiting in the heat) as he passed by in his motorcar. Celebrating Liturgy with him after a seven mile walk and an overnight vigil that was initially blessed by a lightening storm passing through was unforgettable.



Because of the prayers and support of many we left behind, the Lord was with us constantly; in the helpfulness of the locals who gave us good directions, in sharing water in time of need; in keeping everyone safe in the sea of humanity and the love and care we had for each other. We experienced Christ in others as well as each other. Divine Liturgy with Fr. Kerapin at the hotel helped us reflect on each other's gifts. Respect, love and mutual concern dominated the week's pilgrimage.

An invitation to a dinner of borscht and perohi by a Ukrainian family working in Spain capped the week with a feast.

Bottom Photo: Eparchy of St Josaphat pilgrims pose with Bishops Brian from Saskatoon, Bishop Josef from Kiev and Bishop Dionysius of Ternopil (Article submitted by: Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM)



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" A PLACE OF PRAYER, HOSPITALITY, AND RENEWAL"

No: 450-2011 EVAN

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Evangelization Office for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia is beginning it's fall workshops at the Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center, located at 830 N Franklin Street in Philadelphia, adjacent to our Cathedral. The workshops are free and will begin at 10:00AM until 4:30PM. They will consist of :

Prayer:

Matins & Vespers, plus opportunity for personal prayer and quiet meditation in our on-site chapel.

Theme or Topic for the Day:

The topics will be presented in two 45 minute presentations with the opportunity for reflection and questions/answers.

Snack : A snack will be provided at lunch time. You may bring a bagged lunch if you choose. If you would like to make the day a time also of fasting you may use the time for that purpose as well.

We have found a great need and request for instruction and opportunity for discussion among our educators, our parishioners and our friends . We hope this begins to address some of the issues and topics of our times and assists all of us in our growth towards God.

Anyone wishing to register may call the BOSC phone number: 215-922-2917. The workshops are open to all ages : young and old, all Religious denominations, so feel free to bring a friend, or invite your neighbor.

We look forward to sharing these days with you and growing in the image of our Lord.

There are many times we need to take a "Personal Day" at work.. It's ok to take a Personal Day..of Prayer.. Find out how rejuvenating and energizing a day for yourself can be.. Come join us!

To you God's Grace and Peace!

Fr. Dan Troyan : Director for Evangelization



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" A PLACE OF PRAYER, HOSPITALITY, AND RENEWAL"

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FALL 2011



SEPTEMBER 24, 2011: Personal Day.. of Prayer

Jesus the Bread of Life: Explore the history and hands-on approach to baking prosphora.

Practice it in your parishes as a means of evangelization.



OCTOBER 15, 2011: Personal Day...of Prayer

Eastern Monasticism: A History and overview of the call to holiness in a consecrated life in the Ukrainian Catholic church.



November 19, 2011: Personal Day..of Prayer

Addictions & Spirituality:

Freedom from Bondage of self. Explore the reality of addictions: alcohol, drugs, sex, gambling, food through personal testimony & Biblical references.



December 3, 2011: Personal Day...Of Prayer

FASTING in the Ukrainian Catholic church:

Explore an age old remedy for Spiritual growth and preparation for divinization through Christ.

Centralia, Pa. Parishioners Celebrate 100th anniversary

(from material by Rob Wheary, staff writer of the Shamokin News Item published August 29, 2011)

CENTRALIA, PA - Nestled on a hill overlooking the once-thriving town of Centralia, a small church was overflowing with worshipers Sunday afternoon, August 28 as they gathered in prayer to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church.

A Divine Liturgy was celebrated to observe the centennial of the parish on its patronal feast day, that commemorates the church tradition that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, was miraculously taken to heaven after her death, body and soul.

The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and former pastors and deanery clergy were the celebrants at the Divine Liturgy in the church filled with present parishioners and former members who returned home to Centralia for the special centennial celebration.

Archbishop Soroka was the homilist, and told the

congregation "the main thing is that I want you to hear beyond the words. This church is standing after 100 years, despite the mine fire and the town leaving, to deliver a message to the world: We are to be like your namesake, the Mother of God, to be servants to others."

The archbishop praised the members for remaining faithful with their church, some traveling several miles from other communities to attend the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and holy days.

"After 100 years, you are all doing the work the founders of the church wanted to do as well, you are giving service to others, coming together in hard times and good."

He then blessed the church and offered his best wishes for the next 100 years.

"May this anniversary celebration serve as a revitalization of this church once again, bringing all of the generations together," Soroka said.

Even the inclement weather could not put a damper on the spirits of those in attendance, but it



The congregation and guests at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Centralia take part in 100th anniversary. (Photo: Rob Wheary)

did cause a change in plans, according to the church's pastor, the Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko.

"Today we have many guests from across the country and one uninvited one – and that uninvited guest is named Irene," Hutsko said.

The winds of the storm caused part of a tent set up on the church grounds to collapse. .

As a result, the parishioners and guests enjoyed the light refreshments and beverages prior to dinner in Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

in Mount Carmel, where Hutsko also serves as pastor.

The formal Centennial Jubilee Dinner, attended by 240 guests, followed in Masser's Banquet Hall, Paxinos.

According to the church history, following the establishment of parishes in Shamokin, Minersville, Mount Carmel and Marion Heights, the Ukrainian Greek Catholics in Centralia decided that they too would like to have their own church. On Aug. 15,

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Centralia, Pa. Parishioners Celebrate 100th anniversary

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1911, the Feast of the Assumption, a committee decided to form their own parish and build their own church in Centralia, Pa.

After parishioners contributed money, the committee found a lot of land north of Centralia, in Conyngham Township. The foundation was dug by the parishioners. Construction was completed in 1912 and the charter was obtained on Jan. 12, 1912. The new church was formally blessed by the diocesan officials in 1916.

Former pastors of the church include their first resident pastor, Rev. Kyrylo Perizok, Rev. Jeremiah Onuferko from 1954 to 1956 and the

Rev. John Chervinsky from 1959-1982.

After the Rev. Edward Levandusky served the parish from 1982 to 1987, the practice of the pastor serving both Assumption and Saints Peter and Paul Church in Mount Carmel was revived. The Rev. David Chabin was the first to do so, followed by Rev. Daniel Troyan in 1988.

Other recent pastors to serve Assumption were Revs. Bohdan Kudleychuk, Vitaliy Demyanets, Mark Fesniak and Stepan Bilyk, before the current pastor, the Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko.

With the out migration of young people from the area and the forced



Standing on a hillside overlooking Centralia, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrated its 100th anniversary with a special Feast Day Divine Liturgy on Sunday, August 28, 2011, the Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) on the Julian calendar. (Photo: Rob Wheary)

relocation of the residents of Centralia because of the mine fire (2010 U.S. Census population 10), the

church membership is now 40 parishioners, with most of them now in the golden years of their lives.

LUC Meeting

Sunday, September 25, 2011

North Anthracite Council – League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 635 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Moleben at 2:00pm with General Session and Social to follow. New members warmly welcomed. For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354.

“Archeparchy of Philadelphia” Facebook Page

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia has created a Facebook Page. Look for us under **“Archeparchy of Philadelphia”**

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Слава Ісусу Христу!
Dear Reverend Father!

This year we will celebrate the "Day of the Catechist" on September 25. On that day we should turn all our attention to the people who perform catechetical service in the parishes. They are our helpers in proclaiming the Word of God, and in the religious upbringing of our children and young people. Truly these people deserve our attention and support. If there is a Catechist in your parish, then I ask you to organize (together with he or she) a festive celebration of the "Day of the Catechist".

As in previous years, I propose that the celebration include several main points:

1. Celebration of the Holy Liturgy in the presence of all parishioners, of the catechists, of young people and children. The public event will raise the catechist's image in the parish and will give them a special status, that of a Teacher of Religion. At the Holy Liturgy please offer a special

supplication for the Catechist:

"We also pray for all our Catechists, so that the Lord God might send down the Holy Spirit upon them, enlighten them with knowledge, and become their guide. That, enriched with Lord's Gifts, they be able to guide our youth and serve fervently in Christ's vineyard, Lord hear us and have mercy".

2. After the Holy Liturgy, there should be a Blessing Prayer for the Catechist before the Tetrapod. Greet them and wish many years of service for the parish. A gift could be offered, a good book or an Icon.

"O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God: You revealed fishermen as wise teachers, and commanded them to make disciples of all nations. Look upon these catechists who offer themselves in service to You and Your holy Church. Bless them, enlighten their minds, and help them to proclaim Your word in their daily lives. Let their faith and love radiate throughout our community, so that all who know them might desire to glorify our Father in heaven. Help

them vanquish all fear. Empower them to overcome all fatigue. Fill them with love for their students and drive from their classrooms every wile of the evil one. May their lessons be filled with Your wisdom, so that all who hear them might be saved and come to the knowledge of truth, For You are the Wisdom of God, O Christ our Lord, and we render glory to You, together with Your Father and Your enlightening Spirit, now and always, and for ever and ever. Amen."

3. It would be beneficial to organize a "coffee and cake" following the service. This will enable the Catechist to converse with the Parents of children that they teach, and with parishioners, who could also greet them personally.

4. Several Sundays before the celebration of the "day of the Catechist" you should prepare and say a few didactic sermons about the catechetical service in the Church. This will prepare the faithful, and will serve as a kind of advertisement for the coming event.

5. I ask you, Dear Father, to place a timely, brief notice about this Day in the parish Bulletin and on the bulletin board.

If your parish does not have a Catechist, then nonetheless I ask you say a sermon on September 25, about the catechetical service and Catechists, so that the faithful be aware of these things. If this year a new Catechist will begin work in your parish, then I ask that you inform me about this, so that our Archeparchial Office of Religious Education can give them a "Certificate of Catechetical Service".

I wish you all the best and thank you for your cooperation!

Fr. Volodymyr Popyk

Director of Religious Education



Office of Religious Education
of Philadelphia Archeparchy

Glory be to Jesus Christ!
Reverend Father!

With the blessing of Metropolitan Stefan, the Office of Religious Education will hold a one-day Spiritual Renewal for Married Couples on the theme: "The Married Couple: Cornerstone of Religious Life of the Parish". This will take place on Saturday, October 22, in the Ortynsky Spirituality Center, at address: 820 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

The spiritual lectures will be presented by Fr. Paul Makar. Please announce this in your Church, publish it in the Bulletin, and personally encourage couples to participate. In particular please have those couples in mind which have problems in their married life, and which might benefit the most from the lectures of Father Paul. Please fill out the registration form and send it to the Office by October 11. Attendance and lunch are free of charge.

Schedule:

- 9.00 AM – 9.30 AM Registration.**
- 9.30 AM – 12.00 PM First lecture.**
- 12.00 PM – 1.00 PM Lunch.**
- 1.00 PM – 2.00 PM Second lecture.**
- 2.15 PM –Prayer for the Blessing of Married Couples.**

Registration form of those attending the Spiritual Renewal: "The Married Couple: Cornerstone of the Religious Life of the Parish".

Parish name and address:

First name, last name, and e-mail address of married couples:

- 1) _____**
 - 2) _____**
 - 3) _____**
 - 4) _____**
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Please return this by October 11.

**For additional information please telephone: 215-627-0143 ext.24 or by E-Mail: typyk2@yahoo.com
I sincerely thank you for your cooperation!**

Fr.Volodymyr Popyk
Director of the Office of Religious Education



***PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
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Dear Father:

Church of the Patronage of the Mother of God in Marion Heights, also referred to as St. Mary's in Keiser, Pennsylvania

**100th ANNIVERSARY
UPDATE**

Date: Sunday, October 9, 2011

Times: Divine Liturgy - 1:00 P.M.
(at the church in Marion Heights)

Banquet - 3:30 P.M.
(at Masser's Banquet Hall, Paxinos, PA)

Cost: \$25.00 per person; \$12.50 for children over 5
(call Doreen at 847-5307 or the rectory at 648-5932)

Deadline: September 20, 2011

Please place the above information in your parish bulletin. Complementary tickets were previously sent to all pastors. Please call the above to confirm your attendance and to secure any reservations from your parishioners.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important event for our parish.

Gratefully yours,
Doreen Kushner, Chair, Reverend Stepan
Bilyk Pastor and the 100th Anniversary
Committee



Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great Eightieth Annual Pilgrimage

**“RESPECTING THE PAST, CELEBRATING THE PRESENT,
WELCOMING THE FUTURE:
100 YEARS UNDER THE PROTECTION OF
THE MOTHER OF GOD (POKROV)”**

Sunday, October 2, 2011

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| 10 am - 11 am | Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) | <i>Monastery Grounds</i> |
| 11 am - 12:30 pm | Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bi-lingual)
Celebrant & Homilist: Archbishop Stefan Soroka
Concelebrants:
Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Bishop Basil Losten
Altar Servers:
Youth – St. Ann’s Church, Warrington, PA
Choir:
Annunciation BVM Church, Melrose, PA
Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
Liturgical Director:
Monsignor Peter Waslo | <i>Faculty House Auditorium</i> |
| 1 pm - 3:30 pm | Food Service | <i>Parking Lot Food Court</i> |
| 2 pm - 3:45 pm | Walking Tour (Self-guided):
“A Pilgrimage through the Buildings and
History of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great”
<i>Macrina Hall (Yellow House)</i>
<i>Basilian Motherhouse</i>
<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
<i>Grotto (Shrine of Our Lady of Pochayiv)</i> | |
| 3 pm - 3:45 pm | Special Presentation: “Three Miraculous Icons”
Speakers:
Very Rev. Ivan Demkiv (Ukrainian)
Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan (English) | <i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i> |
| 4 pm - 5 pm | Moleben / Mystery of Holy Anointing (Bi-lingual)
Celebrant: Archbishop Stefan Soroka
Homilist: Rev. Ihor Royik
Choir: St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church,
Jenkintown, PA | <i>Grotto</i> |
| 5 pm | Blessing of Cars and Buses | <i>Parking Lot</i> |



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SAVE THE DATE

Come join the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great
in celebrating 100 Years of Service in America!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

Philadelphia, PA

Divine Liturgy at 2pm;
Reception and Banquet following
(ticket required for Reception and Banquet)

More details available at www.stbasils.com. To receive an invitation,
call 215-379-3998 (extension 17) or email development@stbasils.com.

LEHIGH VALLEY FALL ADULT DISCUSSION PROGRAM

The Lehigh Valley Ukrainian parishes will be hosting a five session adult study and discussion program this Fall. The years offering is "An Introduction to Eastern Theology - Life and Worship: the Mystery of Christ Among us."

Five sessions will be offered at St. Josaphat Bethlehem on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM October 5, 12, 19, 26 and November 2.

The material will be repeated at Holy Ghost in West Easton on Thursday evenings at 7:00 October 6, 13, 20, 27 and November 3.

There is no charge and the study is open to all interested parties.

In order to have enough "hand-out" material on hand, please contact one of the two Father's below and inform them that you plan to attend.

If attending in Bethlehem contact Archpriest Dan Gurovich 610-865-2521.

If attending in West Easton, contact Fr. Petro Zvarych 610-252-4266.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross



As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief

priests answered. Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. (Jn. 19, 6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The feast of the elevation is in honor of the Cross of Christ. In remembrance of the suffering and death of Christ on the Cross, the day is one of strict fasting.

If the birth of the Holy Virgin is the anticipation of the mystery of the Incarnation, then the Cross announces the redemptive sacrifice of Christ. For this reason the feast is celebrated in the beginning of the Church calendar year (August 19/September 1st).

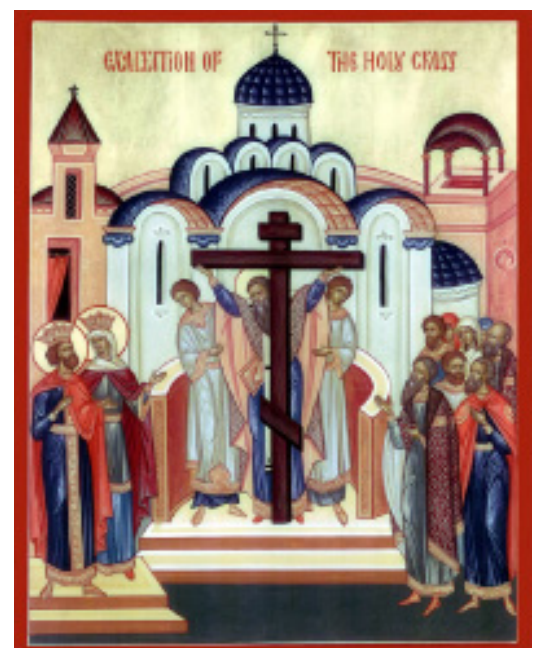
The sign of the cross - in Roman times an instrument of shameful death, after Golgotha it became the symbol of salvation and victory.

Through suffering to joy, through death to victory, through sacrificial giving to fulfillment of God's will - such is the way of the Redeemer of the world, such is the way of His followers. *"Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me"* (Mark 8:34). This is not just difficulties and suffering, which on their own do not become the Cross. *"To take up your cross"* is to reject your self, defeat love of self, learn to live for others, learn courage, patience, and to faithfully follow Christ.

The origin of this feast is found in the glorious reign of Constantine the Great (fourth century), who erected the church of the Resurrection on the sites where the Tomb and Golgotha were. This place had drawn Christian pilgrims from the very beginning of the existence of the Church. However, in the beginning of the second century, Emperor Hadrian, who was against both Judaism and Christianity, decided to destroy traces of both religions. He rebuilt and renamed Jerusalem, leveled Golgotha, filled in the Tomb and built a temple to Venus in its place. When the Emperor Constantine proclaimed Christianity a free religion, he, at the urging of his Christian mother, St. Helen, ordered the pagan temple to be destroyed and excavation on this holy site to be begun. Layer after layer was removed and all of a sudden in the depths of the earth, when all hope was gone, an empty space appeared and then the true and holy sign of our salvation. Writes a contemporary of the events, Eusebius: There in the ground three crosses were found - but the sign which had been placed on Christ's cross had fallen off, and it was impossible to decide which was His cross. Only after miracles occurred at one cross, such as the healing of a sick woman and the resurrection of one who was dead, did it become known which was the True Cross. Then crowds of people flocked to the place wishing to bow before the Life-giving Cross and started begging the Patriarch to raise it so all could see. The Patriarch stood on an elevated place and raised the Cross, and from this action comes the name for the feast.

On the site where the Cross was found, St. Helen built a church to the glory of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the True Cross was kept in it. The main part of the Life-giving Cross is even at present kept in Jerusalem, in the Greek church. The other parts of it were carried all over the Christian world.

The hymns to this feast speak of the Cross that is raised above the world as "the beauty of the Church," as "the confirmation of the believers." The Cross is the sign of God's love for man, the harbinger of the coming transfiguration of nature.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11, 2011: Members of Knights of Columbus will participate in the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA at 11am. The Divine Liturgy is in remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001.

September 24, 2011: Personal Day of Prayer, Jesus the Bread of Life. Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA, 215-922-2917.

September 25, 2011: Picnic at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, 217 President St, Passaic, NJ, 12 noon-8pm.

September 25, 2011: "Catechetical Sunday" for Catechists of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. For information please contact Fr. Volodymyr Popyk at 215-627-0143 or Ukrainian Catholic Priests.

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 9, 2011: 100th Anniversary of Patronage of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church (St. Mary's), Marion Heights, PA, 1:00pm. For information please call 570-648-5932.

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

October 15, 2011: Personal Day of Prayer, Eastern Monasticism. Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA, 215-922-2917.

October 22, 2011: The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education will host a day of spiritual renewal for married couples. The theme of this day is "The Married Couple: Cornerstone of the Religious Life of the Parish". The speaker is Rev. Paul J. Makar. Please register by Tuesday, October

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11, 2011. For information please contact Fr. Volodymyr Popyk at 215-627-0143 or Ukrainian Catholic Priests.

October 23, 2011: Wedding Anniversary Celebration at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA. Divine Liturgy at 11am followed by a Banquet. (Deadline for registration is October 9th.)

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.

November 18-20, 2011: Liturgical Music Workshop with Professor Joseph Roll at the Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA. For information contact Fr. Troyan at 215-922-2917.

November 19, 2011: Personal Day of Prayer, Addictions & Spirituality. Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA, 215-922-2917.

December 3, 2011: Personal Day of Prayer, Fasting in the Ukrainian Catholic church. Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA, 215-922-2917.

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