

## Date, Place and Theme of Next Synod of UGCC Announced

Members of the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) passed a decision to proclaim 2012 the year of Christian vocation with an emphasis on the vocation of the laity. By this decision the bishops also announced the main theme of the next Synod of Bishops of the UGCC – Laity. The synod will consider the activity of the laity in parish communities, the Information Department of the UGCC reported.

During a discussion on this subject, the synod fathers stressed the importance of laity realizing their joint responsibility for the condition of the church and its mission in the modern world. It is also about the more active involvement of laity in evangelization, supporting laymen in their efforts to develop their spiritual life. The Synod of Bishops asked the head



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of the church, Patriarch Sviatoslav, to address all the faithful of the UGCC with a special pastoral letter on the vocation of laity in the church.

The last day of the synod was used for editing the letters from the synod to various church and secular figures, in particular, Ukraine's president, Brazilian president, heads of Bishops' Conferences of Brazil, Argentina and other countries of Latin America,

where faithful of the UGCC live, and the president of the Conference of Bishops of Latin America (CELAM).

Letters were also sent to Pope Benedict XVI and the Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops of the North and South America.

This year's meetings of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC ended in a celebratory public prayer to the Holy Virgin. On

September 11, in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Curitiba, the members of the Synod led by the head of the church celebrated a Hierarchical Liturgy.

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## Solemn closing of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC and celebrations on the occasion of the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration in Brazil

On Sunday, 11 September 2011, in Curitiba, Brazil, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, presided at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the solemn closing of the 2011 Synod of Bishops of the UGCC as well as celebrations of the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ukrainian immigration in Brazil. With His Beatitude concelebrated the members of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC and numerous priests from Ukraine and abroad.



In his homily, the UGCC Primate told the history of the Ukrainians in Brazil in the light of the parable of a vineyard. "Similarly to a biblical vineyard, which was the people of God of the Old Testament, in our days, all the faithful of our Church became this vineyard planted by God's Providence on Brazilian soil, and the workers of that vineyard became priests, catechists and all those entrusted by God to take care of it. Today we would like to render the good fruits of this vineyard into the hands of God the Father along with our prayer of gratitude for His Love and Care for our people here in Brazil over the last 120 years"

Addressing the youth in Spanish language, His Beatitude Sviatoslav called them "the future of our Church in Brazil encouraging them to preserve the holy faith and pass it on to the future generations".

In his thank you word at the end of the Pontifical Divine Liturgy, Bishop Volodymyr (Kovbych), Eparch of Curitiba, thanked His Beatitude Sviatoslav for having decided to convoke the Patriarchal Sobor and the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC in Brazil. On behalf of the congregation, Bishop Volodymyr wished the Head of the UGCC "to guide on the paths of truth and love the people of God entrusted him for many years" after which followed "Mnohaia lita" in Ukrainian and Portuguese.



The Liturgy was attended by Bishop Rafael Bienarski – Auxiliary Bishop of Curitiba Diocese, Bishop Walter Ebezher – Bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Union de Vittoria, Mr. Ihor Hrushko – Ambassador of Ukraine to Brazil, Ms. Larysa Myronenko – Consul of Ukraine in Curitiba and other state and civil dignitaries.

Secretariat of the Synod of  
Bishops of the UGCC

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## Some Reflections by Metropolitan Stefan On the Sobor on Consecrated Life

“Ви – світло світу. Ви – сіль землі.” (Мт. 5:13-14)  
“You are the light of the World. You are the salt of the earth.” (Mt. 5: 13-14)

The Sobor of the Ukrainian Catholic Church held in Prudentopolis, Brazil from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 reflected on the role of Consecrated Life in our Church. Brazil was chosen by the Bishops because of its rich traditions and involvement of consecrated men and women throughout the one hundred and twenty years of Ukrainian settlement in Brazil. Numerous communities of men and women contribute to the life of the Church, reflecting their unique charisms. The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, one of many religious communities, celebrated their one hundredth anniversary of ministry in Brazil during the Sobor. The Basilian Fathers have been a foundation of ministry in Brazil throughout these past one hundred and twenty years. Also ministering are the Basilian Sisters, the Catechetical Sisters of St. Ann, Sisters of St. Joseph, and the Institute of Catechists.

What is striking is how vibrant these religious communities are, ministering to a wide variety of needs. They offer children and adult catechism, assist in the administration of parishes, teach and administer schools for children, youth and adults, run youth programs, operate medical clinics and hospitals, offer psychological counseling, minister to those with alcohol and drug addiction, and other such ministries. In many communities, religious Sisters live amidst the faithful, ministering to many needs. Priests visit weekly to celebrate the Divine Liturgy and to offer the Sacraments.

A close bond appears to exist between consecrated men and women with those whom they endeavor to serve. Vocations in the past have been numerous and have enabled the religious communities to extend themselves in these ministries. However, they cite a noticeable recent decrease in new applicants and young people prepared to consider consecrated life.

A Sobor gathers delegates from across the world. Ukrainian Catholics from Ukraine, Europe, Australia, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Canada and USA gathered in Prudentopolis with our spiritual shepherd, Patriarch Sviatoslav, and with bishops from all the eparchies. The opportunity to reflect on the nature of consecrated life throughout our Church is a grace-filled gift. Strengths and weaknesses were considered with a view to improvement and enhancement of consecrated life in our Church. Having the Sobor gather in Brazil afforded some eye-opening experience for many of the delegates. Undoubtedly, it challenged perceptions of the nature of consecrated life, often limited to what we are familiar with in our own nation.

My hope and prayer is that we have the courage to look at the needs of our faithful in light of the changes which have occurred in societies around the world. The opportunity for meetings such as the Sobor stretches our understanding and perceptions. The theme, “You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth.” calls all in the Church to generously respond to God’s call with open hearts. This call is aimed at you and at me, at all within the Church. What is your response? Does your life reflect God’s light in this world and nurture His life in others?

# Sobor

*(Photos provided by Metropolitan Stefan)*



Ukrainian Cossacks riding hoses escort the procession of religious, priests, and bishops to the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.



Patriarch Sviatoslav processes to the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.



Procession of Bishops to the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.



Ukrainian Cossacks marching in procession escorting participants of Sobor to the concluding Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Sobor.



Metropolitan Stefan poses with Motria Lonchyna, delegate from our Archeparchy, prior to concluding Sobor Liturgy.



Sister Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM received recognition by Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk at the concluding Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for the Sobor.

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Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk offers his thoughts to the delegates at the Sobor, "Role of Intellectual Formation in the Life of Consecrated Persons". ("Роля і місце інтелективального буховання и житті богопосвячених осіб".)



Sister Janice Soluk, SSMI, former Mother of General of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, offers her thoughts to the Sobor, "Parish Communities as Promoters of Vocations to Consecrated Life".



Philadelphia delegates, Metropolitan Stefan, Motria Lonchyna, and Sister Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM pose with Patriarch Sviatoslav.



Rev. Dr. Mark Morozowich, Acting Dean of Theology at the Catholic University of America, a priest of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma, presents a speech to the delegates "Canon Law as a Source of Liturgical and Spiritual Formation of Consecrated Persons" ("Церковне правило, як джерело літургійного і духовного виховання богопосвячених осіб")



Sobor speakers during session on Ministry of Consecrated Persons. Sr. Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM is on far left.



Sr. Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM presents a speech, "Persons in Consecrated Life Ministering in Education" ("Служіння богопосвячених осіб у сфері шкільництва") to delegates of Sobor.

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Sobor session.



Bishop Volodymyr Koubetch, OSBM (Curitiba), Metropolitan Stefan, Bishop Myron Mazur (Auxiliary, Curitiba) with Patriarch Sviatoslav.



Patriarch Sviatoslav in St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Prudentopolis, Brazil.



School children sing special songs of welcome for Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk.



Patriarch Sviatoslav being greeted by faithful at entrance to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Prudentopolis, Brazil.

# SISTER LYDIA ANNA SAWKA, OSBM ADDRESSES SOBOR

Sr. Lydia Anna Sawka, O.S.B.M.

From the very beginnings of monasticism – in the fourth and fifth centuries, monasteries were centers of education. Lords and nobility often put their books into monasteries for preservation and safe keeping when they expected advancing enemies. Large libraries were established in the monasteries. Monks and nuns often were of noble families, had been educated and knew how to read and write in times when ordinary people had no such opportunities. Until the discovery of printing, books were copied by hand in monasteries. This was important work for the sharing and multiplication of texts for education. Therefore, it is not surprising that the first schools and centers of education were founded by monastic communities. Even to the present day, religious often concern themselves with scholarship and have a great influence on education.

It is widely accepted that schooling or education is necessary for the advancement of a person and their well-being. Indeed, the advancement and progress of society depends on its people being educated. Already, near the end of the fourth

century our Church Fathers, St. Basil the Great and St. John Chrysostom founded monastic schools, where monks were allowed to teach spiritual and intellectual classes to children. Monasteries with their expansive libraries and their quiet atmosphere were ideal places for education. With time, separate schools were built, where basic subjects, such as, reading, grammar, literature and history, were taught. In the next century, monks and nuns were allowed to care for orphans, which necessitated the building of orphanages in the hope that some of these orphans would choose to enter the monastic life. Monks, nuns, and priests taught these children who were brought to them, and often adults who joined them in these monastic schools. Later, regular schools were founded, which accepted all children regardless whether or not they would become candidates for monastic life.

Schools in Ukraine developed in a variety of ways. Already in 1087 the first school for girls was found by “princess Anna Vsevolodivna in Kyiv at the monastery of St. Andrew”.\*\* Until the end of the 18th century,

women’s education was “connected to women’s monasteries where daughters of lords and noblemen, and even girls from cities and villages, were educated in their preparation for entrance into the monastic life.”

\*\* In 1906 the first gymnasium (school of higher education) was founded by the Basilian Sisters at the initiative of Metropolitan Andey Sheptytsky in Lviv.\*\*

During the kozak era there already existed formal schools for boys founded by the Basilian monks. High schools were founded by Brotherhoods; first, four grade levels and, later, eight grade levels. At first, schools were founded for spiritual education, but later for the general education of children from nobility and city families. Due to the take-over and occupation of Ukraine by foreign countries, education suffered many setbacks. Every foreign aggressor put his influence on schools and their teachers. Nonetheless, religious continued to influence youth attending their



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schools. One such example is found in Metropolitan Rutsky who in 1615 received permission from Pope Paul V to begin schools-collegias where students were taught in Church-Slavonic and the eastern rite was maintained.\*\*

The first children’s kindergarten “sadochok” (also called “zakhoronka”) was founded in 1892 by a priest. Already in the 1920’s in Bukovyna and Zakarpattia “kindergartens for orphans were founded by Greek Catholic Churches ...by nuns of monastic communities.\* After World War I monastic schools became centers for

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education and care of children.

After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991 education in the Ukrainian language began to thrive. Monastic orders and communities began to demand the return of their school buildings from the government and are renovating them and opening schools. In cities and villages, monks, nuns, priests and sisters administer and teach in schools. Today, schools are multiplying and their numbers are growing. Religious have an important role in these schools – they ensure that God-given values and morals are the foundation on which these schools are founded and that they not only teach them, but that those values become an essential part of the children's lives. When these children become adults these values and morals will be transferred by them into the fabric of society.

At the end of the 19th century, Ukrainians began to emigrate beyond the ocean. Our people settled in various countries, but mainly in Canada, the United States of America, Argentina, Brazil and Australia. Our religious,

especially our Bishops, were conscious of the need for good schools for the education and care of our children and youth, where they would preserve their faith and their identity. Public schools were not able to accomplish that. "In the lands of the immigrants the first educational foundations for Ukrainian immigrant children were founded through the efforts of Bishop Soter Ortynsky before the First World War.\*\* These foundations were in the USA and in Canada led by the Sister Servants and the Basilian Sisters. The work of the sisters and the priests began with the care of orphans, whose fathers died in coal mines or of those children whose parents who could not provide for their many children. Often the children were cared for in the poor monasteries/homes of the religious who shared their scant foods. In the beginning children would attend public day schools, then in the evenings come to the monasteries where sisters/nuns would teach them catechism and language – both Ukrainian and English. When our immigrants realized and understood the need and value of good education

in their new lands of settlement – they started to send their children for education to the sisters. The need for our own daily, full day schools became evident. Our people gathered around their churches, where they had the opportunity to pray in their own rite, speak and hear their own language, and preserve their traditions. This led to the founding of grade schools called "parochial schools" by our parishes. The first parochial day school was founded in the Philadelphia Archeparchy.\*\*\* Teachers were usually sisters or priests; principals usually sisters/nuns. Usually, the parishes had to provide the necessary funding for their schools. Often sisters taught and worked for no pay or for minimal pay. Thus many schools had 7 – 8 sisters working there, as well as, a priest teaching religion. Lay teachers were few, but this ensured that the parishes could financially maintain their schools. Parishioners generously supported the building of both their churches and schools. School enrollments were in the hundreds and even a thousand students; in a classroom one could possibly be teaching 70 – 80 students; there were

more than two or three classes of the same grade level. This was an enormous task! Later in the larger parishes of the USA, high schools were founded, such as, Immaculate Conception High School in Hamtramck, Michigan and St. George High School in New York. These schools were co-educational. In evenings and in the summers, sisters had to continue their college or university educations to meet the government requirements mandated of teachers. To be able to meet these needs, religious often had to go and ask/beg for donations to pay for the building of their monasteries and the continuation of their education. People gave generously to the schools to ensure that their faith, language and traditions would be preserved. As a result, large groups of children participated in a variety of church services, processions, concerts, commemorations and displays where they spoke and performed in Ukrainian. Due to the presence of religious in the schools, Marian groups, altar boys were established, dancing groups, orchestras/

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bands, choirs, classes of embroidery, pysanky workshops, baking classes (for traditions paska, korovays), handcraft classes, literary groups, and other such groups were formed. Schools needed textbooks, so printeries were established (such as the Printing Press of the Basilian Sisters in Philadelphia).

With time religious/consecrated persons understood the importance of educating their novices, so that they could minister in our schools as professional and trained teachers/professors. "In the settlements, religious communities founded seminaries and religious schools that would prepare their candidates for higher theological studies...Basilian Fathers in Mundare (Canada), Prudentopolis and Ivai (Brazil), Apostoles (Argentina), a seminary in Glen Cove (USA), and a theological-philosophical seminary in Rome; a seminary of the Redemptorist Fathers in Meadowvale (Canada) and a Franciscan seminary in New Canaan (USA). To prepare young boys for spiritual studies and to avail them of a high school education, minor

seminaries were founded. \*\* These minor seminaries belonged to communities, which supported them.

Sisters/nuns founded high schools for girls who planned to enter into their orders or communities, so that they would have needed basic education. Eventually, it became apparent that other girls, not intending to enter into religious life, had a desire to attend such schools. As a result, orders and communities founded the building of their own high schools for girls. "Characteristic of these types of high schools for girls are Ukrainian catholic schools called academies. Founded were St. Basil Academy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Order of Sisters of St. Basil the Great) and St. Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, New York (Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate) in the USA and, also, schools in Lancaster and Yorktown in Canada. \*\*\* In the Stamford Eparchy (Connecticut, USA) the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God founded the Mother of God Academy. (These sisters founded in the USA also run pre-schools/nursery schools, teach in kindergartens and grade schools.) "Through the

efforts of the Basilian Sisters in Philadelphia in the 1940's a school of higher education was founded - Manor College..."\*\*\* At first this College was only open to girls, but in the 1980's it became co-ed. In the Stamford Eparchy St. Basil's College was founded for men but currently is also co-ed. Dormitories for students were or are available at the colleges and academies.

In Argentina and Brazil, where many families settled in the colonies, religious founded various kindergartens and dormitories where children were taught and lived. Sisters founded and taught their own kindergartens and schools with primary grades. Sisters and priests continue this tireless and difficult ministry, often traveling into the colonies, deep in forests and distant farmlands to teach and catechize our children.

Let us look at the present state of education and the teaching ministry of religious, especially in the settlements. Today our schools are struggling, and even closing. Our people are doing better financially and, therefore, try to provide a better life for

their families, often moving for employment opportunities into more affluent areas, albeit further from the Ukrainian communities and centers. This affects our Churches and schools. The number of parishioners and school children becomes smaller. Our children attend public schools. It seems that improved financial well-being and wealth becomes more important than faith, our language and traditions. Churches and schools lose financial support and have to close. Past sacrifices and successes of consecrated persons are forgotten. Even more difficult to recognize are the problems which exist due to the lack of new vocations. There are fewer religious who sacrifice and work for the good of the Church and our people. With fewer or no religious in parishes, in our Churches and schools, where will the children witness examples of service and self-sacrifice for God? Many schools have already closed. Questions need to be asked: "Where are our children? Who is teaching them? How are they being taught and brought up?" Today there is a need for

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persons in religious and consecrated life in the service of our Lord God, who will educate and raise children in an atmosphere and environment of our faith and our traditions. This can be accomplished through the important ministry of education.

It is important that the Church, at its highest levels, take the time to examine the education and methods used to educate children and youth, so that they may become people who live according to God-given values and morals, incorporating them into the fabric of society.

*\*The Early Church Fathers as Educators* by Elias Matsagouras.

*\*\*Енциклопедія Українознавства*; Editor, Prof. Volodymyr Kubyovych, PhD, «Молоде Життя», Philadelphia, 1955

*\*\*\*Ukrainian Catholic Parochial Schools*, Natalie Ann Czuba, M.A, Chicago, Illinois, 1956

## Sobor

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Candle representing the United States of America.



Metropolitan Stefan and Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk.



Metropolitan Stefan Soroka.



Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.



Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk.



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Motria Lonchyna)*



Metropolitan Stefan and Rev. Dr. Mark Morozowich.



Sobor session.



Bishop John Bura and Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, from U.S.A. are pictured among Bishops.



Metropolitan-Archbishop  
Stefan Soroka in  
St. Josaphat Ukrainian  
Catholic Church,  
Prudentopolis, Brazil.



Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.



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**Office of the Metropolitan**

**AN INVITATION TO PRAY WITH OUR NEW PATRIARCH**

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Our newly elected Patriarch, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk will formally visit our archeparchy from November 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

The focus of the archieparchial celebration with Patriarch Sviatoslav will be a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy to be celebrated on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A reception with Patriarch Sviatoslav will follow at the Independence Center located a very short distance from the Cathedral. Transportation to and from the Cathedral will be provided between the hours of 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets for the reception (buffet style meal) are being sold.

All are encouraged to participate in the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and in meeting personally with the Patriarch at the reception. It will be a joyous, historic and prayerful celebration

A special collection for the completion of our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Resurrection and the Patriarchal Center in Kyiv will also be taken throughout the month of October using the special collection envelopes being provided. The faithful are asked to generously provide for this need for our Church worldwide. The combined total will be presented to the Patriarch formally during his visit. A list of the parish donations will also be given to him and published in *The Way*.

The clergy recall our very favorable time with Patriarch Sviatoslav as he offered the spiritual retreat for our clergy from all four eparchies in September, 2009 at Hershey, PA. His joyous and energetic living out his vocation to serve God is inspiring. The Patriarch has a special message to all of us in our archeparchy. Plan to pray with him and to hear his inspired word for us!

God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Stefan Soroka  
Metropolitan-Archbishop

# HIS BEATITUDE, KYR SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA



During the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Eparchy of St. Nicholas.

On Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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.





## ***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***

10 am - 11 am	<b>Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)</b>	<i>Monastery Grounds</i>
11 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bi-lingual)</b> 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	<b>Food Service</b>	<i>Parking Lot Food Court</i>
2 pm - 3:45 pm	<b>Walking Tour (Self-guided):</b> <b>“A Pilgrimage through the Buildings and History of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great”</b> <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	<b>Special Presentation: “Three Miraculous Icons”</b> Speakers: Very Rev. Ivan Demkiv (Ukrainian) Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan (English)	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
4 pm - 5 pm	<b>Moleben / Mystery of Holy Anointing (Bi-lingual)</b> Celebrant: Archbishop Stefan Soroka Homilist: Rev. Ihor Royik Choir: St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, Jenkintown, PA	<i>Grotto</i>
5 pm	<b>Blessing of Cars and Buses</b>	<i>Parking Lot</i>



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

*Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving*

*2:00 PM*

*Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

*827 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123*

*Centennial Benefit Banquet*

*5:00 PM – Cocktails; 6:00 PM – Banquet*

*Colleen's at the Savoy, 1444 Route 73 North, Pennsauken, NJ 08110*

*(ticket required for Reception and Banquet)*

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*Your information must be received by this date. No tickets will be sold at the door.*

*Please register online with a credit card at [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com) under "Centennial Benefit Banquet"; or request a Registration Form by emailing [development@stbasils.com](mailto:development@stbasils.com) or calling 215-379-3998 (extension 17).*

## Ascension Manor Resident Meeting focused on new technology.

A meeting with residents was held on September 16, 2011 at Ascension Manor to provide information regarding their newly installed door entry system. The system allows residents to easily enter Ascension Manor by utilizing the latest state-of-the-art "Biometric" technology. Once a resident is enrolled in the system, the system will recognize the face and the voice of that resident and will allow that resident to enter the building. John Siwak, General Manager of Ascension Manor, spoke about how the new door entry system provides convenience for residents while providing for the highest level of security.



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

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**October 15th,**  
to see Ascension Manor's  
new renovations and more including  
a Computer Room, Fitness Rooms,  
Meditation Room and more!





## **Congratulations to Computer Graduates at Ascension Manor!**

A Graduation Ceremony was held on September 16, 2011 for four residents of Ascension Manor who completed a computer training course at Ascension Manor. The first Graduating Class from the newly developed Computer Training Center was: Carmen Vargas, Josephine Skinner, Julia Maldonado, and Luz Fontanez.



John Siwak, General Manager of Ascension Manor, spoke at the Graduation Ceremony of how a survey was given to all the residents last

year and an overwhelming response to the survey was that residents wanted a computer room and training. He explained how each class size is limited to four residents and how there are many people already signed up for the next class.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Annie Foster from The Michael's Organization, the Invocation was offered by Msgr. Peter Waslo, the Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, and the Guest Speaker was State Rep. Curtis Thomas.

Certificates were presented by Rosa Cruz, Ascension Manor's Social Services Coordinator/Computer Facilitator.

Each of the Graduates spoke at the Graduation Ceremony. To summarize their remarks, they thanked God, thanked their teacher Rosa Cruz, and thanked Ascension Manor for providing them with computer training. Some of the Graduates even explained how now they can talk to their family and grandchildren about computers and how everyone is impressed with all of the computer skills they acquired during the training course.

Congratulations Graduates, we are all proud of your accomplishment!

**Watch a video from the Graduation on our blog at [www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com](http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com) .**

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



Front view of altar with an old Baroque style apsidal icon of the Crowning of Mary, Queen of Heaven  
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Millville, NJ

## ***Humility – Hallmark of the Priestly Vocation***

The drive of ambition is a good thing – without ambition, without vision, we would not have many of the things we take for granted today, from the light-bulb and air-conditioning, to the American nation that we live in today. Despite all of these advances, we often have a tendency to forget that we are also very small in our universe. God has a way of reminding us that He is the ultimate author of things and that our own successes and accomplishments are insignificant compared to His grandeur.

As a priest and as a Christian, I cannot help but be humbled in my life. I struggle with problems and crosses just as everyone else around me. I stand in awe not only at the liturgical sacrifice, but also at the grandeur of God's creation around me. I am brought down to earth when helping someone who has problems, who is suffering from poverty or sickness, or listening to the story of one who is in prison. And it is in this humility that God lifts us up on His wings, far above this earth and its problems to the heights of His majesty.

I know that as an "everyday Joe", I am not worthy to be a priest – no one is, for the priestly ministry is not a right to be grasped at. But one thing is certain. In our humility, when we are humbled, God takes us and fills us with His divine grace that elevates what is lacking within us. All I can say is "Choose God." Open your hearts to Him, for He will surely lift you up in your daily lives as He has lifted me to the priesthood!

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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Rev. Ihor Royik

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## September 11th

The 11:00 Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA on 9/11/11 was in remembrance of the Victims of the September 11th tragedy in 2001. Members of the Knights of Columbus, parishioners, and friends attended the Liturgy along with Rev. Ivan Demkiv, Rev. Paul J. Makar, Deacon Charles Schultz, Deacon Michael Waak, Subdeacon Roman Oprysk, and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God. On display on the tetrapod was the Icon of Our Mother of Sorrows with the image of 9/11.



Watch a video on our blog at [www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com](http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com) .



## Passaic, New Jersey, Parish Marks Solemn Anniversary

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. The outcome of this heinous action was the loss of over 3,000 innocent lives. Among the fallen was St. Nicholas parishioner and beloved Ukrainian American Youth Association (UAYA) scout member, John P. Skala, of the Port of Authority Police Department. John is remembered fondly as a good person, forthright, honest and sincere friend, a faithful parishioner, a courageous scout member and a true hero.



On that Sunday, Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, celebrated Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda in memory of John Skala and all the victims that perished in this national tragedy. In his homily, Fr. Andriy spoke of John's selfless heroism that day; as he donned his gear and bravely volunteered to enter the burning towers to rescue others, at the risk of his own life.



The church was filled to capacity with many from our Ukrainian American community and members of UAYA – Passaic Branch who came with their deepest sympathies to pay respect to John's mother, Mrs. Slawka Skala and the entire Skala family. A UAYA honor guard flanked a portrait of the fallen hero, and stood vigil throughout the services. A rendition of "God Bless America", sung by the St. Nicholas Church Choir, concluded the services. All were then invited to join in fellowship at a memorial brunch in the church hall. Afterwards, Mrs. Skala spoke on behalf of the family, thanking all who attended the services and the brunch for their sincere sympathy and prayers in memory of her son, John.

**Vichnaya Pamyat! May his memory be eternal!**





## Venerable Chariton the Confessor (September 28)

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

Saint Chariton the Confessor suffered at Iconium during one of the persecutions against Christians under the emperor Aurelian. The grace-bearing example of the holy Protomartyr Thekla (September 24) encouraged him in his confessor's deed. She being a native of his city, whose memory he in particular deeply venerated.

St Chariton bravely denounced the pagan gods and staunchly confessed faith in the One True God, Christ the Savior. The holy Confessor underwent fierce tortures but, through the Providence of God, he remained alive. When the persecution abated, the saint was set free from

prison and he dedicated all his life to the service of the Lord.

Journeying to Jerusalem on pilgrimage to the holy places, he fell into the hands of robbers. They tied him up and threw him in a cave, intending to kill him later, and they hastened away on business. The saint prayed fervently in expectation of death. He gave thanks to God and entreated him to do with him according to His will.

At this time a snake crawled into the cave and began to drink wine from a vessel setting there, poisoning it with its deadly venom. Returning to the cave, the robbers drank the poisoned wine and they all perished. St Chariton gave thanks to

God and began his ascetic struggles at the place of his miraculous rescue. He distributed the plundered gold of the robbers to the poor, and in the robbers cave he built a church, around which in time there formed a monastery, the renowned Pharan Lavra in Palestine.

St Chariton compiled a strict rule for his monastery. Yearning for solitude, the monk went farther into the desert, but there also he did not reject those who sought his spiritual guidance, and he founded two more monasteries: the Jericho and the Souka, named the "Old Lavra." At the end of his life, St Chariton struggled in a cave on a hill near the Souka monastery, but he did not cease to provide

guidance for all three of the monasteries he founded.

According to Tradition, St Chariton compiled the office of taking monastic vows. St Chariton the Confessor died in extreme old age and was buried, in accord with his last wishes, in the Pharan monastery in the church, built on the site of the robbers' cave.

<http://molonlabe70.blogspot.com>

# Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church, Toms River, NJ 4th Annual Ukrainian Festival

On Saturday, September 10, 2011, Father Oleksandr Dumenko welcomed hundreds of parishioners, guests, and visitors to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Festival held at Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church located at 1344 White Oak Bottom Road, Toms River, New Jersey. The large and enthusiastic crowds were warmly greeted upon their arrival, and quickly recognized the aroma of pyrohy, holubtsi, kovbasa, and other Ukrainian treats as they entered the Festival grounds. Upon entering the Festival grounds, guests were immediately greeted with the wonderful sounds of Ukrainian music.

Everywhere people could be seen enjoying themselves, eating the delicious pyrohy, potato pancakes, halushki, borscht, and holubtsi, while enjoying a large variety of Ukrainian beers, a perfect complement to the Ukrainian cuisine. Special home-made desserts using only the finest ingredients were made by our own parishioners. Hot dogs, ice cream, soda, a Jungle Island Adventure, and various Carnival games were available for the children.

People came to the Ukrainian Festival for a variety of reasons, and one of the biggest attractions was the food. Ukrainian cuisine is one of the most famous and well-known, and it seems everyone loves this ethnic food. Everywhere people gathered at indoor and outdoor tables eating, drinking, and having fun. Adding to the festivities, guests were entertained by a rich and entertaining live band, "Cheremosh Ukrainian Band," including Ukrainian singing on an outdoor stage, accompanied by the fabulous Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, "Barvinok," from South Bound Brook, New Jersey.

There was a wide variety of vendors showing woodcarvings, jewelry, and other crafts designed by Ukrainian artists. In addition to the celebration of Ukrainian culture, showcasing authentic Ukrainian food, music, and dancing, it also was an opportunity for the general public to see proposed renditions for the first Ukrainian Catholic Church to ever be built in Ocean County. To help launch this historic event, several individuals and organizations including the Ukrainian National Association, Self Reliance, and Alzo International made significant financial donations to support the new Saint Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church Building Fund.

The Festival Committee and Fr. Oleksandr Dumenko thank all who helped make this Parish Festival possible and a success. Please make your plans to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Festival next year.

**By Gerry Tchir, parishioner.**

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# Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church, Toms River, NJ 4th Annual Ukrainian Festival

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Saint Vladimir Parish, Scranton,  
cordially invites you to our annual

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING DINNER



Sunday, October 30, 2011  
at St. Vladimir Parish Center 428 N. 7th Ave.

10:30 a.m.—*Divine Liturgy*

1:00 p.m.—*Prayer & Dinner*

*50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes*

**Menu includes: Roasted Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Hot Vegetables, Cranberry Sauce, Salad, Apple & Pumpkin Pie, Seasonal Desserts, Coffee, Tea, Soda.**

**Advance reservations only:  
no tickets at the door.**

**Take-outs available—must pick up  
between 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

**Adults \$15; Students (6-12) \$8;  
Children under 6: free.**

**For reservations, please call  
Kathleen at 570-346-2414,  
no later than October 25.**





# Upcoming Events at SS. Peter and Paul Church, 100 South Penn Street, Clifton Heights, PA.

We hope you can partake in one or many of our planned seasonal events.

## 100 Year Anniversary Dinner/Luncheon - Sunday October 30th

For 100 years, the parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church have aspired to be recognized as an important part of the Delaware County community by reaching out and assisting our brothers and sisters in Delaware County and surrounding areas. On Sunday, October 30th at noon, immediately after the 11:00 am. Divine Liturgy, the parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church will celebrate the 100th year anniversary of our parish with a catered dinner/luncheon. A full meal from salad to dessert will be offered with turkey, ham and stuffed shells as the featured items. We extend an invitation to all to help us celebrate our past and our future endeavors. A donation of \$15.00 per person is requested. To join us, please contact Pat Keevill at (610) 322-4813 before Monday, October 24th.

## "Homemade Soup & Artisan Bread Sale" - Now through November 2nd

Beginning now through Wednesday, November 2nd, Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 100 South Penn Street, in Clifton Heights, will be holding its ever popular "Homemade Soup & Artisan Bread Sale". During this time, we will be taking orders for 4 homemade, hearty soups that will be freshly made especially for you and be ready for you to pick up at noon (at our Church) on Sunday, November 6th. We are offering the following soups: 1. Beef Vegetable, 2. Chicken Noodle, 3. Crab Bisque, 4. Lentil.

Quart containers are only \$7.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. A loaf of Artisan Bread is only \$3.00. For your convenience, we now are able to accept your order via email. To place your soup and bread orders, please email us at [SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net](mailto:SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net) or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731 by Wednesday, November 2nd.

## Holiday Pierogie Sale - Now through December 5th

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Clifton Heights proudly announces the opening of our "Holiday Pierogie Sale". We are offering mouth-watering, flavorful, potato-cheese pierogies for the unbelievably low price of only \$7.00 per dozen or 3 dozen for \$20.00! Stock up for Christmas and New Year's (or for your freezer to satisfy those special cravings). For your convenience, we now are able to accept your order via email. To place your pierogie orders, please email us at [SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net](mailto:SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net) or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Orders are being taken now through Monday, December 5th and pickup will be at noon on Sunday, December 18th, at our Church which is located at 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights, PA. Place your orders early since high demand and our desire to fully satisfy all orders may require us to limit quantities and stop taking orders before Monday, December 5th.



## Annual Christmas Luncheon - Sunday December 11th

On Sunday, December 11th, Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 100 South Penn Street, in Clifton Heights, will hold a traditional "Slavic Christmas Luncheon". Lunch will be served at noon, immediately after the regular 11:00 am. Sunday English Divine Liturgy. We welcome all who wish to enjoy traditional Slavic culinary delights such as; kielbasa, pierogies, stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut and boneless ham. As has become our custom, expect a large variety of door prizes. Due to the popularity of this annual event, we recommend getting your reservations in early. A nominal donation of \$15.00 is requested for adults and children 7 to 12 years of age are only \$5.00! Children 6 years and younger are free. To make your reservations, please contact John or Caroline at (610) 622-0261 before Monday, December 5th, to reserve your seat for this special event. In the spirit of helping others in the community who may be experiencing hard economic times, we also ask that each person attending bring a non-perishable food item for our Annual Food Drive. **Find a complete list of events at <http://www.christamongus.com>**

## Loving Our Neighbors: Taking a Stand on Immigration Reform

By A.B. Hill

The Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs, "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin" (CCC no. 2241).

We have long been the most prosperous nation in the world. For two centuries, the United States of America has been a primary destination for migrants. The family trees of 99% of Americans have roots beyond our borders. Nowhere is this more evident than in Catholic parishes across the U.S.

A century ago, millions of Italian, Irish, Polish, Ukrainian, German, and other European Catholics made their way to America to seek a better life for their families. More recently, people from Vietnam, Korea, Mexico and other Asian and South American countries have come to America, sometimes enduring great peril, to find economic opportunity, escape violence, and find hope. Our grandparents and great grandparents saw the Church in America as a welcome center and aid station for immigrants.

Today, our immigration system allows some foreign

born family members of U.S. citizens and permanent residents to obtain legal residence in the U.S., but these laws are severely restrictive. Spouses, children and parents living abroad must often wait years, sometimes over a decade, for a visa to become available and for families to be reunited. Frustrated with these delays or perhaps seeking to provide financial support for their family members, many come without documentation. Often, poverty, war and desperation in their home countries drive them here. Today, some 8 to 10 million people live on the margins of society for lack of proper immigration documentation.

Immigration reform proposals are now being considered in Pennsylvania; but not all are hospitable to immigrants. Some "enforcement-only" proposals could seriously harm families and make a difficult situation worse.

Mark Shea, Esq., Administrator of the Immigration Program at Catholic Social Services in Philadelphia recently testified at a House State Government Committee hearing. He said, "Pope John Paul II spoke forcefully on the human rights and dignity of undocumented migrants. 'The Church considers the problem of

illegal migrants from the standpoint of Christ. Today the illegal migrant comes before us like that 'stranger' in whom Jesus asks to be recognized. To welcome him and to show him solidarity is a duty of hospitality and fidelity to Christian identity itself.' (World Migration Day 1996)

"Undocumented migrants challenge our duty to all our brothers and sisters: 'You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; have the same love for him as for yourself; for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt.' (Leviticus 19:33-34)"

Shea impressed upon the committee that, "every human being possesses inherent dignity regardless of his or her immigration status." Studies and his own experience reveal the emotional and financial damage that occurs with family members left behind when their mother or father, wife or husband, is deported or detained, "Children of undocumented immigrants suffer terribly as a result of the enforcement of our currently broken immigration laws." He cautioned lawmakers to consider carefully the impact on families.

The Church does not condone or encourage undocumented immigration.

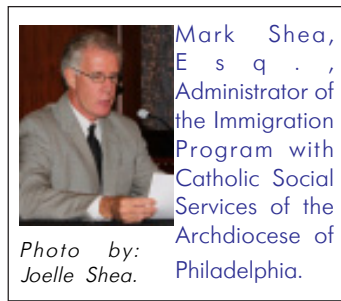



Photo by: Joelle Shea.

Mark Shea, Esq., Administrator of the Immigration Program with Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Further, we believe it is appropriate to have public policies that give order to immigration, respect national sovereignty, and provide a pathway that protects and helps newcomers to live, work and fully participate in their new communities. But as Shea concluded, "We live in an imperfect and broken world, and when laws contradict the very heart of Christ's message, we have a duty to advocate for change in those laws. The family is the fundamental building block of society. We ask that protection of the family, charity toward all regardless of immigration status, and factually-grounded concerns for public safety drive consideration of all measures."

After all, our grandparents and great grandparents were afforded that opportunity.

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### **Conscience Rights Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate**

**Take Action at [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org) by September 30**

In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the new health care reform law), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a rule requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as “preventive services” for women. The mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an unprecedented threat to individual and institutional religious freedom.

The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a “religious employer” that has the “inculcation of religious values” as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. A great many religious organizations -- including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public – will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover “all Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.” Never before has the federal government required private health plans to include such coverage. The FDA-approved “emergency contraception” (EC) drugs that are covered by this mandate can work by interfering with implantation of a newly conceived human being. Also, the drug the FDA most recently approved for EC, “Ella,” a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, has been shown in animal tests to cause abortion. Thus, the mandate includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation.

**ACTION:** Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org). With just a few clicks of the mouse, you can send a message to HHS asking them to respect religious liberty and to your elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179/S. 1467) to ensure that such federal mandates do not violate Americans’ moral and religious convictions.

**MESSAGE TO HHS:** “Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should require all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of ‘preventive services’ the federal government is mandating in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS’s new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.”

**WHEN:** Please send your comments to HHS by the September 30 deadline. You can send your message at [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org).

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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:** 100<sup>th</sup> 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 11, 2011. For information please contact Fr. Volodymyr Popyk at 215-627-0143 or Ukrainian Catholic Priests.

**October 22, 2011:** Shop for the Holidays Craft Sale. 9am to 3pm. SS Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church 706 Warren St and First Ave, Berwick PA (handicap accessible). Lunch will be served at 11am, ethnic food and baked goods. Vendors: \$15/table....space is limited. Call Janina Everett: 570-759-2824 or email: [yankapysanky@yahoo.com](mailto:yankapysanky@yahoo.com)

**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.

September 25, 2011

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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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