

Ascension Manor Celebrates Grand Reopening

Historic Affordable Housing for Seniors Gets Updated for the 21st Century

Philadelphia, Oct. 15 – The Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, along with its development partner, The Michaels Organization, today hosted a grand reopening and dedication ceremony of the newly revitalized Ascension Manor, a landmark affordable housing community in North Philadelphia that the Archdiocese has owned for the past four decades, which has undergone a complete modernization.



The \$11 million dollar renovation effort initiated by the Archdiocese and the board of directors of Ascension Manor enabled substantial capital improvements to the buildings and its major systems as well as renovations to individual units, while ensuring the community will remain as affordable housing for seniors and those with disabilities long into the future.

The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the U.S., and President of the Ascension Manor Board, led the community celebration, which included a ribbon-cutting, a formal blessing of the Towers and a picnic for residents, their families, and the neighborhood.

“We’ve added more common open space, furnished in such a manner that it would encourage residents to gather and socialize with one another,” said Archbishop Soroka, adding that one of his primary objectives was to revitalize the communal aspects of the Ascension Towers.

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“The new computer lab, craft and exercise rooms, and a meditation room all are aimed at residents enjoying and sharing activities with one another,” the Archbishop said. “We are excited about the life-giving atmosphere that has been created for the residents.”

The Archdiocese first built Ascension Manor Tower in 1967 so that elderly residents of this traditional Ukrainian neighborhood in North Philadelphia could stay near family, friends, and their church. A second tower was added in 1977. The two high-rises now serve almost 300 seniors and individuals with disabilities from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Working with The Michaels Organization’s Continental Mortgage Corp., the Archdiocese was able to refinance two previous loans from The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with a new loan insured under HUD’s 221(d)(4) Substantial Rehabilitation program. The refinance generated enough funding for the Archdiocese to make significant capital improvements to the building systems, and to transform the community rooms, common areas, and residential units. The renovation began in July 2010.



Metropolitan Stefan and Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields



“We are so proud to be partners with the Archdiocese on the revitalization of this property, which is such an important landmark in North Philadelphia,” said James Miller, senior vice president of Continental Mortgage Corp., Miller credited the vision of the Board as well as the support of HUD for making the modernization possible. “At a time when the need for affordable housing is great, but finding affordable housing is so difficult, preserving the affordability of Ascension Manor while ensuring that the improvements allow the residents to live in a modern comfortable environment is wonderful for the city,” Miller said.

Continental Mortgage Corp. is part of The Michaels Organization, a family of companies dedicated to excellence in affordable housing. Its sister company, Interstate Realty Management, has provided property and asset management services to Ascension Manor for years. After arranging for the refinance, Continental Mortgage Group acted as the developer for the renovation.

About Ascension Manor: Ascension Manor is a non-profit senior citizen apartment project of the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Ascension Manor has two apartment buildings that are located one block away from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

About The Michaels Organization: Continental Mortgage Corp., Michaels Development Company and Interstate Realty Management are part of The Michaels Organization, a family of companies dedicated to excellence in affordable, mixed-income, student, and military housing. Michaels Development is the number one private-sector affordable housing owner in the country and in 2010 was named The Multifamily Development Firm of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders. Interstate Realty Management is an award-winning property and asset management company known for its industry-leading supportive services programs.

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Watch videos from Ascension Manor's Grand Reopening on our Blog www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com



Pictures of a one bedroom apartment in Ascension Manor II.



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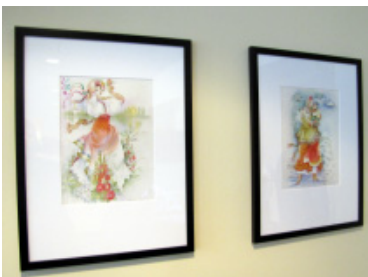
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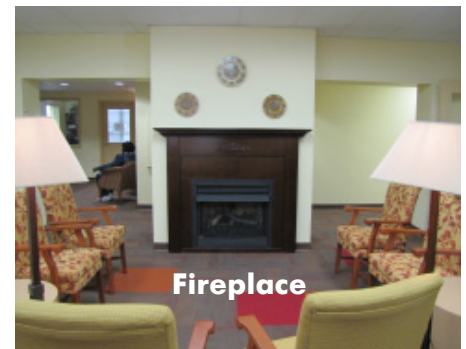
Missionary Sisters and friends on a tour.



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Strategy for Developing UGCC for next 10 years: 'Living parish – meeting place with living Christ'

"Lord God instructed the church to fulfill the mission of preaching the good news, that is, evangelization. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church as an integral part of the Ecumenical Church also participates in the mission," said the head of the UGCC, Patriarch Sviatoslav, in his introductory address at a press conference at UNIAN on October 5, 2011, as he talked about the strategy for developing the UGCC for the period until 2020.



According to the hierarchy, to fulfill the mission of the church, the bishops decided to define the strategy of activity of the church for the coming years as clearly as possible. To simplify the implementation of the project and to better monitor its course, a period of ten years was determined.

"The parish, led by the local bishop who is the symbol of unity within it, is the main component of the process of evangelization. For it is in the parish that the believers usually have their first encounters with Christ either through the participation in the Divine

Liturgy on Sunday or through a baptism, wedding or funeral," said the head of UGCC as he talked about the rationale of the strategy, namely, the living parish.

"The development of the parish community should be our priority. By fostering and reviving communities we foster and vivify the whole Church," stressed Patriarch Sviatoslav.

The Synod of Bishops, according to the patriarch, decided to concentrate the efforts of the whole church on developing the living parish, which is "the best means to achieve the goals of evangelization." "The living and open

parish will bring closer to Christ both those who practice the faith regularly and those who do so seldom (on Christmas and Easter) or do not do so at all," explained Patriarch Sviatoslav.

UGCC's Strategy for Development for the next ten years includes the following components of a living parish:

Leadership – the priest, religious and laity working together, building a parish as a meeting place with the living Christ.

Liturgy – the faithful pray to God and grow in His grace.

Catechesis – the faithful obtain knowledge about their faith and Church.

Koinonia – the faithful build the community.

Diaconia – the faithful go beyond the parish to serve others.

Missiology – the faithful evangelize to others, inviting them to life in Christ.

Only once each of these components is reached and implemented, says His Beatitude Sviatoslav, will the UGCC strategy for development be realized.

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The Synod of Bishops, which took place in Brazil on September 5-11, approved a Strategy for Developing the UGCC for the period until 2020. At last year's synod, held in 2010 in Lviv, a working group was created to formulate a vision for the UGCC for the next ten years. This group includes bishops, who were authorized on behalf of the synod to present a vision of the UGCC. Thus another

group was created that has developed the appropriate mechanisms to achieve this goal.

In light of the accepted strategy, the hierarchy and pastors will focus their attention on the practicing members of the church (to further involve them in the mission of the church) and on those who for various reasons have moved away from the church or who have yet to have the

occasion to know Jesus Christ.

To implement the adopted strategy, the Synod of Bishops appointed a working group for its implementation, headed by Bishop Ken (Novakovskyi), Eparch of New Westminster. And each diocesan bishop in his diocese will appoint in his eparchy/exarchate a person who will join the working group and

coordinate the implementation of the UGCC strategy in the diocese.

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November 20, 2011
4:00 pm**



Icon of the Nativity of John the Baptist,
Author unknown,

Training Grounds (Part 1)

If you hang around priests long enough, you might be lucky to hear a story or two about their days in seminary. Almost every priest has one or two funny or outrageous stories about their time of preparation and formation for the priesthood. In a way, stories about seminary are kind of like the war or sea stories veterans are apt to tell about their experiences at boot camp or officer candidate school.

Seminary is the primary training ground for priests, providing a thorough formation in philosophy and theology, as well as giving the aspiring candidate tools on how to pastorally deal with people and counsel them, how to grow and mature as their own person, and finally how to deepen their relationship with God. These four dimensions help lay the foundation for a man to fully develop as a competent teacher of the Word of God, as well as to be a caring and loving doctor of wounded souls. They also help form the man to grow and mature personally in the light of Christ and live out a spiritual life as a disciple of God who shares a deep and intimate connection with Him. It is literally a spiritual "boot camp" that trains men to be well grounded servants of God and His Church. Some days are joyful, some days are plain awful, some are even downright strange or hilarious. Some days involve work and labor to maintain the seminary, some involve assignments to work with the sick or poor. Every day involves prayer, liturgy, sharing meals together, and of course, everyone's favorite chore, study! It is the crucible that forms men into priests. (to be continued).

Rev. Paul J. Makar

*Perhaps you feel that God may be calling
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Respecting the Past, Celebrating the Present, Welcoming the Future: Eightieth Annual Pilgrimage of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

Hundreds of pilgrims gathered on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great on Sunday, October 2, 2011 to honor the Mother of God. Scores of children from Plast, SUM and Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School joined the Sisters, Clergy and Hierarchy in the procession and at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

This Eightieth Annual Pilgrimage was special since it was in commemoration of the Sister's 100th year in America. This was reflected in the theme: "Respecting the Past, Celebrating the Present, Welcoming the Future: 100 Years under the Protection of the Mother of God (Pokrov).

The day began with the celebration of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy concelebrated by Archbishop of Ukrainian Catholics in Philadelphia, Stefan Soroka, the Bishop of the Stamford Eparchy, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM and the Provincial of the Basilian Father, Reverend Philip Sandrick, OSBM. In his homily,

Archbishop Soroka weaving in the Gospel story of Martha and Mary, the role of a pilgrim and the contribution the Sisters have made to the Ukrainian Church in America reminded us that...*An important characteristic of every pilgrim is to celebrate gratitude. God has provided richly for Ukrainian Catholics in the USA throughout these past 100 years. Our Basilian Sisters have taught and guided our children, our youth, and our faithful. Huge unknown sacrifices have been made in their generous response to God's invitation to serve. We all are beneficiaries of their ministry, of their love.*

His Grace further went on to inspire the pilgrims to...*Choose to be vibrant teachers of faith. Speak to your children and your loved ones about your faith. Tell others of how important faith is for you personally. Celebrate your faith with your loved ones. We are all pilgrims in a shared journey of faith. We need one another.*

A very touching moment occurred before the Divine Liturgy when Archbishop Stefan blessed



the Centennial Icons of Saint Basil and Saint Macrina which were written by Daria Kulchytky. Simultaneously several members of SUM came

forward to have the icons made by their hands blessed by the Archbishop.

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Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province welcomed the pilgrims with the invitation to visit four special sites on the grounds relating to the history of the Province. Each pilgrim received a "passport" which was to be stamped at each of the sites – the Motherhouse, Macrina Hall (the original Motherhouse), Holy Trinity Chapel and the Shrine of Pochayev. Sister's words also included an act of forgiveness on the part of the Sisters with the following words: *"The Sisters walk with you and pray with you today in gratitude for the many*

graces received throughout the 100 years. We also turn to you and ask your forgiveness if in any way you carry a hurt within your heart from something we may have done or failed to do for you. We likewise turn to you and forgive you as we enter into our next 100 years."

In the afternoon Very Rev. Ivan Demkiv and Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan spoke on three miraculous icons from Ukraine. The three icons highlighted by the talk were from Zarvanytsia, Pochaiv and Hoshiv.

The day concluded with a Moleben to the Mother of God celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Soroka, clergy from the Archeparchy and seminarians. Reverend Ihor Royik from Annunciation Parish delivered a touching homily on "Our Lady of Protection" (Pokrov). Pilgrims, along with the students from Saint Basil Academy who attended, were sent away with the traditional anointing of healing.



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Vocations

Rev. Paul J. Makar who is the Director of Vocations at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia has been traveling to parishes in the Archeparchy to offer a Homily based on the theme of Vocations. On October 9th he offered his Vocations Homily at the Cathedral.

Watch video of his Homily on our blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com .

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Saint Martyr Paraskeva (October 28)



Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. (Mt. 15, 21-28)

Saint martyr Paraskeva was born and lived in Iconia (Asia Minor). Her parents were Christians. They especially honored Friday - the day of the week, when the Lord suffered on the Cross, saving and atoning the whole mankind. Their daughter was born on Friday too. The parents named her Paraskeva, which means in Greek Friday. But this word

means in Greek also «preparation», and St. Paraskeva was prepared to suffer for Christ.

She refuted all the earthly joy. She remained a virgin and dedicated herself to God and people, helping all who were in need and suffered. In the beginning of the 4th c. the persecutions against Christians renewed. St. Paraskeva

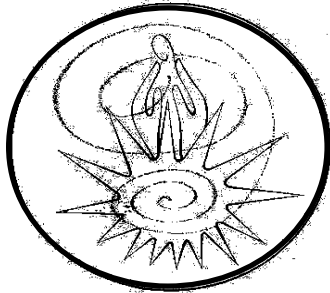
was one of the first victims. She was weak in her body but strong in her spirit; the humble maiden stood all the tortures of heathens. The Angel of the Lord came to her in the prison. He brought her the passions tools of the Lord (the cross, the spear and the hyssop with a sponge). Having kissed them, the martyr was healed completely.

After that, she was tortured again and then beheaded. The Christians venerate this Saint as healing from wounds, from leprosy and from evil passions. St. Paraskeva was considered as a protector of trade, because the merchant day was Friday.

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Sheen intercession cited in area boy's alleged miraculous healing

By Jennifer Willems of "THE CATHOLIC POST"

That James Fulton Engstrom is celebrating his first birthday on Friday is amazing. In fact, some would call his life a miracle.

Considered stillborn on Sept. 16, 2010 after a healthy pregnancy and "a beautiful, short labor," James was without a pulse for the first 61 minutes of his life. It was only when doctors at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria were ready to call the time of death that his little heart started beating.

His parents, Travis and Bonnie Engstrom, believe James is alive due to the intercession of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Servant of God.

On Sept. 7, a tribunal of inquiry was sworn in to investigate the Goodfield tot's alleged miraculous healing. Joining James and his family at the ceremony in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel in the Spalding Renewal Center in Peoria were Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC; Dr. Andrea Ambrosi, postulator for Archbishop Sheen's cause for beatification and canonization; and members of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation board, some



Before being sworn in to the tribunal investigating the alleged miraculous healing of James Fulton Engstrom (center) due to the intercession of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Dr. Andrea Ambrosi (left) and Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, pose for photos with the child and his parents, Travis and Bonnie Engstrom of Goodfield. Dr. Ambrosi is postulator for Archbishop Sheen's cause for beatification and canonization. (The Catholic Post/Jennifer Willems)

of whom are relatives of the late archbishop.

In addition to Bishop Jenky and Dr. Ambrosi, those sworn in were:

— Msgr. Jason Gray, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Peoria and judicial vicar of the diocesan Marriage Tribunal. Designated the episcopal delegate to the Sheen tribunal, he is responsible for guiding the process.

— Father James Kruse, vicar general of the Diocese of Peoria and pastor of St. Monica's Parish in East Peoria. As promoter of justice it is his

duty to make sure that canon law is followed.

— Dr. Louis Varela, who practices family medicine in Houston, Texas, and chairs the board of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation. He is the medical expert for the Sheen tribunal.

— Janice Vicary, who works in accounts payable in the diocesan Office of Finance, notary.

— Ann Hill, ecclesiastical notary for the diocesan Marriage Tribunal, copyist.

The work of the tribunal takes place in secret, so there is much that Msgr. Gray cannot say. But since

the Engstroms have shared their story widely, he said the general details could be made public.

TESTIMONY BEGINS

Msgr. Gray noted that the tribunal's task is to investigate the alleged miraculous healing and determine whether or not it can be proved through medical documents and the testimony of witnesses.

"We call them to testify to different things," he said, including the seriousness of the medical condition. "We call them to testify about the fact that prayers were addressed to Fulton Sheen

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asking for his intercession. And then we need witnesses to testify to the end result, meaning that the crisis situation was cured, that health was restored."

Not only will the tribunal confer with the doctors and nurses involved in the case, but also with two outside doctors who can report on the child's current state of health.

"That way we can see that this isn't something that has resurfaced," Msgr. Gray told *The Catholic Post*. "In other words, it's a lasting healing."

He said the number of witnesses is not large, so testimony should be collected relatively quickly. Some time will be needed, however, for the two outside doctors to make their examinations, write reports and then explain the contents to the tribunal.

"My guess, though, is we're talking about months, not years," Msgr. Gray said.

Don't expect a ruling soon, though.

"The alleged healing took place in Peoria; that's why we're investigating it here," he said. "When all's said and done, it goes to the

Congregation for the Causes for Saints in Rome and then they open another phase of this tribunal."

Only after that investigation is done will recommendations be sent to the pope, who will decide the matter "according to his prudent judgment," Msgr. Gray said.

"HOMETOWN HERO"

Archbishop Sheen is a native of El Paso, "down the road" from Germantown Hills where Bonnie Engstrom grew up. "I always heard people say he was going to be a saint," she told *The Post*.

She got to know more about the media evangelist as a student at the Salve Regina Newman Center at Eureka College, where Msgr. Stanley Deptula was chaplain. He is now executive director of the Sheen Foundation.

She got to know a little more last year as she wrote the proposal for a grant from the diocese's Fulton Sheen Endowment for Religious Education and Adult Faith Formation on behalf of "Behold! A Catholic Conference on the Dignity and Vocation of Women." She is

assistant director of the annual event.

Six or seven months pregnant at the time, Bonnie said she started to pray that this "hometown hero" would pull some strings for the conference and that he would watch over her pregnancy. As she and Travis watched Archbishop Sheen on YouTube they decided that Fulton would be a good middle name if their baby was a boy.

When her son was born in crisis at home a year ago, Travis baptized him James Fulton before the ambulance came.

"I have a memory of watching the midwife perform CPR and praying to Sheen," Bonnie said. She added that later in the day she asked people through her blog, **learningtobeanewlywed@blogspot.com**, to pray for Sheen's intercession. A Holy Hour and Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, where the archbishop had been ordained in 1919, came two days later.

While doctors had warned that he might be blind and unable to function normally, James is medication free and almost

walking. "He laughs and plays with his toys and does things just like he should be doing and has for awhile," Bonnie said.

She is grateful to everyone who prayed for her son and provided for her family, and it gives her joy to think that Archbishop Sheen is still evangelizing through James.

"I believe it was Sheen's intercession that played a key role in it, but it was Jesus who healed my son," she said. "It was for his greater honor and glory."

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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

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"Homemade Soup & Artisan Bread Sale" -

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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 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 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.

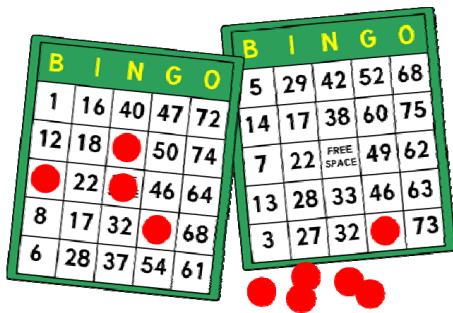
Annual Christmas Luncheon - Sunday December 11th

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 on their website www.ChristAmongUs.com

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church HOLIDAY GIFT BINGO *and* TRICKY TRAY



Date: Sunday, November 6th, 2011

Time: Doors open at 12:30 PM
First BINGO drawing at 2:00 PM

Where: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church
315 Fourth Street, West Easton, PA 18042-6113

\$20 admission includes first sheet of BINGO cards.
Additional cards available. All ages welcome to play!
Many prizes to be won!!! Door prizes and 50/50 raffle, too!

Refreshments including pierogies, kielbasa & sauerkraut, halushky, BBQ, hot dogs, homemade baked goods and more will be available to purchase!

www.HolyGhost-Ukrainian-Catholic.org

Pope announces a “Year of Faith”

It was in a packed St Peter’s Basilica on Sunday that Pope Benedict XVI declared that the year 2012 to 2013 was to be a “Year of Faith”. The Holy Father made the announcement during his homily at a mass for the New Evangelization. The Eucharistic celebration marked the conclusion of a meeting organized by Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, which the Pope addressed on Saturday.



Speaking about his decision to invoke this “Year of Faith” Pope Benedict said it was “to give new impetus to the mission of the whole Church to lead men out of the desert in which they often find themselves, to the place of life, of friendship with Christ”.

The Pope explained that the year would be “a moment of grace and commitment to a more complete conversion to God, to strengthen our faith in Him and to proclaim Him with joy to the people of our time.”

In order to illustrate the meaning of this “Year of Faith”, the Holy Father said he would prepare a special Apostolic Letter and he informed the congregation present that the year would begin “on 11 October 2012, the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, and would end on 24 November 2013, Solemnity of Christ the King”.

During the course of his Homily the Holy Father referred back to the meeting of the Pontifical Council saying, he was delighted that this conference had taken place in the month of October, a month of prayer and just one week before the World Mission Sunday.

The Pope underlined that there was no opposition between the mission ad gentes and new evangelization, although he added the latter was very urgent, “especially in traditionally Christian countries, which have become increasingly “indifferent” and “hostile” to the mission of the Church.”

The Pope’s sentiments were echoed by those of the President of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, Archbishop Rino Fisichella in his address to the Holy Father at the start of the celebration. He said, the mission of the church now needed “an additional face, that of the new evangelization, primarily, as he put it, for believers to rediscover the strength to believe and the joy of bearing witness.”

The Pope looked to history, and to the Gospel on Sunday to re-enforce the importance of a New Evangelization. He said “the theology of history was an important, and essential part of the new evangelization, because the men of our time, after the disastrous era of totalitarian empires of the twentieth century, need to find a comprehensive vision of the world and time, a truly free, peaceful vision.”

Turning to the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians for inspiration, the Holy Father explained, it demonstrates that in order to be effective, evangelization needs the power of the spirit.

Drawing his homily to a close the Pope Benedict stressed that “the new evangelizers are called to walk in the Path that is Christ, and to make known to others the beauty of the Gospel that gives life”.

<http://www.radiovaticana.org>

Patriarch Celebrates Divine Liturgy at Immaculate Conception Church in Palatine

His Beatitude Blesses Commemorative Stones

Patriarch Sviatoslav honored the faithful and friends of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church in Palatine, IL, with a visit on September 26.

This historic event in the life of the church centered on His Beatitude's celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The Patriarch was joined by Bishop Richard Seminack, Eparch of St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago; Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Andriy Chirovsky; Very Rev. Archpriest Mykhailo Kuzma; Very Rev. Yaroslav Mendyuk; Very Rev. Bohdan Nalysnyk; Rev. Leonard Korchinsky; Rev. Ihor Koshyk; Rev. Andriy Plishka; and Rev. James Bankston.

In his sermon, Patriarch Sviatoslav stated, "I feel

myself like in a very warm family right now here among you." He reminded all those in attendance that "the center of the apostolic tradition of the Catholic Church is Christ Himself" and that "new generations [need] the possibility to be touched by God, to meet Him Himself, to receive His power that can restore the fullness of human life."

One of the highlights of the day was the Patriarch's blessing of a pair of engraved granite stones commemorating His Beatitude's visit. The parishioners plan to place the stones in a new church that they hope to erect in coming years. "By blessing the cornerstone for the new church, we have to manifest to everyone that 'Christ Himself is the cornerstone of my life'" and that "I'm supposed to build my life, my projects, and my future upon Him," Patriarch Sviatoslav explained to the parishioners. He went on to say, "May Our Lord



Patriarch Sviatoslav (center) celebrated the Divine Liturgy at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church with Bishop Richard Seminack, Eparch of St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago (to his immediate left), and with the following clergy (left to right): Rev. Yaroslav Mendyuk, Rev. James Bankston, Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Andriy Chirovsky, Very Rev. Archpriest Mykhailo Kuzma, Rev. Leonard Korchinsky, Rev. Ihor Koshyk, and Rev. Andriy Plishka. *(All Photographs courtesy of Photography by Stanley)*

Jesus Christ, who is present today among us... be the cornerstone of the life of Our Church, of the life of each of you."

About 175 parishioners, guests, and members of the Ukrainian community filled the church. A procession of clergy led Patriarch Sviatoslav to the entrance of the church where Fr. Kuzma, pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, gave the cross over to the Patriarch as a sign of the parish's love and its acknowledgment that His Beatitude is the

Head and Father of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. The Patriarch was then welcomed with flowers, the traditional bread and salt, and greetings from representatives of the church's Sisterhood of the Apostleship of Prayer and Parish Pastoral Council.

Commemorative holy cards, graciously blessed by His Beatitude, were distributed at the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy.



Metropolitan Stefan's Schedule for September/October 2011

September

- 1-4 Sobor of Ukrainian Catholic Church, Prudentopolis, Brazil
- 5-6 Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Church, Curitiba, Brazil
- 14 Memorial Mass for former Nuncio to USA, Most Reverend Sambi, Washington, D.C.
Evening USCCB Reception for Archbishop Emeritus, His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali
- 15 Congressional Luncheon and Workshop commemorating Independence of
Ukraine, Washington, D.C.
Evening reception celebrating Ukraine's Independence, Ukrainian Embassy, Washington, D.C.
- 16 Divine Liturgy and visit with seminarians and staff of St. Josaphat Ukrainian
Catholic Seminary, Washington, D.C.
- 17 Liturgy and blessing of site for new parish rectory, Ss Peter and Paul Ukrainian
Catholic Church, Phoenixville, PA
- 18 Mysteries of Initiation for Yuriy Sviatoslav Pitula, son of Rev. Roman and Tetiana Pitula, St. Michael
Ukrainian Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ
- 21 Meeting at Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, Philadelphia
- 22 Archieparchial Women's Day Meeting
Archieparchial Pilgrimage Meeting
- 23-26 50th anniversary celebrations of Eparchy of St. Nicholas, Chicago, Illinois
- 27, 28 Pennsylvania Catholic Conference meeting
Board of Governors Meeting

October

- 1 Ukrainian American Veterans' Convention and Banquet
- 2 Archieparchial/Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great Pilgrimage, Fox Chase Manor, PA
- 3 Pennsylvania Bishops' Meeting, Malvern, PA
- 9 100th Anniversary of Patronage of Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, Marion Heights,
PA
- 15 Ascension Manor, Philadelphia, official re-dedication and blessing
- 16 60th Anniversary of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, New Brunswick, NJ
- 18-21 Allocations meeting, USCCB Sub-committee on Aid to Home Missions, El Paso, Texas
- 23 Archieparchial Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Philadelphia
- 30 75th Anniversary of St Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Pottstown, PA



PA Catholic Conference Applauds Governor Corbett's School Choice Plan

Submitted by J. Shea on Tuesday, October 11 2011

HARRISBURG (October 11) – The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) reiterates the Catholic community's support of school choice and applauds Governor Tom Corbett who today announced his plan to create a school voucher program and increase the already successful Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

"The Catholic community agrees with Governor Corbett's call for action – students deserve access to educational opportunities that work for their learning needs and parents have the right to choose the school that is best for their child," said Robert J. O'Hara, Jr., Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference. "Economic or social barriers often prevent families from accessing the educational options that would be best for them. A mandatory system in which students are assigned to a school based solely on geographic location is unjust and inequitable for many students, especially those in low-income families."

Under the governor's school choice plan, parents would have access to more educational options for their children. EITC scholarships that already allow low and middle income parents to send their children to non-public schools would expand. With vouchers, qualified parents could move their children from a failing school to another public school, a charter school or a non-public school.

"Two weeks ago, the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania called school choice 'a defining social justice issue for our society.' Educating each and every child to his or her potential is our moral obligation," added O'Hara. "The Bishops do not see school choice as a public versus non-public school issue, but a family and child issue. Each family should have a full range of educational options for their children; it is a civil right for every parent."

"School choice reinforces that parents – not the state – are the primary educators of their children. Now is the time for the Pennsylvania legislature to ensure that ideal educational opportunities are accessible and available to all. The Catholic community applauds Governor Corbett for his leadership on school choice. There are few priorities more important than educating for the future."

Pennsylvania's 500 plus Catholic schools together are the largest provider of non-public education in the Commonwealth. These schools educate both Catholics and non-Catholics in an academically excellent and nurturing environment. This essential service not only helps to create new generations of productive and engaged citizens, but also by saves over \$4 billion tax dollars annually.

Joelle Shea is the Director of Outreach for the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference – the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania.

<http://www.pacatholic.org>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

November 20, 2011: Cathedral Christmas Bazaar (Franklin & Brown St, Philadelphia, PA) 10 am - 4pm. www.ukrcathedral.com

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

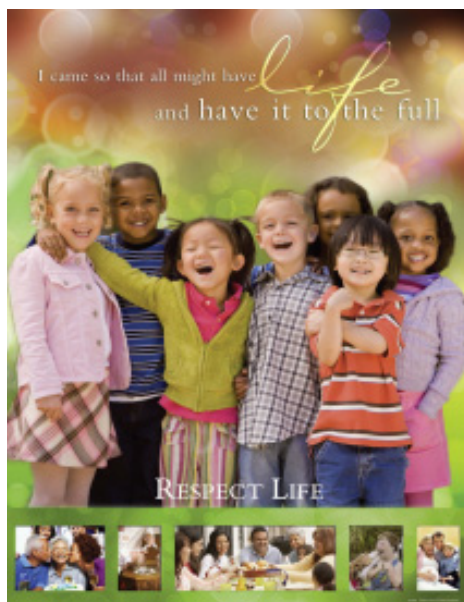
Annual Cookie Walk and Fruit and Nut Roll Sale

St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1545 Easton Road, Warrington PA 18976.

Are you too tired or busy to bake cookies? Let St. Anne's bakers do it for you. \$9/lb and specially priced unique cookies. Saturday - December 10 from 9am until we are sold out. Come early as we sell out quickly! Over 30 varieties to choose from. Pre-order your fruit and nut rolls by going to our website www.stanneukrainiancc.com and fill out the form, mail in your \$\$ and pick up at Cookie Walk. More info? Karen 215-343-4310.



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