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## **His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk was the main celebrant of the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral.**



*(Photo: Teresa Siwak)*

Philadelphia, Pa. — Sunday, November 13th, was a historic day in the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia as the spiritual head and father of the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide, Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk prayed with the clergy, religious and faithful during a pastoral visitation. His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav Shevchuk was the main celebrant at the 2:30 p.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, which was celebrated here in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA.

**The next issue of "The Way" will be dedicated to Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk's Pastoral Visit. Be sure to visit our blog to see videos from the Pastoral Visit at [www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com](http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com) .**

## **Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province Celebrate One Hundred Years in America**



At the end of Matins on Sunday, November 6, 2011, the bells at the monastery of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase rang one hundred times, signaling the beginning of a day-long celebration commemorating one hundred years of service in America.

That afternoon, Basilian Sisters from around the world, hierarchs, clergy, former students, friends, community leaders, companions and supporters of their spiritual journey joined the Sisters of Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province at a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving celebrated at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, just a stone's throw from the building situated at the nearby corner of 7th and Poplar streets where the Sister's first began their ministry in the United States.

Celebrants at the Divine Liturgy included Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka; Most Reverend Paul Chomnycky, OSBM; Most Reverend John Bura; Most Reverend Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten; present and former Chaplains and Spiritual Directors, as well as many other clergy.

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Among the special guests attending and speaking at this joyful event were General Superior Sister Miriam Claire Kowal, OSBM, and members of her Council; Sister Mykolaya Romakh, OSBM, Provincial Superior of the Holy Trinity Province in Ukraine; Mother Georgianna Snihur, OSBM, Superior of the Contemplative Sisters in Middletown, New York; Sister Seraphim Olsafsky, OSBM, Superior of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; and Sister Lucia Salkovski, OSBM, Superior of the St. Macrina Delegation in Brazil.



Other Major Superiors from around the world included Sister Anna Piecunco, Poland; Sister Josefa Simova, Presov, Slovakia; Sister Valentina Hadarau, Romania and Sister Anisia Szewczuk, Australia. Representing the Generalate in Rome were Sister Joanna Lickvar, Sister Ioana Bota and Sister Ihgnatiya Havrylyk.

In the evening, the festivities continued with a banquet held at Savoy's in Pennsauken, New Jersey, which was attended by approximately 300 guests. Halyna Keller, CEO of the Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union, served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

In her welcoming remarks, Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, provided an overview of the work the Sister had accomplished since November of 1911, the year the founding Sisters of the American Province arrived in Philadelphia. During the evening, the Sisters and their work were feted by numerous speakers and celebrated in an interesting and touching series of videotaped interviews with teachers, graduates of educational institutions they had founded, and others whose lives they had touched. In turn, the Sisters thanked the many individuals who had been an integral part of their incredible journey over the past century.

Before departing for home, each guest was presented with a special keepsake—a copy of the Sisters' commemorative centennial book, which traces the spiritual journey of the Province from its roots in Ukraine to its many accomplishments in the United States.

Videos from the centennial celebration can be viewed at [www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com](http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com) For additional information about Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province, see the Sisters' Website at [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com)

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Basilian Sisters from around the world.



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# Metropolitan Stefan's Homily

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great in the USA  
100-ліття Чину святого Василя Великого в США, 10/06/2011

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Сердечне вітання всім, хто прибув на це радісне святкування століття служіння сестер Чину святого Василя Великого в Сполучених Штатах Америки! Ми можемо бути лише радісними та вдячними в цей особливий день

Святий Павло у сьогоднішньому Апостольському посланні до Филип'ян дуже гарно передав ці наші почуття. Він сказав, що молитесь за них з радістю, бо вони є учасниками проповіді Євангелія від першого дня.

My heartfelt welcome to everyone sharing in this joyous occasion celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the ministry of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great in the United States of America! We cannot be anything but joyful and grateful people on such a special day.

St. Paul expressed our feelings this day so beautifully in today's Epistle reading to the Philippians. He told his friends that he prayed for

them with joy because of their partnership for the gospel from the first day.

Кожне велике звершення в історії починається з зернятка. Зернятко ідеї проростає, бо його посіяли, обробляли важкою працею, терпеливістю і молитвами дбайливі люди. Насіння – це те, про що ми мріємо. Життя починається з насінини.

У Євангелії є образ селянина, який щедрою рукою розсіває навколо себе насіння.

Ісус – це селянин, який вийшов засівати. Як селянин розсіває своє насіння, так само й Ісус розсіває свої слова серед натовпу, що зібрався на березі. Він не сіє скупю, але щедро. Насіння в Його посланні – це дещо більше, ніж людські слова. Це Слово Боже. Люди, що зібралися навколо нього, це люди Божі, природні спадкоємці послання Божого.

Так як селянин розсіває своє насіння на різний ґрунт, так Ісус уділяє Слово Боже різним



слухачам, що зібралися перед ним. Деякі слухачі прийняли його; інші відкинули; одні зрадили, інші залишилися байдужими. Насіння виявилось плідним. Царство постало від зустрічі Слова Божого з людством, послання Ісуса Христа до людей довкола Нього.

The Gospel presents a picture of a farmer scattering the seed around him with ample motion, with lots of seeds being sown. As the farmer scatters his seed, so Jesus scattered his words among the crowd assembled on the shore. He does not sow sparingly but generously. The seed is his message – something more than human words. It is the word of God. The

people gathered around him are the people of God, the natural heirs to God's message.

Just as the farmer scatters his seed on varied soil around him, Jesus Christ offers the word of God to the varied audience in front of him. Some listeners accept it; some reject it; some are overjoyed by it; others remain untouched. Yet, the seed remains fertile. The kingdom is inaugurated in this encounter between the word of God and humanity, between the message of Jesus Christ and the people around him.

Господь згадав чотири ґрунти, на які

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впало насіння. Перший – це дорога. Грунт такий твердий, що насіння не змогло в нього проникнути. Ми подивляємо великі досягнення Сестер Василянок впродовж минулих сто років їхнього служіння. Спиніться на хвилину й згадайте ту важку стежку, те оточення, яке зустріло Матір Олену Лангевич і її сестер Василянок, коли вони прибули сюди. До сестер існували великі застереження та підозра. Початки були особливо важкими. Багато від них вимагали, але мало пропонували допомоги в здійсненні їхньої місії. Однак, вони щиро відгукнулися на запрошення Єпископа Сотера Ортинського терміново розпочати своє служіння різним потребам емігрантів. Їхня міцна віра і сильна воля служити Богу і Його святій Церкві переважили випробування Церкви, якій бракувало дисципліни та порядку. Можна сказати, що сестри Василянки вдобрювали грунт твердої дороги своїми жертвами та служінням. Ми є свідками сили віри, якою живуть богопосвячені сестри і яка перетворює навіть найзапекліші серця, коли

вони слухають Слово Боже. Задумайтеся про змінюючий вплив служіння сестер на життя дітей в сиротинцях, через катехизацію дітей та дорослих в парафіях, через навчання в багатьох школах, через евангелізаційні програми та духовне провідництво. Багато важких доріг не змогли затверднути, бо сестри Василянки присвятили себе розкриттю Слова Божого в любові та служінні.

Our Lord tells us that there are four types of ground on which the seed falls. The first is described as the footpath. The ground is very hard.

We marvel at the tremendous accomplishments of the Basilian Sisters throughout these past one hundred years of ministry. Take a moment and reflect on the hard footpath which Mother Langevych and her Basilian Sisters faced in their environment at the time of arrival. There were tremendous prejudices and suspicions of the intentions of the Sisters. The beginnings were exceptionally difficult times. Much was expected of them while little was offered to help them accomplish their ministry.

However, they generously responded to the invitation by Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky to immediately minister to the many and diverse needs of the immigrants. Their strong faith and their determined will to serve God and His holy Church prevailed against the challenges of a Church which lacked discipline and order. The Basilian Sisters can be said to have made fertile the soil of the hard path through their sacrifice and service. We witness the power of faith lived out by religious women in transforming even the hardest heart in hearing the word of God. Consider the changing influence on lives because of the Basilian Sisters' ministry to children in the orphanages, in the many parish catechism programs they offered for children and adults, in the many schools in which they taught, the many programs of evangelization and spiritual counseling offered. Many a hard footpath did not have a chance to be hardened because the Basilian Sisters dedicated themselves to reveal the word of God in love and service.

Другий грунт, про який говорить Ісус – це

кам'яниста земля. Насіння не може прорости через обмаль землі між камінням. Уявіть собі ті несприятливі вітри, які дули на сестер Василянок впродовж цих сто років. Сестри Василянки жили Слово Боже у відповідь на потреби багатьох різних людей. Змінювалися потреби і сестри мусили пристосовуватися до змін потреб і часу. Вони мусили відмовлятися від одних служінь на перевагу здійснення інших. Хоч служили вони головним чином Українській Католицькій Церкві, однак що переважало в них – так це посвячення служінню всім Божим сотворінням. Згадаймо місію Менор Коледжу – надавати академічну освіту людям різних етнічних груп та рас. Академія святого Василя для дівчат надає освіту в українському католицькому оточенні. Василянський Духовний Центр відгукується на духовну спрагу кожного, хто проходить крізь його двері. Сестри Василянки свідомо обрали не прив'язувати своє служіння лише до своєї власної етнічної та релігійної ідентичності. Вони обрали служіння

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ширше за них самих. Сестри Василіянки не піддалися спокусі служити лише своїм людям. Вони не дозволили собі перетворитися на кам'янистий ґрунт, який не дає закоренитися Слову Божому, де би воно не засівалося. Вони обрали жити Слово Боже своїм життям в служінні всім Божим створінням. Сестри Василіянки дають нам сильний приклад правдивої євангелізації. Вони дають нам приклад для наслідування всією Українською Католицькою Церквою.

The second type of soil Jesus speaks about is the rocky ground. The seed cannot grow because of the shallowness of the soil around the rocks

Imagine the winds of adversity faced by the Basilian Sisters throughout these past one hundred years of ministry. The Basilian Sisters nurtured God's word in response to the needs of many different people. Needs changed and the Sisters needed to adapt themselves to changing needs and times. They learned to let go of some ministries while they enhanced their ability to

fulfill others. While primarily serving the Ukrainian Catholic Church, what prevailed was their demonstrated commitment to minister to all of God's creation. Consider the mission of Manor College offering academic formation for people of different ethnic groups and races. Saint Basil Academy is open to girls from all walks of life offering formation within a Ukrainian Catholic environment. The Basilian Spirituality Center responds to the spiritual thirst of everyone who comes through its doors. The Basilian Sisters have deliberately chosen not to confine themselves to serve only persons of their own ethnic and religious identity. They have chosen to minister beyond themselves. The Basilian Sisters have not surrendered to the temptation of serving only your own people. They have not allowed themselves to become a rocky ground which cannot allow for the rooting of God's word wherever it is scattered. They have chosen to nurture God's word through their lived out ministry to all of God's creation. The Basilian Sisters give us a tremendous example of true evangelization. They

give us example to emulate in the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Ви можете пригадати, що третій ґрунт є з бур'янами. Добре насіння не може прорости, бо поживу забирають бур'яни.

Я особисто постійно дивуюся надзвичайній посвяті й жертвності сестер Василіянок щодо розвитку багатьох служінь. Сто років тому єпископ Ортинський купив невелику ділянку землі на Факс Чейс. Сестри Василіянки розширили свої монастирські володіння й вклали в будівництво будинків, в яких служили іншим.

Все це надзвичайно продумане й далекоглядне. Воно потребує доброго господарювання та величезних коштів на будівництво та утримання. Це вимагає міцної та сильної віри, щоб протистояти вітрам скептицизму та тим, хто придушує ентузіазм та надію в інших. Сестри Василіянки важко працюють і постійно вкладають свої ресурси в служіння іншим,

зокрема в сфері навчання та духовності. Це служіння поставило Слово Боже перед всією спільнотою. Божа присутність проповідується всім. Боже Слово запрошує всіх до розмови з Ним через служіння сестер Василіянок. Вони дають нам натхнення дивитися вперед з надією та ентузіазмом в служінні іншим.

You will recall that the third soil is filled with thorns. As the good seed tries to grow, it cannot because its nourishment is robbed by the weeds.

I personally am continually amazed at the tremendous sacrifice and dedication of the Basilian Sisters in the development of their many ministries. Bishop Ortynsky purchased a modest piece of the property at Fox Chase one hundred years ago. The Basilian Sisters added to their monastery grounds and invested in the development of the many buildings for the service of others.

It all took massive foresight and vision. It involves much planning and tremendous funds to

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build and to maintain. It commands stamina and strong faith to withstand the winds of skeptics and those who would choke enthusiasm and hope in others. The Basilian Sisters have worked hard and have continually invested their resources for the service of others, particularly academically and spiritually. These ministries place the word of God before the whole community. God's presence is proclaimed to all. God's word invites all to a dialogue with Him through the ministry of the Basilian Sisters. They give us inspiration to look forward with hope and enthusiasm for the service of others.

І нарешті, добрий ґрунт, який через наполегливість дає плоди. Ми стаємо доброю плідною землею слухаючи та приймаючи Слово Боже, що перетворює нас, незалежно від того, яким болючим може бути цей процес.

За ці сто років сестри Чину святого Василя Великого були засобом звернення Слова Божого до людства. Провінція присвячена Ісусові Христу Чоловіколюбцеві.

Сестри Василянки стали одним з Господом Ісусом, якого вони люблять і якому служать. Вони взяли участь в Його щедрому засіванні Слова Божого.

Їхня відповідь була неспівмірна і непропорційна. Вона була такою ж щедрою, як і спосіб, яким Господь засіває Слово Боже. Сестри Василянки стали одним з сіячем – з Ісусом.

Finally, there is the good soil which produces fruit through perseverance. We become good, fruitful soil by hearing and accepting God's word, and by letting it transform us no matter how painful that process may be.

For these past one hundred years, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great have been God's instruments in the dialogue between God's word and humanity. The Province is dedicated to Jesus Christ, the Lover of Humanity. The Basilian Sisters have become one with the Lord Jesus whom they love and serve. They have shared in His abundant scattering of the word of God.

Their response was not measured or proportioned. It was as generous as the manner in which the Lord has sown the word of God. The Basilian Sisters became one with the sower, Jesus.

Я висловлюю щирю вдячність всієї Української Католицької Церкви в Америці сестрі Доротей Анні Бусовській, Провінційній настоятельці сестер Василянок провінції Ісуса Чоловіколюбця, та всім сестрам провінції. Дякую вам за ваше щире та безумовне «Так!» запрошенню Господа здійснити з ним подорож засівання та живлення Його Слова посеред духовенства та вірних. Ваше «Так!» наслідуює безумовне і молитовне «Так!» засвідчене Матір'ю Божою, коли її було запрошено стати учасницею Божого плану спасіння. Ми молимося за те, щоб благословення Господнє було на всіх вас таке ж щедре й багате, як і ваша відповідь на Божий заклик.

Дякую Генеральній настоятельці Сестер Василянок, сестрі Міріям Кларі Коваль, яка є членом цієї провінції, а зараз очолює всіх сестер

Василянок у світі. Присутність такої значної кількості Провінційних настоятельок з усіх частин світу підкреслює універсальність щедрого відгуку сестер Василянок на Божий поклик перебувати там, де Бог засіває своє Слово. Без сумніву, всі ви з гордістю святкуєте величезні досягнення цієї провінції впродовж минулих сто років. Ми дякуємо вам за молитовну присутність на цих святкуваннях.

I offer the heartfelt gratitude of the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church in America to you Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, Provincial of the Basilian Sisters of the Jesus the Lover of Humanity Province and to all of the Sisters of your Province. Thank you for your abundant and unconditional "yes" to the Lord's invitation to journey with Him in the sowing and nurturing of His word amidst the clergy and faithful. Your "yes" imitates the unconditional and prayerful 'yes' exemplified by the Mother of God when invited to be a part of God's plan of salvation. We pray that the blessings of the Lord be upon all of

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you in the same generous and abundant manner in which you have so generously responded to God's call.

Thank you to the Mother General of the Basilian Sisters, Sister Miriam Claire Kowal, who is a member of this Province and now leads the Basilian Sisters worldwide. The presence of so many Provincials of Basilian communities from all parts of the world underlines the universality of the Basilian Sisters' generous response to God's call everywhere where God's word was sown. All of you undoubtedly celebrate with great pride the tremendous accomplishments of this Province in these past one hundred years. We thank you for your prayerful presence at this celebration.

Our heartfelt gratitude is offered to our concelebrating bishops, Bishop Paul Chomnycky of the Stamford Eparchy, Bishop Basil Losten, Bishop-Emeritus of the Stamford Eparchy, and Bishop John Bura of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma. Their prayerful presence today is indicative of the strong support and cooperation

they have steadfastly offered the Basilian Sisters.

The Basilian Sisters particularly desired that their present and former chaplains and priests who have provided for retreats would honor them by concelebrating at the altar today. Thank you, Reverend Fathers for your steadfast prayers for the Sisters and for your ministry to their spiritual needs as they ministered to our faithful.

Thank you to all of the other concelebrating clergy, to our Deacon Michael Waak, to our subdeacon Roman Oprysk, to those who have assisted at the altar, and to the clergy and their families, to the Reverend Sisters of various other Religious Orders, who have honored the Basilian Sisters with their prayerful presence in the cathedral.

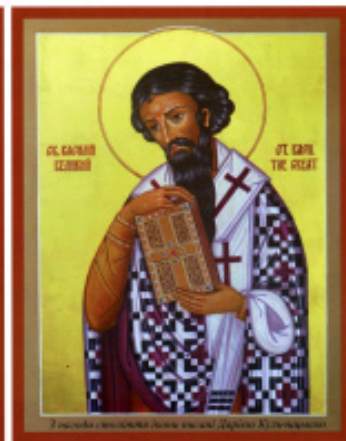
Дякую панові Богданові Генгалю та хору «Аколада» за піднесення наших молитов до неба в такий спокійний та молитовний спосіб. Дякую всім тим, хто допомагав перетворити ці святкування на особливі для сестер Василянок і для нашої Церкви. Це найбільш відповідний

спосіб висловлення своєї вдячності Всевишньому Богу та Сестрам за їхнє служіння.

Sisters, God bless you richly in ways only He can. Know of my love for you. I hold you in very high esteem and revere the goodness and charity you show in so many ways. May the omophor of our Blessed Mother continue to embrace and protect you as you continue to share in God's generous and abundant sharing of Himself with humanity!

Нехай Господь щедро благословить вас лише Йому відомими шляхами. Прийміть мою любов до вас. Я дуже високо ціную вас і шаную добро та милосердя, які ви виказуєте такими різними способами. Нехай омофор нашої Пречистої Матері Божої продовжує огортати та захищати вас у вашій спільній з Богом щедрою Його посвяті людству.

Слава Ісусу Христу!



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Hierarchical Divine Liturgy  
Immaculate Conception Cathedral  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



З нагоди відзначення  
святування свого  
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## Training Grounds (Part II)

Seminary can be quite frustrating at times, because a seminarian must place his trust wholly in God and allow our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Holy Church, to shape him into a competent minister and leader. If he does not do this, he can make mistakes, some benign, some serious. There are days when a seminarian just does not understand Father Rector's orders and creates headaches, such as unintentionally damaging a washer/dryer by placing a clean dryer filter in backwards, or by pouring fabric softener into a bleach chute. Sometimes they get careless, resulting in phenomena like the infamous St. Josaphat smoldering mulch patches (a result of an improperly disposed cigarette). These are little mistakes that make for funny stories, although there are a few times where the mistakes are, unfortunately, more serious.

The upshot of this is that whoever wishes to serve God must be willing to place all of his trust in God and in the Church. Due to our fallen natures, mistakes will be made, but we must be ready to minimize their impact, minimize their number, and above all else, **LEARN FROM THEM**. Because when the seminarian is finally ordained to the diaconate and priesthood, there is no room for error, especially when tending to souls. This is why formation is so important. Just as one expects a doctor to be credentialed with a good medical school education and internship, so one should expect a "doctor of souls" be properly formed at seminary, because the damage done to a soul can be catastrophic for both the priest and the soul that is damaged. May we all pray for our seminarians and clergy that God guide them in all they do, and that they have the grace to let God guide their steps all their days!

Rev. Paul J. Makar

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you to service in His Church?*

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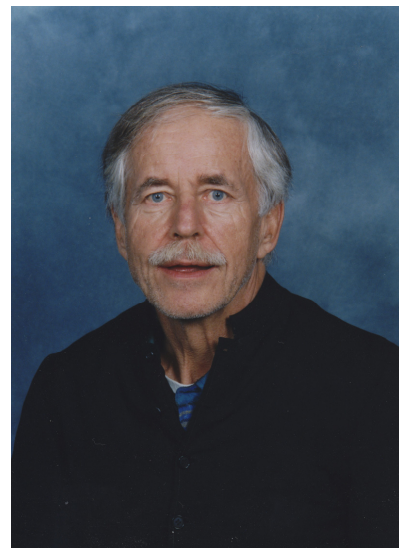
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## Altar Servers



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Passaic, NJ recently welcomed five third grade boys from its parochial school into the altar servers' society. A brief induction ceremony for the commissioning of altar servers was celebrated by Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor, Fr. Jody Baran, teacher, and Fr. George Worschak. The boys then vested in their dalmatics, took their places at the altar, and served the Divine Liturgy for the very first time. Fr. Andriy thanked the boys, as well as their parents, for their devotion, dedication, and anticipated participation in serving faithfully at God's holy altar for many years to come.

## ***"Come and See" weekend***

As the Sisters of St. Basil the Great Jesus Lover of Humanity Province move and plan for the next 100 years of Service in the United States, Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM and Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM have been appointed as Co-Vocation Directors. The ministry is vast and we invite mature women to join us in prayer, community and ministry.

Sisters Joann and Ann invite interested single women to attend a ***"Come and See"*** weekend, a time to spend with the Sisters in prayer, community and ministry, on November 18, 19, 20, 2011 and March 16 - 18, 2012 at the Basilian Sisters Motherhouse in Jenkintown, PA. Various other events are being planned.

Sisters Ann & Joann will also be available to parishes for talks and presentations on various topics. For additional information please check the Vocations Tab on the Sisters of St. Basil the Great Jesus Lover of Humanity Province website, [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com) or call Sr Joann (215-379-3998 ext 16) or Sr Ann (412-260-1607)

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**SUBJECT: ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, FRACKVILLE TO PRESENT  
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONAL SUN., DEC. 11 AT 4 P.M.;  
PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BRASS ENSEMBLE, REENACTMENT OF THE NATIVITY STORY  
AND AUDIENCE CAROL SING-A-LONG**

FRACKVILLE, PA.--: St. Michael's Church extends its annual holiday invitation to one and all to attend A Christmas Candlelight Processional Pageant, which will be held Sunday, December 11 at 4 p.m. in St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, West Oak Street, Frackville. "This is our annual Christmas gift to the community," is the way Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields characterized this pageant, which was first presented by the parish children in 2004.

The program will include the story of the Birth of Christ, with Scripture reading, a reenactment of the Nativity scene by the children of the parish, and an audience carol sing-a-long with many of the traditional Christmas carols, including Ukrainian carols.

A brass ensemble will perform before the program and also provide accompaniment during the presentation.

The pageant will include the participation of children portraying Joseph, Mary, the three wise men, angels, shepherds, and villagers.

The audience will sing along as traditional carols are interspersed with the narration of the Gospel accounts of the Nativity of the Christ Child.

After the program, the outdoor Christmas tree lighting will take place.

Everyone is then invited to enjoy a covered dish which will be served in the parish hall and St. Nicholas will make his annual visit. The church observes the feast of St. Nicholas on December 6.

There is no admission cost and the program is open to the public.

For additional information or directions, please call the parish rectory: (570) 874-1101.

# NEW YEAR'S EVE "ZABAVA"

Sponsored by Ukrainian Assumption Church

Saturday, December 31, 2011 8:00 p.m.

Assumption School Auditorium

380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ

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Delicious, Bountiful Buffet Dinner  
Served at 8:00 p.m. and Available All Evening  
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After December 25th - \$85.00 per person

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## Pa. South Anthracite Deanery Christmas Confession Schedule

During Philip's Fast, the priests of the South Anthracite Deanery visit neighboring churches to offer the Holy Mystery of Penance. It provides an excellent opportunity for the faithful to receive the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation as they spiritually prepare for the celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.

The following is the visiting priests' confession schedule for the parishes of the South Anthracite Deanery. Confessions will be heard on the listed dates from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### Monday, Nov. 28

St. Mary-Centralia  
St. Michael-Frackville  
St. Mary-Middleport  
Transfiguration of Our Lord-Shamokin

### Tuesday, Nov. 29

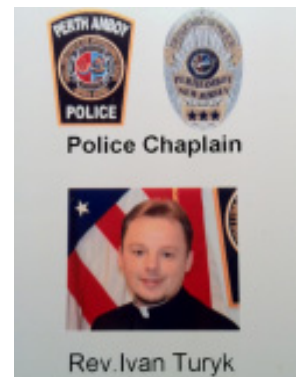
St. John-Maizeville  
St. Mary-Marion Heights  
St. Nicholas-Minersville  
St. Michael-Shenandoah

### Wednesday, Nov. 30

St. Michael-Hazleton  
St. Mary-McAdoo  
Ss. Peter & Paul-Mt. Carmel  
St. Nicholas-St. Clair

## New Police Chaplain

On October 30, 2011 the Pastor of the Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ, Fr. Ivan Turyk was named chaplain for the Perth Amboy Police Department. Department Chaplains serve as "ambassadors" dedicated to providing a ministry of presence and support to members of the Police Department.

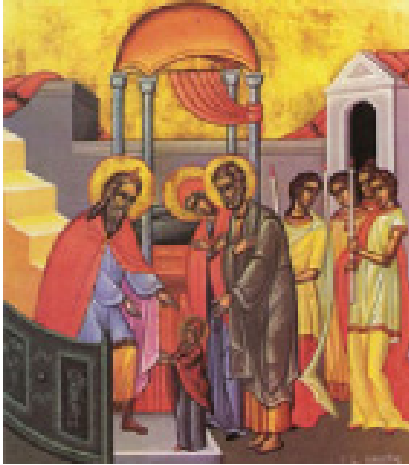


Police chaplains also counsel officers and members of the police department as well as their families, make death notifications, provide assistance to victims, help at suicide incidents, serve as part of the department's crisis response team.



St Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church - Warrington, PA - Parishioner, Dr. Adam Colombo, Emergency Room physician at St. Luke's Medical Center in Bethlehem, PA and a Major in the PA Air National Guard, served during the 2010-2011 summer season as the only Flight Surgeon at the South Pole and at the McMurdo Research Station on the continent of Antarctica. Doctor Colombo and his staff cared for military personnel, United Nations scientists, and the year-round resident working there, about 1100 persons in all. We are proud and honored to have him in our Parish. May God Bless him and his staff for their courageous efforts.

## The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple



*As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Lk 10, 38-42; 11, 27-28)*

The Feast of the Entrance into the Temple of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21 each year. The Feast commemorates when as a young child, the Virgin Mary entered the Temple in Jerusalem.

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

When Mary was three years old, Joachim and Anna decided that the time had come to fulfill their promise and to offer her to the Lord. Joachim gathered the young girls of the neighborhood to form an escort, and he made them go in front of Mary, carrying torches. Captivated by the torches, the young child followed joyfully to the Temple, not once looking back at her parents nor weeping as she was parted from them.

The holy Virgin ran toward the Temple, overtaking her attendant maidens and threw herself into the arms of the High Priest Zacharias, who was waiting for her at the gate of the Temple with the elders. Zacharias blessed her saying, "It is in you that He has glorified your name in every generation. It is in you that He will reveal the Redemption that He has prepared for His people in the last days."

Then, Zacharias brought the child into the Holy of Holies—a place where only the High Priest was permitted to enter once a year on the Day of Atonement. He placed her on the steps of the altar, and the grace of the Lord descended upon her. She arose and expressed her joy in a dance as wonder seized all who saw this happen.

The Virgin Mary dwelt in the Temple for nine years until, reaching an age for marriage, she was taken from the Temple by the priests and elders and entrusted to Joseph as the guardian of her virginity.

The Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple signifies her total dedication to God and her readiness for her future vocation as the Mother of the Incarnate Lord. This is a feast of anticipation. As honor is shown to Mary, the faithful are called to look forward to the Incarnation of Christ, celebrated in a little more than a month by the Feast of the Nativity on December 25.

[www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org)



# **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church**

**630 Laurel Street (610) 376-0586**  
**Reading PA 19602**

**Saturday, December 3rd**

**12 to 4 PM**

**Soups**

**Bread**

**Pyrohy**

**Rolls**



**Pastries**

Merry Christmas

**Holupchi**

**Halushky**

**Ukrainian  
Crafts**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**December 3-4, 2011:** Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar in the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melrose Park, PA

**December 10, 2011:** Annual Cookie Walk, St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1545 Easton Rd, Warrington, PA, 9AM. [www.stanneukrainiancc.com](http://www.stanneukrainiancc.com)

**December 11, 2011:** Slavic Christmas Luncheon. Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 100 S. Penn St., Clifton Heights, PA. Please call 610-622-0261 before December 5th to reserve your seat.

**December 11, 2011:** Christmas Candlelight Processional, St. Michael's, Frackville, PA, starting at 4p.m., for more information call 570-874-1101.

## POPE: STUDY THE EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

### November Intention: That Whole Church Will Esteem This "Spiritual Treasure"

VATICAN CITY, NOV. 3, 2011 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI is praying this month for an increase in knowledge of and esteem for the Eastern Catholic Churches.

The Apostleship of Prayer announced the intentions chosen by the Pope for this month.

His general intention is "that the Eastern Catholic Churches and their venerable traditions may be known and esteemed as a spiritual treasure for the whole Church."

The Eastern Catholic Churches are in full communion with Rome. They originate in Eastern Europe, Asia or Africa and have their own liturgical and legal

systems. The national or ethnic character of their regions of origin identifies these Churches. There are 22 Eastern Catholic Churches, and their members number worldwide between 16 million and 17 million.

The Pontiff's mission intention is focused on Africa: "That the African continent may find strength in Christ to pursue justice and reconciliation as set forth by the Second Synod of African Bishops."

Benedict XVI will be traveling to Benin in just over two weeks for a three-day apostolic trip.

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