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First Ever Eastern Catholic Vocations Fair

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, in conjunction with the help and support of the Region 15 Eastern Catholic Bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), hosted the very first Eastern Catholic Vocations Fair of 2012 at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family on Sunday, January 22nd, 2012, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Approximately 200 people came to visit the fair, some were from the local area; others were pilgrims traveling to



A group of pilgrims from the Byzantine Eparchy of Parma take a look at the Vocations Table for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Washington, DC, for the National Right to Life activities taking place that weekend. All came to see the various exhibits at the fair and learn more about the various Eastern Catholic Churches that are here in the United States. Despite the bad weather, 17 exhibitors came from all over the country – some from as far away as Olympia, WA. These exhibitors represented a broad and diverse picture of the Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States.

The idea for an Eastern Catholic Vocations Fair came from the 2010 meeting of the USCCB Region 15 Eastern Catholic Bishops. It was noted that vocations fairs were successfully used by the Roman Catholic Church in the past. Most notably, Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH, hosts a very well-known vocations fair that consistently attracts approximately 3000 students in a single day and has produced vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. This was a concept that was subsequently developed and put into motion at Holy Family National Shrine. The Eastern Catholic Vocations Fair of 2012 had two goals: promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life for the various Eastern Catholic Churches and spread knowledge about the different Eastern Catholic Churches to visitors who would come to the fair.

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In spite of the bad weather during the weekend of January 22nd, the Eastern Catholic Vocations Fair had a decent turnout of visitors and exhibitors. The exhibitors present included:

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford - St. Basil's College.
The Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God
The Ukrainian Redemptorists of Yorkton, CA
The Order of St. Basil the Great of Glen Cove, NY
The Sisters of St. Basil the Great of Fox Chase, PA
The Sisters of St. Basil the Great of Uniontown, PA
The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh
The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma
The Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic
The Nuns of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery of Burton, OH
The Byzantine Benedictine Sisters of Warren, OH
The Melkite Greek-Catholic Eparchy of Newton, MA
The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light
The Maronite Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn, NY
Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary
The Romanian Greek-Catholic Nuns of Holy Theophany Monastery, Olympia, WA
The Society of Jesus (Eastern Catholic Jesuits from Fordham University, Bronx, NY)



Msgr. Peter Waslo chats with a vocations discerner at the vocations table for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM, and Sr. Joann Sosler, OSBM, vocations directors for the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase, PA, chat with a group of young pilgrims from the Byzantine Eparchy of Parma.

Overall, the Eastern Catholic Vocations Fair 2012 at Holy Family National Shrine was a success as it served its purpose of promoting vocations for the Eastern Catholic Churches as well as spreading knowledge of the different Eastern Catholic Churches that comprise the "Eastern Lung" of the Catholic Church. Many seeds were planted in the visitors that came to the fair; seeds that we pray will one day germinate into living one's vocation in life, especially if it leads a visitor to consider and choose to answer the call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. The various vocations directors from the representative Eastern Catholic Churches were quite moved by the turnout of events, and future vocations fairs will be planned for subsequent following years.

Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life and that God bless our various Eastern Catholic Churches!

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Pilgrims visit the tables of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great of Uniontown, PA and Fox Chase, PA.



Exhibit of the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light



Pilgrims visit more exhibits from the Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, Byzantine Catholic Church, Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, and the Romanian Greek Catholic Nuns of Holy Theophany Monastery.



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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(Photo on left) Pilgrims chat with the Romanian Greek Catholic Nuns of Holy Theophany Monastery, Maronite Servants of Christ the Light (background), Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary (background) and the Order of St. Basil the Great (background).

“The Office of Vocations of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia would like to present a special article on religious life, written by Sister Timothea Konnyu, MSMG, of our Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God. May God bless her, the Missionary Sisters, and indeed, all of our religious orders who live their lives as exemplars of the virtues of poverty, chastity, and obedience!”

Rev. Paul J. Makar

THE DISCIPLESHIP OF RELIGIOUS SISTERS IN THE VOWS OF POVERTY, CHASTITY AND OBEDIENCE

By Sr. Timothea Konnyu, MSMG

Every baptized Christian is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ according to one’s own vocation in life. This means that every baptized Christian is to observe the Ten Commandments, to live out the Beatitudes of Christ in all they do in life, and to courageously accept ones daily cross. However, some are called to a deeper discipleship of Christ by putting away what some would see as a “normal life” and by living a life of prayer that is rooted in the virtues of strict poverty, chastity, and obedience. These vows, while lived daily by those in religious life, are applicable to all Christians who faithfully seek to be disciples of Christ.

Jesus tells us in His Sermon on the Mount: **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”** (Matt 5:3) All the riches that man may possess such as wealth, learning, high honors, etc. comes from God. One who is poor in spirit realizes this and he becomes detached in heart and mind from worldly possessions, pleasures and power, preferring instead the spiritual riches of the Kingdom of Heaven. In the same way, by voluntarily relinquishing wealth and eschewing worldly status and power, a monk or nun acquires spiritual wealth in Christ. In proportion to one’s own detachment from the world, those in consecrated life, and indeed all Christians, will become rich in faith, hope and love of God. Pope John Paul II best expressed this in this way: “Desire for true happiness frees man from his immoderate attachment to the goods of this world so that he can find his fulfillment in the vision and beatitude of God.” (Pope John Paul II, *Speaks to Religious*, Vol 1)



Sr. Timothea Konnyu, MSMG

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Jesus also tells us: **“Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.” (Matt 5:8)** Chastity is the virtue that disposes one to be pure in soul and body, whether embracing a celibate or married life. When a consecrated religious freely lives a life of chastity as espoused in a committed life of celibacy, the consecrated person renounces the temporal joys of married and family life for the sake of the kingdom of God. In embracing this life, the consecrated religious seek to emulate God’s divine love in a life of selfless giving and service to others. Chastity, whether in consecrated life or marriage, is a gift of love from the Trinity to live one’s life with an undivided heart that is wholly focused on God’s love for the world, freely sharing His love that radiates within us with all in the world.

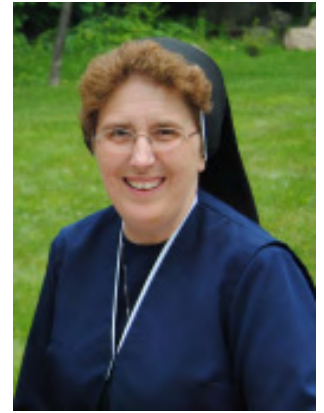


Finally, it should be noted that the consecrated religious cannot observe chastity and poverty to the fullest without living the vow of obedience with ones whole body, mind, and soul. Jesus said: **“Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.” (Matt 5:5)** By observing the vow of obedience the consecrated religious accepts God’s Holy Will and the direction of her superiors and spiritual director in her daily life. She humbly accepts and obeys the superior and the rules of the congregation joyfully, without any hesitation or ill-will. Obedience is one of the greatest of virtues, for it conforms the consecrated religious, and indeed any Christian who cultivates this virtue, to God’s Will, preferring to follow the Lord’s direction in their life rather than the spurious passions and impulses that put ourselves first and foremost above God and other people.

In today’s world, the consecrated religious sister or monk seems to stand diametrically opposed to the majority of humankind. Among many people, there is a great thirst for riches, power, and pleasure. These things are seen as a human pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately, the pursuit of these worldly goods only provides a temporary “fix” that does not yield lasting happiness. Only God is the true source of happiness and it His grace that can provide what is lacking in our lives. The religious virtues of poverty, chastity, and obedience are gifts to all humanity, for in the radical life of the religious sister or monk, we have an example to follow in practicing these virtues in correcting the passions that lead us to sin. The three chief evil tendencies of man are avarice, sensuality and pride. The remedies for avarice, sensuality and pride are the three voluntary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Poverty blots out the evil tendencies of avarice. Chastity blots out the evil tendencies of sensuality and obedience blots out the evil tendencies of pride. Done with a spirit of humility and with a life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, practicing the virtues of poverty, chastity, and obedience purifies both the consecrated religious and the Christian of the passions that lead us to sin.

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate "Called by Name"

One of the New Year's resolutions for the SSMI's is to be like the disciples after the Holy Spirit descended upon them at Pentecost. The disciples saturated Jerusalem with the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. They could not stop proclaiming what they had seen and heard. So too, the Sisters Servants want to share our "vocation stories" to saturate the places where we minister with the message that a commitment to Jesus as a religious is still very relevant, is a blessing and is a very much needed vocation in our society. At this time, we have a two-fold plan in being faithful to this resolution. **We will be hosting a "Follow Me" weekend from March 9-11 at St. Mary's Villa for young women from ages 19 – 35, please mark your calendars.** This weekend is not just for young women thinking about becoming a sister, but will also present ways of how to be a good Christian/Catholic woman in today's society where it is not always "cool" to have morals and values. The second part of our plan will be to include in each upcoming issue a Sister Servant's 'Called by Name' story so that people may realize that sisters and priests are real people with strengths and weaknesses who try to respond to God's call with "here I am Lord." We begin our first "Called by Name" SSMI vocation story with Sister Michele Yakymovitch. Please visit our website: www.ssmi-us.org or call Sr. Kathleen, Provincial Superior, at 845-753-2840 for more information.



Sr. Kathleen, SSMI

"Called by Name" - Sr. Michele Yakymovitch, SSMI

On June 28, 2011, I completed my term of office as Provincial Superior of the American Province of SSMI. It was a position I held for 15 years, so it seems quite odd when I was asked to share about my vocation – my experience of religious life! The years have gone by quickly, never a dull moment that I can speak of. There was never a dull moment when I was growing up at home either. Life was and continues to be grand! I am the oldest of five children (one boy and four girls) growing up in Rochester, New York. We grew up with Sisters Servants as teachers at St. Josaphat School and then I had the School Sisters of

Notre Dame for High School and the Jesuits in St. Louis for college. See what catholic education all your life does to a person? I never spoke of a religious vocation to anyone at home. So it came as a surprise one day when I decided it was time to "pursue my dream". I had a car, a well-paying government job and a family who was loved and supported by two great parents. Yet, it seemed there should be more... a sense of fulfillment, a sense of peace and contentment, a sense of making a difference in the world.

When I left St. Josaphat's school (grade school), I

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“Called by Name” - Sr. Michele Yakymovitch, SSMI

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became friendly with the SSND sisters who taught at St. Joseph’s Business High where I went. If not for my mother, I would have probably entered that community! I remember my mom saying to me in the midst of tears, “if you must go, can’t you go to your own”? At the time the SSMI (Eastern Catholic) or the SSND (Roman Catholic) were all the same to me. There was that joyful spirit, that smile that captured your heart and told you everything would be o.k., that sense of peace when in their presence, seeing them change the world around you.

So, I listened to my mother once again and I will be eternally grateful for her wisdom and insight to follow my dream with the SSMI’s. Off to the novitiate in Philadelphia I went; the first time ever on an airplane. I was petrified and chewed gum “like a cow” is what Sr. Stephanie, the novice mistress told me when she met me at the airport. I look back at that moment now and cannot recall the amount of times I have been on an airplane around the U.S. let alone, across the world. I guess that is one of the perks of being in religious life. You know

not when or where the Lord will lead you to “make a difference in your own life or that of another”. I never dreamt that I would be a teacher when I spent ten years in teaching before turning everything over to Administration. They were great years spent in Ansonia, Elizabeth, Minersville, Chicago and here at our Academy in Sloatsburg. More wonderful is meeting up with my former students today, seeing them and their children, hearing of their life story and what they remember of our past together. True joy and much laughter!

But the goodness and the humor of our gracious God does not end there. I could have stayed in education which I enjoyed, but the vision of the community was far greater and richer than I would have ever imagined. A vowed committed life will do that to you, when you believe and trust that your superiors act in a prayerful manner depending on the grace and enlightenment of God who directs our lives.

Administration continues to flow in my veins as now I am at our home in Sloatsburg – St. Joseph’s



Home. I always enjoyed a challenge whether it be heated, political, religious or other. Each day is a challenge of not knowing what to expect. The best of my plans are changed to accommodate a new adventure, a disaster in the making or some kind soul just wanting someone to listen to them.

Whether it was teaching, administration or now in health care, I carry with me the same scripture quote that I have attached

to my heart many years ago from the old testament prophet Micah, “This alone the Lord asks of you... to love tenderly, act justly and walk humbly with your God”. I hope I have done this in some measure with the past years of my life and strive to continue this with the present and future. All who know me can only be the judge of that!



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Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D. Named Metropolitan of Pittsburgh

WOODLAND PARK, New Jersey (Thursday, January 19, 2012) - It was announced today from Rome that the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has officially appointed Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D., as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. The official appointment was announced on Thursday, January 19, 2012. He will be enthroned in Pittsburgh on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

Archbishop-elect William Charles Skurla, D.D. was born in Duluth, Minnesota, June 1, 1956, the son of the late John and Mavis Skurla. He attended Catholic and public elementary schools and graduated in 1974 from Chisholm High School, Chisholm, MN.

He attended Deerfield Academy Post-Graduate program in Deerfield, Massachusetts from 1974-1975. He then attended Columbia University in New York City, graduating with a concentration in Philosophy in 1981. Following this, he then studied at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, Pennsylvania, receiving a Masters of Divinity in 1986 and a Masters of Theology in 1987.

Discerning a call to serve the Lord in a special way, William Skurla entered the Byzantine Franciscan community in Sybertsville, PA in 1981 and was Solemnly Professed in 1985. Bishop Michael Dudick ordained him to the diaconate in 1986 and to the Priesthood in 1987 at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Freeland, PA. In 1996, having received and accepted his dispensation from solemn vows as a member of the Order of Friars Minor, he was incardinated into the Eparchy of Van Nuys, where he served as Pastoral Administrator at Saint Melany Byzantine Catholic Church in Tucson, AZ from 1993 until 2002.

Archbishop-elect was ordained to the Episcopacy and enthroned as the Third Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Van Nuys on April 23, 2002 in Phoenix, Arizona.

In December of 2007 he was appointed Fourth Bishop of the Eparchy of Passaic and was enthroned at St. Michael Cathedral, Passaic NJ on January 29, 2008.

Archbishop-elect William serves as the Episcopal chairperson of the Intereparchial Vocation Directors and Intereparchial Youth Commission for the Metropolia. He was a member of the Committee on the Laity with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and currently serves as a member of the USCCB Administrative Committee, Priority and Plans Committee and National Advisory Committee.

Skurla, 55, succeeds Metropolitan Archbishop Basil M. Schott, OFM, DD who died after a short illness in June 2010. The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh is the only self-governing Eastern Catholic Church in the United States, meaning it is directly under the authority of the pope rather than a Catholic patriarch in Eastern Europe or the Middle East. It stretches from Erie to Texas and has 58,000 parishioners and 65 priests in 78 parishes.

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PRAYER FASTING AND GOOD DEEDS

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

2:30 – 5:30 PM

Donation: \$25.00

Register by February 27, 2012

PRESENTER: REV. JOHN N. CIURPITA is currently the Pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chester, Pa and also serves the community of Saints Peter and Paul in Clifton Heights, Pa. He is chair of the Liturgical commission of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and has worked in the fields of Ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. Father John has done retreat work, workshops and days of reflection, centering on the season of the Great fast and preparing for the feast of the resurrection.

“For there are no works of power, dearly-beloved, without the trials of temptations, there is no faith without proof, no contest without a foe, no victory without conflict. This life of ours is in the midst of snares, in the midst of battles; if we do not wish to be deceived, we must watch: if we want to overcome, we must fight.”

Leo the Great, Sermon 39,
On Lent 1, III

Prayer, fasting and good deeds; these are the tools the Fathers of the Church instruct us to use to win the daily battles that challenge us and our spiritual integrity every day. The Great Fast (Lent) is the season in which we train ourselves in how to use them to battle the snares of ungodly that we so easily fall into and allow to overwhelm us. Strengthened and enlightened in learning the use of these tools, they become instruments of healing the wounds caused by our faults. We are then awakened to a new awareness of self, our strength and our value.

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Psalm 23

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Register by: 2/10/12

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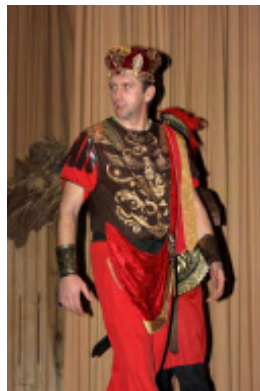
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“The Vertep” and Christmas Concert.

On Sunday, January 15, 2012 at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, more than 250 parishioners and guests witnessed a theatrical production of “The Vertep” and Christmas Concert. The Vertep performance is based on the Gospels’ account of the birth of Jesus Christ. Many parishioners lent their theatrical, vocal and oratorical talents on stage, and the performance was beautifully completed with the singing of Christmas carols by the Boyan Choir. The stunning costumes, stages sets and the wonderful dramatic acting captivated the audience from the very beginning.



After each act, the audience generously rewarded the performers with loud applause. The theatrical and choral performances was created and enthusiastically organized by Mrs. Alla Korostil with the support and supervision of Fr. Ivan Turyk. Mrs. Korostil successfully brought the Ukrainian spirit of Christmas to a foreign land for all to experience. The Boyan choir has stated that this performance is a renewal of the old traditions of staging plays in this parish. More pictures from the concert can be found in the Images Category on our site at www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net.





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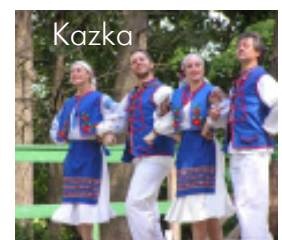
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Trenton

On Sunday, January 15, 2012, the parishioners of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Trenton, NJ, congratulated Rev. Volodymyr Popyk with a surprise party on his 15th Anniversary of Priesthood.



Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church's Myasopusna Celebration Returns (Nanticoke, PA)

Dinner tickets are now available for Transfiguration of Our Lord Church's Myasopusna festival, held at the church's banquet hall, in Nanticoke, on Sunday, February 12, from noon to 4 pm. The Myasopusna (Meatfare) festival is the parish's annual pre-lenten celebration, preceding the Lenten Great Fast. Dinner (a platter of holuptsi, kobasi, ham, pierogies, borscht, blackbread and butter, and a homemade dessert) will be served from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. A variety of Ukrainian crafts, including pysanky, embroidery, woodcrafts, beadwork, and ceramics, will be on display and available for sale or by raffle. Following dinner, live entertainment will include the Holy Year Choir, Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, and the Saint Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. Dinner tickets are \$13, with an advanced ticket price of \$10, if purchased by February 5. The church hall is located at the corners of Bliss Street and Center Street, in the Hanover Section of Nanticoke. Tickets can be purchased by calling Helen (735-4654) or Geri (824-3880).



MALANKA 2012

Northeastern Pennsylvania's 8th Annual Ukrainian New Year Dinner Dance - MALANKA - at St. Vladimir Parish Center in Scranton was held on Friday, January 13, 2012 - New Year's Eve according to the Julian Calendar. The festivities began with Honorary Chairmen Very Rev. Mitred Nestor Kowal, pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church and Rev. Paul Wolensky, pastor of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church welcoming the guests and offering invocation. Moderator for the evening was Paul Ewasko.



Father Paul Wolensky and his mother, Anna Wolensky

Paul Wanas of Accentuate Caterers of Distinctive Events catered the dinner which consisted of chicken Kyiv, smoked kobasa with sweet and sour cabbage/kapusta, baked haddock Dnipro, apricot glazed pork loin with apple stuffing, vegetable medley ala Ternopil, cucumber rings in smetana, European rye bread, fresh fruits and petit pastries. Also served were Ukrainian borsch specially prepared by Father Wolensky, Ruth Lesavage, Helen, Kristen and David Pietryka; and, pyrohy/varenyky by the parishioners of St. Vladimir Church.

Silver and shades of blue themed decorations adorned the banquet room and a Ukrainian embroidery motif graced the stage area. Music for dancing was provided by Oleksa Kereksha, Bohdan Mykaylyshyn and Ihor Shablovsky of the internationally known group "Fata Morgana". Ukrainian waltzes, polkas along with lively kolomeykas and the hopak were interspersed with modern and Golden Oldies music. Numerous door prizes were awarded followed by a midnight champagne toast. Guests visited the sanctuary of the church which was tastefully decorated for the Christmas/ New Year/ Epiphany holydays.

Benefactors of the event included: St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Providence Association of Ukrainians in America, Edward Chomko Funeral Home, Rose Ezak Gress of Gress Poultry Inc., Dr. Kenneth and Mrs. Karen Lilik, and the North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics.



(l to r) Mrs. Helen Chandoha, Dr. Olenka Chandoha and Steven Chandoha

The occasion was planned by members of the Malanka Committee of Northeastern Pennsylvania hailing from various communities including Berwick, Clarks Summit, Dalton, Lake Ariel, Olyphant, Scranton, Throop and Wilkes-Barre.

Guests attending the sellout event included not only Pennsylvanians, but residents of Delaware, Florida, New York and New Jersey.



(l to r) Maria Black, Christine Ewasko, Greg Ewasko and Mark Izak



(l to r) Leslie Izak, Jean Pedley and Dave Pedley

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S.S. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa., will be offering classes "How to make Ukrainian PYSANKY, the traditional Easter egg.



Classes will be taught by Sonia Maslar, Tammy Maslar Budnovitch, and Sonya Budnovitch; Classes will be held Sunday, February 26th, March 4th and March 11th, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m it will be held at the Parish Hall, 207 River Street, Olyphant. Reservations are required, Donation is \$15.00 per class /person and supplies will be included. Open to adults and children, an adult must accompany the child, ages 9-12. CALL for reservations: Limited seating. 570-383-0319 please arrive by 1:45p.m. Free Parking available.

Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

A note of thanks from Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck on his 100th Birthday



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I want to thank you for all your kindness extended to me during the celebration of my 100th Birthday. The attendance at the Divine Liturgy including Bishop Bambera, Father Nestor, Father John, Father Paulish and Father Riccardi was indeed very special to me. I was overwhelmed by all the parishioners who honored me at the Celebration at Fiorellis. I thank you for all your birthday wishes, prayers, proclamations, gifts and donations that I gave to the church.

I thank (Ukrainian) Bishop Stefan Soroka who came from Philadelphia and all the past parishioners who arrived from out of town and out of state. Special thank you to the Choir for singing my favorite songs and honoring me with singing Mnoyha lita. I am thankful to God for giving me the strength to live 100 years and serve Saint Cyril's and Methodius Church for over 57 years. There are so many great memories I have that I will never forget, and I thank you again for all you have done for church and me. Today I am thanking you for your goodness, kindness and love. I pray that when God will call me from this earthly life and when I will have to say to you *Goodbye* I will be able to say with St. Simeon, Now O Lord you can dismiss your servant according to your word in peace (Luke 2.29)

May God Bless you all,
Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck

Christmas at Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Sunday, December 11th, proved to be a very special and memorable day for the parishioners of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Clifton Heights, PA. The parish not only celebrated the Christmas Season with their "Annual Slavic Christmas Luncheon", but were also honored by a pair of two very special, esteemed visitors, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Archbishop Soroka started the celebrations by celebrating the Sunday English 11:00 am. Divine Liturgy with the parish faithful in usual full response. Since Sunday was a celebration in memory of the "Holy Forefathers", the Archbishop bestowed a special blessing upon all of the gathered grandparents. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the Archbishop, escorted by Very Reverend John Ciurpita, made his way to the packed church hall where he blessed the various traditional Slavic food items which opened the day's festivities. As Christmas music filled the air, and the hall filled with parishioners and friends from the surrounding community, Archbishop Stefan regaled in assisting with distribution of 28 specially-themed door prizes. The festivities took a special turn when Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus paid an unexpected visit and bestowed gifts upon the children and visitors in attendance.



Archbishop is greeted by parishioners Lillian Pecko and Bill Lawrence.



Procession.



Grandparent Blessing.



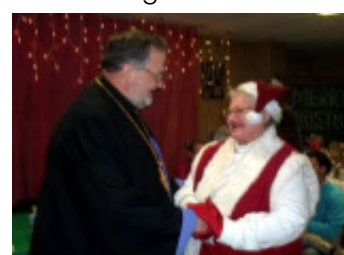
Crowd.



Slavic Food.



Gift from Santa.



Mrs. Claus' greetings.

Spring 2012 Events at Ss. Peter & Paul Church 100 South Penn Street, Clifton Heights, PA.

The parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church wish to express our heartfelt thanks for your support to our activities throughout the last year. Your support of these activities allows our small, but determined, parish to continue to serve the needs of all people in our Delaware County community.

We look forward to an especially active, enjoyable 2012 and are pleased to announce our scheduled January through April events. By announcing these events early, we hope our friends in Delaware County, as well as surrounding Philadelphia and Chester Counties, will have ample time to mark your calendars so you can join us in our fund-raising efforts and community outreach efforts.

Please join us in one or all of our events listed below. Remember additional information can be obtained by calling our Rectory @ 610-626-9495; via Email at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or visit our website at www.ChristAmongUs.com

Now through April 1st - "Spring Food Collection for the Needy"

Over the last several years, several pickup truckloads of food were collected and provided throughout the community during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Due to the continued hard economic conditions, we will hold our annual Spring Food Collection for the needy now through April 1st. If you would like to help us help the community by donating any non-perishable, canned or boxed food items, please bring them to SS Peter and Paul

Church on any Sunday before/ or after the 11:00 am. English Divine Liturgy between now and April 1st. Times are tough and we appreciate any food items you can spare —. With your help, we can exceed our last collection. Please help us help, if you can!

Spring 2012 Pierogie Sale - Now thru March 25th

IT's BACK!!! We know you have been anxiously awaiting our next Pierogie sale and the wait is now over! We are offering mouth-watering, flavorful, freshly-made potato-cheese pierogies for the unbelievably low price of only \$7.00 per dozen or 3 dozen for \$20.00! These will not be frozen, so you will be able to stock up now for Easter or for your freezer to satisfy your future cravings. (Keep in mind, our next sale may be a while!) Orders are being taken now through Monday, March 25, 2012. Pierogies will be available for pick up at noon on April 1st at the church located at 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights, PA. To place your orders, please email us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Please 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, March 25th.

Easter Kielbasa Sale - Now through March 25th

Back by popular demand, we are again offering a traditional Easter-time favorite food - Kielbasa. In conjunction with one of the area's well-known kielbasa makers, we proudly

announce the opening of the 2012 Easter Kielbasa Ring Sale. We are offering mouth-watering, high quality kielbasa for the unbelievably low price of only \$11.00 per ring or 3 rings for \$30.00 (each ring is approximately 2 pounds)! Stock up now for Easter or for your freezer to satisfy those barbeque cravings. Orders can be placed now through Monday, March 25th and will be available for pick up at noon on Sunday, April 1st at the church located at 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights, PA. To place your orders, please email us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Due to high demand and our desire to fully satisfy all orders, we cannot accept orders after Monday, March 25th.

"Lamb-shaped Butters" for Easter - Now thru March 25th

Remember last year and how hard it was finding a "Lamb-shaped Butter" for your Easter table? We are delighted to offer, for the first time ever, freshly molded Lamb-shaped butter for only \$5.00 a lamb. And there is no limit to the number you may order, but you will need to place all your orders no later than March 25, 2012. You will be able to pick up your lamb butters at the church 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights PA on April 1, 2012, right on time for Easter. To place your orders, please email us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Don't miss out on this great offer.

Spring Classes at SS. Peter & Paul Church

Need something to do on an

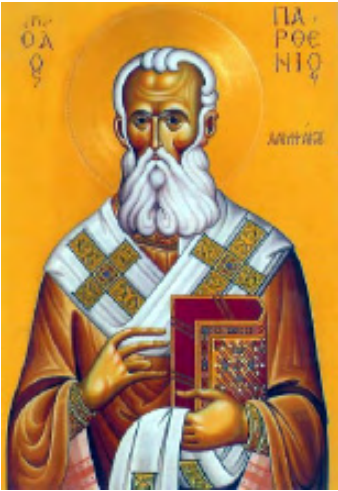
evening that doesn't cost anything? Looking for a lively, interesting religious-based discussion? Want to know more about Ss. Peter & Paul church or the Eastern Catholic Church? If you answered "yes" to the above or have suggestions for topics of interest, please let us know by dropping us an email at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net. We are in the process of planning our Spring series of classes and would like to offer topics of interest to our community.

Sunday April 29th - "Gourmet Spring Brunch"

We would like your input. On Sunday April 29th we are considering having a "Gourmet Spring Brunch". Final details have not yet been completed, but would like to offer an all-you-can-eat Gourmet Spring Brunch for only \$10.00! Foods will include, eggs (hmmm Omelet Bar anyone?) sausage, bacon, scrapple, home-fried potatoes and a gourmet waffle bar! We have never held such an event, but it sounds like fun and we are willing to try. We would like to hear back from you, your thoughts. do you think this is something worth pursuing? Please Email your thoughts to us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net.

Everyone is welcome to attend Ss. Peter & Paul English Divine Liturgy every Sunday morning at 11:00 am. Please feel free to forward this message to anyone you believe may be interested in Ss. Peter & Paul, or any of our events. Thank you for your continued support! Looking forward to seeing you at Saints Peter and Paul!

St. Parthenius (February 7)



Jesus said: "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd". (Jn. 10, 9-16)

Hierarch Parthenius, bishop of Lampsacus, was a native of the town of Melitopolis (Asia Minor), where his father, Christopher, served as a deacon. The youth was not taught letters, but he assimilated Divine Scripture well, being present in church at the divine services. He had a good heart, and, engaging in fishing, he distributed the money earned by him to the poor. Filled with God's grace, Saint Parthenius, from the age of eighteen, healed illnesses, expelled demons and worked other miracles through Christ's name. Having learned of the youth's virtuous life, the bishop of Melitopolis, Philip, gave him an education and ordained him a presbyter. In 325, during the reign of Constantine the Great, the archbishop of Cyzicus, Achilles, installed him as bishop of the town of Lampsacus (Asia Minor). In the town was a multitude of pagans, and the hierarch began to spread faith in Christ diligently, confirming

it in accordance with God's will by many miracles and healings of the sick.

People began to leave pagan beliefs, and then Hierarch Parthenius set off for the Emperor Constantine with a request that he be given authority to demolish the temples of the idols and build Christian churches in their place. The Emperor received the Hierarch with honor, gave him a document for the destruction of the temples and provided him with means for the construction of a church. Upon returning to Lampsacus, Hierarch Parthenius ordered that the temples of the idols be demolished and a beautiful church of God be raised up in the middle of the town.

Finding at one of the destroyed temples a large stone suitable for constructing the holy altar in the church, the Hierarch ordered that it be dressed and brought to the church's building site. Through the malice of the devil, who had

become enraged over the taking of the stone from the temple, the conveyance overturned and the stone killed the driver, Eutychian. Saint Parthenius resurrected him by his prayer and put the devil to shame, who wanted to impede God's work.

The Hierarch's mercy was so great that he did not refuse healing to any of the multitude of people suffering from bodily ailments and possessed by unclean spirits that came to him or were encountered by him on the roads. The people stopped turning to physicians, since Saint Parthenius healed all illnesses in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ without remuneration. By the great power of Christ's name, the Hierarch expelled a multitude of demons from people, houses and the waters of the sea. When the hierarch expelled a demon from a man who had been possessed by it from childhood, the unclean spirit began to ask the Saint to

give him another place of habitation. The Saint promised to indicate such a place and, having opened his mouth, said to the demon: "Enter and inhabit me." The devil, as if singed by fire, cried out: "How shall I enter into God's house?" and hid himself in deserted and impassable places. An unclean spirit, expelled by the Hierarch from a home where royal purples were manufactured, shouted in the hearing of all that the divine fire was driving him into the fiery Gehenna.

Thus, manifesting to men the great power of faith in Christ, the Hierarch converted a multitude of idolators to the true God.

Hierarch Parthenius deceased peacefully and was triumphantly buried next to the cathedral church of Lampsacus, in a chapel built by him himself.

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Успіхи Пластової Молоді Філядельфійської Архиепархії

- Ірена Пелех Зварич

Софійка Захарчук, членка парафії парафії св. Архистратига Михаїла у Дженкінтаун, ПА, здобула найвище Пластове відзначення в юнацтві, почесний ступінь Гетьманської Пластової Вірлиці.

Пластова станиця у Філядельфії зібралася щоб відсвяткувати разом Свічку в суботу, 14 січня 2012 року, в Українському Освітньо-Культурному Центрі. Перед святочною частиною, відбулися офіційні пластові церемоніали – підвищення проб, відзначення, і.т.п., а найважливіший церемоніал був іменування на почесний ступінь Гетьманської Пластової Вірлиці, ст. пл. вірл. Софійки Захарчук.

Ступінь Гетьманської Вірлиці є почесний ступінь. Його надається за винятково взірцеву працю і поставу, а не за виповнення визначених завдань. Щоби бути іменованою на гетьманську вірлицю, ім'я пластунки - юначки мусить бути подане зв'язковою до Крайової Пластової Старшини на розгляд. Старшина перевіряє пластову діяльність, поставу та відданість до Пласту. Коли вирішено, що кандидатка дійсно

заслужила собі на це відзначення, подає ім'я кандидатки до Головної Пластової Булави, де члени наново перевіряють заслуги та пластове життя то особистий характер кандидатки. Після голосування, кандидатка є іменована. Ця процедура може тривати понад рік. Церемоніал переводить Начальний Пластун перед великою збіркою Пластунів.

Софійка народилася 21 листопада 1992 р. у Філядельфії. Закінчила середню школу у Methacton Senior High School в червні 2011 р. Завжди була визначною ученицею в американських школах. Вона належала до National Honor Society. Також вона одержувала інші нагороди за свої осяги в науці, між ними, Methacton M Award від 2004- 2010р. це є нагорода дана кожного року шкільним районом студентів, що має 'гра' (оцінки) 93% або вище; у 2007 р. президентську нагороду, та інші; брала участь у People to People World Leadership Forum. Крім осягів в науці, Софійка була заангажована в шкільних клубах, так як Клуб Історії та в Гурті

Книголюбів. Вона також працювала як доброволець в справах жіноцтва (breast cancer and domestic violence). Між шкільними зайняттями, Софійка знаходила час щоби працювати в бюро, де виконувала канцелярну роботу.

Тепер Софійка є студентка на першому році у Penoni Honors College при Drexel Університеті де студіює біомедичну інженерію.

Софійка ходила до школи українознавства ще від передшкілля. В травні 2010 р., вона закінчила Нашу Українську Рідну Школу матурою з відмінним вислідом. Вона належала до дівочого співочого квінтету "Вишиванка" який виступав на різних громадських імпрезах у Філядельфії як також на Союзівці. Софійка також вчилася гри на фортепіані і на бандурі.

Від молоденьких літ, Софійка була членом школи українських народних танців "Волошки" у Філядельфії та належала до ансамблю і мала нагоду



часто виступати. Софійка посвячує свій час і працює як доброволець в Українському Освітньо-Культурному Центрі. Вона є членкою парафії св. Архистратига Михаїла у Дженкінтаун, ПА, де також віддає свій час коли і де потрібно.

Софійка належить до Пласту від Пташат. Вона належала до гуртка "Конвалії" в 4-ому курені ім. Ольги Басараб. Від ранніх літ, Софійка є завзята пластунка. В гуртку занимала діловодства гурткової, заступник гурткової та писара. В курені вона була курінний суддя, курінний господар та курінна. Як курінна, вона очолювала проєкт Еко-Люб на Свято Юрія 2010 р. За це одержала 3-тє пластове відзначення за взірцеве виконання проєкту Еко-Люб і змагу пісні. Також помагала в новацтві як заступниця виховників і плянувала прогульки. Вже третій рік

(Продовження на ст. 21)

Успіхи Пластової Молоді Філядельфійської Архиепархії

(продовження з попередньої сторінки)

працює як юнацька виховниця в станиці з гуртком "Орхідеї". Софійка пару разів здобула 4-те відзначення за свою пластову поставу, успішну працю в станиці та участь в громадських імпрезах. Крім праці в станиці, Софійка брала участь у літніх таборах на Вовчій Тропі і Писаному Камені.

Софійка брала участь багато років на Бурлацьких Лещетарських таборах. Вона має глибоке зацікавлення та велику любов до лещетарства і здобула сертифікат National Ski Patrol. Вона відбула та успішно закінчила Вишкіл Юнацьких Виховників як рівнож успішно відбула Міжкрайовий Вишкіл Юнацьких Виховниць "Школа Булавних". Після ШБ, вона встала в ряди юнацької бурави на Вовчій Тропі. Вона є пластунка вірлиця від червня 2010 р. та здобула понад 20 юнацьких вмілостей. В червні, 2011 р. Софійка одержала 2-ге пластове відзначення від станичної старшини за прикладне виконання обов'язків впорядниці УПЮ протягом двох років. В літі, 2011 р. була писарем на таборі юначок на Вовчій Тропі, де одержала грамоту від Уладу Старших Пластунів за працю, провідництво і взірцеву пластову поставу.

В жовтні 2011, Софійка була делегатом від станиці Філядельфії на Крайовому Пластовому З'їзді на Союзівці. Тепер стає в ряди Філядельфійської станичної старшини як протоколярний писар.

У всіх тих осягах, можна чітко бачити здібності Софійки, але її особисті прикмети допомогли її досягнути все що вона до тепер здобула. Софійка є дуже працювита і завзята молода людина яка має високі амбіції.

За свою війняткову взірцеву працю, пластову поставу та своїм особистим і громадським життям, Софійка заслужила собі на почесний ступінь Гетьманської Пластової Вірлиці. Вона виявила хист провідництва обов'язково виконуючи діловодства в гуртку і в курені. Працювала і далі працює як виховниця в станиці і на таборах. Софійка викликала довір'я друзів і пластового проводу з переконанням, що вона далі буде прикладно жити за пластовим законом та буде працювати для добра Пласту і громади.

Пл. сен. Любомир Романків, Начальний Пластун, котрий переводить цей церемоніал зазначив, що цього року Пластуні відзначають 100-ліття Пласту і що за цих

100 років, іменовано 52 Гетьманських Скобів та 53 Гетьманських Вірлиць - це на правду престижне відзначення. Пластова Станиця у Філядельфії може гордитися п о п е р е д н и м и Гетьманськими Вірлицями і Скобами, а саме: Ксеня Одежинська, Маруся Максимович, Лариса Гудь, Роман Процик, Роман Гриців і Роман Данилів.

Недавно тому, у нашій Станиці були іменовані на почесній ступінь Гетьманської Вірлиці, ст. пл. вірл. Наталка Тарасюк і на Гетьманського Скоба, ст. пл. скоб Андрій Зварич.

Тепер Наталка студіює фармацію при Duquesne Університеті у Пітсбурзі. Впродовж своєї студії, вона танцює в славнім східньо-європейському ансамблі „Tambouritzans” при університеті, котрий знаний за свої віртуозні виступи по Америці і

Канаді. Від молоденьких літ, вона була членом школи українських народних танців Волошки і далі танцює з ансамблем, коли може. Наталка є завзята пластунка і працює як виховниця при змосі. Вона є членкою парафії Благовіщення Пречистої Діви Марії у Мелроуз Парк, ПА.

Андрій студіює електричну інженерію при Drexel Університеті. Крім студії, він уділяється в українському клубі при університеті і є членом СУСТА. Він належить до Капелі Бандуристів ім. Тараса Шевченка у Дітроїті та Чоловічого Хору Прометей у Філядельфії. Андрій також зав'язаний пластун і працює як виховник в станиці і на таборах. Він є членом парафії Благовіщення Пречистої Діви Марії у Мелроуз Парк, ПА.





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January 31, 2012

From: Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields

Re: REVISED South Anthracite Deanery 2012 Lenten Devotions

FRACKVILLE, PA.—During this Lenten season, the faithful of the South Anthracite Protoperbytery will continue the decades-old tradition of gathering for Lenten devotions on Sunday afternoons in the various churches of the deanery. After the services, a cake and social is held in the respective parish halls. The Lenten devotions begin each Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. These Lenten devotions are coordinated by the clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery.

The 2012 Lenten Devotion schedule is as follows:

Forgiveness Vespers

Cheesefare Sunday, February 19 3 p.m. St. Michael's Church, Frackville, Pa.

1st Sunday of the Great Fast,
February 26

3 p.m. St. Michael's Church, Shenandoah, Pa.

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast,
March 4

3 p.m. St. John the Baptist Church, Maizeville, Pa.

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast,
March 11

3 p.m. Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Mt. Carmel, Pa.

4th Sunday of the Great Fast,
March 18

3 p.m. St. Nicholas Church, St. Clair, Pa.

5th Sunday of the Great Fast,
March 25

3 p.m. St. Mary's Church, McAdoo, Pa..

Flowery (Palm) Sunday,
April 1

3 p.m. St. Nicholas Church, Minersville, Pa.

Session of Permanent Synod of UGCC held in Kyiv

The meetings of the 15th (30th) session of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church were held on January 20-23 in Kyiv.

During the first two days of its activity, the members of the Permanent Synod were busy with the preparation of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, which will take place in September of this year in Winnipeg, Canada, and considered a number of questions related to the life of the church in the period between the synods.

In particular, the members heard reports from Eparch of New Westminster Bishop Ken

Nowakowski, the head of the working group on the implementation of the Strategy of Development of the UGCC for the period until 2020, Bishop Venedykt Aleksiiichuk, the head of the Patriarchal Liturgical Committee, and Hieromonach Petro Baran, the head of the Patriarchal Committee on Matters of Monasticism.

On January 21, a meeting of the Permanent Synod with the clergy of the Kyivan Archeparchy was held. It was attended by Auxiliary Bishop of the Kyivan Archeparchy Yosyf (Milian), numerous priests and deacons from central Ukraine, workers of the Patriarchal Curia, and seminarians of the Kyivan Spiritual Seminary.

After the hierarchical liturgy led by Patriarch Sviatoslav, a discussion was held on the state of development of the church in the central and eastern regions of Ukraine and the prospect of evangelization activity in future. The members of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC noticed a growth in the number of the faithful in the UGCC communities in the east and learned about some of the difficulties faced by the clergy in their pastoral ministry. These questions will be the subject of discussion at the Permanent Synod in its search for ways to provide better spiritual care for the faithful of the UGCC in the east of Ukraine.

In order to familiarize themselves with the life of church communities, on January 22 the members of the Permanent Synod celebrated services in various communities of the Kyivan Archeparchy of the UGCC.



On January 23, the Permanent Synod completed its work. In addition to the head of the UGCC, it was attended by bishops from Ukraine and the diaspora, Archbishop Metropolitan Ihor Vozniak of Lviv, Archbishop Metropolitan Vasyl Semeniuk of Ternopil and Zboriv, Eparch of Stamford, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Exarch of Odesa and Crimea, Bishop Vasyl Ivasiuk.

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Different Denominations Pray Together for Unity in Kyiv

On January 22, representatives of Christian Churches of Ukraine jointly prayed for the unity of Christianity in the Church of St. Basil the Great of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Kyiv.

The head of UGCC, Patriarch Sviatoslav, Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine, Archbishop Thomas Edward Gullickson, Archbishop Petro Malchuk of Kyiv-Zhytomyr Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church and clergymen of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Kyivan Patriarchate and Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church and bishops and pastors of the German Lutheran Evangelical Church and Church of Christians of Evangelical Faith of Ukraine (Pentecostals), in particular, their Senior Bishop, Mykhailo Panochko attended the event.



According to the website of the **Committee for Christian Unity of the UGCC**, the joint prayer meeting ended with an address of Patriarch Sviatoslav's to the participants. The head of the UGCC noted that "when we hear the word 'unity' we believe that Jesus entered the boat of our life and this means that the unity between churches is not only work of man but the work of God."

The primate also stressed that "we can be a great, European nation if we are together as united brothers and sisters, together as Christians." <http://risu.org.ua>

Patriarch Sviatoslav: 'Main basis for unity among Christians is one Lord, one faith, one baptism'

Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), head of the UGCC, participated in the ecumenical prayer service in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held on January 25, 2012, in the Philadelphia Church of Christians of Evangelical Faith, in Kyiv.

In his address to those present, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, referring to Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, stressed that "the main basis for unity among Christians is one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

The patriarch, explaining the meaning of Christian unity, said that "we have one Father, who sent us his one Son and gave us the Holy Ghost, the Comforter."



His Beatitude Sviatoslav said that the UGCC recognizes baptism in all the churches and communities that cross in name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. "So my baptism and yours is the same. Because baptism is not just a beautiful ceremony, but a new birth, a great gift from God," he said.

In conclusion, the UGCC head stressed that Christians want to be united since "the lack of unity is the biggest obstacle to preaching the Gospel." "Today, many people do not know the Savior because everyone preaches in his or her own way. I ask that you turn to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and pray that the profound unity which is already among us be present in our actions, words, in daily Christian life – then that which separates us will be defeated." **UGCC Information Department**

A first for Canada International Ukrainian Catholic bishops coming to Manitoba for synod

By: Brenda Suderman
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UKRAINIAN Catholic bishops from around the world will gather in Manitoba in September, marking the first time the hierarchy of this Eastern-rite church meets in Canada.

About 40 bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will travel to Portage la Prairie for their annual synod, Sept. 9 to 15, to discuss church governance and care for laity, says Archbishop Lawrence Huculak of Winnipeg.

"A lot of the ongoing issues are the expansion of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in fourth-wave immigration to Western Europe, Africa, North and South America and Australia," he says of the agenda for the September meeting.

"It's the most broad expansion from the Ukraine ever. With it comes a lot of social issues because a lot of families are broken up because it's just the working mother or working father (who leaves.)" Usually, this annual gathering of the church's hierarchy takes place in Ukraine, the headquarters of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and home

to the church's patriarch leader, Sviatoslav Shevchuk. The Manitoba meetings mark the third time in recent history the bishops have gathered outside Ukraine, says Huculak, and the first visit of Shevchuk to Canada since his election as head of the church in March 2011.

"Although he's from Ukraine, he lived in Argentina, so he understands the (Ukrainian) diaspora," Huculak says of the 41-year-old Shevchuk, the youngest among the Ukrainian Catholic bishops.

"He's young, he's vibrant, he's good with languages and he's really photogenic," adds Rev. Mark Gnutel, local organizer of the synod.

The synod is closed to the public, but Shevchuk and the other bishops will attend the Sunday (Liturgy) mass Sept. 9 at Sts. Volodymyr & Olga Cathedral on MacGregor Street and visit parishes in and around Winnipeg the following Sunday, Sept. 16. The bishops will also tour Ukrainian Catholic-run schools, nursing homes and ministries in Winnipeg to understand how the faith is expressed and lived in Canada.

"I'm excited that these



FROM LEFT: Rev. Mark Gnutel, Archbishop Lawrence Huculak, Rev. Michael Buyachok and Rev. Volodymyr Bashutsky with

a photo of Bishop Nykyta Budka, who was martyred in a Soviet concentration camp, and his mitre to the right of the bishop's photo.

people are coming to Manitoba, especially Portage la Prairie, and they'll see the Prairies," says Gnutel of the visiting bishops.

"We're Ukrainian Catholic and we have our customs, but we're clearly Canadian."

Manitobans can meet Shevchuk at an evening banquet for 900 on Sept. 16, an event that will include local dignitaries and will showcase local talent and Canadian culture to the international visitors, says Gnutel.

The banquet menu most likely will include chicken instead of traditional Ukrainian perogies, says Gnutel, the Winnipeg priest who played himself recently in two performances of Danny Schur's musical *Perogy Supper Miracle*.

"For us, this is a chance to have a real live Folklorama," says Gnutel,

priest of St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic parish. "We're all Ukrainian Catholic, but a lot of these (bishops) are from France or Argentina."

The synod marks the 100th anniversary of Bishop Nykyta Budka's arrival in Winnipeg from Ukraine, the first Ukrainian Catholic bishop to this country. Budka returned to Ukraine in 1928 and died a martyr in a Soviet concentration camp in 1949. Ukrainian Catholics are celebrating Budka's life with the publication of a biography and several other events throughout the year, says Huculak.

"His successors are coming back to Canada to celebrate what he did," says Huculak. "I think all these bishops can come to Canada to appreciate what we have done in Canada."

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PROGRAM:

Saturday, February 25

La Salle University Chapel
(20th and Olney Ave.)

9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. An international scholarly conference on the life and works of Servant of God Josyf Slipyj (English)

Sunday, February 26

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
(833 N. Franklin St.).

9:00 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy for +Patriarch Josyf Slipyj celebrated by His Grace, Stefan Soroka,

Metropolitan-Archbishop

10:45 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. Memoirs of Patriarch Slipyj by students and colleagues — Ukrainian (Cathedral Hall)

A two-day \$25 registration fee includes snacks and lunches on both days. A one-day fee is \$15 (please indicate the date of your attendance). To register, email your name, address, phone number to: ivivankovyach@yahoo.com; mail your registration fee by February 10, 2012, to: St. Sophia Religious Association, 7911 Whitewood Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027.

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Philadelphia will mark Patriarch Slipyj's 120th Anniversary

On February 25-26, 2012, under the aegis of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, a two-day international event marking Patriarch Slipyj's 120th Anniversary will take place. On Saturday, February 25, a scholarly conference on the life and works of Servant of God Josyf Slipyj will be held at de La Salle Chapel (20th and Olney Ave.). Papers **in English** will be read by: V.R. Dr. Ivan Dacko (Rome, Italy), VR. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak (Stamford Eparchy, USA), Rev. Dr. Andrew Onuferko (Ottawa, Canada), Karim Schelkens (Tilburg, Netherlands), William Tighe (Allentown, USA); Discussant – Andrew Sorokowski (Washington, DC). Beginning at 9:30 a.m.

On Sunday, February 26, at 9.00 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy for +Patriarch Josyf Slipyj will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia (833 N. Franklin St.). Following the Divine Liturgy, memoirs of the Patriarch will be shared **in Ukrainian** by: (Rome, Italy), VR. Marian Procyk (Stamford Eparchy, USA), Rev. Dr. Andrew Onuferko (Ottawa, Canada), Dr. Leonid Rudnytzky (Philadelphia, USA).

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ROAST PORK & KAPUSTA DINNER

Fr. Paul Wolensky and the Parishioners of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Scranton PA, cordially invite you to join us for our observance of Meatfare Sunday at our annual Pre-Lenten ROAST PORK & KAPUSTA FAMILY DINNER on Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 1:00 pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, between West Lackawanna Avenue and West Linden Street. Adults \$15.00; Students age 6-12 \$7.50; age 5 and under free. Advance reservations required: Kathleen Izak at 570 346-2414 (please do not call the church). Takeouts: pick up between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm. Menu: Slow roasted pork loin, homemade pan gravy, Ukrainian kapusta (cabbage), real mashed potatoes, hot vegetables, applesauce, rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, tea, beverages. Welcome to our table!



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