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Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, led a retreat for the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God



An annual retreat for the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God was held in the middle of July at the Motherhouse for the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God in Philadelphia. Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, was the retreat speaker and he spoke on the theme of Women in the Bible. Pictured (l to r): Sr. Martin Rodko, MSMG, Mother Evhenia Prusnay, MSMG, Sr. Thomas Buhay, MSMG, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Sr. Maria Kelly, MSMG, Sr. Yosaphata Litvenczuk, MSMG, and Sr. Timothea Konyu, MSMG.

Changes at the Chancery

On July 31, 2012, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and the staff of the Chancery wished Sr. Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM, good luck on her promotion to be the Principal of St. Basil Academy. A luncheon was held at the Archbishop's residence where Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and



the Chancery Staff expressed their gratitude to Sr. Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM, for her hard-work and dedication as the Secretary to Metropolitan Stefan over the past eleven years. Congratulations to Sr. Lydia on her promotion. Many Happy Years! Mnohaya Lita!



Welcome Mrs. Olga Kuzewycz



Welcome to the Chancery Mrs. Olga Kuzewycz who is the new Secretary to Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka. She started at the Chancery in July. In the picture to the right, Metropolitan Stefan is holding the door of the Chancery open and welcoming her as his new Secretary! The Chancellor, Msgr. Peter Waslo is also pictured. Congratulations! Mnohaya Lita!



58th ANNUAL HOLY DORMITION (ASSUMPTION) PILGRIMAGE

AUGUST 11 – 12, 2012

ST. MARY'S VILLA / SLOATSBURG, NEW YORK
SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE

**Theme: "The Vibrant Parish –
a place to encounter the Living Christ"**

Saturday, August 11

12:00 noon **FOOD AVAILABLE AT PAVILION
THROUGHOUT WEEKEND**

1:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Workshops** – (See below)

5:00 p.m. **Divine Liturgy** –

Rev. Edward Cimbala, main celebrant (grotto – English)

Administrator of the Eparchy of Passaic

Rev. James Spera – homilist

Choir – St. Mary's, Hillsborough, NJ



Blessing of Water (front of Villa)

8:00 p.m. **Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession** (grotto – English)
Rev. Edward Cimbala, main celebrant / homilist

Panahyda – St. Mary's Villa chapel

Sunday, August 12

8:00 a.m. **Lamentations to the Mother of God** – Rev. Edward Young, celebrant (chapel-English)

10:00 a.m. **Pontifical Divine Liturgy with procession to grotto
followed by blessing of flowers**

Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford

Most Rev. Richard Stephen Seminack, Eparch of St. Nicholas Eparchy, Chicago - *homilist*

Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of Stamford

Choir: St. John the Baptist Church, Syracuse, New York

12:00 p.m. **Youth Liturgy** - Rev. Peter Shyshka, main celebrant / homilist (chapel – English)

1:30 p.m. **Healing Service with Akathist** (St. Mary's Villa chapel & grotto steps)
Blessing of Religious Articles (front of St. Joseph's)

2:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** - Rev. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM

3:00 p.m. **Moleben to the Mother of God** (Ukrainian –grotto)
V. Rev. Archpriest Kiril Angelov – main celebrant / homilist

Blessing of cars and buses

CONFESSION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter the living Christ Workshops

1:00 – 1:30 **Word of God** – Sr. Natalya Stoczany, SSMI

1:35 – 2:05 **The Holy Mysteries (Sacraments) and Prayer** – Rev. Edward Young

2:10 – 2:40 **Serving One's Neighbor & Leadership** – Rev. Robert Hitchens

2:45 – 3:15 **Fostering & Serving Unity and A Missionary Spirit** – Rev. Bohdan Danylo

3:20 – 4:20 **Panel Discussion with Bishops, Presenters, and Marion Hrubec**

*****3:30 Fr. Ivan Kaszczak presentation only for the youth*****

V. Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo, Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator

Plast Scouts Perform Spring Cleaning Good Deed in Sloatsburg, NY By Christian Patti

In photo (left to right): Christian Patti, Paul Temnycky, Daniel Wanio, Sr Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI, Alex Rybchuk, Pavlo Kravchuk.

On June 8, 2012, the Plast group *Sokoly* (Falcons), part of the 31st *kurin* (unit) honoring Ivan Vyhovsky from Passaic, NJ, helped with spring cleaning at the grounds of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY. The five scouts, pictured above, moved and arranged 85 picnic tables and their benches, as well as 9 park benches, for the sisters.



The Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate rely on volunteer support from the Ukrainian Catholic community. These scouts responded to the request of Sister Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI, Provincial Superior, to help in preparation for the yearly pilgrimage, this year on August 11 and 12, 2012. Sister Kathleen said, "There is so much preparation needed to be done and we can't do it without volunteers. We're grateful to the Plast youth for coming to assist us."



SISTERS SERVANTS' JUBILEE

On Saturday, July 28, the chapel of St. Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg, NY was filled to overflowing with religious, family, friends and well-wishers for the celebration of a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the jubilee for five Sisters Servants. Metropolitan Stefan Soroka was the main celebrant of the liturgy, along with Archbishop Steven Sulyk and Bishop Paul Chomnycky.

The jubilarians are: Sr. Bernardine Symionow, Sr. Clare Holak, Sr. Thomas Hrynewich, Sr. Longina Gawrylow, and Sr. Juliette Chicorli. May God continue to bless our dear Sisters Servants with good health, love for the Lord and His people, enthusiasm and spiritual consolation for many blessed years!

Adapted from the article on <http://www.stamforddio.org>.

**View more photos from the Jubilee on the Sisters Servants of
Mary Immaculate website at <http://ssmi-us.org>**

August 12, 2012

UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL



August 24, 1991

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

12:00 noon

"TRYZUB"

UKRAINIAN - AMERICAN SPORT CENTER
County Line & Lower State Roads ~ Horsham, PA
www.tryzub.org



STAGE SHOW FEATURING:



Zoriany Ukrainian Dance, Music and Song Ensemble
(Kirovohrad, Ukraine)



Innesa (Lviv, Ukraine)



Vox Ethnika Ensemble
(New York City)



DESNA Ukrainian Dance Company (Toronto, Canada)

12:00 - 1:30 Music and Dancing - "Karpaty" Orchestra

1:30 - 4:00 Festival Stage Show

12:00 - 5:00 P.M. - Folk Arts and Crafts Vendors - Displays and "Bazaar"

1:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Children's Fun Area: Amusements, Fun & Games



4:00 - "Zabava" Dance: VOX ETHNIKA BAND

Ukrainian Ethnic Foods and Baked Goods

BBQ ~ Picnic Food ~ Cool Drinks & Refreshments

ADMISSION: \$15.00 ~ STUDENTS - \$10 ~ KIDS 14 & UNDER FREE

NORTH-EAST PHILADELPHIA MISSION VISIT BY METROPOLITAN STEFAN

Metropolitan Stefan Soroka celebrated a Divine Liturgy with Rev. Myron Myronyuk and the faithful of the North-East Mission in Philadelphia, located on Street Road in Bensalem on Sunday, June 24th, 2012. A meeting with the faithful following the Liturgy allowed for a sharing of thoughts on the developing mission in North-East Philadelphia. The faithful gathered expressed high hopes for the mission parish and their understandable desire for a proper church in which to worship. The current facility is temporary. Expectations are high; yet, the average attendance at weekly Liturgies has not exceeded the number of people attending at its beginning some eight months ago. The support offered by the faithful is also considerably less than what minimally is needed to sustain a parish and a priest. Discussion centered on the aspirations of Metropolitan Stefan and the faithful for a parish in the area primarily aimed at ministering to newly arrived immigrants residing in the area. We are hopeful that these efforts will result in a successful Ukrainian Catholic parish.



Ukrainian Seminary Day celebrates faith and heritage

BY JOHN E. USALIS (STAFF WRITER JUSALIS@REPUBLICANHERALD.COM)

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PRIMROSE - Hundreds came to St. Nicholas Grove near Minersville on Sunday for a celebration rooted in the Ukrainian culture, heritage, history and faith - all part of the 78th annual Ukrainian Seminary Day.

Faith is an integral component of the event, possibly even the most important, since the goal is to raise funds for St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary for the formation of future priests. The seminary is the only Ukrainian Catholic seminary in the United States, serving the Archeparchy (archdiocese) of Philadelphia and the eparchies (dioceses) of Stamford, Parma and Chicago.

Ukrainian Seminary Day always begins at 11 a.m. with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, celebrated in the hall by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Philadelphia archeparchy and spiritual leader of all Ukrainian Catholics in the United States. Concelebrating were priests and deacons from local parishes and the archeparchy.

Soroka spoke of the importance of gathering

on Sundays, holy days and special occasions such as at Primrose.

"From time to time, we're reminded of that in a very dramatic way in society - that we need each other, we need the prayer from one another," he said.

Soroka referred to the tragedy in Aurora, Colo., trying to understand another horrific violent incident in life.

"There was such an emotional impact on so many good people, trying to understand why this had happened, but we then hear about how people held together and helped and supported those who were injured with acts of charity and mercy," he said.

He spoke of listening to interviews with people about the tragedy and how many of them depended on their faith in Jesus to help them deal with what had happened when the gunman entered the movie theater and gunned down people in the audience, killing 12.

"We need one another. We do not walk alone," Soroka said. "Events such as this remind us of how much we need one



Members of the Kazka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble perform Sunday during the 78th annual Ukrainian Seminary Day picnic at St. Nicholas Grove, Primrose. Photo: Jacqueline Dormer/staff photos

another as a larger community."

Soroka thanked everyone for the work done for each annual seminary day, with special thanks to the Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields, pastor of St. Michael and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic churches in Frackville and Maizeville, respectively, who has been an organizer for many years. The archbishop said Fields will be leaving Frackville next month to transfer to Philadelphia to work at the archeparchy office.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Fields led everyone in a prayer for vocations and spoke briefly.

"In the 1930s, people founded Ukrainian

Seminary Day," he said. "That was the height of the Depression, but yet they started it because of faith. They would be amazed that after 78 years, what they began we still continue. We thank all the parishes and my brother priests for this act of self-giving and generosity and sacrifice.

"We don't do it for our parishes. What we do is come together and raise funds so that young men would follow in the footsteps of Christ as His priests."

The congregations headed to the grove after the Divine Liturgy for the fun of the day. The smell

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of ethnic food filled the air, including kielbasi and breenies. Pierogies, halupkie and sausage were big hits, as were funnel cakes, ice cream and more American foods like hamburgers, hot dogs and bean soup.

There were chances on theme baskets, each one created by the participating parishes.

In the hall, vendors sold ethnic Ukrainian items, such as linens with traditional designs, jewelry and tableware with Ukrainian images. Edward Sirkot, Hazleton, had a table full of pysanky (eggs elaborately decorated), including a large one made from an ostrich egg. He said he made some pysanky, but most were created by other artists.

“These are done in certain area of Ukraine where they use earth-tones,” said Sirkot, showing some of his creations.

Sirkot also had “matryoshka” (nesting dolls) from Russia, which contains additional dolls inside, each one smaller as they are revealed from the inside.

Entertainment began with a live broadcast of polka music by WPPA-AM with Paul Konkus and J.Z. About 2 p.m., the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Dance Ensemble entertained with elaborate and beautiful Ukrainian dance, along with a quartet of singers and musicians singing traditional songs.

“We are celebrating 25 years of song and dance here in Schuylkill County,”



said Paula Holoviak, who is the ensemble’s folk dance director. “It is always a joy to be here.”

After the dance ensemble concluded its program, the Pennsylvania Villagers Polka Band took the stage for the final four hours.

Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Day began in 1934 at Lakewood Park, Barnesville, one of a number of ethnic celebrations that began in the 1900s by ethnic groups in the anthracite coal region. When the park closed in 1983, there was one year without such an event.

The event was revived in 1985 as Ukrainian Seminary Day and moved to St. Nicholas Picnic Grove. The ethnic celebration is sponsored

by the 12 parishes in the South Anthracite Protopresbytery (Deanery) of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Since 1983, the deanery has raised \$550,000. Each annual event raises on average \$35,000.

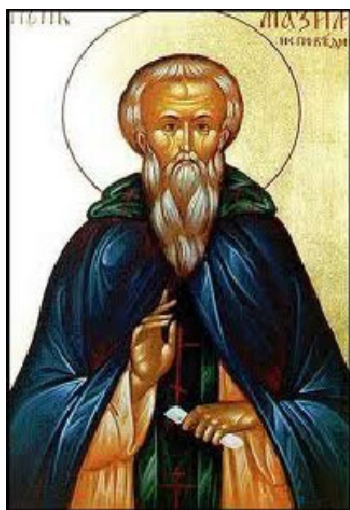
The deanery is comprised of 12 parishes in Schuylkill (Frackville, Maizeville, McAdoo, Middleport, Minersville, Saint Clair and Shenandoah), Luzerne (Hazleton), Northumberland (Marion Heights, Mount Carmel and Shamokin) and Columbia (Centralia Heights) counties.

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Edward Sirkot's table.

Venerable Maximus the Confessor (August 13)



The Lord said: "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say." (Lk. 12, 8-12)

St. Maximus the Confessor was born into a noble family of the imperial city of Constantinople in 580 AD. While serving as secretary to the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius, Maximus heard the call to the religious life and abandoned civil service to enter a monastery in Chrysopolis, opposite Constantinople where he eventually became abbot. St. Sophronius, a monk who later became patriarch of Jerusalem, had a great influence upon him through personal contact and perhaps his writings.

In the days of Maximus, the Christian Empire of Byzantium was divided by the Monophysite heresy, which refused to confess Jesus Christ as possessing two full natures, one human, the other divine. This had terrible political and military consequences for the Empire as well as sad consequences for the Church. All of Egypt, Ethiopia, Armenia and parts of Syria were alienated from both the Catholic Church and the Empire which was its defender. There was therefore great political as well as authentically apostolic motivation to heal the schism and restore the empire's unity.

One solution proposed was to agree that Jesus had two natures, but only one will. Maximus and many saw this as disguised Monophysitism, since a human will is an essential part of a complete human nature. The emperor, desiring peace at any cost, promoted this "one will" approach, called Monothelism, and had it expressed in a document called the "Typos" which he urged all parties to sign. Maximus ardently and publicly opposed the Typos, writing and speaking eloquently in favor of the full humanity of Christ.

He ultimately returned to Constantinople to bear witness to the true faith of the Church in the full humanity and divinity of Christ. He and many of his companions were brought to trial in 662 and sentence to have their right hands chopped off and tongues cut out before being sent into lifetime exile where Maximus, weakened by his ordeal, died just a few month later. He is called "the Confessor" because he was tortured and imprisoned for his confession of the orthodox, Catholic faith in Christ, true God and true man.

Besides his writings against the Monophysites and Monothelites, Maximus left us many works of spiritual and ascetical theology, especially his commentary on the Lord's prayer and Psalm 59, that have been continually prized by the Eastern and Western Church alike. His "Mystagogia" helps us understand how the liturgy and sacraments were celebrated and understood in his time, and his mystical "Scholia" on Pseudo-Dionysius are still of great interest to scholars and monks. Because of the depth of his spiritual and doctrinal understanding, St. Maximus the Confessor is one of the few writers in the history of the Church who is also known as "the Theologian." <http://www.crossroadsinitiative.com>

In Celebration of a Dedicated Life to the Church

On June 20, 2012, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great hosted a reception honoring His Grace, Most Reverend Stefan Soroka on his 30th anniversary as a priest. After a communal opening prayer, Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski welcomed the Archbishop with a brief speech. Drawing from the words of the apostle Matthew on the theme of calling, she encapsulated the Archbishop's life and deeds in the realm of the Lord's work.



Drawing from Scripture, Sister Dorothy Ann opened her remarks with an allusion to the Archbishop's entry into the religious life. "Thirty years ago," she observed, "Jesus whispered to you, Come follow me, and I will make you a fisher of people." (Mt 4:19). She then noted that by accepting Christ's invitation, the young priest had begun a life of giving and that over the course of three decades, many "have been beneficiaries of the gifts you have received."



Sister continued by extolling Archbishop Soroka's achievements as a priest, enumerating his spiritual successes in the context of the Living Water that is the overarching symbol of those who choose the path of the Fisherman. "Your warm gift of welcome is like a lighthouse whose beams invite all into the warmth of its confines. You cast a net far and wide capturing those that the Lord has given to you, never throwing back what you catch. And you have a way of calming the stormy waters . . . making each struggle seem surmountable. . . ."

The Provincial Superior closed by expressing her community's delight in sharing this special occasion with His Grace, recalling his personal interest in the well-being of the community and each of its members, his cooperation and goodness, his support of and participation in the Sisters' pilgrimages, jubilees, and the recent celebration marking the centennial of their work in the United States. "In all instances," she concluded, "you affirm us and show a confidence in what we are presently doing and indicate a hope in our future endeavors."

See more pictures on our Blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

Pilgrimage 2012 at Fox Chase

SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT, FOX CHASE MANOR, PA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE MOTHER OF GOD TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

THEME: Pilgrimage 2012 – A Time to Encounter Christ

SCHEDULE

11:00 – 12:30 AM SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

1:00 – 2:30 PM DIVINE LITURGY WITH HOLY ANOINTING (Bi-Lingual)

4:00 – 4:30 PM MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD WITH VENERATION OF RELICS

FOOD SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE AFTERNOON



Abington Township Recognition of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

In July of 2012 the Abington Township Commissioners presented the Sisters with a plaque in commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Province. Ward Commissioner Richard Gaglianese initiated and presented the Certificate on behalf of the Township. The Certificate of Commendation reads: *"The Township of Abington, Montgomery County, recognizes the Order of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great on your 100th Anniversary and proudly recognizes your service to both this community and around the world."*



(Photo) Standing in front of the Township of Abington Building are (left to right) Sisters Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM, Maria Rozmarynowych, OSBM, Marina Bochnewich, OSBM, Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM holding plaque, Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, OSBM, Paula Jacynyk, OSBM

Sixtieth Anniversary of Sister Miriam Claire Kowal, OSBM, Celebrated on June 30, 2012

Born in April 1935 and baptized Virginia, Sister Miriam Claire is the daughter of Michael and Justine Kowal. The family attended SS Peter and Paul Church in Auburn, New York, where young Virginia completed her early education before entering religious life at the age of 17. Completing her novitiate in 1953, she made her simple profession in August 1955, taking her final vows as a Sister of St. Basil the Great on August 28, 1958.

Following a centuries' old tradition of Basilian nuns, Sister Miriam Claire accepted a teaching assignment within the far-flung Ukrainian Catholic school system built by her predecessors. Her educational ministry began at St. George School in New York City in 1955, where she began to hone her skills as a teacher while helping her young pupils learn to read, write, and understand the presence of God in their lives.

While teaching at St. John's Ukrainian Catholic School in Pittsburgh, she enrolled as a student at Duquesne University, earning a degree in Business Administration. After several years serving her community in the Motherhouse at Fox Chase, Sister Miriam Claire resumed her work in the field of education, first serving as Registrar, then as Dean of Admissions and Academic Dean at Manor Junior College. Having served as Manor's Dean for several years, she was appointed College President in 1976, holding this post until 1985 when she assumed the duties of Provincial Superior at the Motherhouse. Taking a well-earned sabbatical year (1995–1996) in Canada, Sr. Miriam Claire studied Eastern Spirituality at St. Paul University in Ottawa. Upon



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Sixtieth Anniversary of Sister Miriam Claire Kowal, OSBM, Celebrated on June 30, 2012

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her return to Fox Chase, she was assigned to serve as Principal at St. Josaphat School in Parma, Ohio. In 1997, she was called to serve as General Superior of the Order in Rome, a position she currently holds.

Sister Miriam Claire's 60th anniversary in the religious life was celebrated on June 30, 2012. Most Reverend Metropolitan Stefan Soroka presided at the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving. Con-celebrating was Very Reverend Archpriest Daniel Troyan. Archbishop Stefan spoke highly of Sister Miriam Claire's attributes. Praising her for her kind and gentle ways, His Grace commented: "I have especially admired your strong sense of removal from the earthly pace of life. One admires your sense of peaceful coasting or hovering as you walk, as you listen, as you pray, as you show care and concern for others. This surely comes from the inner peace which comes from a life of faithful prayer. You are a woman of prayer. You are a woman offering hope and optimism in life because of your close union with Jesus Christ in prayer. My sense is that you walk hand in hand with our Blessed Mother as she intercedes for your intentions and for the success of the ministry you fulfill in Jesus' Name. "

Welcoming the guest of honor at the Motherhouse in Fox Chase, Provincial Superior spoke about her achievements and accomplishments during her six decades as a Basilian nun, underscoring her colleague's deep spirituality and calm demeanor even under the most stressful circumstances. She thanked the General Superior for her unflinching supportive of her home province and for her presence at the province's centennial celebration, noting, "Your way of being present, of seeing, of relating and of working reflects a loving kindness. . . Through you, others are made to feel lovable, important, capable, and valuable, this enables them to transfer those attributes to new others . . . you are a reminder of God's presence among us. You have left a legacy on your Province, on the Order."

Speaking on behalf of the community, Sister Dorothy Ann expressed best wishes for the honoree's good health and continued success. "We wish you well, we wish you good health, we wish you joy and blessings, and we wish you many happy years. Mnohaya, blahaya lita!



(Photo): Sister Maria Rozmarynowych, OSBM; Very Reverend Archpriest Daniel Troyan; Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM; Jubilarian, Sister Miriam Claire Kowal, OSBM, General Superior; Most Reverend Archbishop Metropolitan Stefan Soroka; Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial; Sister Ann Laszok OSBM; Sister Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM

Sister Barbara Terefenko, OSBM fell asleep in the Lord



Sister Barbara Terefenko, OSBM, fell asleep in the Lord in Philadelphia, PA on Sunday, July 15, 2012, at the age of 77 and in her 15th year of religious life.

Born in Mt. Carmel Pennsylvania, on May 18, 1935, Barbara was the daughter of Henry Jackson and Julia (nee Chato) Long. In 1956 she married Walter Terefenko in Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and was baptized and confirmed in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The couple was blessed with four children: Barbara, Walter, Inez, and Henry. In 1968, the family moved from Pennsylvania to New York, settling in Cohoes, where Barbara worked as a cosmetologist and home health aide. The family became parishioners at Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cohoes.

When her husband Walter died in 1995, Barbara felt a calling to the religious life. Entering the Order of Saint

Basil the Great in September of 1997, she brought with her an extensive life experience as wife, mother, and widow, and her heritage as an Iroquois Indian. During her life among the Sisters, she graciously and happily learned from them while generously sharing with them the wisdom and experience she had brought with her to the convent. Sister Barbara made her first vows in April 2001 and received her perpetual profession on April 1, 2006. In the years between and after, she was assigned to the office of Religious Education in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, to pastoral care at Saint Josaphat Parish in Philadelphia and in the Parma Eparchy, and to nursing duties at the Motherhouse in Fox Chase.

Parastas for Sr. Barbara was celebrated by Reverend Edward Higgins on July 20, 2012, with the Sister's Chaplain, the Very Reverend Archpriest Daniel Troyan and the Sisters singing responses. The Divine Liturgy on July 21 was celebrated by Father Troyan. In his homily, Father Troyan spoke of the various communities to

which Sister Barbara belonged, including the community of family and community of the Sister of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and of her ability to move effortlessly among them as she contributed to each of them.

These sentiments were echoed in the loving eulogy delivered by Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, who extolled Sister Barbara's willingness to be of service to others, especially the elderly to whom she ministered. "She not only prayed with the shut-ins she cared for, but cut their hair and manicured their nails, performing humble acts of love that defined her so well. The Provincial Superior also mentioned Sister Barbara's love of art, music, and crafts, noting how "her hands were always busy crocheting afghans, knitting butterflies or tating a new outfit for one of her many grandchildren or great grandchildren." At the end of her eulogy, Sr. Dorothy Ann pointed out something that confirmed something all of those gathered to honor Sister Barbara already knew—how willingly she gave of herself to others and how widely she had spread her

love and her kind deeds. "Just the day before she took sick, she drove to the Newark Airport to pick up one of our Sisters from Ukraine. . . . and by the way, flowers came in yesterday . . . from WalMart. Somehow in her many trips driving the sisters to go shopping she touched someone there."

Sister Barbara's eldest daughter, also named Barbara, shared anecdotes about her childhood, telling warm stories that revealed much about the happy life she and her siblings had shared with their beloved mother. Son Walter echoed his sister's sentiments, assuring Barbara's family, friends, and her religious family that "Sister Barbara will always be with us."

Sister Barbara was interred at the Sisters Convent Cemetery in Fox Chase. She is mourned by her children, several grandchildren and great grandchild, her Sisters in the Order of Saint Basil the Great, and a great number of people who were touched by her unflinching kindness.

Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University nominated Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainians in France

21 July 2012

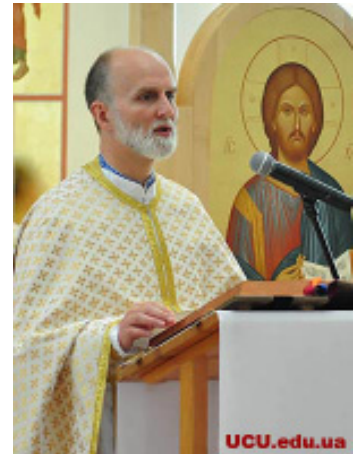
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has a new bishop. Pope Benedict XVI nominated the rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University Rev. Dr. Borys Gudziak as Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainians in France and appointed him as *Titular Bishop of Carcabia*. This is officially informed by the Vatican Press Service.

The new bishop will be the Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainians in France (Exarchate also includes Belgium, Nederland, Luxemburg, and Switzerland. The Holy Father accepted the resignation from the office by Bishop Mykhail H r y n c h y s h y n . Bishop-nominee Borys (Gudziak) will be 49 the bishop of the Ukrainian

Greek Catholic Church.

Fr. Borys Gudziak was born in Siracuse (USA) in 1960 and ordained as a priest in 1998. His PhD in Byzantine and Slavic studies got in Harvard University.

http://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/catholics/ugcc/48893/



Ukrainian Catholic University Community Issues Address In Connection With Bishop's Nomination of Its Rector

23 July 2012

The news of the nomination of Fr. Dr. Borys Gudziak Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainian Greek Catholics in France did not take by surprise the administration, professors and students of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU). The University with the participation of its Great Chancellor, Senate and administration have discussed needs and ways of transformation of the structure of the top leadership of UCU.

In view of the strategic plans of development of the university reflected by the construction of the modern university campus and launching of new educational programs, the consolidation of the structure of UCU by experienced vice-rectors, professors and priests. According to the university administration, its cohesive team of professionals is the best support for Bishop Borys in his new ministry.

"This is what the UCU community has been waiting for, dreaming about and praying for. Father Borys is not just the rector of our university. He became a spiritual treasure who came into the lives of many of us and transformed them considerably. The title of a bishop will duly crown the feat and efforts of our rector to create and develop the higher education institution which is so significant for Ukraine. The crozier will be a staff in his hands calling him to a new pilgrimage along unknown paths chose for him by the Lord.

UCU community is happy that the one who is the spiritual and administrative axis of our University will now join the cluster of the Bishops in their ministry to the needs of the Church and people. We are glad for the sake of the Church who has called such a Servant to the higher service. We are glad for the sake of the faithful of the Apostolic Exarchate of UGCC in France, Benelux countries and Switzerland who will have such a Pastor. We are glad for the sake of our own and of all the UGCC lay people who will have such Bishop," reads the address of the UCU community.

http://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/catholics/ugcc/48905/

Parishioners from Scranton and Simpson, PA, honor Fr. Paul Wolensky and wish him well in his new pastoral assignments

It was a bittersweet evening saying thank you to Father Paul Wolensky and farewell at the same time.

On Wednesday evening, July 25, 2012, the parishioners of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Scranton, PA and SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Simpson, PA hosted a dinner to honor Father Paul for his years of service to both parishes and to wish him well in his new pastoral assignments of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Wilkes-Barre PA and St. Vladimir Church in Edwardsville PA.

Conducted at *The Melting Pot*, West Scranton, the 122 guests enjoyed

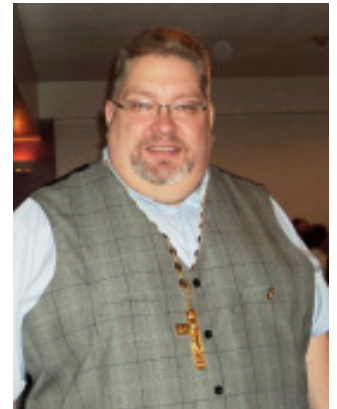
cocktails and dinner consisting of fresh garden salad, chicken marsala, roast beef au jus, kobasa, penne in vodka sauce, roasted red potatoes, mixed hot vegetables, dinner rolls, coffee and tea. A specially prepared celebratory cake, donated by Diane Wolfe, was served for dessert.

Centerpieces of fresh crimson red roses adorned every table and were gifted by a friend at *McCarthy Flowers*. Individual minted favors for every guest were created and donated by Irene Papura and daughter, Deborah Pusateri.

The guest of honor was joined by brother priests

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Nestor Kowal, Pastor of St. Michaels Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Scranton; Rev. John Wysochansky, Retired of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia; and, Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Olyphant along with a very special guest, his mother Mrs. Anna Wolensky.

Mr. Edward Chomko Sr. served as moderator of the event. Various parish organization representatives spoke about Father Paul's many skills as a priest and presented him with gifts of love including a custom piece of art done by the parish children. His very



close friend, Father Kowal, also presented him with an Icon of St. Michael.

The evening was crowned by very touching remarks by Father Paul and the singing of the traditional "Mnohaya Lita" / "God Grant You Many Years".

Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainians in Italy Invites Faithful to Pilgrimage to Rome

1 August 2012

The website of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Italy published an address of Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainian Catholics in Italy and Spain, Dionisii (Liakhovych), regarding the nation-wide pilgrimage to Rome on October 13-15, 2012.

The pilgrimage will be dedicated to the consecration of the renewed Cathedral of the Holy Sophia. Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Synod of Bishops of UGCC called on all the faithful to participate in the events.

According to the address, the organizers developed a website (<http://santa-sofia.org/>) containing detailed information regarding the pilgrimage.



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TOGETHER IN CHRIST – ENCOUNTER 2012

The Eastern Catholic Bishops of the USA are sponsoring three Encounters of our respective Churches this year which will take place in three locations: Cleveland, OH (September 20-23), Los Angeles, CA (November 1-4) and for the Eastern United States at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ (October 11-14). These gatherings and the one in Hillsborough in particular, are geared for the laity and clergy with the theme:

TOGETHER IN CHRIST – THE SPIRITUALITY OF DISCIPLESHIP: A CALL TO HOLINESS

An Encounter is a time for all Eastern Catholics to meet and to grow in the Lord, and to study themes that would assist them in fostering more spiritual and educational growth in their parishes. By having an Encounter in our region, it will be easier and convenient for more participation of the laity and clergy. Also, follow up meetings and programs within a certain region will provide more growth for our Churches since parishes of Eastern Traditions have so much in common.

A special day for clergy who have pastoral commitments in parishes will precede the weekend. The weekend Encounter (Friday evening through Sunday brunch) is mainly geared for the laity who are asked to arrive on Friday for a welcome and hospitality. The main focus will be on Saturday and Sunday. Four plenary sessions will be held.

The first session, entitled ***Who is the Church?*** will be led by Rt. Rev. Damon Geiger of the Eparchy of Newton. The second session, ***Activity of the Royal Priesthood***, will be led by Dr. Maureen Dadonna of the Eparchy of Passaic. The third session, ***Blueprint for Church Growth***, will be led by Sr. Marla Marie Lucas, MSCL, of the Eparchy of St. Maron. The main session entitled, ***The ‘How’ and ‘What’ of Lay Leadership: Action – Put on Christ!*** will be presented by the Most Reverend Peter Libasci, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire.

On Sunday, Matins and the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated followed by the keynote address entitled, ***Servant Leadership: Be All That You Can Be!*** presented by the Most Reverend Nicholas Samra, Eparch of the Melkite Eparchy of Newton.

Registration is \$75.00 per person for the Encounter. A discount for early registration of five or more from one parish is available at \$50.00 per person. Hospitality and meals are included in the registration fee. Vendors of Eastern Catholic books and icons are being invited to complement the Encounter.

Previously, Encounters were held in 1999 in Boston and 2006 in Chicago. They were held mainly for bishops and invited clergy and laity. This year’s Encounter is open to all who want to learn, pray and grow in Christ for the building up of the Body of Christ.

The Eastern Catholic Bishops have formed a national body are a region in the US Catholic Conference of Bishops. They represent the following traditions: Armenian, Byzantine – Melkite, Romanian, Ruthenian and Ukrainian; Syriac – Chaldean, Maronite, Syro-Malabar, and Syro-Malankara.

For more information and registration, visit the website, www.Encounter2012EasternCatholicChurches.org



Dormition of the Mother of God

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 only one thing is needed. 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 Dormition is the last great feast in the Church calendar year. It is preceded by a two week fast. The glorious lot of the Ever Blessed Virgin in the role of God's salvation of the world made all her life wonderful and exemplary.

After the Crucifixion of Christ, the Mother of God was taken to live in the house of her adopted son, the Apostle John. Tradition notes that even after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, the Mother of God remained in Jerusalem, visiting those places where the Savior of the world preached, suffered and died. She did not want to leave the country that was dear and holy to her. When Caesar Herod Agrippa began to persecute the Church, both the pagans and the Jews, indignant at the respect the Mother of God was receiving from the Christians, wanted to kill her. It was during this time that she traveled with Apostle John to Ephesus. Church tradition has this as the time of her visit to Cyprus to Bishop Lazarus, who had been raised from

the dead after four days, and to the Mount Athos. When the persecution ended, the Mother of God returned to Apostle John's house at Zion in Jerusalem.

Once when she went to the Mount of Olives to pray, Archangel Gabriel appeared and spoke of her approaching death. Upon returning home, she told Apostle John all that the Archangel spoke of and started preparing herself for her final day on earth. Friends and relatives gathered, and eleven of the apostles were miraculously transported from various parts of the world to her deathbed. They were all amazed seeing each other there. When the Apostle John explained that the Mother of God would soon be departing this world they understood why God had brought them together, and they became sad. But she comforted them saying: "Do not cry and darken my happiness with your sadness. I am going to my Son and your God, and you will bury my body and return each to your work." As the time of her death neared the room shone with a divine light, the roof

disappeared, and a wondrous sight appeared before all. The Lord Jesus Christ descended from heaven surrounded by many angels. All looked upon this wondrous sight with awe and reverence, and when they approached her bed, the holy body of the Mother of God was radiant and a smell of incense pervaded the room.

The apostles carried the body of the Mother of God through the city to Gethsemane to be buried at her request in the tomb of her family and Joseph. They buried her body, closed the tomb with a stone and remained there at the site in prayer for three days. On the third day Apostle Thomas arrived and was very saddened he had been unable to take his leave of her when she had been alive. To make him feel better, the other apostles rolled away the stone to let him pay his respects to the body. But on entering the tomb, they found that the body was not there - only the winding sheet remained. They returned home to partake of a communal meal at which they always left a place for the Resurrected

Lord. After the meal, they raised the bread left for Christ aloft and exclaimed "Lord, Jesus Christ, help us." And they heard a choir of angels, and when they looked up they saw the holy Ever-Virgin surrounded by angels. She hailed them, saying: "Rejoice, for I am always with you." Then the apostles were filled with joy, and instead of using the usual words, they exclaimed "Most holy Theotokos, help us." And now they understood and believed that upon the third day after her Dormition, the Mother of God had been resurrected.

Thus, the Dormition of the Mother of God is not a sad event, but a joyous one. Her death is but a short sleep, after which follows her resurrection and ascension to heaven.

From the very beginning, the Church saw in the Mother of God one who would pray for all of mankind. She is the haven of the mothers of the world. She teaches how to live in total faithfulness to the will of God. She, who kept in her heart the divine words, is an example of faithfulness, love and service.

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LUC Meeting

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, August 26, 2012, at Ezzyk's Farm in Berwick. Outdoor Moleben Prayer Service "under the trees" at 2:00pm, business session at 2:30pm followed by traditional annual summer picnic. Main agenda item is the upcoming LUC National Convention scheduled for October 12, 13 and 14 at Ramada Inn, Wilkes-Barre. This is a family-oriented event in the beautiful mountains of Berwick. Come enjoy an afternoon of spiritual and social well-being including a generous buffet and Ezzyk's famous sweet corn. All members and their families are invited. New members warmly welcomed. For additional information contact: Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354.

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