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GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOPS OF THE UKRAINIAN-GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH TO THE FAITHFUL ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2012 HOLY SYNOD BEING HELD IN CANADA

*"Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you overseers, in which you tend the Church of God that He acquired with his own blood".
(Acts 20:28)*

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

These words of the holy apostle Paul, directed to the elders of the Christian community in Miletus, contain a message not only for the people in the times of St. Paul, but for us living today in the 21st

century. As we, the Bishops of the Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church throughout the world, prepare to hold our annual Holy Synod, St. Paul reminds us that through this gathering, we who have been called to oversee the Church are to tend this Church of God that the Lord has acquired through the shedding of his own blood, and for which during the thousand-plus year history many of its sons and daughters have given their lives.

This year the UGCC Synod of Bishops will hold its annual gathering in Winnipeg (Canada), to honour the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first bishop for our faithful in Canada, Blessed Martyr Nykyta (Budka). A Synod – this is a special work of God, carried out by men: a sign of the presence and special manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the life of Christ's Church.

In preparing for this event on Canadian soil, we want from all our hearts to greet all Ukrainians and their descendants, all the sons and daughters of the Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church, who live in Canada, to assure each of you of our prayers, our admiration and love! Taking part in the Synod will be bishops from Canada, Ukraine, Western Europe, Latin America, the United States and Australia. We wish to address you with the Word of God in hope. We wish to strengthen you in faith, being filled with great joy in our anticipated meeting with you.



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We are convinced, that the Synod event will fill all our Canadian community with the special blessing of the Holy Spirit, blowing the fresh wind of this Spirit into the sails of the Ukrainian Church in this country, giving you the strength and courage to continue living the Christian life and faith of your ancestors.

When Blessed Nykyta arrived in Canada in 1912, he found our faithful striving to establish their lives in a new land with many challenges and hurdles. The people knew well the customs and lifestyle in their Ukrainian homeland. They knew how to till the soil. They knew how to raise their children. They knew how to live their Ukrainian Catholic faith. But now it was as if they had come to a new world. There were different ways of working the land. There were different kinds of government. There were new languages and customs. There were many churches and religions that confused them. How could Bishop Nykyta tend the Church of God in such a challenging land? How could he help our faithful keep their Christian faith and Ukrainian heritage in a world that was often very alien and inhospitable?

Trusting totally in God, filled with great courage and evangelical dedication, working together with the clergy, the monastics and active laity, the bishop strove to strengthen and build the Ukrainian Church and community life across the vast terrain of Canada. Because of his efforts and the dedicated work of his successors over the last one hundred years our Church in Canada has accomplished much. It developed into the first Metropolitan See outside of Ukraine. It has given many bishops, priests, monastics and sisters for our UGCC not just in Canada, but also throughout the world. Many of the laity have achieved great success in the Canadian society as teachers and lawyers, doctors and engineers, politicians and military officials. Our people have built many beautiful church buildings, schools, cultural centers, printing presses and seniors homes. Our laity belong to various organizations by which they live out their faith and help spread the Word of God.

You, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, together with your priests and bishops, are the inheritors and witnesses of this glorious church and national legacy, which our Ukrainian people brought with them and preserved in this land. On this occasion we desire to express to you our sincere recognition and gratitude for your attachment to the faith of your ancestors and for the preservation of our national and cultural traditions.

Your dedication and faithfulness to the divine matters of our Church in Ukraine were especially felt during the 80's and 90's of the last century, when after the long decades of persecution the Lord granted freedom to her and to our people. Then you willingly hastened to help with your prayers, generous donations and by your direct participation, contributing to the rebirth and rebuilding of the Ukrainian nation and our native Church. We remember this and we thank you for this!

Today, as we prepare to celebrate the 1025 anniversary of the Baptism of Rus' Ukraine and to consecrate the Patriarchal (Cathedral) Sobor of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv, which, we hope, will occur in 2013, together with you we offer at the altar of the Almighty our prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of holy faith and freedom for our people, beseeching the Lord for the blessing of continued work, so that God's truth and national unity would be made firm on our motherland's soil.

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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ! Spiritually united with all of you, on September the 9th we will begin this year's Holy Synod of the UGCC. Together with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of your first bishop, we wish to know better the life of our Ukrainian community in this country, with all the successes and challenges with which you live. Thus with holy impatience we await this time of encounter, prayer and sharing with you. We pray, that this Synod will be an occasion for the breath of the Holy Spirit to fill our Church, leading us into the future that lies ahead.

During this important moment in our pilgrim journey towards the Kingdom of God, we appeal to you with the request for prayer and support. Pray that through the 2012 UGCC Synod all members of our Church will grow in faith and wisdom, always ready to spread the Gospel message of the Lord.

The blessing of the Lord be upon you!

In the name of the UGCC Synod of Bishops
+ Sviatoslav

Given at the Patriarchal (Cathedral) Sobor of the Resurrection of Christ, on the 25th of August, in the year of the Lord 2012, on the day of the holy martyrs Photius and Anicetus.

Patriarch Sviatoslav Arrives in Canada

1 September 2012

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), Patriarch Sviatoslav, arrived in Canada to participate in the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC to be held in Winnipeg on September 9-15. The Primate is accompanied by Archbishop and Metropolitan Ihor (Vozniak) of Lviv, the Information Department of the UGCC reported.

On August 29, at the airport in Vancouver, the visitors were met by the delegation of the New Westminster Eparchy led by Bishop Ken Nowakowski.

On the following day, Patriarch Sviatoslav and Archbishop Ihor visited the Monastery of Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in New Westminster.

The head of the UGCC is also to visit the Saskatoon Eparchy prior to the beginning of the Synod.

<http://risu.org.ua>

HEAD OF UKRAINIAN CHURCH BEGINS VISIT TO WINNIPEG

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Major Archbishop of Kyiv, Ukraine and head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide, arrived in Winnipeg for a week-long pastoral visit that will be followed by a meeting of the Synod of Bishops of that Church.

The large crowd, many dressed in Ukrainian traditional costume or the uniform of various religious organizations, boldly sang "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" as the "father and head" of their thousand-year-old Church descended the escalator into the arrivals hall of Richardson International Airport.

Sviatoslav, the surprisingly young principal hierarch of the Church - popularly referred to by as many as "Patriarch" - is making his first pastoral visit to Winnipeg since his election last year. (He was elected by his peer bishops at the age of 41 after his predecessor Lubomyr Husar asked to retire.) Winnipeg is the Archiepiscopal See of Most Rev. Lawrence Huculak, the Metropolitan of Canada for Ukrainian Catholics.

After Metropolitan Lawrence welcome him,



he was met by representatives of the young people of Manitoba - those in church organizations and those from the Ukrainian scout organizations SUM and PLAST. Greeting him in both English and Ukrainian, they presented him with traditional Ukrainian symbols of welcome: bread and salt.

His Beatitude - visibly moved by what he referred to as an "overwhelming welcome" - responded to the crowd mainly in English. He did not speak very long, because he said that they would have many

opportunities to meet in the days ahead. In fact, a series of large encounters are planned with the youth, the elderly the clergy and religious among others. He will visit a number of parishes and pastoral centres. Three of the principal events are the Divine Liturgy at Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Cathedral on Sunday, September 9th and a Gala Banquet the following Sunday.

After his visit, His Beatitude will chair the Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The participants are all the Bishops of the Ukrainian

Catholic Church from around world. They have never convened in Canada before and may never do so again. Since Ukraine gained independence twenty one years ago, they almost invariably meet in Ukraine. However, they chose to come this year to commemorate the centenary of the appointment of the first Ukrainian Bishop to Canada. Bishop Nykyta Budka arrived in Winnipeg in 1912 to serve as the sole bishop for Ukrainian immigrants from coast to

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coast. He is titled “Blessed”, because he was beatified as one of the 27 new martyrs recognized by Pope John Paul in 2001. After serving fifteen years as bishop in Canada, Blessed Nykyta returned to Ukraine only to later suffer arrest and martyrdom under the Soviet regime. Canada acknowledges his legacy this year and thus Metropolitan Lawrence invited all the Bishops to come join the celebrations. They too will be arriving over the next few days.

The week-long Synod to follow takes place outside of Winnipeg and will discuss many matters common to the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church around the world. The principal theme of this convocation is “laity and the Evangelization”. However, they will deal with a wide variety of pressing matters. The Synod fathers now number forty nine, but due to various issues not all will be able to attend.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav will depart from Winnipeg on September 18th to continue his visit to Canada in Saskatchewan.

At the close of his visit to Canada, he will address

the plenary session of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops toward the end of September.

Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski,

Information, Media and Public Relations
Winnipeg Visit and Synod Committee

All attached photos were taken by Norbert Iwan of Winnipeg.



Patriarchal Catechetical Commission Meets



(Photo) L to R: Gloria Gree, Sr. Marijka Kondarevych, Iryna Galadza, Fr. Mykhaylo Harvat, Sr Ann Laszok, Sr. Emmanuela Kharyshyn, Sr. Luiza Ciupa, Fr. Vasyl Colopelnic, Bishop Peter, Nazar Duda, Bishop Daniel, Fr. Andriy Mykytyuk, Fr. Peter Zhuk, Fr. Andriy Chornen'kyy, Fr. Peter Babey, Fr. Taras Barscevski, Sr Olga Marie Faryna, Iryna Rasyak

Members of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church are meeting on August 27 – 30, 2012 at Westminster Abbey in Mission, BC (Canada). The members are being hosted by the Eparchy of New Westminster, BC on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Ukrainian Catholic bishop Blessed Nykyta Budka and the Synod of Bishops that will meet in Winnipeg, Manitoba in September 2012. Those in attendance are: Bishop Peter Stasiuk,

CSSR, Eparch of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania as well as the Chair of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, Bishop Daniel Kozlinski, apostolic administrator for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics of Argentina; Sr. Luiza Ciupa, SSMI, assistant chair of the Patriarchal Catechetical commission; Fr. Taras Barscevski – member of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission and the head of Biblical Apostolate; from eparchy of Toronto – Irene Galadza; from Saskatoon eparchy – Sr. Marijka Kondarevych, SSMI; from

Edmonton eparchy – Fr. Peter Babey, Sr. Emmanuela Kharyshyn, SSMI and Gloria Green; from eparchy of New-Westminster – Fr. Andriy Chornen'kyy; from eparchy of Parma – Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM and Sr. Olga Faryna, OSBM; from Stamford eparchy – Fr. Vasyl Colopelnic; from the Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute (Ukraine) – Nazar Duda and Iryna Rasyak; Fr. Peter Zhuk – Director of Catechetical office in Kyiv Archeparchy, Rector of Kyiv seminary; Fr. Mykhaylo Harvat – the head of the Catechetical Commission of

Archeparchy; from Australia – Fr. Andriy Mykytyuk.

This meeting's agenda includes discussions on the implementation of the Catechism; the timeline for the various publications of the translations and the development of a program for the Catechumenate and the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission.

EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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"All you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

Alleluia!

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Clergy Days THURSDAY, 10/11, 2:00 P.M.-
FRIDAY, 10/12, 2:00 P.M.

Main Conference

The Eastern Catholic Bishops of the U.S.A. invite all Eastern Catholics, clergy, religious and laity of the U.S. and Canada, and all interested seekers, to gather "Together in Christ" for...ENCOUNTER 2012 an historic conference, to be held in three locations in the United States, FALL 2012.

Very Rev. Edward Cimbala, D.Min, Regional Coordinator

One Theme

"Together in Christ"

One Purpose

*Together in the vineyard of Christ...
"Unity in Mission; Diversity in Ministry"*

One Voice

Encountering Christ Together in Prayer

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Registration and Hospitality

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 AM Registration, Continental Breakfast
Informative Sessions, Vendors, & Hospitality

9:45 Prayer Service

10:00 **Session I:** Who is Church?

Speaker: Sr. Marla Marie Lucas,
Maronite Church

11:15 **Session II:**

Activity of the Royal Priesthood

Speaker: Dr. Maureen Dadonna,
Byzantine Ruthenian Church

12:15 PM Luncheon and visit Vendors

2:30 **Main Session:**

The 'How' and 'What' of Lay
Leadership: Action—Put on Christ"

Speaker: Bishop Peter Labasci

3:45 **Session III:**

Blueprint for Church Growth

Speaker: Rev. Damon Geiger,
Byzantine Melkite Church

5:00 Vespers

6:30 Dinner

8:00 Hospitality

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 AM Matins

8:30 Divine Liturgy

9:45 Breakfast Buffet

Session IV:

"Servant Leadership: Be All You Can Be;
We are not finished yet!"

Speaker: Bishop Nicholas Samra,
Eparchy of Melkite Church in America

12:00 PM Departure

EASTERN UNITED STATES

October 11-14, 2012

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church & Center
Hillsborough, New Jersey

Summer Events of the Nuns of St. Basil the Great

Summer ordinarily provides many enriching spiritual events for the small Ukrainian Catholic contemplative community of the Nuns of St. Basil the Great, who ordinarily spend their days in prayerful silence, solitude and seclusion within their Monastery of the Sacred Heart in Middletown, NY. Summer 2012 has been no exception.

In July, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, CT, visited the Nuns to celebrate with them his patronal feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. His Excellency served the Divine Liturgy in the Monastery Chapel. During his homily in which he spoke of the similarities and differences of St. Peter and St. Paul, Bishop Paul highlighted how both were touched "by the hand of God," gave up their former strongly held opinions and boldly proclaimed the kingdom of God. He encouraged the Nuns to imitate the two saints both in openness to God's transforming grace, and in boldness to proclaim the kingdom of God at this time when the message so needs to be heard. After the Divine Liturgy, Bishop Paul enjoyed a relaxing brunch with the Sisters in the peaceful solitude of their Monastery.



Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, and the Nuns of St. Basil



Sr. Bernadette, OSBM, giving a retreat conference

In early August, the Nuns welcomed a private retreatant for her annual eight-day retreat. Sr. Bernadette Reshetylo, OSBM, provided the conferences and spiritual guidance for the retreatant, who joined the Sisters for the Divine Praises and enjoyed the beauty and solitude of the Monastery chapel and grounds.

Mid-August brought the Nuns to the annual Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY. The Pontifical Divine Liturgy with an excellent homily by Most Rev. Richard Seminack, Bishop of Chicago, a Healing Service, the outdoor Stations of the Cross, and the Moleben to the Mother of God, with a beautiful homily by V. Rev. Archpriest Kiril Angelo, provided much spiritual nourishment and renewal for the Nuns and all present. The beautiful grounds and enjoyable weather provided additional opportunities to praise and glorify God for the gift of His Most Holy Mother, the beauty of His creation and all His graces and blessings.

The Nuns of St. Basil are the contemplative branch of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great. In their Eastern monastic life of prayer and sacrifice, they celebrate all Hours of the Divine Praises daily. Through this communal divine worship, as well as through daily Eucharist, personal prayer, solitude, silence and consecrated service, they seek to dwell continuously in the presence of God and so call down blessings upon the people of God.

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Nuns of St. Basil and retreatant at Dormition Pilgrimage



Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great Eighty-First Annual Pilgrimage

THEME:
"A TIME TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST"

Sunday, September 30, 2012

11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Monastery Grounds</i>
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Healing Prayer & Anointing Celebrant: Most Rev. Archbishop Stefan Soroka Homilist: Rev. Msgr. Mitrat Martin Canavan Concelebrants: Most Rev. Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM Most Rev. Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten Very Rev. Phillip Sandrick, OSBM Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan Very Rev. Ivan Demkiv Choir: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church Chester, PA	<i>Auditorium</i>
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Food Service	<i>Parking Lot Food Court</i>
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Women in Prayer Group	<i>Former Chapel</i>
	Penance Video & Discussion with Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM	<i>Basilian Spirituality Center</i>
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Moleben Celebrant: Archbishop Stefan Soroka Homilist: Rev. Joseph Szupa Choir: Sisters of Saint Basil the Great with Women in Prayer	<i>Auditorium</i>
5:00 pm	Blessing of Cars and Buses	<i>Parking Lot</i>



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Basilian Volunteer Program: Ukrainian Orphan Ministry

Participating in the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus, Lover of Humanity Basilian Volunteer Program, Christine Patoray from Youngstown, Ohio and Larissa Spak and Eryna Honchar from Carnegie, Pennsylvania, traveled to Ukraine with Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM. The small group, joined by Oksana Leseiko and Sister Bernarda Arkatin, OSBM, visited the orphanages, foster homes, halfway houses, and psychiatric institutions for children and adults that Sister visits every summer. Children and adults at each of these institutions were given toys, candy, bananas, clothes, balloons and various other material goods. Some institutions also received financial support. The biggest gift that the young people brought was their caring presence.



Sr. Ann Laszok and Oksana Leseiko with children at Zlucha Psychiatric Institution.

During their two week mission, Sister Ann drove Christine, Larissa, and Eryna to “Emmaus Oselia,” a homeless shelter that has a community of about 30 people. Residents of the shelter learn life skills like upholstering furniture, managing a thrift store, and living as a family. The group also visited the Village of Zalochin where Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate have a foster home for 9 children. The next stop was a home run by Brother Ivan, a Belgian Charity Brother, for mentally challenged persons. Under Brother Ivan’s patient guidance, residents learn to sew and make “gerdans.” The group met with the six children living at a foster home in Sambir, which is run by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate. They also visited Sambir’s psychiatric institute for children, which currently ministers to 76 children.



Sr. Bernarda Arkatyn, OSBM being hugged by a child in Sambir Psychiatric Institution.

The next stop was Cunovudnomu, where the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great operate a foster home. Here Sister Bernarda played the piano and taught the children to sing some new songs. From Cunovudnomu the group drove to Ivano-Frankivsk to visit a government run infant orphanage. Run by a local doctor, the orphanage is currently home to 30 infants but has a capacity for housing 90. At St. Nicholas Village of Mercy, a model orphanage run by the Incarnate Word Sisters, they visited with children like Yuriy, who needs a new heart valve and is awaiting help from the United States.

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Basilian Volunteer Program: Ukrainian Orphan Ministry

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From there the group went to Zalucha Children's Institute, a psychiatric institution for children, which has improved a hundredfold in recent years and houses about 70 children that range from totally disabled to mildly afflicted with Downs syndrome. They also visited Pohon, a psychiatric institute for adults near the Basilian Fathers church, which houses about 70 people. Then it was on to Yaremche, a town in the Carpathian mountains, which boasts two summer camps founded by Fr. Swischuk from Chicago. Here, the Sisters and their young companions took some time to visit Yaremche's bazaar and marvel at the area's beautiful waterfalls. The final destination was a school in Ivano-Frankivsk that is run by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great.

The journey to Ukraine was emotional—a blend of sadness and inspiration elicited by the sight of the physically or mentally challenged children and adults and of the dedicated individuals who care for them and work with them. Each day, at the Basilian monastery and at Metropolitan Sheptytsky's crypt, the group prayed for all the Basilian benefactors. On the way back home, during a forced layover in Munich, Germany, the Sisters were hosted by His Grace, Bishop Peter Kruk, and by Fr. Ivan Machuzhak, Chancellor of Pokrova and St Andrew in Munich.

See more photos on website...

<http://www.stbasils.com/Events/Orphanage2012.html>



Staff along with Sr. Bernarda Arkatyn, OSBM and Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM at Zlucha Psychiatric Institution.



Bishop Peter Kryk, Apostolic Exarch of Germany and Scandinavia, with Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM, Christine Patoray, Larissa Spak and Eryna Honchar who hosted their overnight layover in Munich, Germany

Employment Opportunity

SAINT BASIL ACADEMY, an all-female college preparatory high school located in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, is seeking an experienced academic leader to serve as Vice-Principal/Dean of Students.

The successful candidate must have experience at the secondary level, classroom experience, a strong commitment to building relationships and a leadership style that embraces compassionate strength and emphasizes collaboration.

The Vice-Principal/Dean of Students plays a critical role in shaping the vision of the school and maintaining the philosophy and beliefs of the Academy as well as its Ukrainian Catholic tradition. References should highlight the candidate's experience, expertise and enthusiasm in working effectively with students, faculty, staff and parents in a dynamic and supportive faith-based school community. All candidates interested in this position should be exemplary school professionals and committed to advancing the Mission of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great.

E-mail or fax a letter of interest and a current resume' to:

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Patriarch Sviatoslav calls on Ukrainian Catholic journalists 'to work together in the mission of evangelization'

29 August 2012

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk's appeal to Ukrainian Catholic journalists was recorded during an interview for the website Katolytskyi Ohliadach.

Patriarch Sviatoslav stressed that the media has a very important impact on society and that for the church this is a very important tool for the evangelization of society, in order to be able to bring the word of truth, the Word of the Gospel, to the general public.

"And who else but a believer, who can use the ability of his believing heart which feels the depth, the truth and the meaning of the word, is able to do this? I urge you to work together in the mission of evangelization," the patriarch said to journalists. <http://risu.org.ua>



New UCU Residence Blessed, Rector Made Bishop

26 August 2012

August 26 was a busy day in the city of Lviv, Ukraine. In the morning, the rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) became Bishop Borys Gudziak, ordained by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, in St. George's Cathedral. Then in the late afternoon Bishop Gudziak and the patriarch blessed the university's new "collegium," residential college, UCEF informs.



Bishop Borys expresses his gratitude to all in a Ukrainian-language speech.

"Today we are blessing a unique structure," said Patriarch Shevchuk in his greeting. "Our church and, in particular, UCU are receiving a necessary instrument for the formation of laypeople. The collegium is not just a dormitory. A community will be built here. In addition to providing higher, advanced education, the church will give the faith to your children and form them to become good Christians, active lay people who will be able to start many initiatives and take responsibility."

Bishop Gudziak explained that the collegium is part of UCU's effort to rethink the phenomenon of the university in the 21st century. Administrators and professors will join the students there. Also a community of Redemptorist nuns and a L'Arche community of developmentally disabled persons and their helpers. There are also plans for four guest apartments for visiting diplomats, politicians, artists, and intellectuals, who will share in the life of the community. <http://risu.org.ua>

Patriarch Sviatoslav: UCU Will Always Be Associated With Person of Bishop Borys (Gudziak)

26 August 2012

During the consecration of the new bishop of UGCC, Borys Gudziak, the head of the Church, Patriarch Sviatoslav, highly appreciated the contribution of the Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University in the successful development of this institution.

"UCU will always be associated with Your Person. Today, as we are letting You go to France, we know that You

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Patriarch Sviatoslav: UCU Will Always Be Associated With Person of Bishop Borys (Gudziak)

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are going there but that You will not forsake us, will not forsake the Church in Ukraine and our Catholic University,” noted Patriarch Sviatoslav.

In response, Bishop Borys called his consecration a high ecclesial responsibility and called the experience of work in the academic community of Lviv a treasure.

“The experience of communication with the academic community of Lviv will remain a great treasure for me. There is a question: what will happen to UCU? I can assure you that it is a mature community,” stressed the bishop.

The event will be followed by the consecration of a brainchild of the Rector of UCU, the Josyf Slipyj Student Collegium. It is symbolic as the project has been in a special care of Borys (Gudziak).



The Collegium is the first building of the university campus of UCU in Stryiska Street in Lviv. Soon, a multi-functional academic building, a university Church, library and information center will be built here.

“The collegium must become an environment for study, education, creative activity and spiritual life, a space of formation, communication, work and rest of its occupants. It is a unique architectural project on which world-renowned architects are working. Both the collegium and the whole complex of the university campus will soon become a pearl of the modern development in Lviv,” noted the Rector of UCU. <http://risu.org.ua>



Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. (Jn. 19, 6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35)

The Sign of the Cross in the Eastern Church

by Archpriest Armand J. Jacopin

In the course of history no symbol has expressed the mentality of Christians more faithfully than the cross. The cross is the concrete expression of the Christian mystery, of victory through defeat, of glory through humiliation, of life through death. It is the symbol of a God who

became man to die as a slave to save creatures. It is the symbol of a life that is not afraid to look to the height and breadth and depth of things because in every direction its arms remain outstretched.

It is interesting to note that long before Christ the

symbol of the cross was held in high esteem and venerated by many pagan cultures as a sacred sign of the stability and the integrity of the universe pointing to the four directions of the compass and gathering to itself the entire cosmos. More amazing still this ancient

symbol would in the "fullness of time" become the instrument of redemption and the means of the glorification of the Son of Man as St. John Chrysostom says: "I call him king because I see him crucified: it belongs to

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the king to die for his subjects." Crucifixion, death, salvation, kingship, glory - the cross!

Because the pagan world could not and would not understand such a deep mystery, such "foolishness," the early Christians hesitated to use the cross openly as the sign of the new faith. When it did appear it was usually disguised as an anchor or was intertwined amid vines. With the liberation of the Church from persecution under the Emperor Constantine, however, the cross slowly emerged as the sign of the Christians. Eusebius relates that the cross even supplanted the Roman eagles on the military standards—En touto nika (Gain the victory with this).

Despite their reticence to use the cross as a public symbol before the fourth century, the Christians did make the wide use of it as early as the second and third centuries to sign themselves on the forehead. In the second century Tertullian reports: "In all our travels and movements, in all our coming in and going out, . . . whatev

er employment occupies us, we mark our foreheads with the sign of the cross." "Let us not be ashamed to confess the Crucified," writes St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century. "Let the cross be our seal, made with boldness by our fingers on our brow and in everything..."

By the sixth century in the East, probably due to the raging Monophysite heresy which denied the double nature of Christ as both God and man, two fingers began to be used to trace the sign of the cross, now no longer only on the forehead but more boldly with a larger sign made on the body. The succeeding centuries saw further modifications emanate from Eastern tradition because of a desire to profess more explicitly the belief in the triune God and the double nature in Christ. The thumb and two fingers were extended to symbolize the Trinity while the ring finger and little finger were folded back on the palm to profess the God-Man, Jesus Christ.



This newer usage also spread to the Western Church where we read Pope Leo IV writing in the middle of the ninth century instructing his clergy: "Sign the chalice and the host with a proper cross... with two fingers outstretched and the

thumb hidden within them, by which the Trinity is symbolized. Take heed to make this sign rightly." In the thirteenth century Pope Innocent III directed most explicitly that the sign of the cross be made with three fingers from the forehead to the breast and from the right to the left shoulder, the actual way it still is made by the majority of Eastern Christians. The Western Church retained this ancient form till about the fourteenth century when gradually the open hand was introduced and the sign began to be made in an inverted fashion from left to right, perhaps mistakenly following the lead of the priest who in blessing inverts his movement so it would be seen correctly by the congregation before him.

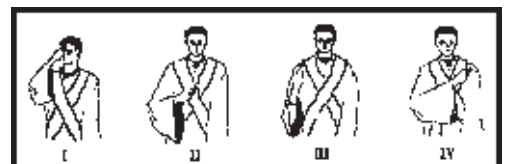
Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholics place great emphasis on the sign of the cross as a profession of faith in the three basic doctrines of Christianity: the Holy Trinity, the double nature in Christ, and the mystery of Redemption. This act of faith in the thoughts, affections, actions.

fingers (thumb, index and middle finger together and erect; third and little finger down on the palm) and lifting the hand first to the forehead, then to the right of the heart, to the right and then the left shoulder. In the Scriptures right always represents good and left evil and in the Creed the Son is said to sit at the right had of the Father—thus the signing of the right shoulder first. Eastern Christians sign themselves often especially at every mention of the name of the Holy Trinity and in conjunction with the metany or bow made to reverence holy things such as the altar or an icon.

The sign of the cross is a symbol of faith, a sign that shall be contradicted, a standard to lead on toward final victory as St. John of Damascus teaches: "For wherever the sign shall be there also shall he be."

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Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross - September 14

Introduction

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

Background

In the twentieth year of his reign (326), the Emperor Constantine sent his mother Saint Helen to Jerusalem to venerate the holy places and to find the site of the Holy Sepulchre and of the Cross. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption.

The Patriarch mounted the ambo (pulpit) and lifted the Cross with both hands so that all of the people gathered could see it. The crowd responded with "Lord have mercy".

This became the occasion of the institution in all of the Churches of the Exaltation of the Precious Cross, not only in memory of the event of the finding of the Cross, but also to celebrate how an instrument of shame was used to overcome death and bring salvation and eternal life.

The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. It is also a time to celebrate the universality of the work of redemption accomplished through the Cross: the entire universe is seen through the light of the Cross, the new Tree of Life which provides nourishment for those who have been redeemed in Christ.

Icon of the Feast

The icon of the Feast of the Precious Cross tells the story of the finding of the Cross and of its Exaltation. Patriarch Macarius is standing in the pulpit elevating the Cross for all to see and venerate. On each side of the Patriarch are deacons holding candles. The elevated Cross is surrounded and venerated by many clergy and lay people, including Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine .

In the background of the icon is a domed structure that represents the Church of the Resurrection in Jerusalem. This church was one of the churches constructed and dedicated by Emperor Constantine on the holy sites of Jerusalem.



Sister M. Cornelia Shevchuk, OSBM

Born Julia Mary Shevchuk in New York City on January 18, 1921, Sister Cornelia was the daughter of the late Stephen and Julia Paranczuk Shevchuk. One of eight siblings, including a twin sister, she was a parishioner of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church. In 1938, at the age of 17, young Julia Maria entered Basilian Order; she professed her final vows on August 26, 1947.

Sister Cornelia earned a B.S. in Education from Duquesne University and an M.Ed. from Villanova University. She pursued other undergraduate and graduate studies at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., taking numerous classes that would keep her abreast of innovations in teaching methodology. She very quickly became an integral part of the far-flung network of parish elementary schools and high schools founded by the Basilian Sisters in America. Her assignments took her to Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, and New Jersey, where she served as teacher, councilor, principal, and superior. Sister also served her Church and community as chancery secretary at St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago, as prefect of

students at St. Basil Academy, and in various endeavors at the Motherhouse in Fox Chase. It was here that Sr. Cornelia passed away on August 2, 2012, just a few days shy of her 65th anniversary as a nun.

Parastas was held on August 6 at Holy Trinity Chapel, with Father Dan Troyan and Father Edward Higgins officiating. Sister Cornelia's funeral was held on August 7, 2012, with Father Troyan celebrating Requiem Liturgy. Sister was interred at the Sister's cemetery adjacent to the Motherhouse where she had spent the last years of her life. Sister Cornelia is predeceased by her twin, Justine Semenko, and her other siblings, Alice Welch, Anna Barth, Nicholas Shevchuk, William Shevchuk, Olga Lesnick, and Mary Loesch. She is survived by numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews, many of whom attended the funeral service and the dinner celebrating Sister Cornelia's journey as a member of the Community of Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great.

In her eulogy honoring Sr. Cornelia, Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowsky, OSBM, related the story of a life spanning nine

decades of history, a life touched and shaped by several wars, the Great Depression, and numerous social and civic changes, including suffrage for women and the right of women to excel professionally. As Sr. Dorothy Ann noted, Sr. Cornelia was in the vanguard of this movement, part of a legion of intrepid religious women who built schools, hospitals, and social networks long before many of their lay sisters even thought of pursuing college degrees. But, she added, Sr. Cornelia's true gift was serenity: She faced hardships and challenges by remaining focused on God's plan and was at peace in all that she experienced. It was this determined and constant focus that enable her to lead a long and productive life and then accept the illness that made most tasks impossible, when "it became difficult for her to lift her drooping hands and strengthen her weak knees" (Heb. 12:12, Is. 35:3). Rather than losing heart and focusing on the unwelcome and constant pain, Sr. Cornelia embraced a new ministry . . . the ministry of praying for others with a fierce and personal intensity: "She caressed us with her prayers that were



downright personal. She never just said she would pray for someone . . . but always wanted to know the person's name so that she could form a relationship . . . it was her, the person, and God."

In closing, Sr. Dorothy Ann, addressed Julia and Wayne, the niece and nephew who had faithfully and frequently visited their aunt, thanking them for their devotion and comforting them in their great loss. But her final words were addressed to Sr. Cornelia: "You had a special devotion to the Mother of God and you were instrumental in bringing the Sisters together each day to pray the rosary . . . so we commend you into the loving gentle care of the Mother of God who will lead you to her Son where you will be embraced with all the heavenly delights that await you."

Article was written by Tamara Stadnychenko

Theotokos

icon workshop with Valentin Streltsov

October 18-21, 2012



Thursday & Friday 6:30-9:30pm
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Sunday 1-4pm

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Valentin Streltsov earned an M.A. from the State Institute of Decorative Arts in Lviv, Ukraine, has devoted much of his life to Byzantine Art. He has worked in Canada and abroad for the last twenty years developing a solid reputation in his field and absorbing new trends. Icons, murals, mosaics, stained glass, wood carving, gold leafing, book design, etc., are part of his creative work. His iconography is inspired by Byzantine and Eastern European pieces of the 14th-17th centuries. The use of centuries-old techniques and superior materials make his finished works excel in quality and beauty. Valentin teaches iconography to people of all skill levels, and this workshop will allow participants to complete an icon of the Face of Christ God. Samples of his work are online at < <http://www.ikonograph.com/ikonographer.html> >.

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News from Melrose Park, PA

Adrian Roman Siletsky Earns Rank of Eagle Scout

Springfield, PA (August 12, 2012) – Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 512 scouts, leaders, and other guests, gathered at the Springfield Country Club to participate in the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony. It was a celebration of the troop's 67th scout to attain the rank of Eagle Scout, Adrian Roman Siletsky, an active parishioner of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (ABVM) Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melrose Park, PA.



Father Royik congratulates Siletsky.



Congressman Patrick Meehan and Adrian Roman Siletsky.

Honored guests included Father Ihor Royik pastor of the ABVM. In addition, Siletsky was presented with the United States Congressional Citation by Congressman Patrick Meehan, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Citation by State Representative William Adolph, Jr., and the Springfield Board of Commissioners Citation by Commissioner Gina Sage.

The Eagle rank is the highest recognition offered in Scouting. Those who earn the Eagle award are trained and practiced in leadership abilities, and marked by the character gained through an understanding of his citizenship and religious beliefs. To

become an Eagle, a Scout must plan, organize, and lead a service project and earn a minimum of 21 merit badges. Siletsky earned 37 merit badges as a scout.

Siletsky began his trail to Eagle as a Tiger Cub in Cub Pack 240 of Springfield, where he earned Cub Scouts' highest award, the Arrow of Light. Since, he has served in various leadership positions within Troop 512 including Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Instructor, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. He notably was the youngest Senior Patrol Leader in the Troop's history at age 12, a position he held an unprecedented second time two years later.

While a Scout, Siletsky earned the Light of Life (Eastern Rite) Religious Medal and the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) religious emblem. The Scouting religious medals are awarded to scouts for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual growth. The purpose is to help boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to their church community.

Among his many achievements, Siletsky earned The William T. Hornaday Badge, recognizing his service to conservation and ecology efforts, and the National Outdoor Badge for Camping. Siletsky also has a Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's National Honor Society) and was a recipient of the 2011 Union League of Philadelphia's Good Citizenship Award.

Siletsky is the son of Roman and Tanya Siletsky and the grandson of Mrs. Luba Siletsky and Wiktor and Livia Wakula. Siletsky's parents were both active in Troop 512. His mother, Tanya, served as the Troop Secretary for seven years. His father, Roman, a former Cub Scout Den Leader, is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 512.



Siletsky with his mother Tanya, sister Natalia, and father Roman.

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For additional information contact: Dorothy Jamula, Presidentat 570 822-5354.

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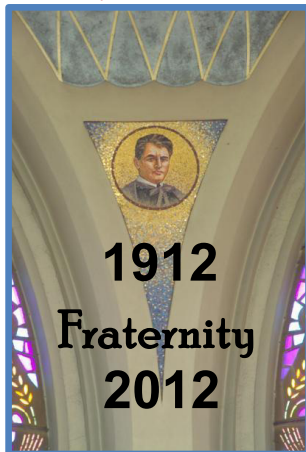
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The 2nd Annual Parish-member Picnic of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa. was held on August 19, 2012 at the Lackawanna State Park, Dalton, Pa. Rev. Father Nestor Iwasiw Pastor, 1st (standing) row, fourth from the left. Parish members enjoyed swimming, fishing, paddle boating and hiking. They all enjoyed hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, cake, fresh fruit etc.... Over 85 members attended the picnic.



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