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Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

Metropolitan Stefan Soroka invites all clergy, religious and faithful to participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of The Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 1pm on Sunday, October 21st at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a festive concert program. All are welcome. The Providence Association in America was instrumental in the growth of many parishes throughout the past 100 years through the provision of mortgage loans. The Ukrainian newspaper "America" continues to keep Ukrainians informed in religious, cultural and political aspects of life.



Please join in this celebration of gratitude for the dedicated leadership and service of The Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America. "Многая Літа" to Providence!



Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America
Celebrating 100 years of service to the Ukrainian
Catholic Church and the Community

Encounter 2012 underway

Midwest Encounter a huge success

By Father John Lucas and Loretta Nemeth

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Eastern Catholics in the United States are not new to the country. Yet they are often overlooked when “Catholic” news makes its way to the pages and airwaves of the media. Hoping to remedy this phenomenon, a program of educational “Encounters” has been developed.

In 1999 in Boston the first Encounter was planned by Rome. Invited to attend scholarly sessions were the hierarchs of all the Eastern Catholic eparchies, heads of monastic communities and one or two guests of each bishop.

In Chicago in 2006, a second Encounter was planned by the Eastern Catholic bishops. This, too, was “by invitation only” and included a wider range of attendees, primarily those clerics and laity involved in religious education.



Encounter 2012 became a project entrusted to the members of the Eastern Conference of Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED). A committee formed two years ago to devise a third Encounter, open to all who would be interested in an event that could put the faithful of each particular church in contact with members of the other church jurisdictions nationwide – Armenian, Byzantine, Chaldean, Maronite, Syro-Malabar, Syro-Malankara and Syriac.

The result was designing one conference, one theme, one purpose – to be offered in three geographic areas of the country. The focus was the collaboration of the clergy and laity as sharers of the responsibility to make Christ and his church known, not only to Eastern Catholics, but to Westerners as well.

On Sept. 21-22 as summer was ending, Encounter 2012 began – the first of these three programs designed to bring together members of the various Eastern Catholic Traditions. During this time more than 80 bishops, priests, deacons, monastics and some of the wives of the clergy met at a Holiday Inn near Cleveland to hear presentations tailored to their roles in implementing programs designed to empower the laity to exercise their rightful calling, as baptized Christians, to spread the faith.

Following an opening prayer service, Melkite Bishop Nicholas Samra welcomed brother bishops, priests and deacons to the Encounter. Hierarchs in attendance were Archbishop William Skurla and Bishop John Kudrick (Ruthenian Byzantine), Bishops John Bura and Richard Seminack (Ukrainian Byzantine) and Bishop John Pazak (Slovak Byzantine). Archbishop William addressed the clergy, asking them to “open your minds and hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit as we renew old friendships and make new friends. Our Encounter is also with the Lord.” Bishop Nicholas then gave a history of the previous Encounters.

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First speaker Deacon Alexander Wroblicky, of the Ukrainian Church, offered the clergy ways in which to help the laity on their journey to theosis (becoming partakers in the Divine). They can do this, he said, by being good liturgists, defenders of the faith, workers of mercy and spiritual guides.

Next Maronite priest, Father Anthony Salim spoke on the activity of the “royal priesthood,” as laity were called in Pope Paul VI’s Decree on the Laity. He used the icon of the Visitation as an example of sharing the Good News, or “Gospeling,” his coined word for evangelizing. Mary goes to Elizabeth to share her good news; Elizabeth receives the news with a “joyful and open heart.” Father Salim stressed the need for adult faith formation, so that the laity can be a light in today’s world.

Melkite Deacon Sabatino Carnazzo was the first speaker on Friday morning. “It’s time to put Christ back into the center of our churches, our eparchies,” he said. He listed some attributes of a good leader: metanoia (a conversion of heart, “carry your Bible with you always”), fasting (“acknowledges dependence on things outside of us) and tithing (“pay a ransom for your sins”). If parishes are not producing lay leaders, “we are failing to give them what they need,” he said.



After Deacon Carnazzo’s talk, Divine Liturgy was celebrated at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Cathedral, Parma, with Bishop Bura as the main celebrant. The parish then hosted a luncheon in its Astrodome, during which Bishop Nicholas gave his keynote address, “Servant Leadership: Be All You Can Be.” He spoke of a “new design for church leadership: Ministerial priesthood and royal priesthood (laity) work hand in hand to build the kingdom.” “Can you do it?” he asked the clergy. His reply: “Yes, you can! You are a special gift that God has made and gives you the gifts you need.”

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Ushering in the season of autumn, Sept. 22 and 23 were days specifically dedicated to presenting to the approximately 200 laity the same topics. With the emphasis upon empowering those who through baptism are members of the “royal priesthood,” the speakers addressed the assembled audience members of varied Catholic Church Traditions.

An added speaker for the laity was the Eparchy of Parma’s Deacon John Evancho. He offered a model of church growth based on the Acts of the Apostles and the Early Church Fathers. Deacon Evancho focused on discipleship, looking at the areas of worship, nurture/education, social outreach and service. He used the icon of the Trinity as an example of our pattern of life: “Work respectfully, differentially, with others in the church.” He urged the attendees to “pay attention to the sacrament of our neighbor.”



Following Deacon Evancho’s talk, the Encounter moved to St. Elias Melkite Church, Brooklyn, for vespers and a traditional Middle Eastern meal served by the parish.

Adding to the process of exploring the concept of “unity in faith, diversity in expression,” each of the days’ prayer services was according to a different liturgical tradition. The concluding Liturgy was on Sunday morning at the (Ruthenian) Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.



The hotel’s Grand Ballroom at various times was chapel, dining room, lecture hall, social center and store. Clergy and laity had the opportunity to shop for everything from vestments to educational materials to religious items and jewelry from an array of vendors. A separate hospitality room provided attendees time each night to relax, enjoy beverages, snacks and casual conversations.

Many of the participants of the lay part of the Encounter said the Encounter far exceeded their expectations. Roman Catholic Mark Tamisiea, of Omaha, Neb., who is entering a year of discernment with the Jesuits in the Russian region, said a highlight of the Encounter for him was attending the Divine Liturgies. He said, “I was deeply inspired; I came to seek a better understanding of the Eastern churches. I was very edified by the people I’ve met.”

It now falls to the East and West Coast sessions of Encounter 2012 to deliver the message in their respective venues: Hillsborough, N.J., Oct. 11-14, and El Segundo, Calif., Nov. 2-4.

Inviting all Catholic young adults ages 21 and over to come together for worship, fellowship, and good food at:

Eastern Catholic Young Adult Association



**7:00 pm Divine Liturgy
With a Meal to Follow
Thursday, October 25th, 2012**

At:

***Soter Ortynsky Spirituality Center
830 North Franklin Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123***

(Located conveniently in the Northern Liberties neighborhood of Philadelphia, right next door to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception)

For more information, look for us on Facebook at:

Eastern Catholic Young Adult Association

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Come join us, and may God bless you always!

Annual Pilgrimage Under the Protection of the Theotokos (Pokrov)

Overcast skies gave way to sun on September 30, 2012, as the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great welcomed guests to their annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God. Hundreds of pilgrims seeking spiritual nourishment joined the Sisters to pray and to reflect on the theme: “A Time to Encounter the Living Christ” with the focus on healing.



Speaking on behalf of the Sisters of St. Basil who were hosting the event, Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, welcomed the pilgrims to the holy grounds of the monastery, noting that “we gather together as a Church—one with the communion of the saints, one with the living and the dead, one with each other as we encounter the living Christ.” She concluded her welcome with a prayer that the blessings received at the Pilgrimage “extend far beyond ourselves and may we be an example of the living Christ as we spread peace and love.”

Arriving pilgrims partook in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and then gathered as a community for the traditional procession to the auditorium for the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. Among the many participating in the solemn procession were young people representing Plast and SUMA, men and women who have attended the pilgrimage for decades, children and adults of all ages, neighbors and friends of the Sisters—all united in faith and all focused intently on the shared blessings of the day.

Divine Liturgy was celebrated by the Most Reverend Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford, and concelebrated by Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten; Very Rev. Phillip Sandrick, OSBM; Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan; Very Rev. Ivan Demkiv; and Rev. Msgr. Mitrat Martin Canavan, who also delivered the homily. In keeping with this year’s pilgrimage theme, Msgr. Canavan spoke on reconciliation as a path to leading a life in Christ, highlighting the role of Mary, the Mother of God, as guide and protector during this journey. Responses to the liturgy were sung the choir from Holy Spirit Church in Chester, Pennsylvania.



Most Reverend Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford celebrant of the Divine Liturgy and concelebrant Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten

A healing prayer and anointing ceremony followed the Divine Liturgy, again emphasizing the importance of healing and reconciliation. As each pilgrim came forward, he or she received a special blessing by name as the Sisters intoned the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.”

In the afternoon, pilgrims gathered at the Basilian Spirituality Center for a special presentation by Sister Ann Laszok on the Sacrament of Penance. Moleben

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commenced with the procession of the freshman class of Saint Basil Academy to the auditorioium. Moleben was celebrated by Bishop Paul Chomnycky, with several clergy from the Archeparchy concelebrating and the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great singing responses. Rev. Joseph Szupa delivered the homily, reflecting on the tropar for the Feast of Pokrov (Protection of the Mother of God) and the icon of the Mother of God emphasizing that just as a mother looks over her family so, too, does Mary watch over and protect us. It is through Mary that we go to Jesus

The Sisters are grateful to and honored by all who participated in the holy gathering—the hierarchy, clergy, sisters, Plast and SUMA, the Saint Basil Academy girls, volunteers, and laity. We ask for special blessings of God on each and every one of you.



Rev. Joseph Szupa delivering the homily during moleben.



Young Plast members processing to the Divine Liturgy.



St. Basil Academy Freshman class process to Moleben along with Sister Germaine Senita, OSBM.



Basilian Sisters singing responses during Moleben.



Rev. Msgr. Mitrat Martin Canavan delivering his homily during Divine Liturgy.

The Basilian Sisters Motherhouse
710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA 19046

Come and See Weekend

October 26-27, 2012

The Sisters of Saint Basil are planning a "Come and See" weekend .
You are welcome to spend some time with the Sisters in prayer,
community and ministry. Get to know who we are and what we do to
build up the kingdom of God.

Let us know if you are coming by October 20, 2012

Call, e-mail, or write us at

710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA 19046

Or

Sister Ann (412.260.1607—srannl@aol.com)

Sister Joann (215.379.3998—vickis@stbasils.com)

The Feast of the Patronage of the Mother of God Celebrations at Passaic Parish

Who does not know about the miraculous protection of the Pochaiv monastery during the siege by the Turks in July of 1675? The Mother of God icon representing Her Patronage was displayed at the Sich, the center of Kozak power. Above the icon of the Blessed Mother were written the words: "I shall deliver and protect my people." In response to the fervent prayers of the monks and the people, the Mother of God appeared over the monastery church and with her Omophor (veil), she protected the monastery. Giving thanks for Her intercession on our behalf with our Lord, Jesus Christ, is the heart of the Akafist service to the Mother of God celebrating the Feast of the Patronage of the Mother of God (Pokrov).

On Sunday afternoon, September 30th, in spite of the threat of rain, the faithful gathered at St. Nicholas Church, Passaic, to pray the Akafist and give thanks. And rain it did all during the service, but as the faithful assembled and processed out the doors, miraculously the rain had stopped.



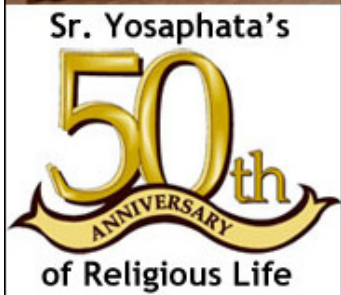
The procession, led by Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor, and Fr. George Worschak, and consisting of altar servers carrying the cross, male parishioners carrying the many banners and the Gospel, and four prayerful women who had the honor of carrying the Mother of God Icon, followed by school children, Sisters Servants, and parishioners circled the church grounds to the outdoors Millenium monument altar. There both priests blessed water and invited all to drink of the holy water. Many filled containers to take home to share with family, the sick and the elderly.



On Monday, October 1st, the students of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School gathered to celebrate Divine Liturgy in honor of the Pokrov feast day. Sr. Eliane, SSMI, acknowledging a teachable moment, spoke to the children about our eastern catholic traditions and the meaning of the feast day and the blessing and use of holy water. Such a moment would not have been possible had parents not chosen to send their children to the St. Nicholas school. Often, we stress the importance of secular education to achieve success. We support local sports activities to enhance our children's lives. However, we also need to give a basis in faith and spirituality to be able to use everything they learn for their own sake and those around them in the

world. And it is through God's Graces, the intercession of His Mother, and the dedication and hard work of parents and parishioners that St. Nicholas school continues to thrive and prosper.

Sr. Yosaphata Litvenczuk, MSMG celebrates 50th Anniversary of Religious Life at Assumption Catholic Church, Perth Amboy, NJ



Please join us as we celebrate Sr. Yosaphata's 50th Anniversary of Religious Life as a Missionary Sister of the Mother of God at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Sunday, December 2, 2012 followed by a luncheon in the school hall. Sr. Yosaphata will renew her vows of poverty, chastity and obedience at the Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka. Sister Yosaphata has been working with students at Assumption Catholic School for 50 years as an educator and administrator. Our church and school community is looking forward to recognizing and celebrating this milestone with Sr. Yosaphata and invites you to take part in the Liturgy and the luncheon.

For additional information please call 732-826-0767 or visit our school site at: www.assumptioncatholicschool.net



Washington, DC – Parishioners of the Ukrainian Catholic Shrine of the Holy Family gathered on Sunday, October 7, at a special Divine Liturgy to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Father Wasyl Kharuk. Fr. Wasyl was ordained on November 30, 1992, by Bishop Sofron Dmyterko OSBM, in Ukraine.

After the Divine Liturgy, the parish family and friends of Fr. Wasyl feted him at a Festive Ukrainian Pig Roast with lots of good cheer. This early celebration of his anniversary was an attempt to outfox Mother Nature and her late

November weather. As the adage goes, "You can't fool Mother Nature," and so she sent us late November temperatures and skies on the first Sunday in October. However, a rainy and raw Sunday was transformed into a warm and colorful party to celebrate 20 years of priestly life and service for Fr. Wasyl as he enjoyed the fellowship of our parish community.

Pictured above are: (l-r) Seminarians Kairo Chorne, Frank Avant, Fr. Robert Hitchens, our Jubilarian – Fr. Wasyl Kharuk, Fr. Ron Barushefski (Passaic Eparchy priest in residence), altar server Christina Curtis, and seminarian Carlos Semchechen. Parishioners comprise the background.

Whippany church's construction is in progress

by Taissa Hamulak

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The Ukrainian Weekly)*

WHIPPANY, N.J. – Construction of the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church is in progress, with the first steel beams having been erected in early June.

St. John's Parish is relatively young. During the early 1900s immigrants from Ukraine settled in the area and found work at a nearby paper mill. Originally located on the corner of Route 10 and South Jefferson Road, a small wooden church was built in 1921 and blessed in the spring of 1922. It was not until 1929 that the parish hall was built next to it.



Photo: A view of the church's interior, with central dome and altar, in a photo taken on September 19.
(Photo by: Markian Hadzewycz)

After some expansion in the late 1940s, a rectory was built and the old church was renovated into a new brick church in 1950. Stained glass windows and a new iconostas were added afterwards.

In recent years, the growing number of parishioners and cultural organizations led to the decision to relocate the parish to a larger site. In 2002 the church building committee purchased seven acres of land located on North Jefferson Road, a half-mile from the old church location. That same year, the current pastor, the Rev. Mitred Protopresbyter Roman Mirchuk, was welcomed to the parish.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey were held on April 25, 2004, and construction began in May of 2005. In November of 2006, construction of the center – which includes a temporary church, as Father Mirchuk describes it – and rectory were finished and blessed. A three-day weekend of festivities took place on November 17-19 with hundreds of parishioners and friends were in attendance.

On Sunday, June 26, 2011, the parishioners celebrated the groundbreaking for the church. The architect of the church, as well as for the UACCNJ, is Taras Dobusz of Bridgewater, N.J.

According to the parish website (sjucc.com), the church will face east and be built in the shape of an octagon. It will have five golden domes symbolizing the Savior and the four evangelists. Inside the church there will be a vestibule, two confession rooms, two mini-chapels, two sacristies and a sanctuary. There will be stained glass windows representing the miracles of Jesus Christ and various saints. The new church is expected to seat 200 people in the main body of the church, have two quiet rooms with 30 additional seats, and a choir loft seating 40. A bell tower gazebo will also be constructed next to the church.

It is estimated that the entire project will have cost \$1.7 million.

Donations for church construction can be sent to:

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, 60 N. Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981.



St. Demetrius, the Great Martyr (Oct. 26)

The Lord said: "This is my command: Love each other." If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. (Jn 15: 17-27, 16: 1-2)

Saint Demetrios was born in Thessaloniki, Greece in 270 AD. He came from a wealthy family and because he was athletic in appearance and heroic in spirit, he became a high-ranking officer in the Roman Army at a very young age. (This is why he is depicted in Byzantine icons in military dress, either standing or riding a horse.) He considered himself a soldier of Christ first, and a military soldier second. He spent most of his time as a devout missionary, preaching the Gospel at secret meetings and converting pagans to the Christian faith.

At one of these meetings, he was captured and placed in front of the Emperor Maximian, who wanted to learn the truth

about the conversions. Saint Demetrios proclaimed his faith by saying: "...only in Christ do I believe." With that proclamation, Maximian ordered that Saint Demetrios be sent to prison and subjected to the cruelest tortures.

Even though Saint Demetrios was imprisoned, he did not stop preaching the gospel to those who came to see him. In jail, he was visited by his follower, Nestoras. Nestoras was a man of small stature and had come to ask for his beloved teacher's blessing to fight in the upcoming gladiator games. The emperor had decided to use the games as a duel between Christianity and paganism by challenging

any Christian to a fight against the athletic giant, Leo.

With the blessing of Saint Demetrios, Nestoras fought and killed Leo. Enraged at the loss of his favorite gladiator, the emperor commanded that Nestoras be beheaded on the spot. Recognizing that Saint Demetrios was the inspiring power behind Nestoras, the emperor ordered that Saint Demetrios be executed by spear on October 26, 306 AD. Christians buried the body of Saint Demetrios at the place of his execution and because of the beautiful scent that emanated from his tomb, he was named Mirovlitis or "The Myrrh Gusher".

The most ancient icons of

Saint Demetrios may be found in his temple in Thessaloniki where he is the patron saint. This is not just because he was born and died there, but because the people believe it was his intervention that saved the city during many attacks by Slavic nations, the Bulgarians, Arabs, Saracens and others. Even the liberation of Thessaloniki during the Balkan wars of 1912 coincide with the feast day of Saint Demetrios on October 26th (<http://stdemetriusnaples.org>)

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP SPEAKS ON CARING FOR EASTERN CATHOLICS IN US

By Ann Schneible

(Zenit.org).- This past May, Bishops and archbishops from the Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States were in Rome for their ad limina pilgrimage, including the Ukrainian Catholic archbishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Previously, Eastern bishops coming to Rome for their ad limina pilgrimage had been part of the region to which they geographically belonged. They would therefore make their visits with bishops of the Latin Catholic Church. This time around, however, bishops from the Eastern Catholic Churches in the United States have been given their own region.

Among those visiting Rome was Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Archeparchy (archdiocese) of Philadelphia. A Canadian native, the archbishop spoke with ZENIT about the visit.

ZENIT: This is the first year that the Eastern Rite Churches have had their own region in the ad limina visits. What have been the benefits of this arrangement?

Archbishop Soroka:

This whole set up of the region is nice because we were always part of the Latin Church regions. We had our place there – they were very welcoming, and we had a very good relationship. But America has, uniquely, 12 different Eastern Catholic Churches; there are 17 or 18 bishops now. And with that number, we asked our brother Latin bishops to consider a separate region. If you have a separate region, then you automatically have representation on many major committees in the world.

This also mandates that we step forward more... We've had to step forward, take our responsibility, contribute. We're learning much more about one another, and our role in the larger Church.

This [ad limina] experience is much more intense; we're living together, we're praying together, we're eating together, we're going to the congregations speaking and sharing our challenges and the gifts and the negatives that we have to face. We have something of uniqueness in every Church, and it's really beautiful to hear that in every congregation in



different kind of missions of the Church.

ZENIT: What makes the Ukrainian liturgy unique?

Archbishop Soroka: What's beautiful about the liturgy is that it invokes all the senses of a person. It's beautiful how you enter and continue to ask for Our Lord's presence, and asking for forgiveness of sins. Also the liturgy constantly prays for those in leadership and authority, be they in the Church or in civil government, and those who are involved in our protection. It also prays for those who are in misfortunes or difficulties or challenges. The method, the singing, the petitions takes us ever deeper into hearing the Word of God

and meditating on the Word of God, and afterward to receive him in the Eucharist; and in the Eucharist we are transformed in Christ's Body.

ZENIT: What are some of the pastoral considerations for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia?

Archbishop Soroka: Some of our areas were settled around 125 years ago, and we've had four or five waves [of immigrations over the years]. Many of those communities are declining in numbers. The elders are dying, and many of the young of those communities have moved

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to other centers. They don't have the same vibrancy that they once had.

But on the other hand, particularly in New Jersey, parts of Pennsylvania, and in much of the East Coast, you have a whole new wave of immigrants who are arriving for economic reasons, due to the difficulties in Eastern Europe and Ukraine. The traditions and the culture is strong [among these immigrants], but they need to be formed in the faith. That is a great challenge for us; how do we speak to them in a manner they will understand and teach them the basis of the faith?

Also, about a third of our clergy comes from Ukraine, and they have adapted very well. We screen them very well before coming; not everybody can adapt to a new land, so you really have to search that out with individuals. I'm very pleased with my priests. We're going now through some renewal in how they present the Word, in how they celebrate the sacraments, that we have more charity and activity in helping others in the parishes. We want the parishes to be much more vibrant.

ZENIT: A pastoral letter was released this past December, "The vibrant parish: a place to encounter the living Christ," which focused on renewing the parish life. Could you speak a little about this?

Archbishop Soroka: It is a program that the Ukrainian Church throughout the world, under the leadership of our major archbishop in Ukraine, is embracing in different ways. We had committees working on this over a number of years preparing this. It involved bishops from all over the world, and we were involved from the States very actively.

It really calls people to reflect on how they offer the Word of God. How do you get your message across? People want to be stimulated in their interest. How well prepared are we? How do we transmit the faith? [How are we taking into account the daily experiences of people to help] them to bring the life of Christ in their daily experience? One has to be more in touch.

And then there's the quality of how we celebrate the sacraments

and the liturgies. Do we just go through it, or do we give it life and invite people to sing more? It's a beautiful tradition of our culture, that we involve singing and responding; how well do we do that?

It has to be almost that you feel the kiss of God in that experience of the liturgy. If people don't have that, then where do they experience God in an intimate way? It has to be in that worship.

ZENIT: The United States is facing a dynamic presidential election. How can the Church help guide the people to make informed decisions to help promote the culture of life?

Archbishop Soroka: All of the society is around us, and there is pressure to conform to all the different trends and changes. But I think that what we have not done is to educate people in the faith. How can they understand the culture of life – not to just know "thou shalt not," but "why?" What is the essence, the beauty, the gift of life?

I think this is a beautiful invitation for us to step forward on [the theme of]

marriage. Have we looked at our own Church within our Church? How many now bother to seek an annulment? They just live with someone else, or "marry" someone else, and so on. That tells me how we have failed in encouraging that person's understanding of what marriage means. Our people are being drawn in to all these different societal trends because they are lacking a good understanding of their faith. Also, we need to use modern means to get the message out; even if it just challenges people to think, and question something, and to go further to [learn more], I think that's what we have to do. Not to get high on academia – that's important in its own place – but I really believe that for my Church, for my faithful, that we need to raise the level of their catechetical knowledge. Society is drawing everyone into this conformity of thinking, and we need to give people what they need to challenge that, and to question.

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ELECTION RESOURCES FOR PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLICS

HARRISBURG (Oct. 10) – In keeping with its decades-long tradition, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) has published election resources to inform Catholics about a wide range of issues before the November 6 elections.

“The Catholic Church regards voting and civic engagement as a moral responsibility,” said Dr. Robert J. O’Hara, Jr., executive director of the PCC. “As a service to help Catholics inform their consciences before entering the voting booth, the PCC staff researched, surveyed and interviewed candidates about their positions on key Catholic issues. The Church neither endorses nor opposes candidates for public office. The materials we developed as an agency of the Church are for informational purposes only.”

The PCC materials have information about the views of the candidates for state attorney general, auditor general and treasurer, the two U.S. Senate candidates, and the presidential candidates.

The statewide candidates answered a questionnaire and the U.S. Senate candidates also sat for interviews with the PCC staff. The *Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates* document was compiled from policies, public statements, official websites and other resources to set forth the candidates’ positions in their own words. The issues are arranged in alphabetical order for informational purposes and do not represent a complete list of issues that may be of importance to Catholics. All materials are available at www.pacatholic.org.

“The Church does not say ‘vote for this person or against that one.’ Each voter must inform his or her own conscience and cast a vote accordingly. Each of us is responsible for our own free will choices inside and outside the voting booth.” Further, tax-exempt entities like the Church have legal restrictions on their election-related communications. The law prohibits any statement that endorses or opposes any candidate for political office or that expresses a preference for the views of one candidate over those of another. PCC’s election resources have always respected that principle. Catholics are asked to prayerfully reflect on what they learn about candidates in light of our faith as they decide for whom they will cast their ballot,” added O’Hara. “The PCC’s resources, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ *Faithful Citizenship* document, the *Catechism* and the Bible are all sources to be consulted.”

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Know the Positions of the Presidential Candidates

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DEMOCRAT

President

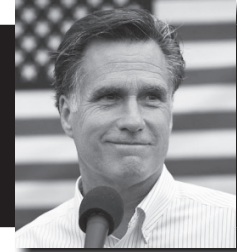
BARACK OBAMA



REPUBLICAN

Former Governor

MITT ROMNEY



ABORTION

On the [anniversary of Roe v. Wade in 2012](#), Obama said, "I remain committed to protecting a woman's right to choose and this fundamental constitutional right."

At a [2011 debate](#), Romney said he is "firmly pro-life...and I believe in the sanctity of life from the very beginning until the very end."

DEATH PENALTY

In his 2006 book *Audacity of Hope* (pgs. 57-58), Obama wrote, "While the evidence tells me that the death penalty does little to deter crime, I believe there are some crimes – mass murder, the rape and murder of a child – so heinous ... that the community is justified in expressing the full measure of its outrage by meting out the ultimate punishment. On the other hand, the way capital cases were tried in Illinois at the time was so rife with error, questionable police tactics, racial bias, and shoddy lawyering, that 13 death row inmates had been exonerated."

While governor, Romney filed legislation to reinstate capital punishment in Massachusetts and "make the death penalty available for the most heinous of crimes." In his [April 28, 2005, letter](#) to the legislature, he stated the proposed death penalty statute would be "as narrow and as foolproof as humanly possible" and provide "protections to the accused while at the same time offering an appropriate punishment for the most atrocious murders."

EDUCATIONAL CHOICE

A 2011 [statement](#) from the Executive Office of the President stated, "Private school vouchers are not an effective way to improve student achievement." The Obama administration "strongly opposes expanding the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program and opening it to new students."

Romney's proposal, entitled "[A Chance for Every Child](#)," states, "A Romney administration will expand the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, offering more students a chance to attend a better school and providing a model of parental choice for the nation."

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Obama's 2009 [Executive Order](#) revoked previous presidential directives that limited federally funded experimentation on human embryonic stem cells. His order expands eligible federally funded research to all stem cell lines, including those derived from human embryos created for research purposes.

As governor, Romney vetoed a bill to fund human embryonic stem cell research. Regarding research on unimplanted embryos created for reproductive purposes, Romney stated in a 2007 [debate](#), "It's fine for that to be allowed, to be legal. I won't use our government funds for that." His campaign [website states](#), "Stem cell research is a great scientific frontier, and it must be pursued with respect and care... Quite simply, America cannot condone or participate in the creation of human life when the sole purpose of its creation is its sure destruction."

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

In Jan. 2012, the Obama administration's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [issued](#) a mandate that all employers – except for a limited group of religious employers – must provide health insurance coverage for contraception, sterilization and abortion causing drugs. Many religious institutions, including Catholic hospitals, K-12 schools, universities, and charities, are not exempt.

In a Feb. 2012 [op-ed](#), Romney wrote regarding the HHS mandate of his "strenuous objection to this liberty- and conscience-stifling regulation." He stated, "On day one ... I will eliminate the Obama administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith."

In the recently [decided](#) U.S. Supreme Court *Hosanna-Tabor* case, the Obama administration's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission argued against a Lutheran school's right to a ministerial exemption from the *Americans with Disabilities Act*. The exemption recognizes religious institutions' constitutional right to choose who is hired or retained to do religious work. The Supreme Court rejected the administration's argument 9-0.

Of the Supreme Court's *Hosanna-Tabor* decision, Romney [said](#), "Fortunately that was struck down by the court 9-0. We are very fortunate [to have people] who are willing to stand up for religious tolerance and religious liberty and the First Amendment of this Constitution in this country."

These comments, policies and statements are snapshots from each candidate's public career and campaigns. The research was conducted using www.whitehouse.gov, www.barackobama.com and www.mittromney.com, as well as other websites. The platforms of the political parties can be viewed at www.democrats.org and www.gop.com. The underlined text indicates a hyperlink to the source. Go to www.pacatholic.org to view these links.

PRESIDENT OBAMA

FORMER GOVERNOR ROMNEY

HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR UNINSURED

Part of Obama's *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act* seeks to increase access to health care for the previously uninsured and states that "no American can be discriminated against due to a pre-existing condition." The federal health care reform plan requires nearly everyone to purchase health insurance and imposes a tax for failure to comply.

As governor, Romney signed a state law creating health care coverage for all Massachusetts citizens. As president, Romney said he would issue "waivers to all fifty states" for the *Affordable Care Act* and then "work with Congress to repeal the full legislation as quickly as possible." He proposes to "pursue policies that give each state the power to craft a health care reform plan that is best for its own citizens." According to Romney's website, he believes this free market can "prevent discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions who maintain continuous coverage."

IMMIGRATION

The White House website states Obama's commitment to an immigration policy that includes: "responsibility by the federal government to secure our borders; accountability for businesses that break the law by undermining American workers and exploiting undocumented workers; strengthening our economic competitiveness by creating a legal immigration system that reflects our values and diverse needs; and responsibility from people who are living in the United States illegally."

According to Romney's campaign website, his plan to address immigration includes: "attract more highly skilled immigrants; make the temporary worker visa system functional; secure our borders, discourage illegal immigration and enforce the law; cut red tape that is keeping immediate families apart." His plan would also give "young illegal immigrants who were brought to the United States as children ... the chance to become permanent residents, and eventually citizens, by serving honorably in the United States military" and would "address the 11 million illegal immigrants in America in a civil and resolute manner that respects the rule of law."

The Obama administration's Department of Homeland Security issued a policy of deferred action for "certain young people who were brought to the United States as young children, do not present a risk to national security or public safety, and meet several key criteria."

In response to the Obama administration's policy of deferred action, Romney said, "With regards to these kids who were brought in by their parents through no fault of their own, there needs to be a long-term solution so they know what their status is."

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

According to his White House website, Obama has "built a broad coalition to pressure Iran to abandon its nuclear program, including unprecedented sanctions by Congress, the UN Security Council, and a host of other nations and regional bodies." In April 2012, Obama said, "... the best way to resolve this issue is diplomatically, and [it is] my belief that we still have a window in which to resolve this conflict diplomatically. That window is closing, and Iran needs to take advantage of it. But it is absolutely the right thing to do for the U.S. government, working in concert with ... the rest of the world community, to pursue this path."

According to his campaign website, Romney's strategy "will be to end Iran's pursuit of a nuclear weapon, eliminate the threat of Iranian nuclear terrorism against the United States and our allies, and prevent nuclear proliferation across the Middle East." According to the website, his strategy includes four parts: a credible military option, a fifth round of tougher sanctions, support for the Iranian opposition, and a commitment to the on-time completion of a fully capable missile defense system.

MARRIAGE

In May 2012, Obama said, "I believe that same-sex couples should be allowed to marry." He said that marriage should be decided at the state level, where people are "arriving at different conclusions at different times." The *Defense of Marriage Act* (DOMA) is a law adopted by Congress that states that, for federal government purposes, only one man and one woman may be parties to a lawful marriage. In Feb. 2011, Obama said that his administration will no longer defend the DOMA in court.

In May 2012, Romney said, "I do not favor marriage between people of the same gender, and I do not favor civil unions if they are identical to marriage other than by name. My view is the domestic partnership benefits, hospital visitation rights, and the like are appropriate but that the others are not." According to his website, as president he would "not only appoint an attorney general who will defend the *Defense of Marriage Act* – a bipartisan law passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton – but he will also champion a Federal Marriage Amendment to the Constitution defining marriage as between one man and one woman."

POVERTY ASSISTANCE

A 2011 report from the Obama administration entitled "Creating Pathways to Opportunity" said of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), commonly known as food stamps, "President Obama also enhanced and expanded the [program] to ensure that the 45 million individuals that participate each month continued to have the means to put food on the table. The Recovery Act investments in the SNAP program kept an additional 3.9 million people, including 1.7 million children, above the poverty line in 2010."

In a Jan. 2012 debate, Romney said of food stamps, "These programs, all these federal programs that are bundled to help people and make sure we have a safety net, need to be brought together and sent back to the states and let states that are closest to the needs of their own people craft the programs that are able to deal with their – the needs of those folks." He said food stamps were "certainly on the list" of programs. "Let's get the money back to the states the way the Constitution intended and let states care for their own people in the way they feel best."



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Know the Positions of Pennsylvania's Statewide Candidates

As part of a statewide effort to educate about candidates and their positions on issues important to Catholic voters, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) sent a questionnaire to Pennsylvania's candidates for attorney general, auditor general, state treasurer to give them the opportunity to make their positions known on key issues. The answers they provided are listed here for information purposes only; the PCC does not endorse candidates for political office.

**Indicates comments*

ATTORNEY GENERAL

David Freed (R)
Kathleen Kane (D)

AUDITOR GENERAL

John Maher (R)
Eugene DePasquale (D)

TREASURER

Diana Irey Vaughan (R)
Robert McCord (D)

What is your position on legislation that would provide direct grants to parents to choose the schools that they believe are best suited for their children, including nonpublic schools?

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) Support*
** I support allowing parents to send their children to a school of their choice.*

KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) Support*

**Proven voting record!*

DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) Support*
** Funding should follow students to the school chosen by their parents. I believe that a student focus will improve education in Pennsylvania by creating competition and driving schools, both public and private, to improve in order to attract and retain students.*

MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond

What is your position on legislation requiring an ultrasound be performed on a woman prior to abortion and that she be given the option of viewing this ultrasound?

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) Support*
** I support the option, not the requirement of viewing the ultrasound.*

KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) Did Not Indicate
DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) Support*
** Women in Pennsylvania who are seeking an abortion must have access to all the pertinent information on how their choice will affect their unborn child; therefore, such legislation is necessary.*

MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond

What is your position on amending the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman?

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) Support
KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) Support
DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) Support*
** Marriage between one man and one woman is not only the natural basis for the family but the foundation of society. I support a constitutional amendment to protect the institution of marriage from alternative agendas.*

MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond

What is your position on restoring state funding to the Homeowners Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP) which provides low-interest loans to homeowners facing possible foreclosure through no fault of their own?

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) Support
KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) Support
DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) Did Not Indicate*
** While HEMAP has been successful since its inception in 1983, Pennsylvania's current fiscal realities require leaders to make tough funding decisions in order to balance the budget. Funding for discretionary programs, like HEMAP, should be evaluated during each budget process.*

MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond

- See reverse side for more questions & answers -



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Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. I do not oppose legalized abortion.
- b. I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.
- c. I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger.
- d. I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) d.
KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) c.
DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) b.*
** I believe that our laws should respect and protect the humanity of unborn children.*
MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond

What is your position on legislation that would add state restrictions to existing federal prohibitions concerning the hiring of undocumented immigrants or the provision of healthcare or government services to the undocumented?

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) Support
KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) Did Not Indicate*
**These are two separate questions.*
DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) Support*
** We have a responsibility to the taxpayers we serve to ensure that both the laws of our nation and the Commonwealth are enforced and that those participating in government programs and services are eligible.*
MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond

Election Day is November 6

What is your position on the death penalty?

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) Support*
** As a prosecutor I believe that in certain situations it is an appropriate sentence for those who have taken someone else's life.*
KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) Support
DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) Support*
** Pennsylvania law clearly defines death penalty criteria and provides for the necessary safeguards to protect the rights of individuals. It is both a necessary and appropriate penalty for society's most heinous crimes.*
MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond

Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- a. Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should be subject to government review of educational content.
- b. Religious childcare and pre-kindergarten providers should follow state standards for health and safety of children, but be free to determine their own educational content based on the teachings of their faith tradition.
- c. Religious childcare and pre-k providers should be free from government regulation.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

FREED (R) b.
KANE (D) Did Not Respond

AUDITOR GENERAL

MAHER (R) b.
DEPASQUALE (D) Did Not Respond

TREASURER

IREY VAUGHAN (R) b.
MCCORD (D) Did Not Respond



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Sunday, November 18, 2012 - 12:30pm, Harvest Dinner
 St. Vladimir Parish Center - 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA
 Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and beverages. Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under. Advance reservations close Sunday, November 11 - no tickets sold at the door. Take-outs available - must pick up between 11:30am and 12:00 noon. For reservations contact Kathleen Izak at 570 346-2414.

Divine Liturgy: Saturdays 4:00pm / Sundays 10:30am

Homemade Pyrohy/Pierogi Sale at Scranton, PA

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Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford To Observe 75th Anniversary October 28

STAMFORD, Conn. - The Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford, the oldest cultural institution established by Ukrainians in North America, will celebrate its 75th anniversary with a banquet at the Sheraton Stamford Hotel on October 28, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

The keynote speaker at the event will be newly consecrated Bishop Borys Gudziak, Acting Rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. Bishop Gudziak, a native of Syracuse, New York holds a Ph.D. in history from Harvard University. He was recently appointed to the post of Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainian Catholics in France, Switzerland and the Benelux countries.

Banquet guests will also be treated to a performance by a trio of talented Ukrainian student musicians from The Juilliard School and other music conservatories in New York City.

Since its official opening 75 years ago, the mission of The Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford has been to collect, document,

preserve and exhibit artifacts and publications dealing with Ukrainian culture and heritage.

The Museum's extensive collection includes folk, religious and fine art, while the Library, with its more than 70,000 volumes catalogued online for research and inter-library loan, is considered to be one of the best and largest institutions of its kind in North America. Information about the collections is available at <http://www.ukrainianmuseumlibrary.org>.

Located at 161 Glenbrook Road, the Museum is housed in "The Chateau," a late-19th century villa built in the French Second Empire style, which was once part of the Quintard estate. Set amid a wide expanse of lawn and majestic trees, The Chateau features an imposing exterior and exquisite interior architectural detail.

The Library at 39 Clovelly Road is located in a building of the former St. Basil Preparatory School, which was once also part of the Quintard estate. Both the Museum and Library are situated on the grounds of the

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford and the St. Basil Seminary campus.

Dedicated in 1937 by Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States at that time, The Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford was established by him in order to help Ukrainian-Americans preserve their cultural heritage. Over the years, it has enjoyed considerable support from the Stamford Eparchy.

In February 2000, it was incorporated in the State of Connecticut as a not-for-profit

cultural institution whose purpose is to educate the public on the artistic, historical and literary aspects of Ukrainian life and culture. It is governed by a Board of Directors. Lubow Wolynetz is the curator of the Museum while Monsignor John Terlecky serves as the director of the Library.

The 75th anniversary banquet of The Ukrainian



Museum and Library of Stamford on October 28 is expected to draw a large number of attendees from across the northeastern United States. Tickets are \$100.00 per person, with proceeds to benefit the Museum and Library. Benefit sponsorships are also available, and all donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

To order tickets or to make a 75th Anniversary donation, please send checks to 'The Ukrainian Museum and Library of Stamford,' 161 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, CT 06902. For further information, e-mail ukrmulrec@optonline.net or call (203) 323-8866.

- Anisa Sawyckyj



Nicole Barnhart, daughter of Rose Mary and Kimber Barnhart, and a member of the US Woman's Soccer Team came home from the 2012 London Olympics with her second Gold Medal. She also participated in the 2008 Beijing Olympics where she received her first Gold Medal. In 2007 Nicole won the Bronze Medal at the World Cup in China and the Silver Medal at the 2011 World Cup in Germany.

Nicole is from Gilbertsville, PA and a member of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Stowe, PA.

As a student in the Boyertown School District, Nicole played soccer, lacrosse and basketball. She received numerous awards for sports and her academic achievements.

Nicole graduated from Stanford University, California in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Studio Art and holds many records at Stanford during her soccer career. She continues to volunteer at Stanford as a soccer coach.

Throughout her soccer career, Nicole also played at local club teams, travel teams, select teams, Olympic Development Program, and regional teams. As a member of the Women's Professional Soccer team, she played for California F. C. Gold Pride in 2009 and the Philadelphia Independence Team in 2010 and 2011. Nicole lives in California and is a goalkeeper for the U. S. Women's National Soccer Team. Her dream of being an Olympian was a dream that has come true.

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Due to a continued huge demand, we are back with offering two traditional Christmas/New Year's favorite foods - Kielbasa & Pierogies. Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Clifton Heights, in conjunction with one of the area's well-known kielbasa makers, proudly announces the opening of the 2012 "Christmas/New year's Kielbasa Ring Sale". We are offering mouth-watering, high quality kielbasa for the unbelievably low price of only \$11.00 per ring or 3 rings for \$30.00. We are also offering our homemade, mouth-watering, flavorful, potato-cheese pierogies for the unbelievably low price of only \$7.00 per dozen or 3 dozen for \$20.00! Stock up for Christmas and New Year's (or for your freezer to satisfy those special winter cravings). For your convenience, we now are able to accept your orders via email. To place your pierogie and/or kielbasa orders, please email us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Pickup will be at noon on Sunday, November 18th, at our Church which is located at 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights, PA. Please place your orders early since high demand and our desire to fully satisfy all orders may require us to limit quantities and stop taking orders.



Catechist Commissioning at St. Nicholas, Passaic

There are many ways to answer God's call, one way is to become a catechist. Once again, on Sunday, September 30th, seven catechists were commissioned at St. Nicholas parish. Catechists are helpers in proclaiming the Word of God, and in the religious upbringing of our children and young people.

During the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor, petitioned the Lord to bless our children and our catechists, and to "send down the Holy Spirit upon our catechists, enlighten them with knowledge, and become their guide. That, enriched with Lord's Gifts, they be able to guide our youth and serve fervently in Christ's vineyard." In his homily, Fr. Andriy noted the importance of the need of educating ourselves and our children in the Gospel message. Further, Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI, religious education director, spoke about our Catechetical Sunday program for 2012, and it's direction to the idea of "Catechists and Teachers as Agents of the New Evangelization." This year Our Eastern Catholic program's theme is structured to focus on the commission each Christian has, as stated in Matthew 28:19: "Go, teach all nations." We are not to "keep the Faith", but spread it! She reminded us that each of us is "a catechist" responsible to educate ourselves and our families in the faith. In a classroom setting we have but a small window of time to present basics of the faith but as church families and parents and grandparents there is even a greater opportunity to show by example, what our faith means to us by living it and supporting it and encouraging it.



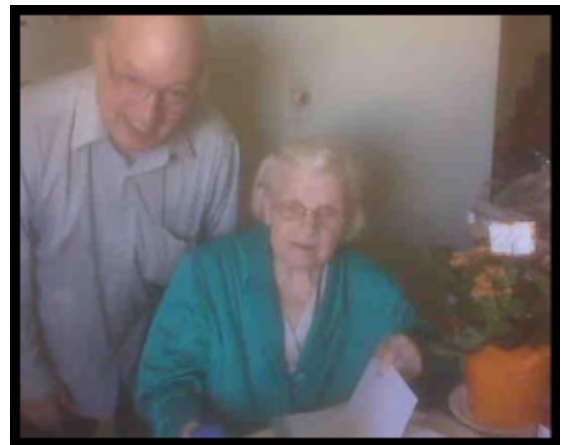
At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Fr. Andriy blessed and thanked each catechist for their time and dedication to their faith and to our children, and presented each with a certificate.

Priest's Mother Celebrates 90th Birthday

Mrs. Helene Worschak, mother of Fr. George Worschak, celebrated her 90th birthday on September 22nd. Though the years have slowed her pace, Mrs. Worschak still lives at home, and remains alert and cheerful.

She credits her longevity to the many blessings bestowed upon her by our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the loving care she receives from her son, Fr. George. Mrs. Worschak is a long time member of St. Nicholas parish in Passaic, NJ, and remembers the early years of the parish fondly, and was there to celebrate its' 100th Jubilee. Though many of her friends from the St. Nicholas Senior Citizens group have passed on, she humorously reminds those who are old enough to be her children that they are the 'new wave' of senior citizens to come!

Mnohaya Lita, Mrs. Worschak!



Welcoming Bell Rings at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School

On September 5, 2012, the first bell rang for the 90 students of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic, NJ. Once all the students were lined up outdoors, new Principal Sister Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI, greeted everyone after the long summer, welcomed 21 new families to the school, and then led all the children and their watching parents in prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, "God Bless America", and the Ukrainian national anthem. Although the school lacks an intercom system, Sister explained the importance of morning assembly, saying that "the family that prays together, stays together."



The teachers then led their eager charges into the freshly-painted school building, where they were delighted to find a new school mascot (who has yet to be named). The school is comprised of grades PreK4 through gr. 8: Mrs. Lydia Loukachouk and Mrs. Mariya Dudkevych, PreK (12 students); new Kindergarden teacher Miss Olena Kugnat, (8 students); Mrs. Patricia Balzarek, gr. 1, (11 students); Ms. Magdalena Lopata, gr. 2, (10 students); Mrs. Karen Savarese, gr. 3, (8 students); Mrs. Lecia Stec-Peltyszyn, gr. 4, (12 students); Mrs. Tetyana Fedak, gr. 5 (6 students); Mrs. Kathy Janz, gr. 6 (8 students); Mrs. Monica Child, gr. 7 (9 students); and Assistant Principal Mrs. Sonia Lechicky, gr. 8 (6 students). The school also welcomes back Gym teacher Ms. Oksana Zurawski, and Music teacher Mrs. Olesya Hryvnyak.

The teachers had already met several times over the previous few weeks for an in-house seminar with Mr. Joe Fararo on using the school's new Smartboard, as well as for interesting and informative lectures by Dr. Walling, representative of the computer-based "Scientific Learning" program, and by Lisa Adams, a school psychologist who offered information and insights from her 20 years of experience in the field.



Later in the morning, the school family attended Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Pastor Rev. Fr. Andriy Dudkevych and Father George Worshak, asking for God's blessings in the coming school year. At the end of the Liturgy Rev. Fr. Andriy Dudkevych greeted everyone with the following words:

Dear students, teachers and parishioners,

It is hard to believe that summer vacation is already over, and I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun summer, and ready for the new academic year. Today we welcome back our returning students and are anxious

to hear all about your summer adventures. We especially look forward to welcoming our new families and making new friends.

As we begin this school year, I pray that it would be another fruitful year of on-going academic and spiritual growth for our students, and a rewarding experience for everyone involved in their education.

I would like to thank the principal, teachers, and staff, for choosing St. Nicholas School as the place to be.

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Welcoming Bell Rings at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School

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I also thank you parents and guardians for choosing Catholic education for your children, and for your commitment to Catholic Education

Dear students, this year you will undoubtedly learn to read, to write, to add, subtract and divide - you will learn to sing, to play, to become fit - you will learn about each other and you will learn about yourself, but most importantly in our school you will learn about God and his place in your life.

As the summer fades and the new beginnings of Autumn and a new school year begin, let us seek and be open to the presence of God in all that we do and all who we encounter.

May God bless all of our New Beginnings!

- Sonia Lechicky

Students in Passaic, NJ, Remember 9/11

On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, the students and faculty of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School gathered in church to remember in prayer the many people who perished in "9/11", including parishioner Port Authority Officer John Skala, who was killed while performing rescues. Principal Sister Eliane Ilnitski, SSML spoke about how the evil of the attacks elicited great goodness and compassion from people around the country and around the world, as people rallied together and came to each other's aid, whether it was shoe store owners who handed out sneakers to women walking home in New York City, storeowners who handed out bottles of water, or rescuers from other countries who flew to the US to assist in search and rescue. She asked the gathered children, many of whom are too young to remember the events of that day, to pray for those who died and for their families and loved ones who still are in need of healing, and read a passage from Matthew 5:43-48, reminding us of Jesus' admonition to love one another. Eight students offered a litany of prayers for healing and peace. The service concluded with everyone singing "God Bless America."

- Sonia Lechicky





SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.



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STUDENTS 6-13: \$.50



Come to our Christmas Bazaar for a great Christmas shopping experience!



Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park, PA will be celebrating 50 years of its founding on Sunday, October 28th. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be offered at 1:00 pm by Most Reverend Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, followed by the Jubilee Banquet at Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland, PA.

Rev. Ihor Royik and the parishioners of Annunciation of BVM extend an invitation to you to participate in this festive and historic jubilee. If you desire to have your name placed on the banquet invitation list or would like additional information, please call (215) 635-1627.

Saturday, October 6th – The Columbus weekend started with a sunny Fall day bringing together former alumni and teachers of **St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Elementary School, Philadelphia, PA.** The day began with everyone attending a Divine Liturgy with Panachyda at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church at 24th & Poplar Streets, Philadelphia, PA. The Liturgy was in honor of all deceased students and faculty of St. Nick's.



Following the Liturgy, alumni and teachers walked over to the cafeteria of the former Elementary School that is now operated as the **Philadelphia Mennonite High School.**

Almost immediately upon signing in, many old friendships were rekindled. Amazingly, alumni arrived from around the corner, and all the way from Atlanta, Boston, Vermont, Maryland, New Jersey and Wisconsin. Three former teachers even attended which thrilled all of the alumni.

The Reunion Committee had solicited memorabilia from those attending and a wonderful display of photos, white graduation dress hand embroidered with Ukrainian flowers, safety badges, flute used to learn many songs at school shows, 1961 School Dedication Commemorative Book, even some test books complete with covers from Nasevich Funeral Home and Sealstest Ice Cream was presented for everyone to view and reminisce.

A delicious buffet lunch was served including homemade pyrohy prepared by Mrs Matkowska and the St. Nicholas Church Committee. Exclamations of, "These are better than the pyrohy served in Lviv" were heard.

During the luncheon, alumni posed for photos by class, with friends, and with our former teachers, Sr Bernarda Arkatin, OSBM, Mrs Char Fazekas, and Ms. Olha Pawzuniak. These pictures and others that were received via e-mail are being organized and will be available on DVD. Information was also collected for an upcoming "Directory of Alumni" to be shared so everyone can continue to keep in touch.



As the luncheon ended, many attendees migrated to the Ukrainian League of Philadelphia at 23rd & Brown Streets to continue the good time, conversations, and happy memories. Because of the long weekend, some even stayed in the area through Monday. Everyone agreed that the Grand Reunion was a fine success and we are talking about meeting again in the future.

Marc Zaharchuk and Helene Zadworniak Michalko – Reunion Committee

Patriarch Sviatoslav Heads UGCC Delegation At Synod in Vatican

8 October 2012,

The Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) participates in the XIII General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops held in the Vatican under the title "New Evangelization For Passing the Faith." The event is attended by ten heads of the Eastern Catholic Churches. So reported the Information Department of UGCC.



The synod is also attended by two bishops, Apostolic Administrator of the Stryi Eparchy and Apostolic Visitator for Greek Catholic Ukrainians in Italy and Spain, Bishop Dionisii (Liakhovych).

According to Patriarch Sviatoslav, the assembly is a very important event in the life of the Catholic Church as "in this way, the Most Holy Father is governing the Church together with the bishops."

"This in its turn is an example of bishops' collegiality according to which the Universal Church lives and acts today," explained the primate.

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Patriarch Sviatoslav Opens Year of Faith in UGCC

16 October 2012



On October 14, during a celebratory hierarchical liturgy in the Cathedral of the Holy Sophia in Rome, Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) opened the Year of the Faith in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC).

"As a symbolic act of blessing this restored cathedral of the Holy Sophia here, in the Eternal City of Rome, according to the resolution of the Synod of Bishops of our church and in response to the call of the Most Holy Father Benedict XVI, I would like to open solemnly the Year of the Faith in our church," said the hierarch.

In the context of the Year of the Faith, the Primate referred to the words of Pope Benedict XVI that the objective of this period is to show to the world the beauty and truth of our faith.

The head of the UGCC also invited the believers to a national Ukrainian pilgrimage to be held on August 18, 2013, on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine.

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November 2012 - Листопада 2012

Happy Birthday!
З Днем народження!

November 13: Most Rev. Stefan Soroka
November 14: Rev. D. George Worschak
November 22: Rev. Roman Dubitsky
November 26: Rev. Wasyl Bunik

**May the Good Lord Continue to
Guide You and Shower You with
His Great Blessings.
Многая Літа!**

**Нехай Добрий
Господь Тримає
Вас у Своїй Опіці
та Щедро
Благословить Вас.
Многая Літа!**



**Congratulations on your
Anniversary of Priesthood!**
Вітаємо з Річницею Священства!

November 8: Rev. Roman Pitula
(14th Anniversary)
November 12: Rev. Gregory Maslak
(40th Anniversary)
November 15: Rev. Deacon Donald Latrick
(22nd Anniversary)
November 18: Rev. Deacon Theophil Staruch
(22nd Anniversary)
November 22: Rev. Vasyl Sivinskyi
(20th Anniversary)
November 30: Rev. Wasyl Kharuk
(20th Anniversary)

**May God Grant You Many Happy and
Blessed Years of Service in the
Vineyard of Our Lord!**

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