

## Pope Benedict XVI Announces His Resignation Effective February 28

11 February 2013

Pope Benedict XVI on Monday, February 11, 2013, said he plans on resigning the papal office on February 28th. Below please find his announcement.

### Full text of Pope's declaration

Dear Brothers,

I have convoked you to this Consistory, not only for the three canonizations, but also to communicate to you a decision of great importance for the life of the Church. After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry. I am well aware that this ministry, due to its essential

spiritual nature, must be carried out not only with words and deeds, but no less with prayer and suffering. However, in today's world, subject to so many rapid changes and shaken by questions of deep relevance for the life of faith, in order to govern the bark of Saint Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary, strength which in the last few months, has deteriorated in me to the extent that I have had to recognize my incapacity to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me.

For this reason, and well aware of the seriousness of this act, with full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome,



Successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005, in such a way, that as from 28 February 2013, at 20:00 hours, the See of Rome, the See of Saint Peter, will be vacant and a Conclave to elect the new Supreme Pontiff will have to be convoked by those whose competence it is.

Dear Brothers, I thank you most sincerely for all the love and work with which you have supported me in my ministry and I ask pardon for all my defects. And now, let us entrust

the Holy Church to the care of Our Supreme Pastor, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and implore his holy Mother Mary, so that she may assist the Cardinal Fathers with her maternal solicitude, in electing a new Supreme Pontiff. With regard to myself, I wish to also devotedly serve the Holy Church of God in the future through a life dedicated to prayer.

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## **BENEDICT XVI: THANK YOU ALL. THE LORD WILL GUIDE US.**

Vatican City, 13 February 2013 **(VIS)**

Before his catechesis in the General Audience this morning, the Holy Father spoke of his decision to leave the pontificate. Interrupted by the applause of the crowd filling the Paul VI Hall he said:

“As you know, I have decided – thank you for your kindness – to renounce the ministry which the Lord entrusted to me on 19 April 2005. I have done this in full freedom for the good of the Church, after much prayer and having examined my conscience before God, knowing full well the seriousness of this act, but also realizing that I am no longer able to carry out the Petrine ministry with the strength which it demands. I am strengthened and reassured by the certainty that the Church is Christ’s, who will never leave her without his guidance and care. I thank all of you for the love and for the prayers with which you have accompanied me. Thank you; in these days which have not been easy for me, I have felt almost physically the power of prayer – your prayers – which the love of the Church has given me. Continue to pray for me, for the Church and for the future Pope. The Lord will guide us.”

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## **UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLICS SADDENED BY POPE’S RESIGNATION**

14 February 2013

The Information Department of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) published a letter by Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk saying that the clergymen of the UGCC were sad to hear about the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.



“On one hand, we feel orphaned because the faithful of our Church always viewed Your Person as the Father who repeatedly addressed with a fatherly word our nation in its tongue during various events in the Apostolic See. On the other hand, we would like to assure Your Holiness of our kinship and filial faithfulness,” reads the address of the patriarch.

On behalf of himself and the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, clergy, monastics and laity and all Ukrainians, Patriarch Sviatoslav expressed sincere gratitude to Pope Benedict XVI for “the bold testimony of the faith, wise leadership of the Universal Church and full commitment to the work of Christ.”

In particular, the head of the UGCC on behalf of the faithful thanked the Pope for “fatherly care for the development of our Church and due attention paid to the development of its structures in Ukraine and abroad” and for giving his blessing for the establishment of three new metropolitanates in western Ukraine.

“Most Holy Father, having declared the Year of Faith, You gave everyone an extraordinary lesson of the faith by Your humble act. Your courageous choice inspires and encourages us to fully trust our Lord Who takes good care of His Church,” reads the address.

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# Replica of Shroud of Turin Schedule 2013

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy is pleased to announce the 2013 Schedule for the Exhibition of the Replica of The Shroud of Turin in select parishes of the Archeparchy.

**February 10–23, 2013:**

St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic  
Church, Cherry Hill, NJ

**March 24–April 6, 2013:**

Protection of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church,  
Bristol, PA

**February 24 – March 9, 2013:**

St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic  
Church, Shenandoah, PA

**April 7–21, 2013:**

St. Michael the Archangel  
Ukrainian Catholic Church,  
Jenkintown, PA

**March 10–23, 2013:**

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic  
Church, Wilmington, DE



(Photo:) The Replica of the Shroud of Turin on display at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, NJ on February 10, 2013. (Photo: T. Siwak)



# The Replica of the Shroud of Turin on display at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, NJ



Forgiveness Sunday, February 10, 2013, with Rev. Paul Makar and Rev. Paul Labinsky.



Watch videos on our YouTube Channel <http://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>



# SHROUD EXHIBITION

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

## SHROUD OF TURIN 2013

The Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese is pleased to announce the 2013 Schedule for the Exhibition of the Replica of The Shroud of Turin in select parishes of the Archdiocese.



The replica of the Shroud of Turin was acquired by Archbishop Stefan Soroka for the Ukrainian Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 2010. It is permanently on display at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia. During the year the exhibit travels to various parishes in the Archdiocese as a means of promoting the Gospel message of Jesus through evangelization of the many pilgrims who come seeking to understand and encounter Jesus through the message of the Shroud of Turin.

The Shroud exhibit allows many people who would not be able to travel to Turin Italy to view the Shroud a chance to experience that opportunity. Many thousands of people have already viewed the Shroud Exhibit which reverently displays The Shroud for people to touch, venerate, and gather information about Jesus and His Gospel.

### UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF

St. Michael's , Cherry Hill NJ  
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 St. Nicholas, Wilmington DE  
 St. Mary's , Bristol PA  
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### EXHIBITION DATES

February 10-23, 2013 : Cherry Hill NJ  
 February 24-March 9, Shenandoah PA  
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Office of the Metropolitan

**Dear Reverend Clergy, Religious, Seminarians and Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA,**

We, the Bishops of the four eparchies of our Ukrainian Catholic Church, desire to foster the common spiritual bond and unity we enjoy amidst ourselves, with the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide and also ecumenically with our brothers and sisters of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. We recall the decision of the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops made in 1997 which established the official text for “Our Father” and “Hail Mary” for use throughout the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide. It reads as follows:

*“Отче наш, що єси на небесах, нехай святиться ім’я твоє, нехай прийде царство твоє, нехай буде воля твоя, як на небі, так і на землі. Хліб наш насущний дай нам сьогодні, і прости нам провини наші, як і ми прощаємо винуватцям нашим; і не введи нас у спокусу, але визволи нас від лукавого”.*

*“Богородице Діво, радуйся, благодатна Маріє, Господь з тобою. Благословенна ти між жінками і благословенний плід лона твого, бо ти породила Христа Спасителя душ наших”.*

All of our parishes are instructed to fully adhere to the use of the official text in all Ukrainian liturgical services and when the faithful gather in common prayers. Choir Directors and choir members of Ukrainian choirs praying the “Our Father” and “Hail Mary” are also asked to refrain from using other translations and to use only the official text. Please participate in fostering spiritual unity as Ukrainians. Facilitating full participation in prayers common to all Ukrainians is needed and involves all of us.

We thank you for your anticipated cooperation in fostering a strong spiritual bond amidst Ukrainians in USA and beyond. We pray for all that we may enthusiastically seek and foster unity as Ukrainians.

God bless you!

+Stefan Soroka (author)  
Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia

+Richard Seminack  
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM  
Eparch of Stamford

+John Bura  
Apostolic Administrator  
of St. Josaphat in Parma

February 1, 2013





## **A Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**

will be celebrated

at St. John Newmann Roman Catholic Church

(601 East Delp Road, Lancaster, PA)

on Sundays, February 24,

March 10 and 24, 2013, at 1:30PM.

Officiating celebrant – Very Rev. Andriy Rabi, y,

pastor of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Church in Reading.

For more information, please call 610.376.0586,

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## **Announcing the 2013 Women's Day of Prayer: *Church Alive!* An Invitation to Women to Evangelize**

On Saturday, March 9, 2013, the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, will sponsor Church Alive! An Invitation to Women to Evangelize. The theme and program elements for this Day of group discussion, guided spiritual reflection, prayer and ritual have been structured to complement our Holy Father's establishing a "Year of Faith" and inviting all to "an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world."



Speaker for the Day is Sister Janice McLaughlin, M.M., President of the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic. Sister Janice's latest book, *Ostriches, Dung Beetles and Other Spiritual Masters: A Book of Wisdom from the Wild*, which describes the spiritual insight she acquired while living and working in Africa for 35 years, serves as the foundation for her presentation.

Ms. Marie Joseph, Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation, an outreach for women in crisis pregnancies which responds to the call of Christ to protect the dignity of the unborn person, will be group facilitator for the Day. Author of *Faith on Fire*, a resource for those longing for a more passionate experience of the Catholic faith, Ms. Joseph taught previously in a Catholic elementary school and has been deeply involved in Catholic mission work in Kenya, Africa.

All women are cordially invited to participate in Church Alive! to reawaken, reflect upon and delight in the joy which is the gift of the true faith! Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Parish Hall of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, corner of Franklin and Brown Streets in Philadelphia; and the Day's closing ritual concludes at 4:30 p.m. To pre-register, please contact Helen Fedoriw at 201.289.0346. The pre-registration fee for the Day is \$25 (\$30 at the door) and includes lunch and parking.



# Church Alive!

An Invitation to Women to Evangelize

March 9th  
9am - 4pm

On **SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013**, step away from the every-day world and come to the **ARCHEPARCHIAL WOMEN'S DAY** at the **UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** to examine – challenge – your perceptions about how:

*You feel alive today;*

*You perceive God as being alive today;*

*God is here with us today!*

Our speaker for the day is **SISTER JANICE MCLAUGHLIN, M.M.**

**MS. MARIE JOSEPH** will act as Group Facilitator.

### Sponsored by:

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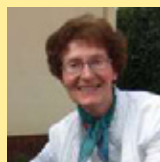
Open to ALL Women  
Including those Over 10  
Years of Age

### Cost:

\$25 Pre-Registration  
or \$30 at the Door  
(Includes Lunch and  
Parking)

No Cost for Women  
Under Age 18;  
Scholarships Available  
for Women Age 18 to 25.

President of the Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic and a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Sister Janice has lived and worked in Africa for thirty-five years.



She is the author of "*Ostriches, Dung Beetles and Other Spiritual Masters: A Book of Wisdom from the Wild.*"

Through animal imagery, Sister Janice will guide us as we consider these important aspects of spiritual life while teaching us about ourselves and how we learn:

From the *elephant* the meaning of community;

From the *buffalo*, responsible leadership; and

From the *dung beetle*, the value of perseverance.

Author of "*Faith on Fire,*" a resource for those longing for a more passionate experience of the Catholic faith, Ms. Joseph is the Executive Director of the Legacy of Life Foundation.



A single mother of two teenagers who taught for seven years in a Catholic elementary school, she has been deeply involved in Catholic mission work in Kenya, Africa. Ms. Joseph completed her undergraduate work at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and received from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia a Master of Arts degree in Theology.

To deepen your experience, you may wish to acquaint yourself with Sister Janice's "Wisdom from the Wild" prior to your participation in *Church Alive!* Copies of "*Ostriches, Dung Beetles, and Other Spiritual Masters,*" as well as copies of Marie's "*Faith on Fire,*" are available through Amazon.com.

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*Sunday, February 17, 2013*

## ***The First Sunday of Great Fast: The Sunday of Orthodoxy***

### *Introduction*

The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."

### *Historical Background*

The Seventh Ecumenical Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Eastern church worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops.

Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the Byzantine empire. Excessive religious respect and the ascribed miracles to icons by some members of society, approached the point of worship (due only to God) and idolatry. This instigated excesses at the other extreme by which icons were completely taken out of the liturgical life of the Church by the Iconoclasts. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Eastern Churches to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in colour, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands".

An Endemousa (Regional) Synod was called in Constantinople in 843. Under Empress Theodora. The veneration of icons was solemnly proclaimed at the Hagia Sophia Cathedral. The Empress, her son Michael III, Patriarch Methodios, and monks and clergy came in procession and restored the icons in their rightful place. The

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# First Sunday of Great Fast

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day was called "Triumph of Orthodoxy." Since that time, this event is commemorated yearly with a special service on the first Sunday of Lent, the "Sunday of Orthodoxy".

Eastern church teaching about icons, as defined at the Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787, is embodied in the texts sung on this Sunday.

**From Vespers:** *"Inspired by your Spirit, Lord, the prophets foretold your birth as a child incarnate of the Virgin. Nothing can contain or hold you; before the morning star you shone forth eternally from the spiritual womb of the Father. Yet you were to become like us and be seen by those on earth. At the prayers of those your prophets in your mercy reckon us fit to see your light, "for we praise your resurrection, holy and beyond speech. Infinite, Lord, as divine, in the last times you willed to become incarnate and so finite; for when you took on flesh you made all its properties your own. So we depict the form of your outward appearance and pay it relative respect, and so are moved to love you; and through it we receive the grace of healing, following the divine traditions of the apostles."*

*"The grace of truth has shone out, the things once foreshadowed now are revealed in perfection. See, the Church is decked with the embodied image of Christ, as with beauty not of this world, fulfilling the tent of witness, holding fast the Orthodox faith. For if we cling to the icon of him whom we worship, we shall not go astray. May those who do not so believe be covered with shame. For the image of him who became human is our glory: we venerate it, but do not worship it as God. Kissing it, we who believe cry out: O God, save your people, and bless your heritage."*

*"We have moved forward from unbelief to true faith, and have been enlightened by the light of knowledge. Let us then clap our hands like the psalmist, and offer praise and thanksgiving to God. And let us honor and venerate the holy icons of Christ, of his most pure Mother, and of all the saints, depicted on walls, panels and sacred vessels, setting aside the unbelievers' ungodly teaching. For the veneration given to the icon passes over, as Basil says, to its prototype. At the intercession of your spotless Mother, O Christ, and of all the saints, we pray you to grant us your great mercy. We venerate your icon, good Lord, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God. For you freely willed in the flesh to ascend the cross, to rescue from slavery to the enemy those whom you had formed. So we cry to you with thanksgiving: You have filled all things with joy, our Savior, by coming to save the world."*

The name of this Sunday reflects the great significance which icons possess for the Orthodox Church. They are not optional devotional extras, but an integral part of Orthodox faith and devotion. They are held to be a necessary consequence of Christian faith in the incarnation of the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity, in Jesus Christ. They have a sacramental character, making present to the believer the person or event depicted on them. So the interior of Orthodox churches is often covered with icons painted on walls and domed roofs, and there is always an icon screen, or iconostasis, separating the sanctuary from the nave, often with several rows of icons. No Eastern church home is complete without an icon corner (iconostasion), where the family prays.

Icons are venerated by burning lamps and candles in front of them, by the use of incense and by kissing. But there is a clear doctrinal distinction between the veneration paid to icons and the worship due to God. The former is not only relative, it is in fact paid to the person represented by the icon. This distinction safeguards the veneration of icons from any charge of idolatry.

The theme of the victory of the icons, by its emphasis on the incarnation, points us to the basic Christian truth that the one whose death and resurrection we celebrate at Easter was none other than the Word of God who became human in Jesus Christ.

Before the Triumph of Orthodoxy came to be celebrated on the first Sunday of Lent, there was on this day a commemoration of Moses, Aaron, Samuel and the prophets. Traces of this more ancient observance can still be seen in the choice of the Epistle reading at the Liturgy and in the Alleluia verse appointed before the Gospel: "Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His Name."



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**Exhibit of Lemko artist  
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**Exhibit date: Saturday, March 2nd 9:00am ~ 5:00pm**  
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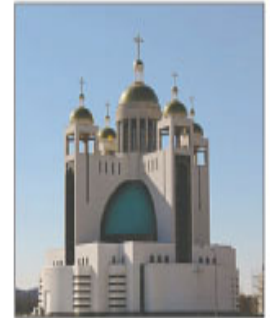
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## **Clifton Heights, PA**

### **Spring Pierogie/Kielbasa Sale - Orders Now Being Taken!**

We are back with offering two traditional Easter-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 2013 "Easter Pierogie & Kielbasa Ring Sale". We are offering mouth-watering, high quality kielbasa for the unbelievably low price of only \$11.00 per ring. We are also offering our homemade, mouth-watering, flavorful, potato-cheese pierogies for the unbelievably low price of only \$7.00 per dozen! 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](mailto:SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net) or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Pickup will be at noon on either Saturday, March 23rd or Sunday, March 24th, 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.



# Forgiveness Vespers Held in South Anthracite Deanery

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McADOO, PA - For Eastern Rite Catholics, Monday, February 11 marked the first day of Great Lent, a time when the faithful begin a season of self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, that leads to Pascha (Easter), the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



**Clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery conduct Forgiveness Vespers in St. Mary's Church, McAdoo, Pa. (John E. Usalis/staff photo)**

On the day before, Sunday, February 10, priests and laity of the South Anthracite Protopresbytery of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia gathered in Protection of the Holy Mother of God (St. Mary) Ukrainian Catholic Church for Vespers of Forgiveness, a prayer service held on Cheesefare Sunday in preparation of Great Lent.

Roman Catholics, Protestants, Anglican Communion (Anglicans, Episcopalians) and Polish National Catholics will begin the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday this week. Easter Sunday, or

Pascha, for all above will be celebrated on March 31.

Orthodox Christians will begin Great Lent on March 18 with Pascha on May 5.

Monsignor Myron Grabowsky, pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Shenandoah, and St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Saint Clair, spoke Friday of the importance of Lent.

"The first day of Great Lent is called 'Pure Monday' or 'Clean Monday' and the reason for that is the cleansing

of oneself in preparation for the great fast of 40 days, which reminds us of the 40 years in the desert of the children of Israel, the 40 days Our Lord was in fasting and for us to put ourselves into an understanding of preparing for the journey to Pascha, which is Easter," Grabowsky said.

He also said words from the prophet Isaiah speak of the theme for Clean Monday, reading, "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good;

seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. 'Come now, and let us reason together,' says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.'"

He explained why the two Sundays before Great Lent are called Meatfare Sunday and Cheesefare Sunday.

"This is part of the Eastern tradition, at least from the old country. Meatfare Sunday is when you emptied your house

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# Forgiveness Vespers Held in South Anthracite Deanery

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of all meat products and you have a week to prepare to remove all dairy products from your home, ending with Cheesefare Sunday," Grabowsky said. "The Great Lent or Great Fast begins with a very strict fast of no meat or dairy products, including eggs. That is for us to cleanse ourselves, to take our carnality and subdue it. We bring ourselves into a spirit and a mindset of what is going to happen for the next 40 days. Saturdays and Sundays are not days of fast."

About 60 people from the deanery, which includes parishes in Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia and Luzerne counties, attended vespers. The Rev. James T. Melnic, pastor, led the service, assisted by Deacon Paul Spotts, Frackville. Other clergy participating included Rev. Ruslan Romanyuk, the Rev. Mark Fesniak, Grabowsky, the Rev. Roman Pitula and the Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, dean.

"Tomorrow is Monday, but it's not just any Monday, but it is the first day of the beginning of the Great Lent, the Great Fast, a time of particular

fasting and prayer," Melnic said during his homily. Great Lent will take us on a journey of 40 days, or six weeks, to Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday and then Holy Week, and then, God-willing, we will celebrated the Resurrection of Christ on Easter."

Melnic spoke about the fall of Adam and Eve and its connection to Great Lent.

"We remember the fall of Adam and Eve, who lost Paradise by eating the forbidden fruit, which

is why we fast, and only eating permitted fruit," he said. "We know through scriptures that the first man and woman lived in Paradise. We know they walked with God, meaning they lived in harmony with God, in communion with God. They didn't suffer any sin, they didn't suffer any sorrow or aging. We also know the cause of their disobedience to God was in temptation of pride. They thought they knew better than their maker."

At the conclusion of vespers, the clergy stood

before the iconostasis and conducted "The Forgiveness Service." The short service had the clergy and laity participating in asking God and each other for forgiveness.

After the service, the people came to the sanctuary and asked the priests for forgiveness, with them also doing the same of the people.

A brief social was held in the parish hall after the vespers.

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**Deacon Paul Spotts, left, Frackville, leads the prayers as the Rev. James T. Melnic, pastor of Protection of the Holy Mother of God (St. Mary) Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo, incenses the congregation during Sunday afternoon's Vespers of Forgiveness to begin Great Lent for Eastern Rite Catholics. (John E. Usalis/staff photo)**



## Catholic Schools Week Opens

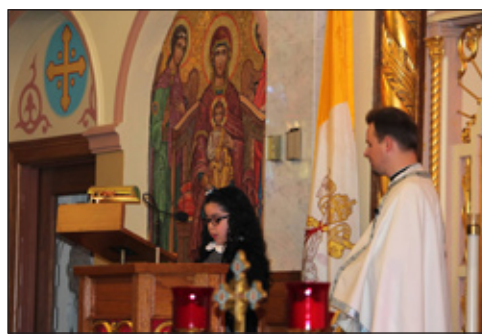
On Sunday, January 27, Father Ivan Turyk celebrated a very special Divine Liturgy to mark the opening of Catholic Schools Week at Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ. During the Liturgy several students read their essays about what makes ACS so special. When Liturgy was finished, Father Ivan called Sister Yosaphata to the front of the church and presented her with a special Papal Blessing sent by Pope Benedict XVI. This blessing was given in recognition of Sister's 50 years in the service of God.



ACS Student Council met parishioners at the back of the church and presented them with baskets containing "hugs". They had spent the week before weaving the baskets and gave them to the parishioners for the support they have given to the school.

Monday of this week prove to be the start of a very busy week. Student participated in various activities including fifth graders building towers with geometric shapes. Mrs. Lawrence said that the structures were tested by "Hurricane Lawrence". Grade 2 played bug bingo while the upper grades watched Fantasia 2000 and treated to popcorn and lemonade by their teachers. Tuesday found classes once again participating in fun activities like spelling bees and multiplication bingo.

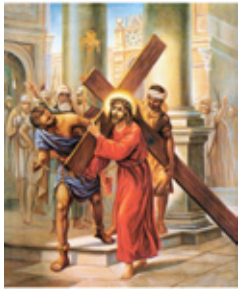
The Class of 2013 began their jobs of teaching a science class to the younger grades. This was only the second school day for Catholic Schools Week activities and great memories were already in place.





## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Ukrainian Catholic Men



### 2013 SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 17 — 4 p.m.  
**Plymouth, PA:** Ss. Peter & Paul

Sunday, February 24 — 4 p.m.  
**Nanticoke, PA:** Transfiguration

Sunday, March 3 — 4 p.m.  
**Wilkes-Barre, PA:** Ss. Peter & Paul

Sunday, March 10 — 4 p.m.  
**Glen Lyon, PA:** St. Nicholas

Sunday, March 17 — 4 p.m.  
**Edwardsville, PA:** St. Vladimir

*Everyone is welcome.  
Light refreshments afterwards.*

Meatless Meal for LENT

## "BAKED HADDOCK" FISH DINNER

Sponsored by Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church  
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**FRIDAY MARCH 22, 2013**

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m**

At the **REGAL ROOM** (Ballroom/side entrance)

**216 Lackawanna Avenue**

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Sit Down or Take Out!!

(pre-sold) **\$12.00 per ticket/dinner**

Baked haddock, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert

**Call 570-489-4348 for Reservations**

**Deadline for pre-sold Tickets is Monday, March 18, 2013**

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UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
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DONATION: \$15.00 per class  
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- Schedule:**
  - 9:30 am - Registration
  - 10 am - St Basil's contribution
  - 12 am - Lunch
  - 1 pm - St Basil's Anaphora
  - 3 pm - Break
  - 3:20 pm - Q & A
  - 5 pm - Vespers

(Workshop is free - donations accepted).  
In the spirit of the Great Fast please bring your own lunch - coffee and tea will be provided.

A workshop on "Christ Our Pascha: the Catechism of the UGCC"

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**March 16, 2013**

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### **Resposed in the Lord**

### **Sister Mary Isidore Gilewitch, OSBM**

**1913- 2013**

In the 99th year of her life and the 83rd year of her entrance into the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Sister Mary Isidore Gilewitch entered into her eternal glory. Sister died peacefully in the Sisters' Healthcare Unit on January 31, 2013 after a brief illness.



Since Sister's entrance into the community in 1930 she served as teacher in twelve parishes in Pennsylvania – Philadelphia, Easton, Chester, Olyphant, Northampton, Fox Chase; New Kensington, Centralia, Pittsburgh, Berwick, Chester and Arnold; four parishes in New York – Auburn, Syracuse, New York City and Watervliet as well as in Chicago, Illinois and Cleveland, Ohio. Since 1982 Sister resided at the Motherhouse in Fox Chase, Pennsylvania where she sewed vestments and served as Sacristan until 2010.

In each place where Sister ministered she was recognized for her excellence in all her endeavors, especially as a teacher. Sister was a master of many skills among them the creation of magnificent vestments and intricate Ukrainian embroidery. Her Ukrainian cross stitched pillows and scarves and altar linens speak of her outstanding accomplishments as an artist and seamstress. Sister Isidore never shirked her duties. Actively involved until only two years ago, Sister welcomed the opportunity to be of service to her community. She humbly and graciously took it upon herself to make things better than she found them.

Celebrants at Parastas on Monday, February 4, 2013 were Msgr. Peter Waslo, Reverend Edward Higgins and Very Reverend Archpriest Daniel Troyan.

The funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Father Troyan with Father Higgins concelebrating on February 5, 2013 in the sisters' Holy Trinity Chapel. In his homily, Father Troyan spoke of Sister's undying dedication and service to the Lord. Always striving for perfection Sister never took any credit for herself but constantly and consistently did all for the Lord. Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, Provincial Superior, thanked Sister Isidore for brightening and enlightening the Sisters' lives through her artistic endeavors and for preparing so many children for First Communion, to do Ukrainian dancing and to sing the responses to the Divine Liturgy.

May eternal rest she well deserves be granted to her!





# Parables: Our Call to Discipleship

led by Fr Laurian Janicki, OFM

reflection on what it means to  
follow Christ

through prayerful reading of the Gospel parables

Saturday March 16, 2013 – 9:30am-4:30pm

We discover more about our call to discipleship through reflection on the parables of Jesus. Fr Laurian will help us reflect on some of the parables during this Lenten Day of Recollection open to all interested in knowing more about the Gospel parables and our call to follow Christ.

There will be time for quiet prayer with communal preparation for private Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Registration opens at 9am with continental breakfast; presentation begins at 9:30am; closing prayer in the Chapel ends at 4:30pm. You are welcome to stay for the Divine Liturgy (vigil for Sunday) at 5pm.

Cost: \$20 includes continental breakfast and luncheon. Please register in advance.



St Francis and the Leper / Assisi



Fr Laurian is the Guardian of Holy Dormition Friary, former pastor, teacher, and college president, and he gives retreats in North America and in the Philippines, where he served eighteen years in the missions.

Register with Fr Jerome at [holydormition@gmail.com](mailto:holydormition@gmail.com) or at 570-788-1212 ext 402. Send payment to Holy Dormition Friary – Lenten Retreat, PO Box 270, Sybertsville PA 18251.

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## UGCC Head greeted the newly-elected Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church

The Office of the Curia of the Major Archbishop announced that UGCC Head greeted the newly-elected Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church. "Your Beatitude, it is with great joy that I received the news that during the Holy Synod of the Chaldean Catholic Church held in Rome on January 28, 2013, you were elected as the new Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church and that you received Ecclesiastica Communio [ecclesial communion] from Pope Benedict XVI," stated His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), UGCC Head, in his letter of congratulations to His Beatitude Louis Sako, the Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church.

In his letter UGCC Head assures the newly- elected Patriarch of prayers and brotherly support from UGCC faithful: "We pray that the Lord Himself will be the source of strength for you in leading with wisdom and fatherly love the faithful which have been relegated to your pastoral care. Your Beatitude, please accept my assurances of brotherly communion and my best wishes.

Note that between January 28 and February 1, 2013 the Synod of Bishops of the Chaldean Catholic Church took place in Rome. During the Synod, Louis Sako was elected Head of this Church. He succeeds Cardinal Emmanuel III Deli, who resigned from the office due to ill health. According to the Press Service of the Holy Sea, the Holy Father in a special greeting wished the newly-elected Church Primate "successful pastoral work in the land of Abraham," and wished all Iraq people the long - awaited peace, mutual understanding and harmony. **UGCC Department of Information**

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## **An Invitation - 2013 Basilian Volunteer Program: Ministry to Ukraine's needy**

Last year three young women joined in the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province Volunteer Program in July, 2012. These young women accompanied by Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, coordinator, visited, interacted and supported various orphanages, foster homes, half way houses, homeless shelters and psychiatric institutions in the Lviv and Ivano- Frankivsk areas.

You can participate in this year's planned Basilian Volunteer Program from June 4 - 18, 2013. This year's ministry will expand its region to include the needy not only of Ivano-Frankivsk but also Zaporizhzhia, a much poorer eastern region of Ukraine.

Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM and Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM together with the accepted applicants will join with the Basilian Sisters of the Holy Trinity Province, Ukraine as they continue their ministry of evangelization and bringing support and comfort to the poor and needy. Join the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great in their mission of being the praying, healing and life-giving presence of Jesus within the world.

The tentative itinerary for this Mission to Ukraine, June 4 - 18, 2013 is as follows:

- Arrival in Lviv - one day city tour
- Travel to home base in Ivano-Frankivsk and visit: Psychiatric Center in Tysmenytsia, Studite Center for Orphans in Yaremche, incurable crippled children in Sniatyn, psychiatric Institute in Sambir, orphanage in Dolyna.
- Travel to home base in Zaporizhzhia and join in the ministry of the Basilian Sisters of the Holy Trinity Province, in eastern Ukraine.
- Travel to Kyiv - one day tour and fly home

Accepted applicants can expect to have room and board covered by the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province. Airfare and train fare to Zaporizhzhia as well as all personal expenses are the responsibility of the applicant.

For more information and an application for Ministry to Ukraine contact Sr. Ann Laszok OSBM at [srannl@aol.com](mailto:srannl@aol.com) or 412-260-1607. Numbers are limited so please apply early.





## March 2013 - Березня 2013

### Happy Birthday!

#### З Днем народження!

March 3: Rev. Msgr. James Melnic  
March 6: Rev. Leonid Malkov, C.S.s.R.  
March 7: Rev. Paul Labinsky  
March 12: Rev. Volodymyr Baran, C.S.s.R.  
March 13: Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo  
March 19: Rev. Vasyl Vladyka  
March 31: Rev. Leonard Sinatra

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March 24: Rev. Deacon Paul Makar  
(26th Anniversary)  
March 30: Very Rev. Archpr. David Clooney  
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March 31: Rev. John Wysochansky  
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