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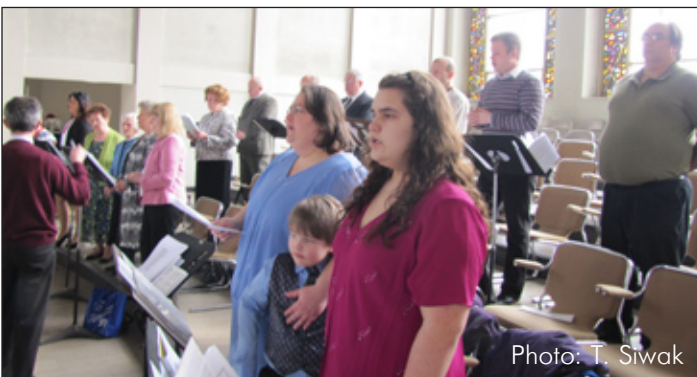
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Faithful celebrate the Resurrection of Christ at Easter Sunday services

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CENTRALIA - The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ was held in churches throughout the region on Easter Sunday morning, with some moving outside the confines of church walls to begin at sunrise.

Near Centralia, the faithful at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Conyngham Township began their Easter with Resurrection Matins at 7 a.m., followed immediately by the Divine Liturgy at 8 a.m. About 20 people gathered for the beginning of matins,

but by the time the Divine Liturgy began, about 50 people arrived in the triple-domed church on top of the hill above the remains of Centralia.

The traditional greeting between the parishioners was "Christos Voskres!" with the reply, "Voyeestinu Voskres!" - "Christ is risen!" "Indeed He is risen!"

Before matins began, a short prayer service was held by the Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, pastor. The prayers before the tomb (a table with the Holy Shroud that depicts Jesus in the tomb) were held in the darkened church in front of the icon wall - iconostasis - which had the Royal Doors closed. Hutsko wore dark red vestments during those prayers, with the priest and altar servers prostrating themselves several times. The symbolism is of a funeral, somber in tone and containing a dialogue between Jesus and his mother in many of the verses. After



The faithful gather outside Assumption B.V.M. Ukrainian Catholic Church near Centralia on Sunday for a sunrise service led by the Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, pastor. (Photo: David McKeown)

the service, the Holy Shroud was removed - it represents the body of Christ - and placed on the altar where it will remain for 40 days until Ascension Thursday.

Hutsko left briefly to change into bright white and gold vestments, the Royal Doors were opened, signifying the opening of the gates of Heaven. "Jesus is risen from the tomb, as He foretold, and granted us everlasting life and great mercy," Hutsko said as the procession formed to leave the church as the lights are turned on, the candles are lit, and the bells begin to ring.

John Mayernick holding the crucifix, lead the procession, followed by Theresa Moses with the Book of Gospels, Wesley Litchko holding the Icon of the Resurrection and Barbara Jurgill carrying the holy bread called artos, which is Greek for "leavened loaf."

The procession participants walked clockwise around the church, symbolizing the procession of joy by the myrrh-bearing women proclaiming the Resurrection after they found Jesus' tomb empty. After encircling the

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church, the procession stopped at the bottom of the steps leading to the closed door to the church. Husko, assisted by Matthew Kenenitz, prayed matins prayers and used incense, saying, "Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered Death, and to those in the graves He granted life."

The procession went up the steps to the closed door, with Hutsko tapping on the door with a crucifix before the door was

opened and everyone entered to complete the matins service. The Divine Liturgy began immediately afterward.

During his homily, Hutsko spoke of the joy of Easter, using the church as an example as a sign of hope on the mountain for anyone who would look at it as they drive through Centralia."... we come to church today and the church is alive, filled with light and song and incense, the bells are ringing so beautifully

and we sing over and over again, 'Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death,' " Hutsko said.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, be blessed baskets filled with food brought in by parishioners for their Easter dinners. He invited everyone to the front of the church to be anointed, kiss a cross and the loaf of artos bread, and eat a piece of blessed bread.

Before the Sunday

services, Hutsko explained, "The symbolism is magnificent in going from darkness and Christ in the tomb to returning to a bright church and the Risen Lord. You can feel the excitement among the faithful and the services themselves take on a joyful, upbeat cadence."

<http://republicanherald.com/news/faithful-celebrate-the-resurrection-of-christ-at-easter-sunday-services-1.1466081>



Blessing of the Easter Baskets in Olyphant, PA

The Blessing of the Easter Baskets took place on March 30, 2013 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa at the Church's Parking Lot (207 River Street, Olyphant) Saturday. The services were conducted by Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, pastor and the Choir under the direction of Prof. Patrick Marcinko. As Ukrainian tradition continues, parishioners will have the Ukrainian Easter Baskets filled: Paska (bread), Pysanky (Ukrainian eggs), kielbasa, Ham, beet-horseradish, hard boiled egg, butter, Syrnyk (cheese), Kyshka (sausage) and veal. Each basket will be blessed individually as the priest walks around the perimeter of the parking lot. After the Easter baskets are blessed, parishioners proceeded to venerate at the church in front of the Plashchanytsia, the Holy Shroud of Jesus in the Tomb/Grave. On Easter Sunday, the food blessed from the basket will be eaten and shared with family and friends.
<http://www.stcyriils.maslar-online.com/>



Rev. Nestor Iwasiw blesses the Ukrainian Easter Baskets of the parishioners in Olyphant.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka at Good Friday Vespers at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA



Photo: Lisa Oprysk



Photo: Lisa Oprysk

Good Friday Vespers and Procession with Holy Shroud in Perth Amboy, NJ

On Good Friday, the Church strives to express her mourning over the passion and death of Jesus in every possible way. Special events are held throughout the day as a way for the faithful to revisit the events of that day. This year, the parishioners of the Assumption Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ with many students of the Parish School, participated at the moving service called solemn Vespers with the burial procession bearing the Holy Shroud. The Holy Shroud "plashchanitsa" is a winding sheet with the picture of Christ's



body lying dead in the tomb. After the procession made three times inside the Church,

the shroud was laid out for veneration on a replica of the sepulcher. Article submitted by

Rev. Ivan Turyk, pastor of Assumption Catholic Church.



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Good Friday Services in Olyphant, PA

“Good Friday” services were held at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa. on March 29, 2013 starting Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor conducted Vespers followed by the Procession of the Holy Shroud of Jesus (Plashchanytsia) as tradition, carried around the outside of the Church.



Father Nestor Iwasiw and Father John Wysochansky follow the Holy Shroud of Jesus/ Plashchanystia carried by Bill Vervon, Mike Sepinskypeninsky, John Sereditch and Matthew Beckage as they walk outside around SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church. (Photo: Lauren Telep)



Good Friday Service in Williamstown, NJ

Rev. Paul Makar incenses the Plashchanytsia at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Williamstown, NJ on March 29, 2013.

Watch a video on our blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

The Shroud of Turin replica on display in Bristol Twp.

By Alex Finnie

Twenty-one centuries ago, Jesus was laid to rest.

Today, Good Friday, and through April 6, a replica of the cloth believed to have covered Jesus' corpse is on display in Bristol Township. The Shroud of Turin replica, one of only nine approved by the Vatican and belonging to the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, can be seen at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church.

It's the exact size, shape and color of the original, which is preserved in Turin, Italy. The Holy Shroud measures 14 feet long and 35 feet wide and bears the image of a 5-foot-10-inch bearded, crucified man with apparent wounds and bloodstains that match the crucifixion account as recorded in the Bible, according to the archeparchy, the church's governing body. Many believe the image is of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe is the son of God, and was crucified.

The original goes on display only every 10 to

20 years in Turin, so the replicas give people the opportunity to see the shroud in all of its glory, according to the Rev. Daniel Troyan, chaplain for The Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase.

The Shroud of Turin has been studied so intensely over the years, and to this day experts still continue to debate the authenticity of the burial cloth, which some claim dates back to the first century.

"They can't prove that it is the real shroud and they can't disprove it. When they finished all the tests they had done in the '80s, the conclusion they came to was that they couldn't determine how it was created, what it was made of and why it existed," said Troyan. Many tests have been done on the shroud, including fabric and blood testing, according to Troyan. In 1982, carbon tests were performed on the cloth and results came back inconclusive and corrupted due to water damage and aging, he said. The tests claimed that the cloth dated back to the middle ages but that turned out to be incorrect, he added. The burn marks, coupled with



Father Gregory Maslak of St. Mary Parish points to the face on a copy of the Shroud of Turin, one of only a few copies in the world, which was temporarily on display at his church in Bristol Township. (Photo: Bill Fraser)

the pollen and dirt found on the shroud, dated the holy cloth all the way back to the first century, he said.

Shortly before Pope Benedict retired, he announced that the original Shroud of Turin will go on display for Catholics to view. The Shroud will be broadcast live on Italian state TV this Saturday and will give people in Italy a glimpse of this historic symbol of Jesus, according to dailymail.co/uk.

"Having the Shroud here helps us to truly remember and refocus on the extreme pain, the sacrifice and the love Jesus gave for all. It is truly an honor to have in

our church," says Mike Kapler, a member of St. Mary's.

The replica of the Shroud of Turin was on display Monday through Thursday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and from 11 a.m. Friday until 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's at 2026 Bath Road.

Adapted from the article on http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times_news/the-shroud-of-turin-replica-goes-on-display/article_83dc0ee3-45e6-5bc5-acd8-a79358ec439f.html

Article was written by: Bucks County Courier Times

Metropolitan Stefan Celebrates Holy Thursday Services in Olyphant, Pa.

OLYPHANT, PA— On Holy Thursday, March 28, the spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States was the main celebrant during traditional Holy Thursday services in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant, Pa.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, together with priests of the Philadelphia Archeparchy, celebrated the Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.

The Holy Thursday service commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood of Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. During the service, Metropolitan Stefan consecrated the Holy Myron (Chrism) and also performed the traditional Washing of the Feet reenacting the washing of the feet of His apostles by Jesus as recounted in the Gospel of John. He was also the homilist.

The Olyphant parish is one of the 10 parishes that comprise the North Anthracite Deanery of the Ukrainian Catholic

Archeparchy of Philadelphia. The pastor is Rev. Nestor Iwasiw. Rev. John Seniw is the Protopresbyter (Dean) of the North Anthracite Deanery, which also includes parishes in Berwick, Glen Lyon, Plymouth, Edwardsville, Simpson, Sayre, Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre, and Scranton.

Metropolitan Soroka has served as Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Philadelphia Archeparchy since his installation on February 27, 2001. He was named to be the spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States by His Holiness Pope John Paul II on November 29, 2000 upon the recommendation of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Since he became Metropolitan-Archbishop, Archbishop Stefan has conducted these Holy Thursday services in various deaneries of his expansive archdiocese, which covers eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia.



Metropolitan Stefan washes the feet of Rev. Roman Pitula during the reenactment. (L to R): Altar Server, Rev. Myron Myronyuk, Rev. Roman Pitula, Rev. Volodymyr Popyk, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, Rev. John Seniw, and Deacon Michael Waak (narrator.)



Metropolitan Stefan washes the feet of an Altar Server during the reenactment. (L to R): Rev. John Wysochansky, Rev. Ivan Demkiv, Rev. Ruslan Romanyuk, two Altar Servers and Rev. Nestor Iwasiw.

(Photos by Lauren Telep)

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(Photos by Lauren Telep)



The beginning of Liturgy at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA.



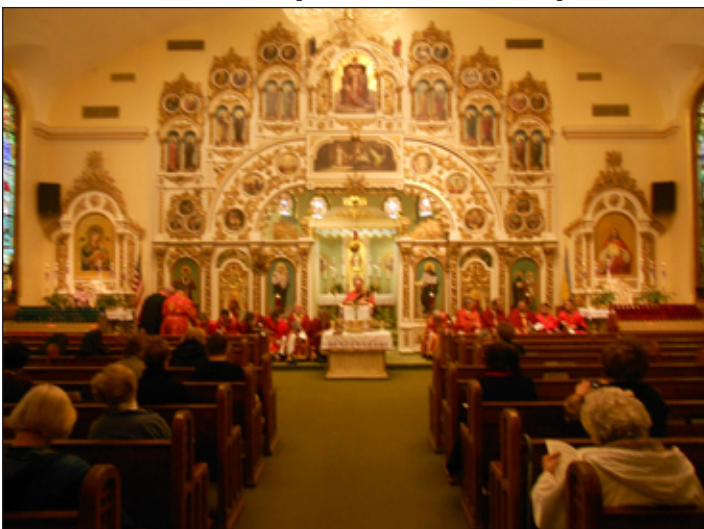
Metropolitan Stefan distributes Priest Communion to Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck.



Deacon Waak proclaims the Gospel.



Missionary Sisters and the faithful.



The Iconostas provides a magnificent background during the Washing of the Feet ceremony.



Metropolitan Stefan being interviewed by Television Station WYLN 35 Hazelton.

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SUNDAY OF MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN - April 14, 2013



At that time Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid. When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. (Mk. 15, 43 - 16, 8)

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulcher, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to anoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers.

Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Cleopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Savior, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Savior's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counselors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Mt. 27:60).

Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck Celebrates 75 Years of Priesthood

By: J. Brooks

April 3, 2013

Olyphant, Lackawanna County- "Today I give thanks to God," says Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck. He's celebrating his 75th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The 101-year-old arrived for the Divine Liturgy Wednesday morning, here at Saints Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant.

"I feel very humble that God and his goodness and love wanted to give me this gift of priesthood for 75-years," says Monsignor Hrynuck.

During his time at Saint Cyril's, Monsignor married over eight-hundred couples and baptized over two-thousand babies. We spoke with members of the church, who have known Monsignor Hrynuck all their lives.

"We have been honored to have him in our church. He married my parents, he baptized my



Rev. Nestor Iwasiw Pastor greets Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck on the 75th Anniversary of his ordination in 1938 at the Divine Liturgy 4/3/2013 at St. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant. (Photo: Lauren Telep)

brothers, all my brothers received holy communion here, we had a grade school here. We are just so honored to have him here. It is indeed a happy occasion," says Lauren Telep.

"He baptized all of my children, he married three of them, and all of my grandchildren are baptized here," says Marie Martin.

"I just thank God for everything because all the gifts that come, come from the Lord," says Monsignor.

We asked Monsignor Hrynuck his message on this day for the all the young people.

"To know God and to love Him. That's my message to everyone because

that's everything," says Monsignor Hrynuck.

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Keeping OUR PROMISE TO Protect

Did You Know...

1. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* was established by the USCCB in June 2002. It is a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. It has been revised in 2005 and 2011.
2. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of future acts of abuse.
3. The *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* begins with an apology from the bishops. *"Since 2002, the Church in the United States has experienced a crisis without precedent in our times. The sexual abuse of children and young people by some deacons, priests, and bishops, and the ways in which these crimes and sins were addressed, have caused enormous pain, anger, and confusion. As bishops, we have acknowledged our mistakes and our roles in that suffering, and we apologize and take responsibility again for too often failing victims and the Catholic people in the past. From the depths of our hearts, we bishops express great sorrow and profound regret for what the Catholic people have endured."*
4. The *Charter* directs action in all the following matters:
 - Healing and reconciliation of victims and survivors;
 - Making prompt and effective response to allegations;
 - Cooperating with civil authorities;
 - Disciplining offenders;
 - Creating a safe environment for children and young people;
 - Providing for means of accountability for the future to ensure the problem continues to be effectively dealt with through a national Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection and a National Review Board.
5. The *Charter* calls for annual audits of dioceses/eparchies to ascertain compliance with the *Charter* by the bishop and his diocese/eparchy. Annual Audits have been conducted since 2003. Of the 195 dioceses/eparchies 188 participated in the 2012 audit. Results of the audits are being published and a copy will be sent to the Holy See.
6. Safe Environment training is taking place in all audited dioceses/eparchies of the country. Over 2 million employees and volunteers have been trained to recognize the behavior of offenders and what to do about it.
7. Safe Environment training was provided to 166,311 educators; 37,952 priests, 15,669 deacons and 6,228 candidates for ordination to recognize the behaviors of offenders and what to do about it.
8. Background evaluations have been conducted on over 2 million volunteers and Church personnel who have contact with children.
9. In 2012, 164,372 educators, 37,991 priests, 15,684 deacons and 6,316 candidates for ordination have had their backgrounds evaluated.
10. All audited dioceses/eparchies have Codes of Conduct spelling out what is acceptable behavior. These codes serve to let people know what behaviors are and are not accepted as well as what behavior can be expected.
11. All dioceses/eparchies have Victim Assistance Coordinators, assuring victims that they will be heard. In 2012 dioceses/eparchies provided outreach to 2,170 victim/survivors.
12. Regardless of when the abuse occurred, a cleric against whom there is an established or admitted act of child sexual abuse is permanently removed from the priesthood. There is no statute of limitations for removing a cleric who has sexual abused a minor from public ministry in the Catholic Church. This year 172 priests were removed for past abuse first reported this year.
13. Dioceses/eparchies require intensive background screening as well as psychological testing for those wishing to enter the seminary. Audit figures for 2012 report out of 6,368 Candidates for Ordination 6,228 have been trained and 6,316 have had a background check.
14. Over 4,684,000 children were given the skills to recognize both a grooming process and to tell parents and other trusted adults about such behavior.
15. Again in 2012, no diocese or eparchy entered into confidentiality settlements unless the victim/survivors/survivor requested it and it was specifically noted in the agreement.
16. Dioceses/eparchies report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor to the civil authorities.
17. The *Charter* requires that all dioceses/eparchies be open and transparent regarding any and all cases of sexual abuse. Parishes affected by abuse are informed openly, honestly and compassionately of allegations.
18. There is a bishop representative from each episcopal region of the U.S. on the Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People.
19. The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection helps dioceses/eparchies/become and maintain compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* and to integrate the *Charter* into the diocesan way of life.
20. The National Review Board is a lay group appointed by the USCCB President to offer its advice on matters of child and youth protection to the Bishops' Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People. You can see who all the current members are on: <http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/nrb.shtml>



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CONVERSATION STARTERS

21. The Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People has designed orientation sessions to address questions new bishops and eparches may have regarding the *Charter* and the audit process.
22. The Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection develops resources for use by dioceses/eparchies. Many are compilations of information from the audit documents. Resources can be found on their website. <http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/resources.shtml>
23. Bishops and eparches communicate with each other on a regular basis to ensure a cleric who committed an act of sexual abuse is not transferred to another diocese or eparchy.
24. To ensure open communication between religious orders and bishops, a representative from the Conference of Major Superiors of Men serves on the Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People.
25. Recognizing the importance of on-going formation, bishops and eparches are committing time and resources to continued formation programs of chastity, celibacy and human formation for clerics.
26. Reconciliation among all people, especially those most affected by abuse is an on-going part of diocesan/eparchial outreach activities and efforts. Masses, retreats, prayer groups, healing gardens, evenings with the Bishop are a few examples of outreach efforts.
27. All dioceses/eparchies have written policies on the sexual abuse of minors by clerics and church personnel.
28. There are 53,930 clerics in the United States that are dedicated, holy men of integrity who work tirelessly to bring Christ to the faithful.

The Catholic Church has worked hard to protect children. Much has been done but more needs to be done. Until child sexual abuse is no longer a part of society, the Church will continue its efforts to stop it.

Does finding 25 minutes to talk to your children about safety seem impossible?
Try the following conversation starters:

KIDS (AGES 5 TO 8)

- Could you tell me our address? How about our home number? My work number? My cell phone number?
- Has anyone ever called or knocked on the door while I was gone? What did you do?
- Let's make a list of 3 people whom you can call in case of an emergency.
- Does your screenname or e-mail address give clues about who you are? If so, let's come up with a safer one.
- Who are your online friends? Do you know all of them in person?
- If you felt like you were in danger while walking to school, where would you go for help?
- If an adult approached you and asked for help, what would you do?
- If you got lost while we were in the park or at the store, what would you do? Whom should you ask for help?
- If someone touches you in a way that makes you uncomfortable or tries to take you away, you should yell "NO!" at the top of your voice. Let's practice saying "NO!" Then, let's see how fast you can run away.

TWEENS (AGES 9 TO 12)

- What websites do you like to visit? Can you show them to me?
- Have you ever come across anything online which made you feel uncomfortable?
- Do you think that it's safe to share your passwords with your friends? Do you think it's okay to share your passwords with your best friend?
- If something happened at school that made you feel bad or scared, would you tell me?
- Has anyone ever touched you in a way that made you feel scared or uncomfortable? Did you know what to do?

TEENS (AGES 13 TO 17)

- What kind of information do you feel is safe to share about yourself online?
- Are you comfortable with the information that you have posted online, knowing that it might be seen by friends, officials at your school, college and university admissions departments, and employers?
- Have you and your friends talked about what types of pictures are okay to post online? What about the comments you leave on each others pages?
- Do you and your friends stay together when you go out?
- What would you do if someone approached you on foot or in a vehicle? Do you know what to do if someone tries to touch or grab you inappropriately?

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METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE APRIL 2013

- 2 ARCHIEPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING, SISTERS OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT, FOX CHASE, PA.
- 4 ASCENSION MANOR BOARD MEETING
- 7 LITURGY AND BLESSING OF RENOVATED PARISH HALL, TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SHAMOKIN, PA.
- 9-11 MEETING OF EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH BISHOPS OF U.S.A., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
- 12, 13 ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS OF AMERICA.
- 16 MEETING OF HUMAN LIFE MINISTRY COMMITTEE.
- 18-20 PARTICIPATION IN SOBOR OF STAMFORD EPARCHY, STAMFORD, CT.
- 30 – MAY 2 CLERGY CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA, HERSHEY, PA.

Help Wanted - Ascension Manor Apartments

Social Services Coordinator

Ascension Manor Apartments is searching for a full-time Coordinator who will be responsible for coordinating social related services to the residents of Ascension Manor's I & II.

Qualifications include a degree in social work or psychology or other undergraduate degree with a specialization in Gerontology. At least 2 years of supervised social work experience is required with the ability to relate to and work with disabled and elderly residents. Ability to speak and write in either Ukrainian, Spanish or Cantonese is highly desirable. For immediate consideration, please fax your Resume with Cover Letter and Salary Requirements to (215) 922-3735. E.O.E



Flowery Sunday Breakfast Tradition Continues in Bridgeport, Pa. Parish

BRIDGEPORT, PA.-- A more than two decades old tradition continued on Flowery Sunday, March 24 in Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church here as the parish family broke bread together after the Divine Liturgy in the parish hall for the annual Flowery Sunday Breakfast.

This year the parish was honored to welcome Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, as the main celebrant for the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Metropolitan Stefan was the homilist and after the Divine Liturgy performed the traditional blessing of pussy willows and anointed the faithful. Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo, Chancellor and Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Popivchak, pastor of the parish, were co-celebrating priests during the Divine Liturgy.

Liturgical responses were sung by the Men's Choir of St. John Chrysostom Society.

After the Divine Liturgy, some 700 parishioners, family, neighbors and friends gathered in the social hall to enjoy the breakfast, prepared by the parish auxiliary and served by the girl's sodality.

Parish youth and members of the religious education program entertained those in attendance with a spring dance and reenacted the story of the first Flowery (Palm) Sunday.

Ss. Peter and Paul parish was founded in 1924 and has been served by Msgr. Popivchak since 1972.

Photos by Daniel Francis.



Metropolitan Stefan enters the church at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, escorted by altar servers and an Honor Guard of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.



Metropolitan Stefan blesses the faithful during the Divine Liturgy on Flowery Sunday in Bridgeport, Pa.



The faithful during the Divine Liturgy.



Palm Sunday Reenactment by parish youth after the Divine Liturgy.

UGCC Marks 55th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination of Major-Archbishop Emeritus Lubomyr Husar

1 April 2013

On March 30, Supreme Archbishop Emeritus of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Lubomyr Husar marked the 55th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

In his greeting address in the end of the thanksgiving Liturgy, Secretary of the Synod of UGCC Bishop Bohdan Dziurakh said that Lord God "entrusted to the soul and hands of His Beatitude Lubomyr the priceless gift of Christ's priesthood and has for 55 years poured through his hands blessings and countless gifts upon our Church and people," reported the Information Department of UGCC.

His Beatitude Lubomyr finished his secondary education at the minor seminary in Stamford, Connecticut. Then he studied philosophy at Saint Basil's College, where in 1954 he received a bachelor's degree.

He finished theological studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In 1958 as a student of Saint Josaphat's Major Seminary he received a licentiate in theology. On March 30 of the same

year Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn ordained Lubomyr Husar a priest to serve in the Eparchy of Stamford.

In 1958-1959 he served as teacher and prefect at Saint Basil's Seminary in Stamford, and also ministered in Kerhonkson, New York, as the pastor of the Soyuzivka resort of the Ukrainian National Association and the camp of the Ukrainian Youth Association of America in Ellenville, New York.

From 1965 he was pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Kerhonkson.

He continued studies at Fordham University in New York, studying philosophy.

In 1967 he received a master's degree.

In 1969 he moved to Rome to continue theological studies, which he completed with a doctorate in theology in 1972.

In 1972 His Beatitude Lubomyr entered the Monastery of Saint Theodore (monks of the Studite Order) in Grottaferrata, Italy.

From 1973 to 1984 His Beatitude taught at the



Major-Archbishop Emeritus Lubomyr Husar

Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome and carried out various tasks for Patriarch Josyf.

On April 2, 1977, in the monastery of the Studite Order in Castel Gandolfo near Rome he was ordained a bishop by Patriarch Josyf Slipyj. In 1978 Patriarch Josyf appointed Bishop Husar as archimandrite of the Monastery of Saint Theodore and also responsible for the monasteries of the Studite Order outside Ukraine.

From 1984 to 1991 he was protosynkellos (chancellor) in Rome of the Lviv Archeparchy.

In 1993 together with whole community from Grottaferrata he returned to his native land.

In 1993-94 he served as a chaplain at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv. In 1995 the community settled in

the Monastery of Saint Theodore Studite in the village of Kolodijivka, Ternopil' Region.

In November 1996 His Beatitude Lubomyr was appointed auxiliary bishop to the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

On January 26, 2001, at an extraordinary Synod of Bishops he was elected Major Archbishop of the UGCC.

On February 21, 2001, he was appointed by Pope John Paul II a cardinal of the Catholic Church.

On August 21, 2005, the transfer of the seat of the head of the UGCC from Lviv to Kyiv was proclaimed.

In 2001-2011, His Beatitude Lubomyr headed the UGCC.

<http://risu.org.ua>

Head of UGCC Leads Church Delegation to Holy Land

6 April 2013

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, led a delegation of the UGCC to the Holy Land. The delegation is to stay there from April 4 to 10. The pilgrimage is organized on the occasion of the Year of Faith. The delegation is to visit Tel-Aviv, Haifa, Capernaum, Nazareth and other places.

“Our main goal is pilgrimage. On the occasion of the Year of Faith and the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine, we decided to organize a prayer trip to the place from which the Gospel of Christ spread out all over the world,” said the primate in a commentary.

The delegation also intends to visit the Church of Jerusalem and meet with Ukrainians working there, the Information Department of UGCC reports. <http://risu.org.ua/ua>

UGCC Will Have Churches in the Holy Land

8 April 2013

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, on April 5 met in Haifa with Archbishop Elias Chacour of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church. The hierarchs discussed possibilities of an increase of UGCC presence in Israel.

According to the Information Department of UGCC, Patriarch Shevchuk thanked

Archbishop Chacour for his visit to Kyiv last year. He stressed that the visit of the UGCC delegation “is a sign of respect and support.”

“Another reason for our visit is that our church will celebrate the 1025th anniversary of Baptism. Therefore, it is an important gesture to visit the Church of Jerusalem before such an event. The third reason is to meet with our faithful and assure them of our

care,” said the Primate.

According to the senior priest of the church in Haifa, Fr. Rastislav Dvorovy, there are 7 thousand faithful of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church according to official information and twice as many according to unofficial sources. There is also southern Israel. According to him, they are mostly itinerary workers. If not provided with care, they usually go to Protestants. Therefore, it is important to have priests speaking at least one of the Slavic languages.

Having heard all the proposals as to an increase of UGCC presence in Israel, Archbishop Chacour stressed that he can

provide as many church buildings as necessary to ensure that Ukrainian Greek Catholics have places to pray. However, Fr. Dvorovy noted that the issue of the lack of priests is more urgent than the question of church buildings in the Holy Land. Services for Ukrainian Greek Catholics are currently conducted only twice a week in Haifa and Tel Aviv-Jaffa.

Therefore, one should expect that the UGCC will now work on increasing the presence of its priests in the Holy Land.

The head of UGCC and Archbishop Chacour signed an agreement as a result of the meeting. <http://risu.org.ua/ua>



Archbishop Elias Chacour

EASTER DINNER "SVIACHENE" CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN SCRANTON, PA

Father Myron Myronyuk and his Parish Family of Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Scranton will hold their annual traditional Ukrainian Easter Dinner "Sviachene" celebration on Sunday, April 21, 2013, beginning at 12 noon in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Takeouts available from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$6.00 children age 6-12; age 5 and under free. For reservations or information call 570 346-2414. Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, April 16. Divine Liturgy is at 10:30am.



Committee Photo

Front Row, left to right: Dorothy Fleck, Kathleen Izak and Helen "Lovey" Pietryka
Back Row, left to right: Jean Pedley, David Pedley, Father Myron Myronyuk and Mark Izak

"Sviachene" at Melrose Park, PA

On Sunday, April 7th, more than 100 parishioners of Annunciation of the BVM Church in Melrose Park were welcomed to the church hall by their pastor, Rev. Ihor Royik, for the annual "Sviachene". (Photos: Russell Cooke)



10,000 visit replica of Shroud

SHENANDOAH, PA - About 10,000 people visited St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Chestnut and Oak streets, during the two weeks in late February and early March that an official Vatican replica of the Shroud of Turin was on display, according to Monsignor Myron Grabowsky, parish pastor.

"I'm sure the Lord Himself directed people to come," Grabowsky told members of the Greater Shenandoah Area Chamber of Commerce during their March meeting. "I couldn't believe how many people visited. We had five different schools bring their entire enrollment to the church."

The original Shroud of Turin is in safekeeping in the royal chapel of St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Turin, Italy. Many believe it to be the actual burial cloth of Jesus Christ. The Shroud bears an image of a man who was crucified, flogged and had head wounds consistent with a cap or crown of thorns - not an ordinary set of afflictions for the time and borne uniquely by Christ.

Grabowsky said a report about the Shroud's visit has been submitted to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, which in turn will be forward to the Vatican to provide information on the response to the replica. Nine such replicas have been authorized by the Vatican.

"Shenandoah is known all over, and if you weren't before, you're known now as a good town, and praise God for that," Grabowsky told chamber directors, apparently referencing less favorable notoriety the community has received in recent times.

St. Michael parish is the first Ukrainian Catholic church in America. The original church still stands on West Centre Street near Catherine Street in Shenandoah. *Adapted from the article on <http://republicanherald.com>*

Replica of Shroud of Turin Exhibit at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Wilmington, DE on March 22, 2013

by Sonyia Brake

Students from Aquinas Academy visited St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church to see an exhibit of the Shroud of Turin. Presentations were made by Jerry Dawson from the Knights of Columbus and the pastor of St. Nicholas, Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka.



The Replica of the Shroud of Turin in Bristol, PA

The Replica of the Shroud of Turin was on display at Protection of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church (St. Mary's) in Bristol, PA, during Holy Week and Bright Week. Below is a group picture from the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, 2013. Among those pictured are Rev. Gregory Maslak, pastor of St. Mary's, and Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, the Director of Evangelization at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. After the two week visit in Bristol, PA, the Replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Jenkintown, PA until April 21, 2013. (Photo provided by Steven Schaeber, Grand Knight KofC Pokrova Council.)



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