

New Jersey Man to be Ordained a Priest

Philadelphia – Sacred Scripture tells the account of Joseph and Mary searching for their son Jesus on one occasion when they were visiting Jerusalem for Passover. Upon finding Jesus, his parents were very upset. Jesus for his part tells them that they should not have been concerned at all, because he was in his Father's house (the temple) at work: listening, questioning, and praying. If you are looking for Roman Sverdan, and cannot find him, you should not try Walmart, the movie theater, or his bedroom. Nine times out of ten, you simply need to check the church

or chapel and there you will find Roman, also in his Father's house at work: praying, listening and conversing with the Lord.

Forty-eight years ago, a man was born in the godless and tyrannical Soviet Regime controlled Ukraine. Despite the efforts of the communist state to annihilate the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, the man's parents fostered in their new son a Christian life of prayer and devotion to Jesus. Although it would be almost a half-century before the man would be

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**Deacon
Roman Sverdan**



Happy Father's Day!

On this Father's Day, June 16th, the staff of "The Way" lovingly greets all our Fathers. We wish you good health, prosperity, and peace. May the Merciful Lord bless you and your family with His choicest blessings for many happy and blessed years. May He grant all our departed Fathers blessed repose and eternal memory in Heaven!

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able to answer the call of Christ to follow Him, the call would never end, and so, the world shall be blessed with a new priest.

It is with great joy that the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia announces that on Sunday, June 23, 2013, it calls Reverend Deacon Roman Sverdan to be ordained to the order of presbyter by the laying on of hands by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Holy Mother of God in Philadelphia, PA.

Deacon Sverdan was born on October 12, 1965, to the late Petro and Maria (Lisayko) Sverdan in Limna, Ukraine. He grew up with two brothers, Fedir and Andriy, and one sister, Maria Dnistrian.

While living in Ukraine, Deacon Sverdan attended the local schools and completed the Technical School program in automotive mechanics. He is also a veteran of the Soviet Army serving as a cook and an ambulance driver for two years. Later,

Deacon Sverdan worked in the Siberian oil fields as a cook and as a crane operator. In 2000, he decided to come to the United States and settled in New Jersey where he began working as a painting contractor.

During this time while working, he became an active parishioner in Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Brunswick. After a period of discernment and with the encouragement of Fr. Andriy Rabiyy, he began to explore the possibility of answering the call to be a priest. Literally after traveling thousands of miles, crossing borders and an ocean, having lived under communist domination, risking ridicule and discrimination for practicing his faith, and finally coming to America, it was then that he could finally try to answer Jesus' call. And so, he sought the further assistance of the local priests and in 2005, he was accepted as a seminarian for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia by Archbishop Stefan Soroka.

He attended St. Basil Seminary in Stamford,

CT for one year, and then in 2006, transferred to St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, DC. While attending St. Josaphat Seminary, he studied Intensive English Language and Writing for University Students at the Catholic University of America. In the fall of 2009, he transferred to Holy Apostles Seminary and College in Cromwell, CT. Holy Apostles specializes in helping older men who want to be priests to achieve their goal and complete philosophical and theological studies with a program that is designed for more mature students.

Deacon Sverdan studied philosophy and theology at Holy Apostles for five years. During his formation, he devoted his spare time to apostolic ministries at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown. He would also help serve and assist the priest, read the epistle, and later minister as a deacon at the Divine Liturgy in St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hartford, CT. During the summers and at holiday times, he was assigned to help at our parishes in Bristol, Centralia, and Shamokin, PA, and in

New Brunswick and Perth Amboy, New Jersey. After being ordained a deacon in June of 2012, he completed a 400 hour Clinical Pastoral Education Internship in the Pastoral Care Department of St. Mary's Medical Center in Langhorne, PA. In May, he graduated from Holy Apostles College and Seminary with a Certificate in Studies for Priestly Ordination.

Deacon Sverdan enjoys cooking and also helping others in any way that he might be able. During his younger years, he enjoyed skiing and playing soccer. When asked about what was the most important thing he learned while in seminary, he paused and thought and answered, "I learned to be patient, humble, respectful of all people, and to help lead people to find Jesus." Ordinarily, it takes almost eight years after high school for a man to become a priest. The journey for Roman Sverdan has taken a while longer. But as most things in life that are good, take some time to get – the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy is getting something awesome – Father Roman Sverdan. Axios – Axios – Axios!



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METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S REFLECTION FOR FATHER'S DAY

On June 16th of this year, we will give special thought to our father on Father's Day. We will celebrate thanksgiving for him in prayers, in word and with acts of intimacy. For those of us whose father has passed, we will pray for his soul and celebrate good memories of him. We will reflect on how a father shares in the Fatherhood of God. Every father shares in the gift of giving life and then nurturing it through limitless care and kindness. A father is actively challenged to preserve life and to foster fruitful family life. He fulfills this with prayer and trust in God the Father, and with providing good example in love, words and action to all who look to him for direction and instruction.

Let our heart and mind be filled with gratitude for the love and inspiring example given to you and me by our earthly father. Pray for your father, and for the courage to yourself be a person who nurtures and preserves life in others. Ask God for strength and inspiration to be the caring father figure you are called to be in your family, in your parish, in your community. Dedicate the actions in your life to inspire yourself and others to be better persons, the person each of us are called to be in the image of God.

Jesus spoke of God as Father in his teaching. He taught humanity to pray, "Our Father, who art in heaven..." The first record of Jesus speaking is his response, "Do you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The last words that Jesus spoke from the cross were, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit". Jesus spoke to God naturally and simply, like a man to his friend and like a child to his father. He simply addressed God knowing that he would listen sympathetically and kindly, hearing his requests and giving him guidance.

Cultivate that same kind of intimate relationship of prayer with your heavenly Father. His love surpasses all human loves. The greatest need you and I have is a vital, personal relationship with our heavenly Father. Doing this will enable us to nurture and preserve life as children of our heavenly Father and of our earthly father. Congratulations and God's immense blessings upon all fathers and their families as we gratefully celebrate Father's Day! God grant to all fathers many blessed and happy years! To the souls of the loving departed fathers, God grant eternal rest!

Infused With the Grace of Holy Spirit – Deacon Walter Pasicznyk

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, amidst rainy weather and blossoming greenery, Subdeacon Walter Pasicznyk was elevated to the Order of Deacon by the hands of Metropolitan Stefan Soroka. The Ordination Liturgy took place at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bethlehem, PA, and was well attended by parishioners, friends, and family of Deacon Walter, who came to offer their prayers in joyous celebration of the Descent of the Holy Spirit and the ordination of Deacon Walter.

It is very meaningful and blessed to witness the elevation of a Deacon on the Feast of Pentecost. On this day, the faithful joyfully celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles of Jesus Christ, which was the fulfillment of the promised coming of the Paraclete that would fill the Apostles and enable them to spread the word of the Good News of the Gospel of Christ to all the world. Just as the bursting greenery of the season reminds us of how life burst forth in the Apostles when they were filled with the promised advocate and redeemer, the Holy Spirit, we too are reminded how the life given by the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostles to go forth and blossom in bringing the Gospel to all the nations.



Deacon Walter receives a particle of the Holy Eucharist from the hands of Metropolitan Stefan Soroka.

Metropolitan Stefan laid his hands on Deacon Walter that day of “Green Sunday/Zeleniy Sviat”, and prayed the words, “Divine Grace, which always cures the infirm, and supplies what is lacking, elevates the devout Subdeacon Walter to the diaconate; therefore, let us pray that the grace of the most Holy Spirit may come upon him, . . .” At that moment, just as the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, just as the He descends upon the gifts of bread and wine at every Divine Liturgy, so too did the Paraclete descend upon Deacon Walter and elevated him to that holy order. Infused with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, Deacon Walter’s soul was indelibly and mysteriously touched by God, and now is filled with Divine Grace to go forth and serve our faithful as a Deacon, assisting the Bishop and Priests and proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord at the Divine Liturgy, going forth to minister to the sick and suffering, and giving himself in humble service to the Church.

Deacon Walter is currently a seminarian of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia entering his final year of studies at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC. He is serving his summer assignment at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bethlehem, PA, while engaged in Clinical Pastoral Education at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, PA. May God grant our new Deacon Walter long life and many happy years!

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Metropolitan Stefan with Deacon Walter and the attending clergy, altar boys, and Knights of Columbus.



Metropolitan Stefan with Deacon Walter, attending clergy, altar boys, and the family of Deacon Walter.

JUNE 9, 2013

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - JUNE 9, 2013



The Lord said: "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Mt. 6, 22 - 33)

Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - June 24th

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child receives his name.

Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation.

Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yahweh is gracious."



Pastoral Message for Sunday, June 2, 2013

To the Reverend Clergy, Religious and Our God-loving Faithful: Peace in the Lord and our Archbishopal Blessing!

During the Divine Liturgy today, as your priest reads this message to you, what do you see on each side of him?

To the left, you see the icon of the Mother of God lovingly caressing in her arms, the infant Jesus Christ.

To the right, you see the icon of Jesus Christ, usually holding the Book of Life, for Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

The placement of these sacred images in this location is not simply for artistic beauty, but to serve as reminders to all of us of the importance of our faith and most importantly to remind us what happens when we gather as a parish family to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

The icon of Mary and the Infant Jesus represents the first coming of Jesus Christ into the world. "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." (Jn.1:14)

The icon of Jesus Christ, reminds us of the second coming of Our Lord and Savior, which we profess

every time we recite the Creed "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. . . ."

Today we live in the time period that spans His first coming, some two thousand years ago and His second coming of which "about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." (Mk. 13:32)

Now is the time of preparation, for us to prepare for His second coming. And Jesus Christ, through the Church, gives Himself to us to assist us in preparing for His second coming.

Through the Royal Doors, from the altar, we receive Jesus Christ, both in Word and in the Holy Eucharist.

Through the proclamation of God's Word, the Gospel, we are taught the truths of our faith, we are nourished on the Word of God and receive the wisdom of Jesus Christ through His evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This Word teaches us how to live in a complex,

secular world and how to seek holiness and eternal salvation. And Our Lord reminds us of the importance of the Gospel with these words "Blessed are they who hear and word of God and keep it." (Lk. 11:28).

In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Christ gives us His Body and Blood, "for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting." Through the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, by partaking of these Holy Mysteries, we are reminded of His words, "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn. 6:54)

Throughout the ages, there have always been those who have had difficulty believing that our humble gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Divine Liturgy. Each generation in every age must be taught and must proclaim this truth of our faith.

St. John Chrysostom, the Doctor of the Eucharist, eloquently expresses this truth in these words to

his friend St. Basil: "For when you see the Lord sacrificed, and laid upon the altar, and the priest standing and praying over the victim, and all the worshippers empurpled with that precious blood, can you then think that you are still among men, and standing upon the earth? Are you not, on the contrary, straightway translated to Heaven, and casting out every carnal thought from the soul, do you not with disembodied spirit and pure reason contemplate the things which are in Heaven? Oh! What a marvel! What love of God to man! He who sits on high with the Father is at that hour held in the hands of all, and gives Himself to those who are willing to embrace and grasp Him. And this all do through the eyes of faith!" (On the Priesthood, Book III.4)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus Christ is present to us in every Divine Liturgy to teach us how to live and to prepare us for His second coming. Through the Gospel, we are nourished with

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the Word. Through the Holy Eucharist, we are nourished with His Body and Blood.

But what happens in each church, from the smallest village to the largest metropolis, does not happen in isolation. Each community of Christian faithful is united through the Holy Eucharist, to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church that Jesus Christ entrusted to His apostles on the Feast of Pentecost, the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

This weekend, our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked that our attention be directed to the universality of the Church and the communion of unity that we share. Pope Benedict XVI in proclaiming the Year of Faith, believed this would be an opportunity "to intensify the celebration of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed and also the source from which all its power flows"

(Porta fidei, n. 9). Each time your parish family gathers together to celebrate the Divine Liturgy, each of you, a child of God, is preparing for the second coming of Our Lord and Savior. My prayer is that each of you may always hear the Word of God and keep it, may always receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting, and that each of you will be welcomed into eternal life when He comes again in

glory to judge the living and the dead.

May the grace and love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit always be with you and your families.

**+Most Reverend
Stefan Soroka**

Archbishop of Philadelphia
for Ukrainians

Metropolitan of Ukrainian
Catholics in the United
States

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ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR
**METROPOLITAN-ARCHBISHOP
STEFAN SOROKA**
ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
31 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD AND
17 YEARS OF SERVING THE
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC
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ON JUNE 13TH.

MANY HAPPY & BLESSED YEARS!

Ordained Priest:
June 13, 1982
Ordained Bishop:
June 13, 1996
Appointed
Metropolitan-Archbishop:
November 29, 2000
Enthroned:
February 27, 2001



THREE BASILIAN SISTERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN JUBILEES

Sisters, clergy, family and friends gathered at the Basilian Motherhouse Saturday, May 25, 2013, to honor three members of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great for fifty years of dedicated service.

The day's festivities recognizing golden jubilarians Sr. Olga Marie Faryna, OSBM, Sr. Francis Bukaczyk, OSBM, and Sr. Rose Anna Bukaczyk, OSBM began in Holy Trinity Chapel with the 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy celebrated by Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, PA, Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford, CT, Very Rev. Philip Sandrick, OSBM, Provincial Superior of the Basilian Fathers, Rev. Daniel Troyan, Basilian Motherhouse Chaplain, and Rev. Peter Shyshka, Principal of St. George Academy, NYC.

In his homily, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan likened the three Sisters to the myrrh-bearing women of the Gospel who, at first fearful, left Jesus' empty tomb to boldly spread the word of the Resurrection, as do religious Sisters of



(front row L-R) Jubilarians Sisters Olga Marie Faryna, Francis Bukaczyk, Rose Anna Bukaczyk, (back row L-R) Rev. Peter Shyshka, Rev. Daniel Troyan, Most Rev. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Very Rev. Philip Sandrick, OSBM

today follow their mission to evangelize. His Grace thanked Sisters Olga Marie, Francis and Rose Anna for their fifty years of consecrated service to the Church and cited Pope Francis' reminder to religious that the vow of chastity pronounced by religious widens their ability to give themselves to God and to others. "You are icons of Mary, living icons to all you touch." Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan commended the jubilarians for responding to God's call, thus following the example set

over one hundred years ago by their province foundress, Mother Helena Langevych.

Before receiving the Eucharist, Sisters Olga Marie, Francis and Rose Anna renewed their sacred vows as members of the Order of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great and at Liturgy's end, voices rose in song to wish them "Many Happy Years."

At the celebratory dinner, a toast was offered by Sr. Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, OSBM, President of

Manor College. Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM, Master of Ceremonies, read congratulatory letters from Most Rev. Richard Seminack Eparch of Chicago, IL, and Most Rev. John Bura Eparch of Parma, OH.

In her congratulatory address, Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior, compared the three jubilarians' passage through religious life to a "road less traveled by",

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a journey of twists and turns, highs and lows and encountering the unexpected.

Reflecting on the three Sisters' lives of consecration in the Order, Sr. Dorothy Ann recounted Sr. Olga Marie's years of teaching in parochial elementary schools in Auburn, NY, and Chicago, IL, supervising the children at St. Basil Home in Philadelphia, PA, being the caregiver for her ailing mother, and helping to establish a Pastoral Ministry Office in the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Pittsburgh, PA. Sr. Olga Marie is presently the Service Coordinator at Sheptytsky Arms in Pittsburgh, coordinator of adult catechesis in eparchial parishes and the coordinator of the newly formed Parma, OH Regional Basilian Associate Program.

In the 1980's, Sisters Francis and Rose Anna Bukaczyk, sisters by birth, were accepted into the Basilian Province of Jesus, Lover of Humanity from the Argentinian Province where they had been actively engaged in the apostolate. The change enabled the two sisters to be reunited with

members of their family who had settled in the United States.

As a member of the Fox Chase Province, Sr. Francis has served at St. Basil Home in Philadelphia and in parochial schools in Newark, NJ, Chester, PA, Olyphant, PA, Parma, OH, Northampton, PA, and Hamtramck, MI. Sister is presently teaching in Chicago, IL.

Her sister, Sr. Rose Anna, has taught in parish schools in Syracuse, NY, Parma, OH, Chicago, IL, Chester, PA, Olyphant, PA, Northampton, PA, and Philadelphia. At present, Sister teaches at St. George School in New York City. Both Sisters also acted as loving caregivers for members of their family.

As the celebration drew to a close, the Sister jubilarians expressed gratitude to all present for their attendance and for their constant prayers and support. The day's festivities ended with the reading of the poem "Lord of Creation" especially composed for the occasion by Sr. Judith Piszyk, OSBM.

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(L-R) Sister Olga Marie Faryna, OSBM, Sister Francis Bukaczyk, OSBM, Sister Rose Anna Bukaczyk, OSBM



(front row L-R) Sisters Dorothy Ann Busowski, Lydia Anna Sawka, (back row L-R) Sisters Maria Rozmarynowycz, Olga Marie Faryna, Ann Laszok, Francis Bukaczyk, Joann Sosler, Rose Anna Bukaczyk

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Ukrainian Seminary Day to be held on Sunday, July 28th

The 79th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 28th at St. Nicholas Church picnic grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville) PA. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their pastors. Plans for the day include:

- A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and clergy of the deanery
- Delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery
- A concert and dance performance by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble
- Polka music by the fabulous John Stephen's Doubleshot
- Many vendors selling Ukrainian and Eastern European Items
- A theme basket auction
- Games for the kids



Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble

We invite everyone from near and far to attend!

Clifton Heights "Super 4th of July/Summer Barbeque Kielbasa Ring/Link Sale" - Orders Now Being Taken!

In time for the July 4th Holiday and your summer barbeques, we are offering delicious Kielbasa Rings and Kielbasa Links. Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Clifton Heights, in conjunction with one of the area's well-known kielbasa makers, proudly announces the 2013 "Super 4th of July/Summer Barbeque Kielbasa Ring/Link Sale". We are offering mouth-watering, high quality kielbasa for the unbelievably low price of only \$11.00 per ring or 4 links for \$6.00. For your convenience, we now are able to accept your orders via email. To place your kielbasa orders, please email us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731 by Monday, June 24th. Pickup will be at noon on Sunday, June 30th, at our Church which is located at 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights, PA.

Lancaster Mission Parish

A Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will be celebrated at St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church (601 East Delp Road, Lancaster, PA) every Sunday at 1:30PM. Officiating celebrant - Very Rev. Andriy Raby, pastor of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Reading. The services are bilingual, in Ukrainian and English. For more information, please call 610.376.0586, send email nativitybvmucc@mail.com, or find us on FACEBOOK, <https://www.facebook.com/ukrainianmissionlancasterpa>

Rehoboth Beach, DE

Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka will celebrate Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE, at 6:00 PM on Sundays: June 30, July 28 and August 25, 2013. (Last Sunday of the month during June, July, and August.) St. Edmund's Roman Catholic Church is located on the Intersection of King Charles Avenue and Laurel Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

59th ANNUAL HOLY DORMITION (ASSUMPTION) PILGRIMAGE
AUGUST 10 – 11, 2013

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

Theme: *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism*

Saturday, August 10

12:00 noon FOOD AVAILABLE AT PAVILION
THROUGHOUT WEEKEND

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Workshops – (See below)

5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy –

Rev. Jack Custer, main celebrant (grotto – English)

Eparchy of Passaic

Choir – Cantor Joseph Durko and Chanters from the Byzantine Catholic Church of the
Resurrection, Smithtown, NY

Blessing of Water (front of Villa)

8:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession (grotto – English)

Rev. Edward Cimbala - main celebrant / homilist – Administrator of the Eparchy of Passaic

Panahyda – St. Mary's Villa chapel

Sunday, August 11

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

**10:00 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy and procession with icons of the Mother of God, and
the martyrs Blessed Josaphata and Blessed Tarsykia
followed by blessing of flowers**

Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of Stamford – Celebrant / Homilist

Most Rev. Stephen Sulyk, Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia

Choir: St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ

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

1:00 – 1:40 p.m. Ukrainian Workshops – (See below)

1:00 p.m. Procession for children/youth

1:30 p.m. Healing Service with Akathist (St. Mary's Villa chapel & grotto steps)

Blessing of Religious Articles (front of St. Joseph's) - Rev. Edward Young

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

Activity for children – Sr. Eliane, Sr. Tekla

3:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Ukrainian –grotto)

Rev. Ihor Midzak – main celebrant / homilist

Blessing of cars and buses – Rev. Ivan Tyhovych

CONFESSION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Workshops - "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

Saturday (English) all presentations will be in the gallery

2:00 Rev. Jack Custer – "One Lord"

2:45 Sr. Michele Yakmovitch, SSMI – "One Faith"

3:30 V. Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo – "One Baptism"

Sunday (Ukrainian)

1:00 Rev. Leo Goldade, OSBM – "One Lord & One Faith"

1:40 V. Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo – "One Baptism"

*****Youth Campout – Sr. Natalya, SSMI *****

V. Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo, Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator



HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE AFTERNOON CONFERENCES

2:00 - One Lord

Rev. Jack Custer



Fr. Jack Custer is a native of Jersey City and a Byzantine Catholic by choice. He earned degrees in Biblical Studies and Theology in Rome and was ordained to the priesthood for the Eparchy of Passaic in 1983. He has pastored parishes in Connecticut and Pennsylvania and served for 13 years as Dean and Professor of Scripture at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh. He has published four books and a number of articles focusing especially on the interplay between the Scriptures and the Liturgy in the Byzantine Tradition. He has been especially active in ministry to teens in the Ruthenian Metropolia and currently serves as pastor of the Byzantine Catholic communities of Long Island, St. Andrew the Apostle parish in Westbury and Resurrection parish in Smithtown.

**Saturday
English
Conferences**



3:30- One Baptism

**Very Rev. Archpriest
Bohdan Danylo**

Very Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo is the Rector/President of St. Basil College Seminary, Vocations Director for the Eparchy of Stamford. He is the Eparchial Representative for the Working Group for the Strategic Development of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Patriarchal Commission for Priestly Formation. Fr. Bohdan also serves as the Spiritual Moderator for the Holy Dormition Pilgrimage.

2:45 - One Faith

Sister Michele Yakymovitch, SSMI



Sr. Michele Yakymovitch, SSMI is the Administrator of St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, which is owned and operated by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY. Sr. Michele was the Provincial Superior for 15 years from 1996 - 2011. She has served on various committees within the village of Sloatsburg and Town of Ramapo. Presently, she serves on the Pastoral Planning Committee with the Diocese of Stamford.

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism

Один Господь, одна віра, одне Хрещення

Sunday - Ukrainian Conferences

1:00 - One Lord & One Faith

Rev. Leo Lawrence Goldade, OSBM



Fr. Leo Lawrence Goldade, OSBM is Provincial Vicar, Superior and Master of Novices at St. Josaphat's Monastery in Glen Cove, Long Island, NY for the past 2 years. He was formerly Consulter General for the Basilian Order and Spiritual Director for Graduate Students from Ukraine at the Istituto Della Patrocinio BVM in Rome from 1976 to 2011. He was formerly a Spiritual Director for St. Basil's Prep (1973 - 1982) and St. Basil's College (circa 1987 -1996) as well as Catechist at St. George Academy (1980 - 1990) and Parochial Assistant at St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church (1980 - 1986).



1:40 - One Baptism

**Very Rev. Archpriest
Bohdan Danylo**

Pilgrimage weekend August 10-11, 2013 Sloatsburg, NY

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Saturday - Sunday August 10-11
Sloatsburg, NY



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join Sisters Eliane and Tekla,
for our 1st
Children's Procession -
1:00 p.m. Sunday
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special Talk and receive a
special blessing for the new
school year.
2:00 p.m. - Activity on Ter-
race of St. Mary's Villa for
children ages 5-12.

Outstanding achievements in Math on the COOP exams by students of St. Nicholas – Passaic, NJ

Daniel Loukachouk (right) and classmate Stefan Klics proudly show off their certificates in recognition of their outstanding achievements in Math on the COOP exams earlier this school year. The two scored in the 96th and 99th percentiles nationally. Both eighth-graders have attended St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School since Pre-K.



Student of St. Nicholas – Passaic Wins AAA Traffic Safety Contest

Sixth grader Michael Lechicky was very excited to be visited at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School by Steve Rajczyk of AAA. Michael's poster won Third Place from among all middle-school entries in the state of New Jersey in the AAA Traffic Safety Contest. Pictured (l-r) are Principal Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI; Assistant Principal Mrs. Sonia Lechicky; Michael; Mr. Rajczyk of AAA; and sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Kathy Janz.



MAY CELEBRATION AT SS. PETER & PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN JERSEY CITY, NJ



On May 12, the children of the parish held their Annual Mother's Day Procession honoring the Blessed Mother before the 11 AM Divine Liturgy. Jessica Demianicz presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. After the Liturgy, Father Vasyl Putera, Pastor remembered all the deceased and living Mothers and presented red carnations to all the Mothers in the parish.

On May 19, Orest Polishchuk, Director of Ridna Shkola, the teachers and children celebrated Jessica Demianicz graduation and receiving her diploma from Matura and the Ukrainian School. Jessica had been a Ridna Shkola student since Pre-K. The children from the Senior "Mesnyky", Jersey City CYM, under the direction of Oxsana Bartkiv, President, performed a Cultural Evening at the Kozak Sitch. The Junior CYM Group recited poetry to honor their Mothers, Glorify the "Ukrainian Kozaks" and Commemorate the Holodomor Ukraine Genocide '32-'33. Father Vasyl gave his Blessings to Jessica Demianicz, the youth participants and all the parishioners.



Marie Laski, Catechist

Saint Basil Academy Offers Summer Enrichment Program And Fun Summer Camps

Jenkintown, PA – Saint Basil Academy invites pre-7th, 8th and 9th grade girls to enroll in an academic summer enrichment program offering a unique combination of educational and creative opportunities to reinforce learning, to instill new skills and to help prepare for a future in a challenging high school. Our program begins on June 24, and runs for three weeks, Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm. No classes are held on July 4th.



These classes offer students an opportunity to reinforce what they have studied, to learn new skills preparing for the future, and to experience the atmosphere of a college-preparatory high school. The program is also a great chance to enjoy the beautiful outdoor campus of Saint Basil Academy and to meet new friends. We set up fun activities for the students that serve as ice-breakers and give that special touch of summer fun. Our pre-9th program welcomes young ladies coming to Saint Basil Academy in September, and prepares others who are venturing out in other directions.

Math, English and one elective will be offered for the Summer Enrichment Program. For their elective, students may choose Goals and Study Skills, Creative Writing for High School and Beyond, or Digital Art and iPhoto.

This year we are excited to offer a new addition to our regular summer program - afternoon Fun Summer Camps. A variety of weekly camps will start on June 24th. They will run Mondays through Fridays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. No camp will be held on July 4th. The schedule will allow students to register for one, two or three weeklong camps - in addition to or separately from the morning Academic Enrichment Program.

The focus of these camps will be on hands-on, interactive enjoyable activities! Students will be encouraged to discover and use their creative skills. Art camps will focus on using a variety of media for drawing, painting with watercolors, and/or practicing techniques with pastels. A fun science camp will teach principles of chemistry through hands-on activities, such as, launching a rocket and making ice cream. Another camp will offer a film festival exploring different kinds of movies, including silent movies, musicals, westerns, vampire and gangster movies that tell the story of our American culture. Students will delve into what the movies say about us as Americans and where movies are going in the future. It will include hands-on activities. Last, but not least, the theater camp entitled "Theater – So You Want to be a Star!" will allow the students to hone their acting craft through theater exercises and improvisation, audition skills, dancing and stage movement. They will learn the various aspects of "behind the scenes" techniques, including set design and costuming. All will culminate in a performance showcase.

Saint Basil Academy is situated in a serene, nature environment in Jenkintown (Montgomery County), right on the border of Philadelphia. We are an easy drive from the city and the many surrounding suburbs. It is easily accessible by public transportation. A summer brochure may be downloaded from the Saint Basil Academy website, www.stbasilacademy.org. For further information, please call the summer enrichment program coordinator Alexandra Penkalskyj at 215-885-3771 ext. 54. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Assumption Catholic School's Children from Perth Amboy, NJ participate at St. George Festival in New York City

Written by Miss Anna Lawrence

As a young student of Ukrainian folk dance on the east coast of the United States, you grow up with one dream: to someday dance at the Saint George's Ukrainian Festival in New York City. The event, sometimes called 7th Street (for the street the church sits on), is a weekend long event held the second to last weekend in May. Dance groups from across the tri-state area perform, including the professional dance group that calls NYC home, Syzokryli. Musical acts from both the United States and Ukraine also perform. Heavenly varenyky (pierogies to some) made by volunteers from the church are available to eat all weekend. Vendors sell various Ukrainian products, from traditional necklaces called gerdany, to beautiful embroidered shirts, to the latest CD releases from Ukraine and across the international Ukrainian community. It is the biggest festival in the NY metropolitan area, attended by thousands. It is an exciting event, and a goal that many work towards the entire year. This year, our oldest group of Assumption Catholic dancers were invited to attend, and realized that dream of dancing on one of the most famous festival stages in the Ukrainian community.



Dancers (and their entourages of moms, dads, and siblings) arrived early, some taking mass transit, others choosing to brave NYC traffic and parking. As students assembled, girls got their hair braided (a must!), makeup applied, and then one final run through with their teacher, Yarko Dobriansky. Then it was time to get into costume, pose for a few pictures, and then wait excitedly for the performance to begin. There was some snacking on great Ukrainian food, while others chose to wait until after the performance.

At the start of the show, Pan Yarko, as some of the students call him, led the group to the very front of the audience area to wait and watch the other dance groups ahead of them. Some of the students were nervous, some were excited; some were both. This was it! Finally, they were led onto the waiting area, and they got to watch the group ahead of them from a perspective that few get to see - from the "wings" of the stage. The stage is set up outside, with the waiting area actually the front steps of Saint George's Ukrainian Catholic Church itself. Finally - it was their turn. The students took to the stage and gave it their all. With arms outstretched and smiles on their faces, the children danced for the hundreds of spectators standing in the streets. They concluded their dance to thunderous applause and wild screams of encouragement from the crowd, which included not just supportive moms and dads, but parishoners, friends, and absolute strangers. They were a hit.

Afterwards they headed back to the school cafeteria where they had spent all morning, a crowded busy hall filled to the brim with other dance groups. They could finally relax, change back into their regular clothes (more than a few showed ACS pride and wore their class shirts or gym shirts), enjoyed the festival for a bit more, and headed home.

It is a dream that is dreamed by many, but only realized by a few, and this year, our oldest dance group, Richka, got to enjoy this very special day.

Saint Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Cherry Hill, NJ

Is proud to host Dawn Eden, for a talk on healing of wounds from sexual abuse with the saints, at 7:00 pm, Friday, June 21st, 2013,
at:

St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church
675 Cooper Landing Road
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

A prayer service to the Mother of God (Paraklesis) and light refreshments will follow. There is no cost to attend; donations appreciated!

For more information, call 1-856-482-0938, email stmichaelucc@verizon.net or on facebook at [StMichaelCherryHillNJ](https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelCherryHillNJ)

About Dawn Eden:

Dawn Eden is the author of *My Peace I Give You: Healing Sexual Wounds with the Help of the Saints* and *The Thrill of the Chaste: Finding Fulfillment While Keeping Your Clothes On*.

Born into a Jewish family in New York City, Dawn lost her faith as a teenager and became agnostic. During her twenties, in the 1990s, she was a rock journalist in New York City, interviewing performers such as Elton John and Brian Wilson. She went on to work on the editorial staff of the *New York Post* and the *Daily News*.

When Dawn was thirty-one, she experienced a dramatic conversion to Christianity that ultimately led her to enter the Catholic Church. Her first book, *The Thrill of the Chaste* (2006), became a surprise hit, published in four languages and earning her speaking invitations throughout North America, Europe, and Australia. (She holds the honor of being the only chastity speaker ever to have been invited back to speak for a second time at Georgetown University.)



In her new book *My Peace I Give You*, which carries an Imprimatur from Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Dawn offers a Catholic spirituality of healing for adult victims of childhood sexual abuse. She holds an STB--a graduate degree in theology, given under the authority of the Holy See--which she received with honors from the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception.

Be sure to catch Dawn Eden on "WOMEN OF GRACE" on EWTN, from June 17th-June 21st!!

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR JUNE, 2013

- June 2 9:00 am - Pastoral visit to Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Manassas, Virginia.
- 1:00 pm – Pastoral visit to St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Mission, Richmond, VA.
- 7:30 pm – Meeting with Pastors, Parish officers, Architect regarding proposed elevator for Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, Washington, DC.
- June 4 10:00 am - Received Rev. Deacon Roman Sverdan.
2:00 pm – Meeting with Architects of Kimmel Bogrette regarding proposed housing project.
- June 5 Received Fr. Dumenko and Parish Building Committee regarding plans for construction of St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church, Toms River, NJ.
- June 8 Meeting of Sub-committee for Aid to Catholic Home Missions, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Spring Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- June 9 Meeting of Sub-committee for Aid to Catholic churches in Central and Eastern Europe, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Spring Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- June 10-15 Spring Meeting of United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, San Diego, CA.
Theme: Ministry of Bishops in the New Evangelization.
- June 19 Received Consulate General of Israel to USA.
- June 20 Pilgrimage Meeting at Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase, PA.
- June 23 2:30 pm – Ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Rev. Roman Sverdan at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.
- June 25 Meeting for preparation of Evangelization Media Material for Archeparchy with Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields and Fr. Stepan Bilyk.



Sacrament of Penance at SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa

SS.Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa was the setting on Sunday, June 2, 2013 for six children who received the Sacrament of Penance at the 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy by Pastor, Rev. Nestor Iwasiw. Classes were taught by Sandra Berta. Congratulations: Gino Barone, Rafael Rios IV, Gisselle Rojas, Karly Ann Rusyn, Chesney Langan , Patrick B. Marcinko.

Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Paraguay Enthroned



29 May 2013

Bishop Daniel (Kozlinskyi) was enthroned as Apostolic Visitor for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Paraguay in the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin in the city of Encarnacion. So reported the Information Department of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC).

The event began with a procession from the local Ukrainian Greek-Catholic parish to the Latin Church where a hierarchical liturgy was celebrated. A decree of the appointment and a greeting address from Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) were read

out before the liturgy by Secretary of Apostolic Nunciature of Paraguay Mgr. Mislav Khodzzych and local Greek-Catholic parish priest Volodymyr Fylypiv accordingly.

The liturgy was led by Bishop Daniel in concelebration with the local Roman Catholic Eparch, Mgr. Ignatius Gogorzy, Secretary of Apostolic Nunciature of Paraguay Mgr. Mislav Khodzzych and priests of the two rites.

In his sermon, the newly appointed Apostolic Visitor thanked Mgr. Ignatius and his predecessors for the pastoral care provided for Ukrainian Greek-Catholic in Paraguay

and stressed on the necessity to have their own hierarchy.

In the end of the liturgy, Mgr. Ignatius expressed a sincere gratitude for the participation in the Liturgy of the Byzantine Rite celebrated for the first time in the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the city and wished Ukrainians to preserve the treasure of the Byzantine service.

After that, a reception and cultural program were held in the local cultural and educational organization Prosvita.

The first Greek-Catholic priest Ivan Bugera came to Paraguay from Ukraine in 1947 and

provided pastoral care for Ukrainian Greek-Catholics until 1968. He was succeeded by Fr. Josef Rizinger who built 7 churches and served until 1992. Their work is continued by the present priest of the Parish of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin, Fr. Volodymyr Fylypiv who built three churches and provides pastoral care in the parish and 9 chapels near the city of Encarnacion.

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Second All-Ukrainian Pilgrimage of UGCC clergy

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On May 29, 2013 in Peremyshliany, Lviv region, the Second All-Ukrainian Pilgrimage of UGCC Clergy, dedicated to the fourth anniversary of the announcement of Blessed Priest-Martyr Omelian Kovch as the Patron of UGCC Pastors.

This year's pilgrimage was headed by Archbishop Thomas Edward Gullikson, the Apostolic Nuncio for Ukraine, with concelebrants of UGCC bishops: Ihor (Vozniak), Archbishop and Metropolitan of Lviv; Vasyl (Semeniuk), Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ternopil-Zbruch; Taras (Senkiv), Apostolic Administrator of Stryi Archeparchy; Joseph (Milan), Auxiliary Bishop of Kyiv Archeparchy; Venedykt (Aleksiychuk), Auxiliary Bishop of Lviv.

The pilgrimage began with Vespers to Blessed Priest-Martyr Omelian Kovch in St. Mykola Church, where Rev. Omelian served as pastor in 1922-43.

After the Vespers the columns of priests led by bishops walked to the monument of Rev. Omelian Kovch, where

they met with a group of hundreds of priests who had walked from St. Volodymyr Church.

There, by the monument, Rev. Yuriy Oliynyk, Secretary-Archivist of the Stryi Eparchy read "Examination of Conscience of Rev. Omelian Kovch" containing words which are relevant to every hierarch for contemplation about one's own priestly serving. "The phenomenon of Blessed Omelian lies in the fact that he was capable of great things," said Bishop Venedykt to the priests, emphasizing the significance of a daily examination of conscience for every priest in order to grow spiritually. The Bishop urged priests to work on themselves through self-knowledge before God and revealing the reasons of one's downfalls, putting forth the pastoral serving and feats of faith of Rev. Omelian Kovch as an example.

Afterwards the column of priests walked to St. Volodymyr's Church, Blessed Priest-Martyr Omelian Kovch. A Pontifical Divine Liturgy was celebrated here accompanied by the singing of the choir



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Dudaryk from Lviv.

"Today we are numerously gathered in a clergy community before the altar of the Almighty. And this is a very good moment in which to unite our prayers, beseeching supplications to the merciful God for the needs of our Church, our faithful and personal necessities," addressed the pilgrims in his sermon Bishop Ihor (Vozniak). In analyzing Rev. Omelian's path of life and priesthood, the archbishop stressed his feat of personal sacrifice and dedication to the Church.

"Blessed Father Omelian Kovch, the patron of the priests of our Church, is a worthy example of a priest, who suffered a lot, did not complain, did not blame God's Providence that he, a

true friend of Christ, underwent excessive trials and carried a heavy cross. He did this joyfully, without sighing because he remembered that for the wounds and suffering there will be an eternal reward. Therefore, let us rejoice that we have such a great patron and intercessor before God, who knows our needs and presents them to God. Blessed Father Omelian Kovch, please solicit from God for us, priests, an ability to make our path of priesthood dignified," concluded Bishop Ihor.

After the liturgy, Bishop Taras (Senkiv) thanked the bishops and priests for their witnessing of belonging to Christ's Church through their participation in this pilgrimage. Also the bishop said "among the significant virtues
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that Blessed Omelian Kovch possessed, we have to at least focus on one. I propose that we contemplate the fact that Father Kovch was never insensible to anyone. Today, when we feel such a lack of brave people, let us not be insensible," urged the bishop.

Then Bishop Taras presented the Apostolic

Nuncio an exclusive icon of Priest-Martyr Omelian Kovch. Archbishop ThomasEdwardGullikson also spoke to the priests stating that the figure of Blessed Priest-Martyr Omelian "presents not only a challenge to all of us to better perform our priestly duties, but also thanks to his closeness he is also a spring of hope for us in our daily

struggle to live totally by priestly virtues." Also the Nuncio assured all of the Apostolic Blessing of Pope Frances.

Gratitude was also expressed to all who helped in the organization and directly participated in the Second All-Ukrainian Pilgrimage of UGCC Clergy, especially to representatives of the

local administration, pilgrimage organizers, the choir Dudaryk and seminarians from Holy Spirit Spiritual Seminary who sang the Vespers to the Blessed Priest-Martyr.

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Bishop Vasyl (Ivasiuk) is appointed Administrator of Kolomyia-Chernivtsi Eparchy

26.05.13

"We have to complete one more significant canonical rite," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav, UGCC Head, in the lower church of the Cathedral of the Transfiguration of Christ after the completion of the funeral services for the deceased Bishop Mykola (Simkaylo).

The Charter of the UGCC Primate by which Bishop Vasyl (Ivasiuk), Exarch of Odesa-Krym, was named the Administrator of Kolomyia-Chernivtsi Eparchy was publically read. Then Bishop Vasyl recited the Apostles Creed in the church before UGCC Head and officially took on the new obligations.

"Receive this grieving Eparchy and console it, just as a good father does," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav to the new Administrator of the Eparchy. UGCC Head turned to the clergy, monks and nuns, the laity, and beseeched them to accept the new bishop and support him in every possible manner.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav reminded all that starting with this evening (May 25, 2013) it is rightful to mention Bishop Vasyl as the Acting Hierarch during services in all the churches of Kolomyia-Chernivtsi Eparchy.



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L.U.C. Meeting with the Metropolitan

PHILADELPHIA - On Wednesday, May 15, 2013, representatives of the National Board of the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America met with His Grace, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka at the Archbishop's Chancery. Topics of discussion included providing the Archbishop with information about the L.U.C. and seeking his support and thoughts on revitalizing the League. Archbishop Stefan asked the group to look to the future and discern what the L.U.C. wants to be known for in our greater Church. He suggested using contemporary tools of social media and modern technology to get the L.U.C.'s message out into our churches and beyond. The group also discussed the development of individual parish chapters of the L.U.C., in order to help more on the parish level in whatever ways the clergy can best be provided assistance in their pastoral work and parochial programs. After the meeting, His Grace welcomed the group into his residence for a delicious afternoon dinner, followed by a hymn of thanksgiving and a group photo in his personal chapel.

Photo: front row, L-R: Marion Hrubec (Garden State Council), Elaine Nowadly (National Board President; Niagara Frontier Council).

back row, L-R: Rev. Paul Wolensky (North Anthracite Council Spiritual Director), Helen Fedoriw (Garden State Council), Dora Horbachevsky (National Board Treasurer; Niagara Frontier Council), Metropolitan Stefan Soroka (Spiritual Guardian of the L.U.C.).

+Rev. Joseph Denischuk, C.Ss.R.

+Rev. Joseph Denischuk, C.Ss.R., fell asleep in the Lord on May 1, 2013 at St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Saskatoon, SK at the age of 92.

Burial of Fr. Denischuk took place at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suitland, MD, next to Fr. Shawel's grave on Tuesday, May 14, at 11:00 a.m. Fr. Denischuk was very instrumental in the construction of Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, DC. We pray that the Lord will reward his faithful priest for all of his dedicated labors in the vineyard. May his memory be eternal – Vichnaya Yomu Pamyat!



10th General Chapter Meeting of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great

The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, an international Order, will assemble in July of this year in a General Chapter. Meetings will be held in Rome, Italy from July 8-24, 2103. Sisters will travel from 13 countries to the Eternal City: from Europe, Australia, and North and South America. A General Chapter Preparatory Committee of Sisters was established to prepare for this event which takes place every six years. Members of this special committee are: Sister Lucia Murashko, Chairperson, - Ukraine Province; Sr. Maria Rozmarynowycz - USA, Philadelphia Province; Sister Gorazda Jakubcakova – Slovakia, Secovce Province; Sister Natalia Hukowicz - Poland Province; Sr. Naukracia Zavacka – Generalate representative and Sister Miriam Claire Kowal, General Superior, ex-officio member. Planning sessions were held in Rome.

At a General Chapter event, the international nature of the Order is experienced. To facilitate the understanding of the various languages used, modern technology, with the service of translators, is used in the formal sessions.

Representatives from Jesus Lover of Humanity Province in Fox Chase will be Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, Provincial Superior and Sisters Ann Laszok and Joann Sosler, who will participate as Capitulars.

This General Chapter will focus on nurturing the spiritual heritage of the Order inspired by the teachings of St. Basil and St. Macrina, creating a vision for the future, and electing leadership for the Order to serve for the next six years. The theme for the Chapter is Faith, taking inspiration from St. Paul's words to the Hebrews: "Let us persevere in running the race which lies before us; let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus who inspires and perfects our faith." (Heb. 12: 1-2)

Every Chapter is an ecclesial event in the Life of the Church, and as such its effects reach beyond its time and place. Please join the Sisters in prayer, as they search to know and to fulfill the Will of God at this unique time in the history of the Order in its service to the universal church and the people of God.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN MAIZEVILLE, PA

JOHN E. USALIS/ Republican Herald staff writer.

The Rev. Roman Pitula, left, of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Maizeville, and St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Frackville, offers the invocation during the Memorial Day program in Maizeville, Pa. At right is William "Bill" Gower, commander of Girardville American Legion Post 309, which conducted the ceremony.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CEMETERY ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SERVICE

On Sunday, May 26, 2013, Reverend Gregory Maslak and parishioners of St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bristol, PA, celebrated a service, at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery, Langhorne, PA, remembering those who gave their lives for our country and for loved ones who have passed away.

Afterwards, Father Maslak walked with family members and blessed the graves of those who have passed away.

We wish to thank Father Maslak and those who attended the service. We will not forget those who gave their lives for our freedom, nor forget our loved ones who have entered into the Kingdom of Heaven.

God Bless.



"The Way" is going on a Summer Break in July.

Please send us news about July or early August events so we can post them in our next issue on June 30th.

Our first issue after the Summer Break will be August 11th. Thank you.

**Visit our Website for
any news during
the Break.**

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