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His Beatitude Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk blesses the Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv

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Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ.

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav: “The newly blessed Patriarchal Cathedral is a visual sign of the unity of the Church.”

18 August 2013

The Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv “is a visual sign of the unity and independence of our Church both in Ukraine and far beyond its borders,” said the Head and Father of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav on August 18th in the sermon during the International All-Church Pilgrimage on the occasion of the blessing of the Patriarchal Cathedral and the celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Ukraine-Rus.



“We built it all together,” he emphasized, “by the bricks and donations which came here from around the world...” This Cathedral gathers all the sons and daughters of Volodymyr’s Baptism and urges them to unity, to a renewal of faith, to the source of heavenly nourishment in the spiritual desert of the contemporary world.”

His Beatitude Sviatoslav believes that the Ukrainian people received the new cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ as a sign of the immovable presence among us of the Resurrected Christ, who promised us “Thus I am with you on all days until the end of time.” “It is here,” continued the preacher, “that His Holy Name will always be – the name of the One Whom neither the heavens nor the earth can encompass.”

“Into this altar table,” stated the Church Primate, “we placed the relics of a whole community of saints: Apostles Peter and Paul; St. Andriy Pervozvanyi, one of the first to be called to preach the Word of God on the Kyiv Hills; Popes Clementine and Martin who perished on Ukrainian, Crimean lands; Saint Bishop Martyr Josephat who with his blood sealed the unity of the Kyiv Church with the Roman Apostolic Sea; Blessed priest martyrs of the 20th century, Mykola Charnetskyi and Josaphat Kotsylovskyi.”

Then UGCC Head reminded all: “Today’s Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church is the direct descendant of the Church of Volodymyr’s Baptism, whose heritage we share with others who are closely connected to us in friendship, a common faith and traditions, although not in complete unity. Then in the Sacrament of Baptism we died and resurrected in the Dnipro waters. Today, once again, our Church celebrates its renewal after centuries of cruel destruction on this land. This new Cathedral in Kyiv stands as a reminder of the greatness of God’s Resurrection and shines to the whole world as a New Jerusalem! It should also stand as an on-going reminder of the unity to which God Himself calls us, since it is only in unity and love that we can bear living testimony to the Gospel.”

In connection with the celebratory commemoration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine by the Saint Equal to the Apostles Prince Volodymyr, His Beatitude Sviatoslav said: “On the day of the Baptism of Kyivans, Prince Volodymyr prayed not only for those present but also for the future generations,

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for the children of the new Christian people... In examining the spiritual content of this event, we can confidently say that from the moment of Baptism, our people joined the ranks of Christian people, became part of God's people, the inheritors of the New and Eternal Testament in Jesus Christ. In this baptismal Union-Testament, God – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, became our God and we – His people. Through the workings of the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles' faith, he adopted him as "His beloved Son."

At the conclusion of the sermon the Head of the Church addressed the pilgrims who arrived from throughout the world – North and South America, Australia, various countries of Western, Northern and Southern Europe, Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus and all corners of Ukraine – with the following words: "As children of God I greet you in your new home! This Cathedral will not only be the primary home of prayer for the Father and Head of our Church. Above all, it is God's home, the paternal home of all of His children."

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The choice of Saint Volodymyr to accept Christianity played a significant role in the development and future direction of Kyivan Rus which eased the integration of people who lived within its boundaries both at that time and in the following epochs. Prince Volodymyr in this way made his fundamental contribution to the cultural and spiritual growth of his people. This contribution of the prince is a mighty challenge to people who are responsible for contemporary social

life, to always make those choices which take into account the entire development of society, service for the general good and respect for the spiritual. Pope Francis addresses this issue in the letter of greetings written to His Beatitude Sviatoslav on the occasion of the celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine.

Pope Francis underlined that the conversion of Kyivan Rus to Christianity took place "within the context of an undivided Church in which there continued to develop various church traditions,

but in union with one another. This fact, in his opinion, serves as a reference point for an ecumenical dialogue among Christian communities who today rely on the spiritual heritage of Saint Volodymyr. "The celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Kyivan Rus demonstrates that the road to full unity among all the followers of Christ -- is not a luxury, but a deep need, crucial for the consistent and active proclamation of the testimony of Christ, as well as for a real testimony of that

union for which Christ begged the Father, in approaching the highest act of his sacrificial love," he explained.

The Bishop of Rome wrote of his conviction that the commemoration of the act of Baptism of Rus-Ukraine becomes for UGCC a new impetus in evangelization and pastoral activities. Then the Holy Father named the steadfast orientations of the Church in this sphere: the Word of God, Holy Sacraments, Divine Liturgy, formation of the faithful and the

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clergy, development of charitable acts.

In concluding, the Roman Pope expressed a hope that the celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Kyivan Rus becomes a time of grace for the whole Ukrainian nation and

for all people: "May this commemoration become a call to the real feeling of responsibility from the side of state institutions and each person in particular, to follow the example of Saint Volodymyr to work for the common material and spiritual good of

the nation; a call to ecumenical responsibility, to ask God for the gift of unity among all Christians and to oneself become the builder of this unity; a call to activate the issue of evangelization and pastoral activities in all of their dimensions. I send His Beatitude Sviatoslav,

UGCC Bishops, and all Holy God's people in Ukraine, my blessing.

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Relics for the consecration of the Patriarchal Cathedral have been sealed with the blessing of UGCC Head

16 August 2013

With the blessing of His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), UGCC Head, the head of the mission Postulate Center of the Beatification and Canonization of Saints of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, Rev. Polikarp Nartseliuk, and the Secretary of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Rev. Oleh Oleksa, sealed the relics of the saints for the altar of the Patriarchal Cathedral. The Rite of the Sealing of the Relics took place on August 15, 2013.



According to church regulations the relics will be placed in the four corners and the center of the main altar during the consecration. Into the altar of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ will be placed the relics of Apostles Peter, Paul and Andriy Pervozvanyi, Popes Clement of Rome and Martin, who perished on Ukrainian territories, Saint priest martyr Josaphat, Blessed priest martyrs of the 20th century Mykola Charnetsky and Josaphat Kotsylovsky.

Rev. Polikarp relates that the relics for the Cathedral were found in the relic box for incrustation into icons under a sealed wax stamp, which is proof of its authenticity. These relic holders are opened and the relics are divided into parchment envelopes, prepared especially for this purpose by the mission of the Postulate Center of the Beatification and Canonization of Saints of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church. These parchment envelopes are sealed and validated by the wax seal of His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

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“Today I embrace all,” His Beatitude Sviatoslav on Volodymyrska Hirka

17 August 2013

On August 17th, the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) on the occasion of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Ukraine-Rus celebrated Vespers on Volodymyrska Hirka to the Saint Equal to the Apostles Prince Volodymyr.

“With these celebratory Vespers at the foot of the monument of the Equal to the Apostles Prince Volodymyr – the Baptizer of Ukraine – we officially begin the celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Ukraine -Rus,” stated His Beatitude Sviatoslav in his homily.



Joining the Head of the Church in these prayers to Saint Volodymyr were all the members of UGCC Synod of Bishops, Cardinal Audrys Juozas Backis, Papal Legate to the celebration of the Baptism of Ukraine, Thomas Edward Hallickson, Apostolic Nuncio for Ukraine and numerous clergy.

Over 6,000 people attended the service.

UGCC Primate in his sermon described how for a contemporary person not to lose oneself but to get to know oneself and to find one’s path in life, it is important to know one’s roots: whose child one is, what kind of a land gave one life. “For us Christians who in this Year of Faith want to renew our faith in God, it is so important to come to the sources. It is here, on the banks of the Dnipro River, that we, Christian Ukrainians can find the spring of our faith. It is especially here that we can understand who we are as Christians, and having taken a drink of water from that spring, we can be Christians both today and tomorrow,” said His Beatitude Sviatoslav by the monument to Saint Volodymyr.



He reminded all that 1025 years ago, on the banks of the ancient Dnipro the Mighty River, our forefathers were christened. However, this christening was very particular. “Kyivans did not get baptized separately, privately, in their church – Kyiv was baptized in the Dnipro all together. Its residents descended together into the christening waters. Together, with one heart and lips they attested to their faith of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. It is here, in the waters of the Dnipro, that from various tribes we became one nation. Therefore, today, we have gathered here

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from various countries, villages and cities of Ukraine, even from various confessions and Churches, in order to be once again together at this water spring of our faith,” emphasized the Father and Head of the Church.

According to his Beatitude Sviatoslav, it is to this unity of an undivided Church that the Equal to the Apostles Volodymyr is beckoning us. “Therefore, today, I open my embrace to all who came from near and far. My embrace is open to all: Orthodox,

Protestants, and simply good people. Let us all be together! Let us renew our faith, let us together be Christians of the Third Millennium,” urged the Church Head.

He reminded all that tomorrow the consecration of the Patriarchal Cathedral on the Dnipro Left Bank, which is “seen so beautifully” from Volodymyrska Hirka, will take place. “This cathedral will be the symbol of the unity of our Church. A symbol which urges all the children of Volodymyr’s Baptism to



unite together,” said he.

“May the All-Merciful God awaken in us this nostalgia for unity of Christ’s Church. Saint, Equal to the Apostles, Great Prince Volodymyr, pray to God for us

sinner,” beseeched at the end His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

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Knights of Columbus in Ukraine

Metropolitan Stefan attended the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus August 6-8, 2013 in San Antonio, Texas. At that convention, it was announced that the Knights of Columbus has established a presence in Ukraine and Lithuania.

The Ukrainian presence is the result of an invitation extended to the K. of C. by Cardinal Lubomyr in his homily at the 2005 Supreme Convention in Chicago.

This year His Beatitude Sviatoslav extended his gratitude during a video greeting to the convention for the establishment of the Knights of Columbus in Ukraine.

The 2005 K. of C. homily of Cardinal Husar has been posted on YouTube at:
<http://youtu.be/EOr-XoqcDhs>

The 2013 K. of C. Greeting of His Beatitude Sviatoslav has been posted on YouTube at:
<http://youtu.be/HKbmQp5tODI>

Assumption Catholic School Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence in Education!

On Saturday, October 12th, 2013 Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ will celebrate a milestone - 50 years of excellence in education!



The Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th, 2013 by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Most Rev. Paul Bootkoski, the Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen. Open House Reunion Dinner after the Liturgy at the Assumption Catholic School Hall (Buffet Dinner Tickets \$35 for adult and \$20 for children. Tickets can be purchased via email ACSschooloffice@gmail.com, by phone 732-826-8721 or pick up in the church or school office at 380 Meredith St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Alumni and guests, please come, celebrate, reunite, and rediscover why our school still captures the hearts of community members and alumni after all these years.

Beheading of St. John the Baptist (August 29)

At that time King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb. The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. (Mk. 6, 14-30)

Beheading of St. John the Baptist

The divine Baptist, the Prophet born of a Prophet, the seal of all the Prophets and beginning of the Apostles, the mediator between the Old and New Covenants, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the God-sent Messenger of the incarnate Messiah, the forerunner of Christ's coming into the world (Isaiah 40:3; Mal. 3: 1); who by many miracles was both conceived and born; who was filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb; who came forth like another Elias the Zealot, whose life in the wilderness and divine zeal for God's Law he imitated: this divine Prophet, after he had preached the baptism of repentance according to God's command; had taught men of low rank and high how they must order their lives; had admonished those whom he baptized and had filled them with the fear of God, teaching them that no one is able to escape the wrath to come if he do not works worthy of repentance; had, through such preaching, prepared their hearts to receive the evangelical teachings of the Savior; and finally, after he had pointed out to the people the very Savior,

and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world" (Luke 3:2-18; John 1: 29-36), after all this, John sealed with his own blood the truth of his words and was made a sacred victim for the divine Law at the hands of a transgressor.

This was Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. This man had a lawful wife, the daughter of Arethas (or Aretas), the King of Arabia (that is, Arabia Petraea, which had the famous Nabatean stone city of Petra as its capital. This is the Aretas mentioned by Saint Paul in II Cor. 11:32. Without any cause, and against every commandment of the Law, he put her away and took to himself Herodias, the wife of his deceased brother Philip, to whom Herodias had borne a daughter, Salome. He would not desist from this unlawful union even when John, the preacher of repentance, the bold and austere accuser of the lawless, censured him and told him, "It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6: 18).

Thus Herod, besides his

other unholy acts, added yet this, that he apprehended John and shut him in prison; and perhaps he would have killed him straightway, had he not feared the people, who had extreme reverence for John. Certainly, in the beginning, he himself had

great reverence for this just and holy man. But finally, being pierced with the sting of a mad lust for the woman Herodias, he laid his defiled hands on the very day he was celebrating his birthday. When Salome, Herodias' daughter, had danced in order to please him and those who were supping with him, he promised her -- with an oath more foolish than any foolishness -- that he would give her anything she asked, even unto the half of his kingdom. And she, consulting with her mother, straightway asked for the head of John the Baptist in a charger.

Hence this transgressor



of the Law, preferring his lawless oath above the precepts of the Law, fulfilled this godless promise and filled his loathsome banquet with the blood of the Prophet. So it was that that all-venerable head, revered by the Angels, was given as a prize for an abominable dance, and became the plaything of the dissolute daughter of a debauched mother. As for the body of the divine Baptist, it was taken up by his disciples and placed in a tomb (Mark 6: 21 - 29). The findings of his holy head are commemorated on February 24 and May 25.

82nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

This year's 82nd Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 6, 2013 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "Accepting the Cross: Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church".

The day begins with the Mystery of Reconciliation starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:30 am by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and a c c o m p a n y i n g hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Borys Gudziak, Ph.D., Ukrainian Eparchial Bishop in France, Benelux and Switzerland. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm in the Grotto.

*Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
Eighty-second Annual Pilgrimage*

*"Accepting the Cross
Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church"*

Sunday October 6, 2013

9 am - 11 am	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Monastery Grounds</i>
10 am	Matins	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
11:30 am-1 pm	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)	<i>Faculty House Auditorium</i>
	Celebrant: Archbishop Stefan Soroka	
	Homilist: Bishop Borys Gudziak	
	Concelebrants: Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM	
	Bishop Basil Losten	
	Choir: Dobriansky Choir, New York City, NY	
	Liturgical Director: Monsignor Paul Waslo	
1:30 pm - 4 pm	Food Service	<i>Food Court Parking Lot</i>
2 pm - 3 pm	Veneration of Relics	
	Veneration of Blessed Welychovsky Relic	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
	Presentation: Father Daniel Troyan	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
	Jesus Prayer Rosary	<i>Grotto</i>
4 pm - 5 pm	Moleben/Mystery of Holy Anointing (Bilingual)	<i>Grotto</i>
	Celebrant: Ukrainian Bishops and Concelebrating Clergy	
	Homilist: Bishop Borys Gudziak	
	Choir: Dobriansky Choir	
	New York City, NY	
5 pm	Blessing of Cars and Buses	<i>Parking Lot</i>



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September 29, 2013

**Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral
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We invite all our married faithful to join with our
Metropolitan Archbishop +Stefan Soroka
at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral September 29, 2013
for the celebration of their Wedding Anniversaries
at a Divine Liturgy at 11:00AM
followed by a Banquet in their honor.

Registration Form:

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Number of Guests _____

Deadline for Registration

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2013
TUESDAYS
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7:00 PM

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PRESENTER:
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 A graduate of Villanova University with a BS in Education, an MS in Education from Duquesne University and certification from the Cenacle of Divine Providence School of Spiritual Direction (AFFILIATE OF STUEBENVILLE UNIVERSITY).

TOPIC: REVISITING AND HEALING THE STAGES OF OUR LIVES

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND THE VARIOUS STAGES OF OUR LIVES WE FIND IMMENSE BLESSINGS AND ALSO THE NEED FOR HEALING OF THE PAIN, HURTS AND SUFFERING .

WE WILL GATHER TOGETHER TO REFLECT ON OUR LIVES AND ALL GOD HAS GIVEN US AND ASK FOR HEALING OF ANY REMAINING HURTS, SO AS TO BE FREE IN OUR SPIRITS.

REMEMBER: THERE IS A LOVELY FRAGRANCE ABOUT YOU.
 (SONG OF SONGS, 1:3)

OUR LOVING GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAYERS AS A SPIRITUAL FRAGRANCE
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christ the bridegroom

Icon Workshop
led by
Marylyn Barone

Thursday-Sunday
September 12-15, 2013

This workshop will be at the beginner level for adults. Each student will write an 8"x14" icon of Christ the Bridegroom, using a prepared prototype, learning techniques for faces, garments, 23k gold-leaf gilding, and background. All supplies are included.

Marylyn will also present the theology of icons, focusing on Jesus and the Passion.

Cost: \$200 includes supplies, 23k gold, and Friday & Saturday midday meals. Housing and other meals available at additional charge (room & board \$50 per night shared room, \$75/night private room (shared bath)).

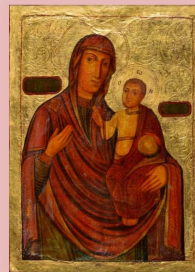
Contact: Fr Jerome at holydormition@gmail.com; 570-788-1212 ext 402.
 Payment: Holy Dormition Friary, Attn: Christ the Bridegroom Icon Retreat, PO Box 270, Sybertsville, PA 18251

* You must be able to attend all classes Thursday-Sunday in order to have a completed icon. Those who must work on Friday may request an evening time. The workshop schedule will allow you to attend Divine Liturgy and other services.

Holy Dormition Friary, home of the Byzantine Franciscans, is located on Pennsylvania Highway 93 at Main Street in Sybertsville, PA 18251.

Thursday 6:30-9:30pm
 Friday and Saturday 9:30am-4:30pm*
 Sunday noon-4pm

Having studied under Phil Zimmerman, Marylyn has written icons since 1997. She gives workshops in parishes across Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Able to teach people of all ages and abilities, Marylyn has written icons for many parishes and individuals.



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Women of Faith

*Mary, Our Model:
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A Special Retreat for Women at:

Saint Mary's Villa

150 Sisters Servants Lane, Sloatsburg, New York

Director of Retreat: Sister Natalya, SSMI

Spiritual Advisor: Reverend John J. Zeyack, Eparchy of Passaic

September 27 - 29, 2013

Cost: \$160.00 per person (Includes Lodging & Meals)

- **Arrival, Welcome and Registration:** Beginning at 3PM Friday, September 27, 2013
- **Friday Evening Prayers:** 8:30 PM
- **Saturday:** Breakfast, Morning session, Lunch, Afternoon Session, Dinner
- **Sunday:** Breakfast, Liturgy and Luncheon with the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

TO REGISTER OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please contact: Mrs. Diane Rabiej, Chancery, Eparchy of Passaic, 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, NJ 07424
 Phone: (973) 890-7777. Make checks payable to: "Saint Michael Cathedral."

This year of Faith is a call to deepen our lives as followers and friends of Jesus. We continue to be invited to walk the path of faith: faith in God's presence, power and Love, faith in other people, and faith in ourselves as the dwelling place of God. Jesus Constantly said to everyone He healed: "Your faith has saved you!"



59th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY

The 59th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage at the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY, was a blessed event during the weekend of August 10 & 11, 2013. Over 3,200 people traveled by plane, bus, train, car and even foot to experience God's blessings as they attended the pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God. The 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy on August 11th began with a procession with icons of the Mother of God, Blessed Josaphata, and Blessed Tarsykia. Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of Stamford was the main Celebrant and Homilist during the Liturgy. After the Liturgy, flowers were blessed by the grotto. For more information on the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, please visit their website <http://ssmi-us.org>



Bishop-Emeritus Basil Losten blesses flowers after the Liturgy.



Watch a video from the pilgrimage on our blog at <http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com>



Celebrating 70th Jubilee of Sr. Tharasia Hladio and 60th Jubilee of Sr. Bernitta Dub, Sr. Consolata, and Sr. Stephanie

On August 3, 2013, one hundred and fifty gathered to celebrate the Jubilees of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate for 2013 - Sr. Tharasia Hladio - 70 years, Sr. Bernitta Dub - 60 years, Sr. Consolata Trudick - 60 years and Sr. Stephanie Sema - 60 years. The celebrants for the 11:00 Divine Liturgy were Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten, Msgr. John Terlecky, Rev. Edward Young and Rev. Max Kobasuk. <http://ssmi-us.org>



(Front row): Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Stephanie, Sr. Bernitta, Sr. Tharasia, and Sr. Consolata. (Back row): Rev. Edward Young, Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Metropolitan- Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Msgr. John Terlecky, and Rev. Max Kobasuk.

SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church holds annual parish picnic.

Saint Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant, PA, held their annual Parish picnic at Lackawanna State Park on Sunday August 18, 2013. Over 100 parishioners attended the event and enjoyed the food, badminton, horseshoes, fishing and swimming. (Father Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor, is in the center of the 2nd row)



Holy Ghost
Ukrainian Catholic Church
TRICKY TRAY



Date: Sunday, October 20th, 2013

Time: Doors open at 12:30 PM
First drawing at 2:00 PM

Where: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church
315 Fourth Street, West Easton, PA 18042

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From Pew to Legislative Office: Advocacy Visits

My earliest memory of political involvement is receiving a sticker in elementary school for accompanying my mother to polls. Encouraged by a dose of political activism, I attended presidential rallies, campaigned in my community, registered others to vote and eventually voted myself. However, I still had not completed the most influential form of political involvement: visiting my state legislator.

Maybe, like me, you consider yourself involved and informed, but never thought to visit your legislators. Why would a senator or representative be interested in the opinions of a 20-year-old student? The intimidating “oval-office” style environment I imagined, with lots of staff people and formality, intensified my hesitations to visit my legislators in person.

As an intern at the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) I was asked to put their new Advocacy Toolkit – which walks readers through preparing for and attending a legislative visit – to the test. Would it ease my hesitations? I was challenged to conquer

my own misgivings when I read this about political involvement, “This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do” (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB).

Suddenly, conversing with my state senator was not about my nervousness, but about fulfilling a promise I made to Jesus Christ. As if that was not encouragement enough, the Toolkit offered other practical reasons to visit my legislators.

I found my legislator by using the PCC website, www.pacatholic.org, which generates a list of lawmakers’ contact information based on one’s address. The Toolkit recommended researching the chosen legislator’s background. It’s a good tip – knowing more about Senator Mike Waugh made me feel more at ease when I visited his office.

I also researched Senator Waugh’s voting record on HB 818; a recent bill that prohibited taxpayer supported insurance plans from covering elective abortions. As a young pro-life woman,

I wanted to personally thank him for defending life with his “yes” vote on HB 818 and his “no” vote on the weakening amendments.

So, now I was armed with contact information as well as some easily compiled research. I called Senator Waugh’s office, introduced myself and requested a meeting. Due to the hectic timing of the state budget debate, Senator Waugh was not able to meet with me personally. However, as the Toolkit instructs, meeting with a member of the legislator’s staff is equally beneficial. Staff members are often highly educated on issues and provide influential support to the legislator’s position. Do not become discouraged if the legislator is unavailable or if a meeting is delayed; legislators work for their constituents, and they want to hear from us.

On the day of my meeting with Gregg Beckenbaugh, a member of Senator Waugh’s staff, I skimmed my notes as I walked from the PCC to the Capitol. Traveling to the Capitol was easy for me, but for the sake of convenience, I



Nicholle Mills

recommend meeting with legislators in their home district offices.

After a warm greeting, I informed Gregg of my gratitude for Senator Waugh’s “pro-life” vote on HB 818. I briefly explained that as a pro-life Catholic woman it is encouraging to see my state legislator protecting the rights of all women, including women of future generations. Gregg promised to pass my message to the senator, and within minutes, I had accomplished my mission.

It really is that easy! I not only fulfilled my baptismal promise to defend the Faith, but I benefitted from a pleasant conversation with Senator Waugh’s staff and even got a quick tour of their offices. I left knowing that what I said mattered; what I

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said made a difference. Surveys show that in-person visits hold the most weight when legislators consider constituent feedback in their decision making. There are over 3 million Catholics in Pennsylvania: 3 million! Imagine if even half of us

spent 15 or 30 minutes in our legislators' offices, advocating on behalf of Catholic teaching. The Church has a profound need for defenders of the faith, and I strongly encourage my fellow Catholics to begin in their home districts. Initiate a conversation

with a legislator; fill their office with the word of the Lord, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16).

Nicholle Mills is an intern at the PCC. She will be

a college junior in the fall. More information, including the Advocacy Toolkit, is available at www.pacatholic.org.

Blessing of Fruit Olyphant, PA

SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant, Pa celebrated the "Transfiguration of our Lord" with the blessing of fruit on August 6, 2013. The feast day commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphous of Christ on Mount Tabor in front of the Apostles.



Photo: Father Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church and Altar Boy David Slachtish, during the service.

SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa celebrating its 125th Anniversary

The 125th Anniversary Celebration of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa will be held Sunday, October 27, 2013. Starting with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 3:00 p.m. The Celebration continues at Fiorelli Catering, 1501 Main Street, Peckville, Pa. 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres (5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.) Home-style Dinner, soda, coffee, tea and dessert with Cash Bar. Tickets: \$40.00 per person, \$12.00 for Children (12 years old and younger) The History of our Church "DVD" will be shown and Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble (Dancers) will be featured. Contact Sandra Berta for tickets at 570-383-9487 . Mail in your request to SS. Cyrils and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, 135 River Street, Olyphant, Pa 18447 Make checks out to "SS. Cyril and Methodius Church", MEMO: Anniversary Banquet. Tickets can be mailed to you or be picked up from Sandra Berta. Additional information contact Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 or John Turko 570-489-3489 <http://www.stcyrils.maslar-online.com/> for our bulletin and other information on the Church.

Dormition Shroud on Display at National Shrine on Assumption Feast; Gift from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia in 2004

Washington, D.C.— On the Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Most Holy Mother of God, August 15, the faithful gathered in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception heard a homily from Rev. Msgr. Walter J. Rossi, J.C.L., rector, that reflected upon the miraculous falling asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the Latin tradition, the miraculous event is known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whereas in the Eastern tradition, the feast is known as the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God. Msgr. Rossi wove both themes into his homily for the Eucharistic Liturgy that was also broadcast over the Eternal Word Television Network.

As he preached from the pulpit, the Shroud of the Dormition of Mary was displayed beneath him. Msgr. Rossi explained that this icon was a gift from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to the National Shrine in 2004, which was the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of

the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1854 by Pope Pius IX.

In his homily, Msgr. Rossi stated “when Mary’s life on earth was completed, God ‘assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary’ ... ‘body and soul into heavenly glory.’”

He continued, “Because Mary was preserved from sin since the moment of her conception, when Mary died, her body did not suffer corruption as ours will.

“Instead, Our Lady went directly from earthly life into heaven, without any decay. This belief and understanding of the end of Our Lady’s life has been held since the fifth century as is attested to in the various writing of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church and then this doctrine was solemnly defined as dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950.”

“As Pope Pius XII wrote in the Apostolic Constitution which defined the dogma of the Assumption, ‘the august Mother of God...immaculate in her conception, a virgin inviolate in her divine motherhood, whole-hearted companion of



As Msgr. Rossi preached from the pulpit, the Shroud of the Dormition of Mary was displayed beneath him. (Photo: Tyler Orsburn, CNS)

the divine Redeemer who won complete victory over sin and its consequences, gained at last the supreme crown of her privileges – to be preserved immune from the corruption of the tomb, and like her Son, when death had been conquered, to be carried up body and soul to the

exalted glory of heaven.” (Munificentissimus Deus)

“These words are visually expressed for us in the ‘Dormition Shroud’ which is displayed in the sanctuary today.”

“This icon, which was

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a gift to the Shrine in 2004 by the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, portrays Our Lady's "dormition" or "falling asleep" and her assumption into heaven."

"The angels are present to assist Our Lady on her journey and you see Jesus in the background waiting to welcome his mother into her heavenly glory as he holds a little child clothed in white, representing the soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

"The text framing the icon reads: 'the assembly of Apostles gathered around your body,

which contained God, Beholding it with awe, they cried out with a clear voice, 'Save your people as you pass over to the heavenly mansion of your Son.'"

The rector reminded the faithful, "Mary's Assumption holds out the hope that one day, after we fall asleep in the Lord, we too might pass over to the heavenly mansion of Mary's Son. . . ."

This year's celebration of the Assumption marked the 100th anniversary of the granting of permission by Pope Pius X for the construction of the National Shrine. On August 15, 1913, Pope Pius X in an audience gave this permission to Cardinal James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, who was accompanied



This photo of the Dormition Icon was taken while watching the EWTN broadcast of the homily on TV.

by then Monsignor Thomas Shahan. The future Saint Pius X not only expressed his great interest in the plan, but also provided the initial contribution to build the Shrine.

The main celebrant for the Eucharistic Liturgy was Bishop Michael J. Bransfield, of the Diocese

of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia, who served as rector of the Shrine from 1986 until 2005.

Msgr. Rossi, a priest of the Scranton Diocese and native of Scranton, Pa., has served as rector since April, 2005, succeeding Bishop Bransfield.



Blessing of Flowers

Rev. Ivan Demkiv blessed flowers on the Feast of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA on August 15, 2013.

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Head Announces Beginning of Synod of Bishops



12 August 2013

"With this Divine Liturgy we, the bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, begin our synod," Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk said August 11 during his homily in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv.

The synod takes place in Kyiv from August 11 to 18. The main theme of the synod is "The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the New Evangelization."

Patriarch Shevchuk said that the beginning of the synod begins "a historical moment that will never happen again." "We pray in the Patriarchal Cathedral, which, like a bride who is preparing for marriage, is waiting for its consecration. Look at how bright and white it is..." the Primate said to the bishops and laity.

Talking about the theme of the synod, the hierarch said that the central issue is how today "to make a modern man see, how to share the faith, how we, the believers of the twenty-first century, can know the Word of God in today's culture."

Patriarch Shevchuk asked the faithful Greek Catholics to pray for the synod.

According to him, the synod will pray to Jesus Christ to bless us, our people, our church, our country, so that we were a faithful and well-developed people, and spoke words of faith to our neighbors.

At the end of worship, according to canon law, Bishop Bohdan Dziurakh, Secretary of the Synod, read the decree to convene the next Synod of Bishops.

Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine Edward Thomas Gullickson said he, as the representative of the pope, "has the honor" to stand next to the Greek Catholics before the throne of God's Greatness to plead for the gift of the Holy Spirit to discuss the affairs of the synod, which begins today. He also "assured the blessing of the Holy Father" for all Greek Catholics, the work of the synod, the celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the baptism of Rus-Ukraine, and the consecration of the Patriarchal Cathedral.

At the end of the Liturgy, Patriarch Shevchuk presented to the faithful each of the bishops who have already arrived at the synod, the Information Department of the UGCC informs. <http://risu.org.ua>

Bishops of the Synod pray to the Holy Spirit and take an oath

12 August 2013

On August 11th, the members of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, headed by UGCC Primate His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) prayed to the Holy Spirit in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ.



“The Vespers to the Holy Spirit exemplify the spiritual nature of this gathering, which we call the Holy Synod of UGCC Bishops. Thus the Church wishes to underline that the decisions which are ratified by the bishops are geared on realizing God’s plans, not human ones. However, in order to recognize God’s plans as to our Church, the help of the Holy Spirit is needed. That is why at the beginning of the synod meetings we gather together in order to ask for grace and the illumination of the Holy Spirit. We will beseech God to grant us the wisdom to search for His will and the strength to fulfill that which He wants from us and our Church,” stresses Bishop Bohdan (Dziurakh), Secretary of UGCC Synod of Bishops.

After the Vespers, the bishops took a vow about keeping issues discussed during the synod confidential. “Sometimes through a careless word some good deed or person may suffer. Therefore through this oath, we sort of preclude such happenings,” he notes. An oath to refrain from divulging confidential materials was also taken by priests and nuns with access to the synod meetings.

All other general church issues, according to the Synod Secretary will be communicated to the faithful. “The Synod is not some sort of secret gathering. It is a meeting of people who are entrusted with leading the Church and who want to serve the Church and the people in the best possible way. We will provide information every day on the topics which the bishops are discussing,” assured Bishop Bohdan.



NOTE: UGCC Synod of Bishops is the highest legal, judicial, and managing organ of the Church. In other words, the Synod is the highest entity on any issues which concern the life of the Church.

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Blessed Pope John Paul II gave a chalice as a gift to the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv

12 August 2013

During the first working session of the UGCC Synod of Bishops in Kyiv, a symbolic act took place. Bishop Vasyl (Medvit), Auxiliary Bishop of Donetsk-Kharkiv Exarchate, passed on to the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv a chalice and a service book which was used during Liturgy in the sports complex Chayka by Blessed Pope John Paul II. At that time the Bishop was in charge of the construction of the Patriarchal Cathedral.



According to Bishop Vasyl, after the Liturgy, the Holy Father called him and said: "I heard that you are responsible for the construction of the cathedral in Kyiv. Please accept this chalice, so that when you bless the cathedral, you can use it for celebrating the Divine Liturgies there."

As His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted, "now is the moment when Bishop Vasyl showed us these Papal gifts and fulfilled the testimony of Pope John Paul II, passing these on to the Patriarchal Cathedral." "This is a special relic which we will cherish with trepidation and great care. This year, maybe, will coincide with the year of the canonization of Pope John Paul II," emphasized UGCC Head.

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UGCC Bishops focus on the main topic of the Synod

13 August 2013

During the first two working days of UGCC Synod of Bishops being held in Kyiv, the Synod fathers focused on developing its main topic: "Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church and New Evangelization."

Speakers addressing the main topic were His Beatitude Sviatoslav, UGCC Head, and Mr.

Yevhen Hlibovsky, a media expert.

The following day began with presentations by: Bishop Stephen (Meniok), Exarch of Donetsk-Kharkiv; Bishop Vasyl (Ivasiuk), Exarch of Odesa-Crimea; Bishop Josaphat (Hovera), Exarch of Lutsk; Joseph (Vert), Ordinary for all Catholics of the Eastern Rite in Russia; Archmandrite Serhiy Hayek, Apostolic



Visitor for Greek-Catholics in Belarus; Rev. Vasyl Hovera, Apostolic Delegate for Greek-Catholics in Kazakhstan and Central Asia.

Then the bishops worked in groups and in the plenary discussion they made final recommendations for projected resolutions regarding new evangelization in UGCC.

Tomorrow the synod fathers will hear the annual report on the activities of the Patriarchal Curia over the past year and the summaries of the annual reports of the Patriarchal Commissions and Departments.

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Synod Bishops had a day of spiritual retreat in the Radomyshl Castle

16 August 2013

On August 15, UGCC bishops who are participating in the UGCC Synod of Bishops in Kyiv, had a traditional day of a spiritual retreat in the historic-cultural complex, the Radomyshl Castle (in Radomyshl, Zhytomyr region).

In her greetings, the community activist and physician Olha Bohomolets, the creator and owner of the historic-cultural complex, emphasized the importance of this event, when "immediately so many hierarchs came

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to this famous historical place.”

A spiritual lecture on the topic discussed during the Synod – the roads of further evangelization – was presented by His Beatitude Lubomyr. He stressed for the success of the new evangelization in the boundaries of his eparchy falls on the hierarchs. This task is first delegated to them. And the bishops have to closely cooperate with the clergy and the laity during its implementation.

The Papal Legate, Cardinal Audrys Juozas

Backis, who came to Radomyśl to greet UGCC bishops, also joined the members of the synod. The guests were taken on a tour of the Museum of Home Icons at the historical-cultural complex.

The Synod Bishops celebrated Vespers to the Blessed Mother. After the prayer Cardinal Backis spoke to the bishops, saying “when we celebrate the anniversary of the Baptism of Kyivan Rus, we survey whole famous history of your Church which has roots and cultural traditions to

the times when Christians lived in unity with other churches.

Therefore, we were persistently pray for unity which Jesus desired, and we will walk down the path of ecumenical dialogue between all the Churches who consider themselves tied with the spiritual heritage of Saint Volodymyr.

In conclusion there was an evening meal. During which the Synod greeted those bishops for whom this year marks a birthday jubilee, anniversary as a priest or a bishop. Also

all UGCC Bishops were given the book, Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church: First Steps. Testimony. Rebirth, published for the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine. The spiritual retreat day ended with a concert by the group Bozhychi.

Note: Radomyśl in the second half of the 18th century was the Seat of the Uniate Church Primate.

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UGCC Synod of Bishops establishes a Ten-Day Missionary Period in UGCC

21 August 2013

A resolution of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church established a Ten-Day Period of Missionary Activity in UGCC. The Father and Head of the Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, informed the Sister Servants today, August 20th, during a meeting in Rome with their Main Administration and the superiors of the provinces from other countries.

According to the Church Primate, the ten-day period of missionary work falls into the period between Ascension and the Descent of the Holy Spirit. "At first we thought of establishing a Day of Missions in the Church, however our bishops decided that one day was too short since it is important to talk with people more about sharing their faith. This will be the time when we will focus on the issues of the necessity of missionary efforts. We need to learn more about areas where our people are who need God's Word," explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Simultaneously, UGCC Synod of Bishops also decided that during this time there will be a collection of donations for the missions so that each eparchy or exarchate can have their own missionary fund for catechizing, implementing new programs for youth, etc...

"If there is a fund in every eparchy and exarchate, then a general all-church missionary fund will be established under the guardianship of Bishop Petro Stasiuk," stated UGCC Head.

In discussing the issue of why our society needs missionary work, a new evangelization, His Beatitude told the nuns that the Ukrainian society needs a Church today which would be active in social services. "This is a colossal effort in which one can carry into society Christ's Gospel. When we perform some act of mercy, we do not question whether the receiver is a believer or not, whether s/he is Orthodox, or some other confession. We serve everyone. And on the basis of such sincere service one can overcome certain prejudices and discover the real Christ," argues the Primate.



Picture from the Synod.

He informed all that right now the post-Synodal epistle is being prepared and it will summarize all the resolutions and projects approved by the Synod of Bishops, held August 11-17 in Kyiv.

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September 2013 - Вересня 2013

Happy Birthday!

З Днем народження!

September 11: Rev. Volodymyr Kostyuk
September 12: Rev. Gregory Maslak
September 13: Very Rev. Archpr. Mitrat
Roman Mirchuk
September 15: Rev. Msgr. Myron Grabowsky
September 25: Rev. Vasyl Putera
September 29: Rev. Wasyl Kharuk

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

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Многая Літа!**



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(18th Anniversary)
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(13th Anniversary)

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