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## **Metropolitan Stefan Explains 'New Evangelization' Goals Minersville, Pa. School Hosts 'World Premiere' of New 'Believe for Life-The Creed' Video DVD**

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MINERSVILLE, PA - The red carpet in St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Minersville, provided the right ambiance Wednesday for the world premiere showing of a new faith DVD that stars St. Nicholas School students.

The student body and faculty got their first look at "Believe for Life - The Creed," a six-minute video produced by the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Metropolitan Archbishop

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Stefan Soroka, head of the Philadelphia archeparchy, visited the school for the 12:30 p.m. showing.

A big screen TV was set up in the church for all to watch the video. According to the Very Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, archeparchy director of communications, the students were filmed in April for segments of the video and are prominently featured in the DVD. In the beginning and end of the video, the students sing an original song, "I Believe in Jesus," composed for the DVD by Jaroslava Lonchyna, and then individual students

are shown reciting parts of the Nicene Creed, with a narrator providing information about the specific sections between the children's parts. In addition, the iconography and interior of St. Nicholas Church are prominently featured throughout the video, along with outdoor scenes.

The St. Nicholas students who participated in the singing, which was filmed in front of the iconostasis in St. Nicholas Church, were Abigale Yourey, Rylee Rapali, Nadia Zimmerman, Camilla Koury, Olivia Springer, Brendan Lonergan,



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Gabriella Quinn, Elizabeth Newton, Jason Dean, Sydney Krammes, Victoria Newton, Lucas Rinaldo, Kali Opolsky, Michael Bilansky, Dillon Kintzel, Garret Stine, Michael Cuttitta, Devan Shimko, Nicholas Quinn and Hunter Shimko.

Modica, Anthony Cuttitta and Caitlin Miller.

The Rev. Mark Fesniak, pastor, is also in the DVD giving Holy Communion to the school children.

Sister Thomas Hrynewich, SSMI, principal, Mary Ann Keyes and Susan Miller assisted with the project at the school.

"They really did good," Thomas said. "They're ready to go on to the next one."

The filming took one day in Minersville. Since the April taping, the video has been in post-production, which included extensive

While singing, the students also used sign language for viewers with hearing impairments. That idea was not originally planned but was an addition suggested at the school and accepted.

The students who read the Nicene Creed were Anthony Lutchkus, Jameson Melochick, Joshua Magdenburg, Albe Evans, Francesca



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editing, additional photography, graphics and the recording of the narration.

Fifth-grader Francesca Modica, 10, who was in fourth grade when she was chosen as a speaker, found the filming an interesting experience.

"I thought it was really cool to be a part," Modica said. "My part was taped about three or four times."

Modica is happy to be part of such a project that will extend to other countries.

"It's really important to know who God is," Modica said.

The archeparchy has prepared 15,000 copies of the DVD, which also includes a similar program in the Ukrainian language featuring religious education students from the Trenton, N.J., area. Many of those students wore traditional Ukrainian cultural garb and were filmed in April at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Trenton, Jaroslava Lonchyna prepared the students for the Ukrainian

language version.

The video is being mailed this month to 8,500 households throughout the archeparchy, together with supplemental teaching pamphlets in English and Ukrainian.



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Parishes and schools will also receive copies, as will Ukrainian Catholic bishops throughout the world. The video will eventually reach a worldwide audience,

since copies are also being made available to the Ukrainian Catholic faithful in Canada, South America, Ukraine and Europe, and Australia. The video will also be made available on the archeparchy's website

and will be posted on YouTube and Facebook.

"We started it over a year ago as an evangelization approach for our church, to reach out and incite

a greater interest and knowledge of our faith, not only for the people in the pews, but equally importantly to reach the people who are not in the pews," Soroka said before the showing. "I have a conviction that I feel very strongly about that as 'Church' we must reach out."

"The Creed" is the first of three DVDs being released in September.

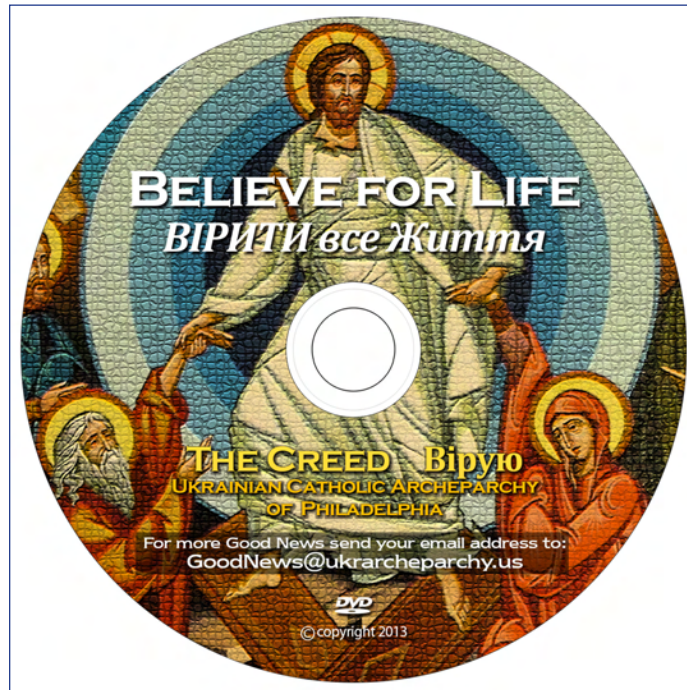
"The second video will come out in November and explain why we need to go to church and what are the essential benefits, including sacramentally and socially. There are so many different aspects that we want to portray," he said. "The third one will be released around Christmas and it will emphasize to come home, come back to church. We want you to be become part of this family and gain from what we can offer. In the videos, we invite people to give us their contact information so that we can continually reach out to them. Even if they don't come back to the pew, we still want to reach out to them."

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Soroka spoke to the student body after the showing, congratulating and thanking them for their participation in the project as part of the New Evangelization during the Year of Faith. "I encourage you to walk in the footsteps of Christ the Teacher and go forth and teach others, to share your faith and the love of Jesus with others," he told the students. Afterwards the archbishop personally presented each student with an icon card of "Christ the Teacher."



More information about the archeparchy can be found on the website at [www.ukrarcheparchy.us](http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us), by calling 215-627-0143 or sending an e-mail to [GoodNews@ukrarcheparchy.us](mailto:GoodNews@ukrarcheparchy.us). Anyone interested in receiving the free digital version of the archeparchy's newspaper, "The Way," can e-mail to [theway@ukrarcheparchy.us](mailto:theway@ukrarcheparchy.us).

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**Believe for Life - "The Creed" DVD**



**A scene from the Believe for Life - "The Creed" DVD featuring children from Minersville, PA.**



**A scene from the Believe for Life - "The Creed" DVD featuring children from Trenton, NJ.**

## Conception of St. John the Baptist (September 23)



*In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to*

*take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people." (Lk. 1, 5-25)*

St. John the Baptist has remained a beloved saint throughout the life of the Church, and many religious orders, institutions, churches, and shrines were established under his patronage. The Eastern Church especially venerates him and he is given a prominence in the Liturgy and Church art to a degree which is not seen in the West – an expression of Our Lord's words "Amen, I say to you, among those

born of women there is none greater than John the Baptist."

What little we know of the life of John the Baptist and his mission is contained in the four gospels. John was a prophet, and is also called the forerunner, precursor, or harbinger, due to his role in heralding the coming of Jesus Christ. He began his ministry around the age of 27, going

into the desert, living on locusts and honey and dressing in a tunic made of camel hair. At the river Jordan, near Jericho, he announced that all men must be obligated to wash away their sins "with the tears of sincere penance." His baptizing in the river was mystically significant in a way the legal washings and purifications of Jewish law were not. This is where he earned his name as "The Baptist."

Many priests and Levites were sent to ask John is he was the Christ; he confessed "I am not the Christ" and to his followers he preached, "I indeed baptize you with water; but there shall come one mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to loose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in his hand and he will

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purge his floor; and will gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire”.

He had been preaching and baptizing for some time when Our Lord came to St. John to be baptized. John first refused, saying, “I ought to be baptized by you, and you come to me?” Out of obedience, John eventually did baptize Jesus. It was, as St.

Ambrose has said, not for Jesus to be cleansed Himself, but to sanctify the waters, to give them the virtue to cleanse the sins of man. John the Baptist continued his ministry, preaching and baptizing on the Jordan for sometime, before being jailed, and eventually beheaded, after he publicly spoke out against Herod’s choice to set his wife aside and keep his brother’s wife as his mistress.

Typically, the feast of the proper saint is celebrated on the day of their death. While we do also honor the death and martyrdom of John the Baptist in August, the feast of his birth has long held a place of honor in both the Greek and Latin liturgies, as the Gospels relate the birth of John the Baptist to the birth of Our Lord. John, the precursor, was filled with the Holy Spirit, as the angel Gabriel dictated

he would be, even from his mother’s womb, and this is reason for triumph and for honor. John was the very one of which the prophet wrote “Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.” In his nativity and in his adult life, St. John prepares the way for the Lord.

## 82nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God - Sunday October 6, 2013

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 accompanying 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.

For further information, please call 215.379.3998 x17 or visit the Sisters’ website at [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com)

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**“Accepting the Cross**  
**Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church”**

**Sunday October 6, 2013**

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



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# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY - PATRIARCHAL CATECHETICAL COMMISSION UGCC

Lviv, 27 August 2013

*“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete. (1 John 1, 1-4)*

Dear Fathers, Venerable Brothers and Sisters,  
Dear Catechists, Collaborators in God’s Vineyard!

Glory To Jesus Christ!

First of all, on behalf of the Church, I wish to sincerely congratulate all of you on this Catechetical Sunday, September 29, and express my heartfelt thanks for your dedication and devotion in the Catechetical Ministry during 2013. This year was full of important Church events that profoundly affected the life of our Church and each of us: The Year of Faith, the 1025-th anniversary of the baptism of Rus'-Ukraine, and the dedication of the Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv.

May Christ the Teacher bless you with generous gifts, and the Holy Spirit inspire and instruct you with new ways of teaching and educating in faith, of proclaiming

Christ and transmitting the faith to the next generation. We live in a time where everything is changing rapidly, especially attitudes towards religion, God, the Church and Christian values. You and I are called upon and sent by the Church to proclaim Christ and his teachings - to evangelize and catechize. Today we are called to share our faith and the spiritual wealth of Volodymyr’s baptism.

I would like to share some important information and give you some guidelines for our Catechetical Ministry:

## **1. New Evangelism in the UGCC.**

Today, the entire Church needs new evangelization, a new impetus to proclaim Christ’s blessings. The new Evangelism is a priority for our Church. How can we preach Christ today? Today

we are all aware of the constant call of the Church to the new evangelization, to finding new methods and ways, a new approach to our catechetical Ministry. This new approach can be learned from Jesus Christ Himself. By diligently contemplating Jesus Christ, by living with Him and in Him, through reading and hearing his words, participating in the Holy Mysteries, participating in liturgical worship as well as through personal and common prayer, we are able to learn specific new ways and methods of how to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness to Christ. From Jesus the Teacher we are constantly learning the art of the Word and words so that we can speak to the heart of a modern person. The new Evangelism is a call to each of us personally. It should be an integral part of our families, parishes, eparchies. The new Evangelism is

designed to awaken the life of the Church at various levels, especially at the parish level, as His Beatitude Sviatoslav stressed in his Pastoral letter “The living parish – the meeting place with the living Christ.” Our Church draws particular attention to the parish as a meeting place with Christ. The single most important component of the parish is the word of God and catechesis, and this catechetical Ministry must be on all levels and for all ages. I hope that every Catechist of our Church is well acquainted with the strategy of “The living parish – the meeting place of the living Christ” and is actively engaged in its implementation.

The Synod of bishops of our Church, which was held in Kyiv on August 11-17 of this year especially focused on the theme of the New evangelization. The new evangelism

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requires new methods, forms and ways of communicating the faith. The main recipients of the new evangelization must be the people who are baptized but not participating in the life of the Church. Another focus of the new evangelization are non-Christians. In this new evangelization we manifest the missionary spirit of our Church. Every parish, every eparchy and exarchate in the whole world must become a missionary. All of our catechesis must become missionary and educate towards the missionary spirit. We are aware that catechesis is not only learning the truths of the faith, but it also has to form and nurture faith in those whom we catechize.

## **2. The Catechumenate for adults.**

The Synod of bishops approved the thematic content of the program for the Catechumenate. This program has two main objectives: the first objective is to prepare adults to the Holy Mystery of Baptism. The second is to help those already baptized, but who, for various reasons, have not been evangelized,

catechized and Churched. The catechumenate program is currently being developed, and within a short time will be officially disseminated for implementation.

In catechizing adults today, special emphasis must be placed on the catechesis of families. Although we need to catechize children, special attention should be paid to catechizing the parents of the children we are catechizing.

## **3. The Catechism of the UGCC "Christ our Pascha".**

This book must be required reading for everyone. This is the official teaching of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church approved by the Synod of the UGCC in accordance with the norms of Canon law.

Do all the parents of the children we catechize have a copy of this book, and have they read and studied the Catechism? Are the Scriptures and the Catechism required reading in all of our families? His Beatitude Sviatoslav stressed the importance of this in his Pastoral letter "The living parish – the meeting

place with the living Christ." In the catechesis of adults, the Catechism of our Church is the basic foundation, therefore let us use every opportunity to implement it in our lives. It is important to read it during catechetical instructions, to study it, and actively apply it in catechetical activities.

The Catechism of the UGCC "Christ our Pascha" is being translated into many languages. It is our fervent hope that soon we will all be able to use these translations in our catechesis and pastoral work.

## **4. Catechism of the UGCC for youth.**

The Synod of Bishops of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission has created a working group for the implementation of this task. The Chairman of this working group is Father Myron Bendika. The first organizational meeting was held on 26 August 2013, in Lviv. Currently the Working Group is working on developing the thematic content for the Catechism for Youth, and the methodology of work on it. We ask for your prayers for the success of this cause

which is so important for the good of the whole Church.

## **5. The Keys to Understanding the Catechism of UGCC**

The working group which wrote the Catechism is currently preparing Keys to Understanding the Catechism of UGCC "Christ our Pascha" (compendium) for better learning, perception and understanding of the basic truths of the faith. A number of working meetings have been held and the contents of the book have been developed. This book will also include a dictionary of theological terms, which are found in the Catechism of the UGCC and will be explained further in the Keys to Understanding. It is our hope that this book will help you make better use of the Catechism of the UGCC "Christ our Pascha" in your catechetical Ministry.

## **6. UGCC's participation in the Catechetical Congress in Rome**

On 26-29 September 2013 the Vatican will

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host the International Catechetical Congress. Catechists from different countries will participate in it. The theme of the Congress is "The Catechist – a witness of faith". Let us unite ourselves in prayer with all the catechists of our entire Church! Our Church will be actively involved in both the Congress and the World pilgrimage of catechists. We hope that the participation in the pilgrimage and the Congress will be a good opportunity to strengthen the unity between catechists

and the renewal of our catechetical ministry.

As head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, I express my heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission, especially venerable Sister Luiza Ciupa, SNDM for her constant and tireless work in the field of catechetical ministry. I am also grateful to all the chairpersons of the catechetical commissions in Ukraine and other places for your catechetical ministry

in your eparchies and exarchies. The meeting of catechists which took place last year in Canada and Ukraine showed me that our Church has an extremely dedicated and highly committed coordinators of catechism. The merciful God will reward you for your dedicated work.

I encourage you to actively implement the strategy of "The living parish – the meeting place with the living Christ", attending to the initial as well as ongoing

formation of catechists. There are before us today many challenges, but remember - God is with us! Do not be afraid! We have the blessing and the credibility of the Church. Boldly, with dedication, humility and with renewed zeal let us go forward!

May God's grace guide all of you,

+ Peter Stasiuk  
Head of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission

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## From the Office of Religious Education of Archeparchy of Philadelphia

Revered and Dear Fathers:

Every year the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia observes "Catechetical Sunday" on the last Sunday of September. In order to facilitate this commemoration we are sending you Prayers for Catechists and Students, to be used during Catechetical Sunday observance at the Divine Liturgy. Please make this event a memorable one for your catechists, students and

parish by organizing an appropriate celebration following the Divine Liturgy; for example: recognition of catechists for their work with a special reception, lunch, coffee and cake etc. Please use this event to stress the importance of the need for educating ourselves and our children in the Gospel message.

Our Catechetical Sunday program for 2013 is directed to the idea of the "New Evangelization" and the "Year of Faith".

Focusing the attention beyond the physical realm, the Church in the United States has long collaborated with the seasonal shift in schedules of a multitude of people. Putting emphasis on the importance of learning, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has sponsored "Catechetical Sunday" to reinforce the need for knowledge beyond the academic sphere.

Prayers and posters and programs have been

produced to point to the profound message that underlies this need for continuing education. Through learning truth is found: in the sciences; in the use of language skills of spelling and grammar; in the application of principles that provide aesthetic works in sight and sound. Human activities that bring grace and enjoyment to life are reflected in the manipulation of light and color to produce art in many forms and music

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made of sounds meant to be pleasing when arranged by tone, pitch, volume and tempo.

But all would be futile if learning were to be confined to externals.

This year, the USCCB has directed a theme to express two very important elements: the “New Evangelization” and the “Year of Faith”

Working with this concept, the ECED (the Eastern Conference of Eparchial Directors of Religious Education) has utilized the motto “Open the Door of Faith” set forth by USCCB for the year 2013...

The words “Open the Door of Faith” are etched across the top of the poster. A church door stands mid-page between a majestic cathedral and three scenes of the world into which the sacred space of the church is to extend.

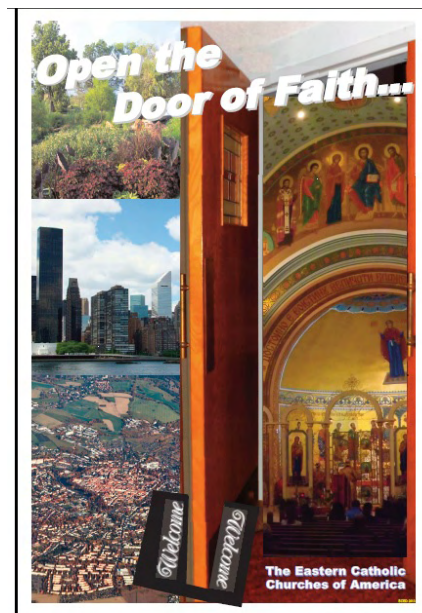
A two-way “welcome” mat invites these two realms to intermingle. Each side must exert effort to find the other on the other side of the door—which, you see, has no lock. Each side is nurturing and nurtured

by the exchange. Each benefits from the shared experience.

It is through application of principles learned in “catechism” class that helps the Church transmit its divine truth to a waiting, hungry world. It is this same salvation-seeking world that finds the Church the beacon it is meant to be through Christ’s commission to “Go, teach all nations...” By now, all should be aware that religious education is not the sole domain of students in graded K-12 age groups. Parishes have the responsibility, too, to provide regular sessions designed for the faithful of every age in study or discussion groups, conducted or monitored by the clergy and catechists prepared for this ministry to everyone who needs to know how our loving God touches each soul.

Catechetical Sunday in your parish is meant to be a time of renewal of the promises made at baptism—to believe in and serve Christ, in thought. In word, in deed. Its observance should be a momentous occasion. Catechetical Sunday should be celebrated in your parish whether you

have a catechetical program or not. This Sunday provides us an opportunity in our parish families to stress that each of us is “catechist” responsible to educate ourselves and our families in the faith. In a classroom setting we have but a small window of time to present basics of the faith but as church families and parents and grandparents there is even a greater opportunity to show by example, what our faith means to us by living it and supporting it and encouraging it. We stress the importance of secular education to achieve success. We support local sports activities to enhance our children’s lives. We also need to give a basis in faith and spirituality to be able to use everything they learn for their own sake and those around them in the world. So we encourage you to reach out to all your people in your sermons and church activities this Catechetical Sunday, and remind them that they too are being sent to evangelize and spread the Good News of Jesus to those around them.



However you may wish to celebrate “Catechetical Sunday” is in the range of your creative freedom. We ask your assistance in helping us promote this Sunday by sending us via email, photos and examples of what you & your parish did to bring attention to the need for continuing education of our children and adults in your parish community. It will help and encourage us in our task of providing you with programs and events which will help in spreading the Gospel through education and evangelization.

Wishing you God’s Blessings,

Rev. Stepan Bilyk  
Director of Religious Education

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



September 29, 2013

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral  
of the Immaculate Conception  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Saturday, September 28, 2013  
11:00am – Until Dusk

Sts Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church  
Fairview & St. Mary's Street, Phoenixville, PA  
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**FREE ADMISSION**

-  **Ethnic Food & Drinks**
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## Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church TRICKY TRAY



Date: Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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

\$10 admission includes first sheet of tickets.  
Many prizes valued at \$100+! Door prizes and 50/50 raffle!  
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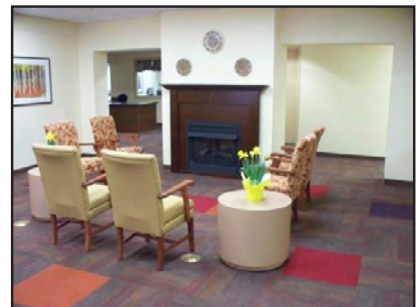
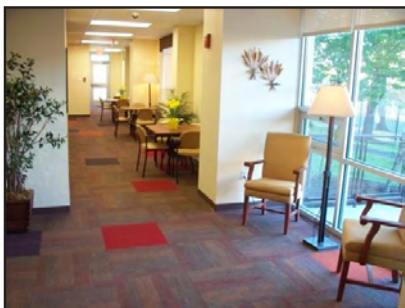
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Philadelphia, Pa.--Having completed a two year multi-million dollar renovation program in 2011, Ascension Manor offers its residents a broad spectrum of social services and activities as well as a contemporary, comfortable living environment. All apartments have the most up-to date conveniences and appliances to provide residents with a 21<sup>st</sup> century living experience. Enhanced indoor and outdoor gathering and social areas are located throughout the two residential towers and on the spacious landscaped grounds.

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## Workshop to be held October 19th at Basilian Spirituality Center

The Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great are sponsoring the second in a series of workshops on the Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, "Christ Our Pascha". The second conference "Partakers of the divine nature: Life in Christ and the Church" will be held on October 19, 2013 at 9:30 AM at the Basilian Spirituality Center in Jenkintown, PA.

The conference will be given by Dr. Robert Marko, a 2008 Fulbright Scholar in social ethics at the Ukrainian Catholic University, is Professor and Chair of Theology at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served as a visiting professor at the Metropolitan Andriy Sheptyts'kyi Institute of St. Paul University in Ottawa, Canada. As a Fulbright Scholar at the Ukrainian Catholic University, L'viv, Ukraine in Catholic social ethics, Dr. Marko passionately advocates for a deeper appreciation of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

The central idea of our Catechism, Christ Our Pascha, is that the source of our Christian life of faith is the Risen Christ. In the liturgical language of our Church we participate in the Passover of Christ hence in the new life in Christ. This new life grows to maturity in spiritual development and moral effort. There are three parts to this catechism: the faith of the Church, the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church (the Prayer of the Church) and the spiritual and moral dimensions of the Church (the Life of the Church).

This second conference on Christ Our Pascha, considers how we are to live out our lives in Christ. The Word became flesh to make us 'partakers of the divine nature' [2 Pet 1:4] The morning session will attend to how the theological emphases in the East complement the Western understanding of moral growth and transformation, ancestral sin and the eight passions or sins as found in Evagrius of Pontus. In the afternoon session, we will consider how certain social issues such as relationship of Church and state, the meaning of democracy, Christian citizenship, and the reality of social sin receive a distinct emphasis when considered in a particular cultural and historical context.

The workshop is free to participants but donations will be accepted. To keep costs down we ask that you bring their own lunch. Coffee, tea and soda will be provided. For more information call or email Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM at 412-260-1607 or [srannl@aol.com](mailto:srannl@aol.com)

### Second Conference on "Christ Our Pascha"

**"Partakers of the  
Divine Nature:  
Life in Christ and  
the Church"**

**By: Dr. Robert Marko**



Dr. Robert Marko is professor and chair of theology at Aquinas College who received his PhD in moral theology at Duquesne University. A visiting professor in Eastern Christian Ethics at the Metropolitan Sheptyts'kyi Institute of St. Paul University in Canada and Fulbright Scholar at the Ukrainian Catholic University, L'viv, Ukraine in Catholic social ethics, he passionately advocates for a deeper appreciation of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

**October 19, 2013**

#### Schedule:

9:30 am – Registration  
10 am – Eastern perspective of our "Life in Christ"  
12 am – Lunch  
1 pm – Social teaching of the UGCC  
3 pm – Break  
3:20 pm – Q&A  
5 pm – Vespers

(Workshop is free).

Please bring your own lunch.  
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**Basilian Spirituality Center**  
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**Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great**

## **METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE**

- September 11 Visit with children of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Minersville, PA
- September 16-19 Archeparchial Clergy Retreat, Long Branch, NJ
- September 20 Vespers and Blessing of Cornerstone of new St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Whippany, NJ.
- September 21 Blessing of Altar and new church St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Whippany, NJ.
- September 22 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in newly blessed St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Whippany, NJ.
- September 23 Philadelphia Holodomor Commemoration meeting at Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, Jenkintown, PA.
- September 24-25 Meeting - Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, Harrisburg, PA.
- September 26 Meeting of Pennsylvania Catholic Bishops, Harrisburg, PA
- September 29 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy for couples of Archeparchy celebrating wedding anniversaries, Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Did you know The Way, our archieparchial newspaper is available for FREE through the internet?**

Our newspaper is published twice a month in both an English language version and a Ukrainian language version. To receive this online newspaper, simply send your email address to: [theway@ukrarcheparchy.us](mailto:theway@ukrarcheparchy.us).


You may also share The Way with family and friends by sending their email addresses to: [theway@ukrarcheparchy.us](mailto:theway@ukrarcheparchy.us). All parishioners are encouraged to receive and read The Way, the Catholic newspaper of our Philadelphia Archeparchy.

**2013**  
**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 20**  
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**TOPIC: REVISITING AND HEALING THE STAGES OF OUR LIVES**

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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.  
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**1933 - 2013**



**WANTED**

Former members of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League—now known as the League of Ukrainian Catholics.

If you or anyone you know were members of the organization, we would like to hear from you.

Contact information below.

The League of Ukrainian Catholics is holding its 75th Annual Convention and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of its founding by the late +Archbishop Ambrose Senyshyn.

Looking forward to hosting all faithful of our Ukrainian Metopolia. Come join us as we celebrate our Faith and Heritage.

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## LUC Meeting - Sunday, September 29, 2013

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 635 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Moleben prayer service at 2:30pm., business session at 3:00pm followed by reception and fellowship. Main agenda items include membership renewal and the National Convention scheduled for October 4th to 6th in Cheektowaga /Buffalo, NY. All members are reminded to renew their annual membership. For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354.

## Homemade Pyrohy/Pierogi Sale

Sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Made completely from scratch - all fresh ingredients, not frozen.

Saturday, October 5, 2013. Pickup beginning at 2:00pm. \$7.00 per dozen. St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton, Pennsylvania

Advance orders accepted no later than Monday, September 30.

For orders call Dorothy Fleck at 570 346-4164.

## "Ukrainian Cultural Day" and 125th Anniversary Celebration Olyphant, PA



On **Saturday, October 26, 2013** SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA will be sponsoring "UKRAINIAN CULTURAL DAY" Show, being held at St. Cyril's School Gymnasium. {135 River Street, Olyphant, 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.} We plan to feature Ethnic items only. The event will be free and open to the public. This will be our first attempt to do a "Ukrainian Cultural Day" Show, FEATURING THE UKRAINIAN HERITAGE, ARTS AND CRAFTS. Vendors are invited to attend, Contact Lauren Telep 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor Iwasiw Pastor 570-489-2271 WEBSITE <http://www.stcyrils.maslar-online.com/>

The 125th Anniversary Celebration of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa will be held **Sunday, October 27, 2013**. ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND the Divine Liturgy. A Pontifical Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving by His Grace the Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, D.D., Archbishop-Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the U.S.A. The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy begins 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. The History of our Church "DVD" will be shown (produced by GREG MATKOSKY. Greg produced the WVIA Original Documentary Film called "The Extraordinary Journey-The Eastern Europeans of Northeastern PA) and Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble (Dancers) will be featured.

(BANQUET INFORMATION: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) Contact Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487 for tickets).

## **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.

## **UGCC head appoints Fr. Bogdan Prah as a new rector of UCU**

Monday, 09 September 2013

"I beg the Lord of all the graces necessary for a new rector to perform properly of his duties, and recommend all worthy professors, staff and students of UCU to respect him and cooperate with us to the glory of God and the good of Ukrainian science" - said the UGCC head in the Decree.



His Beatitude Sviatoslav personally congratulated the new rector of UCU on the 3rd of September, 2013 after the Hierarchal Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the consecration of the new academic building of UCU and the cornerstone for the construction of the university church of St. Sophia.

"I have always called Fr. Bogdan as Father - rector. In another way, I have never been able to address him. Today, I am particularly pleased to welcome him as a new-declared rector of UCU" - said the UGCC head .

Welcoming the Father Rector, the UGCC head said that he would have a huge piece of work. However, the Most Blessed Sviatoslav assured Fr. Bogdan that he would support him as the Grand Chancellor of UCU and Bishop Borys (Gudziak) would also help him as the president of UCU.

"Rest assured - we are with you. For only together we can move forward in that Easter winning procession across the native Ukrainian land. I wish you all God's blessings and all those, to whom Lord will send you, will always be with you, as the people of God were with Moses and that they see you as a mediator of God's grace and as a person who indicates by his rod where we should go," said the head of the UGCC.

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Information Department of the UGCC

## His Beatitude Sviatoslav: "A Christian is one who shares his forgiveness with others"

Wednesday,  
September 2013

11 Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) stated this during his sermon in the monastery of the Congregation of Sister Servants in Lviv.

During this Year of Faith, it is important for all Christians to understand that when we believe in God, then we receive from God forgiveness for all our transgressions against Him.

Today, on September 8th, on the eleventh Sunday after the descent of the Holy Spirit, the Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His

"It is exactly the awareness that we all first received forgiveness and this forgiveness initiative comes from God, that it stipulates the manner of relationship of the believer to his neighbor. There is no such fault that my neighbor has caused me which could be placed alongside that



fault that I bear before God," explained the preacher.

The Primate notes that the one who does not know how to forgive, is simply not capable of accepting forgiveness from God. Our neighbor is the one who is sent to us by Our Heavenly Father so that we can share forgiveness with him.

"A Christian is not only the one who believes in forgiveness. A Christian is the one who shares this

forgiveness with others. The one, who was first forgiven, should be able to forgive his neighbor," convincingly states His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

The head of the Church asks us to thank God for all the gifts which we have, and primarily for the gift of faith in forgiveness. "We have to be capable of receiving this gift," says the Church Primate.

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## UGCC head stresses the importance of self-identification during his meeting with Ukrainian youth in Poland

Monday, 16 September 2013

In Bialy Bor in Poland, the spiritual head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav met with Ukrainian youth. The meeting took place as part of the pastoral visit of UGCC Head to Wroclaw-Gdansk Eparchy on the occasion of the eparchy's celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine and the 55th anniversary of pilgrimages to Bialy Bor.

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In addressing youth, His Beatitude Sviatoslav emphasized the importance of faith in the self-identification of people. "During our evening prayer," said he, "there was a moment when in the church everything changed: there was darkness and then the light shone... This is the most important part of the Vechirnia [Evening Prayers] – the lighting of candles in the church when the sun is setting and evening begins." In this the Church Head sees a deep symbolism. "The real light for every person is Jesus Christ," he emphasized. "When the light of faith gets lit, the person totally changes." His Beatitude reminded all that this year "has been announced as the Year of Faith, the year of light, which offers a young person the possibility of not getting lost in the darkness of the world."



"This year we mark the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine and 55 years of time since here to Bialy Bor, faithful started coming. This celebration we would like to dedicate to the goal that this light of the Church never gets lost.

"On this earth, we can often find everything or lose everything," he said. "Many people lose the sense of their own life and do not know who they are: do not know if they are Ukrainians or Poles or someone else... In the contemporary, quickly changing, world we never have time – neither for ourselves nor for our

neighbor nor for God. In order for a person to find themselves, one has to find the answer to the question "who am I?" According to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, only a believing person can get to know and touch one's roots. "It is faith that is above time," he said. "Fifty years ago people started coming here. What seemed to attract them? Someone wanted to pull them out of their native land, to take everything which they owned, so that they would forget who they are. But can you take away from people their faith in God? Those people who believed in God did not



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lose their memory of their parents and they remember whose children they are.”

“Thanks to the fact that your parents, your ancestors had the roots of faith, you are here today,” the Head of the Church addressed the young Ukrainians, “you are here as people, as Christians, as Ukrainians.”

“Through the light of the faith that was lit by Prince Volodymyr on the banks of the Dnipro River and which our people brought to the banks of the Baltic Sea, you will be able to light your future and then it undoubtedly will be bright,” emphasized His Beatitude Sviatoslav, “The light of the future does not come from what we possess, but from who we are.”

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## His Beatitude Sviatoslav meets with members of the Task Force for Writing UGCC Catechism for Youth

Sunday, 15 September 2013

On September 11, 2013 in UGCC Recollection-Recreation Center in Briukhovychi, Lviv) His Beatitude Sviatoslav called together a meeting of the Task Force established by the Synod of Bishops to write a UGCC Catechism for Youth. In his remarks, he thanked the members of the working group for their “readiness to serve youth and the Church.”

The head of the Task Force, Rev. Myron Bendyk presented versions of the concepts of UGCC Catechism for Youth which had been already discussed by the group. And His Beatitude Sviatoslav presented the understanding of the concept of this Catechism by UGCC Synod of Bishops.



The meeting participants listened to the thoughts and angles in the presentation of UGCC Primate and expressed their opinions on the creation of UGCC Catechism for Youth. Then His Beatitude Sviatoslav asked for God’s Blessings on the participants and expressed his readiness to guide the process of the creation of the concept of UGCC Catechism for Youth.

Information provided by Nazar Duda

# **“Europe was not based on the same-sex couples, but on the respect for human dignity”, - His Beatitude Sviatoslav**

Friday, 20 September 2013

The religious community of Ukraine is always worried about voting in the Verkhovna Rada for the so-called European packets, as Ukrainian parliamentarians often vote selectively for the laws, which are necessary for European integration.

This issue was stressed by the Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, in the interview to the newspaper of the Lviv regional Council, which is being prepared for publication.

According to the head of the Church, tolerant attitude to non-traditional - homosexual marriages spreads in the Ukrainian society.

“Harmonizing the Ukrainian legislation with the European one, we adopt the diseases of the Western society very quickly. I want to remark that in the European legislation the Christian roots of culture are not mentioned. We are mistaken when we think that for the sake of the desired European prosperity we should suffer from these diseases”, - said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Due to him, in modern society that doesn't live according to God's commandments, there are different conceptions about morality and values. Often in the name of so-called tolerance, says the Head of the Church, life, which should be protected, is being destroyed.

“Among the requirements of the European community there are pseudo values. Today, the EU looks like a teenager who is experiencing the bounds of morality and needs Christian education. Europe was not based on the same-sex couples, but on the respect for human dignity , protection of its rights and freedoms, honesty in politics and business. Europe stood up on these foundations , but they have forgotten about this base. These are the values which are defended in our society by the Church. When we talk about protection of life from the natural beginning to its natural end, then it is the basis of the protests against euthanasia, abortion, and other actions that violate the dignity of life,”- said the head of the UGCC.

He expressed regret that at present we live in a post-Soviet society, «when the dignity of a person is on the tenth place».

Afterwards His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted that nowadays the Episcopal conferences of Europe are working intensively so that the voice of Christians could be heard. “We strive for joining the European discourse, to defend Christian values in Ukraine and Europe”, - added the head of the Church.

He refutes the claim that if Ukraine adopts the laws regarding same-sex marriages, it will enter the European community. «I may say that it is not so. Sometimes our parliamentarians to avoid other bills want to carry out this one. It's so much easier for them in Europe and Ukraine to vote against the traditional family, than against corruption, unfair judicial system, which suffers from selective justice. They stress their attention on the incidental problems in order to avoid solving the main thing», - said the head of the UGCC.

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## October 2013 - ЖОВТНЯ 2013

### Happy Birthday!

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October 12: Rev. Roman Sverdan  
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October 15: V. Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan  
October 16: Rev. Nestor Iwasiw  
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October 31: Rev. Ruslan Romanyuk

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