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BASILIAN SISTERS' PILGRIMAGE HONORS UKRAINIAN MARTYRS



The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great held their 82nd Annual Pilgrimage on Sunday, October 6, 2013 in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The main celebrant Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka, was assisted during the Liturgy by Most Reverend Bishop Borys Gudziak, Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, Rev. Roman Sverdan, Rev. Deacon Michael Waak and seminarians from St. Josaphat Seminary, Washington, DC.

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

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Hundreds of faithful gathered Sunday, October 6, 2013, for the 82nd Annual Protection of the Mother of God Pilgrimage sponsored by the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province, Fox Chase Manor, PA.

The theme for this year's gathering, "Accepting the Cross: Martyrs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church", paid homage to the twenty-seven brave men and women who suffered religious persecution at the hands of terrorist regimes in Ukraine.

Participating in the Pilgrimage for the first time since his episcopal ordination by His Beatitude Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, was the Most Reverend Borys Gudziak, President of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and now newly appointed Apostolic Exarch for Ukrainians in France, Switzerland, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg. Bishop Gudziak is also the recipient of the Ukrainian Federation of America award for his outstanding leadership, courage and vision.

The highlight of the day was the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. The hierarchy, clergy and religious were led in procession by young members of Plast and SUM bearing the framed likenesses of the honored martyrs which were then placed before the altar. The main celebrant, Most Reverend Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka, was assisted during the Liturgy by Most Reverend Bishop Borys Gudziak, Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, Rev. Roman Sverdan, Rev. Deacon Michael Waak and seminarians from St. Josaphat Seminary, Washington, DC.

In his homily, Bishop Gudziak commended the pilgrims for cooperating with the grace of God by gathering on holy ground for a time of self-examination and spiritual renewal. He reminded all of the 1988 Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine and spoke of the one thousandth anniversary in 2015 of the martyrdom of SS. Borys and Hlib, witnesses to non-violence and cornerstones of the early Christian Church, the first saints canonized in Kievan Rus' after the

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The Sisters and the faithful during the Liturgy.



Members of Plast and SUM.



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Christianization of the country. 'witness'. Do we witness to Christ?"

Bishop Borys drew attention to the images reverently placed before the altar, and spoke of how their ordinary lives unexpectedly were changed by extraordinary challenges. "Look at these pictures. These regular people never dreamed their lives would change so dramatically, that they would be called to make the supreme sacrifice. It would be a loss," the bishop continued, "if we left a pilgrimage without a challenge. The word 'martyr' means

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan thanked everyone for their participation and extended special thanks to Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior, and the Basilian Sisters for helping to make the day of prayer and self-renewal possible.

At the afternoon veneration of the martyrs' relics in the Holy Trinity

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Bishop Gudziak offered the homily during the Liturgy. Watch a video of his homily at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com.



Grotto



Moleben



Anointing the faithful after the Moleben.

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Chapel, Father Troyan, Basilian Motherhouse Chaplain, spoke on the life of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, CSsR, bishop and martyr, highlighting his clerical career from Redemptorist seminarian to bishop, his selfless work among his flock in Ukraine and his frequent conflicts with the prevailing foreign occupation. After frequent arrests and imprisonment due to his work in the underground Church and his steadfast allegiance to his beloved Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bishop Vasyl was released from prison and exiled from Ukraine.

He was welcomed to the Ukrainian Catholic community in Winnipeg, Canada, by Metropolitan Maxim Hermaniuk, CSsR, and, after a year, overcome by the effects of tortures and much suffering, he died a martyr's death June 30, 1973. After Father's talk, those present came forth to venerate the bishop's relics and to receive anointing from Father Troyan and Father Sverdau.

Also on display were additional relics of other Ukrainian martyrs and venerable men and

women. Sister Judith Piszuk, OSBM, explained their origin and classification and reasons for their veneration.

The highlight of the afternoon's spiritual activities was the prayerful moleben in honor of Mary, Theotokos at the grotto shrine of Our Lady of Pochayiv. Bishop Borys again spoke of the martyrs of Ukraine as those witnesses who teach us how to proceed

in life, how to face difficulties and deal with challenges. "They did not try to control, but they witnessed to truth and to proper relationships." The bishop offered as a shining example among many, Blessed Emilian Kovch, priest and martyr, who was condemned to death in a Nazi death camp for aiding the Jews. "From the time of St. Stephen, the first martyr, these witnesses to Christ, have taught us

the formula for staying on the straight and narrow path in the face of so many difficulties and distractions. They are our exemplars; will we emulate them?"

After receiving the episcopal blessing and anointing, the pilgrims departed for home with a newly-found spiritual peace under the protection of the honored martyrs.

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great want to thank everyone who participated at our eighty-second Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God on Sunday, October 6, 2013

His Grace, Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka

His Grace Borys Gudziak

The clergy who officiated at the Divine Liturgy, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Moleben

The Basilian Associates

The parishes in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the parishes from Pittsburgh who donated verenyky

All of our wonderful volunteers who donated items or time

and the Pilgrims who attended.

Please accept this humble and simple acknowledgement as a sign of our love and gratitude

You will be remembered in our Divine Liturgies celebrated in our Holy Trinity Chapel

*Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM
Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province
Fox Chase Manor, PA*



Holy Apostle James the Brother of the Lord (October 23/ November 5)



When Jesus had finished saying all this in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. (Lk. 7, 1 – 10)

In the Epistle to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul writes that together with the Apostle Peter, the Apostles James and John were also considered to be pillars of the Church. Saint James was the son of Joseph the Betrothed by his first wife and therefore is called the brother of the Lord in the Gospel. According to tradition, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to him after His Resurrection and set him as bishop of the Jerusalem Church. In this way, a special work fell to James' lot: he did not travel about various countries preaching as did the rest of the Apostles, but taught and performed the sacred ministry in Jerusalem, which has such an important significance for the Christian world. As the head of the Jerusalem

Church, he presided at the Apostolic Council in Jerusalem in the year 51 AD. His voice here was virtually decisive, and the proposal made by him became the resolution of the Apostolic Council (Acts, 15th Chapter). This circumstance has an important significance, in view of the pretensions of Catholics to elevate the Apostle Peter to the position of head of the Church, in order then to secure this headship for the Roman Pope.

The Apostle James' ascetic life strengthened his significance even more. He was a strict virgin, did not drink either wine or other spirituous beverages, abstained from meat and wore only linen clothing. He had the custom of going off by himself in the temple

for prayer, and there he would pray for his people on bended knee. He was so often stretched out on the ground in prayer that the skin on his knees became calloused.

The Apostle James' ministry was difficult amidst a multitude of the most vehement enemies of Christianity. But he acted with such good sense and fairness, that not only Christians esteemed him, but also Jews, and they called him the support of the people and a righteous man. Remaining in the office of Bishop of Jerusalem about thirty years, he spread and established the holy faith in Jerusalem and in all of Palestine. When the Apostle Paul visited the Apostle James on his final journey, at that time

the presbyters gathered together unto him and told him of the successes of the Christian preaching among the Jews in the following words: Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law (Acts 21:20). Many of the Jews were converted to the Church by trusting the word of the righteous one alone.

Seeing such influence of the Apostle, the Jewish leaders began to be apprehensive lest all the people be converted to Christ, and decided to make use of the interval of time between the departure of the Procurator Festus and the arrival of Albinus in his place (62 AD), in order

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either to incline James unto denying Christ or to kill him. The godless Sadducee Ananias was the high priest at that time. During a great conflux of the people, they led the Apostle to the portico of the temple, and after a few flattering words they disdainfully asked: "Tell us about the Crucified?" - "Are you asking me about Jesus?" the righteous one said loudly. "He is sitting in the Heavens at the right hand of the Most High and shall come again on the clouds of heaven." It turned out that in

the crowd were many Christians, who joyfully exclaimed: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Then the chief priests and the scribes cried: "O, even the righteous one himself is in error!" - and they cast him down to the ground. James was still able to raise himself to his knees and said: "Lord, forgive them! They know not what they do!" "Let us stone him", cried his enemies. A priest from the tribe of Rechab (they did not drink wine, lived in tents, did not sow wheat, nor cultivate grapes) began

to try to persuade them: "What are you doing? See: the righteous one is praying for you." But at that minute a fanatic, a cloth worker by trade, struck the Apostle in the head with his fuller's club and killed him. Many Christians were killed together with him.

The Jewish historian, Josephus Flavius, in enumerating the reasons for the fall of Jerusalem, says that the Lord chastised the Jews, among other things, for the murder of the righteous James.

The Apostle James wrote his Catholic Epistle not long before his death. The main purpose of the Epistle was to comfort and strengthen Jews that had converted to the faith in the sufferings which lay ahead for them, and to warm them against the error that allegedly faith alone can save a man. The holy Apostle explains that faith not accompanied by good works is dead and does not lead to salvation. Church tradition ascribes to the Apostle James the composition of the most ancient order of the Divine Liturgy. (www.stjohndc.org)

"Believe for Life - The Creed" DVD

The "Believe for Life" DVD Video in English and Ukrainian is posted on our website via our YouTube Channel.

Visit our website at <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us>



"I planted and Apollonia (Sister) watered, but God made it grow." 1 Cor 3: verse 6

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Spread the word - Support Ukrainian Catholic University!

On October 7, 2013 Bishop Borys Gudziak, Bishop of France, and Alexander Kuzma, Chief Development Officer at Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, were the main speakers at a meeting of clergy and representatives of our women religious communities of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. The meeting was held at the Treasury of Faith Museum in Philadelphia, PA, and was about Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU).



Bishop Borys Gudziak spoke at a meeting of clergy and representatives of our women religious communities at the Treasury of Faith Museum in Philadelphia, PA.

Bishop Gudziak focused on a theme of “The Two Ms” the “martyrs” and the “marginalized” representing the two columns of the University Project. Bishop Gudziak made an interesting point talking about how the University decided to look to the martyrs of the church and to look at the recent history of Ukraine in order to form not only a school of faith but also a school of life. In 1994 mentally handicapped (the most marginalized in an academic context) had been invited to be in the heart of the University because they have a particular gift, especially for post-Soviet

society. Bishop Gudziak spoke about the fear during Soviet times and how people would think one way but do things another way. Bishop Gudziak said our friends with special needs have this special gift in that they don't hide behind who they are and they help others overcome fear and recreate trust and build relationships between people. Bishop Gudziak said, “Upon those two columns, the University Project was developed at a sense of call to contribute to

what the University will be in the 21st century.”

Bishop Gudziak spoke about how we are seeing more graduates from UCU in different places. The two biggest parishes in Chicago are staffed by UCU graduates. In British Columbia, the Chancellor and his wife are both UCU graduates and they tripled the number of people going to church in the last 5 years in the Cathedral parish. In Australia, a Youth Minister is a UCU graduate. Bishop Gudziak

mentioned the need to form priests, religious, and lay leaders not only for Ukraine but for our community. Graduates are going into business and some businesses are saying they want UCU graduates because they think creatively, they are free, and they are honest.

Alexander Kuzma said that in Ukraine, our church has grown. Church is a popular institution among youth. Some of the

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biggest donors are not donors from a Ukrainian community, but rather some of the biggest donors are Roman Catholics with not a drop of Ukrainian blood in them. In Ukraine, the churches are filled to the rafters. There are little children running around the church. The churches are packed with people. Some of the donors that are heavily invested in the Construction Project are non-Ukrainians.

Alexander Kuzma said, "We ask Reverend Clergy and our dear Sisters to help more people find us." One way to help is to encourage young parishioners and older parishioners to come and see what's happening in Ukraine. There is a wonderful summer school program that attracts 60-80 students per summer. Some who enroll in the summer program, do not speak Ukrainian very well and go there to learn the Ukrainian language. Alexander Kuzma said some of the young who went there come back with an excitement that can help reinvigorate the parish.

Alexander Kuzma said, "Encourage people to

think big." He said, "Our Savior asked us to move mountains and He meant it, literally, to move mountains with that mustard seed!" Alexander Kuzma said, "I don't know if I know another example of how a mustard seed blossomed into a giant tree like UCU suddenly becoming this incredible phenomenon." Alexander Kuzma encouraged people to think big as to how our church can be, how it can grow, how it can inspire us and how it can create a new world.

Many of the participants of the meeting including priests and religious sisters from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia asked a wide range of questions about UCU. In conclusion to the meeting, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. Metropolitan Stefan said, "Society is in transition, the University is in transition and it's exciting times." Metropolitan Stefan said that we ourselves can become instruments of the bigger purpose that Our Lord has in all of this.



(l to r.) Bishop Borys Gudziak, Alexander Kuzma, and Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka during the meeting.



Congratulations to Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford, on the Occasion of his 25th Anniversary of Priesthood



On Sunday, October 6th, 2013, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Eparchy of Stamford, USA celebrated his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination that took place at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Vancouver BC.

Photo: Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, Archbishop of Winnipeg, Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, emeritus bishop of New Westminster, Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, Most Rev. Ken Nowakowski, bishop of New Westminster.

125th Anniversary - Olyphant, PA

SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church is celebrating its 125th Anniversary (1888-2013). On Saturday, October 26, 2013, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at 133 River Street, Olyphant, in the School Gym, This is our First "Ukrainian Cultural Day" Event to celebrate our Ukrainian Heritage. There will be tours given of the Church, explaining the Iconostas and the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church by Father Nestor Iwasiw, Mr. Eugene Turko, and other parishioners.

the Ledgers of the Church from 1888 depicting Marriages, Deaths and Baptism, along with the Baseball Trophies of SS. Cyril's Baseball team who won 7 consecutive titles. Also featured will be Tammy Budnovitch demonstrating the Ukrainian Pysanky Eggs. We will have a "Baba Basket" by Sharon of Rascal Fair Farm, Ukrainian Bread, Photography of Ukrainian Flowers By Eugene Maslar, "Christmas in Ukraine" Book by Worldbook, "Favorite Recipes from our Best

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(Photo) At SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, the committee gathers for the preparation of the 1st Ukrainian Cultural Day. First Row: Dorothy Zinsky, Marie Martin, Sue Mazzoni, Father Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor, and Christina Chezik, Last row: Lauren Telep. (chairwoman)

We will have available

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Cooks" 2 volume Cookbook from the Sisterhood of St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Church, The Choir of St. Cyril's, DVD's of our Easter and Traditional Ukrainian Christmas Carols. "Original Photography by Lauren Telep" of the Church, Hand painted Ukrainian Folk Art, including Pysanky egg and wooden egg ornament's, painting and prints of Ukrainian Landscapes, "Matryoshka" Nesting

Dolls, Ukrainian embroidery items, Jewelry depicting the 3-Bar Cross, Chocolate Candy decorated with the Ukrainian Colors of blue and yellow, with and many more Ukrainian Ethnic merchandise. "Take out" UNCOOKED ethnic food sold by the package will be available. Cake and Coffee will be served. Free Admission and Free Parking. Contact Lauren Telep for more information: 570-383-0319

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be held Sunday, October 27, at 3:00 p.m. at the Church at 135 River Street, Olyphant. His Grace, Archbishop Metropolitan of Philadelphia, Stefan Soroka and Mitred Archpriest Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck (102 years old) will be attending the Divine Liturgy) All are invited to attend. Father Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor (570-489-2271).

The 125th Anniversary Banquet, Sunday October 27, Fiorelli, Peckville, Pa 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Featuring the History of our Church, "DVD" by Greg Matkosky, Film Producer of WVIA-TV, the Church Choir and the Kazka Ukrainian Fold Ensemble Dancers. Ticket information: \$40.00 per person and \$12.00 for Children, Contact Sandra at 570-383-9487 ASAP. www.stcyrls.maslar-online.com



(Photo) 125th Anniversary Committee Officers: SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA 1st row: Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor, (sitting) Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck Emeritus, and Rev. John Wysochansky. 2nd Row: Dorothy Zinsky, Cheryl Matuszewski, and Marlene Zelno. 3rd Row: Marie Martin, Rosemarie Sember, 4th Row: Michael Roberts, John Turko, Michael Schumek, Patrick Marcinko III, Tom Matkosky, Last Row: Leo Danylak, Matthew Beckage, Lauren Telep.

125th Anniversary Celebration 1888-2013




SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church
Olyphant, Pennsylvania

UKRAINIAN CULTURAL DAY



Saturday, October 26, 2013
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
at 133 River Street, Olyphant, School Gym
Featuring the Ukrainian Heritage, Ukrainian Church Choir CD's, jewelry, art, books, pysanky, food, etc.
Free Admission and Free Parking

HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday, October 27, 2013. 3:00 p.m.
ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
135 River Street, Olyphant, PA

125TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET



Sunday, October 27, 2013
Fiorelli Catering, Peckville, PA 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Featuring the History of our Church "DVD", the Choir and Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble Dancers.

BANQUET INFORMATION
Tickets: \$40.00 per person / \$12.00 for Children
Contact Sandra at 570-383-9487
Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor at 570-489-2271
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Fall Basket Bingo

Clifton Heights, PA - Holiday Pierogie/Kielbasi Sale

Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Clifton Heights proudly announces the opening of our "Holiday Pierogie/Kielbasi Sale". We are offering mouth-watering, flavorful, potato-cheese pierogies for the unbelievably low price of only \$8.00 per dozen! A ring of smoked kielbasa to go with your pierogies is still only \$11.00 per ring. We also offer links of kielbasa at the unbelievably low price of 4 links for \$8.00. Stock up for Christmas and New Year's (or for your freezer to satisfy those special cravings). For your convenience, we now are able to accept your order via email. To place your pierogie/kielbasi orders, please email us at SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731. Orders are being taken now through Monday, November 11th and pickup will be at noon on Sunday, November 17th, (a Saturday noon pickup may be requested) at our Church which is located at 100 South Penn Street in Clifton Heights, PA. Place your orders early since high demand and our desire to fully satisfy all orders may require us to limit quantities and stop taking orders before Monday, November 11th.

Themed Basket Auction

Sunday November 3rd

Doors open at 12 noon
Raffle begins at 1:30pm

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Friday, November 1st 4:00pm -6:00pm
Saturday, November 2nd 1:00pm- 3:00pm

St. Michael's Hall
300 West Oak Street
Shenandoah, PA
For information call - 570-462-0809

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

\$10 admission includes first sheet of tickets.
Many prizes valued at \$100+! Door prizes and 50/50 raffle!
All ages are welcome!

Refreshments including homemade pierogies, kielbasa, BBQ,
baked goods and more will be available to purchase.

**Top prizes include: iPad, Flat Panel TV, NOOK HD+,
Power Tools, Coach Purse, Kitchen Aid Mixer and more!**

www.HolyGhost-Ukrainian-Catholic.org

News from Scranton, PA

North Anthracite Council - LUC Meeting - Sunday, November 3, 2013

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, November 3, 2013 at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton. Originally planned for October 13 the meeting date has been changed due to scheduling conflicts. Moleben prayer service will be served at 2:30pm., business session at 3:00pm followed by reception and fellowship. Main agenda items include findings and recommendations of the National Convention which was held on October 4th to 6th in Cheektowaga/Bufalo, NY. All members are reminded to renew their annual membership. For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354 or any LUC member of the parish.

Harvest Dinner to be held in Scranton, PA

On Sunday, November 17, 2013 at 12:30pm, a Harvest Dinner will be held at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Parish Center - 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton, PA. The dinner will include: roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and beverages. Drawing for \$1,000 worth of cash prizes and handmade quilt Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under Advance reservations close Sunday, November 10 - no tickets sold at the door Take-outs available - must pick up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00 noon For reservations contact Kathleen at 570 346-2414. Divine Liturgy: Saturdays 4:00pm; Sundays 10:30am.

News from Bristol, PA

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Father Gregory Maslak

Pyrohy / Pierogies

Starting Wednesday, September 11, 2013 we will be making Pyrohy. They will be on sale from 11am until 1pm unless otherwise noted. They will also be sold after services on Saturdays and Sundays. Potato/Cheese are \$7.00 and Sauerkraut are \$8.00 dozen. They are already cooked so all you need to do is "Heat and Eat". Church Hall number is 215-788-3014.

October Penny Auction

Our Annual Penny Auction will be held on Sunday, October 20th. Door open at 12:30pm and the drawing starts at 2:00pm. Come early to purchase your tickets and have time to distribute them among your chosen items. The entrance fee is \$1.00. Auction tickets are \$1.00 and \$2.00. Raffle tickets will be available for the Tombolla Table, Money Tree, Lottery Tree, 50/50 and other raffle items. Food is available from the kitchen throughout the Auction. Good Time, Good Food, Great Christmas Shopping!

PANACHYDA SERVICE AT FATHER CISZEK MASS

Monsignor Myron Grabowsky, right, pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah, uses incense during the panachyda (panakhyda) service during the Father Walter Ciszek Day Mass on Oct. 13 in St. Casimir Roman Catholic Church, Shenandoah. Assisting with Eastern Christian funeral prayer service was the Rev. Thomas Sable, S.J., left, co-postulator for the cause of canonization of Father Ciszek. (Photo: John E. Usalis)



Welcoming Bell Rings at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Passaic, NJ

On September 4, 2013, the first bell rang for the students of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic, NJ. Once all the students were lined up outdoors, Principal Sister Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI, greeted everyone after the long summer, welcomed the new families to the school, and then led all the children and their watching parents in prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, "God Bless America", and the Ukrainian national anthem. Pastor Andriy Dudkevych then blessed a beautiful new icon of Jesus with the children, as well as new American and Ukrainian flags which are now displayed on the exterior of the school building where morning prayers and assembly take place. He also blessed a stunning new banner of St. Nicholas, which was embroidered for the school by Sisters in Ukraine.

The teachers then led their eager students into the school building.

Later in the morning, the school family attended Divine Liturgy, celebrated by pastor Father Andriy Dudkevych and Father

George Worshchak, asking for God's blessings in the coming school year.

One week later, on September 11, 2013, the students and faculty of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School gathered in church to remember in prayer the many people who perished on "9/11", including parishioner Port Authority Officer John Skala, who was killed while performing rescues. Principal Sister Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI spoke about the need for forgiveness, and about Jesus' admonition for us to pray for our enemies. She asked the gathered children, many of whom are too young to remember the events of that day, to pray for those who died and for their families and loved ones who still are in need of healing. Eight students offered a litany of prayers for healing and peace. The service concluded with everyone singing "God Bless America" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

-Sonia Lechicky



UKRAINIAN HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL RECEIVES SIZABLE DONATION FROM DMYTRO FIRTASH CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN PROMPTLY

Washington, DC (U.S. Holodomor Committee)

- For the past several years, the U.S. Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness 1932-33 has worked diligently to raise awareness within American society about one of the least known tragedies in the world - the 1932-1933 Famine-Genocide in Ukraine, or Holodomor. In commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Ukrainian Holodomor this year, the U.S. Holodomor Committee intends to continue this important work throughout 2013.

One of the greatest achievements of the Ukrainian American

community in the campaign to raise awareness about the Holodomor has been the allocation of federal land in Washington, DC for the establishment of a memorial dedicated to the victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide. This tremendous effort, spearheaded by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), led to federal approval of land allocation in Washington, and the signing into law of a bill by President Bush in 2006, that allowed the U.S. Holodomor Committee, in close cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, the National Park Service

(NPS), and Hartman-Cox Architects, to embark upon securing design concept approval for the Memorial. As of October 1, 2013, the National Park Service has issued the Embassy of Ukraine a construction permit to begin the construction of the "Field of Wheat" design by architect Larysa Kurylas for the Holodomor Memorial in Washington, DC.

This endeavor, however, would not have been possible without the understanding and support of the President of Ukraine Viktor Yanukovich and cooperative efforts of all parties, most notably prominent Ukrainian entrepreneur Dmytro Firtash. Mr. Firtash agreed to provide a generous donation of \$2.5 million in support of the commitments associated with the construction of the Holodomor Memorial. The endowment, matching projected building costs, along with all federal agency approvals, was necessary prior to obtaining the construction permit. Mr. Firtash's



Dmytro Firtash

donation finalized the completion of this mandate.

Representing Mr. Firtash, Anthony Fisher visited the site in June 2013 and was impressed by the location of the future memorial, as well as the due diligence of the designer, the architects, the Embassy of Ukraine, and the U.S. Holodomor Committee in their commitment to bringing this project to fruition.

Explaining his support for the Holodomor Memorial, Dmytro Firtash said: "I do believe that the U.S. Holodomor Committee plays a key

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Holodomor Memorial Concept Design

UKRAINIAN HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL

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role in raising the world's awareness about the Holodomor. Due to the Committee's work and the endeavors of many committed people, the Memorial will be erected in Washington D.C. It will be a compelling reminder of the tragic chapter in Ukraine's history for modern and future generations. Many Ukrainians surviving the famine immigrated to the United States of America. This country became their home. The Memorial dedicated to the Holodomor victims is a tribute to this great country that opened its doors to so many Ukrainians. Their children – our fellow-Ukrainians – are a large, prosperous and valued part of American society." U.S. Holodomor Committee Chairman Michael Sawkiw, Jr. commented on Mr. Firtash's tremendously generous donation: "We are truly grateful for Mr. Firtash's generosity and commitment to the building of a memorial in Washington, DC that will educate and inform thousands of people about a forgotten chapter in world history. Having worked on this issue for many years, this project

would not have been successful without Mr. Firtash's keen awareness and dedication to seeing this project completed. The community commends Mr. Firtash for this memorable deed and act of charity." Also commenting on the donation and permit acquisition, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) President Tamara Olexy stated: "We are extremely proud of the fact that the UCCA initiated the U.S. Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor-Genocide Awareness 1932-33 and of all of the work that has been done to date. Throughout the past years, we have dedicated our efforts to establishing a memorial to the victims of Ukraine's Genocide in our nation's capital and it has finally borne fruit. The world will finally become more aware of the true nature of this heinous crime committed against the Ukrainian nation. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to Dmytro Firtash for funding this project and understanding the importance of exposing this dark page of our history so that such crimes are never committed again." With this generous

donation on hand, construction of the Memorial will begin in early 2014, but plans are also currently underway to confirm a date in mid-November 2013 for a groundbreaking ceremony at the site in Washington, DC. Further details are pending.

For further information about the Holodomor Memorial in Washington or other programs, please join the U.S. Holodomor Committee's Facebook social networking page at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/US-Committee-for-Ukrainian-Holodomor-Genocide-Awareness-1932-33/115928911852192#!/pages/US-Committee-for-Ukrainian-Holodomor-Genocide-Awareness-1932-33/115928911852192>.

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October is Respect Life Month

2013 RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY STATEMENT

Cardinal Sean O'Malley
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

OCTOBER 6, 2013

My Dear Brothers
and Sisters in Christ:

As adopted daughters and sons of God, each October we begin the activities of Respect Life Month with the observance of Respect Life Sunday, celebrated on October 6th this year. At Masses that day, thousands of parishes across the country begin a year-long educational and prayer campaign in support of life. As chair of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, it is my pleasure to introduce this year's theme, which echoes Pope Francis' call for all people to "Open your hearts to life!"

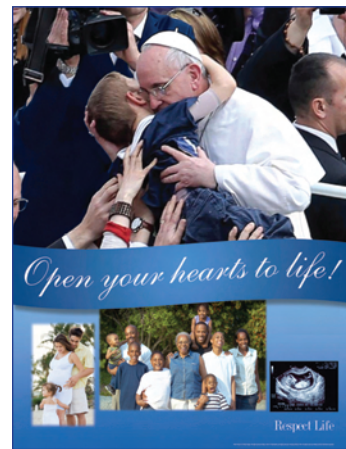
We live in a society of unbelief, where the unborn, the sick, and the elderly are often unwanted and endangered by acts of violence or neglect. Earlier this year, we marked the 40th anniversary of the tragic U.S. Supreme Court rulings *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Without grounding in the Constitution, natural law, or our nation's human

rights traditions, these decisions made it legal to end the life of an unborn child in the United States for any reason and at almost any stage of development. Since then, over fifty-five million unborn children's lives have been taken, leaving many millions of mothers, fathers, and family members wounded and grieving their loss. Physician-assisted suicide is now legal in three states, allowing doctors to help end patients' lives rather than provide much-needed comfort in times of pain and distress. These laws pave the way for euthanasia by undermining true respect and care for people with serious illness.

Despite these challenges, Pope Francis reminds us that we always have hope in Christ. The Holy Father speaks not only of physical life, but spiritual life as well -- our life in Christ that has the power to transform us. By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and we see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person.

What does it mean to open our hearts to life? It means to search our souls and acknowledge our deepest longing for Christ's love. Though we are capable of sins against human life such as abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, we are not beyond Christ's mercy. It is important for us to know and share with others that Christ's forgiveness is offered even to those who have taken another person's life, if they are truly repentant of that act.

We must respond to Pope Francis' call with great urgency. Opening our hearts to life in Christ empowers us for loving, merciful action toward others. We must give witness to the Gospel of Life and evangelize through our lives. We must personally engage others and share the truth about human life. We must continue to show love and mercy, especially with those who have been involved in abortion. All members of the Church can bring healing to the world by upholding the beauty of human life and



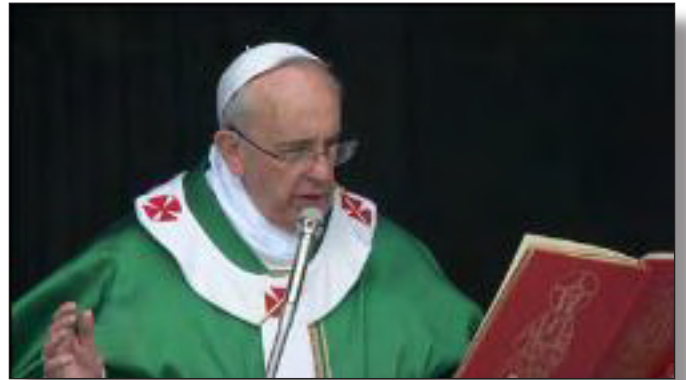
God's unfailing mercy.

Only a tender, compassionate love that seeks to serve those most in need, whatever the personal cost, is strong enough to overcome a culture of death and to build a civilization of love. Let us open our hearts and reflect on how God might be calling each of us to witness the sacredness of human life and assist in pro-life efforts. We may be called to help parents welcome their unborn child as a miracle of God's creation, to visit the elderly or aid those who are sick and suffering, to pray and fast for life, to advocate to our elected officials, or to assist educational efforts in our parishes. We entrust all these efforts to the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, and her husband St. Joseph. They are models of virtue and holiness who gave everything to welcome Jesus into their lives despite the hardships. With their assistance, may each of us have the courage to open our hearts to life.

OCTOBER 20, 2013

Homily of Pope Francis during the Mass for the Day of the Catechist

Pope Francis on Sunday warned against complacency of the Christian and called on catechists and men and women of today's world to keep the memory of God awake in themselves and to awaken that memory in the hearts of others. The Holy Father was commenting on the day's readings in his homily during mass with Catechists from around the world in St. Peter's Square.



Below is the English translation of the Holy Father's homily during mass on Sunday morning in St. Peter's Square

1. "Woe to the complacent in Zion, to those who feel secure ... lying upon beds of ivory!" (Am 6:1,4). They eat, they drink, they sing, they play and they care nothing about other people's troubles.

These are harsh words which the prophet Amos speaks, yet they warn us about a danger that all of us face. What is it that this messenger of God denounces; what does he want his contemporaries, and ourselves, to realize? The danger of complacency, comfort, worldliness in our lifestyles and in our hearts, of making our well-being the most important thing in our lives. This was the case of the rich man in the Gospel, who dressed in fine garments and daily indulged in sumptuous banquets; this was what was important for him. And the poor man at his doorstep who had nothing to relieve his hunger? That was none of his business, it didn't concern him. Whenever material things, money, worldliness, become the centre of our lives, they take hold of us, they possess us; we lose our very identity as human beings. The rich man in the Gospel has no name, he is simply "a rich man". Material things, his possessions, are his face; he has nothing else.

Let's try to think: How does something like this happen? How do some people, perhaps ourselves included, end up becoming self-absorbed and finding security in material things which ultimately rob us of our face, our human face? This is what happens when we no longer remember God. If we don't think about God, everything ends up being about "me" and my own comfort. Life, the world, other people, all of these become unreal, they no longer matter, everything boils down to one thing: having. When we no longer remember God, we too become unreal, we too become empty; like the rich man in the Gospel, we no longer have a face! Those who run after nothing become nothing – as another great prophet Jeremiah, observed (cf. Jer 2:5). We are made in God's image and likeness, not that of material objects, not that of idols!

2. So, as I look out at you, I think: Who are catechists? They are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others. This is something beautiful: to remember God, like the Virgin Mary, who sees God's wondrous works in her life but doesn't think about honour, prestige or wealth; she doesn't become self-absorbed. Instead, after receiving the message of the angel and conceiving the Son of God, what does she do? She sets out, she goes to assist her elderly

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kinswoman Elizabeth, who was also pregnant. And the first thing she does upon meeting Elizabeth is to recall God's work, God's fidelity, in her own life, in the history of her people, in our history: "My soul magnifies the Lord ... For he has looked on the lowliness of his servant ... His mercy is from generation to generation" (Lk 1:46, 48, 50).

This canticle of Mary also contains the remembrance of her personal history, God's history with her, her own experience of faith. And this is true too for each one of us and for every Christian: faith contains our own memory of God's history with us, the memory of our encountering God who always takes the first step, who creates, saves and transforms us. Faith is remembrance of his word which warms our heart, and of his saving work which gives life, purifies us, cares for and nourishes us. A catechist is a Christian who puts this remembrance at the service of proclamation, not to be important, not to talk about himself or herself, but to talk about God, about his love and his fidelity.

Saint Paul recommends one thing in particular to his disciple and co-worker Timothy: Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, whom I proclaim and for whom I suffer (cf. 2 Tim 2:8-9). The Apostle can say this because he too remembered Christ, who called him when he was persecuting Christians, who touched him and transformed him by his grace.

The catechist, then, is a Christian who is mindful of God, who is guided by the memory of God in his or her entire life and who is able to awaken that memory in the hearts of others. This is not easy! It engages our entire existence! What is the Catechism itself, if not the memory of God, the memory of his works in history and his drawing near to us in Christ present in his word, in the sacraments, in his Church, in his love? Dear catechists, I ask you: Are we in fact the memory of God? Are we really like sentinels who awaken in others the memory of God which warms the heart?

3. "Woe to the complacent in Zion!". What must we do in order not to be "complacent" – people who find their security in themselves and in material things – but men and women of the memory of God? In the second reading, Saint Paul, once more writing to Timothy, gives some indications which can also be guideposts for us in our work as catechists: pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness (cf. 1 Tim 6:11).

Catechists are men and women of the memory of God if they have a constant, living relationship with him and with their neighbour; if they are men and women of faith who truly trust in God and put their security in him; if they are men and women of charity, love, who see others as brothers and sisters; if they are men and women of "hypomone", endurance and perseverance, able to face difficulties, trials and failures with serenity and hope in the Lord; if they are gentle, capable of understanding and mercy.

Let us ask the Lord that we may all be men and women who keep the memory of God alive in ourselves, and are able to awaken it in the hearts of others. Amen.

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UGCC Head celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite during the General Assembly of the European Bishops

Sunday, 06 October 2013

On October 5th, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, UGCC Head, led the Divine Liturgy in the Greek-Catholic Cathedral of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in Bratislava (Slovakia). Participating in the joint prayer were members of the General Assembly of the Council of Bishops Conferences of Europe (CCEE).



During the sermon, UGCC Primate stated that it was a big honor for him to participate in the Plenary Session of the Assembly marking the 1050th anniversary of the “bringing “ of Christianity by Sts. Cyril and Methodius to the Slovak lands.

“We should educate the person in the Word of God so that the Holy Spirit can find his place in the person’s further development. Within the context of the new culture of the globalized world, in which there have not remained traditional values, as Jesus says “stone on stone which shall not be destroyed’ (Mt. 24, 2), let us listen to the words of the Apostle: “Give workers which as live stones build in themselves a spiritual home, a holy sacredness, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices, pleasing to God through Jesus Christ,” appealed the preacher. In his opinion, “the end of the human history is not a catastrophe because it is exactly He – Christ, our Savior, and we, Christians bear Christ in ourselves.”

His Beatitude Sviatoslav said that in these days in Ukraine there is much discussion about the upcoming Ukraine – EU summit, to take place in Vilnius on November 28-29. “There is expectation that our country can finally enter the European Association,” expressed his hopes the UGCC Head. According to him, Christians (Catholic, Orthodox and Protestants), Jews and Muslims, on the one hand, are unanimous about the process of Euro-integration, however, on the other hand, they question the values in Europe in terms of what will happen to families and the religious life in Ukraine. “Considering this, at this historic moment, the ratification of the decision is not only about the future of Ukraine but also all of Eastern Europe and millions of Christians of various confessions, and so we ask your support and prayers,” His Beatitude Sviatoslav turned to all present in his prayers.



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UGCC Head: It is important that all European bishops realize that Europe breathes through two lungs: that of the Eastern and the Western Church

Tuesday, 08 October 2013

In Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, the Annual Plenary Meeting of the Council of European Conference of Bishops concluded, at which there was a discussion of the topic "God and the State: Europe between the worldly and secularism."

The Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), participated in the Assembly. He

explained the focal point of the Assembly of the Presidents of the Bishops Conference of Europe: "These issues today are the focal point of social discussions in Ukraine, especially in the context of the preparation to the signing of the Agreement of Association. On the one hand, according to the teachings of Pope Benedict XVI, we understand that the healthy citizen awareness of the nation has positive aspects because it guarantees the rights of all Churches and religious organizations. However, on the other hand, the extreme secularism, which forbids any expression of religious life, is unacceptable. And so we have gathered here together in order to exchange our views, to safeguard the freedom of conscience and the freedom of religion in Europe," emphasized His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

On the eve of the closing of the Assembly, UGCC Head led the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, during which all participants of the event participated. According to the Primate of the Greek-Catholic Church, this happened for the first time. "Today for the first time in the history of the General Assembly of the Presidents of the European Conference of Bishops, all the gathered prayed in the Liturgy of our rite. In such a way we wanted to commemorate the 1150th anniversary of the arrival of Sts. Cyril and Methodius to do missionary work in these areas. Due to the fact that these saints brought with them the Byzantine Liturgy and prayed in such a manner as the one that we proposed to the General Assembly, I think that it is important that all the bishops from the counties of Europe realize that Europe breathes through two lungs: that of the Eastern and the Western Church. Only then, when we are breathing fully through our full lungs, do we have the strength to testify to Christian values and to proclaim the Gospel in Europe," explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

During the Liturgy, the UGCC Head pointed out that in Ukraine today, on the eve of the Vilnius Summit of

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Ukraine – EU, Christians of all confessions, representatives of various religions, are posing, among other, the question: “Do Christian values still exist in Europe? What will happen to the family, to the religious life in Ukraine?”

According to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, God’s call “not to be afraid” applies also to this situation. Yes, today’s Church is experiencing a period of “a painful destruction of a stony and not authentic religiosity.”

In this year’s meeting in addition to His Beatitude Sviatoslav and His Eminence Mechyslav (Mokshtskyyi) and Most Reverend Milan (Shashkin), also participating are Rev. Vasyl Hovera, Apostolic Delegate to Greek-Catholics in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, representing the Bishops’ Conference in Kazakhstan.

The choice of Slovakia as a place of an annual meeting of the leaders of the European bishoprics was not accidental. They arrived here at the invitation of the local bishop in order to commemorate the 1150th anniversary of evangelical mission of Saints Cyril and Methodius on these lands.

According to: Radio Vatican

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“The topic of the next Papal Synod will be the Christian Family”, - His Beatitude Sviatoslav

Sunday, 13 October
2013

His Holiness Pope Francis at the XIII Regular Session of the Papal Synod, held on October 7-8 in Rome, announced that in 2014 he will call together the III General Extraordinary Assembly of the Papal Synod on the topic: “The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelization”. The Father and Head of the



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Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, a member of the Papal Synod, His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), described this on air on Radio Vatican.

The extraordinary assembly of the Synod of Bishops will take place on October 5-19, 2014. The UGCC Primate noted that, in contrast to all previous meetings, His Holiness participated in the meetings of the XIII Regular Assembly of the Papal Synod.

“It was very important for us to hear the Holy Father as well as to express our thoughts directly. The Pope proposed new, unexpected tasks for us”, - stated UGCC Head.

In describing why exactly this topic was chosen by the Holy Father, His Beatitude Sviatoslav said that at the previous meeting (in January of this year) there were three topics proposed to the Pope for selection by the Papal Synod and he gravitated towards the one “in which the person is in the main focus.”

“This is an anthropological topic – the person in the light of Christ’s Gospel

and the challenges which today face the family in the contemporary world. This topic in a way touches the heart of that situation in which every believing person finds oneself. The attention of the Synod will be focused above all on the issue of the Christian family. This topic is the most acute problem of pastoral care in the Church. Today, the term “family” contains many various concepts. For example, in recent days we have found out that UN acknowledged the right to form single-sex unions and to call them a family. Although in the Christian viewpoint, it is always the union of a man and a woman – a union which is fertile and indissoluble until death,” emphasized the Church Head.

He specified that this concerns not only the challenges which the new law or the new rights place before the Church. “The center of our discussion is how does the contemporary person live, whether the person really fully realizes the teachings of Christ’s Church about marriage and family, how well has the Church fulfilled

its promise to teach, to what degree do our faithful live according to these teachings when they label themselves as “faithful,” noted his Beatitude Sviatoslav. According to him, the Papal Synod will attempt to answer “how to assist concrete people who live under the weight of contemporary culture which takes an aggressive stand towards the institution of the family as such.”

“I want to emphasize that this attention to marriages does not come from a desire to change the doctrine of the Church regarding marriage and the family. No one is placing before themselves the goal of changing church postulates, to liberalize clear Christian principles or to aim at a compromise with contemporary culture. The tasks which the Holy Father put before us, are essentially pastoral, how to assist the Christian of the third millennium to live according to those values which are unchangeably held by the Catholic Church,” stressed the Church Primate.

He reminded all that the

previous Papal Synod contemplated a new evangelization to transmit faith. And two future Papal Synods: the Extraordinary (2014) and the Regular (2015) are the continuation of the previous, since the transmission of faith and the necessity to preserve Christian families are intrinsically connected with one another.

Note: XIII Regular General Assembly of the Papal Synod is a group of bishops and cardinals from the whole world selected by the Synod of Bishops and a certain number of members which are designated by a separate decision of the Holy Father. Their goal is to assist the Pope in contact with the bishops of the whole world in the time between the meetings when all the members of the Papal Synod gather. UGCC Head His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) was invited to this group by Pope Benedict XVI as a representative of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

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METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- Oct 1 Feast of Protection of Mother of God
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia
- Oct 5 Ukrainian Federation of America Reception
Honoring Bishop Borys Gudziak, UECC, Philadelphia
- Oct 6 Archieparchial Pilgrimage, at the Monastery of Order of Sisters of Saint Basil the Great,
Fox Chase, PA. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Moleben
- Oct 7 Workshop of Ukrainian Catholic Clergy of Philadelphia Archeparchy
Presented by Bishop Borys Gudziak and Mr. Alex Kuzma regarding Ukrainian Catholic
University, Lviv, Ukraine
- Oct 8 Participant in Philadelphia Holodomor Commemoration Committee Meeting,
UECC, Philadelphia
- Oct 9 Meeting of Archieparchial Financial Advisors Committee
- Oct 10 Workshop of Ukrainian Catholic Clergy of Philadelphia Archeparchy
Presented by Rev. Dr. Richard DeLillio, Professor of Homiletics, The Catholic University
of America.
- Oct 12 Divine Liturgy and Banquet Celebrating 50th Anniversary of Assumption of Blessed Virgin
Mary Ukrainian Catholic School, Perth Amboy, NJ.
- Oct 15-18 Meeting of Sub-committee of Catholic Home Missions, USCCB, Gallup, New Mexico
- Oct 20 50th Anniversary of St. Ann Ukrainian Catholic Church, Warrington, PA
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Banquet
- Oct 22 Participant in Philadelphia Holodomor commemoration Meeting, UECC, Philadelphia
- Oct 23-24 Mass of Installation of Bishop Elias Zaidan, Maronite Eparchy Our Lady of Lebanon, St.
Louis, Missouri
- Oct 27 125th Anniversary of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Banquet
- Oct 28-
Nov 1 Provide spiritual retreat for Ukrainian Catholic Clergy of Eparchy of Edmonton, Canada

November 2013 - Листопада 2013

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