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STATEMENT OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN SUPPORT OF OUR CHURCH IN UKRAINE IN THIS TIME OF DURESS

The hierarchy, clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America express our complete confidence and support for our Patriarch Sviatoslav, Reverend Hierarchs, Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine in their response of offering much needed pastoral care for the brave Ukrainian citizens voicing their opposition to the suppression of freedoms in today's society in Ukraine. Their response of love and understanding and nurture recalls for all the compassion which Jesus showed for the oppressed.



We share the amazement of the civilized world in observing the harsh and brutal responses of the Ukrainian government to our Church and to people expressing their concerns for the welfare of their neighbors and their nation. The reports of threats of intimidation by government officials as to the legitimacy of this Church of Martyrdom, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, cause all of us great concern for the welfare of all people of Ukraine, and particularly for all faiths and religious communities.

We call upon our brothers and sisters of all faiths in the USA to support those who show great courage in opposing those who would want to restrict the expression of religious and other basic human freedoms in Ukraine.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church only recently emerged from the oppressive circumstances it endured for over fifty years under Soviet communism, with the hope and commitment of freely celebrating our faith in a democratic nation. Unfortunately, persons with oppressive and repressive ideologies continue to exercise an inordinate control amidst a people simply desiring to live freely and to express their faith without fear of retribution and assimilation into one dominant faith. Such persons in authority pose a danger to people of all faiths in the former communist countries. Ukraine can be regarded as the stage for the re-imposition of specific ideologies of control and repression. The only remedy is for people of all faiths, together with persons committed to the development of a nurturing democracy in Ukraine, to speak in solidarity and

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to support those who demonstrate great courage in raising their voices in protest against the forces of oppression.

We call upon our clergy, religious and faithful to pray steadfastly for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church hierarchy, clergy, religious and faithful in Ukraine that the merciful Lord sustains their courage to speak the truths all of us need to hear. We call upon all to assist our brothers and sisters in whatever ways that may be needed, so that we may share in regenerating a Church emerging from martyrdom. Let each of us be vigilant in ensuring that the world is aware of what is happening so that all oppression is widely exposed and doomed to failure.

We also call upon all freedom-loving individuals to pray and support the cause of religious freedom in Ukraine and in countries where such basic freedoms are suppressed. Pope Francis has steadfastly stirred all of us to disturb the complacent, so that we do not surrender to an attitude of indifference and apathy to the hurts and sufferings of others. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, its hierarchy, clergy, religious and faithful have revealed themselves as not surrendering to indifference in response to the re-imposition of oppression in Ukraine. The martyrs of the past are the great witnesses that today inspire strength, hope and courage to those who oppose these acts of oppression.

I ask you to stand steadfast with them, equally committed to a world offering to all the basic human rights of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion and conscience, and the right of self-determination. Pray and resolve to have courage as we raise our voices in opposition to the repressive efforts to deny these basic rights throughout the world and especially in our beloved homeland Ukraine at this time.

In Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love, almost 250 years ago, brave men founded a nation upon the ideal that all men and women are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights – “that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. These words burn in the hearts of freedom loving peoples everywhere and inspire our brothers and sisters in Ukraine at the present hour.

As we pray to Almighty God, let us ask that the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit inspire and enlighten all, especially the present-day oppressors, to heed the Old Testament command of God inscribed on the Liberty Bell, “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof”. And we pray, through the Grace of God, that these words will soon resound throughout Ukraine.

God bless you with that which will enable you to respond generously and with great courage.

Given on the Feast of Theophany of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on the Julian calendar, January 19, 2014 in the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

+Stefan Soroka (author)
Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Eparch of Stamford

+Richard Seminack
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+John Bura
Apostolic Administrator of St. Josaphat in Parma

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Ukrainian Catholics this weekend at church services to Offer Special Prayers for Peace in Ukraine

January 23, 2014

Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop Stefan Soroka has asked all priests in churches of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to lead the faithful in prayer at all services this weekend for a peaceful end to the tragic events and violence in Ukraine. Archbishop Stefan in his capacity as Metropolitan is also the spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States. Special prayer petitions will be included in all Divine Liturgies in Ukrainian Catholic Churches located in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

Many of the parishes are served by priests who were born and educated in Ukraine. There is a significant population of Ukrainian immigrants as well as Americans with Ukrainian ancestry living in the United States, many in the Mid-Atlantic region, many who have relatives living in Ukraine.

A Statement issued by the Ukrainian Catholic bishops of the United States In Support of

JANUARY 26, 2014

Our Church in This Time of Duress, that will be shared with the faithful in the churches this weekend, concludes with the following:

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These are the special liturgical prayers:

"We also pray to the Almighty Lord for the people of Ukraine who are struggling these days to defend their God given rights and freedom of speech, choice and religion. Grant them all and especially leaders of the Ukrainian nation wisdom, good judgment and discernment to find mutual understanding and respect that would lead to a peaceful resolution of the ongoing conflict, we pray to You, O Lord, and have mercy."

"O merciful Lord and Lover of Mankind, look down mercifully upon those who laid down in sacrifice their lives for the improved future of Ukraine in the ongoing

conflict and for hundreds of people that are wounded and hurt. Bestow your healing power upon all who need it that their sufferings be lessen and receive full recovery, we pray to You, O Lord, and have mercy."

Ще молимося Всемогучому Господеві нашому за український народ наш, що цими днями бореться захистити свої Богом дані права та свободу слова, вибору та віроісповідання. Подай йому, а особливо лідерам української нації, мудрості, розсудливості та добру раду і волю знайти взаємне порозуміння та повагу, які дозволять дійти до мирної розв'язки в цьому протистоянню, ми молимося Тобі, Господи, і помилуй.

Милосердний Господи і Чоловіколюбче, споглянь милостиво на тих, які поклали і пожертвували своє життя задля кращого майбутнього України і на сотні поранених і мучених людей. Подай свою ласку зцілення всім, хто її потребує, щоби їхні муки зменшилися і вони повністю видужали, ми молимося Тобі, Господи, і помилуй нас.

Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols

January 12, 2014

The Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols was held at the Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, January 12, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA. At the start of the program, Rev. Ivan Demkiv welcomed everyone to the Festival. Yaroslav and Natalia Kovaliv were the Festival Greeters who introduced each choir as they came up to the front of the Auditorium. There were eleven choirs who performed during the Festival. At the conclusion of the Festival, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka greeted everyone and then all the choirs joined together at the end of the Festival to sing two carols.

(Photos: Siwak/Bilyj)



Combined Choir: Cathedral Choir of the Immaculate Conception & St. Josaphat, Philadelphia, PA



Choir: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Melrose Park, PA



Choir: Saints Peter and Paul parish
Phoenixville, PA



Choir: St. Josaphat parish
Trenton, NJ

Watch videos from the Festival on our YouTube Channel at
<http://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

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Choir: St. Basil Academy
Jenkintown, PA



Choir: St. Michael parish
Baltimore, MD



Male Choir: "Dzvin"
Philadelphia, PA



Youth Choir: Ukrainian Baptist Church
Philadelphia, PA



Choir "Living- SONG"
Washington, DC



Assemble "First Class"
Baltimore, MD

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Chamber Choir "Accolade"
Philadelphia, PA



Metropolitan-Archbishop
Stefan Soroka



Combined Choir Finale



The Audience at the
Cathedral Hall



Natalia and Yaroslav Kovaliv
Festival Greeters

THREE HOLY HIERARCHS - January 30th



The Lord said to His disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (Mt. 5, 14-19)

During the reign of the Emperor Alexius Comnenus (1081-1118), a controversy arose in Constantinople among men learned in Faith and zealous for virtue about the three holy Hierarchs and Fathers of the Church, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. Some argued for Saint Basil above the other two because he was able, as none other, to explain the mysteries of the Faith, and rose to angelic rank by his virtues. Organizer of monastic life, leader of the entire Church in the struggle with heresy, austere and demanding shepherd as to Christian morals, in him there was nothing base or of the earth. Hence, said they, he was superior to Saint Chrysostom who was by nature more easily inclined to absolve sinners.

The partisans of Saint Chrysostom retorted that the illustrious Archbishop of Constantinople had been no less zealous than Saint Basil in combating vices, in bringing sinners to repentance and in raising up the whole people to the perfection of the Gospel. The golden-mouthed shepherd of matchless eloquence has watered the Church with a stream of homilies in which he interprets the divine word and shows its application in daily life with more accomplished mastery than the two other holy Doctors.

According to a third group, Saint Gregory the Theologian was to be preferred to the others by reason of the majesty, purity and profundity of his language. Possessing a sovereign mastery of all the wisdom and eloquence of ancient Greece, he had attained, they said to such a pitch in the contemplation of God that no one had been able to express the dogma of the Holy Trinity as perfectly as he.

With each faction setting up one of the Fathers against the other two in this way, the whole Christian people were soon caught up in the dispute, which far from promoting devotion to the Saints in the City, resulted in nothing but ill-feeling and endless argument. Then one night the three holy Hierarchs appeared in a dream to Saint John Mauropus, the Metropolitan of Euchanta (5 Oct.), separately at first, then together and, speaking with a single voice, they said: "As you see, the three of us are with God and no discord or rivalry divides us. Each of us, according to the circumstances and according to the inspiration that he received from the Holy Spirit, wrote and taught what befits the salvation of mankind. There is not among us a first, a second or a third, and if you invoke one of us the other two are immediately present with him.

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Therefore, tell those who are quarrelling not to create divisions in the Church because of us, for when we were on earth we spared no effort to re-establish unity and concord in the world. You can conjoin our three commemorations in one feast and compose a service for it, inserting the hymns dedicated to each of us according to the skill and knowledge that God has given you. Then transmit it to the Christians with the command to celebrate it each year. If they honor us thus as being with and in God, we give them our word that we will intercede for their salvation in our common prayer.” At these words, the Saints were taken up into heaven in a boundless light while conversing with one another by name.

Saint John immediately assembled the people and informed them of this revelation. As he was respected by all for his virtue and admired for his powerful eloquence, the three parties made peace and every one urged him to lose no time in composing the service of the joint feast. With fine discernment, he selected 30 January as appropriate to the celebration, for it would set the seal to the month in which each of the three Hierarchs already had a separate commemoration (Saint Basil – January 1; Saint Gregory – January 25; Saint John (translation of relics) – January 27).

The three Hierarchs—an earthly trinity as they are called in some of the wonderful troparia of their service—have taught us in their writings and equally by their lives, to worship and to glorify the Holy Trinity, the One God in three Persons. These three luminaries of the Church have shed the light of the true Faith all over the world, scorning dangers and persecutions, and they have left us, their descendants, this sacred inheritance by which we too can attain to utmost blessedness and everlasting life in the presence of God and of all the Saints.

With the feast of the three Hierarchs at the end of January—the month in which we keep the memory of so many glorious bishops, confessors and ascetics—the Church recalls the memory of all the Saints who have witnessed to the faith by their writings and by their lives. We honor the whole ministry of teaching of the holy Church, namely, the illumination of the hearts and minds of the faithful through the commemoration of all the Fathers of the Church, those models of evangelic perfection which the Holy Spirit has raised up from age to age and from place to place to be new Prophets and new Apostles, guides of souls heavenward, comforters of the people and fiery pillars of prayer.

(God With Us Icon Series)

From the Metropolitan's Office

Please be informed that Very Rev. Andriy Rabiw is entrusted with the Office of Vicar General of our Archeparchy effective January 16, 2014. He will be the person “in charge” during my absence from the archeparchy for responsibilities requiring travel, and for holiday periods. He and my personal secretary, Mrs. Olia Kuzewycz will have contact with me via internet during all absences. Please use your good common sense and discretion as to the urgency and need of any requests.

The former Vicar General, Very Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo, will continue to fulfill his responsibilities as Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Given Msgr. Waslo's present need to heal from an illness, all correspondence previously directed to him should be forwarded to Very Rev. Andriy Rabiw, until further notice. Please allow Msgr. Waslo the opportunity to recover without any impediment of job responsibilities.

REPLICA OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN - 2014 SCHEDULE

The Replica of the Shroud of Turin schedule for 2014 has been approved by Archbishop Stefan for the following parishes in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Contact information for the priest of each parish has been listed below for any questions regarding the exhibit.

February 16-28, 2014

St Josaphat, Trenton NJ

Fr. Taras Lonchyna: 609-695-3771

March 2-15, 2014

SS Peter & Paul, Plymouth PA

Fr. Volodomyr Popyk :570-735-2262

March 16-29, 2014

St. Vladimir's, Edwardsville PA

Fr. Paul Wolensky: 570-823-1821

March 30- April 12, 2014

St. Vladimir's , Scranton PA

Fr. Myron Myroniuk: 570-342-7023

April 13-26, 2014

St. Nicholas Church, Wilmington DE

Fr. Volodomyr Klanichka: 302-562-5511

April 27- May 10, 2014

St. Mary's Church, Bristol, PA

Fr. Gregory Maslak: 215-788-7117

May 11-25, 2014

SS Peter & Paul, Phoenixville PA

Fr. Stepan Bilyk: 610-933-5453



Photo: Replica of the Shroud of Turin on display at the Cathedral in 2010

Any parish in the Archeparchy interested in hosting the Shroud should contact the Chancery's Evangelization office. The Shroud Exhibit offers a perfect opportunity to engage your parish community in opening it's doors to your local community. The Exhibit gives our people a chance to share their faith and their church with their neighbors. It presents a forum through which your services, your hospitality, and your faith can invite people to come to know Jesus through this endeavor.

St. Basil Academy Appoints First Lay Principal

Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province, and the members of the St. Basil Academy Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of the school's first lay principal, Mrs. Theresa Ryan-Szott. The position had been held since September by Helen Chaykowsky, an SBA alumna recently retired from the Secondary School system of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The new administration begins February 4.



Mrs. Theresa Ryan-Szott

Historically, the position of principal has always been held by a member of the Order of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great. Selecting a qualified person to carry on the mission of educating young women established by the Sisters at St. Basil Academy in Fox Chase Manor, PA, in 1931, required extensive searching and deliberation by the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Ryan-Szott, a native Philadelphian, was educated in the elementary and secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She graduated cum laude from Wheeling Jesuit University with degrees in theology and history and obtained her Master of Arts Degree in Religious Studies from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and Master of Arts Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Joseph University. Her early academic experience includes teaching in New York City and New Jersey Catholic High Schools and then in the Philadelphia Archdiocese as Department chairperson and teacher, Archbishop Ryan High School. Her administrative assignments have included serving as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls High School, Assistant Principal for Student Services, Kennedy-Kenrick Catholic High School, and Assistant Principal for Student Services, Conwell-Egan Catholic High School. Mrs. Ryan-Szott's academic career has also included participatory and leadership or supervisory roles and initiating innovative curriculum programs in the Archdiocesan school system. Throughout her professional career, Mrs. Ryan-Szott has sought to keep current in her field by membership in professional organizations and by attendance at seminars relating to youth and trends in education and professional development. Until recently, Mrs. Ryan-Szott was the Director of Secondary Personnel, Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

In her new capacity as principal of SBA, Mrs. Ryan-Szott hopes "to carry on the educational mission and spirituality of the Sisters of St. Basil and the teachings of the Church and to academically prepare (our) daughters to make a difference in the world. We are a faith based school that educates the whole person, providing an atmosphere that is academically challenging, spiritually nourishing and socially enriching. An all-girls school such as St. Basil's provides a setting for growth, empowerment and the opportunity to form women leaders in accord with the teachings of Jesus and the Church."

As the school's new administrator, Mrs. Ryan-Szott will be entrusted to carry out the five year Strategic Plan recently developed with the expertise and guidance of Meitler Consultants, a nationally recognized consultant group for Catholic schools. She plans to become well-acquainted with all who make up SBA, to be open and collaborative and to listen to different points of view; "to listen to everything." She eagerly anticipates the challenges awaiting "in this new phase of my life. I am humbled by my appointment and I hope to help make St. Basil Academy the school of choice for all young women and their parents."

Mrs. Theresa Ryan-Szott and her husband, Walter, reside in Southampton, PA, where they are members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. They are the parents of three grown children: Katie, Jonathan and Lara.

Christmas Activities at Saint Basil Academy – Lesia Penkalskyj

Jenkintown – The Christmas season at Saint Basil Academy, a college-preparatory girls' high school, is always a time of joy and many opportunities to glorify the birth of our Saviour. On January 12 of this year, Saint Basil Academy closed this year's Christmas season with the performance by a small vocal ensemble at the Festival of Carols, held in the hall of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The audience greeted the girls with warm applause after their performance of "Mary, Did You Know," a popular song in the Christmas repertoire.

During the previous month, the Academy held two Christmas events: Grandparents' Day, and the Annual Christmas Concert. Grandparents' Day, held on December 11, offered a light reception and an opportunity for grandparents of SBA

students to become acquainted with their granddaughter's school, and to hear them perform some of the musical selections that they had prepared for the Christmas Concert. The grandparents also met the music teachers of the Academy, as well as some members of the administration, including Interim Principal Ms. Helen Chaykowsky. All of the guests experienced the joyous Christmas spirit enhanced by the beautiful performances of the musical groups, glorifying the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Christmas Concert was enjoyed on Friday evening, December 13. The audience heard the performances of ensembles led by longtime teachers at the Academy: the Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers, led by Sister Germaine Senita, OSBM, and the String Ensemble, under the baton of Mrs. Joanne Bates. The



Handbell Ensemble

audience also warmly welcomed two new music faculty members: Miss Elizabeth Folger, who skillfully led two groups of Handbell Ringers, and Mr. Alexander Schmauk, the gifted conductor of the Concert/Jazz Band.

Even as a high school student, Miss Folger, an alumna of Saint Basil Academy, exemplified a strong vocal talent and teaching skills, as well as a beautiful singing voice. Besides teaching at Saint Basil Academy, Miss Folger cantors at various parishes, and is a leading member of several parish choirs, including the choir of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

Mr. Schmauk prepared the Concert/Jazz Band extremely well in a short amount of time. The students played with a beautiful tone and exciting

spirit. Mr. Schmauk is also the conductor of the Jenkintown Community Orchestra, whose members highly respect him and enjoy playing under his tutelage.

Several other traditional Christmas activities that took place at Saint Basil's were the Christmas performance by the musical groups at King of Prussia Mall, the Victorian Tea for Senior Class members, and the Mother/Daughter Christmas Tree Decorating event for twelfth-grade students.



String Ensemble



**Clarinets of
Jazz Band**

Christ Our Pascha Workshop

March 15, 2014 - The third series on Christ Our Pascha will be presented by Rev. Alexander Laschuk JCL, Director (Acting) of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. The workshop will be held at the Basilian Spirituality Center in Jenkintown, PA from 10am to 4pm on March 15, 2014. The topic is: I Believe... in What Exactly?



Incomprehensible, unlimited, undefined, invisible, inconceivable... We use a lot of words to describe the Trinity. But what do they mean, and why bother? Through an examination of Part I of Christ Our Pascha, the Faith of the Church, Fr Alexander will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed to see the centrality of the Trinity to our Christian Faith as well as our understanding of who, what, and why is the Church.

For further information, please call 215.379.3998 x17 or visit the Sisters' website at www.stbasils.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Sisters-of-the-Order-of-St-Basil-the-Great-Jenkintown-PA/280623061977867?fref=ts

ARCHBISHOP STEFAN GREETED BY BASILIAN COMMUNITY

Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, was the guest of honor Monday, December 16, 2013, at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great. The celebratory dinner was in anticipation of the Feast of St. Stephen, the Archbishop's patron.



Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski presenting Archbishop Soroka with a gift of a diptych.

Archbishop Stefan was warmly received by the Sisters, Father Daniel Troyan, Motherhouse chaplain, and members of the Basilian Associate Program. In her greeting, Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, commended the Archbishop for following his patron's faithful dedication to Christ and for his kindly interest and loving care for all in his pastoral care. "You have invited others to join you in the celebration of life and love in Christ."

After the presentation of a gift of a diptych portraying the Theotokos and the Nativity of Christ and the singing of "Mnohaya Lita", the archbishop remained to enjoy an informal visit with all who wished him well.

**You are cordially invited to a
CONCERT by world renowned pianist virtuoso
ROMAN RUDNYTSKY**

on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 3:00 PM
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall
1195 Deutz Ave., **Trenton, NJ** - (609) 695-3771

Admission: \$15.00 --
children studying piano - free admission

Works by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Grieg, Chopin, Rudnytsky, Debussy & Liszt

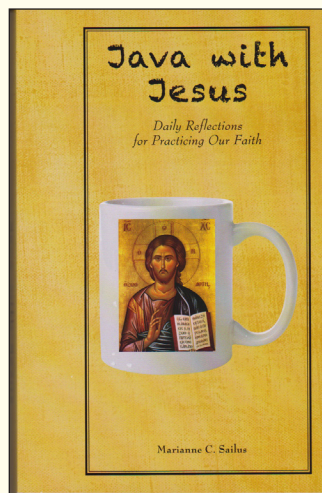


Roman Rudnytsky -- son of Ukrainian composer Antin Rudnytsky and opera singer Maria Sokil, graduate of the Julliard School of Music in New York, prizewinner of 10 national and international competitions, having played concerts in close to 100 countries, including Ukraine.

**St. Nicholas at
Presentation of Our Lord
Church in Lansdale, PA.**



**NEW PUBLICATION
"Java with Jesus"**



Marianne Sailus, a member of St. Josaphat Parish in Bethlehem PA has published a book entitled "Java with Jesus." The book is made up of daily reflections for practicing our faith. It covers a wide range of topics related to daily life, with just one page

of text each day to think about while drinking the morning cup of coffee. The cost is \$30.00 and can be ordered from Eastern Christian Publications, PO Box 146, Fairfax, VA 22038-0146 [384 pages]. www.ecpubs.com

Northeastern Pennsylvania Malanka

During Northeastern Pennsylvania's 10th annual Malanka held on January 11, 2014 at the Parish Center of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Scranton, tribute was paid to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are demonstrating in their quest for true democracy.



The one hundred fifteen participants from various regional Catholic and Orthodox parishes took time out during the Malanka to show their strong support for the millions of freedom

loving Ukrainians. Along with the music of the Fata Morgana orchestra, Malanka attendees gathered closely together waving the flags of the United States and of Ukraine while singing

the Ukrainian National Anthem.

Preceding the evening event, the Divine Liturgy, celebrated by St. Vladimir's pastor Father Myron Myronyuk,

included special petitions offered for Ukraine.

We are encouraged to pray for Ukraine!

Adapted from an article by Paul Ewasko. Photo by Dawn Caramanno.

NOTICE FOR ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CEMETERY, FOX CHASE

Excessive complaints as to the care and appearance of our St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Fox Chase, PA have led me to personally intervene. Regulation of a custom some people have come to practice has become problematic for the appearance and maintenance of our cemetery. Some people have installed copings in front of monuments, placed candles and planted flowers in front of the monuments. Some plants are now major size bushes uprooting monuments. While some people provide care for these areas, more than

two thirds are completely neglected. People have unjustifiably come to expect our cemetery staff to clean and maintain these areas, adding considerably to maintenance costs. Numerous complaints are received as to the appearance of the cemetery because of the unsightly appearance of the neglected areas. More important, the copings installed by people without permission exposes these people and the cemetery to great risk for liability claims. These people and the cemetery could be sued if someone would be inadvertently hurt by these copings. Further, the

cemetery lacks the beauty it ought to have. Such copings are not allowed at other cemeteries.

Therefore, in order to create safe and uniform conditions, all such copings, all plantings of any kind (including flowers) and all lamps or similar objects placed in front, behind or on the sides of monuments must be removed no later than February 1st, 2014. Lamps, vases, etc. may only be placed on the base of a monument—but they cannot be left on the ground. After February 1st, 2014, our cemetery staff is instructed to remove any items which continue to

remain in the ground and obstruct the areas around the monuments. These items will be discarded. The areas will be filled in with earth and grass planted by staff. St. Mary's Cemetery will then reflect the beauty and order we all expect in our cemetery.

There will be no exceptions to this policy. Your complete compliance with this policy will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your anticipated understanding and acceptance.

+Stefan Soroka
Metropolitan-Archbishop

State Abortion Rates Decline

By A.B. Hill

Pennsylvania abortion rates are declining. In 2012, there were 34,536 abortions - nearly five percent fewer than the year before.

Most abortions in Pennsylvania are performed on unmarried women (89 percent). The decline is unequivocally attributed to them. Yet according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the national keeper of vital statistics, it is also true that fewer young, unmarried women are having babies. The birth rate for unmarried women fell for the fourth consecutive year in 2012 (The overall birthrate in America is also declining and the number births to unmarried women compared to those who are married increased slightly).

Public opinion is leaning more pro-life, especially among young people. In May of 2013, a Gallup poll revealed that 48 percent of Americans identify themselves as pro-life and 67 percent of people age 18-34 believe the abortion

should only be legal in a few circumstances or illegal in all circumstances (Gallup Poll, May 2013).

I would argue that these statistics indicate that an increasing number of young women are exercising their right to make choices that are life affirming. More pro-life people mean more pro-life decisions, right? But not everyone credits the free-will choices of women for the declining abortion rate.

A recent New York Times headline read "Access to Abortion Falling as States Pass Restrictions" (January 3, 2014). The article explains that many new state regulations went into effect last year, including late-term abortion bans, doctor and clinic regulations, limits on medication-induced abortions and bans on insurance coverage of abortion. Clinics unwilling to raise their standards may close their doors, and taxpayer supported insurance policies for the previously uninsured will not cover elective abortions.

The president of Planned

Parenthood Federation of America, Cecile Richards, used the word "catastrophe" to describe the impact of these restrictions on women. She does not describe what harm she expects will come to women. I wonder if she really means catastrophe for Planned Parenthood's bottom line. The nation's largest abortion provider reports \$87.4 million in excess revenues over expenses in 2012 (Planned Parenthood Annual Report, 2011-2012).

Are tougher laws and stricter standards the reason fewer women are choosing abortion? Maybe. But what if it is the other way around? What if abortion restrictions are succeeding in state legislatures because more people think abortion is the wrong choice?

If we are grounded in faith, we can see God's hand in these statistics. We derive hope and encouragement in fewer abortions; but we cannot dismiss the 34,536 lives that were lost. We cannot rest until no woman feels

that abortion is her only choice.

Visit www.pacatholic.org to join the Catholic Advocacy Network and add your voice to others speaking in support of the dignity of life.

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Metropolitan Stefan's Schedule for January 2014

- January 1-8 Visit to Winnipeg, Canada - Celebration of Christmas. Divine Liturgy and offering homily at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of St. Vladimir & Olga, Winnipeg on January 6, 2014 at 11pm.
- January 10 Received with John Drozd, Econome, Mr. Andrew Pavuk of Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Melbourne, Australia regarding operations of our archeparchy.
- January 11 Participation in PLAST "Свічечка" at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center.
- January 12 Received Cathedral Choir for caroling and luncheon at Bishop's Residence. Attended the Festival of Carols at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church Hall.
- January 13 Conference Call meeting regarding proposed new church property for South Philadelphia parishes.
- January 14 Christmas Festive Luncheon with Staff of Chancery, Treasury of Faith Museum, Byzantine Church Supply and Cathedral at Bishop's residence.
- January 15 Meeting of Archieparchial Finance Council followed by Festive Christmas luncheon.
- January 16 Received Mother Evhenia, Missionary Sisters of Mother of God.
- January 17 Received Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, Provincial of Sisters of Order of St. Basil the Great.
- January 19 Celebration of Divine Liturgy with Sister Kathleen Hutsko, Provincial and Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate at Provincialate in Sloatsburg, NY
- January 20 Celebration of Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph's Home, Sloatsburg, NY with Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate.
- January 23-24 Preparation re: Transition of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church of Philadelphia, PA
- January 25 Participation in the Philadelphia Ukrainian Engineer's Society Debutante Banquet and Ball at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Philadelphia, PA.
- January 26 Moleben for our Brothers and Sisters in Ukraine-- 5:00 pm Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church.
- January 27 Planning/Review of Chancery facilities with Architects.
- January 29 Participation in Religious Leader Council of Philadelphia Meeting at Congregation Mikveh Israel, Philadelphia
- January 31 Board Meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia; Meetings of Trustees of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Endowment Fund and the Trustees of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception Endowment Fund.
- Preparation for Annual Holidays to be taken in February, 2014. Vicar General, Rev. Andriy Rabiw and staff of the Chancery will have regular contact with Metropolitan-Stefan Soroka via internet, e-mail, etc.

Holy Father Francis expressed his support of the Ukrainian nation

Tuesday, 14 January 2014

In his letter of January 10, 2014 from the Vatican, addressed to UGCC Major Archbishop, the representative of the Apostolic See in Ukraine noted especially that upon receiving the news about the situation in Ukraine, Holy Father Francis through Archbishop Piotr Parolin, Secretary of the state of the Apostolic See, assured the Ukrainian people of his prayers of support. "Pope Francis assures us of his prayers for peace and agreement among the beloved Ukrainian people."

We remind all that quite recently, on November 25, 2013, Pope Francis met with UGCC pilgrims who came to Rome on the occasion of the end of the Year of Faith, the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine, and the 50th anniversary of the transfer of St. Josaphat's relics to Saint Peter's Basilica.

Then, after the end of the Divine Liturgy which was celebrated by the Head and the hierarchs of UGCC from Ukraine and settlements, the Pope urged the Ukrainians "to love one another... to try to understand your neighbor, respect him and in a brotherly way to prod them on the right path..."



And during the general audience which took place on November 27th, the Pope encouraged the present pilgrims from Ukraine to follow the example of St. Josaphat "to work for unity among the brethren."

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"Preaching of Peace is especially needed where a threat to peace is possible" - the Head of UGCC reply to the threats of authorities to deprive religious organizations UGCC of the legal status

Monday, 13 January 2014

People in the square turned to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and other churches asking to be with them and pray together. Indeed, at a time when the lack of dialogue between the government and the citizens who believe in God feel a special need to strengthen the prayer for peace and tranquility in our country, the cessation of violence and trampling the dignity and the constitutional rights of the citizens of Ukraine.



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“Preaching of Peace is especially needed...”

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This was stated by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Father and Head of the UGCC, during a press conference at the “ Ukrainian News “ 13 January 2014.

In this case, the hierarch said that such behavior of priests is an embodiment of ideas expressed by Pope Francis in his last year’s message, “ The Joy of the Gospel “ that pastors need to be with people, because “a pastor should have the smell of his sheep .”

During the press conference the declaration of the head of the UGCC on the letter of the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine on the grounds for termination of Religious Organizations Church was made public.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav said that for the first time since the independence of Ukraine the threat “on the termination of the respective religious organizations” was voiced. This is stated in an official letter to the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine from 03.01.2014 (№ 1/3/13-14) signed by First Deputy Minister Timofiy Kokhan.

The reason for such a reaction of the government is a religious activity, which is allegedly executed by “the representatives , in particular of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, on Independence Square in Kyiv during December of last year and in the new – 2014, to violate the law of Ukraine on freedom of conscience and religious organization”.

The Head of UGCC said that the Church is not a member of the political process, but it can not stand by when its faithful ask for spiritual care. To be with his faithful is the priest duty, which is connected with the very mission of the Church .

“Our church has always been true to this mission that Christ entrusted to our Church and will remain so for the future and despite any threats,” - stressed the Head.

Speaking of the official position of the UGCC on the actual socio-political situation, His Beatitude Sviatoslav said that it is described in a number of applications, both on behalf of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and common with the members of AUCCRO.

In response to the official letter from the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine, the His Beatitude Sviatoslav said that the Church is not taking part in political events, but it “can not stay away when faithful ask for spiritual care,” which includes presence at the Square .

“Our Church has always been true and will remain so to the mission that Christ the Savior entrusted to the church, despite all the threats. We thought that the time of repression has passed, but letters like this leave room for doubt. We are not ashamed of our presence on the Maidan and will remain there “- said the head of the UGCC . We currently do not know if such letters were received by other churches or religious organizations.

The last time UGCC “was removed from the (state) registrar” (of religious organizations) was in March 1946, during Stalin’s purges. For 40 years UGCC worked from exile and illegally in the Soviet Union.

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UGCC Head: "It is very important to delve into the wisdom left for us by Basil the Great – to discover in ourselves the high dignity of a Christian"

Saturday, 18 January 2014

The Church does not participate in competing for government positions or in political battles, because those who get power come and leave, political parties are born and disappear, but Christ's Church will last until the end of the world.

On January 14th, the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Feast of Saint Basil the Great, the Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) talked about this in his sermon during the Pontifical Liturgy in the Cathedral of Basil the Great in Kyiv. The Cathedral of St. Basil the Great was celebrating its 13th anniversary.

In his sermon the UGCC Prelate focused his attention on the figure of St. Basil the Great, a renowned priest and teacher of the Church, as well as on the ritual of the circumcision of the Infant Jesus Christ.

"Today we look at the Infant Jesus who is eight days old. According to

the ruling tradition He is brought to the Archpriest so that the ritual of circumcision can be done and He will be given a name. The eight-day old Savior is for us today a profound sign of the presence of the eternal in the present... We read in the book of the Old Testament that the Lord created the world in six days, and that He rested on the seventh day. Therefore, all that passes is included in the terms of a seven day week, and the eight day opens a new perspective. It is as if a sign of the presence of eternity. And the event of the circumcision is in itself a remnant of the great discovery which in his time Patriarch Abraham left to his successors... Circumcision was a sign that people know to whom they belong and where Eternal God is. And God's Commandment is the road to eternity," explained the preacher. In mentioning the figure of Saint Basil the Great, the Prelate noted that his whole life was dedicated to a single search – the search for eternity, the search for God.

The hierarch remembered

the narration of a colleague and a friend of Basil the Great, Saint Gregory Naziyansky, who said that Saint Basil considered the title of a Christian as the most honorable, because a Christian found that which is the richest and the wisest.

"Through Baptism, whose precursor was the Old Testament circumcision, the Christian becomes a participant in the eternal life, which begins at the moment of Baptism, and becomes totally fulfilled when we meet with our Lord eye to eye," stated the UGCC Prelate.

In talking about the everyday, His Beatitude Sviatoslav urges people in contemporary social and political situations to discern what is transitory and what is eternal, towards what one should strive and adapt as a foundation of one's life and the future. It is exactly Christ's Church, he contends, which is the bearer of the eternal in the temporary world! The Church has that word about which Christ states: "Heaven and earth shall pass, but my words will not pass."

"The Church, with the help of the service of all those who are called to carry on the word of eternity and discover for our contemporaries the way to salvation, does not partake in competitions for authority or in political battles, because the authorities come and go, political parties are born and disappear but Christ's Church will last until the end of the world. Thus it is very important for us to delve into the wisdom which was left for us by Saint Basil – to discover in ourselves the high dignity of a Christian. Not only not to be ashamed to be Christian there where we are, but also to search for the truth of the Christian life, to be above all, an authentic Christian. And to consider one's Christian name the most honorable calling" stressed the Head of the Church.

"May Our Holy Savior through the prayers of St. Basil the Great, help us in our present search and in leading a Christian life," wished the preacher all the faithful and people of good will.

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Statement of the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) in response to the letter from the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine concerning possible grounds for terminating the activity of the religious organizations of the UGCC

Wednesday, 15 January 2014

For the first time since Ukraine's Independence a threat has been voiced "to terminate the activities of responsible religious organizations" of the UGCC. This was stated in an official letter of the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine dated 3 Jan. 2014 (Prot. № 1/3/13-14) and signed by the First Deputy Minister, Tymofii Kokhan.



The reason for such a reaction by the government office is religious activity, allegedly carried out by "the representatives, in particular of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, on Independence Square in Kyiv during December of last year and in the new year 2014, in violation of Ukraine's legislation on freedom of conscience and religious organizations."

It should be recalled that precisely in this year we are commemorating the 25th anniversary of the legalization of the UGCC in the former Soviet Union. The times have long passed when church buildings were ruined and priests serving their faithful were arrested or even killed. This is why we are so deeply disturbed by the statement voiced today in an independent Ukraine, that ministry carried out by the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church might be considered "grounds for commencing legal action for the termination of its activity".

Considering the official nature of this letter, which touches the very existence of the UGCC and its ministry, and considering that the given interpretation of the Law of Ukraine "On freedom of conscience and religious organizations" has an impact on the entire religious environment of Ukraine, I feel it my duty to state the following.

The Church is not a participant in the political process, but at the same time, it cannot stand aside when its faithful ask for spiritual care. Our faithful, together with other citizens of Ukraine, in a peaceful way based on Christian and human values, have expressed their views on Ukraine's European choice. These values have their source in God's law, and Christ, the Saviour, has entrusted to us their preservation and charged us, by the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out His mission "to preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord" (cfr. Lk. 4, 18). The presence of the priest there, where his faithful are, is a fundamental part of his pastoral ministry. It is the duty of the priest to be with his faithful, a duty that flows from the very mission of the Church. Our Church has always been true to this mission that Christ has entrusted to it, and will remain so in the future despite any threats.

Based on the principle of religious freedom – a basic human right, a priest is free to pray wherever his faithful are. The realization of such a right does not require the special permission of the State. The Church recognizes the right of the faithful to pray and to satisfy their spiritual needs at all times and in all circumstances. Today, at a time when dialogue between the government and the citizen is wanting, those

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who believe in God feel a special need to pray for peace and tranquillity in our country, and for an end to the violence that has violated the dignity and the constitutional rights of the citizens of Ukraine.

The official position of our Church regarding the present socio-political situation is laid out in a series of addresses issued, both on behalf of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and in common with the members of the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations (AUCCRO). The Church reserves the right to assess the situation in the country, and determine if there are violations of human rights and of the principles of public morality which flow from God's law and are reflected in the social teaching of the Church.

I hope that the State authorities, especially those entrusted with the task of serving people in guaranteeing their right for religious freedom in Ukraine, will be wise enough not to commence a persecution of the Church, and thus shift the current socio-political crisis into the religious sphere as well.

I believe that the efforts made by all Churches and Religious Organizations in Ukraine towards the avoidance of violence and hatred, together with the preaching of peace and mutual understanding among diverse groups of our society, will not be a reason for mistrust or tension in Church-State relations.

+ Sviatoslav
Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych,
Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

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The Head of the UGCC met with Minister of Culture of Ukraine

Monday, 20 January 2014

On Friday, January 17, 2014, at the request of the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine His Beatitude Sviatoslav the Father and Head of the UGCC met with Minister of Culture of Ukraine Leonid Mykhaylovych Novokhatko.

The further clarification on the letter of the Ministry of Culture on 3 January 2014 was provided at the meeting. In particular, it was stated that the Ministry does not intend to put any pressure on the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church concerning the presence of the priests at the Independence Square or take any legal

actions to stop the activities of religious organizations of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

The peace keeping role of the clergy of various denominations, including the UGCC to



prevent provocations and violence during peaceful protests taking

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place in recent months, particularly in Kyiv was positively assessed.

For his part, His Beatitude said he hoped the public authorities, particularly those whose task is to serve the people to ensure people's right to religious freedom

in Ukraine, have the wisdom not to transfere the current socio-political crisis in the religious environment too.

The parties recognized the last statements of government of inadmissibility of banning people to pray where they

are physically located to be positive signals to religious community .

The meeting was also attended by Mykhayl Ivanovych Moshkola, the Head of the Department of Religions and Nationalities of the Ministry of Culture of

Ukraine, and mitered Archpriest Oleksa Petriv, Head of External Relations of the UGCC in Ukraine.

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Cardinal Dolan expressed his support to Ukraine

24 January 2014

"Along with many others in the New York community, I am following the somber situation in Ukraine with growing alarm", - is written in Cardinal Dolan's appeal posted on his official page

"Last August, I was honored to be part of the dedication of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Resurrection Cathedral, in Kiev, and was in awe at the youth and vitality of a Church that had been starved, jackbooted, imprisoned, tortured, persecuted and martyred by Hitler, Stalin, and company. With thousands of others, I praised God for an apparent new springtime where Democracy, human rights, and religious freedom were in bloom in Ukraine.

Those high summer hopes have now turned as cold as this New York winter day. What began as inspirational, prayerful, peaceful, powerful protest, dubbed the Euro Maiden Movement, characterized by prayer and song led by Jewish, Orthodox, and Catholic clergy, has turned brutal and nasty, with government thugs relishing the chance to bludgeon and harass the hundreds of thousands of patriotic Ukrainians, and oppressive laws quickly passed to suppress freedoms.

Two men I deeply admire — the Metropolitan Archbishop of Kiev, the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and Bishop Borys Gudziak, one of the founders of the promising Catholic University of Ukraine — keep in touch. They've been leaders urging peace and restraint, while prophetic on behalf of human dignity, civil rights, and the place of religion in the reconstruction and renewal of Ukraine. They are near tears, and look in vain for allies in their noble cause.

We Catholics in the United States cannot let these brave Ukrainians, whose allegiance to their religious convictions has survived "dungeon, fire, and sword," languish. They deserve our voices and our prayers.

Nor can we as American citizens fail them, as we call for our government to stand with them.

<http://risu.org.ua/>

UGCC Patriarch Calls on Ukrainian People to Stop Bloodshed

21 January 2014

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) appealed to the Ukrainian people to desist from violence and stop the bloodshed.

“With great dismay and sadness we witness the events taking place at the moment in Kyiv. In view of these exceptional circumstances I would like to appeal to all the faithful of the church, the Ukrainian people, and to all people of good will. In the name of God, stop the bloodshed! Violence was never the way to build a free and independent state! Bloodshed will never reconcile hearts or bring a positive outcome.

I appeal to the Ukrainian authorities: Listen to your people, hear them, do not use violence against them or repressive mechanisms.

I appeal to political leaders of our country: Realize your responsibility for the future of your people, the responsibility for the calls and the steps that you offer them today.

I appeal to society, to citizens, members of various NGOs, especially the protesters who are standing on the Maidan: I beg of you, go back to the peaceful nature of the protests. Do not let emotions get the better of you. Neither fear nor aggression nor anger was ever helpful in determining our future.

I appeal to the Ukrainian judges: Listen to the voice of your conscience, remember that there is no justice without truth. Ask yourself why people call you “Your Honor.” Do not tarnish your honor with unjust decisions.

I appeal to our episcopate and clergy: Especially at a time like this watch over the souls entrusted to you. Reach their hearts and minds with your words of peace. Proclaim the Gospel of Christ’s peace.

I call everyone to prayer for peace in our country. May the Lord of peace, the Lord who has given us his peace be with you all.”

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Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFYv2s6dS50>

February 2014 - Лютий 2014

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February 6: Rev. Robert Hitchens

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