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Act of Rededication of Ukraine to the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God will be conducted in Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches throughout the world at all Divine Liturgies the weekend of April 5-6, 2014

Philadelphia, PA-- Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches throughout the world will participate in a prayer of rededication of Ukraine and her people to the protection of the Most Holy Mother of God at all Divine Liturgies this weekend, April 5-6, 2014. This special prayer service comes at a time when the nation of Ukraine is confronted with an international crisis and threats of armed conflict,

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, in his pastoral letter calls for this act of renewing the Consecration of Ukraine to the Protection of the Theotokos,

because of the great tribulation that all the people and the entire country are experiencing at this time due to the occupation of part of Ukraine – a situation that fills our hearts with anxiety for the future, uncertainty and fear. The letter states, “taking into consideration these new historical circumstances, I want to direct your spiritual eyes toward the Mother of God and in response to her loving and caring presence in our lives - to place all of us in her motherly care.”

In his letter to the faithful of the Philadelphia Archeparchy announcing

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Virgin Orans of Kyiv, Icon of the Indestructible Wall

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Act of Rededication of Ukraine to the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God

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this prayer service, Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka states, "Throughout history, Christians have looked to the Most Holy Mother of God for her maternal protection, especially in times of tribulation and anxiety. Nations have been placed under the protective care of the Mother of God through acts of dedication and consecration, so that she would extend Her Blessed mantle of Protection over the faithful and their lands."

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Cardinal Lubachivsky at Zarvanytsja, Ukraine."

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Patriarch Sviatoslav asks all of us, at this time, to renew the consecration of Ukraine to the Protection of the Theotokos. His letter to the entire Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church states 'taking into consideration these new historical circumstances, I want to direct your spiritual eyes toward the Mother of God and in response to her loving and caring presence in our lives - to place all of us in her motherly care.'"

Archbishop Soroka describes the present situation in his letter, "Today Ukraine and her people live with fear and anxiety. Part of the nation has been occupied by aggressors, who threaten, at any

moment, to continue their unlawful incursion into Ukraine. People throughout the world pray that the horror of war will not once again ravage the European continent and beyond."

According to a press release from the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church information department, His Beatitude Sviatoslav also "proposed to our brothers of the Orthodox Churches of Ukraine to also perform such acts of consecration, since at the time when Prince Yaroslav the Wise initiated them - the Kyivan Church was undivided. Thus, we hope that they will also carry out such liturgical ceremonies."

The Act of placing Ukraine under the Intercession of the Blessed Mother will be renewed April 5-6, 2014

In continuing the service of my great predecessors on the Kyiv-Halych Altar, I desire once again, in communion with our whole Church in Ukraine and in settlements, to renew the Act of consecrating the Ukrainian people under the mighty Intercession of the Blessed Mother.

The Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) wrote about this in his Pastoral Letter to the Faithful and Clergy On the occasion of the Renewal of the Act of Consecration of Ukraine to the Protection of the

Most Holy Mother of God.

The Act of the placing of Ukraine under the Protection of the Mother of God will take place on Sunday, 6 April 2014 in all the churches of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the World. His

Beatitude Sviatoslav will lead from the Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv; all Bishops will lead this Consecration from their Cathedral churches; and priests within their parish churches following each Divine Liturgy.

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The 6th of April is not a casual choice, since April 5th this year is "Akathistos Saturday" (the day during Lent when Mary is honoured) and on April 7th according to our Byzantine rite (on the Julian Calendar - widely used in the Ukrainian Church) we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary."

His Beatitude reminds us that back in his day, the pious Prince Yaroslav the Wise (1019-1054) dedicated the people of Kyivan-Rus' to the Protection of the Most Holy Virgin Mary. This dedication was renewed at Zarvanytsja in 1995 by Myroslav-Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky, of blessed memory.

The UGCC Primate, is calling for this act of renewing the Consecration to the Protection of the Theotokos, because of the great tribulation that all the people and our entire country are experiencing at this time due to the occupation of part of our land – a situation that fills our hearts with anxiety for the future, uncertainty and fear. The

letter states, "taking into consideration these new historical circumstances, I want to direct your spiritual eyes toward the Mother of God and in response to her loving and caring presence in our lives - to place all of us in her motherly care."

"By this Act we solemnly recognize God's watchfulness over us, we express our love toward the Mother of God, our readiness to fulfil all that her Son and our Lord Jesus commands us; and our desire to serve God and our nation only in the light of God's law. May this prayer to the Most Holy Mother of God be a concrete demonstration of our desire to implement this Consecration in our lives. We will observe this consecration personally and communally, petitioning our Lord for His blessing upon our longsuffering nation through the intercession of the Theotokos", states the Pastoral Letter.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav reminds the Faithful that the Most Holy Mother of God is near us especially at the Liturgy, "she joins us in the unending praise of the Most High, while

at the same time, as a loving mother she continuously intercedes for us before the Lord".

The Head of the Church asks that everyone prepare themselves for this solemn event – by approaching the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist and by performing acts of charity and penance.

The Primate of the UGCC wrote that, "I invite and call upon all Bishops, Priests, Monks and Nuns and Faithful of our Church to persevere in trust and prayer to Mary, the Mother of God, so that, always kept under her protection, and after the struggles and accomplishments of the Great Fast, we would arrive at the radiant Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ to be witnesses to and participants in the renewal of our dear homeland!"

His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted in his commentary to the UGCC Information Department that, "we proposed to our brothers of the Orthodox Churches of Ukraine to also perform such

acts of consecration, since at the time when Prince Yaroslav the Wise initiated them - the Kyivan Church was undivided. Thus, we hope that they will also carry out such liturgical ceremonies."

His petition is that - through the intercession of the Mother of God – our people would receive the blessing of the omnipotent God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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Office of the Metropolitan

March 28, 2014

My brother priests, deacons, religious, faithful, all brothers and sisters in Christ,

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

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This prayer of rededication of the Ukrainian nation to the protection of the Most Holy Mother of God will take place in all of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches throughout the world at all Divine Liturgies the weekend of April 5-6, 2014, when we pray together in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her holy mantle of protection over Ukraine and may Her intercession with Her Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bring peace to Ukraine and the entire world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Stefan Soroka

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Liturgical Ceremony for the Consecration of the Ukrainian Nation to the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God

After the conclusion of the prayer beyond the ambo and the singing of "Blessed be the name of the Lord" (and the 33rd Psalm), the Priest and concelebrants stands on the ambo.

Choir: Tropar (Tone 4)

Let us sinners humbly and diligently have recourse to the Mother of God.* Prostrate in repentance, let us cry out from the depth of our soul:* O Queen, in your compassion, come to our aid!* Make haste, for we are perishing from the multitude of our sins.* Do not turn away your servants empty-handed,* for we have no protection besides you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
Now & forever & ever.
Amen

Unworthy as we are,* we shall never cease to proclaim your power, O Mother of God.* If you no longer intercede for us,* who will deliver us from so many misfortunes? Who will keep us free? We shall never leave you, O Queen O blessed Lady,* you always save your servants from every calamity.

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of Consecration of Ukraine to the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos

The Priest aloud says the following prayer

Most Holy, Most Pure, Most Blessed Virgin Mother of God. To the sorrowful, you are a great intercessor, quick to help, the salvation and support of humanity and the unwavering Protectress of the whole world.

Before your throne, we give glory to you with confident hope that you will implore for us mercy and grace, active assistance and defence at this time of tribulation; not because of any merit of ours, upon which we cannot depend, but because of the immeasurable goodness of your motherly heart.

Therefore, today we hasten to you and fervently implore you: With the mantle of your mercy, cover your Church and our whole people that cry out to you.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

We are distraught by dire experiences and they fill our souls with great sorrow; appease them with the peace of your Son and God, O immaculate Virgin. Take away our soulful storm of grief; for you, Bride of God, all-pure one, gave birth to Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

To us, who cry out to you, reveal the depths of your mercy and obtain for us the forgiveness of all our sins, for you, for whom praises are sung, gave birth to the Kind-hearted One – the Saviour of us all.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O God-loved Theotokos, the only ever-virgin, help those who lay upon their beds of pain and suffering; heal the wounded, wipe away the tears of the mournful,

protect the wanderers, and comfort those who are persecuted; be a willing intercessor for all who call upon you.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

Bride of God, who gave birth to the Lord our Helmsman, give us courageous and wise leaders of Church and society; by your prayers obtain for them the light of the Holy Spirit so that enlightened by it they would guide along the ways of truth the People of God that call out to you in faith.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

Powerful Commander and Leader of heavenly legions, you who by raising your hands in prayer, conquer enemies and overcome all aggressors, strengthen our soldiers, grant them the strength and courage to defend with an unyielding shield their people that calls out to you.

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Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O immaculate Mother of the Word Incarnate! Bless all of our families; grant us temporal wellbeing and health, and especially – the Grace of God and a virtuous Christian life.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

Good teacher of the young and innocent and Source of knowledge and wisdom, guide our youth along the path of truth, strengthen them in the virtues, teach them to desire greatness and to follow the calling of the Most High, always growing in wisdom and the Grace of God.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O Mother of mercy, ask of the Most High God, complete and righteous peace for our lands, not only protection from armed conflict, but also liberation from hatred and discord, from malice and the desire for vengeance. Bring us to a peace founded on truth, justice, forgiveness and love.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O Mother of God and Protectress of the Ukrainian lands! In haste, we gather under the mantle of your mercy, and we implore your

help and in you alone do we set our hope. Accept us all under your protection, bless us and preserve us as your chosen community. By your prayers, make us proficient adherers of the commandments of Christ. Abide with us always as the merciful and kind one who loves us all; and in the present life be our warm defender and helper, expelling the battalions of our adversaries and setting us on the way of salvation. For we have no other helper, we have no other hope, except you, Most Pure Virgin! Come to our aid; we set our hopes on you and you are our glory: for we are your servants, that we may not be disparaged now, always and for ever and ever.

Faithful: Amen.

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you with His grace and love for mankind, always, now and for ever and ever.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Glory to you, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to you.

Choir: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. Lord, have mercy. (thrice). Give the blessing.

The Priest delivers the Sunday dismissal.

Choir: Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT - April 6, 2014

Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this,

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they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mk. 10, 32-45)

James and John, the Sons of Zebedee ask Jesus for the two seats of honor when Jesus comes into His glory. In the culture of that day, sitting didn't just mean a physical posture, but it could also be used as a term of ruling. So sitting near someone didn't just mean that they were to be physically close to Jesus, but that they were to have a large share of the honor and authority that Jesus had. Basically James and John were asking to be number one and two in Jesus kingdom.

Their request demonstrates that they didn't understand. In fact, Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking." The fact is that most people don't know what these brothers were requesting.

Perhaps the biggest problem we have understanding the brothers' request is in that word "glory." Glory brings to mind things like God's presence as

a fiery cloud and smoky pillar leading Israel through the wilderness. We think of Mount Sinai shaking in smoke and

and so forth. All these things are demonstrations of the glory of Jesus' power and authority. When James and John



terrifying the Israelites. We think of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration as he glowed with His own self-generated light. We remember the glory of God as the angels announced Jesus' birth. We may also remember Jesus walking on the water, stilling the storm, healing the sick and injured, raising the dead,

made their request, they were thinking about these signs of Jesus' glory.

There is much more to Jesus' glory than power and authority. When John's faith and understanding matured under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, He would write, [John 12:16] "His disciples did not

understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him." What does the word glorified mean in that verse? What does the word glorified mean when [John 12:23] Jesus answered them; "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."? Jesus had a conversation with Peter after the resurrection in which He told Peter about his death and John explained it in this way: [John 21:19] "This he said to show by what kind of death [Peter] was to glorify God. What does the word glorify mean there?

Jesus' glory does not just refer to His power and authority. It also refers to His victory on the cross. When we look at the

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shame of the cross, we see the glory of our savior as He wins salvation for us. As Jesus was walking the road to Jerusalem with His disciples, He began to tell them what was to happen to him. He was telling them how He would bring glory to God by earning salvation for us with His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Jesus had just been explaining the glory of the cross when James and John came to Him. They said to Jesus, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Since Jesus had just been talking about the glory of the cross, James and John were asking to be crucified, one on Jesus' right and the other on Jesus' left. No wonder Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking." They demonstrated that they did not understand.

We are like James and John. We think glory is all about power, authority, and control. We want that kind of glory. We want to be important. We want honor. We want to be number one. We want to be the center of attention. We are greedy and self-centered. Jesus

tells us that the truly great are those who serve, but we are not interested in serving. Jesus tells us that the leader should take up the vocation of slave, but we are not interested in being slaves. We aren't interested in doing things Jesus' way. We want our way. We want what we want when we want it. We want and we demand. Jesus must tell us what He told James and John, "You do not know what you are asking."

James and John unknowingly asked for crucifixion with Jesus. Our self-centered attitude earns us something much worse than a reservation on a cross. It earns us eternal punishment in hell where there is no sense of God's presence. A person can be number one in hell because, in spite of the fact that many will suffer in hell, each of them will experience hell in the utter torment of total loneliness. The loneliness of hell will allow every tormented soul in that place to be number one, for they will sense no one but themselves.

Fortunately for James and John, and you and me, Jesus does not have

a problem with His role as servant and slave. Even as Jesus set the standard for us He also kept that standard. He continued to teach His disciples in spite of their stubbornness and He said, "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Even though we don't serve as we should - even though we don't adopt the role of slave as Jesus commands, Jesus still became the perfect servant for us. [Philippians 2:8] He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

In Jesus Christ we see the glory of victory in the agony of the cross. [Hebrews 2:9] We see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Jesus Christ confirmed that victory when He rose from the dead just as He had said. In His resurrection, He certified His perfect service - His role as perfect slave in

order to offer us perfect salvation. He now offers us forgiveness when do not offer ourselves as servants and slaves. He offers us forgiveness for seeking our own glory, power, and pride. He offers us the salvation that He earned with His glorious victory on the cross.

We, like James and John, want glory for ourselves. We want popularity, fame, power, security, and all the other things that serve our own self-interest. This is one more symptom of the sin that is around us and in us while we live in this world.

Jesus came for a different kind of glory. He came to rescue us from this world of sin by submitting to death on a cross. He has a special honor and glory because of the suffering of that death and He revealed that honor and glory with His resurrection from that death. Now He offers salvation to us through the Holy Spirit's gift of faith for He has given His life as a ransom for many.

Four Eparchs Concelebrate a Prayer Service for the Souls of the Heroes of the Maidan



Pictured above (left to right) are Metropolitan Antony of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the USA, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, Bishop Daniel of the Chicago and Western USA Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in USA, and Metropolitan Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA. All four Eparchs concelebrated, together with many priests, in a spiritually moving Prayer Service for the souls of the heroes of the Maidan in Kyiv, celebrated at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Cultural Center on Sunday, March 30th in the evening. Both Metropolitan Stefan and Metropolitan Antony offered reflections at the end of the Prayer Service. The Panachyda was followed by a spiritual reflection and concert giving honor to the fallen heroes of Ukraine who sacrificed their lives for freedom and dignity of fellow Ukrainians. Approximately five hundred people of good faith shared in prayer and commemoration of sacrifice with the involvement of young people of the Cultural Center. The commemorative service was spiritually moving offering all participants prayerful reflection and appreciation to those who gave the ultimate gift of their life for others. May their memory be eternal!

Ukrainian Seminary Day Committee Invites Your Photographs and Memories of Ukrainian Days Past

Minersville, Pa.--This year marks the 80th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day, a tradition begun at Lakewood Park in the 1930's and which continues today at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove in Primrose. Through the years many friendships and memories have been established, families have gathered for reunions, those who have moved away from the Coal Regions return to see old friends and the bonds of faith and culture are renewed at this annual event on the last Sunday in July. Ukrainian Day is something truly unique and special among the faithful of our Philadelphia Archeparchy.

To celebrate 80 years of this annual celebration of faith and cultural heritage, a special commemorative program is being prepared. To make this a truly special commemorative keepsake, everyone is invited to share their personal cherished memories of Ukrainian Days of years gone by. Perhaps you recall the tradition of "reserving" your family tables at the pavilions or under the towering oak trees at Lakewood, or

the festive Polka Dance on Saturday evenings. Maybe you recall the old swimming pool and the exciting rides Lakewood Park provided. Maybe you remember the trains that people from the cities would take to Lakewood Park or the strolling musicians with accordions and violins that would serenade people as they would travel from family table to family table. Perhaps you or your parents sold the car tags for a donation at the entrance to Lakewood Park. Maybe the afternoon Moleben, celebrated with the Archbishop and the deanery clergy, in the historic Lakewood Ballroom, brings back special memories to you. Perhaps you served as an altar boy at the prayer service.

More recently, many have prayed during the Divine Liturgy at Primrose Hall with our bishops on Sunday mornings, or perhaps you not only enjoyed the cultural exhibits brought in each year, but you purchased some items that bring back special memories. Whatever your memory may be, the Ukrainian Day Committee would

like to make it a part of the Ukrainian Seminary Day Booklet which will be printed to highlight this very special 80th Anniversary celebration.

As you go through the album of your mind, please take a moment to put your memories on paper and share them by submitting them for inclusion in this year's special booklet. The current plan is to use all or part of what each of you share, on pages throughout the booklet. In doing so, we are preserving your precious memories for future generations to enjoy. You can write as little as one sentence or compose a paragraph... whatever you wish to share will be treasured by everyone who receives the booklet.

Besides written reminiscences, photos of Ukrainian Days of yesteryear are also requested. Perhaps you have pictures of yourself as a child with your parents and grandparents in the park. Maybe you have photos of family or friends riding the Wild Mouse or the Carousel, or eating one of the chocolate peanut

sundaes on a cone.

Photos and memories may be submitted in two ways. If you wish to use U.S. mail, address them to Father Michael Hutsko, 131 North Beech Street, Minersville, Pa. 17851. Please make sure to write your name and address on the reverse side of all photographs you submit and include your name and address on all written memories submitted.

You may also email photos and written memories to: legger3147@aol.com. Again, please include your name with all photos and memories that you send by email. All submissions should be sent no later than June 1, to allow sufficient time to prepare them for inclusion in the publication.

The Ukrainian Day Committee 2014 thanks everyone for their support over the decades of this annual event and looks forward to your photos and memories of past Ukrainian Days, which will make this 80th Anniversary Celebration extra special.

Planning Underway for 80th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

Minersville, PA.--The 80th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 27th at St. Nicholas Church Picnic Grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville), Schuylkill County, Pa. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their respective pastors.

An initial planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th at St. Michael's Hall in Frackville beginning at 7:00 PM.

Plans for the day already include a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy to be celebrated by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and clergy of the deanery, delicious ethnic and regional foods prepared by the parishes of the deanery, a concert and dance performance of the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, performances by the Patronage of the BVM Church (McAdoo) youth chorus and St. Nicholas School (Minersville) children's choir.

Polka music will be provided by the fabulous

John Stevens' Doubleshot Orchestra.

A theme basket auction, a variety of vendors selling traditional Ukrainian and Eastern European items, a Pysanky demonstration with classes for the youth in attendance and exciting games for the kids will be part of the day's festivities

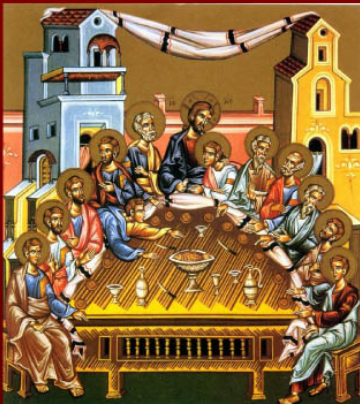
Pyrohy, holubtsi, kobasa, halushki, home-made soups, home-made cakes and pastries, together with traditional American fare and beverages will be available throughout

the day.

Make your plans now to attend this 80th celebration of faith, spiritual and cultural heritage in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, home of the first Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in America.

All proceeds benefit St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, D.C.

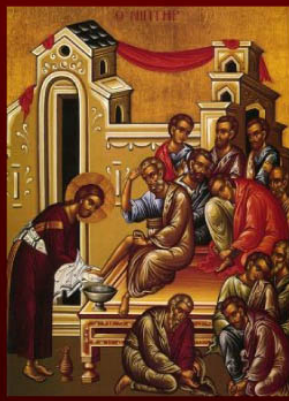
The Liturgy of Great and Holy Thursday



April 17, 2014
10:30 a.m.

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The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, invites you to join us in Washington, as we celebrate the Hierarchical Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, commemorating the beginning of Our Lord's Passion, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Washing of the Apostles' Feet. Chrism (Myron) is also consecrated this day.



REPLICA OF THE SHROUD OF TURIN SCHEDULE 2014

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. Volodymyr 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



Replica of Shroud of Turin on display in Scranton, PA

On Sunday, March 30, 2014, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church welcomed an authentic replica of the Shroud of Turin to Scranton during a deeply reverential prayer service attended by many persons of various Christian denominations. The Shroud's presence is especially appropriate during the Lenten season and is on exhibit until Friday, April 11. The exhibit is open to the public weekdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 7:00pm; Saturday 11:00am to 2:00pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm; Sunday 2:00pm to 6:00pm. In addition, special Lenten services are conducted Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6:00pm. All are welcome whether to strengthen their faith or because of simple curiosity - regardless of motivation, it is bound to impress. St. Vladimir Church is located at 430 North Seventh Avenue between West Lackawanna Avenue and West Linden Street.

Article submitted by Paul Ewasko.





Women's Day of Prayer

The Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the St. Ann's Society of Perth Amboy, NJ invites all women to a night of *Prayer, Fellowship* and a *Free Covered Dish Dinner*.

On *Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 at 7 p.m.* a *Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God* will be celebrated and followed by a recitation of the Rosary. Father Ivan Turyk will speak on "Blessed Mary's place in our faith and in our lives."

If you plan on attending kindly respond by *Friday, April 25th*. Please contact St Ann's Society President, Melanie Fedynyshyn at (732) 442-4632 or via email at melaniep@comcast.net with any questions or concerns. You may also contact our parish rectory at (732) 826-0767.



60th Annual Holy Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage

August 9-10, 2014



Theme:
The Holy Family is the Guide for the Evangelization of our Families:
"A Joy Ever New, A Joy Which is Shared"

-Pope Francis

Hosted by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY

“CHRIST OUR PASCHA” SERIES CONTINUES AT BASILIAN MOTHERHOUSE

The third conference in the series on the new Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (CUCC), “Christ Our Pascha”, sponsored by the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, was held Saturday, March 15, 2014, at the Basilian Spirituality Center, Fox Chase Manor, PA.

The presenter for the conference was Rev. Alexander M. Laschuk of Canada, presently the Acting Director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptynsky Institute of Eastern Studies at St. Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario. Father Alex administers the only Institute of Eastern Christian Studies in North America and is also the managing editor of *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies*. A canon lawyer, he served as Promoter of Justice for the Eparchial Tribunal, and also as Associate Judicial Vicar for the Archdiocese of Toronto’s Marriage Tribunal.

Reviewing the fact that the Catechism consists of three parts—“The Faith of the Church”, The Prayer of the Church”, (March, ’13 conference), and “The Life of the Church”, (Oct, ’13), Father Alex addressed the first part asking the question, “I Believe in What, Exactly?”

The morning session, “From the Bible to the Creed”, examined the sources for the formation of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially those from Sacred Scripture, placing emphasis on the Ecumenical Councils of the Church and the contribution of the Church Fathers and other hierarchs throughout numerous heresies and controversies in Church history. This is the Nicene Creed that is recited in the Divine Liturgy and other Church services to this day.

The afternoon session, “From the Trinity to the Church”, offered an examination of the implications of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, especially as it relates to the Church.

In closing, Father Alex reminded those present of the duty of the Faithful to study the new Catechism and to adopt an apostolic spirit by passing on to others this special encounter with the Living Christ. “This is an invitation to draw closer to Christ. Take it.”

Sister Laura Palka, OSBM, thanked Father Laschuk for leading his audience through an exploration of the Nicene Creed, highlighting the centrality of the Trinity to the Christian Faith and helping all to understand who, what and why is the Church.

Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, coordinator of the series, thanked all for their participation and announced that all three parts of the “Christ Our Pascha” series are being prepared for website presentation.



Rev. Alexander M. Laschuk of Canada giving his presentation.

200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONCERT HONORING UKRAINE'S GREATEST POET, TARAS SHEVCHENKO BY THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF OCEAN COUNTY



March 16, 2014, Toms River, New Jersey

On Sunday, March 16, 2014, the Ukrainian American Club of Ocean County, sponsored a wonderful Concert honoring Ukraine's greatest poet and national hero, Taras Shevchenko, at St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River, New Jersey.

Slavko Tchir, President of the Ukrainian American Club of Ocean County and Master of Ceremonies, welcomed an enthusiastic audience to the celebration of the 200 year anniversary of Taras Shevchenko's birth, and thanked them for attending this special event, especially in light of the challenging situation unfolding in Ukraine.

The Concert started with the entire audience singing "God Bless America", followed by a stirring presentation by Slavko Tchir on the life and meaning of Taras Shevchenko to the Ukrainian people. His remarks were followed by singing Taras Shevchenko's "Zapovit"- ("Testament"), a poem that enjoys the status second only to Ukraine's National Anthem, and was sung when the Anthem was banned from the public use.

Marta Shevchuk and the children of St. Stephen's Church did a lovely presentation of the Personal Side of Taras Shevchenko. Father Oleksandr Dumenko, Administer of St. Stephen's Church, presented the Spiritual Side of Taras Shevchenko.



A Chorale Ensemble directed and accompanied on guitar by Yuriy Shevchuk, sang three Taras Shevchenko songs, "My Evening Star", "My Thoughts", and "The Wind Speaking with the Grove", the last song accompanied on the piano by Marta Cybyk.

The Duet of Anna Dzera and Yaroslawa Kochman sang two beautiful Taras Shevchenko songs, "Winds Through the Meadow" and "Requiem for Shevchenko".

Poetess, Lydia Bargiuk, wrote and recited "Tribute to Taras Shevchenko", followed by the audience singing Shevchenko's "Reve Ta Stohne", ("The Wide Dnipro Roars.")

The Concert ended with a great, new touching song titled "Ty Ukrainu Blahoslovy" ("God Bless Ukraine"), composed and sung by the "CYM" youth in Munich, Germany, during the recent turbulence in Ukraine. The audience then joined in unison, with the Ukrainian National Anthem, "Ukraine Has Not Perished."

(Article submitted by Tchir)

Celebrating the 200th Birthday of the Great Kobzar - Taras Shevchenko

On Sunday March 9, 2014 the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, the parish choir "Boyan", church parishioners and guests took part in a celebration and concert dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the birth of the genius of the Ukrainian people, the "national prophet" and poet Taras Shevchenko. During his life and long after his death, the power of Shevchenko's words and spirit brought his people to a world of grandeur, to the realization that Ukrainians are a nation with both a 1,000-year history and with a future.



Songs and lyric poems by and about Shevchenko were a key part of the event. The choir "Boyan", directed by Mrs. Alla Korostil, began the celebration with a rendition of "Reve ta stohne Dnibr shyrokyj" ("The wide Dnibr roars and moans"). A summary of Shevchenko's life and artistic works were then presented by Irina Borsa and Andriy Wowk.

A staging of an excerpt of the Shevchenko story and poem "Najmychka" ("Hireling") followed, and was met with much applause from the audience. The concert continued with additional songs and readings of Shevchenko's poems, as well original works dedicated to the poet by several of the performers. Performances by male and female ensembles, and trio, duet and solo performers, were greeted with great enthusiasm by the audience.

As the event was held against the backdrop of recent developments in Ukraine, which have shaken not only Ukraine but the whole world, all present observed a moment of silence at the end of the concert honoring the "Heavenly Hundred" – protestor-heroes who recently sacrificed their lives in on the Maidan in Kyiv. The plaintive melody of the traditional song "Plyve kacha" ("A duck swims") echoed throughout the hall and brought many to tears. Tears, pain, despair and belief that God will have mercy on Ukraine were in the heart and soul of everyone present.

The concert ended with the choir "Boyan" performing the song "Vol'naya volia" ("Free will"), made popular by the Ukrainian singer Oksana Bilozir. In his closing remarks Pastor Fr. Ivan Turyk asked for God to bless Ukraine and for the living word of Shevchenko to be a guide for all Ukrainians. The celebration concluded with all the participants singing the Ukrainian national anthem, "Shche ne vmerla Ukrainiina" ("Ukraine has not perished").



In these anxious days for Ukraine, this concert honoring the genius Taras Shevchenko took place far away from native land of most of the performers. But the prophetic words of Shevchenko, his spirit and grandeur, inspired faith and hope in a better life and in the well-being of the Ukrainian people, a people close to God and to their country.

By Bohdan Didyk

Please see more pictures at <http://m.flickr.com/#/photos/7421005@N06/sets/72157642183073053>

Archieparchial Policy Discourages Organizations from Scheduling Sunday Morning Activities

Philadelphia, PA—In a recent letter to all clergy, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka reminded them that they are not to publicize in their parishes any activities of organizations that are scheduled on Sunday mornings.

The letter states, “From our pastoral experience, all of us are familiar with organizations scheduling activities in our communities on Sunday mornings which conflict with our Sunday liturgical services. These activities, be they athletic, cultural or social, conflict with our ministry of fostering vibrant, prayerful parish families.

The letter continues, “It has been my policy as Metropolitan-Archbishop that Sunday mornings should be sacrosanct and that those few hours until noon should not have to compete with other activities scheduled by church affiliated or national organizations during that time, with the exception of pilgrimages or religious services approved by the Archeparchy. To emphasize this commitment, parishes are not to publish or promote such activities in their parish bulletins, from pulpit announcements, through flyers or posters on church vestibule or social hall bulletin boards nor on parish websites. Likewise, the social media of the Archeparchy, including The Way and our website does not publicize such activities.

Metropolitan Soroka concludes his letter with the following, “My expectation is that each of you will comply with this request, as we together, foster spiritual and prayerful Sunday mornings, devoid of secular distractions, when our parish families gather in our churches ‘to lay aside all cares of life.’”

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia is committed to ensuring the safety of children and young people who participate in church-related activities. For example, the diocese requires all clergy, employees and volunteers who interact with children undergo a background check and training. Everyone who is trained is required to report abuse when they suspect it. All have a part to play in creating a safe environment for our children.

In addition, the diocese urges anyone is a victim of sexual misconduct or suspects someone was abused to report it to civil authorities and Victims Assistance Coordinator at 215.873.6162.

Below are some resources addressing the protection of children:

1. Pennsylvania Child Line: 1-800-932-0313
2. Diocesan hotline number: 215-873-6162
3. Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 215-873-6162
4. Link to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/charter.cfm>
5. Link to the diocese policy on child protection: <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=67>



SAMPLE OP-ED FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH A Habit of Prevention

April may be National Child Abuse Prevention Month, but the work to prevent child abuse is an ongoing effort conducted with constant vigilance.

Tragically, child sexual abuse is a prevalent issue in every segment of our population. It happens in private homes, public institutions, schools and even religious institutions. The statistics are difficult to hear and digest but we must accept and understand them to affect change. One in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys in the United States will be sexually abused before they reach the age of 18.

The Catholic Church is acutely aware of the enormous pain, anger and confusion that have been caused by the sexual abuse perpetrated by individuals ministering, working and volunteering on its behalf, as well as the ways in which these sinful crimes were addressed.

Repeatedly, the Church has acknowledged its mistakes and its role in the ongoing suffering experienced by victims and their loved ones. Individual bishops, the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) and former Pope Benedict have all issued public apologies, taken responsibility for those failures and worked to bring about change throughout the Church. Today, the Church is humbler, wiser and more vigilant.

With direction from the USCCB and its 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Archeparchy of Philadelphia has spent the better part of the past twelve years seeking to assist survivors and their families, and to address the issue of abuse at its root through education and training of clergy, lay employees and volunteers.

Of course, we recognize first and foremost that the people who suffer the most are the victims. For the survivors and their families, there are no words sufficient enough to express the pain they feel. They have our prayers and our resolve to provide compassionate, supportive and sensitive resources to assist each individual on their path toward healing. Through the Victims Assistance Coordinator (215.873.6162) counseling, therapy and treatment are some of the primary resources available.

Fortunately, there have been no new cases of misconduct within our Archeparchy last year. However when cases do arise, our priority will be to seek justice and the prosecution of any perpetrator. All 10 Catholic eparchies or dioceses in Pennsylvania have a zero tolerance policy for clergy and

employees accused of misconduct with children. Any allegation must be immediately reported to the proper law enforcement agency. Any credible allegation against a member of the clergy means permanent removal from ministry--period.

From within, the Catholic Church is also dedicated to addressing the most significant hurdle every aspect of society faces in ending the scourge of sexual abuse – silence. Adults and children alike must know how to recognize potential signs and signals that a child is suffering and understand their responsibility to report a suspected problem. To that end, the diocese has committed itself to educating parents, young people and those who work with children that it is critically important to have these kinds of discussions.

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SAMPLE OP-ED FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

A Habit of Prevention

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Many aren't even aware that the Archeparchy of Philadelphia has in place some of the most comprehensive mandatory reporter requirements and training programs. In fact, the Church's requirements exceed those of Pennsylvania law. All individuals working with children undergo background checks and child abuse clearances. Additionally, all employees and volunteers are required to attend Safe Environment Training Programs as well as Mandated Reporter Training Programs. To date, over 15,000 individuals connected with the Diocese have undergone mandated reporter training. A large number of participants enroll in the safe environment program each year. Additionally students receive instruction in age-appropriate child abuse awareness programs and an annual audit process assesses our progress and compliance in all of our offices, parishes and schools.

This training and education isn't window dressing. It has a very important goal of creating a habit of prevention. It is our hope that the Church will have a long-term impact on preventing child sexual abuse from happening in the first place and ensuring the safety of all children throughout society. Prevention is an effort that must take place every month and every day of the year.

The Archeparchy encourages anyone who is a victim of sexual misconduct or suspects someone was abused to report it by calling the toll-free Pennsylvania ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313, and our Victims Assistance Coordinator at 215.873.6162.

TEN POINTS TO CREATE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR CHILDREN

Teresa M. Kettelkamp
Executive Director
Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection

1. Sexual molestation is about the victim

Many people are affected when a priest abuses a minor, but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life. The abuser, the family of the abused, and the parish community are all affected by this sin and crime, but the primary person of concern must be the victim.

2. No one has the right to have access to children

If people wish to volunteer for the church, for example, in a parish or school, they must follow diocesan guidelines on background checks, safe environment training, policies and procedures, and codes of conduct. No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the church without proper screening and without following the rules.

3. Common sense is not all that common

It is naive to presume that people automatically know boundaries so organizations and families have to spell them out. For example, no youth minister, cleric or other adult leader should be in a child's bedroom, alone with the child.

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4. Child sexual abuse can be prevented

Awareness that child sexual abuse exists and can exist anywhere is a start. It is then critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm. These barriers come in the form of protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

5. The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime

Those who have been abused seldom just get over it. The sense of violation goes deep into a persons psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Some have even described the feeling as if it has scarred their soul.

6. Feeling heard leads toward healing

Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when ones pain and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivors appropriate sense of rage and indignation are acknowledged. Not being acknowledged contributes to a victims sense of being invisible, unimportant and unworthy; they are in some way revictimized.

7. You cannot always predict who will be an abuser

Experience shows that most abuse is at the hands of someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family. Most abuse also occurs in the family setting. Sometimes the nicest person in the world is an abuser, and this niceness enables a false sense of trust to be created between abuser and abused.

8. There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers

Training and education help adults recognize grooming techniques that are precursors to abuse. Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts. Another common grooming technique is to allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, which includes wrestling and tickling. It is also critical to be wary of age-inappropriate relationships, seen, for example, in the adult who is more comfortable with children than fellow adults. Parishes can set up rules to guide interaction between adults and children.

9. People can be taught to identify grooming behavior

which are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. An abuser may develop a relationship with the family to increase his credibility. Abusers might show attention to the child by talking to him/her, being friendly, sharing alcohol with a minor and giving the child status by insinuating that the child is their favorite or special person. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

10. Background checks work.

Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children. If an adult has had difficulty with some boundaries that society sets, such as not driving while intoxicated or not disturbing the public peace, he or she may have difficulties with other boundaries, such as not hurting a child. Never forget that offenders lie.

Training begins in Western Ukraine for priests who work with people with “postmaidan stress”.

Sunday, 23 March 2014

In Western Ukraine began trainings for priests who work with people with “postmaidan stress” to help in spiritual and psychological rehabilitation.

The first training session took place on the territory of Ternopil-Zboriv archdiocese in Marian Church in the spiritual center of Zarvanytsya. The following meetings are scheduled in Ivano-Frankivsk and Lviv archdiocese and in Sambir-Drohobych diocese. According to Fr.Petro Rak, about 200

priests took part in the training. Such trainings, he said, will be held for about six months. “The peak of this syndrome will last for a long time. Lent period is a time when people tend to confess and communicate with priests. We first pay attention of the clergy to confession, the emotional experience a person can feel on the occasion of the latest happenings in the country should not be missed, and pastoral care to people who participated in these events should be skillfully provided”- commented on Fr. Petro Rak.

Such trainings are held at the initiative of the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who asked the bishops of the UGCC during the Lent term to prepare priests for the spiritual support of people who participated in the protests on Independence Square in Kyiv.

The project is provided by the Commissions department of Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC, including its head Fr.Petro Rak and his assistants. The meeting was held in Zarvanytsya with the

blessing of Ternopil-Zboriv Archbishop Vasyl’ Semenyuk.

The speakers at the conference were Fr.Andriy Zelinskyi, Jesuit; the psychologist Carl Plesner, an expert in psychology and an expert in the field of post-traumatic syndrome, Olena Gantsyak-Kas’kiv, an active participant of events at Maidan in Kyiv and the worker at Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC.

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The Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma holds a Lenten lock-in retreat for its youth

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

March 22-23, 2014 St. Anne’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, Ohio of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, whose pastor is Reverend Canon Ignatius Kury, hosted an annual Lenten lock-in retreat for the eparchial youth. This year’s theme of spiritual renewal was receiving the light of Christ through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



The keynote speaker this year was Father Lubomyr Zhybak, Administrator of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, Ohio, who is also a co-director of the eparchial youth committee together with Father Claudio Melnicky, Administrator of the cathedral in Parma and the committee’s director as well as Ms. Christine Patoray, committee’s another co-director. Additional speakers at the retreat were

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Subdeacon Nicholas York of the Orthodox Church of America from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania as well as Mr. James Echement and Ms. Robbie Jones of the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley in Youngstown.

In his conference, whose main theme was prayer, Fr. Lubomyr, among other things, said: "A true prayer is not a monologue, but a heart's turning towards God as well as the entering into a relationship with the living God. Moreover, in prayer it is not so much important what we tell God, but what God communicates to us. Hence, an authentic prayer is primarily a constant desire to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, Who always speaks. A genuine prayer is a continual openness to do God's will, which, after all, is the purpose of prayer and the meaning of the Christian life."

A new addition of this year's lock-in retreat was a social project, through which the young people had an opportunity on Saturday morning, March 22, to serve the homeless, living at the Rescue Mission of Mahoning Valley in Youngstown.

A coordinator of the eparchial Lenten lock-in retreat each year is Deacon Myron Spak of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. The next Lenten lock-in retreat for the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma's youth is to be held March 7-8, 2015 in Ohio.

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UGCC Creates Kharkiv Exarchate, Appoints First Exarch

2 April 2014

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych, with the consent of the Synod of Bishops and having consulted with the Holy See, has created the Kharkiv Exarchate of the UGCC, separating its territory from the Donetsk and Kharkiv Exarchate.

According to Vatican Radio, the Holy Father consented to the canonical election by the Synod of Fr. Vasyl Tuchaptets, OSBM, hitherto hegumen of the monastery of St. Basil the Great in Kyiv, as the first Exarch of Kharkiv.

Bishop nominee Vasyl Tuchapets, OSBM, was born September 29, 1967, in Yavoriv in the Lviv region. In 1986 he entered the Most Holy Redeemer Province Basilian Order of St. Josaphat in Ukraine, where in 1996 he took his perpetual vows. He attained his philosophical and theological education in Poland. In 1998 he defended a licentiate in patristic theology.

He was ordained on July 12, 1997, by Bishop Sophron Dmyterko, OSBM. Since 1998, he has performed various pastoral duties at monasteries of the Province, and has worked as a lecturer. From 2005 he was the hegumen of the monastery of St. Basil the Great in Kyiv, and from February 2012 the Counselor and Vicar Protohegumen of the Most Holy Redeemer Province.



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UGCC Stryj eparchy has auxiliary bishop

2 April 2014

Today pope Francis acknowledged the canonical election by the Synod of the Greek Catholic Church of Bishop Taras Senkiv, O.M., as bishop of the eparchy of Stryj, Ukraine, transferring him from the office of apostolic administrator.

He gave his assent to the canonical election by the Synod of the Greek Catholic Church of Fr. Bohdan Manyshyn as auxiliary of the eparchy of Stryj. The bishop-elect was born in Novyj Rozdil, Ukraine in 1972 and was ordained in 2002. He holds a licentiate in pastoral theology from the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, and has served as military chaplain in Lviv and vicar in various parishes in the eparchy of Stryj of the Ukrainians. He is currently protosyncellus of the same eparchy.

<http://risu.org.ua>



**Bishop Taras Senkiv,
O.M.**



Fr. Bohdan Manyshyn

Prayer Service for Religious Freedom

A "Prayer Service for Religious Freedom" was held on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Aliquippa, PA. The Service was co-sponsored by the Central Deanery of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, OH, and the Western Pennsylvania Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America.

The Right Reverend Archimandrite, Monsignor George Appleyard began the Service by intoning "Bozhe Veliky", after which the prayer service prepared by Sister Olga Marie Faryna, OSBM, Religious Director of the National Board of the LUC resounded in the Church.

Also at the altar were Very Reverend Canon Philip Bumbar, Very Reverend Canon Walter Wysochansky, Dean Michael Polosky, and Reverend Father Gregory Madeya, Spiritual Advisor for the Western Pennsylvania Council. Assisting were Reverend Father Deacon Mark Prokopovich and acolyte, Michael Levy. Stephen Zinski was the cantor. Parishioner, Mrs. Helen Medianowsky read the Epistle. Also in attendance were Reverend Father Yaroslav Koval and Brothers Ambrose Ross, BHS and Thomas Somerfeld, BHS.

Archimandrite Appleyard in his homily addressed the often conflicting aspects of religion and freedom, but indicated that "Religious Freedom" is in essence, Is to do God's Will, and no one should prevent us from doing it. (Article submitted by P. Ewasko.)



Ukrainian Catholics fearful of persecution Church leaders in region and in U.S. await next move after Russian forces take over Crimea

Brian Fraga OSV Newsweekly

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Ukrainian Catholic Bishop John Bura and his flock are looking on with concern as tensions rise in Ukraine and as reports come in of Russian forces kidnapping priests and harassing Catholics in the Crimean peninsula.

“We don’t know what’s going to happen. We’re fearful, but we keep hoping and praying,” said Bishop Bura, the head of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat, one of four Ukrainian Greek Catholic eparchial sees in the United States.

When the Russian Federation annexed Crimea in mid-March shortly after its forces invaded the peninsula, Bishop Bura told Our Sunday Visitor he was concerned about what could happen to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church — the largest Eastern-rite church in communion with Rome — since it has no legal recognition in Russia.

“We have millions of Ukrainian Greek Catholics in Russia, but our church is not recognized there,” Bishop Bura said.

Historical context

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church — its adherents comprise about 10 percent of Crimea’s 2 million inhabitants — went underground after the Soviet Union took control of Ukraine following World War II. The church was officially dissolved in a 1946 synod even though none of its bishops participated.

Under Soviet rule, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church’s bishops and priests were arrested and sent to reeducation camps in Siberia. The church’s properties were liquidated, either given to the Russian Orthodox Church, transformed into storage facilities or destroyed.

It was not until 1989, two years before the Soviet Union collapsed, that the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was allowed to function in the open.

Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Archbishop Ihor Vozniak told OSV in an email exchange that the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was “developing” in Crimea, although not without difficulties. In the city of Yalta, for example, church leaders ran into obstacles to obtain property and build a church.

“We didn’t acquire the considerable property (in Crimea) due to the fact that the local government used to obstruct the construction of the churches, and didn’t let our communities get the land lot for the building of the churches as well.”

“It’s a sad history,” said Father Mark M. Morozowich, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America.

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Ukrainian Catholics fearful of persecution

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Commenting on recent troubling headlines emerging from Crimea, Father Morozowich told OSV: "I find it shocking in the 21st century that this kind of behavior is going on, that there continues to exist this kind of intolerance.

"Will Russia allow the minority Catholic community in Crimea to have a right to exist and recognize it as a legal church? That's the big question I have yet to see answered," Father Morozowich said.

A day before the controversial March 16 referendum in Crimea, in which more than 90 percent of voters decided to leave Ukraine and join Russia, Father Mykola Kvyach, a Ukrainian Greek Catholic pastor and Navy chaplain, was kidnapped after celebrating a memorial prayer service for the dead. The next day, two more priests in Crimea were also reported missing.

Later that night, all three priests were found to be alive, with Father Kvyach telling Vatican Radio and other media outlets that Russian intelligence officers and Crimean forces had interrogated and accused him of arming the Ukrainian Navy and inciting anti-Russian riots. Father Kvyach said parishioners helped him escape to the Ukrainian mainland.

There have also been several reports of churches being vandalized in Crimea and one priest's home having "get out Vatican spies" spray-painted on his home.

Present danger

Yevgen Gulenko, a subdeacon in the Eparchy of St. Josaphat, told OSV that his family in Kiev, in mainland Ukraine, is also worried about what could happen next. Gulenko said a high school classmate recently showed him a picture of himself in military uniform and said he was preparing for war.

"My dad is really worried. There is definitely an amount of uncertainty about the next move from Russia because they are very imperialistic and we don't think they will just stop in Crimea. As far as I know, the Ukrainian military is in full preparedness for the worst possible outcome," Gulenko said.

Archbishop Stefan Soroka, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the metropolitan of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the United States, told OSV that the Church in Crimea has been experiencing the intolerance that Catholics in Russia have been dealing with for several years.

"The regime in Russia is very intolerant of differences, and the Greek Catholic Church is made out to look like the awful enemy, with awful accusations of being fascist and pro-Nazi," Archbishop Soroka said.

"It's sad because these are people who have suffered a great deal."

Uncertain future

Archbishop Soroka added that it is very likely in the near future that there will be more acts of intimidation targeting Catholics in Crimea.

"Our brethren will be threatened and made to not feel welcome," Archbishop Soroka said. "The kidnapping of priests is a message to other priests and the whole Ukrainian Greek Catholic community in Crimea that, 'You're not going to have a welcome environment here so maybe you should pack up your bags and get out of here.'"

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Ukrainian Catholics fearful of persecution

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Father Morozowich said people in mainland Ukraine also fear further disruptions with Russian military exercises occurring right across the border.

"They are thinking, 'Will (Russian forces) be coming to their village tomorrow?' Will there be more uniformed men with no insignia or with their badges covered that give no identification to who the soldiers are?" said Father Morozowich, who added the Crimean Tatars and other minorities could also face hardships under Russian rule.

"I certainly hope for a better tomorrow, and I hope for a better world, a world that is willing to recognize and is willing to grant freedom to people who have minority views," Father Morozowich said.

Bishop Bura told OSV the most important thing the Catholic community can do for the beleaguered church in Crimea is to pray and inform people about the situation.

On March 16, Archbishop Soroka celebrated a special prayer service for peace in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia with Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Archbishop Antony, metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States.

"We need to continue to help, to gather people to pray and make them aware of what is going on, in particular to bring out into the light these acts of intimidation and oppression," Archbishop Soroka told OSV. "It's my hope and prayer that there will be people of good will who will say, 'This is not who we are. This is not the way to treat people, especially in matters of faith.'"

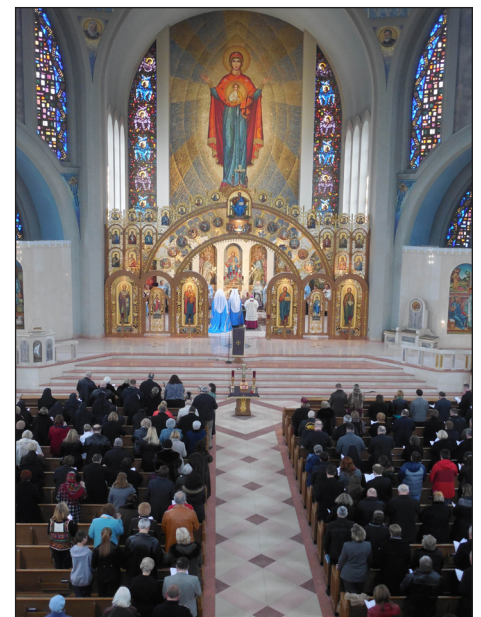
Archbishop Vozniak also said Catholics can support the Church in Ukraine by praying and speaking out against the Russian occupation.

"I think Russia will not invade the rest of Ukraine, which could result in big war," Archbishop Vozniak said. "Crimea would be sufficient, I guess. Russia is a big country and the government has a lot to do in order to provide the citizens with the better quality of life. ... After all, the history teaches us that the big empires always collapsed sooner or later."

Brian Fraga writes from Massachusetts.

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Three archbishops at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia lead a March 16 prayer service. (Photo: T. Bilyj)



Parish Schedules of Liturgical Services for Flowery Sunday, Great Week and the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

As the world comes alive with new life in the spring, we, as Christians celebrate the new life we receive in sharing in the Resurrection of Christ through our baptism. Flowery Sunday, Great Week and the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord is the most solemn and spiritually enriching season of our liturgical year and our church services help us to relive these Divine events in the history of human salvation. Listed below are the services in our parishes of our Philadelphia Archeparchy. You are invited to join with our parish families in giving praise, glory and thanksgiving to God during this holy paschal season. May you have a Holy and Joyful Pascha.

Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:30 p.m. Matins of the Passion (12 Gospels)
“Strasti” (Ukr/Eng)

Good Friday, April 18

4:00 p.m. Vespers, Procession, Entombment of
Jesus Christ (Ukr/Eng)

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - Cathedral Hall
Confession

3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - Cathedral Hall
Confession

5:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - Cathedral Hall
Confession

5:30 p.m. Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the
Great. (Ukr/Eng)

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Procession, Resurrection Matins

9:00 a.m. Hierarchical Easter Divine Liturgy (Ukr)
Blessing of Easter Food - in Church.

11:30 a.m. Easter Divine Liturgy (Eng)

St. Nicholas Church Wilmington, DE

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Ukr)

11:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Holy Monday, April 14

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:00 PM Akafist to the Passion of Christ

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM Matins with the Reading of 12 Passion
Gospel

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 PM Vespers. Procession. Entombment of the
Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St
Basil & 3:00 PM Blessing of Paska and Easter food

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:00 AM Resurrection Matins with procession.
Easter Divine Liturgy.

Bright Monday, April 21

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Family National Shrine Washington, DC

Saturday April 12 Lazarus Saturday

12:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Sunday April 13 Flowery-Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgies

9:00 a.m. (English)

11:30 a.m. (Ukrainian)

Holy Monday, April 14

7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Anointing with the Oil of Healing (Holy Unction)

Holy Thursday, April 17

10:30 a.m. Hierarchical Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, commemorating the beginning of Our Lord's Passion, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Washing of the Apostles' Feet. Chrism (Myron) will also be consecrated

Good Friday, April 18

10:30 a.m. Matins of Our Lord's Passion and Death (*Strasti-12 Gospels*)

7:00 p.m. Vespers and Placing of the Shroud (*Plaschanytsya*)

Vigil and Guarding of Our Lord's Tomb until 10:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 19

10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Vigil and Guarding of Our Lord's Tomb

10:30 a.m. Jerusalem Matins at the Tomb

2:00 p.m. Confessions

3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

First Liturgy of Pascha-Easter Vigil [Satisfies Easter Obligation]

Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Matins of the Resurrection

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Pascha Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

Bright Monday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Michael the Archangel Church Baltimore, Maryland

Saturday April 12 Lazarus Saturday

2:30-3:30 PM Confessions

Sunday April 13 Flowery-Palm Sunday

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:00 PM Matins of Good Friday – The Passion of Our Lord

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Vespers and Placing of the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

4:00 PM Confessions;

5:00 PM Easter Basket Blessing

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:30 AM Resurrection Matins and Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Saint Basil Church Chesapeake City, Maryland

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy (Eng)

Holy Wednesday, April 16

5:00 PM Akafist to the Passion of Christ

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Vespers. Procession with the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

6:00 PM Resurrection Matins with procession
Divine Liturgy, blessing of Paska and Easter foods

Saints Peter and Paul Church Curtis Bay, Maryland

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

8:00 AM Confessions

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 Noon Vespers Placing of the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:00 PM Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy and
Easter Basket Blessing

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Trinity Church Silver Spring, Maryland

(all services in Ukrainian)

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy. *Blessing of willows*

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:00 PM Akathist to the Passion of Christ

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM Matins of Passion of our Lord (reading of 12 Gospels)

Good Friday, April 18

9:00 AM Royal Hours

4:00 PM Vespers and Holy Shroud Service

5:30 PM Jerusalem Matins, standing by the graves

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:00 AM Resurrection procession and Matins

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy *Blessing of Easter food*

Bright Monday, April 21

6:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

6:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Assumption of the BVM Church Bayonne, NJ

Holy Thursday, April 17

2:30 P.M. Passion of the Christ 12 Gospels

Good Friday, April 18

1:00 P.M. Exposition of the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

3 P.M. Blessing of the Baskets and Holy Confession

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:30 A.M. Prayer by the Tomb

9:45 A.M. Easter Matins

10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

10:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

St. Mary Church Carteret NJ

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

5 pm Divine Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13,

9 am Divine Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 17

6 pm Passions of Jesus Christ

Good Friday, April 18

3 pm Burial of Jesus Christ, Vespers with Procession of Holy Shroud, Plaschanytsia

Holy Saturday, April 19

1 pm Blessing of Food

7 pm Resurrection Matins with Procession

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9 am Resurrection of Our Lord - Paschal

Bright Monday, April 21

9 am Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9 am Divine Liturgy

St. Michael Church Cherry Hill, NJ

Holy Monday, April 14

7:45 am – Bridegroom Matins

7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:45 am – Bridegroom Matins

7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:45 am – Bridegroom Matins

7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with the Ritual of Anointing of the Sick

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm – Passion Matins (Strastiy)

Good Friday, April 18

10:00 am – Royal Hours

5:00 pm – Confessions

6:00 pm – Vespers Procession of the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 am – Jerusalem Matins

2:00 pm/4:00 pm/5:30 pm Blessing of Easter foods

6:30 pm – Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:30 am – Procession and Resurrection Matins (English/Ukrainian)

10:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (English/Ukrainian) with Blessing of Easter foods

St. Nicholas Church

Great Meadows, NJ

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 p.m. Matins of Christ's Passion

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Procession with the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7:30 a.m. Pascha Resurrection of Our Lord

Bright Monday, April 21

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

6:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Michael's Church

Hillsborough, NJ

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 P.M. Matins (the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels)

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 P.M. Vespers with the exposition of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanytsya)

7:00 P.M. Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19

5:00 P.M. Blessing of Easter Food

9:00 P.M. Nadhrobne, Resurrection Matins & Procession and Divine Liturgy

Pascha Sunday, April 20

10:30 A.M. Easter Divine Liturgy

St. Vladimir Church

Elizabeth, New Jersey

Holy Monday, April 14

4:30 P.M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 15

4:30 P.M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

4:30 P.M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, anointing service

Holy Thursday, April 17

10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 P.M. Reading of 12 Passion Gospels (Strasti)

Holy Friday, April 18

10:00 A.M. Great Vespers and Burial Procession

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 A.M. Jerusalem Matins

1:00 P.M. and 3:00 pm - Blessing of Paschal foods

8:30 P.M. Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy

Pascha Sunday, April 20

11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Immaculate Conception Church

Hillside, New Jersey

Holy Friday, April 18

3:00 pm - Great Vespers and Burial Procession

Holy Saturday, April 19

4:00 pm - Resurrection Matins, blessing of Baskets

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:45 am - Divine Liturgy

Saints Peter and Paul Church

Jersey City, New Jersey

Holy Monday, April 14

9:00 A.M. Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

9:00 A.M. Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:00 P.M. Passion Of The Christ – 12 Gospels

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 P.M. Exposition Of The Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

1, 4-6 P.M. Blessing of Paschal foods and confessions

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7 A.M. Prayer By The Tomb

7:15 A.M. Resurrectional Matins

8 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church

Millville, New Jersey

Good Friday, April 18

10:00a.m. Vespers & Procession With The Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

5:00 p.m. Procession. Resurrection Matins. Easter Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy

**St. John the Baptist Church
Newark, New Jersey**

Flowery Palm Sunday, April 13:

8:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy (Eng.) *Blessing of willows*

9:30 A.M. – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) *Blessing of willows*

11:30 A.M. – Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday, April 14:

6:30 P.M. – Easter Confessions

7:00 P.M. – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 15:

6:30 P.M. – Easter Confessions

7:00 P.M. – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16:

6:30 P.M. – Easter Confessions

7:00 P.M. – Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17:

10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers

7:00 P.M. – Matins (The Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels). Easter Confessions

Good Friday, April 18:

10:00 A.M. – Vespers and the laying out of the Plaschanytsya and Easter Confessions

7:00 P.M. – Jerusalem Matins and Easter Confessions

Holy Saturday, April 19:

10:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers

3-7 P.M. – Blessing of Easter Food and Easter Confessions *Blessings will be on the hour and on the half hour at 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 (Ukr.) at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 (Eng.)*

Pascha Sunday, April 20:

6:00 A.M. – Resurrection Matins and Procession (Ukr.) Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) *No Confessions*

9:00 A.M. – Resurrection Matins (Eng.) Divine Liturgy (Eng.) *No Confessions*

11:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy (*No Confessions*)

Bright Monday, April 21:

9:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. – Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22:

9:00 A.M. – Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. – Divine Liturgy

**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Church**

New Brunswick, New Jersey

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 P.M. Matins (the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels) Hillsborough

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 noon Vespers with the exposition of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanytsya)

7:00 P.M. Jerusalem Matins Hillsborough

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:00 P.M. Blessing of Easter Food

Pascha Sunday, April 20

6:30 A.M. Nadhrobne, Procession & Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

**St. Nicholas Church
Passaic, New Jersey**

Holy Monday, April 14

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 15

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:00 pm Divine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm Matins (the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels)

Good Friday, April 18

10:00 am. Vespers with the laying out of the Plaschanytsya

7:00 pm. Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00 am. Divine Liturgy

1:00- 5:00 pm. Blessing of Easter Food (every hour on the hour)

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7:00 am. Procession & Resurrection Matins

8:00 am. Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:00 am. Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 am. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 am. Divine Liturgy

Assumption of the BVM Church Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Flowery Sunday, April 13

9:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) *Blessing of willows*

11:30 A.M. - Divine Liturgy (Eng.) *Blessing of willows*

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after both Liturgies

Holy Monday, April 14

6:30 PM - Akathist to the Divine Passion Of Christ

Holy Tuesday, April 15

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:30 PM - Liturgy of The Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM - Matins-Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels.

Good Friday, April 18

9:00 A.M. - Vespers with the laying out of the Plaschanytsya

(School children and Choir "Boyan" will alternate in singing the responses)

7:00 P.M. - Jerusalem Matins sung by the men of the Holy Name Society

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00 to 2:00 PM - Confessions in the Church

2:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food in the School Hall

3:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food in the School Hall

4:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food in the School Hall

6:30 P.M. - Nadhrobne (Prayer at the Tomb)

7:00 P.M. - Procession & Resurrection Matins ("Boyan" Choir will sing)

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:00 AM - Liturgy in Ukrainian.

(Blessing of Easter Food Baskets outside the church)

11:30 AM - Liturgy in English

St. Paul Church

Ramsey, NJ

No schedule received.

St. Stephen Church

Toms River, New Jersey

Holy Monday, April 14

12 noon Stations of the Cross

Holy Tuesday, April 15

2:00p.m. Akathist To The Passion Of Christ

Holy Wednesday, April 16

2:00p.m. Liturgy of The Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

5:00p.m. Matins of the Passion of Christ (reading of 12 Gospels)

Good Friday, April 18

3:00p.m. Vespers & Procession with the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00p.m. Procession. Resurrection Matins

2:00p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy English

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Ukrainian

Bright Monday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Saint Josaphat Church

Trenton, New Jersey

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:30 P.M. - Confession

7:00 P.M. - Rite of Anointing (prayer and anointing of the sick)

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00 A.M. - Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 P.M. - Passion Matins (Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels); Confession

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 P.M. - Vespers with the laying out of the Holy Shroud; Confession

5:30 P.M. - Jerusalem Matins; Confession

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 A.M. - Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; Confession

4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food (in the Hall)

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7:00 A.M. - Nadhrobne, Resurrection Matins,

8:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Easter Food and Anointing

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. - Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy

**Saint John the Baptist Church
Whippany, New Jersey**

Holy Tuesday, April 15

9:00 A.M. - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 P.M. - Akafist to the Passion of Christ

Holy Wednesday, April 16

9:00 A.M. - Presanctified Liturgy and Anointing of the Sick

7:00 P.M. - Service of the Anointing of the Sick

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:30 A.M. - Vespers and Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

7:00 P.M. - Matins (the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels)

Good Friday, April 18 (Strict Fast: no meat or dairy products)

8:00 A.M. - Royal Hours

5:00 P.M. - Vespers with the laying out of the Plaschanytsya

8:00 P.M. Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19 (Fast Day: no meat)

8:30 A.M. - Vespers with the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

4:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food

5:30 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food

7:30 P.M. - Nadhrobne/Service at the Grave

8:00 P.M. - Divine Liturgy (Eng.) and Blessing of Easter Food

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7:00 A.M. - Resurrection Matins

8:30 A.M. - Divine Liturgy

11:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy

7:00 P.M. - Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 A.M. - Divine Liturgy

**Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Williamstown, NJ**

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 pm - Vespers, Procession, Entombment of Jesus Christ (English/Ukrainian)

Holy Saturday, April 19

2:00 pm - Prayer at the Tomb (Nadhrobne). Blessing of Easter Baskets (English/Ukrainian)

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Easter Baskets (English/Ukrainian)

**NE Mission
Bensalem, Pa.**

No schedule received.

**Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Berwick, PA**

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

5:30pm Divine Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

10:30am Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday, April 14

6:30pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:30pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Anointing Service

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:30pm Matins and reading of 12 Passion Gospels

Good Friday, April 18

6:30pm Great Vespers and Procession with Burial Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil

3:00pm Blessing of Easter Food

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:00am Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Easter Foods

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00am Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00am Divine Liturgy

**Saint Josaphat Church
Bethlehem PA**

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

6:30 PM Divine Liturgy of Chrysostom and blessing of Palms

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

9:30 AM: Abridged Matins, Divine Liturgy and blessing of Willows

Holy Monday, April 14

7:00 PM Confessions

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy followed by confessions.

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing Service

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00 AM: Liturgy of St. Basil with Vespers
7:00 PM: Anticipated Matins for Good Friday

Good Friday, April 18

8:00 AM: Royal Hours
7:00 PM: Vespers and Procession

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM: Matins of Holy Saturday (Jerusalem Matins)
6:30 PM: Liturgy of St. Basil. Simple blessing of baskets follows,

Pascha Sunday, April 20

9:00 AM: Matins of the Resurrection
Divine Liturgy of Chrysostom follows
Blessing of baskets follows.

Bright Monday, April 21

8:45 AM: Hours for Bright Week

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

8:45 AM: Hours for Bright Week

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy

**Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Bridgeport, PA**

Flowery (Palm) Saturday, April 12

6:00pm: Divine Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday, April 14

7:00 am Divine Liturgy

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:00 am Divine Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM Matins and Passion Gospels

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 PM Vespers, Procession, Entombment of Our Lord

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy
10 noon ,3:00 PM and 6:00 PM Easter Food Blessing

Pascha Sunday, April 20

6:00 AM Resurrectional Matins
7:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

8:00 AM Easter Monday Divine Liturgy

**Protection of the BVM Church
Bristol, PA**

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

5pm- Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

9am- Divine Liturgy

11 am- Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday, April 14

6pm- Way of the Cross

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6pm- Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

6pm- Liturgy of St. Basil w/vespers

Good Friday, April 18

5pm- Vespers followed by procession and placing of the Shroud into the Tomb
Prayer and vigil after service on Friday until services on Holy Saturday evening for the Lord's Resurrection

Holy Saturday, April 19

2pm -Easter Food Blessing in the hall

4pm -Easter Food Blessing in the hall

6:30pm- Resurrection Procession and Matins followed by Resurrection Liturgy

Pascha Sunday, April 20

10:00am- Resurrection Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

6pm- Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

6pm- Divine Liturgy

**Assumption of the B.V.M. Church
Centralia, Pennsylvania**

Good Friday, April 18

12:00Noon Good Friday Vespers and Prayers at the Tomb (with procession)

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7:00AM Resurrection Mating and Procession of Joy
8:00AM Divine Liturgy of Pascha and Blessing of Easter Foods

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy and Procession proclaiming the Gospels of the Resurrection

Bright Tuesday, April 22

10:00AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Ghost Church
Chester, Pennsylvania

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM Vesper Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

Holy Friday, April 18

6:00 PM Vespers and Procession with Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM Jerusalem Matins

6:00 PM Vesper Vigil Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great (blessing of food)

Pascha, April 20, 2013

8:00 AM Procession and Resurrection Matins

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (blessing of food)

Saints Peter and Paul Church
Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania

Holy Wednesday, April 16, 2013

7:30 PM Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts

Service of Holy Anointing

Holy Friday, April 17, 2013

3:00 PM Ninth Royal Hour and Procession with the Holy Shroud

Sunday, April 20, 2013 Pascha

11:00 AM Divine Liturgy (blessing of food)

Saint Vladimir Church
Edwardsville, Pa

No schedule received.

St. Michael Church
Frackville, PA

No schedule received.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Glen Lyon, PA

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

8:30am Divine Liturgy

Good Friday, April 18

3:00pm Vespers and Procession with Burial Shroud

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7:00am Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Easter Food

Bright Monday, April 21

6:30pm Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

6:30pm Divine Liturgy

Saint Michael Church
Hazleton, PA

Holy Tuesday, April 15

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

5:00 p.m. Matins Commemorating the Passion and Death of Jesus

Good Friday, April 18

2:00 p.m. Vespers and Procession with Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00 PM Paschal foods Blessing

9:00 p.m. Nadhrobne: Services at the Lord's Tomb

Resurrection Procession and Matins

10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Paschal foods

Pascha Sunday, April 20

6:00 AM Resurrectional Matins

7:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

Saint Michael Church
Jenkintown, PA

Flowery (Palm Sunday), April 13

8:15 AM Divine Liturgy

10:00AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Tuesday, April 15

9:00AM Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

Holy Wednesday, April 16

9:00AM Presanctified Divine Liturgy.

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00PM Matins of the Passion. Confessions.

Good Friday, April 18

6:30AM Vespers with the Placement of the Holy Shroud. Confessions.

7:30 PM Jerusalem Matins Confessions

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM Confessions

6:00 PM Confessions

Pascha, Sunday April 20

7:00AM Service at the Grave, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos,

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Parish Mission
Lancaster, PA

No schedule received.

Presentation of Our Lord Church Lansdale, PA

Holy Monday, April 14

4:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Confessions.

Holy Tuesday, April 15

4:00PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 16

4:00PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 17

5:00PM Matins of the Passion of our Lord

Good Friday, April 18

2:00PM Vespers with the the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:45PM Service at the Grave, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, Blessing of Paschal Food

Pascha, Sunday April 20

11:30AM Divine Liturgy Blessing of Paschal Food

Bright Monday, April 21

11:30AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

11:30AM Divine Liturgy

St. John the Baptist Church Maizeville, Pa.

No schedule received.

Saint Mary Church McAdoo, PA

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts with Anointing with Holy Oil

Holy Thursday, April 17

10:00 a.m. Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00 p.m. Matins Commemorating the Passion & Death of Jesus The Reading of the Twelve Gospels

Good Friday, April 18

5:00 p.m. Vespers and Procession with Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

10:00 a.m. Matins for Holy Saturday (Jerusalem Matins)

5:00 p.m. Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil followed by Blessing of Paschal foods

Pascha, Sunday April 20

7:30 a.m. Resurrection Procession & Matins

8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Paschal foods

Bright Monday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Patronage of the Mother of God Church

Marion Heights, PA

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 16

5:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 18

5:00 PM Vespers & Procession with Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

6:00 PM Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Paschal food

Bright Monday, April 21

9:30 AM Festal Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:30 AM Festal Divine Liturgy

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Melrose Park, PA

Holy Monday, April 14

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (in English)

Holy Tuesday, April 15

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (in Ukrainian)

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (in English)

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00 AM Vespers & Divine Liturgy

7:00 PM Passion Matins

Good Friday, April 18

11:00 AM Vespers & Holy Shroud Service

1:00-3:00 PM Confessions

7:00 PM Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM Vespers & Divine Liturgy

1:00-5:00 PM Blessing of Easter Foods/baskets every hour on the hour

5:30 PM Service at the Lord's Tomb

Sunday, April 20, Feast of Pascha

7:00 AM Procession & Resurrection Matins

8:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy (in Ukrainian)

10:30 AM Easter Divine Liturgy (in English)

Bright Monday April 21

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday April 22

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the BVM Church Middleport, PA

Good Friday, April 18

12 Noon Good Friday Vespers and Procession with the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

6:00 PM Resurrection Matins/Procession of Joy/Divine liturgy/Blessing of Foods

Bright Monday, April 21

6:00 PM Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church Minersville, PA

Holy Monday, April 14

8:00 AM First Hour Prayers

Holy Tuesday, April 15

6:00 PM Akafyst of the Passion of Our Lord

Holy Wednesday, April 16

12:30 PM Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:00 PM Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Good Friday Vespers and Procession with the Holy Shroud

7:00 PM Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00 AM Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Pascha Sunday, April 20

6:30 AM Resurrection Matins and Procession of Joy

7:30 AM Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Ss. Peter and Paul Church Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania

Holy Monday, April 14

6:00PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 15

6:00PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:00PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Anointing Service

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00AM Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Commemorating the Institution of the Holy Eucharist

6:00PM Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of Our Lord (Twelve Gospels)

Good Friday, April 18

3:00PM Good Friday Vespers and Prayers at the Tomb (with procession)

8:00PM Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00AM Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

3:00PM Blessing of Easter Foods

6:00PM Resurrection Matins with Procession of Joy

7:00PM Divine Liturgy of Pascha

Pascha Sunday, April 20

10:30AM Divine Liturgy of Pascha and Blessing of Easter Foods

Bright Monday, April 21

6:00PM Divine Liturgy and Procession proclaiming the Gospels of the Resurrection

Bright Tuesday, April 22

8:00AM Divine Liturgy

Transfiguration of our Lord Church

Nanticoke, PA

Palm Sunday, April 13

10.30AM Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Willows.

Holy Monday, April 14

9:30AM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
Confessions.

Holy Tuesday, April 15

9:30AM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy.
Confessions.

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:30PM Matins of the Holy and saving Passion of our Lord. Confessions.

Good Friday, April 18

5:30PM Vespers with the Placement of the Holy Shroud. Confessions.

Holy Saturday, April 19

3:00PM Blessing of Paschal Food (in parish hall).

Pascha, Sunday April 20

7:30AM Service at the Grave, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, Myrovania.

Bright Monday, April 21

6:30PM Divine Liturgy, Myrovania

Bright Tuesday, April 22

10:30AM Divine Liturgy, Myrovania

St. John the Baptist Church Northampton, PA

Flowery (Palm) Saturday, April 12

1:00pm: Confessions

5:00pm: Divine Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

9:00am: Divine Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:30pm: Lenten Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00am: Divine Liturgy

6:30pm: Matins of The 12 Gospels

Good Friday, April 18

3:00pm: Vespers of Good Friday

6:30pm: Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19

1, 3, & 6:00pm: Blessing of Baskets

4:30pm: First Liturgy of Easter

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:00am: Easter Matins

8:45am: Liturgy of Easter

Bright Monday, April 21

8:30am: Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

8:30am: Divine Liturgy

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church Olyphant, PA

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

4:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday, April 14

8:00 AM Akathist to the Passion of Christ

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Tuesday, April 15

8:00 AM Akathist to the Passion of Christ

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 16

8:00 AM Akathist to the Passion of Christ

6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:30 PM Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great;

Blessing of Chrism

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Vespers, Procession, Veneration of the Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

3:00 PM Easter Basket Blessing

5:00 PM Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:00 AM Resurrection Matins

9:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM Easter Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Vladimir Church Palmerton, PA

No schedule received

Christ the King Church Philadelphia, PA

Holy Thursday, April 17

4:00 PM – Confession

5:00 PM – Matins of the Passion. Strasti

Good Friday, April 18

11:00 AM – Confession

12:00 noon – Divine Liturgy with Vespers, Procession, Entombment of Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday, April 19

2:00-3:00 PM – Confessions

3:00 PM – Blessing of Easter Baskets

Pascha Sunday, April 20 – Feast of the Resurrection

10:00 AM – Procession, Resurrection Matins

10:30 AM – Easter Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets

Bright Monday, April 21

10:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday April 2

10:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

St. Josaphat Church Philadelphia, PA

No schedule received.

St. Nicholas Church

Philadelphia, PA

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM – Matins of the Passion. Strasti

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM – Confession

4:00 PM – Divine Liturgy with Vespers, Procession, Entombment of Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday, April 19

4:00-5:00 PM – Confessions

5:00 PM – Blessing of Easter Baskets

6:00 PM - Service at the Grave. Nadhrobne

Pascha Sunday, April 20 – Feast of the Resurrection

8:00 AM – Procession, Resurrection Matins

8:30 AM – Easter Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets

Bright Monday, April 21

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday April 2

8:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Ss. Peter and Paul Church

Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

Saturday, April 12

5:00PM Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Pussy-willows.

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday

10:00AM Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Pussy-willows.

Holy Monday, April 14

5:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian).

Holy Tuesday, April 15

5:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian).

Holy Wednesday, April 16

5:00PM Presanctified Divine Liturgy (English).

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00PM Sacred Passion Service

Good Friday, April 18

5:00PM Good Friday Vespers

Holy Saturday, April 19

5:00PM Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Pascha Sunday, April 20 (Feast of the Resurrection)

8:00AM Prayer at the Tomb. Resurrection Matins. Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Easter foods

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

SS. Peter and Paul Church

Plymouth, PA

Palm Sunday, April 13 – at 8.30AM

Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Willows.

Holy Wednesday, April 16

9:30AM Presanctified Liturgy. Confessions.

Holy Thursday, April 17

4:00PM Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord. Confessions.

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Vespers with the Placement of the Holy Shroud. Confessions.

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00PM Blessing of Paschal Food (in parish hall).

7:00PM Service at the Grave, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, Myrovania.

Pascha, Sunday April 20

12:00PM Divine Liturgy. Myrovania.

Bright Monday, April 21

4:30PM Divine Liturgy, Myrovania.

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00AM Divine Liturgy, Myrovania.

St. Michael's Church

Pottstown, PA

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM Twelve Gospels of Christ's Passion and Death

Good Friday, April 18

9:00 AM Vespers & Burial Procession of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday, April 19

3:00 PM Easter Food and Pascha Blessing – Church Hall

3:30 p.m. - Nadhrobne (Prayer at the Tomb)

4:00 – 5:00 PM Confession after Blessing of the Easter Food in Church

Pascha Sunday April 20 Feast of the Resurrection

9:00 AM Procession and Resurrection Matins, Easter Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the BVM Church Reading, PA

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:30PM Matins with Twelve Passion Gospels

Good Friday, April 18

3:00PM Vespers and Procession with Holy Shroud

6:30PM Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 19

3:30PM Blessing of Paschal foodss

Pascha Sunday, April 20

7:45AM Resurrection Matins & Procession

8:30AM Resurrection Solemn Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church Saint Clair, PA

Saturday, April 12

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy Palms & Pussy willows

Flowery Sunday, April 13

8:30 AM Divine Liturgy Palms & Pussy willows

Holy Monday, April 14

8:00 AM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 15

5:00 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

6:00 PM Matins of Passion of Our Lord

Good Friday, April 18

6:00 PM Vespers & Procession with Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 PM Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Ascension of Our Lord Sayre, PA

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Vespers & Procession with Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

6:00 PM Resurrectional Matins

Pascha Sunday, April 20 (Feast of the Resurrection)

12 Divine Liturgy

Saint Vladimir Church Scranton, PA

No schedule received.

Transfiguration of Our Lord Shamokin PA

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, April 12

6:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday, April 14

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Holy Tuesday, April 15

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Holy Wednesday, April 16

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

Holy Thursday, April 17

6:00 PM Passion Matins- Twelve Gospels.

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Vesper with Procession Holy Shroud.

Holy Saturday, April 19

1:00 PM; 3:00PM and 4:00 PM - Blessing of the Paschal foods

4:30 PM Service at the Grave.

Pascha Sunday, April 20

8:00 AM Paschal Matins

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, April 21

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

8:00 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Michael's Church Shenandoah, PA

Saturday, April 12

3:30 PM Divine Liturgy Palms & Pussy willows

Flowery Sunday, April 13

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy Palms & Pussy willows

Holy Wednesday, April 16

4:00 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

6:00 PM Healing service

Holy Thursday, April 17

4:30 PM Matins of Passion of Our Lord

Good Friday, April 18

3:00 PM Vespers & Procession with Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

2:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food

4:00 PM Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

Pascha Sunday, April 20

10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

**Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Simpson, PA**

No schedule received.

**Saint Anne Church
Warrington, PA**

Holy Monday, April 14

7:00PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Holy Tuesday, April 15

7:00PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, April 16

7:00PM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:30PM Matins of the Holy and saving Passion of our Lord

Good Friday, April 18

5:00PM Vespers with the the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

9:00AM Jerusalem Matins

3:00PM and 5:00 PM Blessing of Paschal Food (in parish hall).

Pascha, Sunday April 20

7:00AM Service at the Grave, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, Blessing of Paschal Food

Bright Monday, April 21

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

**Holy Ghost Church
West Easton, Pennsylvania**

Holy Thursday, April 17

10:00 AM Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

4:30 PM Matins of Christ's Passion

Good Friday March 29

4:30 PM Great Vespers & Procession with the Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, April 19

3:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets

6:00 PM Easter Vigil-Resurrection of Our Lord

Pascha Sunday, April 20

11:00 AM Easter Sunday Resurrection of Our Lord

Bright Monday, April 21

11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, April 22

11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Wilkes-Barre, PA**

No schedule received.

**Annunciation of the BVM Church
Manassas VA**

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM Passion Matins

Good Friday, April 18

7:00 PM Vespers with the placement of the Holy Shroud

Pascha Sunday, April 20:

7:00 AM – Paschal Matins

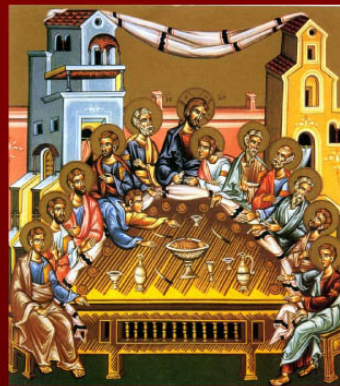
8:00 AM - Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Bread

**St. John the Baptist Church
Richmond, VA**

Pascha Sunday, April 20

12:00 pm - Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Bread

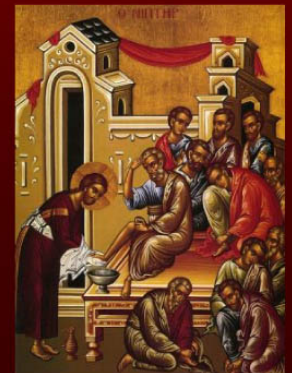
The Liturgy of Great and Holy Thursday



**April 17, 2014
10:30 a.m.**

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The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, invites you to join us in Washington, as we celebrate the Hierarchical Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, commemorating the beginning of Our Lord's Passion, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Washing of the Apostles' Feet. Chrism (Myron) is also consecrated this day.



SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant is sponsoring a "Baked Haddock Fish Dinner-Meatless Meal for Lent" on April 11, 2014.

It will be held at The REGAL ROOM, 216 Lackawanna Ave. Olyphant, PA. Starting at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Pre-sold tickets are \$13.00 per person/dinner. You can "Sit In or Take Out" At the door, a limited amount of tickets will be \$15.00 per dinner. Call Sandra at 570-383-9487 for reservations before Monday April 7th, 2014.

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