

World Meeting of Families to be Held in Philadelphia in 2015; Expectations are High that Pope Francis will Attend

Philadelphia, Pa.—September 22-27, 2015, the City of Brotherly Love will host the World Meeting of Families, which is expected to draw one million people and will be viewed around the world. The World Meeting of Families organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family, headed by Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the council, is held every three years.

His Holiness, Pope Francis has been invited to the 2105 meeting and hopes are high that he will be able to attend. The last papal trip to Philadelphia was that of St. John Paul II in October, 1979, which included a visit to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The theme of the 2015 meeting was announced at a press conference held Tuesday, May 13 on the veranda at the Independence Visitor Center at the site of the Liberty Bell.. With Archbishop Paglia, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, joined by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Governor of Pennsylvania Tom Corbett and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter announced that the theme is “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.”



Press Conference held in Center City Philadelphia on May 13, 2014. Photo: <https://www.facebook.com/WorldMeeting2015>

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Archbishop Paglia commented that "I would like that this event would be an international event, an ecumenical event, and an interreligious event. . . I think it is really important that the next World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia. The city, the nation and the world would celebrate the importance of family . . . for all people."

During his brief three day visit to Philadelphia, Archbishop Paglia visited religious and historical sites in Philadelphia as possible locations for events during the 2015 meeting and for an expected papal visit.

Included in his itinerary was a visit to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Franklin Street in North Philadelphia. Archbishop



Archbishop Paglia visits the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on May 14, 2014. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Archbishop Paglia at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on May 14, 2014. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

Paglia offered prayers for peace in Ukraine, joined by his delegation and members of the chancery staff. He greeted all with the Paschal greeting Христос Воскрес! Khrystos Voskres!

Some of the other sites he visited included the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul, the Shrine of St. John Neumann, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where on the steps he struck the iconic Rocky pose.

After leaving Philadelphia, his travels took him to New York City to visit the United Nations.

Watch a video of Archbishop Paglia's visit to the Cathedral on our Blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

Sunday of the Man Born Blind - May 25, 2014



As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see." "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.

Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents. "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?" "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. (Jn. 9, 1-38)

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The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the Second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used

by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

When our Lord Jesus Christ, then, came at midday to this city, which is also called Sychar (John 4:5), He was wearied from the journey and the heat. He sat down at this well. After a little while the Samaritan woman mentioned in today's Gospel passage came to draw water. As she conversed at some length with the Lord and heard from Him secret things concerning herself, she believed in Him; through her many other Samaritans also believed.

Therefore, the Savior sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay—not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself,

and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

The icon of the Sunday of the Blind Man depicts the biblical story of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth. Our Lord is shown placing the clay on the eyes of the man. He is

with his disciples who are questioning Christ about the source of the man's affliction. The blind man is shown with his hand outstretched toward Christ expressing his faith and willingness to receive healing and grace from the Son of God. Our Lord has in His hand a scroll, which directs us to His statements, "I am the light of the world," (John 9:5), and "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed," (Luke 4:18). This are clear statements of the Gospel of salvation that comes through Christ. The scroll may also represent the role of Christ as Judge as depicted in Matthew and Revelation, and also later in the same passage on the healing of the blind man (John 9:39), "Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

TWO BASILIAN SISTERS CELEBRATE GOLDEN JUBILEES

“Zion rejoices and heaven exults in joy with us for Christ is risen.’ These words (sung at Pascha) bring to mind the double joy of today’s celebration...the fact that Christ has risen and the fact that fifty years ago two young women pledged their whole beings to their Savior....Zion rejoiced and heaven exulted at their decision. Thus we have gathered to echo that rejoicing and exultation.”

These words were spoken by Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, at the Golden Jubilee celebration held at the Basilian Sisters’ Motherhouse, Fox Chase Manor, PA, Saturday, May 17, 2014.

Friends and family gathered to honor Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, and Sister Monica Lesnick, OSBM, for their individual fifty years of service to the Church as members of the Order of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great.

Celebrants for the 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity were Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford, CT, Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of Stamford, CT, Rev. Cyprian Rosen, ofm Cap, St. Francis Friary, Wilmington, DE, Rev. John Zeyack, Byzantine Ruthenian Eparchy of Passaic, NJ, Rev. Taras Lonchyna, Pastor, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Trenton, NJ, and Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, Basilian Motherhouse Chaplain. Rev. Dr. John Shea, OSA, was also a guest clergy member in attendance.

“It is important,” said Father Troyan in his homily, “to honor these two women by coming to the table of the Lord to offer thanks for the gifts of life, the Gift of New Life through the Resurrection, to honor Sister Ann and Sister Monica for following their vocation; their mission is to do whatever must be done. They are shining examples of what consecration to the Gospel really means.”

In accordance with Basilian tradition, the two jubilarians pronounced a devotional renewal of their vows before receiving the Holy Eucharist and at the conclusion of Liturgy all processed to the Sisters’ dining room for a celebratory dinner.

Master of Ceremonies, Tina Bruno, introduced Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann who welcomed all to the celebration and in the prayer that followed, Archbishop Stefan likened the two Sisters to the myrrh-bearing women, eagerly spreading the Faith to students and others: “We thank you for your enthusiasm, your life-giving energy and passion to love and serve the Lord.” Sister Dia Stasiuk, OSBM, General Superior of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, visiting from the General Council in Rome, offered the congratulatory toast.



Jubilarians, Sister Monica Lesnick, OSBM and Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, celebrating 50 years as a Sister of the Order of Saint Basil the Great.

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In her congratulatory address, Sister Dorothy Ann spoke of the two jubilarians as women with caring hearts, joy-filled spirits and a zest for life who balance their apostolic ministries with a spiritually centered life.

At the time of her entrance into the monastery, Sister Ann, daughter of Olga and Ilko Laszok, was a member of St. John the Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, where she received her education from the Sisters of St. Basil at the parish school. After her novitiate formation, Sister Anthony (aka Ann), taught at St. Nicholas School in Watervliet, NY, and at St. George School, NYC, and later served as a faculty member of Manor College as well as Dean of Admissions. Her missions have

included serving in the Archeparchial Office of Religious Education and on the Archeparchial Catechetical Commission where she helped with the translation of the "God With Us" series; served as treasurer of the NCCCL and ECDD and was one of the original founders of the Basilian Pastoral Ministry in Pittsburgh, PA, where she is currently the Director of Religious Education. Sister Ann is a member of her community's governing council and, as Co-Vocation Director, she is responsible for the Province's "Ukraine Outreach Program". In addition, Sister is a member of the Patriarchal Catechetical Commission of Ukraine and organizer and director of "Generations of Faith" for the Byzantine Churches.

Sister Monica Lesnick, taught by the Basilian Sisters at SS. Peter and Paul School in Cohoes, NY, followed her parents, Ann and Myron Lesnick, in the field of education.

Her first teaching assignment was at St. Nicholas School, Chicago IL. Sister then taught at St. John the Baptist School, Newark, NJ, and later was both teacher and principal at St. George Academy, NYC. For five years Sister Monica served on her community's governing body as Provincial Councilor and Secretary. At present, Sister Monica teaches mathematics at Manor College where she chairs the college's Long Range Planning Committee and is a member of the college's Budget Committee. At the recommendation of her peers, Sister Monica was the recipient of Manor's prestigious Teaching Excellence Award in 2007.

Good wishes were further extended to the jubilarians via letters of congratulations, and after the closing prayer by Bishop Chomnycky commending the Sisters for their dedication to the important ministry of education, all present wished them "Many Happy Years".



Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, hierarchy and clergy are joined by the Sisters' General Superior, Provincial Council, and Jubilarians.

Watch a video of the Jubilee on our Blog at <http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com>

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Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
(Philadelphia)

Violinist Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo
(Lviv, Ukraine)

The Vox Ethnica Ensemble (NYC)

“Zabava” Public Dance ~ The Vox Ethnica Dance Band

May Procession held in Hillside, NJ

On Sunday, May 11, 2014, the children of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside (Union County), NJ held a May Crowning and Procession in honor of our Blessed Mother.

Rev. Vasyl Vladyka blessed the children for honoring the Blessed Mother and for participating in the parish's Religious Education Program which is designed for children ages 3 to 18 years old.



First Confession at the Cathedral in Philadelphia

Three children of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception made their First Confession and received Holy Communion on Sunday, May 4, 2014.

Our sincerest congratulations and best wishes are extended to: Aidan Joseph Halt, Maya Deanna Kowal, and Andrew William Szwedyk.

Also pictured are (left to right) Sister Timothea Konyu, MSMG, Rev. Ivan Demkiv, and Mother Evhenia Prusnay, MSMG.

Photo by Andriy Demkiv



First Confession and Holy Communion at St. Nicholas, Passaic, NJ



On Saturday, May 3, 2014, 13 children received their First Penance, and on May 4, their Solemn Communion at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ. The children were prepared for these Holy Sacraments in a special way by Sr. Cecelia Sworin, SSML.

On Saturday, May 3, 2014, the day of the children's First Penance, all their parents went to confession as well. On Sunday, the altar-servers and Rev. Father Andriy Dudkevych, pastor, led the procession. Each Communicant entered the beautifully decorated church, accompanied by hand

by his/her parents. The Epistle was read in Ukrainian and English by Lyubomyr Vovk and Anna Katherine Zielonka. The many schoolchildren who attended the Liturgy sang Khrystos Voskres during Holy Communion. After Liturgy, Father Andriy greeted the children and spoke to them about the special gift they had just received. At the end of Liturgy, Father Andriy intoned Mnohaya Lita in honor of all the Communicants and their families.

May God bless them always.

Photo: Deanna Nadiya Gutsaliuk, Tatyana Maria Zurawski, Julia Weronika Roman, Otilia Irena Kedl, Anna Katherine Zielonka, Juliana Maria Kit,

Daniel Adrian Gamulyak, Roman Andrew Zurawski, Olexandr Grach, Lyubomyr Vovk, Roman Gutsal, Andrew Joseph Kravchuk, Nicholas Alexander Hawran,

Sr. Cecelia Sworin, SSML, Rev. Fr. Andriy Dudkevych and Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSML.



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Family Game Night at Perth Amboy

Assumption Ukrainian Catholic School's first Family Game Night on Saturday, April 26, 2014 was a huge success. Close to 50 people, parents and students, spent an engrossing evening in the school cafeteria playing board games only. Our great thank you goes to the Family School Association sponsoring a game night and for making the evening such a success. It was tons of fun!



LUC Meeting – June 1, 2014

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will hold a general meeting on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 2:00pm at Holy Transfiguration Church, 240 Center Street, Hanover Section of Nanticoke. Moleben prayer service at 2:00pm, business session at 2:30pm followed by reception and fellowship. Agenda will include discussion of proposed 2014 activities including the October National Convention in Johnstown PA. For additional information contact: Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354.

The LUC Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/LUCofAmerica> - is available to all Councils including National Board for posting upcoming meetings, special events, photos, etc.

Special Presentation by the Metropolitan Tribunal of our Philadelphia Archeparchy

Annunciation of the B.V.M. Ukrainian Catholic Church located at 1206 Valley Rd., in Melrose Park, PA 19027-3035, will host the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:30 pm during which a presentation explaining the work of the Tribunal and the process to apply for annulments will be offered. It is open to anyone seeking an annulment, having questions as to their marital status or just want to learn about this Church ministry. Members of the Tribunal will be available for private consultations after the presentation if necessary. For more information, please contact the Tribunal at 215.627.0143.



Shroud of Turin Exhibit - St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Wilmington, DE

The exhibit started on Palm Sunday, April 13th, and concluded on April 26, 2014.

The coordinator of this project at St. Nicholas Church was Jerry Dawson, PSD. Jerry organized communications between the News Journal, the Dialog, radio stations, churches, Delaware State Council, and various schools. He also coordinated participation of Color Corps and provided material and training of greeters and presenters.

Jerry Dawson and Fr. Klanichka participated in a broadcast on Catholic Forum explaining the history of the Shroud of Turin.



Bishop Curtis Council provided guides, lectures, and hospitality for the duration of the exhibit.

The Color Corps provided an honor guard on Good Friday and Palm Sunday, and added a high level of visibility of the Knights of Columbus. The outpouring of appreciation from visitors, parishioners and Fr. Klanichka was impressive.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2014
St. John The Baptist Ukrainian American Cultural Center
60 North Jefferson Road Whippany, NJ 07981

Program:
11:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Registration
12 noon- 1:00 p.m. - Keynote Speaker : Mr. Gerry Tchir
author of the book "Dare to Be Great"
1:00 p.m. - Youth Divine Liturgy
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Lunch
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - The One Man Play "Damien",
presented by the Broadway actor-turned-priest Fr. Edward Evanko
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.- Fellowship and Discussions in age appropriate Groups
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.- Volleyball Game (Youth vs NJ Priests)
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.- Bonfire/Music/Conversations/Refreshment

Contact:
1. Register in your parish/speak to your priest.
2. NJ Dean Fr. Joseph Szupa @ (908)352-8823 - jszupa@optonline.net
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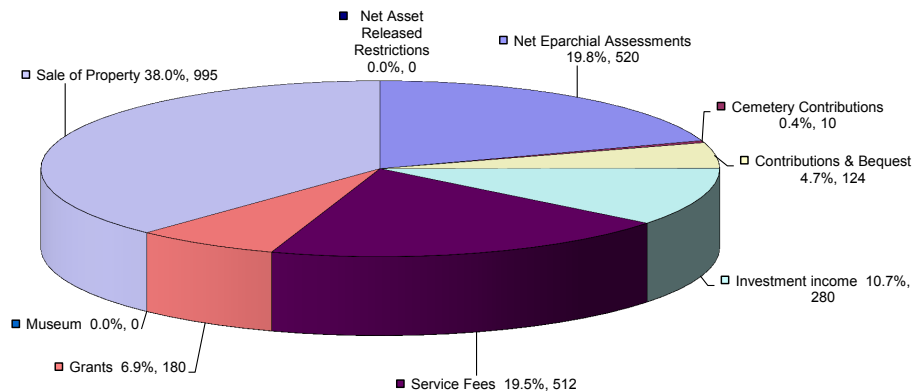
**FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY OF ADMINISTRATION
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF PHILADELPHIA**

The Archbishop, members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Finance Office of the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia are pleased to share the audited financial report of revenues and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2013. This is the annual presentation of this information to all of its parishes and faithful. This information and format is meant to be shared particularly by the parish priests with their faithful in parish bulletins and in this news site. We are committed to the transparency of our financial administration. This has been required and expected of all parish priests and their finance councils to report yearly parish finances to their parishioners. We are thankful for the generous and thoughtful support received from our faithful for the administration and fulfilling of pastoral and evangelizing needs of the Archdiocese. Know of our remembrance of you in our prayers and in our Liturgies. God bless you richly for your generous sharing with your Church.

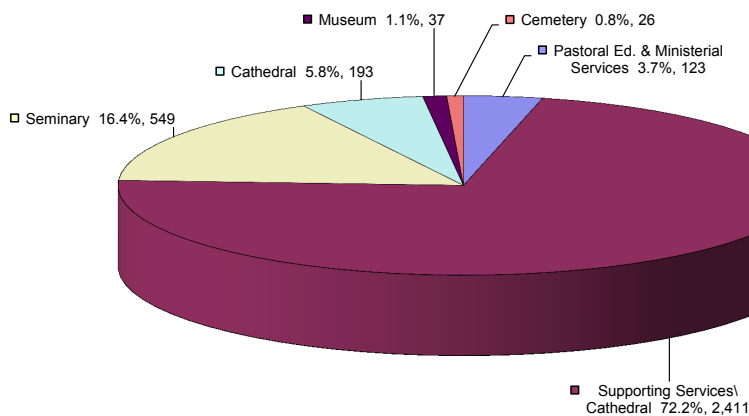
Audited Archdiocesan Financial Information

Values In Thousands (000's)	2013	Percent
Revenues Gains & Other		
Net Eparchial Assessments	520	19.8%
Cemetery Contributions	10	0.4%
Contributions & Bequest	124	4.7%
Investment income	280	10.7%
Service Fee	512	19.5%
Grants	180	6.9%
Museum	0	0.0%
Sale of Property	995	38.0%
Net Asset Released Restrictions	0	0.0%
Total Revenues	2,621	100%
Expenses		
Pastoral Education & Ministerial Services	123	3.7%
Supporting Services \ Cathedral	2,411	72.2%
Seminary	549	16.4%
Cathedral	193	5.8%
Museum	37	1.1%
Cemetery	26	0.8%
Total Expenses	3,339	100%
Archdiocesan Gain or (Loss)	(718)	

2013 Archdiocesan Revenues & Gains



2013 Archdiocesan Expenses



Ukrainian Catholic faithful throughout the world to participate in Mission Days: A Ten Day Journey from the Feast of the Ascension to the Feast of Pentecost

Philadelphia, PA.-- Ukrainian Catholic faithful throughout the world are asked by His Beatitude Sviatoslav and their hierarchs to participate in Mission Days: A Ten Day Journey from the Feast of the Ascension to the Feast of Pentecost (the Descent of the Holy Spirit)

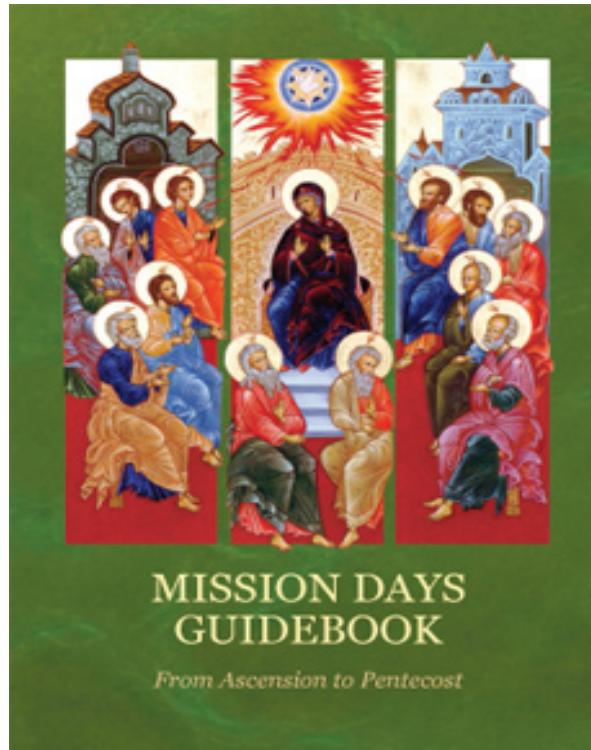
Special Guidebooks have been prepared in both English and Ukrainian and have been made available to all clergy for use in their parishes.

The hope of these ten days of spiritual reflection is stated in the beginning of the Guidebook:

“By taking an active role in these ten Mission Days, we are called to better understand that, by their very nature, our parish communities and families (domestic churches) have a missionary character.

“This missionary spirit is a consequence of the gift of our Baptism, by virtue of which we, as Christians, take upon ourselves the responsibility to believe, live, serve, and share the witness of our faith in Christ, not just among our family members, but

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with our neighbors, wherever we may live.

“Thus, the mission of our parish community is to allow our Lord to enter more deeply into our lives, and to carry the Good News beyond our own community, inviting others to partake in the Kingdom of God.

“From Ascension to Pentecost, as a parish community we pray that the Lord might renew our life in God through the power and action of His Holy Spirit.”

The Mission Days instructions (in Ukrainian) and the Guidebook in

both Ukrainian and English are posted on our archieparchial website: <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/>

They are located on the right hand of the page under the booklet cover: “Mission Days Guidebook from Ascension to Pentecost”

These documents are also posted under the Vibrant Parish heading at the top of the page. Click on Vibrant Parish or go to this link: <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=108>

These Mission Days are

part of the Vibrant Parish initiative, a worldwide parish renewal.

“In 2011 His Beatitude Sviatoslav together with the bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church asked us to pay special attention to the renewal of parish life, as the basis for the ongoing development of our Church.

“The parish is the place where we encounter the Living Christ, where we can grow spiritually and where the Good News of the Gospel is proclaimed, so that it can be shared with others.

“Our Synod encourages us all together and individually to reflect on and work for the development of our parish community, and to take an active role in the mission of the Church by fostering these aspects of parish life: The Word of God and Catechesis, Liturgy and Prayer, Service to One’s Neighbor, Leadership-Stewardship, Community-Unity, A Missionary Spirit.”

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May 8, 2014

Christ is risen!

Greetings!

Last month, at a meeting of the Women's Day Committee, His Grace Archbishop Stefan Soroka approved distribution of a survey to determine the interests of women in the Archeparchy. Based on the results of the survey, a *Committee for the Enrichment of Women in the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia* will be responsible for providing program opportunities for women of all ages. These opportunities will be designed:

- To encourage one's spiritual growth and to deepen one's faith;
- To expand one's social consciousness and understanding of the social issues and challenges facing today's women and families; and
- To nurture one's personal development through various enrichment opportunities.

We are asking for your input. I sincerely invite you to share with us via the short survey which is enclosed the types of enrichment opportunities which would address your spiritual and practical needs/interests. Although you need not disclose your name, I do, however, encourage you to identify the parish of which you are a member.

In advance, I thank you for taking the time to complete and return the survey. I assure you that your responses will in no way be shared beyond this Committee. May Our Lord bless you richly!

Sincerely yours,

Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM

Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM

Enclosures

Praying, Healing, Life-giving Presence

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*Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Committee for the Enrichment of Women Survey*

Your Parish: _____
Parish Name
City
State

Your Age Group: 18-25 26-35 36-45 46-50 51-60 61-70 Over 70

Your Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Do you have children at home? No Yes If "yes," what are their ages? _____

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Please briefly describe your spiritual needs/ interests relative to:

Personal spiritual growth/ enrichment

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What can or should the Church offer you?

What are the preferred means to help you meet your spiritual needs?

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Prayer Petitions for Ukraine

Below are two petitions that may be used at the weekend services May 24-25, 2014:

O merciful Master and Lover of Mankind, look upon the people of Ukraine and hear our prayers offered in faith, for You Yourself said, "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive it." Grant Your blessings to the Ukrainian nation as they seek to find peace and unity, strengthen their sovereignty, fulfill their good intentions in their quest and discernment to build a free and prosperous state and preserve them for the rest of their days in goodness and health, hasten to hear us and have mercy.

O good and compassionate Lord, we ask You to listen to our prayers for Ukraine and its people. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon the Ukrainian people that through Your divine guidance they may find lasting love, unity, mutual respect and understanding, as they work together for common goals and ideals. Make their endeavor successful, overcoming all obstacles, for the glory of Your name: we pray, hear us and have mercy.

MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. Many people still designate it as such. It was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first celebrated on May 30, 1868, to commemorate them after General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic made a proclamation on May 5 in General Order No. 11 that:

"The 30th of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance, no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." During the first May 30, 1868 celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried in the cemetery.

Several towns throughout America claim to be the first to decorate the graves, which gave inspiration for the official proclamation. But in 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, NY the official birthplace of Memorial Day, because the town had on May 5, 1866 made Memorial Day an annual community-wide event, closing businesses and planned a special program so that people would be encouraged to decorate the graves. After World War I, the observance was expanded to include all those who had died in all of America's Wars.

In 1971, it was declared a national holiday by Congress, which was to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

It differs from Veteran's Day, which is observed on November 11, which honors all veterans - living and dead.

80th Annual
Ukrainian Seminary Day



Sunday, July 27, 2014
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One Mile from Minersville

11 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
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1:15 PM: St. Nicholas School (Minersville) Student Chorus
1:30 PM-3 PM: Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble
3 PM: Patronage BVM (McAdoo) Women's Junior Choir
4 PM-8 PM: John Stevens' Doubleshot Polka Band

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Sviatoslav of Kyiv -- A 'Preacher of Peace' amid Conflict

An Interview with His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

By: Brett McCaw

At age 44, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk leads the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, the largest Eastern Church in communion with Rome. Having previously served as a seminary rector in L'viv and then as bishop for Ukrainian Greek Catholics in Argentina, Shevchuk was selected to be head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in March of 2011. A skilled polyglot (he is fully conversant in English, Russian, Italian, Modern Greek, Polish, and Spanish) and a dynamic pastor, Shevchuk has emerged as a foremost moral and religious voice within a nation mired in political crisis. During his stop in Rome to participate in the canonization ceremony of Popes John XXIII and John Paul II, Shevchuk paused to reflect on Ukraine's Maidan movement, ongoing tensions with Russia, and ecumenism with the Russian Orthodox Church.

Your Beatitude, priests and bishops of your church have been visibly present in both the Orange Revolution of 2005 and in the Ukrainian Maidan movement earlier this year. In

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general, how would you describe the role of your church in the renewal of post-Soviet Ukrainian society?

First of all, I would like to underline that the whole phenomenon of the Maidan was a bit of a surprise for everybody -- even the Church. This was because it was an appearance of civil society in Ukraine whose existence was debated for decades. Moreover, many wondered whether the Ukrainian people were able to peacefully stand together for a European future for their country on the basis of such values as rule of law, rejection of corruption, abhorrence of violence, and intolerance of authoritarian behavior. Many scholars would analyze the situation in Ukraine and would say that Ukrainians were not able to realize such a movement. Nevertheless, that European project became the project of social development in Ukraine and the churches helped to develop this. Last year, before the Maidan movement, the Ukrainian Council of Churches visited Brussels twice and sent several appeals to Ukrainian society concerning the

discussion of European values. As churches, we were involved in promoting that discussion and were trying to be, as a church, part of civil society in order to awaken the people. To help them undertake their responsibility for their own country. Not only government or politicians have responsibility, but each, individual citizen.

No one expected that when our president suddenly changed his mind, such a large protest would emerge. So we as a church, as the churches -- we did not call the people to protest. We were not those who would encourage such a protest. Yet we followed our people, because we recognized that those people were standing at the Maidan for those values, which we were promoting. If people take a stand for human dignity, rule of law, rejection of violence and corruption -- we as a Church have a duty to recognize the moral power of such claims. It is why churches, not just the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, but Orthodox, Protestant, as well as Jewish and Muslim communities were all present with their people on the Maidan.

In some way, the people were leading us. For those three months, we were trying to be with our people and to keep the protest peaceful. I felt I needed to be a 'preacher' of peace in order to reach the goals of the Maidan and emphasize peaceful methods were always more powerful and transformative in society than any other form of demonstration.

In mid-March, Fr. Mykola Kvyach, a Ukrainian Greek Catholic priest and chaplain to the Ukrainian navy in Crimea was kidnapped and interrogated by Russian militants. In light of the Russian annexation of Crimea, what is the situation of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic parishes on the Crimean territory? What do you foresee for your church there in the coming years under Russian occupation?

I would say that this is a very delicate question, as we do not have all of the answers yet. We have five (5) parishes in

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Crimea at the moment. During the first stages of the Russian annexation, a period of great confusion and anxiety, our priests were simply trying to be with their people. Nevertheless, many of our priests were also chaplains to the Ukrainian military detachments in Crimea. My opinion is that maybe these 'new' authorities noticed the activity of our priests not so much on account of their pastoral care of their parishes, but on account of their contacts with the military units in Crimea. This was likely case of Fr. Kvysh in Sevastopol. For some reason, these chaplains were considered dangerous. Subsequently, there was a new attack of Russian propaganda against our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. We were likened to be the Church of the 'radical nationalists' and our very existence was considered to be dangerous. Right now, the situation is still under significant question. We have right now, three priests in Crimea, but the legal 'status' of our parishes is still uncertain. In certain situations, we share the same church buildings with the Roman Catholics, for which I am very grateful. In some places such as Sevastopol, Kerch, Evpatoria, we have some churches under

construction. But we will see what will happen in the future, as we do not know whether we will be able to finish those buildings now. However, our current goal in this situation is to be with our people and to offer them adequate pastoral care. We expect that these new, so-called authorities in Crimea would respect human rights especially the most basic right of religious freedom. I hope and I expect that the priests and faithful of our church in Crimea will not be persecuted on account of their Catholic faith.

Recently, the head of external affairs for the Russian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate, Metropolitan Hilarion (Alfeyev), remarked that 'Uniatism' in Ukraine was a special project of the Roman Catholic Church to convert the Orthodox to Catholicism and even went so far as saying, in lieu of the Maidan movement, that Ukrainian Greek Catholics are waging a crusade against Orthodoxy. How would you assess your church's present relationship with the Russian Orthodox Church and how would you respond

to comments such as this?

First of all, I need to stress that we have significant, fraternal relations with the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which is in communion with the Moscow Patriarchate. All of our activities and our statements which we issued in the last few months, in the period of the Maidan, we always did together. Moreover, it is providential that the current seat of that Ukrainian Council of Churches is held by the primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in communion with the Moscow Patriarchate, Metropolitan Volodymyr (Sabodan)

We were united in Ukraine during a very dangerous period in a way that had never really occurred before. Concerning pastoral care for our respective faithful on the Maidan, we were organized in our own way. However, concerning our moral judgments of the civil movement or opposition to the abuses of the Yanukovich government, we always stood together. So I think that there is no reason to fear some 'crusade' against the Orthodox. The Maidan was neither a religious nor ethnic protest. It was a 'social' protest and almost

half of the protesters were Russian-speaking citizens who were faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate. Of course the Greek Catholics were present along with the Orthodox of the 'Kyiv Patriarchate' as well as Jews and Muslims. The Maidan was a sort of 'mirror' of the Ukrainian society without any aggression toward the 'Russian' nation or 'Russia' as a state.

Unfortunately, I have to say that there are no direct and open relations between the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Moscow Patriarchate and it is a pity. For the last three years, my heartfelt desire has been to establish such a direct dialogue. However, we are not able yet. But I am still open and I am praying that one day we can sit at the same table, look at one another in the eye, and recognize that we are members of the same body of Christ and that we share the same blood of Christ. We are members of the same Church of Christ. That will be the common basis to start to discuss our disagreements and problems.

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Ever since the release of Joseph Cardinal Slipyj (1892-1984) from the Soviet GULAG, your church has petitioned Rome for the elevation to the status of patriarchate. Why is the status of 'patriarchal church' so crucial to your Church at this time?

The 'patriarchal' status is not simply a title of 'honor', it is a way to organize the inner life and structure of the Eastern Church. During the time of Patriarch Slipyj, when Ukraine was under Soviet domination, Ukrainian bishops were split around the world without any possibility or any structure that would unite them into one church. At that time, we could not even have our own synod of bishops. This is why he began to present the need to organize the specific form of unity among the Ukrainian bishops in the diaspora. Within the diaspora, there was a significant danger that through the process of assimilation, our church would cease to exist within a few years. It was a question of survival. And because of his insistence, he received all the rights of Patriarch, except the title. He was recognized as the 'Major Archbishop'. As Major Archbishop,

according to canon law, he had the authority to call the bishops to be gathered in synod to promote the life and unity of the church. The only reason why he was not recognized as a patriarch at that time was that he was 'out of his canonical territory' -- he was in exile in Rome. When his successor, Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky, could finally return to his see in L'viv after the fall of the Communists in 1991 and the resurrection of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine, that reason ceased to exist. The major issue of why we continue to raise this question is because we have to recognize the reality of who we are. Quite simply, we need to provide adequate pastoral care of our faithful in Ukraine and worldwide. It is why the question of the patriarchate, today, is not a question of honor, but the question of 'pastoral conversion' -- something which Pope Francis points out in his recent apostolic letter, *Evangelii Gaudium*. We need to have such a structure that would help us to be more efficient in our pastoral care and to not be an obstacle. In the perspective of pastoral conversion, the vibrancy of our church structures and the efficiency of our pastoral activity; we are

growing toward the fullness of the patriarchal dignity, which we hope one day will be simply recognized. Nevertheless, we will insist with a 'holy insistence', as Pope St. John Paul II said of our church concerning our eagerness to grow as a patriarchal church.

In light of the current crisis in Ukraine, has Pope Francis been particularly connected to your Church at this time?

Pope Francis is aware of his universal role as a mediator and servant of peace with a particular Argentine sensitivity. In the history of Argentina, Pope John Paul II played a crucial role to prevent war twice -- first during the conflict between Argentina and Chile and then between Argentina and Great Britain. So, Argentines are particularly aware of the crucial role of the successor of St. Peter to protect human life, worldwide. The Holy Father is aware of the history of the martyrdom and identity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. We do not expect that he will be a special, 'pro-Ukrainian' pope, but right now, especially in this crucial moment, the Pope is praying and acting to prevent a new war in Europe. In the last

few months, he has made several statements about Ukraine. In his Easter *Urbi et Orbi* statement, he openly prayed to the risen Lord for peace in Ukraine as his foremost prayer. He frequently greets Ukrainian pilgrims in their own language with the Easter greeting, *Khrystos Voskres* (Christ is Risen). This is a marvelous act. We as a church, we as a nation, we as Christians of different confessions are very grateful to the Holy Father for his ministry as an apostle of peace for our days.

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Pope Francis created a UGCC Metropolitanate in Brazil

Monday, 12 May 2014

On Monday, May 12, 2014, the Vatican announced that Holy Father Francis raised the current UGCC Eparchy of St. John the Baptist in Brazil with a seat in Curitiba to the status of an Archeparchy and the Seat of the Metropolitanate. The current Eparch, Bishop Volodymyr (Kovbych) was named its first Archbishop-Metropolitan.



Simultaneously it was announced that Pope Francis created a new UGCC Eparchy of the Immaculate Conception with a seat in Prudentopoliso, separating its territory from that of the newly-created Archeparchy of Saint John the Baptist and placing it under the jurisdiction of this Metropolitanate Seat. Bishop Myron (Mazur), presently, the Auxiliary Bishop of UGCC Curitiba Eparchy, was named the first Eparch of the newly-formed eparchy.

The history of UGCC in Brazil began with the arrival there of Basilian missionaries who came on the heels of the migrants, who more than 120 years ago headed across the ocean in search of a better fate. Soon the Sister Servants also arrived. The Apostolic Exarchate for the faithful of the Byzantine Rite in Brazil was created in 1962 by Pope Paul XXIII, and in nine years it was elevated to the status of an Eparchy.

The first bishop was Bishop Joseph (Martynets). After him, the Eparchy was headed for almost 30 years by Bishop Yefrem (Kryvyi). From 2006 the ruling bishop was Bishop Volodymyr (Kovbych).

In December 2005, Bishop Myron (Mazur) was named the Auxiliary Bishop of the Curitiba Eparchy.

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Summary of the Visitation of His Beatitude Sviatoslav to the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada

14 May 2014

On Monday, 12 May, the official pastoral visitation of His Beatitude Sviatoslav to the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada and His Excellency Most Rev. Stephen Chmilar.

All ten days of the visitation were filled with meetings with youth and children, community organizations and their members, full-day Ukrainian Catholic schools, concerts, banquets, and most of all

liturgical celebrations, to which the faithful under the leadership of His Beatitude Sviatoslav were able to pray most of all for unity in the mother Church in Ukraine.

The first six days of his visitation were spent by Patriarch Sviatoslav in the City of Toronto.

On Friday, the 2nd of May, His Beatitude visited St Demetrius Parish, served a moleben, visited St Demetrius Catholic

School, the Ukrainian Canadian Care Centre, and St Demetrius Senior's Residence. He also met with deacons from the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada. At the end of the day His Beatitude had a dinner with guests of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at the University of St Michael's College at the University of Toronto.

On Saturday, May 3rd, His Beatitude celebrated a

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St Nicholas Parish, after which there was a banquet and a visit with members of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada. Afterwards His Beatitude also met with youth and children of the Eparchy of Toronto. During this encounter His Beatitude was able to answer their questions as well as impart his archpastoral blessing.

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Children and youth were able to greet His Beatitude Sviatoslav on the occasion of his birthday. On the occasion of his official pastoral visitation, that evening a concert Tribute to Ukraine was held with numerous Ukrainian groups participating.

On Sunday, May 4th, His Beatitude Sviatoslav continued his pastoral visitation and visited the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate at their provincial house in Toronto; the sisters hosted His Beatitude for a delicious breakfast. After lunch His Beatitude served a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Dormition of the Mother of God Church in Mississauga. Present at this liturgy were members of the clergy, His Excellency Bishop Stephen Chmilar, and His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. After the Divine Liturgy there was a banquet in honour of His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav, at which His Beatitude addressed those gathered in both Ukrainian and English, speaking about the situation in Ukraine and the role of the Church in these difficult times for Ukraine. In order to better explain the situation in Ukraine, His Beatitude recited a portion of the

poem Son by Shevchenko ("У всякого своя доля..."). All attentively listened to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, admiring His Beatitude's wisdom, fortitude, piety, and they even compared him to the servant of God Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who diligently served God, the Church, and the Ukrainian Nation.

On Monday, May 5th, in the morning His Beatitude served the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of St Josaphat; this liturgy was attended by members of St Josaphat's Catholic School. After lunch, His Beatitude visited St Sophia Catholic School, in Mississauga, which is attached to the parishes of the Dormition of the Mother of God and St Elias. After this visit His Beatitude went to the site of St Elias parish, in Brampton and celebrated a Moleben with the gathered community. This parish burnt down two weeks before Pascha. After a short snack Patriarch Sviatoslav met with catechists and priest's wives. This was all on His Beatitude's birthday.

Tuesday, May 6th, in the morning His Beatitude celebrated Divine Liturgy at Sts Peter and Paul Parish, in Scarborough.



After the Liturgy there was a lunch attended by all priests of the Eparchy along with His Excellency Bishop Stephen. The rest of the day was free so that His Beatitude was able to rest before the remainder of the visitation.

On Wednesday, May 7th, Patriarch Sviatoslav visited the largest Ukrainian Catholic school, Joseph Cardinal Slipyj in Toronto, served by St Nicholas Parish. The children organized a concert in honour of His Beatitude's visit. The Patriarch had the opportunity to speak to all children and answer their questions, which they themselves posed to His Beatitude. At the end of the visit was a formal lunch attended by school teachers and administrators, as well as priests from St Nicholas Parish, members of the Toronto Catholic District

School Board, His Excellency Bishop Stephen, and His Eminence Cardinal Collins. After this lunch His Beatitude conducted his canonical visitation of the chancery of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada. In the evening his day continued with a visitation to the newly-constructed parish of St Joseph in Oakville. Here His Beatitude celebrated the Divine Liturgy in the evening. After supper His Beatitude had an opportunity to meet first with the Knights of Columbus, followed by a gathering with members of Ukrainian community organizations.

On Thursday, May 8th, after the morning celebration of the Divine Liturgy at St Nicholas Church, Patriarch Sviatoslav travelled to

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the capital of Canada - Ottawa. Here His Beatitude met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird, Minister of Employment and Social Development as well as Minister of Multiculturalism Jason Kenney. He also met with Dr Andrew Bennett, Ambassador for Religious Freedom, as well as the Polish Ambassador to Canada and the Parliamentary Canada-Ukraine friendship group. He also attended Question Period in the Parliament where he was publically recognized. That evening he also met with parish youth at St John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine in Ottawa.

On Friday May 9th, His Beatitude had breakfast at Holy Spirit Seminary, followed by a visit to the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute

in Ottawa. Here he celebrated a moleben for the glorification of Metropolitan Andrey before having an encounter with university students. After this he visited the Apostolic Nunciature where he had lunch with the Nuncio, the Archbishop of Ottawa, and the president of the CCCB. That evening, at the conclusion of his visit to Ottawa, His Beatitude celebrated a hierarchical Divine Liturgy at St John the Baptist Shrine which was followed by a banquet in the parish hall in honour of the Patriarch.

On Saturday, May 10th, after a morning Divine Liturgy at Holy Spirit Seminary, Patriarch Sviatoslav travelled to Montreal. On this day he visited St Michael's Parish (Iberville) and met with the president of the Ukrainian World Congress (CKY), Mr

Eugene Czolij. Mr Czolij informed His Beatitude about current initiatives and projects of the Ukrainian World Congress to help Ukraine, as well as the important of elections, for which the Congress is organizing a mission of foreign observers.

On Sunday, May 11th, Patriarch Sviatoslav celebrated a hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Dormition of the Mother of God parish, which was followed by a banquet in honour of the Patriarch. During the banquet Mr Czolij greeted His Beatitude Sviatoslav in the name of the Ukrainian World Congress and stressed the importance of His Beatitude's consecration of the Ukrainian nation to the Protection (Pokrov) of the Theotokos on 2 February 2014.

On Monday, May 12th,

His Beatitude Sviatoslav visited Holy Spirit Parish as well as St Basil the Great (Lachine), before returning to Ukraine.

While in Montreal, Patriarch Sviatoslav had the opportunity to visit St Joseph's Oratory as well as Notre-Dame Basilica. During the visitation to the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada, His Beatitude met with both Canadian and Ukrainian press, and gave individual interviews to the Globe and Mail and the Catholic Register. Toronto-based Ukrainian television programs Kontakt and Forum TV, as well as W4Y Productions, covered the Patriarch's visit.

Fr. Oleg Kachur and Fr. Alexander Laschuk

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UGCC Head urges Ukrainians to come to the election districts on May 25

This was stated in the commentary for the Canadian edition of «National review» by the Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, during his pastoral visit to Canada.

“Our Church urges Ukrainians to participate fully in the electoral debate and vote with care for the person who can unite the country, unite in the face of Russian aggression”, - said the Head of the UGCC.

He stressed that the pre-election Russian propaganda and the destabilization of the election campaign are aimed at “separation and disintegration” of Ukraine, which is trying to hold fair and open elections, which were required on

Maidan.

The Primate of the Church assured that he and his Church will do everything possible to make the elections meet the spirit of Maidan.

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June 2014 - Червня 2014

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