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New Priest to be Ordained

Philadelphia – The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is happy to announce that Rev. Deacon Walter Pasicznyk will be ordained a priest on Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA. The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka will celebrate the Divine Liturgy and with the laying on of his hands upon Rev. Deacon Pasicznyk, he will ordain him to the Order of Presbyter.

Rev. Deacon Pasicznyk, 48, is the son of Olympia and (the late) Ihor Pasicznyk of St. Anne's Parish in Warrington, Pa. He has 4 sisters and 1 brother. An additional sister died at birth. He is a graduate of Central Bucks High School East, and the Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Chemistry. He had also attended Boston University where he played varsity ice hockey for two years.

Rev. Deacon Pasicznyk graduated in May 2014 from the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America with dual degrees of Master of Divinity and Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology.



**Rev. Deacon
Walter Pasicznyk**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHANGES IN PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT BY METROPOLITAN STEFAN SOROKA

There will be a number of significant changes in pastoral assignments in our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia effective August 1, 2014. Some will be in response to requests from priests; others because of discernment in thought and prayer of a priest's needs and the pastoral needs of parishes. As you reflect on the changes announced here, you will become aware of my desire to facilitate a greater enthusiastic ministry to smaller parishes and possible missions which appear to indicate growth potential. A strong missionary zeal strengthens and renews the Church.

We are called to respond to search for the lost as revealed in Jesus' stories of the one lost sheep out of 100, the one coin of ten, and of the prodigal son. In all these situations, there was great rejoicing once the lost was found and restored. There are parishes and probable missions which may significantly grow with greater pastoral presence and ministry. This involves sacrifice done with love and hope to search and

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to welcome those not in the fold. It really is the prime mission of every parish, whether large or small. I strongly believe that if every parish energetically focused on searching for, and inviting those parishioners and family members who have left for whatever reason, then all parishes would experience being the vibrant parish which is the call of our Patriarch Sviatoslav and our Synod of Bishops.



Msgr. Waslo

I thank all of the clergy for their positive response to change and their openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their ministry. My heartfelt gratitude is also offered to the good and faithful of our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia for your anticipated understanding, and for your continued zealous love and support for our good priests endeavoring to serve you.



Rev. Szupa

1. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Chancellor of the Archeparchy, and is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Spiritual Chaplain to the Order of Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase, PA. Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo will continue to serve as Vicar Judicial of the Archieparchial Tribunal.



Rev. Fields

2. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Joseph Szupa is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Protospesbyter of the New Jersey Protospesbyterate, and as Pastor of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elizabeth, NJ and Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside, NJ, and is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



Rev. Bloschynskyy

3. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields is to assume the duties and responsibilities of Vice-Chancellor for Canonical Dispensations, in addition to his present responsibilities as Director of the Office of Communications.

4. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Parish Administrator of the mission parish being developed in north-east Philadelphia. The patron saint for the parish is yet to be finalized. Fr. Bloschynskyy is also assigned as Assistant to the Director of Communications for the development of media technology in our archeparchy.



Rev. Moniuk

5. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Evhen Moniuk is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Palmerton, and is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Meadows, NJ and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ramsey, NJ. The intent is to have the pastor live in closer proximity to these parishes and thus be more present and enabling in his ministry to the faithful.



Rev. Baran

6. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Volodymyr Baran is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manassas, VA and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Richmond, VA, and is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Pastor of St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Palmerton, PA with the added mission responsibilities for the Youth Summer

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Rev. Zvarych

Camp at Leighton, PA.

7. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Petro Zvarych is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Easton, PA and St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Meadows, NJ and is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manassas, VA and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Richmond, VA. The intent is that a rectory be established in the vicinity of these parishes and that further mission ministry be explored in Virginia under the direction of the Protopresbyter, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens.



Rev. Troyan

8. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan is relieved of his pastoral assignment as Spiritual Chaplain to the Order of Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase, PA, and is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Easton, PA, with the added responsibility to explore mission development in the Stroudsburg area of PA with the direction of the Protopresbyter of the Philadelphia Archeparchy, Very Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo. Very Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan will continue to serve as Director of Evangelization for the Archeparchy.



Rev. Romanyuk

9. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Ruslan Romanyuk is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shamokin, PA and Patronage of Mother of God in Marion Heights, PA and is to assume the duties and responsibilities of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elizabeth, NJ.



Rev. Ivanov

10. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Mykola Ivanov is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pottstown, PA and is to assume responsibilities as Pastor of Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shamokin, PA and Patronage of the Mother of God in Marion Heights, PA.



Rev. Vladyka

11. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Vasyl Vladyka is assigned as Parish Administrator of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside, NJ in addition to his current pastoral responsibility for Patronage of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carteret, NJ.



Rev. Mirchuk

12. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Reverend Mitred Archpriest Roman Mirchuk is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Parish Administrator of St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ramsey, NJ.



Rev. Rabiya

13. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Andriy Rabiya is assigned as Parish Administrator of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pottstown, PA.

14. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Roman Sverdau is assigned as Assistant Pastor to Very Rev. Andriy Rabiya, to assist in providing ministry to Nativity Ukrainian Catholic

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Rev. Sverdian

Church in Reading, PA., St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pottstown, PA and St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Mission in Lancaster, PA.

15. Effective August 1, 2014, Rev. Roman Petryshak is to work closely with the Protopresbyter of the Washington Protopresbyterate, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens, to explore mission development in the Timonium and/or Reisterstown area outside of Baltimore, MD.



Rev. Petryshak

16. Effective June 22, 2014, the newly ordained priest, Rev. Walter Pasicznyk, will be assigned under the direction of Metropolitan Stefan at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Chancery.

17. Effective June 30, 2014, Very Rev. Ivan Demkiv is relieved of his duties and responsibilities of Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Williamstown, NJ. The parish will celebrate its final Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Stefan as celebrant on the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29, 2014 prior to its closing. The parish cemetery will be the responsibility of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, NJ. Baptismal, marriage and burial records of the parish will also transfer to the care of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Cherry Hill, NJ.



**Rev. Deacon
Pasicznyk**

18. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Ivan Demkiv is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Protopresbyter of the Philadelphia Archeparchy.

19. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Protopresbyter of the Philadelphia Archeparchy.



Rev. Demkiv

20. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Joseph Szupa is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Protopresbyter of the New Jersey Protopresbyterate.

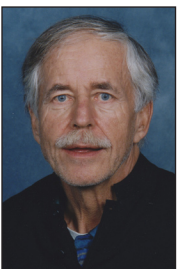
21. Effective August 1, 2014 Very Rev. Taras Lonchyna is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Protopresbyter of the New Jersey Protopresbyterate.



Rev. Lonchyna

22. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Msgr. Ronald Popivchak is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Protopresbyter of the Lehigh-Schuylkill Valley Protopresbyterate.

23. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Andriy Rabiw is to assume the duties and responsibilities as Protopresbyter of the Lehigh-Schuylkill Valley Protopresbyterate.



**Msgr.
Popivchak**

24. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens continues to serve as Protopresbyter of the Washington Protopresbyterate; Very Rev. John Seniw continues to serve as Protopresbyter of the North Anthracite Protopresbyterate; and Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko continues to serve as Protopresbyter of the South Anthracite Protopresbyterate.

25. Effective August 1, 2014, Very Rev. Joseph Szupa is assigned as the Director of Ecumenism for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

New Parish Dedicated to the Holy Myrrh-Bearers Established in Swarthmore, PA.

For over 100 years, the parishes of Ss. Peter & Paul in Clifton Heights and Holy Ghost in Chester served the needs of many generations of Ukrainian Catholic faithful in Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Due to demographic shifts in their respective surrounding areas, the obsolescence of their physical facilities and the determination of parishioners to grow, the Pastoral and Finance Councils from both parishes, began to seek out a new location from which to serve all faithful in Delaware and Chester Counties. With vacant land being scarce in Delaware County, under the leadership of the pastor, Very Reverend John Ciurpita, we came upon the availability of a recently closed church in Swarthmore, PA.



The Leiper Presbyterian Church, a small, historic stone church located at 900 Fairview Road, has been a landmark in the Swarthmore/Ridley Township areas since 1818. It began as a place of worship for the early pioneers and continued its ministry up until January 2012.



The 19th-century Gothic church building was named for Scotsman Thomas Leiper, who purchased the land on which the church and cemetery stand, for \$150 in 1818 and immediately constructed a Sunday school building on the site. The stone church at the bend in the road, was considered to be the “mother church” of the Presbyterian movement in southern Delaware County. The congregation of the Leiper Church helped to organize the First Presbyterian Church of Chester. In an ironic twist, the First Presbyterian Church of Chester was purchased in the early 20th century by a group of Ukrainian immigrants and became home to our Holy Ghost parish.

The Leiper Church was, in fact, built twice of stone from Leiper’s popular Delaware County quarry, first in 1819 and again in 1850 after it had been destroyed by a fire that ignited in its stove pipe on Jan. 28, 1849. A Revolutionary War veteran, Thomas Leiper was also known for establishing the nation’s first railroad as a way to convey granite from his Crum Creek quarry to Ridley Creek for transport by barge to Philadelphia.

The 7th, 9th and 15th Presidents of the United States -- Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison and James Buchanan -- worshipped there.

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In addition to a large parking lot and outdoor activity areas, the Leiper Church property consists of a church building large enough to accommodate approximately 200 worshippers and a connected Educational Wing containing three classrooms, meeting rooms, two offices, and a large social hall with a large kitchen.

Upon seeing the many benefits of the property and its easy accessibility to Interstate 476 (a/k/a "The Blue Route"), Metropolitan Stefan Soroka made the decision to purchase the facility. This purchase was finalized on Thursday, May 8,

2014. The name of the new parish community is "Holy Myrrh-bearers" - a tribute to the Holy Myrrh-bearers who came to anoint Christ in the tomb on Easter Sunday,



Over the next few months, the church building will be renovated to make the building amenable to our Byzantine traditions. Various liturgical items from SS. Peter & Paul, Holy Ghost and other recently closed diocesan parishes will be utilized in the design of the new church interior. With the dedication of the new church facilities, the final pages of SS. Peter & Paul and Holy Ghost parish histories will be written.

The last Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul will be held on Saturday, September 20th and at Holy Ghost on Sunday, September 21st. Dedication and laying of the cornerstone of the new parish will be held on Saturday, September 27th with the First Divine Liturgy occurring on Sunday, September 28, 2014.

As we open the doors of our new parish and begin writing a new chapter in the history of our Church in Delaware and Chester Counties, we graciously invite all to come and visit our new parish center. Holy Myrrh-bearers intends to be a community-oriented and outward reaching parish that will serve the spiritual needs of all. We will keep you informed of important dates and times as our planning progresses.

If you, your family or someone you know is or will be interested in joining our new parish, please contact us at; Church of The Holy Myrrh-bearers, 900 Fairview Road, Swarthmore, PA. 19081 or email us at Revjnc@aol.com

PENTECOST SUNDAY - June 8, 2014



On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet." Others said, "He is the Christ." Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee? Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?" Thus the people were divided because of Jesus. Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him. Finally the temple guards went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him in?" "No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared.

"You mean he has deceived you also?" the Pharisees retorted. "Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law—there is a curse on them." Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus earlier and who was one of their own number, asked, "Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet does not come out of Galilee." When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (Jn. 7, 37-52; 8, 12)

We are familiar with our great Christian celebration of Pentecost but perhaps unaware that Pentecost is second only to Passover in importance of the Jewish feasts. The name "Pentecost" adopted from the Greek-speaking Jews, was originally known as the "Feast of Harvest of the First fruits." It fell on the 50th day from "the next day after the Sabbath" of Passover, thus Pentecost, meaning 50. It is also called the "first day of the unleavened bread" or the "Feast of Loaves."

It is important to today's Christian celebration of Pentecost to know that, over time, Pentecost

took on a religious significance for the Jews. Pentecost also became a celebration of the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai, which, according to Exodus 19:1, took place on the 50th day after the departure from Egypt. In the day of Jesus, Jerusalem's population swelled as every male Jew over a certain age living within 25 miles of Jerusalem was expected to make a pilgrimage to the holy city for the feast. This is the setting for today's reading from Acts.

Jerusalem was packed with pilgrims. After the Ascension the disciples and some of the women

"went to the upper room where they were staying.... All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer." They remained in their upper room, still hiding and pondering Jesus' departure at the Ascension and His promise that "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Into this assembly of the faithful, in the midst of prayer, "suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire

house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

God breathed life into the world. Jesus breathed a new life into His disciples. This breath, perceived as a "noise like a strong driving wind" in Acts, is the "spiratio," the Breath of God entering the world, the Life of God entering the disciples. With this breath, this

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new life, comes "tongues as of fire." A "tongue of fire," representing the burning bush that Moses confronted and from which he received the Law, came to be the symbol of the Torah. The Torah, the first five books of the Bible, is also called "The Law."

On Pentecost came a new law and with it came a new understanding of the Risen Christ. Such an understanding could not be contained, so the prophecy of Jesus that the disciples would

become His witnesses to the ends of the earth began at Pentecost to be fulfilled.

When a bishop blesses Chrism, the holy oil used to administer the sacrament of Confirmation, he is called to breathe on the oil. Just as a bishop received the Holy Spirit at ordination, he passes that gift of the Breath of God onto the oil and thus onto all its recipients.

We celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the Church. The Breath of God, the

Holy Spirit, is God's gift to the Church. It was within an assembled community of faith while in prayer that this gift was given. Luke is telling his readers— us—that we must pay attention. The Holy Spirit still exists in every assembly of the faithful gathered in prayer. For those who deny the necessity of participation in a church, this is difficult if not impossible to ignore. For those of us who might not be as regular in our Liturgy attendance at the Sunday assembly as

we should, we need to take our motivation from today's feast.

God has breathed new life into the world. This gift of the Holy Spirit is present and promised to all to gather with fellow disciples. It is here at our altar that we present our unleavened bread and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we receive Jesus Christ.

History of Father's Day



Father's Day occurs on the 3rd Sunday in June. The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane, Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flowers.

On this Father's Day, express your gratitude to your father. Assure him of your prayers and thanks for having assumed and fulfilled his important role according to God's plan. If your father is already deceased, pray that God may have mercy on his soul and grant him a blessed repose and render eternal his memory.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

+ **Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka**

Graduations are a very special transition in one's life. Many graduates typically celebrate the completion of a program of studies in the spring. You enjoy a deep feeling of contentment at having successfully concluded studies which will enable you to meet new challenges in your life. We rejoice with you and are happy for you! We are proud of your accomplishments. We share in your excitement of making plans for new opportunities for growth. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to almighty God for His presence and blessings upon you throughout your program of studies, enabling you to succeed.

Express your joy of graduation with those whom you share your journey of life, the many meaningful people provided by the Lord in your daily life. Celebrate your graduation with words of gratitude and affection for those who have encouraged you throughout your program of studies. Our major accomplishments in life are usually achieved because others dared to care, help, encourage and even correct us as we met our goals in our studies.

In prayer and with special devotions, thank the Lord for His presence and help throughout your journey. The Lord was present with you in many daily experiences, particularly interceding through people surrounding you. You may have not even realized His presence and care for you. Jesus, our Lord, knows all of our needs for growth and maturing. He provides generously for us to become the person we are destined to be In His image. The Mother of God intercedes to help us in the path of achieving our goals. She gives us understanding in times of difficult challenges. Her maternal comfort helps us to accept and grow as we strive to meet challenges.



Celebrate your graduation with much festivity and with a heart filled with gratitude to God and to all who have shared in your journey to this great accomplishment. Celebrate being a graduate in ways which will serve to invite others to value and celebrate life and all of its wonderful gifts. You deserve it!

Congratulations and Mnohaya Lita!

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR JUNE, 2014

JUNE 2	MEETING OF ARCHEPARCHIAL PRIORITIES COMMITTEE. REHEARSAL WITH REV. DEACON WALTER PASICZNYK IN PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD.
JUNE 3	SOBOR PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING.
JUNE 4	MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PRIESTS' BENEFICIAL FUND.
JUNE 8	PARTICIPATION IN THE CELEBRATION OF SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD OF REV. JOHN CIURPITA, SPONSORED BY HIS PARISHES AT CHESTER, PA. AND CLIFTON HEIGHTS, PA.
JUNE 9	MEETING WITH PROVINCIAL OF SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE OF USA, SR. KATHLEEN HUTSKO, SSMI.
JUNE 10-13	SPRING CONFERENCE OF UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS, NEW ORLEANS, LA.
JUNE 10	EVENING: PARTICIPATE IN COMMITTEE FOR AID TO CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE.
JUNE 12	EVENING: PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE FOR AID TO CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS.
JUNE 16	MEETING WITH PASTOR AND PARISH OFFICERS OF TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SHAMOKIN, PA.
JUNE 17	MEETING OF PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA.
JUNE 22	ORDINATION TO HOLY PRIESTHOOD OF REV. DEACON WALTER PASICZNYK AT THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PHILADELPHIA, PA. 3:00 PM.
JUNE 26	MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASCENSION MANOR.
JUNE 29	DIVINE LITURGY AT STS. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WILLIAMSTOWN, NJ.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTHOOD OF VERY REV. ARCHPRIEST DAVID CLOONEY, NORTHAMPTON, PA. MAY 18, 2014.



**Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and
Very Rev. Archpriest David Clooney at the
celebration.**



**Very Rev. Archpriest David Clooney poses
for a picture with his three students,
Rev. Ivan Turyk, Rev. Petro Zvarych and Rev.
Andriy Rabiyy.**

Many Happy Years! Mnohaya Lita!

STUDENTS COMPLETE SPRING SEMESTER OF SUNDAY CATECHISM STUDIES; OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR 2014-2015 YEAR

On Sunday May 18th, the students of the Sunday Eastern Christian Formation Catechism Program at St. Nicholas, Passaic, NJ, held their final class of the current school year. During the 8:30am Divine Liturgy homily, Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor, spoke of the need to provide children with a solid faith foundation, rooted in the principles and traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic rite. This foundation is key in the moral and spiritual development of our youth in today's liberal society. Afterwards, students, family members, and guests adjourned to the school cafeteria to celebrate their accomplishments and to enjoy refreshments.



Sr. Cecelia, SSML, religious education program director, welcomed all parents and students, as well as children who completed First Solemn Penance this year to the celebration and gave an overview of the program offerings for grades 3 through high school. Interested parents and students were able to register or re-register their children during this time.



On display were many pictures and special projects completed by students. Also, teachers were on hand to answer questions about grade-specific curricula. Students in upper grades were especially excited to show off their special projects to parents and guests.

First Solemn Penance preparation will begin again in the fall and is a 2-year program. All classes are conveniently held on Sunday mornings between the Divine Liturgies, thus enabling parents and children to attend either the English or Ukrainian Liturgies. Interested parents may register their children for either program at any time by calling the Rectory directly at 973-471-9727. The new school year will begin in September.

St. Cyril's First Penance in Olyphant, PA

St. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA, on Sunday June 1, 2014, six children of the Ukrainian Catholic Faith received First Penance at the 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, by Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor. Sandra Berta, Parishioner of the Church was the Instructor for this special event.

Photo: (l to r) Brett Lowe, Julia Yurkovic, Shaylee Trently, Rev. Iwasiw, Olivia Musacchio, Sarah Czaja, and Bruce Kohut.



An Evening of Prayer to the Blessed Mother of God at Assumption Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ

Perth Amboy, former colonial capital of New Jersey, is a four and a half square mile city with just over 50,000 residents. Although predominantly Protestant from its establishment, its Catholic population was established and grew according to the national identity and cultural heritage of each wave of immigration that came to its shores over the past 150 years. The faith of those immigrants is evidenced by the many church spires that even today tower over the homes and businesses of the city, providing an impressive sight that includes crosses atop twelve Catholic churches--nine Roman as well as three Greek Catholic—and three orthodox churches. However, the truth of the matter is that today, while Catholic churches find themselves two or three consolidated together as a parish served by one priest, and church attendance low, the listing of Protestant churches and worship centers within the city is well over forty.

The older members of the Catholic community of Perth Amboy recall a time when there were eight vibrant Catholic

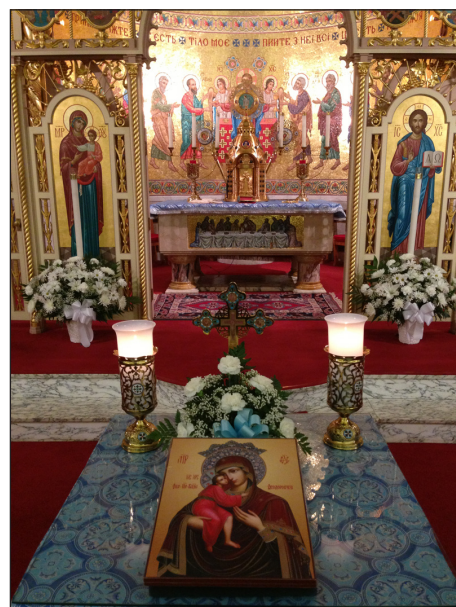
elementary schools as well as a Catholic high school in the city and how they marched together in an annual parade through town, carrying signs, flags, and banners---all showing a strong Catholic presence, while singing lyrics such as "Heads lifted high, Catholic Action our cry..." and "Faith of Our Fathers, living still...in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword."

Likewise, many remember how the city stadium would be filled to capacity for the city-wide annual May Crowning and Living Rosary, jointly sponsored by the various sodalities of the Perth Amboy parishes. This public veneration of the Blessed Mother of God was often attended by non-Catholics as well. The recitation of decade after decade of the Hail Mary resounding over the loudspeakers and carrying out over many city blocks is a childhood memory that has all but faded. Local newspapers, both secular and religious, provided extensive coverage complete with photos that did justice to the solemnity of the event.

In order to foster a return

to such public manifestations of Catholic action, Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn, President of St. Ann Society and members the St. Ann Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption

o r g a n i z e d sponsored an Evening of Prayer to the Blessed Mother of God, inviting the Catholic women of the city to come together for the glory of God and to honor His Blessed Mother. The members of Rosary Altar Societies and Ladies Guilds of fourteen different parishes eagerly accepted the invitation to attend. Many of these Roman Catholic women had never even been in a Ukrainian Catholic Church before let alone attend a Moleben, but they followed in their booklets, prayed fervently, and sang along with the St. Ann Society. There were even a few Protestants in attendance who had asked to come. For them, it was a revelation of how Catholics venerate rather than worship Mary. This was underscored by Rev. Ivan Turyk, pastor



of Assumption Church and spiritual advisor to St. Ann Society, who delivered the homily: Mary's Place in Our Faith and in Our Lives. The Rosary was recited by all in attendance. Likewise, in a show of unity all sang Immaculate Mary, a hymn representative of the Latin tradition, as well as Always Protect Us, Dear Virgin Mary as the Ukrainian Marian hymn.

Following the prayerful component of the evening, the visitors were guests of St. Ann Society at their annual covered dish dinner in the parish hall, but there was more than just the joint breaking of bread. The coming together of

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An Evening of Prayer to the Blessed Mother of God at Assumption Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ

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Catholic women from neighboring parishes and the fellowship that followed reminded many of the Catholic presence once so dominant in Perth Amboy. Some commented on how they find strength and inspiration from each other when they come together in common prayer. There was felt a strong desire to "come together again". It was especially edifying to witness Roman Catholic and Greek Catholic love for the Blessed Mother of God in such a unified manifestation, reflective of the Universality of the Church. The intent was to sponsor



an evening of Marian Devotion that would provide nourishment for both body and soul, and it gave many food for thought.

HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE AFTERNOON CONFERENCES

2:00 - Catechizing the Family

Sister Natalya Stoczaryn, SSMI

Saturday English Conferences



Sr. Natalya is a member of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. She has worked in the Offices of Youth Ministry and of Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and in the Stamford Eparchy. She is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Stamford Eparchial Newspaper, The Sower.

All Conferences Held in St. Mary's Villa

2:45 - The Sacramental Life of the Family

Rev. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM



Rev. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM is a member of the Order of the Fathers of St. Basil the Great. He is currently serving as Spiritual Director at St. Basil College Seminary.

3:30 - The Family that Prays Together Stays Together

Nataliya Pistun and Lesya & Walter Muraszczuk



Lesya and Walter are parishioners of St. Michaels the Archangel UCC, Yorkers, NY. Married for 19 years, they are joyously caring for their 6 year old son, Gabriel.

Dr. Lesya Muraszczuk maintains a dental practice in Yorkers and Walter is the office manager in the practice. They devote much of their time serving the Ukrainian community and actively participate in the parish life. Dr. Lesya is a Trustee, a member of the "Sisterhood of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" and the leader of "Mothers in Prayer" group for St. Michaels Parish. Dr. Lesya also serves as a member of the pastoral committee at the Eparchy of Stamford; she was one of the speakers at the Eparchial Sobor last year. Walter is an active member of Ukrainian choir "Dumka" and regularly attends Sunday Services. Walter and Lesya believe that their son, Gabriel, is a true gift and blessing from God and, as a family, pray together to glorify and thank God, and to ask for forgiveness and help in their everyday life struggles.



Nataliya Pistun-Popovici works at the Development Offices of St. Basil Seminary and the Stamford Eparchy as well as in the Eparchial Family Life Office. She is a graduate of the Theological Academy, the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and the Catholic University of Lublin with a Licentiate Degree in Canon Law. Nataliya is mother of two young twins.

The Holy Family is the Guide for the Evangelization of our Families:

"A Joy Ever New, A Joy Which is Shared" (Pope Francis)

Свята Родина - зразок Євангелізації наших родин: "Радість, яка відновлюється і передається" (Папа Франціс)

неділя - Українські конференції - Sunday

1:30 - Святі Тайни у родинному житті

2:10 - Сім'я, яка молиться разом, тримається разом

Pilgrimage weekend August 9 - 10, 2014 Sloatsburg, NY

HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE for CHILDREN AND TEENS

Saturday - Sunday August 9-10 Sloatsburg, NY



AGES: 13-17

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A Time for Faith and Fun Presentations, Discussions Prayer, Games, and More!



AGES: Children up to age 12

Children's Program

2:00 p.m. Saturday and 1:30 p.m. - Sunday

Questions? More information?

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Or return this form to:

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Registration Forms and Additional Information will be sent to you.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parish: _____

Manor College Welcomes Leonard Mazur as Board of Trustees Chairman

Manor College recently introduced Leonard Mazur as the new Board of Trustees Chairman. Mazur's affiliation and support of Manor College dates back some 40 years to 1971 when he joined the college as a member of the Council of President's Advisors, a position he held until 1979.

Mazur joined the Board of Trustees in 2000 and was elected to his new role as Chairman in 2013. In 2009, Mazur was presented with the Manor College Community Leadership Award at

the college's annual Spring Gala fundraising event. Mazur served as Chair of the Board's Standing Committee on Institutional Planning in 2010 and in 2012 he was the Chair of Board's Standing Committee on Development and Alumni Relations.

Mazur commented that he has remained supportive of Manor College and its mission for so long because he has always been, "impressed with the dedication and commitment that the administration and the faculty have toward the

students.

"Manor really goes the extra mile to make sure that each student have every opportunity possible to complete his or her program," he said.

As the new chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mazur said he intends to, "work hand in hand with the administration to ensure that the strategic plan and the vision for the school are executed appropriately."

"Leonard is and has been a significant partner in



the growth of the mission of Manor College, said College President Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, OSBM. "As the new Board Chair, his leadership will challenge the Manor College community to reach for new heights of excellence and service."

Read the entire article at <http://www.manor.edu/news-events/mazur.php>

NORTH ANTHRACITE COUNCIL MEETS

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics met on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at Holy Transfiguration Church, Hanover Section of Nanticoke PA. The afternoon get-together began with Moleben to the Sacred Heart of Jesus followed by the general session. Priority agenda items included discussion of making Patriarch Sviatoslav's pastoral letter - The Vibrant Parish - a reality in our area churches, preparations for the National Convention to take place in Johnstown PA the weekend of October 10 to 12, the continuing growth of the LUC as seen in the recent successful formation of two new member groups in the Johnstown and Philadelphia areas and fund raising possibilities. The group also welcomed Father Vasyl Houhera from Lviw who is in residence while the host pastor is visiting in Ukraine.



A delicious buffet reception prepared by Gerry Adamchak, Helen Lipowski, Lisa Placek and Peter Slota was enjoyed by the group. Next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2014 at St. Vladimir Church of Edwardsville PA. (Article and photo submitted by Paul Ewasko.)

Wedding Anniversary Celebration Sunday, October 19, 2014

SAVE THE DATE: The Archeparchy of Philadelphia will be honoring the sacrament of Marriage through the Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Archbishop Stefan Soroka on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. All those parishioners wishing to celebrate their wedding anniversary during that Divine Liturgy and reception, are invited to reserve that date on their calendars. A formal notice and registration will be sent out in September, 2014.



BASILIAN SISTERS' PILGRIMAGE TO HONOR METROPOLITAN SHEPTYTSKY

"Call to Holiness" will be the theme of the 2014 Protection of the Mother of God Pilgrimage to be held at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase Manor, PA.

Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior of the Jesus Lover of Humanity Province, and the members of the Pilgrimage Committee: Most Rev. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Very Rev. Daniel Troyan, Sister Laura Palka, OSBM and Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM, have announced that the Fall spiritual gathering will honor Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky on the seventieth anniversary of his death, November 1, 1944.

Metropolitan Sheptytsky was the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church from 1901 until his death. His life was an example of heroic virtue and his cause for canonization continues.

The Sisters of St. Basil invite the faithful to honor the memory of this dynamic Church leader who "throughout his just life 'full of suffering and trials'...was a good shepherd for his flock and a great laborer for Christian unity" (Prayer for Beatification), and to avail themselves of the graces and blessings that the October 5 Pilgrimage holds for all.



Photo: Metropolitan Sheptytsky statue next to the Cathedral in Philadelphia.

New auxiliary bishop of Ivano-Frankivsk

27 May 2014

Today Vatican Information Service informed that His Holiness Pope Francis gave his assent to the election by the Synod of Bishops of the Greek-Catholic Ukrainian Church of Fr. Yosafat Moshchych as auxiliary of the archiepharchy of Ivano-Frankivsk.

The bishop-elect was born in Stariy Rozdil, Ukraine in 1976 and was ordained in 1999. He holds a licentiate in moral theology from the Alphonsianum Academy, Rome, and has served as Superior General of the missionary congregation of St. Andrew the Apostle. He is currently "sincellus" for laical aggregations in the archiepharchy of Ivano-Frankivsk.



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"The Lord again sends two shepherds for his flock ... It is a great sign of assurance of His presence among us" - His Beatitude Sviatoslav in Stryi

Saturday, 24 May 2014

There is an image that, in my opinion, represents best that God is, in whom we believe. The Scripture says that God is the Shepherd. He is like a shepherd cares for us, feels our pain and stays with us. As a Shepherd, he has three important features: a divine pastoral care that is the welfare of his sheep; Shepherd, who gathers the lambs into the flock of salvation; Shepherd who feeds the sheep, nourishing them at the best pastures. Having such God- Pastor, we are full of joy and hope.

It was said by Father

and Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav during a sermon at a Pontifical Divine Liturgy, May 24, 2014 at the Cathedral of the Virgin's Assumption in Stryi. His Beatitude Sviatoslav visited his native town on the occasion of the enthronement of Bishop Taras Sen'kiv and the Episcopal ordination of Bishop Bogdan Manyshyn.

In addition, as noted the Head of the Church at His preaching, this day is celebrated even in the memory of two equiapostolic Enlighteners of the Slavs - Cyril and Methodius.



Bishop Taras Sen'kiv

"God chose these two brothers, bishops and sent them to preach the Word of God, understandable to the Slavic language. They began their missionary activities in the south of Ukraine - in Crimea", - remarked the Preacher.

Addressing to Stryi bishops of the UGCC the Primate said that the Lord again sent two shepherds for their flocks, particularly in Stryi diocese: "We officially introduced to the throne

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Stryi Bishops - a new ruling Bishop Taras (Senkiv) and ordained a new Bishop Bogdan Manyshyn. This is a great sign of reassurance of the Good Shepherd's presence among us"- he said. According to the Head of the Church, the Bishops have become two hands of Christ, who is going to look for his lost sheep, please, dry their tears, and to gather into one flock.

Finally, the His Beatitude called on all to pray for fair elections. At the end of the Divine Service the rite of coronation of crowns, blessed by Pope Francis, of Lis'ko miraculous icon of the Virgin took place.

We have to add that

participants in the Divine Liturgy were: Archbishop Thomas Edward Gullickson, Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine, Bishop Igor Voznyak, Archbishop of Lviv, Bishop Vasyl' Semenyuk, Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ternopil, Bishop Volodymyr Viytyshyn, Archbishop and Metropolitan of Ivano -Frankivsk, Bishop Bogdan Dzyurakh, Secretary of the Synod of Bishops, Bishop Kenneth Novakivs'kyi, New Westminster Eparch, Bishop Yaroslav Pryriz, Sambir- Drogobych Eparch, Bishop Dmytro Grygorak, Buchach Eparch, Bishop Stefan Menyok, Donetsk Exarch, Bishop Josaphat Govera, Exarch of Lutsk, Bishop Josyph Milian,



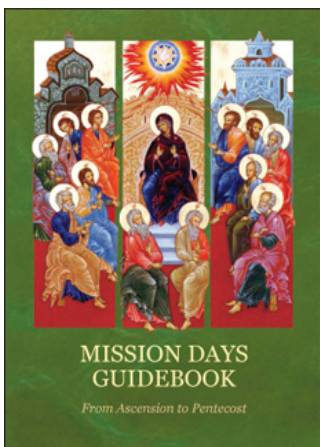
Bishop Bogdan Manyshyn

Auxiliary Bishop of Kyiv archdiocese, Bishop Venedyct Aleksiychuk, auxiliary bishop of Lviv archdiocese, Bishop Yevgen Popovych, Auxiliary Bishop of Przemyśl and Warsaw archdiocese, Bishop Mykhaylo (Bubniy), Exarch of Odessa, Bishop Vasyl' Tuchapets, Exarch of Kharkiv, Bishop

Nil Lushchak, Auxiliary Bishop of Mukachevo GCC Diocese, Bishop Vitaliy Skomarovskyi, ordinary of Lutsk Diocese of the RCC, Bishop Leon Malyi, Auxiliary Bishop of the archdiocese of Lviv RCC.

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In UGCC, the Decade of the Missionary begins



JUNE 08, 2014

Thursday, 29 May 2014

On the Feast of the Ascension of Christ, as approved by the Synod of Bishops, UGCC begins a Decade of the Missionary 9 (a ten-day period). This period will last until the Descent of the Holy Spirit and

has as its goal to focus the whole Church on the joint calling to be missionaries.

As UGCC Father and Head of the Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted, during these ten days in all UGCC parishes, there will be

contemplations about what should be the mission of Christians in the third century of the world. This His Beatitude Sviatoslav said during the sermon of the Pontifical Divine Liturgy held on the day of Ascension

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of the Lord, May 29, 2014, in the UGCC Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv.

During these days we will prepare to implement apostolic serving according to the vocation of the people christened by God. We cannot hold on only for ourselves all those gifts which we have received from the Resurrected Christ. Together with

the apostles, we should preach the truth about the Only God in three persons and make His students all those who still do not know the real God," said the preacher. His Beatitude Sviatoslav added that the Decade of the Missionary is also a time of expecting the Holy Spirit, and a period of preparation for our Christian mission.

In order to follow the stations of the

Decade according to the established daily program, one can use the newly published "Guide to the Decade of the Missionary." The introductory part explains the meaning of this period in the life of the Church and moves on to each day of the Decade with a relevant Word of God, meditations, prayers, assignments, and readings of the Acts of the Apostles. Every faithful can get this

booklet in one's parish. Separate "Instructions for the Clergy regarding the Missionary Decade" were also published. In this guide, emphasis is placed on the fact that the main person of the Decade of the Missionary is the Holy Spirit, who "acts powerfully, touches and converts human hearts."

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav greets Poroshenko with the national choice for the President of Ukraine

Saturday, 31 May 2014

Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection.

The Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav greeted Poroshenko with the national choice for the President of Ukraine.

"Today we have to welcome conciliarly the winner of the presidential race, Petro Poroshenko with a national choice, with that confidence which the Ukrainian people expressed him, with the gift of great responsibility laid upon him by the Lord God", - said the Head of the church during a sermon on Ascension Day of the Christ in the

His Beatitude Sviatoslav also congratulated "all the Ukrainian people with this event, which undoubtedly will be another step in the salvation of our united state - one more step to have peace and harmony in our nation".

The Archbishop noted the symbolism in the fact that at Easter time before Ascension, the stage of choosing a new president of our country has been completed. The Head of the Church said to all and sundry that choosing the President,



we Christians "must not become observers, as one person will carry out his task". "We don't have the right to lay the preservation and development of our country just over one person. We cannot be the only judges of those

whom we have entrusted certain governments in our country. We need to feel our co involvement, co responsibility for the fate of our people and our country" - accented the Preacher.

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav also remembered all those who gave their lives for the freedom and independence of the Ukrainian people. "For our soldiers killed in eastern Ukraine, for

those who gave their lives in the Heavenly Hundred at Maidan, we ask the Lord to receive them together with Christ in heavenly glory" - said the Head of the Church.

According to him, today we have to express condolences and pray for the loved ones of those who perished. "For the Lord God healed them mentally and physically",

- Head of the Church wished.

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Pope Francis prays for peace in Ukraine

2 June 2014

At the Regina Coeli address on Sunday, Pope Francis prayed "for the victims of the tensions that still continue in some regions of Ukraine, as well as in the Central African Republic," Vatican Radio informs.

He renewed his appeal "to all parties involved, that misunderstandings are overcome and that dialogue and reconciliation might be sought with patience."



Pope Francis concluded his appeal with a prayer to the Blessed Virgin: "May Mary, the Queen of Peace, assist us with her maternal intercession. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!"

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All-Ukrainian Council of Churches wished the new President the wisdom in public affairs and peace-building

3 June 2014

All Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations congratulated President-elect Petro Poroshenko with his victory in President election.

Leaders of churches and religious organizations hope that Poroshenko in President's office will establish a dialogue and constructive cooperation the President administration and All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations to resolve problems that for many years remain in the field of church-state relations

and social and humanitarian activities of religious organizations.



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80th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day



Sunday, July 27, 2014

11 AM to 8 PM

St. Nicholas

Picnic Gove

Rt. 901 in Primrose, Schuylkill Co., PA
One Mile from Minersville



11 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

11:30 AM-1 PM: WPPA 1360 AM Live Polka Broadcast

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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