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The Youth Are " MEETING CHRIST " In Whippany, NJ

On Sunday, June 1, 2014 the youth of the New Jersey Protopresbyterate (Deanery) gathered at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Whippany, NJ for a Youth Gathering with the theme "Meeting Christ". There were about 85 young people, facilitators, clergy, and representatives of the women's religious orders, Missionary Sisters of Mother of God, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, and Sisters of St. Basil the Great in attendance.



Youth Gathering with the theme "Meeting Christ" in Whippany, NJ

At the request of our Metropolitan - Archbishop Stefan Soroka, and in keeping with the His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk's vision of a Vibrant Parish – 2020, the clergy gathered the youth from their respective parishes, age thirteen through college age, to participate in this first such gathering within the New Jersey Deanery. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

The first group arrived by bus from Assumption parish, Perth Amboy NJ, with twenty-four enthusiastic

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youngsters ready to register and begin their day. The youth from the northern parish of St. Nicholas, Passaic, NJ arrived by car and van and those from the southern parish of St. Josaphat, Trenton, NJ and all in between, began to file into the Cultural Center.

Following registration, they assembled in the gathering room to listen to the keynote speaker, Mr. Gerry Tchir. Mr. Tchir is currently President and CEO of Creative Solutions Unlimited, a professor at the Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford N.J and the author of the book, “Dare to be Great”. As he began his talk, he asked the participants to acknowledge the ministry of the clergy and the religious sisters with a big round of applause for their efforts. He also personally thanked members of the religious communities for their sacrifices and contributions in serving Christ and their local parishes.

The young people listened attentively and were interactive with Mr. Tchir. “Most people equate greatness with money, power, and wealth,” Mr. Tchir said, “but I offer the greatness that is much, much more; it is becoming a positive role model to everyone you meet; by demonstrating on a daily basis how you personally treat others; by living the Golden Rule, namely, “Doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.” It is always treating people with dignity and respect, and never bullying anyone, and coming to the aid of someone in need of your help. As the future leaders of America and our Ukrainian American community, I challenge you to have the courage and wisdom to establish a new set of priorities for yourself by putting God first, family second, and others things next.” He also shared the following note of inspiration with the audience: “I’d rather attempt to do something great and fail, then attempt to do nothing, and succeed.”

Immediately following this presentation the youth proceeded to the church for Divine Liturgy, celebrated by NJ Dean, Very Rev. Joseph Szupa, Rev. Taras Lonchyna and Rev. Ivan Turyk. After the reading



Registration



Listening to the keynote speaker.



Rev. Ivan Turyk offers the homily.

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Fr. Edward Evanko tells the story of “Damien” in a play.

of the Holy Gospel, Fr. Joseph greeted the young people and Fr. Ivan offered the homily. Using the image of “The Praying Hands” by Albrecht Durer, Fr. Ivan encouraged the youth to remain prayerful and to always find ways to draw closer to God. He pointed out that young people are both the present and the future of the church, and that by using their hands, lips and hearts, they must become involved in all levels of the church ministries, so that when leadership is passed on to them, they will not be found wanting and confused.

Lunch time came and as is the case with growing young people, they quickly lined up to be served a delicious luncheon. Afterwards they returned to the church to witness the play “Damien,” based on the life of the late Fr. Damien, a Belgian Catholic priest who lived and served in the leper colony on the island of Molokai, Hawaii from 1873 to 1889, and who was canonized as a saint on 11 October 2009. The one-man play tells the story of Damien’s life in the first person through a series of flashbacks and was presented by the renowned Broadway actor-turned-Ukrainian Catholic priest, Fr. Edward Evanko.



Fr. Taras Lonchyna with one of the discussion groups.

Returning to the Cultural Center, the participants were dispersed into age-appropriated discussion groups led by facilitators, to ponder and discuss the following questions: What do you find most difficult about the Christian life? Why do people go to Church? Why do you go? What do you think most young adults need from the Church or hope to get from the Church? If you could ask Christ to change one problem in the world today, what would you like him to change? How would your life be different if you knew Jesus was returning in six months time?



Mrs. Jaroslava Lonchyna wrote a song for the occasion.

In the eight discussion groups, participants had the opportunity to express their own ideas about their involvement in Church life, and grow deeper in their faith by meeting and interacting with other Catholic youth from different parishes. After the discussions, each individual was asked to complete a survey

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related to the day’s program. The primary aim of the survey was to better understand young people in the church today, the depth of their faith, and their involvement with church life. The goal of the NJ Deanery is to use the information gathered to develop appropriate programs and activities in their respective parishes that are engaging, and speak to the needs of the youth.

Afterwards, refreshments were served and the closing of the Youth Gathering took place. Mrs. Jaroslava Lonchyna wrote a song for the occasion – “Put Your Hand” and the young people, seated in a large circle around the room with an icon of Christ in their midst, listened and sang along. Here again the theme of “hands” reaching out to Christ and to one another echoed through. Following the ‘sing-a-long’, Right Reverend Mitred Protopresbyter Roman Mirchuk, who graciously hosted the gathering in his parish, came forward, stood before the Icon, and requested that everyone stand and hold hands. Then Fr. Roman asked each one to pass on the “spark” of Christ to each other. The “spark” was passed on from Fr. Roman from his right hand and was returned to his left hand. Then again to reinforce the presence of Christ, it was passed from his left hand and was returned to his right hand. A closing prayer of Thanksgiving was offered, and afterwards everyone got ready for the Volleyball matches. The youth winners of the initial matches were matched against the New Jersey Deanery clergy present. It was quite a game, especially when the Youth beat the Clergy by a very close score. Prizes were awarded to the youth winners. As the day concluded, the attendees slowly began to depart, leaving with new friends, and a renewed understanding of their relationship with Christ, and with each other.



Right Reverend Mitred Protopresbyter Roman Mirchuk asks everyone to reach out to Christ and to one another.

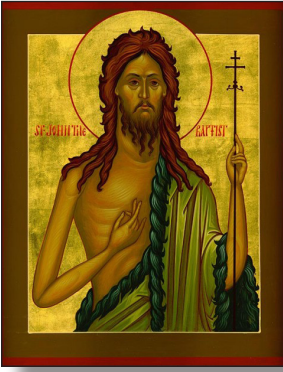


Passing the “spark” to one another.

By all accounts it was an awesome event that enriched the lives and faith of so many young people. The clergy of the NJ Deanery thank all the parents of the youth for allowing them to participate at this first-ever gathering. They also thank the volunteers, facilitators and especially Marion C. Hrubec and Helen Fedoriw, members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America, LUC, for help in organizing the event. The combined efforts of so many gifted God loving people, helped to make the 2014 New Jersey Ukrainian American Catholic Youth Gathering a meaningful, faith-building and faith-strengthening gathering of our youth, our future church, in the presence of God.

**Please check out the new NJ Youth Facebook Page for more info and pictures:
<https://www.facebook.com/NJUACYG>**

Nativity of St. John the Baptist - June 24



In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not

be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people." When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John." They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name." Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him. His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he appeared publicly to Israel. (Lk. 1: 5-25, 57-68, 76-80)

On June 24 we commemorate the birth of St. John the Baptist. While all of us know the exact date of our birthday, we really do not know the exact date of John's birthday. It is celebrated on this day according to ancient custom. The celebration of John's birthday is based on a quotation from John's Gospel: "He (Jesus) must increase and I (John the

Baptist) must decrease." So, just as the days increase in length until late December, so does the importance of John the Baptist decrease. And just as the days increase in length after Christmas,

so does the importance of Jesus increase.

The importance of anyone's birthday, however, no matter how it is calculated, can only be understood

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by looking back after that person's death to the accomplishments of his or her life.

For example, we celebrate the birthday of George Washington, not because he was born but because of what he accomplished after his birth and during his life. The same is true of Abraham Lincoln.

So, what do we look back to in the life of John the Baptist? The first thing the readings tell us about the importance of John is that he was called by name while in the womb of his mother. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you." "Elizabeth shall bear a son whom you shall name John." "The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name." On the eighth day after his birth his father and mother said, "He is to be called John."

Looking back, after his death, through his life, we see that John's mission was to be the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. John was to be a forerunner - one who ran ahead and got everything ready. God gave John the words to speak in order to accomplish his mission.

"To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall

speak. See, I place my words in your mouth!"

John preached a baptism of repentance, a baptism of preparation. He called for a turning around from old ways, a "rooting up and tearing down," a "destroying and demolishing," and an acceptance of new ways of "building and planting."

Looking back through his life, we come to see that John knew his place in God's plan. Paul says in the Acts of the Apostles, "As John's career was coming to an end, he would say, 'What you suppose me to be I am not. Rather, look for the one who comes after me. I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'"

John was the precursor. He was not the Messiah but the Messiah's prophet. This was his function. This was his importance.

In celebrating John's birthday, we see that we have a lot to learn from this saint. In remembering his birthday, we realize that his role in God's plan is also our role. The Church and every member of it is a John the Baptizer, who calls the world to prepare the way for the coming of the Gospel of Jesus. All of us have been called by name the day of our new birth through waters of baptism. On that day we

turned from the world of sin and set straight on the highway to God.

We were anointed as prophets to preach by the way we live. In this way point toward the Messiah. We were given a candle and told that we were lights to light the way for others to Jesus, the light of the world. If we submit to our role in God's plan, however, and become like John, God will extend His hand and touch our mouths. He will say, "With My help you can be the prophet I have called you to be in preparing the world for My son, Jesus." Someday every one of us will die. Will anyone celebrate our birthday because we prepared the way for the Gospel of the Messiah? Happy birthday, John the Baptist! You challenge us to be who we have been called to be!

He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder. But even more wondrous was that which followed on the eighth day when he was circumcised, that is, the day on which a male child

receives his name.

Those present called him Zacharias, the name of his father. But the mother said, "Not so, but he shall be called John." Since the child's father was unable to speak, he was asked, by means of a sign, to indicate the child's name. He then asked for a tablet and wrote, "His name is John."

And immediately Zacharias' mouth was opened, his tongue was loosed from its silence of nine months, and filled with the Holy Spirit, he blessed the God of Israel, Who had fulfilled the promises made to their fathers, and had visited them that were sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, and had sent to them the light of salvation.

Zacharias prophesied concerning the child also, saying that he would be a Prophet of the Most High and Forerunner of Jesus Christ. And the child John, who was filled with grace, grew and waxed strong in the Spirit; and he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel (Luke 1:57-80). His name is a variation of the Hebrew "Johanan," which means "Yahweh is gracious."

New Priest to be Ordained on June 22nd

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.



Summer Divine Liturgies at *Rehoboth Beach, Delaware!*

Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE, at 6:00 PM on Sundays: June 29, July 27 and August 31, 2014. (Last Sunday of the month during June, July, and August.) St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church is located at the Intersection of King Charles Avenue and Laurel Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. For more information, please call 302 762-5511.

Come and Worship With Us During Your Vacation At *Wildwood Crest, New Jersey!*

The Ukrainian Catholic Summer Mission in Wildwood Crest, NJ, will have Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in Ukrainian (homily in both English and Ukrainian) every Sunday evening at 6:30 pm from Sunday, July 6th, through Sunday, August 31st, 2014 at:

Crest Community Church
5901 Pacific Avenue
Wildwood Crest, NJ 08260

Crest Community Church is located on the corner of Pacific Avenue and Crocus Road. For more information, please contact Father Paul Makar at 856-482-0938 or Marusha Cyhan at 609-522-2811. We look forward to having you spiritually refresh yourselves with us during your vacation at Wildwood Crest!



First Eastern European Food Festival in Reading

Many Slavic communities, churches and organizations have enjoyed a long history in the city of Reading. However, it was the first time that they decided to come together and celebrate their heritage by having first ever Eastern European food festival on Saturday, May 31, at Slovak Catholic Sokol hall on Cresmont Street in Reading.

Our parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary church, along with the Slovak Catholic Sokol, Polish-American Heritage Association, St. Mary's (Polish) and Ss. Cyril & Methodius (Slovak) Roman Catholic churches were among main participants and organizers. As each organization was asked to prepare two favorite dishes to serve at the festival, parishioners of our church have made over 600 holubtsi (or cabbage rolls) and over 7 five gallon containers of halushki (cabbage and noodles). They were very popular at the festival and were almost all sold out by the end of the day.



Mrs. Debbie Marco, Mrs. Marie Suchoza, Mrs. Rebecca Polyniak and Mrs. Arlene Hartz are holding the Ukrainian flag by the parish stands at the Eastern European food festival on Saturday, May 31.

Many thanks to the parishioners of our Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish for their hard work and preparations that helped to make the festival great. A special note of gratitude goes out to Mrs. Ellen Roman (our food commander-in-chief), Ms. Stefanie Hodowanec, Mr. Nicholas Hodowanec, Mr. John Kilyk, Mr. Paul Ridilla for their hard work in the kitchen on the day of the festival. Also, a heartfelt "thank you" is extended to Mrs. Marie Suchoza, Mrs. Debbie Marco, Mrs. Arlene Hartz, Mrs. Rebecca Polyniak (co-chairperson of the project) and Ms. Cynthia Koretsky who helped to serve food at the festival.

Overall, the festival was very successful and everyone is waiting to do another one next year!

HUMILITY DEFINED BY PARISHIONERS IN GREAT FAST ESSAY CONTEST

A challenge was given to the parishioners of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Akron, Ohio, by its pastor, Fr. Vsevolod Shevchuk, at the beginning of the Great Fast this year. The parish is in the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio whose Bishop is Most Reverend John Bura. Father's challenge was to compose an original essay defining the virtue of humility. Two prizes were offered for the best entries: one adult essay and one youth essay. The winners' entries were read at the Easter Sviachene Dinner. These essays have hopefully inspired the writers and the listeners to ponder humility in their own lives and to deepen their understanding and practice of this basic virtue. The winning essays may be read on the parish website: <http://www.hgucc.org/church-news.html>



Perth Amboy Assumption Catholic School - Class of 2014



We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to our Grade 8 students as they end their elementary school years and embark on a new path to secondary school. We wish them continued success and will keep them in our prayers as they face the challenges that lie ahead. Trust in your faith in Christ and the love of your family. Use your gifts wisely and go forth to build the Kingdom of God. Congratulations to the Class of 2014: Kayleen Amaro, Aaron Andujar, Sasha Y. Aquino, Adriana Arroyo, Matthew Cordova, Elijah Cruz, Kyle DiGangi, Gabriella Disessa Yancarlos, Jimenez Jack Kosiorowski, Daniela Osorio, Joseph J. Pacheco, Cassandra Rizkallah, Amarilis Rodriguez, Julian Rodriguez, Mia Rodriguez, Andrew Shumny, Alexandra Slavik, Eyanee Smith, Veronika M. Soto, Alton Thompson, Christopher Wallace, Brianna J. Williams

UKRAINIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

The 25th annual Ukrainian Folk Dance Workshop, sponsored by the Ukrainian American Heritage Foundation of the Lower Anthracite Region (UAHF) will be held at the Ukrainian Homestead in Lehigh, PA from Monday, June 30 through Friday, July 4, 2014. The camp runs daily from 10 AM to 4 PM and includes dance instruction, folk singing, sports, crafts and swimming. Beginner instruction is offered to children ages 5 and up and advanced workshop instruction is available for experienced dancers ages eleven through adult. The workshop is under the artistic direction of Andriy Dobriansky assisted by Yuriy Dobriansky.



The camp will conclude with a performance on Saturday, July 5 at 7 PM followed by a celebratory zabava featuring the Just Us Orchestra. The performance and dance are open to the public. For more information on the camp or the Avramenko exhibit, contact Paula Holoviak at (570) 708-1992 or Sandra Duda at (610) 377-7750 or email holoviak@kutztown.edu. Forms and information are also available on-line at www.kazkaensemble.org.

Save the Dates

**Basilian Sisters' Pilgrimage, Fox Chase Manor, PA
Sunday, October 5, 2014**

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
Sunday, October 19, 2014**

St. Anne's First Penance in Warrington, PA



Warrington, PA - Sunday, May 4, 2014 - St Anne's Parish Family witnessed the First Confession of five young Religious Education Students. Along with family and friends they joined in the joyous celebration of these wonderful young students receiving the Sacraments. Each student read the Epistle during Liturgy and recited the Creed along with the Parish Family. Pictured along with their teachers (Denise Gingolaski-Program Director, Amy Pawlak, and Adrienna Michalko), Father Vasil Bunik, Altar Boys (James Meilio and Mark Macios) are: Ava Merz, Chloe Thompson, Madeline Sarachman, Katarina Pawlak, and Roman Lewyckyj. Na Mnohaya Lita!

First Penance in Reading, PA

On Sunday, June 1, Mr. Alexander Ferenchick made his first Confession and received Holy Communion at Nativity of BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church in Reading, PA.

Photo: Fr. Andriy Rabi, Alexander Ferenchick and Joey Smith.



Mission Days in Melrose Park, PA

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melrose Park, PA, under the direction of their pastor Rev. Ihor Royik, responded to the invitation of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk to participate in Mission Days: a ten day journey from the solemn feast of Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Feast of Pentecost.



Each morning during the ten day period, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated and in the evenings a Moleben in honor of Christ the Lover of Mankind was served. The daily readings of the Divine Liturgy were taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which are the continuation of the Gospel of St. Luke.

During this ten day journey the parishioners had a wonderful opportunity to contemplate on the themes presented by St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. The faithful of Annunciation also thought about what His Beatitude said during his sermon on May 29, 2014 at the Divine Liturgy held at the UGCC Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv, which was to contemplate about what the mission should be of Christians in the third millennium of the world.



On Saturday and Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council during the Divine Liturgies the faithful watched the video "Believe for Life - The Creed" prepared by our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

During these days the faithful were asked to implement apostolic serving according to the vocation of Christians and to look forward toward the renewal of the gift of faith in the Risen Lord, as well as share with others all those gifts which they received from the Resurrected Christ.

Rev. Ihor Royik and the parishioners of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Melrose Park watch the DVD "Believe for Life."

60th ANNUAL HOLY DORMITION
(ASSUMPTION) PILGRIMAGE
AUGUST 9 – 10, 2014
SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE
ST. MARY'S VILLA / SLOATSBURG, NY

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



Saturday, August 9

12:00 p.m. Food Available at Pavilion
1:00 p.m. Akathist to the Mother of God – Rev. Jack Custer – Eparchy of Passaic
1:30 p.m. Exhibit & Presentation – *The Church of the Catacombs in the 20th Century*
St. Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics, Inc.
2:00 p.m. Children's program
2:00 p.m. Workshops begin (see below)
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – Rev. Basil Hutsko – Byz. Eparchy of Parma – main celebrant/homilist
Choir: Resurrection Byzantine Catholic Church, Smithtown, NY
Blessing of Water (front of Villa)
8:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession (grotto – English)
Most Rev. Kurt Burnette – Bishop of Passaic Eparchy – main celebrant / homilist
Panahyda – St. Mary's Villa chapel

Teen Camp Out begins Saturday at 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy through Sunday

Sunday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Lamentations to the Mother of God – Rev. Bohdan Danylo, celebrant (chapel - English)
10:30 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy with procession to the grotto
followed by blessing of flowers
Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia, homilist
Most Rev. Paul Chomynek, OSBM, Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford
Most Rev. Basil Loston, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Stamford
Choir: St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ
12:00 p.m. Youth Liturgy - Rev. Taras Chaparin, main celebrant / homilist (chapel - English)
1:30 p.m. Workshops (see below)
1:30 p.m. Children's program
1:30 p.m. Healing Service with Akathist (St. Mary's Villa Chapel & grotto steps)
1:30-3:00 p.m. Blessing of Religious Articles (front of St. Joseph's Home) Msgr. John Stevensky
2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Rev. Ethen Khomyyn, OSBM
3:00 p.m. Exhibit & Presentation – *The Church of the Catacombs in the 20th Century*
3:30 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Grotto - Ukrainian)
Most Rev. Paul Chomynek, OSBM – main celebrant / homilist
Blessing of cars and buses – Rev. Ivan Tyhomych & Msgr. John Stevensky, (Eparchy St. Josaphat, Parma)

CONFESION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Workshops

Workshops held in the Gallery - Saturday (English) 2:00 Sunday (Ukrainian) 1:30
Catechizing the Family – Sr. Natalya Stoczany, SSMI (2:00 Saturday)
The Sacramental Life of the Family – Fr. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM (Sat. 2:45 pm / Sun. 1:30 pm)
The Family that Prays Together Stays Together – Nataliya Pistun, Lesya & Walter Muraszczuk (Sat. 3:30 pm / Sun. 2:10 pm)
V. Rev. Archpriest Bohdan Danylo, Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator

HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE for
CHILDREN AND TEENS

Saturday - Sunday August 9-10
Sloatsburg, NY



AGES: 13-17

Teen Program
Begins Saturday evening with
the Divine Liturgy at 5:00 and
lasts through Sunday.

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?

Contact: Sr. Natalya at (845) 709-0769 thesower@optonline.net
or Sr. Kathleen at (845) 753-2840 ssmny@aol.com

Or return this form to:

SSMI Camp-Out, P.O. Box 9, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

Registration Forms and Additional Information will be sent to you.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Parish: _____

80th Annual
Ukrainian Seminary Day



Sunday, July 27, 2014

11 AM to 8 PM

St. Nicholas
Picnic Grove

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

★ Delicious food made by the sponsoring parishes (pyrohy, halushki, halupki, potato cakes, kielbasa, soups, desserts, & more) ★ Theme Basket Auction ★ Vendors & Crafters selling traditional Eastern European items ★ Pysanky Demonstration & Classes ★ Games & fun for the whole family

Free Parking ★ Buses Welcome ★ Free Admission ★ Rain or Shine
Proceeds benefit the St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary
(Sorry...no outside food or beverages allowed)
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Ascension Manor took advantage of a break in the rain clouds and was able to fit in an outdoor barbecue. Residents and staff enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, homemade salads, watermelon and other delicious desserts. A good time was had by all!

Ascension Manor is a non-profit senior citizen apartment complex for people 62 and older. It is under the direction of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and is located one block away from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. For more information on Ascension Manor please call 215-922-1116. (Equal Housing Opportunity.)



“The Way” is going on a Summer Break in July.

Please send us news about July or early August events so we can post them in our next issue on July 6th. Our first issue after the Summer Break will be August 10th. Thank you.

Visit our Website for any news during the Break.
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Seeking the Gateways Out of Poverty

By A.B. Hill

There is an oft-repeated parable that goes something like this:

One day a group of villagers was working in the fields by a river. Suddenly someone noticed a baby floating downstream. A woman rushed out and rescued the baby, brought it to shore and cared for it. During the next several days, more babies were found floating downstream, and the villagers rescued them as well. But before long there was a steady stream of babies floating towards them.

Soon the whole village was involved in the many tasks of rescue work: pulling these poor children out of the stream, ensuring they were properly fed, clothed, and housed, and integrating them into the life of the village.

Before long, however, the village became exhausted with all this rescue work. Some villagers suggested they go upstream to discover how all these babies were getting into the river in the first place. Had a mysterious illness stricken

these poor children? Had the shoreline been made unsafe by an earthquake? Was some hateful person throwing them in deliberately? Was an even more exhausted village upstream abandoning them out of hopelessness?

“Don’t you see,” cried some, “if we find out how they’re getting in the river, we can stop the problem and no babies will drown? By going upstream we can eliminate the cause of the problem!” (Credit: Bread for the World)

One group of state legislators is similarly concerned about the “rescue work” being done in Pennsylvania to address the effects of poverty. The House Majority Policy Committee commissioned a study to identify barriers that low-income Pennsylvanians face when attempting to reach self-sufficiency. In April 2014, the committee released the preliminary findings of their Beyond Poverty report.

“Government spends nearly a trillion dollars annually on programs to fight poverty, yet

there are still 1.6 million Pennsylvanians struggling to make ends meet,” said Representative Dave Reed (R-Indiana), chairman of the policy committee. “Clearly we must readjust our focuses.”

Twelve barriers were identified: the breakdown of family support systems, lack of child care, the downturn in the economy, inaccessible health care, criminal records, financial illiteracy, inadequate education, homelessness, mental health issues, hunger, substance abuse, lack of transportation, and a “benefits cliff” where upward movement in an economic bracket results in loss of services before a family is able to provide for them independently.

Identifying barriers that entrap families in poverty is the first step of the Empowering Opportunities: Gateways Out of Poverty initiative that seeks to establish effective and sustainable solutions to poverty in the Commonwealth. The report will inform the committee’s next steps of building partnerships among community

organizations, educators, job creators, and state government; developing comprehensive solutions to help families transition out of poverty; and maintaining a long-term outlook that promotes progress and facilitates growth.

The Gospel implores us to care for the poor. As long time advocates for policies that support those in need, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference will be closely watching the work of the Empowering Opportunities initiative. We pray that the House Majority Policy Committee’s venture to go “upstream” will be fruitful in identifying effective gateways out of poverty.

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JUNE 2014

Ukraine is on Pilgrimage—Thank you for Walking With Us

Tuesday, 10 June 2014

To Catholic Bishops Conferences, priests, religious and the faithful of the Church To All Christians and People of good will that stand in solidarity with Ukraine.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Over the last six months many of you have closely followed events in Ukraine—dramatic, sometimes tragic, but ultimately life-giving. After a century of genocidal experiences and decades of rampant corruption and crushing social injustice, the Ukrainian nation has been on an extended, inspired pilgrimage from fear and fraud to dignity and integrity.

Through frigid winter months millions of people filled the squares of our cities and also your cities to manifest their desire for a better life. All Ukrainian Churches and religious organizations stood together. For months with one voice they insisted that the president and government respect their citizens, that violence is not the answer, that dividing society and the country is immoral, and that dialogue is the only

legitimate manner to resolve the political and social crisis. We are grateful for this prophetic unity to all our brothers and sisters in faith, to Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslims and especially the Orthodox Churches of Ukraine.

The Churches were united, as were people of different ethnic backgrounds, languages, and social classes. In the last weeks the unprecedented consolidation and overwhelming consensus in the country was expressed in the presidential elections. Petro Poroshenko was elected in one round with 55% of the vote in a field of 21 candidates. 85% voted for candidates that support a democratic and European option for the country. Today the overwhelming majority of citizens—Ukrainians, Russians, Belarusians, Poles, Jews, Tatars, Armenians, Georgians, and other ethnic and religious groups—stand united against the terrorist violence and overt military aggression from abroad. They are horrified by the annexation of Crimea and the conflict in the eastern part of the country inspired and



supported by foreign Special Forces. This is the biggest challenge facing Ukraine and Europe today.

During these months of pilgrimage from fear to dignity your moral and spiritual solidarity has been crucial for citizens of Ukraine and for our Churches. On behalf of our clergy and the faithful we would like to thank you for your abiding prayer and various works of charity that you conducted. We have addressed a singular expression of gratitude to His Holiness Pope Francis who has supported with prayer and exhortation the yearning for peace and justice in Ukraine.

What happened in Ukraine has been truly miraculous. Transforming grace poured down upon the people of our country. The pure sacrifice of new

Ukrainian martyrs, the fervent supplication of millions of people on the Maidans, and the prayer of the global community of Catholics, Christians of different denominations, and people of good will of different faiths brought forth an abundance of transfiguring blessings. Today, Ukraine is a different country; it is a renewed society. Your contribution to this rebirth is vital.

We are profoundly grateful for your efforts to inform your communities about the true nature of developments in our country, countering the disinformation directed against Ukraine and its Churches, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in particular. In recent days we see how this campaign has been escalated by certain political and spiritual authorities at the

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highest level that share an aggressive tone and modality of dissimulation.

The dignity that Ukrainians yearn for is not first and foremost material. They seek a God-given dignity, a respect for their very being. Their right for self-determination, territorial integrity, cultural and especially ecclesial tradition has been violated brutally in the past and is demeaned today.

In the face of systemic

corruption, governmental repression, and intolerable social conditions millions of Ukrainians demonstrated peacefully, forging an ever-stronger inter-ethnic, inter-confessional, and inter-cultural solidarity. Ukraine is home to scores of peoples and religions that stand together. It is a revived civil society defending its country and the common good. Together Ukrainian citizens are saying no to tyranny, lawlessness, violence and irresponsibility—personal

and social, internal and external, domestic and international.

We ask you to continue your prayer for peace in Ukraine, for peace and reconciliation built on justice. As Christians we believe that every person that demonstrates solidarity with the suffering will be blessed and will receive abundant graces from God.

The Lord bestows dignity by blessing; your benediction of Ukraine is transformative. Your

blessings help transfigure a people on pilgrimage.

On behalf of the members of the Permanent Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Meeting in Kyiv, 4–6 June 2014

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Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych

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“The whole world has become convinced that Ukraine is the home of numerous nationalities and religions, peacefully co-existing,” UGCC bishops

Friday, 13 June 2014

We are very grateful for your efforts to inform your communities about the real nature of changes which are taking place in our country, in contrast to the skewed information which is directed against Ukraine and its Churches, especially against the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.

In such words the members of UGCC Permanent Synod of Bishops in their letter expressed gratitude to the Catholic Episcopal Conferences, clergy, monastic orders, and laity of the Church, all Christians and people of goodwill for their solidarity with Ukraine throughout the events which took place in the last few months. “In recent days we have seen how this campaign has escalated (the spreading of untruthful information – author) from certain political and spiritual authorities of the highest level, who share an aggressive tone and the technique of misrepresentation,” states the document.

Synod members contend that after a century of genocide and decades of fierce corruption and an intolerable social injustice, “the Ukrainian nation remains in an on-going inspired pilgrimage from fear and fraud towards dignity and integrity.”

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“During freezing winter months, millions of people filled the squares not only of our, but also of your cities, in order to express their aspiration for a better life. All Ukrainian Churches and religious organizations maintained a unanimous position. For months they insisted that the president and the government have to respect their citizens, that violence is intolerable, that the division of society and the nation is amoral, and that dialogue is the only legitimate manner towards resolving political and social crisis,” – states the letter which, in the name of the Permanent Synod, was signed by His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

UGCC Bishops expressed their gratitude for “this prophetic unity” to all the brothers and sisters who share a faith: Roman-Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Muslim, and especially the representatives of the Orthodox Churches in Ukraine.

Authors of the letter constitute that in joining the peaceful demonstrations, in answer to the total corruption and persecution from the government, and the intolerable social conditions, millions of Ukrainians are cultivating a much greater inter-ethnic, inter-confessional and inter-cultural solidarity.

“The whole world was convinced that Ukraine is the home of numerous nationalities and religions, which co-exist peacefully; their renewed civic society protects its country and the general welfare. Together Ukrainian citizens have voiced their “NO” to tyranny, lack of law, violence, and irresponsibility, personal or social, inner or external, both inside the country as well as in the international sphere,” reads the document.

The bishops ask for continued prayers for peace in Ukraine, for a peace and a reconciliation based on justice. “Your benevolence towards Ukraine contains the power of transfiguration; it is an enormous support for our people on their pilgrimage route,” emphasize UGCC bishops in the letter “Ukraine on a pilgrimage -- thank you that you are together with us!”

Permanent Synod members also sent special words of gratitude to His Holiness Pope Francis “who supported us in his prayers and appealed for peace and justice in Ukraine.”

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The Head of the UGCC: “We need a revival of our united Ukraine, peace, harmony and unity in our nation”

Sunday, 08 June 2014

We call upon the Holy Spirit for our people, our land, our Church, to renew the face of our land, comfort us in our trouble, reconcile us and

gather in the conciliarism that comes from Him. This was stated by the Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav during the Liturgy in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection.

The UGCC Hierarchy greeted parishioners on the occasion of Pentecost, “the holiday upon us, the Church of the Holy Spirit - a holiday that we glorify one God in Trinity,- Father, Son,

and Holy Spirit”.

“Let this feast be the feast of new hope, a new revival, the Feast of the Holy Spirit presence

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The Head of the UGCC: "We need a revival of our united Ukraine, peace, harmony and unity in our nation"

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among us", - stressed His Beatitude Sviatoslav. The patriarch emphasized that the feast of Pentecost is a special day and the time of approaching God to man.

"Israel celebrated the day of Pentecost as Sinai Epiphany. On Mount Sinai, Moses saw as the Lord God has written on stone tables His Law by fire - the Ten Commandments of God. And with these tables came Moses to his people, to announce them about God who had liberated them from bondage. There, on Mount Sinai, they became people, united people, who were chosen by God among all the families of the Earth, to announce through them His name to the World"-

remarked the Preacher.

At the same time, He emphasized that Christ put new content on the day of Pentecost. "This day came down the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the form of fiery tongues. Lord God burned the Law with fire of His Spirit not on tablets of stone but in the hearts of His people. So He adopted the New Testament. This day was born the Church of Christ as the new people of God, the New Israel, on which God's grace rests. There he declared Himself the only God, but in Three Persons", - said the Head of the UGCC.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav marked that the Holy Spirit teaches us to pray,



enters into a dialogue with God and reveals the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Yesterday we experienced the inauguration of the new President. We need this revival of our united Ukraine, we need peace and harmony and unity in our nation! Because peace and conciliarism for us is a sign of a new Ukrainian life. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of peace and the spirit of unity. Let Him fill each of us, renew in our hearts the joy and the power of the Christian life, reveal the secrets of our existence and call us to Christian perfection. For He is the One who is present everywhere and fills all"- pointed out the Head of the Church.

At the Liturgy with the Head of the UGCC co-served Bishop Ken (Novakivskyi) from Vancouver and Bishop Borys (Gudziak) from Paris.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav welcomed seminarians who in the first year of study at Kyiv Theological Seminary of Three Saints in the beginning of liturgy were entitled to wear a cassock.

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The sixty-fourth session of the Synod of Bishops of the Kyiv - Galician Major Archbishopric of the UGCC

Tuesday, 17 June 2014

The sixty-fourth session of the Synod of Bishops of the Kyiv-Galician Major Archbishopric of the UGCC was held on 13-14 June 2014 in the Marian Spiritual Centre in Zarvanytsya.

The Synod was attended by all the Greek-Catholic bishops serving in Ukraine and nominated Bishop Josaphat (Moschych) proclaimed as the auxiliary bishop of Ivano-Frankivsk archdiocese.

Before the start of the Synodal meetings, a seminar on ecumenism (the movement for unity among Christians) took place and it was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Igor Shaban. The same issue was also the main theme of this session of the Synod.

Synod finalized and approved the Regulations on the status and ministry of the bishop ministered in the Kyiv-Galician Major Archbishopric of the UGCC and adopted in the first reading the Pastoral adviser "Calling to the laity to participate in social and political life of the country" and the Model Statute of the parish, which were

provided under the Rev. Dr. Mykhaylo Mel'nyk and the Rev. Dr. Vitaliy Tokar. Synod also approved amendments to the Regulation on the parish catechetical school and Regulations on the procedure for appointment to the catechetical ministry and withdrawal from it.

Synod fathers in this session also examined the issue of exorcism and prayers for healing for the laity and priests, that were reported by father Jehoshaphat Savran.

In the economic and financial block of issues were presented the results of extensive audit and the report on the activities based by the UGCC Non-state pension fund "Pokrova", stated the need for learning of the faithful the basics of financial and economic literacy. There were also discussed other issues of financial and economic life of the Church, in particular the activity of Patriarchal pilgrimage center, reported by Father Lyubomyr Yavorskyi.

In addition to the above, it was considered a good preparation for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of

the legalization of the UGCC in Ukraine and the Ukrainian program of this year's pilgrimage to Zarvanytsya that will be devoted to this celebration. The program was presented by Ternopil-Zboriv Metropolitan Vasyl' (Semenyuk), the governor of Marian Spiritual centre in Zarvanytsya.

About the Major Archbishopric Commission activity and commissions recent publications reported Fr. Petro Rak, the Head of the church committees. About the activity of Bureau of Kyiv-Galician Major Archbishopric of the UGCC in the matter of new religious movements reported its President Anna Eva Bodnar.

Members of the Synod of Bishops of the Kyiv Galician Major Archbishopric of the

UGCC, having learnt of the tragic death of our 49 soldiers by hands of the terrorists in Lugansk, assured of continued prayers for the souls of all the deads and expressed their condolences to the bereaved and relatives of the deads in a plane shot down by terrorists, and all the relatives of those who in last month gave their lives for freedom and a better future for our country.

The sixty-fifth Session of the Synod of Bishops of the Kyiv-Galician Major Archbishopric of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was decided to hold in November 2014.

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Happy Birthday!

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July 10: Rev. John Wysochansky
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July 27: Rev. John Ciurpita
August 6: Subdeacon Mr. Roman Oprysk
August 11: Rev. Roman Petryshak
August 15: Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy
August 17: Very Rev. Archpr. David Clooney
August 27: Rev. Paul Wolensky

**May the Good Lord Continue to Guide You
and Shower You with His Great Blessings.**
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July 13: Rev. Ivan Turyk (11th Anniversary)
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July 31: Rev. Taras Lonchyna (37th Anniversary)

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