

Axios! Rev. Walter Pasicznyk

Amidst the joyous exclamation of "Axios!" (He is Worthy!) by Bishop Richard Seminack as he vested the newly ordained priest, and to the acclamation of "Axios! Axios! Axios!" from the congregation, Rev. Walter Pasicznyk began his journey as a minister to the flock of Jesus Christ!

The ordination of Rev. Walter Pasicznyk by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan was held at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA, on June 22, 2014.

Among those who celebrated with Rev. Walter Pasicznyk were members of his family including his mother Mrs. Olympia Pasicznyk and Rev. Walter's brother and three sisters.

The entire clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia offer our joyous wishes and greetings to Rev. Walter Pasicznyk as he continues his journey of service to our Lord and to all of our people.

Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



See photos and videos from Rev. Walter Pasicznyk's Ordination on our Blog and Facebook:
<http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com>
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia/197564070297001>

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Scenes from the Priestly Ordination - June 22, 2014



Deacon Walter proclaims the Gospel as a deacon for the final time.



Deacon Walter kneels before Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka as Rev. Archpriest Daniel Gurovich, Pastor of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA, escorts him around the Altar.



Archbishop Stefan lays his hand upon the head of Deacon Walter Pasicznyk in the apostolic tradition and says the prayer of Priestly Ordination.



Bishop Richard Seminack helps vest newly ordained Rev. Walter Pasicznyk.



Archbishop Stefan exchanges the kiss of peace with Rev. Walter Pasicznyk.



Newly ordained Rev. Walter Pasicznyk poses for a picture with his mother Olympia.

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost - July 6, 2014 Commemoration of All Saints of Rus'- Ukraine



When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering." Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him." The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour. (Mt. 8, 5 - 13)

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - All Saints of Rus'- Ukraine

On the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the memory of the astonishing and holy people which the Holy Spirit produced on the lands of the country that for hundreds of years has borne the name Ukraine.

We have difficult questions to resolve in our lives. Where do we come from? What is the meaning of the things going on in our lives? Where is our life heading? What is our final destination?

The Church, this community of fighters and pioneers created and ever sustained, inspired and guided by Jesus by means of the Holy Spirit which He sends from the Father Almighty, gives us clues to find the answers to these questions. It shows us these extraordinary people - key people - who are nonetheless ordinary people, like us.

They are extraordinary because despite all their weaknesses, their mistakes and their sins they always kept on moving towards the highest of callings with faith and faithfulness, with humility and confidence. They hesitated. They often fell down along the way. They were sometimes full of anguish, doubt and pain. But they always ended by getting up again and pushing on towards the light and the truth, towards love and goodness. Thus they were also very ordinary people - like us.

By honoring the saints we honor God, for respect shown to them is respect shown to God. The saints did not become saints through their own power; their holiness is the result of God's grace. All they are they owe to God.

The Servant of God Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky said, "The veneration of saints not only does not oppose in any way the worship that is due to God but eminently contributes to it. We honor the saints as servants of God, as our heavenly protectors who intercede for us before God and obtain from Him, for us, the forgiveness of our sins and heavenly grace."

Last Liturgy in Williamstown, NJ

On Sunday, June 29, 2014, Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Williamstown, NJ, held its' final Liturgy. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka was the main celebrant and homilist at the Closing Divine Liturgy. Msgr. Peter Waslo concelebrated the Liturgy and proclaimed the Gospel.

Over 30 faithful attended the final Liturgy in Williamstown. Some of the faithful explained how they traveled great distances to witness the closing Liturgy. One of the faithful explained how she used to have family in the area who she would visit and she described she felt as though the Closing Divine Liturgy was an end of a complete cycle. She was present on the happy occasion when the parish first opened, and explained how she wanted to come back and witness the end of the parish, a day filled with much sadness.

During the homily, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka spoke about Saints Peter and Paul whose Feast Day it was that day. Metropolitan Stefan explained that the parish was closing due to lack of attendance and much

needed repairs of the building. Metropolitan Stefan encouraged the parishioners to attend St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, NJ or other Ukrainian Catholic Churches. Metropolitan Stefan also explained how the various icons in the church will "live on" in other Ukrainian Catholic parishes such as the church being built in Toms River, NJ. Other items from the church will be put on display at the Treasury of Faith Museum in Philadelphia as well.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy a special Closing Prayer was

offered by Metropolitan Stefan followed by an anointing of the faithful with myrovania oil. The last hymn sung by the parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church was

"О, спомогай нас" (O, spomahay nas).

Watch a video on our blog at <http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com>



The Closing Prayer.

Ascension Manor Residents Celebrate Independence Day with Flag Ceremony and Barbeque; 23 Nationalities are Represented in this North Philadelphia Residential Apartment Complex

PHILADELPHIA, PA—

On Wednesday, July 2, the date in 1776 when the resolution for independence from Great Britain was actually approved, the residents of Ascension Manor on North Seventh Street in North Philadelphia celebrated Independence Day with a flag ceremony followed by a barbeque social.

At twelve noon, 23 flags, representing the 23 nationalities of the residents were displayed on the manor's grounds. The community consists of residents representing the following nations: Albania, Central African Republic, China, Columbia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Germany, Haiti, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Liberia, Mexico, Mongolia, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Republic of Peru, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine, and the United States of America.

Ascension Manor, consisting of two towers with 279 apartments and presently home to 307 residents, is sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



At the conclusion of the Flag Ceremony, Ascension Manor resident Rosalie Senick led the residents and their families in singing "God Bless America" while the United States of America flag was being raised. Also pictured (left to right) are Ascension Manor staff including Bill Malinowski, Steve Nasevich and John Siwak. John Siwak, General Manager of Ascension Manor, read facts about each country as residents from Ascension Manor proudly carried the flags to be displayed in the Flag Garden.

Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka believes the diversity of the population of Ascension Manor truly represents the America story. "Every day our residents, representing 23 nations, live the greatness and uniqueness of the United States. They are living the story of the United States "e pluribus unum"—"from the many, one."

July 2, 1776 is the date that the Second Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia, in what would become known as Independence Hall, voted to approve a resolution for independence from Britain.

On that same day, the Pennsylvania Evening Post published this headline:

"This day the Continental Congress declared the United Colonies Free and Independent States."

John Adams, who would eventually serve as the second president of the United States, on July 3, 1776 wrote a letter to his beloved wife Abigail with this prediction: "the Second of July, 1776, (continued on next page)

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will be the most memorable Epoch, in the History of America. I am apt to believe it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival."

Philadelphia in July, 1776, days that gave birth to a new nation, the United States of America.

For more information on Ascension Manor please contact 215-922-1116. Equal Housing Opportunity.

This year is the 238th anniversary of those historic days in



Wasyli Makar and Maria Wikarczuk were the Ascension Manor representatives who presented the flag of Ukraine for the Flag Ceremony. Also pictured is Bill Malinowski attaching the flag to the tall flag pole.



Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to Invite Families Who Experienced Religious Persecution to the Vatican Sponsored World Meeting of Families to be Held in Philadelphia in Sept., 2015

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—As plans proceed on many levels for the World Meeting of Families, which will be held in Philadelphia in September, 2015, Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia has announced his desire to give voice to families that are experiencing religious persecution and the impact this persecution has on the family during the Vatican-sponsored gathering next year.

“The Ukrainian Catholic Church has experienced religious persecution for centuries and from this experience, it is our concern that those suffering for the faith be represented at this important gathering and that their voices be heard,” Archbishop Soroka stated.

Since the formalization of union with the See of Peter with the Union of Brest in 1595-96, the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church has lived through tremendous suffering, while giving Christian witness, first under the Tsars and in the 20th century under Soviet Communism.

In 1945 Soviet authorities, the NKVD, arrested, deported, and sentenced to forced-labor camps in

Siberia and elsewhere the church’s spiritual leader Metropolitan Josyf Slipyi and nine other Ukrainian Greek Catholic bishops, as well as hundreds of clergy and leading lay activists. In Lviv alone, 800 priests were imprisoned. All the above-mentioned bishops and significant numbers of clergymen died in prisons, concentration camps, internal exile, or soon after their release during the post-Stalin period. Churches were closed and destroyed; faithful were forbidden under penalty of arrest to practice their faith. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was officially outlawed by the Stalinist Soviet Union at the pseudo-Synod of Lviv in March, 1946. In a Department of State Bulletin 87, titled Soviet Repression of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Ambassador Richard Schifter stated no institution has suffered more religious persecution in the 20th century than the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

During recent months since November, 2013, the world has witnessed the ongoing persecution of the church in Ukraine as various church leaders and

laity sought democratic reforms and basic human rights including freedom of religion for their nation.

“I have heard first-hand accounts from bishops, clergy and faithful of the threats and intimidation they have experienced at the hands of those who would deny them freedom to practice their Ukrainian Greek Catholic faith,” Archbishop Soroka commented.

“Religious persecution continues unabated worldwide—in Eastern Europe, China, the Middle East, in Africa—almost every corner of the world. Often the story of those persecuted is untold,” Archbishop Soroka noted.

“My hope and my goal,” the Archbishop stated, “is to give voice to these voiceless, to enable them to give witness of their persecution, to let their story be told, especially the impact this suffering and persecution has had on their families, by enabling some representative families to attend and participate in the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September, 2015.”

September 22-27, 2015, the City of Brotherly

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

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

The theme of the 2015 meeting, “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive.” was announced May 13 on the veranda at the Independence Visitor Center at the site of the Liberty Bell with Archbishop Paglia, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, joined by Archbishop Soroka, Governor of Pennsylvania Tom Corbett and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter.

80th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day Will Be Held Sunday, July 27 Metropolitan Soroka Will Be Main Celebrant at 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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

A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and clergy of the deanery at 11 a.m. in the air-conditioned St. Nicholas Hall.



A concert and dance program by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, performances by the Patronage of the BVM Church (McAdoo) youth chorus and St. Nicholas School (Minersville) children's choir will be presented in the open air band pavilion in the afternoon.

Polka music will be provided by the John Stevens' Doubleshot Orchestra.

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

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

Admission and parking are free. Buses are welcome.

St. Nicholas Picnic Grove and Hall are located on Route 901 one mile north of Minersville in the village of Primrose, Schuylkill County, Pa.

From 1985 through 2013, Ukrainian Seminary Day has raised more than \$693,988.20 for the financial support of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, adjacent to the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

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

Ukrainian American Sport Center – Tryzub

Sunday, August 24 ~ 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M.

UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL



OUTDOOR STAGE CONCERT

“Voloshky” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
(Jenkintown, PA)

“ISKRA” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
(Whippany, NJ)

Violinist Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo
(Lviv, Ukraine – New York)

Vox Ethnika Orchestra (New York)

Living in Song – Spiv Zhyttya Chamber Choir
(Washington, D.C.)

Zabava: Ukrainian Social Dancing ~ Vox Ethnika Orchestra

Admission: \$15; **Students:** \$10; **Kids 14 and under:** Free; **Free Parking**

Lower State & County Line Roads, Horsham, PA ~ 267-664-3857
www.tryzub.org

Pictures from a recent dinner at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Plymouth, PA.



Girls Sodality in Passaic, NJ

The Girls Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, for grades 3-8 at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Passaic, NJ has had a very blessed year, since it was restarted this school year. The Sodality aims to live a balance of spirituality, acts of love and wholesome friendships. They offer their prayer, sacrifices and good deeds for both the living and the deceased in need.



Highlights of their first year have included monthly meetings with intercessory prayer to God through

Mary, and for planning upcoming events. They have chosen a Marian Icon banner for when they attend Divine Liturgy as an organization on Marian Holy Days and other chosen Liturgies. Also, they helped with arranging flowers during the school's May Procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother.

From their recent ice-sticks fundraiser, these 18 Sodalists were able to give \$100 each to help a former PTA President purchase a van with a wheelchair lift and to help the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate raise funds to build a new needed wing at their Saint Joseph's Adult Care Home for Adults in Sloatsburg, NY. During the Great Fast, they used some recess time to make Easter egg favors for the elderly infirmed.



For community building fun time together, the Sodalists enjoyed a Christmas Tree Decorating Party at the Convent with Secret Santa gift giving. At the beginning of June, they celebrated with an evening by attending the Sunday Vigil Divine Liturgy, which was followed by a pizza picnic on the convent lawn and then a movie night.

These Marian Sodalists truly aim to live a "WWMD, What would Mary do?" in their daily lives by living their motto, "To Jesus through Mary."

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

Your Parish: _____
Parish Name
City
State

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

Your Marital Status: Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

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

Are you a Caregiver for family members? No Yes If "yes," how might the Committee arrange/present enrichment programs in a manner which best supports your ability to participate?

Please briefly describe your spiritual needs/ interests relative to:

Personal spiritual growth/ enrichment

Your personal awareness/ understanding of social issues / ministry

Participation in parish activities (fundraising, fellowship gatherings)

What can or should the Church offer you?

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

How can your faith help you to address these needs?

Do any of these items currently address your spiritual needs in these areas? Which would you like to explore further?

	Yes	No	Explore further
• Personal Spiritual Growth/ Enrichment			
Afternoons of Reflection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Days of Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Retreats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conferences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Increasing your Personal Awareness/ Understanding of Social Issues/ Concerns			
Speakers on Relevant Social Topics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement in Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading material on selected issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Participation in parish activities			
Teaching Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fellowship Gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visiting the Sick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charitable Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fundraising Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments: _____

Your Name (Optional): _____

Please return this survey to:

Committee for the Enrichment of Women in the
 Archeparchy of Philadelphia
 c/o 2900 Tanglewood Lane
 East Norriton, PA 19403-3858

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 Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford
Most Rev. Basil Losten, 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. Evhen Khomyn, 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 Chomnycky, OSBM – main celebrant / homilist
Blessing of cars and buses – Rev. Ivan Tyhovych & Msgr. John Stevensky, (Eparchy St. Josaphat, Parma)

CONFESSION 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 AFTERNOON CONFERENCES

2:00 - Catechizing the Family



Sister Natalya Stoczany, SSMI

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.

**Saturday
English
Conferences**

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.

All
Conferences
Held in
St. Mary's
Villa



3:30 - The Family that Prays
Together Stays Together

Nataliya Pistun and Lesya & Walter
Muraszczuk



Nataliya Pistun-Rapovic 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.

Lesya and Walter are parishioners of St. Michaels the Archangel UCC, Yonkers, NY. Married for 19 years, they are joyously caring for their 6 year old son, Gabriel. Dr. Lesya Muraszczuk maintains a dental practice in Yonkers 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.

**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 Франціск)

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

**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 ssrminy@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)
Find us on Facebook: Ukrainian Seminary Day

За благословенням Митрополита Філадельфійського
Стефана (Сороки) та Єпископа Стемфордського Павла (Хомницького)



*Молодіжна Молитовна Група
«Чисті Серця» запрошує на:*

**II-ий З'їзд УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ МОЛОДІ
МОЛОДІЖНИЙ МОЛИТОВНИЙ ФОРУМ**
при монастирі оо. Василіян в Glen Cove L.I., N.Y.

З'їзд відбудеться **11, 12, 13 Липня 2014 р.** за адресою:

St. Josaphat's Monastery
1 East Beach Drive,
Glen Cove, L.I., N.Y. 11542

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Всі християнські конфесії запрошуються

"І Слово стало тілом,
і оселилося між нами"
(Ів. 1:39)

Для участі у форумі **обов'язкова**
попередня реєстрація



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Two Graduations at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School

On Friday, June 6, 2014, Ms. Olena Kugnat's Kindergarten Class celebrated its graduation at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic, NJ. First, the Kindergarteners presented an entertaining English-language play in based on the Ukrainian story "The Mitten", followed by Ukrainian songs and poems, for which the children had been prepared by Ukrainian teacher Mrs. Maria Dudkevych and Music teacher Mrs. Olesya Hryvnyak. After the Intermission, the Pre Kindergarten class presented a little performance directed by teacher Mrs. Lydia Loukachouk.



Then, to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance", the Kindergarteners entered the hall in their caps and gowns: Anna Anisimenko, Marta Dudkevych, Augustus Karlicki, Hrustyna Khrupalo, Vitaliy Kinash, Yurii Petryshyn, Markiy Tytla, and Alyssa Rose Zimmer. After group prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of God Bless America and the Ukrainian Anthem, the little graduates were introduced and recited verses about what they want to be when they grow up. After the children presented a few more examples of what they have learned this year, pastor Rev. Andriy Dudkevych handed the children their diplomas, and welcomed them to First Grade. Class Parent Mr. Mark Tytla thanked Ms. Kugnat for her wonderful work with the children, and Sr. Eliane wished her well in her future endeavors.

The following week, the Eighth-graders celebrated their Commencement Exercises at 5:00 Liturgy on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Principal Sister Eliane welcomed everyone to the Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving, and Presidential Award winner Christopher Peltyszyn thanked everyone for attending. The Graduates then entered the church carrying symbolic gifts of thanks: Arlene Hernandez, the Cross; Adrianna Oliver, a candle; Daria Smaluch and Geovanni Guerrero, the Bread and Wine; George Abulashvili, the Bible; Nataliya Miklosh, flowers; Christopher Peltyszyn, books; and Andriy Ostapyuk, the school banner. During Liturgy, Andriy Ostapyuk and George Abulashvili read the Epistle in Ukrainian and English.

After Liturgy, Sr. Eliane began the formal Commencement ceremony, and she and Father Andriy Dudkevych distributed the diplomas. Mrs. Sonia Lechicky, 8th grade homeroom teacher, awarded the President's Award for Educational Excellence to Adrianna Oliver and Christopher Peltyszyn. This prestigious award is granted by the Office of the President of the United States in recognition of students who have consistently maintained an average of 90 or higher all through grades 6-8 and who have shown good character and responsibility. In addition, she awarded the Principal's Award for Educational Excellence to Nataliya Miklosh and Daria Smaluch, for maintaining the same standards through gr. 7 and 8.



Next, the graduates read a poem in honor of their parents, and presented them with flowers in gratitude for their love and support through the years. On behalf of the class, Presidential Award winner Adrianna Oliver offered some thoughts and thanks for their experiences at St. Nick's from Pre K through grade 8, and homeroom teacher Mrs. Lechicky presented some parting words to her graduates. In conclusion, Father Andriy invoked a blessing for the graduates, and everybody sang "Mnohaya Lita."

Perth Amboy Parish Festival a success!

On Saturday, June 21, 2014 beyond our expectations, the church grounds of the Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ swelled with neighbors and those who traveled quite a distance, primarily Ukrainian-Americans, but mostly non-Ukrainians, to appreciate Ukrainian culture, crafts, foods and entertainment at our second Parish Festival.



Throughout the sun filled day, more than 1000 guests, including Congressman Frank Pallone, could be seen enjoying themselves, eating the delicious Ukrainian food, and there certainly was plenty for everyone, listening to lively Ukrainian music, socializing with friends and neighbors, and enjoying the entertainment of our incredible Ukrainian dance performances.

People came to the Ukrainian Festival for a variety of reasons, and one of the biggest attractions was the food. It seems everyone loves Ukrainian home made food. Everywhere, people gathered at indoor and outdoor tables eating pyrohy, holubtsi, shish kebab, hot dogs/hamburgers and kovbasa. There were delicious homemade cakes and pastries. Also offered were a variety of special Ukrainian beers, bottled water, soft drinks, tea and coffee, at the indoor and outdoor bars. Adding to the festivities, guests were entertained by a live band, plus a fabulous concert presented by Ukrainian Dance Groups from Perth Amboy, Jersey City and New York City. Visitors also had the opportunity to tour our beautiful church and see how we worship our Lord. Other attractions included children's corner, face painting table, gift basket raffle, money raffle and vendors.

Our Festival was a huge success, thanks to the incredible work of so many volunteers: the festival committee, ad booklet organizer, ladies who baked, decorated the hall and were in charge of raffles, setup and cleanup crews, sponsors, parish school FSA, parish secretary, teachers, guests and neighbors - who helped make the festival a great success!



It was amazing to see so many people enjoying the day together! It was also wonderful to know that we have so many hardworking parishioners and school parents who are doing their best to help keep our church and school financially stable.

The Pastor of Assumption Parish and the chairperson of the event Rev. Ivan Turyk, was very proud to see so many people working together as ONE PARISH FAMILY.

It was another proof that Assumption Parish Community shines when we all work together as one family!

Please, check out pictures from our festival at
<http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net/azcms/gallery.php>

Save the Dates

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

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

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!



Help Wanted

Ascension Manor Apartments is searching for a Full Time Maintenance Technician to help with apartment turnovers, work orders and general maintenance of the property.

Ideal candidates will have prior experience in either carpentry, plumbing, electrical or painting. For immediate consideration, please fax your Resume to
(215)922-3735. E.O.E.



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

Our first issue after the Summer Break will be August 10th.
Thank you.

Visit our Website for any news during the Break.
www.ukrarcheparchy.us



Church Choir Music – Washington, DC

Over the past three years, Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family Choir has been transcribing, translating, and recording some of the *a cappella* sacred music of our shared heritage. We invite you to consider these works for your repertoire.

If you or your choral director hear something you like, the SATB scores are free to be downloaded from our web-site **<http://www.ucns-holyfamily.org/orgs/choir/music.php>** . No knowledge of the Ukrainian language or the Cyrillic alphabet is needed - the Ukrainian scores have transliterations in-line, or you can sing in English.

Other selections suitable for concert performances are featured on our web-site. You may use this resource and all its scores at no cost (they may not be sold for profit). The recordings were made during services of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, DC. We hope our church choir conveys the beauty of this music. If you have any questions, please write to us at ucns.hfchoir@gmail.com

Oksana Lassowsky & Stepan Szyszka

Scranton's St. Vladimir Parish Conducts Children's Retreat

A two-day retreat for the children of St. Vladimir parish was held on Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and 24, 2014. The first day program was led by the pastor Father Myron Myronyuk who discussed meaningful prayer, active participation in the Divine Liturgy, the Old and New Testaments. The boys and girls took part in reading Epistles and Psalms of the New Testament as well as Proverbs from the Old Testament.

On the second day, the children were honored by the presence of Sister Martin and Sister Timothea, Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God. The day began with Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. John the Baptist followed by several topics of discussion including Saints of our Church, Christian kindness towards others and responses to the Divine Liturgy.



The week was capped off with a chartered bus trip to Knoebels Amusement Park, Elysburg, PA. The children who participated in the Retreat were joined by teens and adults of the parish along with friends of the parish for the all day excursion. Picnic lunches, rides galore and various amusements were enjoyed by all.

LUC Meeting – July 20, 2014

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will hold a general meeting on Sunday, July 20, 2014 at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 70 Zerby Avenue, Edwardsville PA. Moleben prayer service will be served at 2:00pm, business session at 2:30pm followed by reception and fellowship. Agenda will include implementation of Patriarch Sviatoslav's "The Vibrant Parish", proposed 2014 activities including the annual August summer picnic and the upcoming National Convention in Johnstown PA. For additional information contact: Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354 or any LUC member of the parish.

League of Ukrainian Catholics Honors Father John Ciurpita



On Sunday, June 8, 2014 Rev. John N. Ciurpita celebrated the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood.

Following the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at his parish of SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Clifton Heights, PA, a gift from the National Board and the membership of the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America was presented to Fr. John by Marion C. Hrubec, President of the League of Ukrainian Catholics.

Fr. John served as National Spiritual Director for the League of Ukrainian Catholics for many years and the membership is thankful for his help and guidance during his term. We wish God's blessings for continued good health. Mnohaya Lita!

St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, Jenkintown, PA holds Summer Festival

St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Jenkintown, PA held a Summer Festival on June 7-8, 2014.

Read an article in Ukrainian about the Festival in the Ukrainian version of "The Way"/„ШЛЯХ."



METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR JULY

JULY 1 -11	VISIT TO FAMILY IN WINNIPEG, MB, CANADA FOR BAPTISM OF NIECE'S SECOND CHILD.
JULY 13	DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. STEPHEN UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, TOM'S RIVER, NJ - WITH BLESSING OF CORNERSTONE FOR NEW CHURCH UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
JULY 16	REVIEW AND PLANNING MEETING WITH MISSIONARY SISTERS OF MOTHER OF GOD REGARDING "TREASURY OF FAITH" MUSEUM.
JULY 17	MEETING OF ARCHIEPARCHIAL SOBOR 2014 CORE PLANNING GROUP.
JULY 23	HOST ARCHIEPARCHIAL STAFF RETREAT DAY.
JULY 27	CELEBRATE DIVINE LITURGY AT ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY AT ST. NICHOLAS PICNIC GROVE (MINERSVILLE), PRIMROSE, PA AT 11:00 AM.
JULY 30	HOST ST. JOSAPHAT PEER GATHERING.



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**Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Encouraged by Favorable U.S. Supreme Court Religious Liberty Decision**

“[R]eason recognizes that religious freedom is a fundamental right of man, reflecting his highest dignity, that of seeking the truth and adhering to it, and recognizing it as an indispensable condition for realizing all his potential. Religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly, consequent to the truth one has found.” (Pope Francis, June 20, 2014)

In this spirit, religious liberty scored a victory today in the U.S. Supreme Court. In its decision in the Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Products cases, the Court properly concluded that religious conscience of closely held businesses is to be protected from government coercion. Further, the Court determined that the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate is improper as it forces a closely held company to pay for coverage of products and services that violate the owners’ firmly held religious beliefs. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under authority provided in the Affordable Care Act, mandated coverage of sterilization, contraception and abortion-causing drugs in most employer health insurance plans.

Religious ministries of service – such as charities, schools, health care facilities and institutions of higher education – are given, at best, second-class status under the law in the form of a still-murky “accommodation.” Many religious entities, including Catholic dioceses, are challenging this mandate in federal courts across the country.

The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania express the hope that, in light of this ruling, the Obama Administration will do the right thing and withdraw the mandate as it has been applied to religious ministries. That step will bring to an end litigation which religious ministries were forced to undertake to protect their religious conscience and to assure that statutory and constitutional protections would not be trampled.

The Head of the UGCC urges people to open their hearts and homes to refugees from the East and South

Saturday, 21 June 2014

The Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) urged the faithful and all people of good will to constant prayer and fasting for the best fate of Ukraine and to open their hearts and homes to the refugees from the East and South of Ukraine.

It was said by the Primate in his video blog on "Zhyve TV", summarizing the Synod of the Bishops of the Kyiv-Galician Major Archbishopric of the UGCC, which was held on June 13-14 this year in Zarvanytsya. He noted that at this Synod the bishops summed up the life of the Church, the ministry of the episcopate and the clergy in the first half of this complex 2014 year.

According to him, the end result of this was an appeal to the clergy, the monkhood, and all the faithful of the UGCC and all people of good will to continue uninterrupted prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine. In particular, in this statement the bishops thanked God for listening to our prayers.

"Millions of people in Ukraine and throughout the world prayed for our nation, for our Ukrainian unified state. We feel that God listens to us. We certify that the Lord helped us first – to start updating Ukrainian authorities. We noted that there have been the unprecedented presidential elections in the history of Ukraine, in which with the majority of votes in all regions of Ukraine, we were able to elect the President in the first round. We could keep interfaith, interconfessional and inter-ethnic peace as well in Ukraine. So many different positive spiritual changes took place in our nation. And for that we thank God, and thank all those people who for several months pray and fast for better fortune of the Ukrainian people",- said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Meanwhile, the high priest said that has not been fully traversed the path that we started together on the Maidan. "It is not fully able to settle down there, because every day we get disappointing reports on new victims of conflict in the East of our country. We get reports on tens of thousands of refugees from Donbas, the Crimea. So much we have to do. We therefore considered as our duty to call our pastoral people not to stop prayer, and continue fasting and prayer for the successful completion of all that with God's help we have started earlier this year",- He said.

On behalf of the Episcopate the Head of the Church thanked all those who continue in prayer and fasting before God.

His Beatitude urged the faithful not only to pray but also to work. "As during the events on the Maidan we opened our monasteries, churches for the needy, for the wounded, as well today we want to invite to open their hearts, homes and all of our resources to those who need it, especially for the refugees and the wounded" - said His Beatitude.

The Archbishop said that now many of the faithful of the Church give blood for the wounded, carry the means to support Ukrainian forces to purchase necessities. The Head of the Church asks not to stop to help the needy.

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UGCC bishops urge the faithful to continue fasting and to continually pray for peace in Ukraine

Sunday, 22 June 2014

“Our Christian conscience tells us ... that we do not have the right to let our hands down. We should continue in praying and fasting. In this complicated time for our country, we beseech the Almighty for victory over the machinations of an outside aggressor and for peace on our land,” write the members of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC Kyiv-Halych Major Archbishopric in their “Appeal to the faithful and all people of goodwill” to continue ongoing praying and fasting for peace in Ukraine.

The Greek-Catholic bishops are appealing to UGCC faithful and generally to all Christians and people of goodwill, to continue an uninterrupted fast and prayers for peace and a better future for Ukraine. In the “Appeal” the Most Reverend Bishops

provide clear practical directives regarding the continuation of “this spiritual deed”.

The hierarchs commission parishes, monasteries, and seminaries to hold continuous round-the-clock prayers. The bishops ask all faithful and people of goodwill everyday at 9 pm to participate in the joint prayer for Ukraine (on Monday: for the successful service of the President, the government, and Parliament; on Tuesday: for the enemy; for the conversion of those who persecute and attack us; on Wednesday: for the Ukrainian Army; on Thursday: for law protecting organs and the police; on Friday: for those wounded, in captivity, the refugees and their families; on Saturday: for the dead, especially the perished soldiers and all innocently killed; on Sunday: for unity and independence of Ukraine).

Also UGCC has announced an uninterrupted strict fast scheduled as follows: on Monday: Kyiv Archeparchy,

Donetsk, Kharkiv, Odesa, and Crimea Exarchates; on Tuesday: Lviv Archeparchy, Stryi Eparchy; on Wednesday: I v a n o - F r a n k i v s k Archeparchy, Kolomyia-Chernivtsi Eparchies; on Thursday: Ternopil Archeparchy, Buchach Eparchy, Sambir-Drohobych Eparchy; on Friday: Sokal-Zhovkva Eparchy; Lutsk Exarchate. At the end of every Liturgy, the bishops direct to sing the prayer: “Oh, God, Great and Only...”

As it is written in the “Appeal” of UGCC bishops, in facing the new dangers, the Ukrainian people should unite “in their readiness to safeguard the Motherland, to defend its independence and the right of every citizen to live in a free, democratic, and European nation.”

“The beginning of the renewal of government in our nation, the Presidential Elections which manifested a consolidation of Ukrainian society and the ability of the people to take on the responsibility for their future, the preservation of an inter-religious and international peace in the country – all this is the

harvest of prayers heard by God, an expression of the strength of the Intercession of the Most Holy Mother of God over us, which we renewed on April 6th this year,” urge the bishops the faithful.

We remind all, that somewhat earlier, during the last session of the Synod of Bishops of the Kyiv-Halych Major Archbishopric of UGCC, which took place in Lviv on January 31st and February 1, 2014, the bishops published an “Appeal regarding the situation in Ukraine”. In this appeal there was announced a period of fasting in all hierarchies with a request to pray for peace. Given the fact that the situation in Ukraine has escalated and remains unregulated, UGCC hierarchs in the next session of the Synod, decided to continue fasting and praying for this intention.

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav urges the faithful to become “fishermen for human souls”

Monday, 23 June 2014

To be fishermen of people today in Ukraine means to gather people around hope in God who is with us, who is our strength, our life, our victory.

The Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav stated this on June 22nd, the day of the liturgical commemoration of the Second Sunday after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, during his sermon in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ.

The Church Prelate noted that in the Gospel we hear how Christ calls his first disciples, his first apostles: “Follow me and I will make you fishermen of people.” The preacher explained that to follow Jesus means to be a Christian. “To follow Christ – means to see in Him your only hope. One who believes in God – has hope. The non-believer gets into a sea of despondency, hopelessness, into a sea of despair,” the Major Archbishop invites one to contemplate this.

“What does it mean “I will make you fishermen

of people?” continued His Beatitude Sviatoslav. “An apostle whom God makes his disciple, is similar to a fisherman. A disciple of Christ is one who gives people hope. It is as if he catches the people from the sea of despair, doubtfulness, the sea of death and life dangers. He captures them for Christ – in order to bring them to the secure shore of hope and Christ’s word.”

Our daily hesitations, doubts and uncertainties about tomorrow, the preacher of God’s Word compares with walks on the seashore. “There is even a folk saying: awaits weather from the ocean. This is a phrase expressing hopelessness. Today Christ tells each one of us: I will make you fishermen of people. Probably each one of us is approached by acquaintances and friends who ask: what will happen tomorrow with us, with our nation? And we, as disciples of Christ, should give them hope,” explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav. “Let us throw away all despair, let us throw away all fears, all doubts, because all of these do not come from God. As Christ’s disciples, let us be filled

with hope, let us be its bearers in today’s Ukraine,” urged the Head of the Church.

During the Liturgy, the Head of the Church ordained deacon Valeriy Hrom as a priest. Rev. Valeriy had first completed the Institute of Ground Forces and later the Spiritual Seminary. Rev. Valeriy Hrom will be an army chaplain.

“You know how much today there is a need for support of the Ukrainian army, for those soldiers who everyday look not into the face of a stormy sea, but into the terrible face of the real danger of death.

Rev. Valeriy will carry hope there, where, perhaps, it is very scarce,” noted the Major Archbishop in greeting the newly-ordained priest.

On the day of the Feast of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which was celebrated on Thursday, June 19th, UGCC also marks the fifth jubilee of the episcopate of Bishop Joseph Milian.



On the occasion of the jubilee, His Beatitude Sviatoslav greeted Bishop Joseph and noted his services to the Church and the faithful. “Five years ago in this cathedral the consecration of Bishop Joseph Milian took place. I remind all, that this place at that time was not yet plastered and pigeons were flying under the ceiling. He was the first bishop who was consecrated in this place. And five years later, we have a beautiful blessed Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ. We see, Reverend Bishop, that five years of your service were very fruitful,” he said.

UGCC Head thanked his Vicar in the Kyiv Archeparchy for his service and wished him much strength in order to follow Christ and be a fisherman of people.

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Well-doers of the Eastern Churches pray in the Vatican for peace in Ukraine

25 June 2014

The 87th Assembly of the council organizations that help the Eastern Catholic Churches (BCAA) met at the Vatican. On this occasion, on June 24, 2014, Il Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Cardinal Leonardo Sandri held a Mass for the donators in the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican, at the tomb of St. John Paul.

Among those attending the Mass there were Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Head of the UGCC, and Archbishop Thomas Edward Gullickson, the Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine.

Referring to the recent canonization of the Bishops of Rome John XXIII and John Paul II, Cardinal Sandri said that the requests prayer for peace in Syria, Iraq and throughout the Middle East and Ukraine during the Mass were also close to the above Popes.

“Let us ask Our Merciful Father to repose numerous victims of the existing conflicts and to console those who mourn the loss”, this request was announced by Cardinal Leonardo Sandri during the Mass.

During the “Prayer of the faithful” in Italian the following request was raised: “For all the faithful of the Eastern Catholic

Churches, at home and in the Diaspora, especially for the Greek Catholic Church in Romania and Ukraine, The request for victims of violence and war, and for peace in Syria, Iraq and Ukraine sounded in German, reports Vatican Radio.

On June 26 the participants held a private audience with Pope Francis.

Adapted from the article on <http://risu.org.ua>



Photo from June 24, 2014 at the tomb of St. John Paul II. <http://news.ugcc.ua>

The Head of the UGCC tells the Holy Father about the “pain of Ukrainian people”



Thursday, 26 June 2014

This morning in the Vatican His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Head and the Father of the UGCC met with the Holy Father Francis. The meeting was a part of the audience for members of the 87th Plenary Assembly of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches (BCAA).

His Beatitude Sviatoslav had the opportunity to personally speak with the Holy Father, he told him about the situation in Ukraine, thousands of refugees and hundreds

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The Head of the UGCC told the Holy Father about the “pain of Ukrainian people”

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of wounded and dead. According to him, the Pope Francis said that he is praying for Ukraine and is doing everything possible for our country to be at peace and calm. The Holy Father also personally congratulated the Head of the UGCC with the 20th anniversary of priestly ministry, which falls on this day.

Addressing the present at the audience, the Pope Francis said about the importance of building peace in the modern world, stressing that the main “builder of peace is Christ himself.” The Holy Father greeted the representatives of the Eastern Churches and thanked them for their contribution to building peace and harmony in the countries they represent. He also urged Christians to pray to make His journey to the Holy Land bring the “fruits of unity among Christians”. “The fire of Pentecost and the power of Love – according to the words of the Holy Father - can stop a fire weapon of hatred and discord”.

We have to add that on June 24-26 in the Vatican a working session of the 87 th Plenary Assembly of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches (BCAA) was held - a body which brings together the various charities that support the pastoral work of the Eastern Churches. This year, the special attention was paid to the situation in Ukraine.

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Pope Francis

New Auxiliary Bishop for Sambir-Drohobych Eparchy UGCC

Pontifical Acts - 25 June

Vatican City, 25 June 2014 (VIS) – The Holy Father has confirmed the election of Abbot Hryhoriy Komar as auxiliary of the Ukrainian eparchy of Sambir – Drohobych, Ukraine. The bishop-elect was born in Letnya, Ukraine in 1976 and was ordained a priest in 2001. He is currently vicar general of the same diocese. He holds a licentiate in oriental theology, and has served as a teacher and collaborator in several parishes.

<http://www.news.va>



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An exhibition dedicated to Pope John Paul II opens in Lviv

26 June 2014

On June 26th, the Roman Catholic Cathedral of the Assumption hosted the opening of the exhibition featuring "The Holy Pope John Paul II. The life of prayer".

The event was organized by Lviv Museum of the History of Religion, together with the Roman Catholic Church Archdiocese of Lviv, reports the press service of Lviv Regional State Administration.

The exhibition is created based on personal materials of Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki,

Metropolitan of Lviv of the Roman Catholic Church, who was a personal secretary to Pope John Paul II for many years.

The visitors can see the Pope's cassock, his shirt monogrammed 'J. P. II', the tableware with his emblem. The exhibition will present personal belongings of John Paul II: a case for glasses, a belt, a casula, a pileolus, a cingulum, cufflinks, a Stole, rings, Pontifical crosses. Also a variety of gifts for the Pope, collection sets of Vatican Liras and Euros, Vatican envelopes will be featured.

The visitor's attention will be attracted by an original Swiss Guardsman Costume, a classic uniform, designed specifically by Michelangelo for the pontifical safeguards that have not changed for 400 years.

The photographs by Pope's personal photographer Arturo Mari, as well as the photographs by photographer Vasyly Pylypyuk will be an addition to the personal belongings of Pope John Paul II.

Lviv Museum of the History of Religion will

present its collection of items. This is a selection of newspapers and magazines issued during the visit of the Holy Father in Ukraine on June 23-27, 2011, various souvenirs, postcards, badges, flags, postcards, guidebooks, handbooks.

The exhibition is dedicated to the canonization of Pope John Paul II and the 13th anniversary of the Apostolic visit to Ukraine.

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