

South Anthracite Deanery holds 80th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

Minersville, PA.--The 80th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day was held Sunday, July 27, 2014 at St. Nicholas Church Picnic Grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville), Pa. This annual event was sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their respective pastors.

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

After the Liturgy, a concert and dance program was presented by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, performances by the Patronage of the BVM



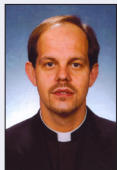
A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and clergy of the deanery (Photo: Dr. Richard Barno)

Church (McAdoo) youth chorus and more.

From 1985 to present, including the profits from this year, Ukrainian

Seminary Day has raised more than \$700,000 for the financial support of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, adjacent to the campus of

The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



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HUNDREDS CELEBRATE UKRAINIAN DAY IN PRIMROSE

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PRIMROSE — While surveying the festivities at one of the largest church picnics in Schuylkill County, the spiritual leader of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States said every year, more and more young people come out to the annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove.

“For 14 years I’ve been coming here. Today, on the turnout, it’s one of the best I’ve seen. I’m impressed with the variety of ages, too. Look how many young people are coming out,” said Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



(Photo: Dr. Richard Barno)



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Among the younger people at the event Sunday was Mike Mohutsky, 15, of Mountain Top, Luzerne County, who was working at the outdoor kitchen at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove on Sunday.

“This is my first year here. My grandmother, Winifred, lives in Shenandoah Heights. She’s working over at the other kitchen area with other members of my family,” Mohutsky said.

Soroka estimated more than 350 people were at the event at 3 p.m. Sunday and that the total attendance would be more than 1,000.

On Sunday, Ukrainian Seminary Day marked its 80th year in raising funds for the only Ukrainian Catholic seminary in the United States. The ethnic celebration is sponsored by the 12 parishes in the South Anthracite Protopresbytery (Deanery) of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. On average, each annual event raises about \$35,000, according to the newspaper’s archives.



(Photo: Dr. Richard Barno)

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(Photo: Ukrainian Seminary Day Facebook Page)

The tradition began in 1934 at Lakewood Park, Barnesville. It was one of a number of ethnic celebrations that began in the 1900s by ethnic groups in the anthracite region. When Lakewood Park closed in 1983, there was one year without such an event. However, in 1985 “Ukrainian Seminary Day” was revived and moved to St. Nicholas Picnic Grove and has been going strong in providing financial support to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, D.C.

“This being the 80th year, we wanted to decorate the grounds and make it look very special. If you walk around, you’ll see an avenue of flags, both American and Ukrainian, stretching the length of the property. And in front of all of the stands, including the bandstand and the

ticket booth, we had some parishioners paint scenes of villages from Ukraine. And in those scenes, they incorporated the 12 parishes of our South Anthracite Deanery,” the Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, the dean of the South Anthracite Protopresbytery, said.

Plus, representatives of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Frackville, brought two impressive displays, a cardboard replica of the church’s dome and a large-scale version of Ukrainian Easter egg, which was four-feet high.

As always, the annual event began at 11 a.m. at the picnic grove hall with the celebration of a Divine Liturgy by Metropolitan-Archbishop Soroka and the clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery. In the afternoon, there were performances from the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, the Patronage BVM Women’s Junior Choir of McAdoo and The John Stevens Doubleshot polka band, based in Luzerne County.



(Photo: Ukrainian Seminary Day Facebook Page)



(Photo: Dr. Richard Barno)

Those in the crowd included Sandra Majetsky and Dorothy Datchko, parishioners of St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Mahanoy City.

“This is our first year coming out here and we’re very impressed. It’s beautiful. There’s so much to see here, from photographs to icons, and good food. We had bleenies and they were very good,” Majetsky said.

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Mark Hutsko, Minersville, cousin to the dean, said they used 16 bags of potatoes, “about 800 pounds of potatoes,” to make them.

Helen Taylor, Schuylkill Haven, was there with her daughters, Lisa Taylor, Allentown, and Beth Martin, Beckville, near Cressona.

“I’ve been coming to this event for, say, 30 years. The crowds seem to increase every year and one of the biggest attractions is the ethnic food,” Helen Taylor said.

The kitchen menu included pyrohy, halupki, halushki and kielbasi sandwiches and sausages sandwiches.

While working one of the small games of chance, Jason Yulich, Frackville, was feasting on the “Lemko Platter,” which included kielbasi, sauerkraut, halupki and rye bread and butter.

“Naturally, you’ve got to have rye bread with halupki,” he said.

He was there with his wife, Debbie.

“We’ve been coming here all our lives,” Jason said.

“Since we were little,” Debbie said.

“Lakewood and here,” Jason added.

Jason Yulich said the crowd there Sunday was “very good,” but it couldn’t compare to the throngs which came out the event when it was held in Lakewood years ago.



(Photo: Tanya Meridionale)



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Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the

water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. (Mt. 14, 22-34)

In today's Gospel we hear how our Lord came to His disciples walking on the water in the midst of a storm. We hear how Saint Peter through faith joins Him on the water. Then Saint Peter becomes distracted by the storm and cries out "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30) Our Lord reaches out and catches him and says "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31) In this Gospel we see the power of faith. We see that if we have faith we can perform miraculous things. Our Lord reminds of this when he says the following "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto

you." (Matthew 17:20) and again "Truly I say unto you, If you have faith, and doubt not, you shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if you shall say unto this mountain, be removed, and be cast into the sea; it shall be done." (Matthew 21:21) When we have faith we embark on a spiritual path that leads to God. That path often appears dangerous. As we see with Saint Peter getting out of the boat and walking on water in the midst of a storm. If we have any doubt as we walk this spiritual path then the troubles and cares of this world overwhelm us. We become preoccupied with the storms that are around us because we lose our focus on God.

This is what happened to Saint Peter when he began to sink. He lost his focus on the Savior and placed his focus on the storm around him. When he did this he lost the grace that was given to him when he stepped out of the boat in faith. This should remind us as our Lord said "without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) When we lose our focus on the Lord and get caught up in the storm of temptations around us we have a choice to make. That choice is, do we place our trust in the Savior to help us or do we allow the temptations to overcome us? This is the same choice that Saint Peter was confronted with as he was sinking in the water. When we are in this situation we can do

two things the first is call out as Peter did "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30) or "curse God, and die." (Job 2:9) as Job's wife told him in the midst of his afflictions. If we choose to follow Saint Peter's example and cry out "Lord, save me!" (Matthew 14:30) then we will find that the Savior is ready to reach out His hand and pull us out of the storm of temptations just like he did for Saint Peter in the Gospel. This example shows us that the Lord is always there for us. If we know that the Lord is there for us then why do we doubt? It is because we are fainthearted and do not place our trust in the Lord. There are many examples for us in

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the scripture that show us that we should rejoice in the Lord and trust in Him when we are in our greatest affliction. When we are in great affliction we should remember how Abraham was free of doubt when he took his only son, Isaac, as a sacrifice and how God saved him. (Genesis

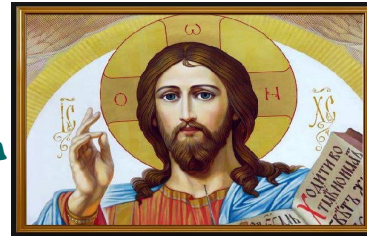
22:1-18). Remember how Jonah glorified God in the belly of the whale and was saved. (Jonah 2:7). Remember how the Three Holy Children sang the glories of God in the fiery furnace and were saved (Daniel 3:19-26). Remember how Daniel was saved in the lion's den (Daniel 6:16-

23). Remember how the Blessed Job praised God in his affliction. (Job 2:7-10) With the remembrance these examples we should not be given over to despair but should be strengthened in our faith that the Lord will save us so that we can say as the Blessed King David said

"In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. Your vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto You. For You have delivered my soul from death: will not You deliver my feet from falling." (Psalm 56:11-13) Amen. (By Fr. Milan Medakovic)

FOR THE NORTH ANTHRACITE DEANERY

Encountering CHRIST in Fun, Friendship, and Faith



*Calling all youth from our parishes (8th—12th graders),
and their siblings and parents!*

A SPECIAL YOUTH GATHERING THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2014

THEME: ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN FUN, FRIENDSHIP, AND FAITH

PLACE: Lackawanna State Park, 1839 N. Abington Rd., Abington, PA

TIME: 10:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

10:45 A.M.—Presentation by Father Daniel Troyan, Director of Evangelization for our Archeparchy of Philadelphia;



Questionnaire Survey for all youth

12 NOON — LUNCH: Summer Picnic Menu

1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M. Fun and games,
fellowship, and more food and snacks



We will gather at the Pavilion located at Parking Lot #3. There are picnic tables and benches. You may also bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, etc. There is a lot of open space to run and play. Also, there is a lake when you can rent kayaks and paddle boats. Remember to bring sunscreen!



Please let your Pastor know by August 17 at the latest, if you will be going. Let him know how many are coming from your family as well. Our NORTH ANTHRACITE DEANERY PARISHES will be providing all the food, drink, and everything else.

Come, enjoy, and Encounter Christ

in Fun, Friendship, and Faith!

Blessing of cornerstone for the New Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River New Jersey



St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River, NJ held its cornerstone blessing ceremony on Sunday July 13th, 2014 for its new church. The ceremony was officiated by His Grace Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States. His Grace was joined by former pastor of the parish Rev. Roman Dubitsky, Rev. Deacon Paul Makar, and Rev. Oleksandr Dumenko, current administrator of St. Stephen's as well as over a hundred parishioners and guests.

The stone specially imported from India was

donated by New St. Stephen Church Building committee chairperson Wolodymyr Powzaniuk and his wife Oksana. The foundation charters of the new church written in the Ukrainian and English languages were signed by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka and Rev. Oleksandr Dumenko. Building Committee members and St. Stephen Church's activists Wolodymyr Powzaniuk, Raymond Bonczek, Walter Krynicki and Stepan Dziaba carried the cornerstone and time capsule to the New Church. The stone and time capsule were laid in a special place designated for the cornerstone in the presence of devotees.

St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church is planning to relocate from

the current parish hall to the new church this coming October and is requesting each and everyone's prayer and support.



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PENNSYLVANIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT VOCATIONS!

A generous donation of \$1,296.00 was received from the Pennsylvania State Knights of Columbus to assist in promoting vocations to the priesthood. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia welcomed the Pennsylvania State officers on July 28th. They were State Warden Fran O'Hara, East Region New Council Development Chairman Mike Kish and Past State Deputy, George Koch.

The PA State Knights of Columbus annually provide financial assistance for our Archeparchial Vocation's Program. Their love and support for priests and seminarians is exceptional as evident in the esteem and respect that they steadfastly show for the hierarchy, clergy and religious of the Church. They are true friends and enablers of ministry in our Church. We value our brother Knights of Columbus, appreciate them, and pray for them. God bless them richly!



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South Anthracite Deanery Youth Enjoy a Sunday Afternoon at Knoebel's Groves Amusement Park



Elysburg, Pa.—Youth, parents and clergy from the parishes of the South Anthracite Deanery enjoyed a summer outing at Knoebel's Groves Amusement Park here on Sunday, June 29. After morning registration, a noontime picnic lunch was enjoyed under Picnic Pavilion R., prepared by parents and volunteers from the deanery parishes.

The guest motivational speaker was Steve Javie, retired NBA referee and currently ESPN basketball analyst. He led the young people in a discussion of moral values and the importance of faith in their lives.

According to *Referee* magazine, Javie was a highly regarded referee in the NBA, and he was respected within the officiating community for his game management skills. He was also notable during his NBA officiating career for his quickness in assessing technical fouls.

Javie is a graduate of La Salle College High School in Philadelphia, Pa., and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Temple University in 1976.

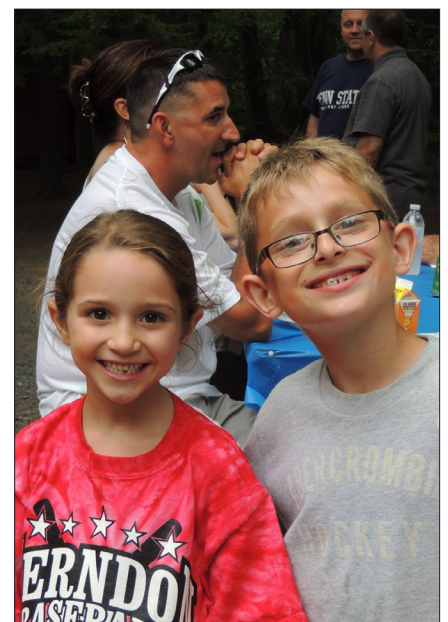
Along with his wife Mary Ellen, Javie started the Javie Foundation for

Charity to raise money for the homeless, disabled, abused and neglected children. He hosts an annual fundraising golf tournament to support a variety of causes in the Philadelphia metropolitan area.

After his presentation, the youth enjoyed an afternoon in the amusement park with unlimited rides on the park's attractions, before gathering together a 5 p.m. for a closing prayer service and departure.

The gathering was

the result of an initiative of Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka as part of an outreach to the young people of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



Happy Smiles!

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UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL

Celebrating the 23rd Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence



August 24, 1991

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

12:00 noon

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(Whippany, New Jersey)



Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
(Philadelphia, PA)



Innesa (Lviv, Ukraine)



(Washington, DC)



Vox Ethnika Orchestra (New York City)

12:00 – 1:30 Music and Dancing – Karpaty Orchestra

1:30 – 4:30 FESTIVAL STAGE CONCERT

Sponsored by:



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4:30 – “Zabava” Dance: VOX ETHNIKA

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Autobiography of Recently Ordained Rev. Walter Pasicznyk

A little background; my paternal grandfather came to the United States from a village near Stryj, Ukraine in 1929 followed by his wife and infant son in 1930. My father was born in Taylor, PA that December. My mother's family came in December of 1950 from having left Chernivtsi, Ukraine near the end of World War II. Both families eventually settled in Philadelphia where my parents met and married in the Cathedral on N. Franklin St., Philadelphia in 1963.

I was born in 1966 and have one brother and 4 sisters. My sister Anhel died during childbirth a month before my 8th birthday. My siblings and I were born in a span of four years and this helped us to be close to one another. I was Baptized, Christened and received First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion at St. Anne's in Warrington, PA where I also began to serve at the Altar when six years old, began reading the Epistles when 13 and attending ECF classes through High School.

We lived in Danboro, PA (North of Doylestown) on six acres, surrounded by mostly farmland. I attended public schools through high school (Central Bucks East) and upon graduation attended Boston University and transferred to Penn State earning my BS in Chemistry. I purchased a house in Hellertown, PA and transferred local parishes to St. Josaphat in Bethlehem, PA.

I worked one job for a short time as an Analytical Chemist and for nearly twenty years for Crest Ultrasonics in a role easiest to describe as Chemical Engineering. While I was never away from my Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and her traditions, I didn't feel particularly called to serve the church as a priest. This sense of calling would develop to the point where when I was

41 I knew God was calling me. I entered our Seminary, St. Josaphat, in Washington, DC in August of 2009 at the age of 43 and completed my studies at Catholic University of America in May 2014 and was ordained to the Priesthood by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka on the 22nd of June 2014.

I have many hobbies I enjoy such as restoring automobiles and motorcycles, road racing cars and motorcycles, playing ice hockey and other sports, wood working, photography, hunting, hiking, spending time outdoors and spending time with family and friends



Rev. Walter Pasicznyk speaks at Ukrainian Seminary Day on July 27, 2014. (Photo by Dr. Richard Barno)



Blessing of Cars in Melrose Park, PA

On Sunday, July 20, 2014 the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Melrose Park, PA celebrated the Feast of the Great Prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven on a fiery chariot. The glorious prophet Elijah is known as the patron saint of vehicles, reminding us that we must struggle to manifest holiness in our lives, especially when we travel.

Fr. Ihor Royik blessed the vehicles of the parishioners on the church's parking lot on Saturday, July 19th and Sunday, July 20th after each Divine Liturgy.



Fr. Royik blesses cars.

This blessing is not only to preserve the car and its passengers from all evil, but we also pray that this blessing may show us the way of salvation. We pray that the grace of God may help us to be ever intent on doing good works so that we may attain everlasting joys and blessings after the trials in our earthly pilgrimage are over. Thus, this blessing like all blessings is not a mere superstitious formula, but rather a reminder that it is through the grace of God that we are able to live the type of life which will bring about our salvation. The purpose of the blessing is not so much as to drive away evil spirits as it is a call for us to live Christ-like lives, dedicating all that we are and have to His divine plan.



Rev. Ivan Demkiv Blesses Cars of Parishioners at the Cathedral in Philadelphia on July 19 & 20th

(Photos: A. Hucaluk)



Blessing of Automobiles in Perth Amboy, NJ

The blessing of cars at Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ was held on Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20, 2014 following the Divine Liturgies.

Our Pastor, Fr. Ivan Turyk blessed over 100 cars in commemoration of the Feast of the Prophet Elajah who ascended into heaven, as the Second Book of Kings describes it: "...a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Because of this ascension of Elijah into heaven on a fiery chariot, it became the Byzantine tradition to bless chariots on this day. Eventually, this spread to all types of vehicles, so today Father blessed cars and kids scooters. Fr. Ivan, also gave to each driver a holy card of St. Christopher, who is the patron saint of travelers and motorists.



Fr. Turyk blesses cars.

Prayer for the Blessing of Automobiles

O Lord our God, Who makes the clouds Thy chariot and Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who has sent to Thy servant, the Prophet Elijah a chariot of fire, Who has guided man to invent this (car, truck, motorcycle, etc.) which is as fast as the wind. We thank Thee for Thou hast provided Thy servants with this vehicle to serve their various needs.



Therefore, O Master, pour out now upon it Thy heavenly blessings; assign to it a guardian angel to preserve it from all evil. And as Thou didst grant faith and grace by Thy deacon Philip to the man from Ethiopia who was sitting in his chariot and reading holy Scripture, show the way of salvation to Thy servants. So that helped by Thy grace and always intent on doing good works, they may after all the trials of their pilgrimage on earth, attain to everlasting joys, through the intercessions of our Most-pure Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and life-giving Cross; through the prayers of the holy Angels; of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and of all the Saints:

For Thou art the Provider and Sanctifier of all things and to Thee do we ascribe glory, and to Thy Only-begotten Son, and Thy All-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen

This Weekend!

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

LUC Meeting and Annual Picnic - August 17, 2014

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will hold a general meeting on Sunday, August 17, 2014 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 706 North Warren Street, Berwick PA. Moleben prayer service will be served at 2:00pm, business session at 2:30pm followed by a picnic at the nearby Everett residence. Agenda will include the upcoming Sobor of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the National Convention in Johnstown PA. For additional information contact: Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354 or any LUC member of the parish.



76th Annual Convention League of Ukrainian Catholics

Friday through Sunday, October 10 to 12, 2014*

The All Saints Chapter of the Western Pennsylvania Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is hosting this year's Convention in Johnstown PA. The Convention theme "We Are Called To Be Living Icons" will surely come alive through every activity planned for the three day event especially the keynote address by Rev. Dr. Mark Morozovich, Dean of The School of Theology of the Catholic University of America and the Icon Workshop conducted by Iconographer Cheryl Pituch of Davidsville PA.

LUC members, parishioners and friends are warmly welcomed to attend. It is an ideal opportunity to gather together with our hierarchy, clergy, religious and fellow LUCers from throughout the Archeparchy to enrich our Ukrainian Catholic faith as well as to enjoy some fun times together. Please refer to the accompanying Program and Registration Form.



76th Annual Convention
League of Ukrainian Catholics
Holiday Inn - Johnstown
Johnstown, PA
October 10, 11, & 12, 2014



Friday, October 10th

10:00AM - 5:00PM Registration
10:00AM - 5:00PM Hospitality Room Open
2:00PM - 4:00PM Board Meeting
6:30PM - 10:00PM Welcome Party

Saturday, October 11th

7:00AM - 9:00AM Hospitality Room Opens
9:00AM - 9:30AM Scenic drive to Revloc
9:30AM - 10:15AM Moleben to the Mother of God followed by Panachida at the church of the Protection of the BVM Church
10:15AM - 10:30AM Coffee Break
10:30AM - 11:30AM "We Are Called to be Living Icons" a workshop presented by Cheryl Pituch, Iconographer
11:45AM - 1:00PM Lunch
1:00PM - 3:00PM Scenic tour of the fall foliage and the National Johnstown Flood Memorial
4:30PM - 6:00PM Divine Liturgy at St. John the Baptist with the Most Rev. Bishop John Bura
6:00PM Cash Bar begins
6:30PM - 11:00PM Banquet
Key Note Speaker - Very Rev. Fr. Mark Morozowich
Music by - Rosie & the Jammers

Sunday, October 12th

8:30AM Leave hotel for church
9:00AM Divine Liturgy at St. John the Baptist Church
10:15AM Return to Hotel
12:00PM Brunch and Farewell At Anthony's Restaurant

Revised June 30, 2014



76th Annual Convention
League of Ukrainian Catholics
Holiday Inn - Johnstown
Johnstown, PA
October 10, 11, & 12, 2014



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Any questions contact: Jean Krasulski 606 Maple Avenue Johnstown, PA 15901
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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 Sunday, August 31, 2014. 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!





Everyone is invited to attend a
**UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
 FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**

**SPONSORED BY
 THE UKRAINIAN-AMERICAN CLUB OF OCEAN
 COUNTY**

Date: Sunday, August 24, 2014

Time: 11:30 a.m.

**Location: Street Flag-Pole Platform at
 Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church
 1344 White Oak Bottom Road,
 Toms River, New Jersey 08755**

*Light refreshments and a short program will be hosted
 in the St. Stephen Church hall immediately following the above.*

**We welcome new members to join
 the Ukrainian American Club (UAC) of Ocean County.
 If interested, please contact
 Gerry Tchir, President, UAC, at 732-364-6838.**

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FRIDAY	AUG. 22nd:	6am - 10 pm
SATURDAY	AUG. 23rd:	12 noon - 10 pm
SUNDAY	AUG. 24th:	11am - 7 pm

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT DAILY

2 for One	Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:30pm
Kazka	Sat. afternoon T.B.A
Midlife Crisis (Former members of Riff Raff & Small-town)	Sat. 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Polka Joe Manjack	Sun. 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Golden Tones	Sun. 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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 TOURS OF OUR CHURCH**

**Honoring Ukraine's Culture and Heroes at the
 Ukrainian Homestead - Lehighton, PA**

The 2014 Ukrainian Festival at the Ukrainian Homestead of ODWU, Inc. will celebrate Ukrainian song, dance, music, and culture and honor the heroes of the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity (Maidan protests). This year's festival will be held Saturday, August 16 from noon until 7 PM and Sunday, August 17 from noon until 6 PM, rain or shine in our outdoor picnic grove and large indoor dance hall facility, 1230 Beaver Run Drive, Lehighton, PA 18235. The festival features two stage shows on Saturday at 2 and 4:30 PM and one show on Sunday at 2 PM. Performers include the Karpaty Folk Song and Dance Ensemble from New York City, Violinist Innesa Tymochko-Dekajlo from Lviv, Ukraine, the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble from Schuylkill County, PA and the Dobriansky Brothers Vocal Ensemble of New York City. Accordionist Walt Syzonenko will provide music for the evening zabava (dance) which begins at 8 PM on Saturday. In addition to the stage entertainment, there will be a variety of vendors with traditional crafts and gift items as well as plenty of delicious Ukrainian and American foods. New to this year's festival is a children's area featuring That Bounce Place entertainment. Special cultural exhibits will also be on display.

Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka in St. Andrew's chapel on the festival grounds on Sunday, August 17 at 11 AM. Admission to the festival is just \$5 for one day or \$7 for two days and children 14 and under are admitted free of charge. For more information on this year's festival, visit www.ukrhomestead.com.

(PCC Article) Refuge Denied or Compassion Delivered?

by A.B. Hill

In May 1939, hundreds of Jewish men, women and children boarded the ocean liner St. Louis in their native Germany to flee Hitler's regime. The refugees were bound for Cuba to await their time when quotas for German immigrants would allow them into the United States. After many days at sea they arrived in Cuba only to be turned away. The ship turned north toward Miami, Florida. Surely the United States would provide a safe haven, they thought. The passengers had filed the proper paperwork for entry to the U.S., yet refuge was denied again. If the families got off the ship, they would be considered illegal immigrants. They had no choice but to return to violent, war-torn Europe.

A few families found safety in England, but more than two thirds of the St. Louis passengers did not escape the Nazis. Almost everyone was killed or enslaved in concentration camps.

What if we had granted asylum instead of deporting those desperate families back to starvation and the gas chambers?

Seventy-five years later there are still places in the world full of violence and despair. Currently there

is an exodus of children fleeing Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala looking for safety in the United States. They risk the dangerous journey to get away from gangs, drug cartels, human traffickers, and other organized crime. They face daily violence, corruption, endemic poverty with almost no chance for economic and educational opportunity. For some, the basic desire to reunite with family drives their exodus. Staying in their home countries means certain poverty, likely rape, and a high probability of being murdered.

As a nation we have a right to secure our borders and enforce laws to regulate citizenship, and we can also exercise compassion and influence positive outcomes for these children. We can both respond to this humanitarian crisis and respect the rule of law.

Providing basic care for the children already here will have minimal impact on local communities. When they arrive, every child receives a medical and mental health exam, tuberculosis screening, and any needed vaccinations. Any who are sick are treated; the children do not pose a public health risk.

Shelters supported by federal programs provide temporary food, clothing, shelter, education, and medical care. The children do not leave the shelter and the average stay is only 30 days. Most children have relatives here who can best care for them until their future is determined; others are placed with foster families. Detention of vulnerable populations such as children and asylum seekers is never appropriate.

A compassionate response to the immediate needs of these children is necessary, but it is not a permanent solution to the problem. We should provide quality legal representation for these young immigrants to ensure that we are not deporting anyone truly deserving of asylum. We should give more support to the immigration court system to alleviate backlogs and get the children in safe, permanent and healthy situations. This crisis underscores the overdue need for immigration reform.

Finally, we should implore the international community to address the problems in their home countries that are causing so many people to migrate in desperation.

We don't know the future, but history will judge us at this moment in time. Will the history books ask "what if" we did the right thing for our brothers and sisters in need? I pray that whatever we do to respond to the influx of immigrant children to the United States in 2014 will be seen as compassionate, positive, and permanent.

Learn more about the status of immigration reform from www.pacatholic.org and www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

Hill is Communications Director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference – the public affairs agency of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania. Stay up-to-date with Catholic news and issues at www.pacatholic.org, www.facebook.com/pacatholic, and www.twitter.com/pacatholic.

AUGUST 2014



NEW BISHOP NAMED FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS IN PARMA

7 August 2014

The Holy Father Francis appointed as Bishop of Saint Josaphat in Parma of the Ukrainians (USA), the Rev. Fr. Bohdan Danylo, from the clergy of Stamford Eparchy of the Ukrainians, the present Rector of the Seminary of St. Basil in the same eparchy.

Biography

The Rev. Fr. Bohdan Danylo was born 27 May 1971 in Gizycko, in the province of Suwalki in Poland.

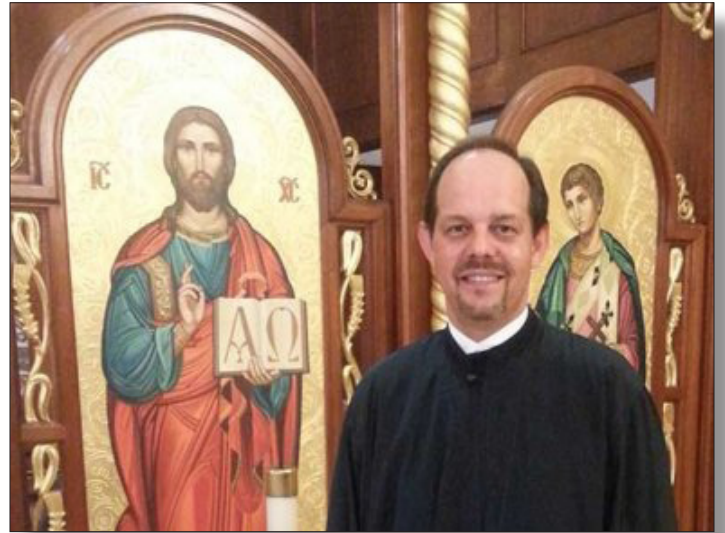
After studying philosophy in Lublin, he moved to the USA, where he received theological education at the Catholic University of Washington and was ordained a priest for the Eparchy of Stamford on October 1, 1996.

After a year of service as curate in the parish of St. Michael in Hartford, he was appointed Vice Rector of the Seminary of St. Basil's Cathedral in Stamford. He continued his studies at the St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary, Crestwood (NY) and then at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, where in 2005 he obtained his Licentiate in Theology.

He speaks English, Ukrainian, Polish and Russian.

Since 2005 he has been the Rector of the Seminary of St. Basil's Cathedral in Stamford and is a vocations to level Eparchial.

http://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/catholics/ugcc/57280/



Rev. Bohdan Danylo

Curriculum Vitae of Bishop-elect Bohdan J. Danylo

Bohdan J. Danylo, 43, was born May 22, 1971 in Gizycko, Poland, the son of Miroslaw and Olga Danylo (nee Gajocha). He is the older of two children. His sister Maria with her husband Bogdan Fedirko live in Chicago, Illinois.

Bishop-elect grew up in Przemysl (Peremyshl), where he attended grade school and high school. After graduating from II Liceum in 1990, he entered seminary formation at the Metropolitan Seminary in Lublin, and studied

philosophy at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. In 1992, he immigrated with his family to the United States of America where he continued his theological studies at the Catholic University of America while residing at

St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC. In 1996, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology.

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Curriculum Vitae of Bishop-elect Bohdan J. Danylo

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Bishop-elect has a connection to the Eparchy of Parma, inasmuch as his paternal grandfather, John Danylo was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1909 and left America for Eastern Europe before outset of World War I.

On October 1, 1996, Bishop-elect Danylo was ordained a priest for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford by Bishop Basil H. Losten at St. Basil Seminary chapel in Stamford, CT. For a year following his ordination he served as an assistant pastor at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hartford, CT. In 1997 he was assigned as the Dean of Men and

Procurator of St. Basil College Seminary. In 2001, he was appointed the Vice Rector of St. Basil College Seminary and served in this position until 2004.

In 2004/05, Bishop-elect resided at the Casa Santa Maria in Rome, where he earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Upon returning to the Eparchy of Stamford in September 2005, he was appointed Rector/President of St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Stamford, CT.

On August 12, 2007,

Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford bestowed on Father Danylo the title of Very Reverend Archbishop.

In his eparchial assignments Bishop-elect Danylo served as Vocations Director and Youth Director for the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Stamford, as secretary of the Presbyteral Council, as board member of the Eparchial Priests' Benevolence Plan, and as executive secretary of the Pastoral Council.

In addition Bishop-elect Danylo serves as secretary of the Patriarchal Commission

for Clergy in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and is a member of the Working Group for the Development of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

Bishop-elect Danylo also serves as Board Director of the Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics in America, and is a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America.

On August 7, 2014, Pope Francis appointed him the Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, OH.



Rev. Danylo and St. Vladimir Ukrainian School

Ecumenical prayer for peace continue in Kyiv

11 July 2014

Kyiv maintains a tradition of monthly ecumenical prayer for peace in Ukraine and worldwide. Each time the public prayers are held at the catholic St. Alexander Church, located near Maidan in Kyiv. St. Egidius' community invites everyone willing to join.

"Peace comes to people who have peace in their souls and hearts. And the main element for peace is a prayer. When we pray, God gives us peace, which is very important for our Ukraine, for people, for our priest Tikhon, whom we cannot find and for whom we are distressed. The peace is what builds up our independent Ukraine, comes from within ourselves", said the UGCC priest, Fr. Ihor Shaban.



The uniqueness of such events is the prayer that unites all denominations. The representatives of the Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant communities usually meet there. However, this is a useful reminder that the prayer for peace is needed more than ever, especially in terms of interfaith unity. During the prayers all the world's conflict zones needing settlement are mentioned. This we also mentioned Fr. Tikhon, who was captured by terrorists. There is also a prayer for the late Metropolitan Volodymyr (Moscow patriarchate) and a request to send the UOC-MP a wise shepherd who will bring closer the kingdom of God on earth.

The tradition of prayers for peace continues, they are held traditionally on a monthly basis in St. Alexander Chrch on Kostyolna street in Kyiv.

<http://risu.org.ua>

His Beatitude Sviatoslav enthrones new bishop.

15 July 2014

On July 13, in Prudentopolis in Brazil the UGCC Primate Patriarch Sviatoslav enthroned His Eminence Myron Mazur as a diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Immaculate Conception of the Holy Virgin. The event took place in the city's Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. After the enthronement the hierarchical Divine Liturgy was concelebrated by His Eminence Volodymyr Kovbych, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Archdiocese of St. John the Baptizer, His Eminence Danyil Kozlynsky, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of the Protecting Veil of the Mother of God in Argentina, Roman-Catholic Bishops from Brazil and numerous clergymen of the newly-established diocese.



In his sermon His Beatitude Sviatoslav told that the new body of the UGCC was created with regard to the new challenges the UGCC faces in Brazil. He urged to pray for successful development of the Diocese of Immaculate Conception of the Holy Virgin. "Pray that the life of the

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UGCC with the creation of this new diocese became more dynamic and would bring good fruit in future.

On July 15 a similar solemnity took place in one more Brazilian city of Cortiba. This day His Eminence Volodymyr Kovbych was enthroned as Archbishop and metropolitan of the Archdiocese of St. John the Baptizer, the UGCC Information Department reports.

Article adapted from <http://risu.org.ua>

Condolence letter of the UGCC Head to the Ambassadors of foreign countries whose citizens suffered tragic loss of lives due to alleged terrorist attack on July 17 2014

Friday, 18 July 2014

Your Excellency,

It is with great sadness that we have learned about the shooting down of a Malaysian airliner allegedly by terrorists with 298 people on board over eastern Ukraine. Hundreds of victims of military aggression against Ukraine were joined by the innocent lives of the citizens of other nations, including from your country. This tragedy has revealed that evil, which has been severing the body of our nation in recent months, is a real threat to the peace and security of the whole world.

Deeply saddened by this crime, we would like to convey our deepest condolences to the relatives and friends of the lost ones. Please be assured of our prayers and our closeness in this grief which became also our grief. "All Merciful Lord, embrace with Your loving care the souls of the innocently killed, and place them in the heavenly home of the righteous ones, granting them eternal peace and blessedness!"

Our entire Church prays for the eternal repose of the souls of the innocently killed. We remain united in our prayers with the families of the deceased and with all those suffering due to this tragedy.

We call upon the international community to employ all possible means to stop military aggression against Ukraine, to restore peace, and to prevent similar tragedy in the future. Let us pray to Almighty God to grant the gift of lasting peace for Ukraine and for the entire world.

+ Sviatoslav (Shevchuk)
Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych,
Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

<http://news.ugcc.ua>

Pope prays for Malaysia Airlines victims in Ukraine

18/07/2014

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis is praying for the victims of the deadly incident in Ukraine involving a Malaysia Airlines passenger plane. A statement from the Press Office of the Holy See reads: "The Holy Father, Pope Francis has learned with dismay of the tragedy of the Malaysian Airlines aircraft downed in east Ukraine, a region marked by high tensions. He raises prayers for the numerous victims of the incident and for their relatives, and renews his heartfelt appeal to all parties in the conflict to seek peace and solutions through dialogue, in order to avoid further loss of innocent human lives."



<http://en.radiovaticana.va>

Pope appeals for peace in Ukraine, Iraq and in Middle East

28 July 2014

Pope Francis on Sunday made another urgent appeal for an end to the conflicts in the Middle East, in Iraq and in Ukraine, Vatican Radio informs. Speaking after his regular Angelus address to thousands of people gathered in St Peter's Square, the Pope spoke of the victims of war, in particular the children who die or are injured and orphaned by the violence.



"I think especially of the children whose hopes for a dignified future are taken from them, dead children, injured and mutilated children, orphans and children who have bits of weapons as toys, children who don't know how to smile. Please stop, the Pope pleaded, I ask you with all my heart", pope said.

Pope Francis urged all those listening to his words to continue joining him in prayer that God might grant to the peoples and leaders in the Middle East, in Iraq and in Ukraine the wisdom and strength to pursue the path of peace with determination and to face each dispute with the force of dialogue and reconciliation. Every decision, he said, must not be based on particular interests but on the common good and on respect for each person.

Pope Francis also noted that Monday marks the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War which caused millions of victims and vast destruction. This conflict, he said, which the Pope of that time, Benedict XV, called a "senseless slaughter", resulted, after four long years, in a very fragile peace. Tomorrow, the Pope said, as we remember this tragic event, I hope that the mistakes of the past won't be repeated, but that the lessons of history will be taken into account, so that peace always prevails through patient and courageous dialogue.

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Apostolic Nuncio calls for prayer for Ukraine

05/08/2014

(Vatican Radio) "The Christian presence in Ukraine is one of the most important ones, I'd say, not only in the former Soviet Union, but probably even in Europe today," says Archbishop Thomas Gullickson, the Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine. "There's a sense of the presence of God in the lives of the people of Ukraine, and there's a Christian orientation."

As fighting continues in the eastern part of Ukraine, Christians throughout the country are working to respond to the radical changes that have occurred since protests began in Kyiv in November 2013. Speaking with Vatican Radio, Archbishop Gullickson shared his perspective on how Ukrainian Christians are responding to the crisis.

He said the events of recent months have been "terribly destabilizing" for Christians in general, and especially for the Orthodox. "Normally speaking," he said, "the Orthodox, at least in Slavic countries – Russia, Ukraine and so on – try to identify and in some way or another to relate to whoever happens to be the civil power. And they found themselves, with former President Yanukovich and his regime, in a situation where they, in conscience, could no longer sustain that kind of collaboration or that kind of contact, and they were trying to discover what it means to deal with civil society as Church. It was something very new for them. And a lot of growth took place."

Archbishop Gullickson noted that "Even within our Catholic community, and generally within the population, the hardships, the struggle, the danger of this period, has done an awful lot in terms of developing and strengthening a personal Christian awareness of people and has been a positive, almost, despite the questions you could normally ask about where is God in the midst of all of this and so on. But basically speaking it has been a catalyst for good, in terms of drawing people to a more consistent Christian way of living."

Ukraine is the home of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which, with more than 4 million faithful in Ukraine alone is easily the largest oriental Catholic Church in the world. There is also a small community of Latin Catholics present in Ukraine. Although Eastern and Western Catholics remain a minority in the largely Orthodox country, Archbishop Gullickson says "both, according to their capabilities and their abilities, have placed themselves at the service of the Ukrainian people." He said he was proud of the work Catholics were undertaking, especially in relation to their relatively small numbers.

The Nuncio, however, voiced his fears that the Roman Catholic presence in Ukraine might practically disappear if the country remains destabilized. The Greek Catholic Churches, he said, "may be even more at risk, but for different things, in terms of prosecution from the side of Russia and others who have never really accepted the reality of this beautiful church which is there, which is one of our great sources of pride as Catholic people."

Archbishop Gullickson asked for prayers for the people of Ukraine and for the nation, that the country may be able to survive without further destabilization. "I would ask for prayers," he said, "that the Lord in His mercy and in His goodness, would shine upon the people of Ukraine, [and] give them peace and freedom."

http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2014/08/05/apostolic_nuncio_calls_for_prayer_for_ukraine/1104024

New e-mail addresses at the Chancery Office.

Please note, some of the e-mail addresses at the Chancery Office of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia have changed beginning August 1, 2014.

You can find an updated list of e-mail address for the Chancery on our website at <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us> under the heading "Directory" at the top of the page. Thank you!



Blessing of Fruit on the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Rev. Joseph Szupa blessed fruit at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia on August 6, 2014, on the Feast of the Transfiguration.

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

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