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Faithful Receive New DVD "Why I Come to Church" during the Divine Liturgies on September 27-28 at parishes in the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

Here is the text from the Homily offered at all Parishes in the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia on the weekend of September 27-28, 2014.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

In today's Gospel, St. Luke describes a fascinating and awesome event. Jesus tells Peter to throw down his nets into the waters to catch some fish, though Peter spent the whole day fishing and caught nothing. You wonder what went through Peter's mind at this proposal. With all respect and humility to Christ, he replied, "Master, ... at

Your word I will let down the nets." And WOW! The MIRACLE happened! The catch was so enormous that both Peter's and James' and John's boats were filled to the brim. Astonished at this, he exclaimed, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" Then Jesus replied, "Do not be afraid. From now on

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Rev. Ivan Demkiv, Rev. Walter Pasicznyk and Subdeacon Roman Oprysk distribute DVDs at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA on September 28, 2014. (Photo: T. Bilyj)

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(Photo: Metropolitan Stefan and Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko)



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you will catch men.” The story ends “... when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.”

Does this event have any relevance to us Christians today? Are there parallels between our life’s journey of faith and that of Peter’s?

The response to these questions is absolutely, YES! Let us take a look why.

Pope Benedict XVI once reflected on this same biblical passage. He wrote, “... we (Christians) must bring men and women out of the sea that is salted with so many forms of alienation onto the land of life - into the light of God ... the purpose of our lives is to reveal God to men. And only where God is seen, does life truly begin ... when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is ... There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him.”



Blessing DVDs.

Peter’s boat symbolizes the Church, which finds itself within the world and society, which resemble the deep seas that on occasion can be turbulent and disturbing. Jesus masterfully took this opportunity to assign to Peter a new mission; no longer would he be a regular fisherman, but rather he becomes a “fisher of men”. What does this mean? He becomes a disciple of Christ, one who identifies himself to be like his Master, learning from Him as much as he can so that ultimately his life resembles the Lord. A disciple learns through the grace of the Holy Spirit to be another “Christ” in the world.

Today we call upon you, dear faithful, to take part in a special mission for our Church. To paraphrase our Lord, we say to you, “Cast out your net!” Christ coaxes us to walk the extra mile, to stretch ourselves outside of our comfort zones to be His disciples or co-workers wherever we may find ourselves, be it at home, rest or work; in fact anywhere we may find ourselves on the planet. Christ unendingly gave of Himself so much so that He sacrificed Himself on

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the Holy Cross to set the example of giving of oneself in service to others.

We entrust a beautiful DVD for you to view and most importantly to pass on to your relatives and friends – it is called “Why I Come to Church”. It is an invitation that we extend to others to meet Christ and come to know Him as our Beloved Master, who desires us to live life abundantly. What He offers us always is that which is best for us; it is in Christ where we find gifts of solace, peace and healing, amidst these confusing and trying times. In Church we find the spiritual aids that help us to take on the negative onslaughts and assaults of evil that encircle us. We are all in the same boat, traveling in life with hope to be with our Lord forever in eternity.



The Church also is our spiritual home, where Christ ever longingly waits for us with outstretched hands saying, “I am here to heal you.” Place all your burdens and needs on Me and I will bless you in return, not leaving you empty-handed. Bring me your brokenness, confusion, doubts and all your needs, and I, with joy, am here to heal you. And how we all need peace in our lives, be it spiritual, physical, psychological, etc. and we find this in His restoring mercy. Invite others to pause and think about coming to Church.

Come back home – to the Church, your spiritual mother. What mother could ever reject her children? She tenderly loves them and will do everything to keep them safe and willingly toils to keep them well-nourished and content. Our good Lord, Jesus Christ restores us when we unite ourselves with Him in the Mystical Supper of the Holy Eucharist. Christ is the supreme Nourisher and Provider of our lives – what a splendid reality this is! Invite those in your family and friends to come back home to His Church.



Let us never hoard these most precious gifts that Christ bestows on us, His gifts of loving mercy and forgiveness, of peace and joy, of life and eternal salvation. Rather in deep gratitude, let us generously and freely share them with others in their needs, and let us spread them far and wide. Do not be afraid to share His goodness. Let us bring the light of Christ to the world, as we embrace this challenge with joy and enthusiasm! Thank you for choosing to be a missionary of Christ by helping to distribute this free DVD, “Why I Come to Church”. May God abundantly bless all your efforts and labors.

Bulletin Inserts - "Why I Come to Church" DVD

BULLETIN INSERT for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2014

PRESENTATION OF "WHY DO I COME TO CHURCH" DVD

A young man approached a wise and pious older man with the question, "If God is present everywhere, why is it then that we have to go to church? We can worship God anywhere since He is everywhere." The wise man replied, "You know that water can be found everywhere – in the air, trees, grass, our bodies, etc. However, when we are thirsty, we always go to a well, the source of water. In the same way, God is everywhere, but the fullness of His presence is in church."

Nowadays we get thirsty, symbolically speaking, for many things in life – good education, peace, fame, justice, civil rights, comfortable living, etc. When we quench our "thirsts", what happens then? We find a new goal we are "thirsty" for, followed by another one and another one, ad infinitum.

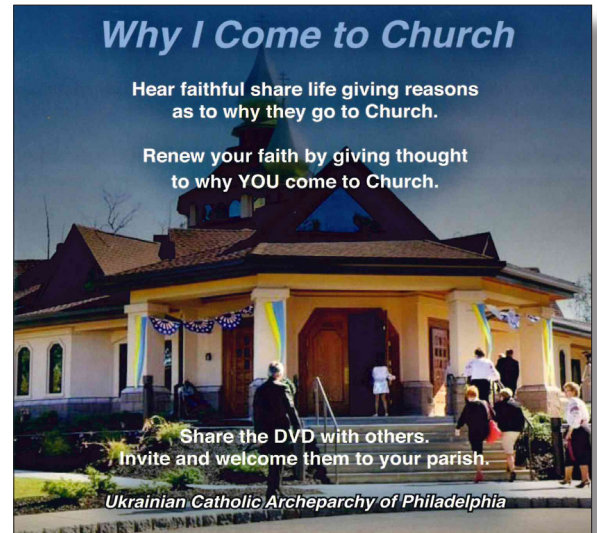
Once Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (Jn 4: 13-14). The water that Jesus is offering, is the Gospel, the Good News, that we hear when we are in church, in His Divine presence. There, we do not only acknowledge God's majesty, but we are able to do more – we receive His grace through the Sacraments celebrated in Church. Our spiritual lives get watered abundantly and we satisfy our primary thirst to know God better. Our faith gets stronger and deeper, and our love for Him grows immensely as the Scriptures say, "Rivers of living water will flow from within him" (Jn 7:38).

Please pick up a copy of our new DVD, "Why I Come to Church" in the vestibule of your church. The DVD is a compilation of testimonials from parishioners like you on why it is important for them to come to Church. Watch it with your family. Share the DVD with anyone who has not been coming to Church lately. By viewing this DVD it will help remind them of the reasons and benefits of going to Church. Invite them to our church for Divine Liturgy next Sunday! And "I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Ps 122:1).

BULLETIN INSERT for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2014

PRESENTATION OF "WHY I COME TO CHURCH" DVD

A pastor wanted to visit one of his parishioners who suddenly stopped coming to church. He was concerned for him, "This is not like Jim. He always loved to be in church, sang in our choir and served as a parish trustee." When the pastor arrived and rang the bell, Jim opened the door quietly, saying not a single word, but motioned with his hand to enter and sit with him by the fireplace. They sat down and watched as the wood logs were burning. Suddenly, a small piece broke off of a log and flew away from the fire. The piece continued to burn for a few short moments but then it stopped and got cold. The pastor got up



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from his chair, picked up the piece of the now cold wood and put it back into the fire where it instantly started to burn again. After a short time, the pastor left the home. The following Sunday the pastor was thrilled to see a familiar face. Jim was back in church. After the service, Jim came up to his pastor and said, "Thank you, Father, for visiting me. I saw what you did with the piece of wood. I too turned cold and unhappy after I left the church. I didn't realize how much I missed my parish. I am overjoyed to be back in church and re-ignited with my faith".



It is very difficult to start and keep a fire going with only one stick. It would not be able to give much light or heat, nor burn for a long period of time. However, if we are to gather a large pile of sticks and logs, imagine what a nice fire it would be!

Our spiritual lives are not consistent. We have ups and downs, moments of profound divine experiences followed by periods of indifference or even hopelessness. When we find ourselves in the latter state, it is not because God has forgotten about us or He does not love us anymore. Rather, we may be acting like Jim, quietly distancing ourselves from the practice of our faith, perhaps even no longer going to Church. We forget that the "church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints" (Abigail van Buren). Yet, when we come to a point in our lives when we look for healing for our souls, which have been wounded by sin, and for support and understanding of what we are going through, we can find this in church, where our Divine Physician is ready to give us a remedy. We can find a fellow Christian to help us carry our burdens. We can re-ignite our faith, hope and love for God again. We will then again be burning bright filled with the warmth of life. Remember the two disciples from Emmaus and how excited they were after they met and discovered the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened our minds to understand the Scriptures for us?" (Lk 24:32). Let us rediscover this experience anew through the Holy Mysteries at church!

The catechetical office of our Archeparchy has produced a short documentary "Why I Come to Church." It is a collection of people's reflections as to why they are attracted and compelled to come to church on Sunday and weekdays. Please pick up a copy of the DVD in your church vestibule and watch it at home with your family. Share it with your children and grandchildren; tell them about your own experiences of God's presence in your life, your reasons for going to church and why it is so important to you. Consider visiting someone you know who may appreciate seeing the DVD, or someone who may not be going to church lately. Present them with a copy of this DVD; invite them for services, activities and socials in your parish. They may one day thank you like Jim thanked his pastor for visiting him. The prophet Isaiah says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"

BULLETIN INSERT for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2014

PRESENTATION OF "WHY I COME TO CHURCH" DVD

A bus was moving down a main street on a cold November Monday morning. As the driver was stopping to pick up and drop off passengers, he noticed how quiet everyone was. Some were trying to catch a

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snooze, some were reading newspapers, and others were looking out of their windows. The driver decided to do something about it. He picked up a microphone and greeted his passengers, "Good Morning to you all! This is your driver speaking. Please put down your newspapers and stop looking out of the windows. Instead, take a look at the person sitting next to you and say, 'Good Morning, my good neighbor!'" Reluctantly at first, passengers started to turn around, then greet one another and shake hands. Very soon the bus was full of loud conversations and laughter. And the driver was happy.

Living in a culture that emphasizes individualism is very difficult, if not contrary, to our nature as to who we are. The fact is that we are social beings that need to communicate, seek-out and rely on the support of others in any given circumstance. As a result a society is formed by a group of individuals that agree to live and observe certain norms and contribute to the common good, all the while enjoying privileges that the society has to offer. Most of all, there is a purpose.

The Church of Christ is also a society, arranged and based on the Gospel. We become members of that society or the Church at baptism. Upon receiving the Sacrament, we become partakers of divine grace, heirs to the Kingdom of God in heaven and on earth. As baptized Christians, we become members of the visible Church that helps us to grow and mature in our faith and learn and discover the beauty, love and majesty of God. This is the God Who loves us so much that He allowed His only Son to be crucified and die on the cross so that each of us may have life in full - eternal life. Growing in faith is a process that may be compared to growing flowers or vegetables in our gardens. It is not enough just to plant seeds and think that tomorrow we will cut a beautiful bouquet of flowers or pick a basket full of vegetables. We need to pull weeds, water and fertilize the soil. Our faith requires constant prayer and the grace of God to produce its fruit in us.

Working long hours, attending children's sports games, helping them with homework, taking care of our household and family are challenging tasks. We may be tempted to choose what we need to do and what we can skip or put off. However, one thing we should never let ourselves miss is coming to church. God knows how hard you work, your problems, difficulties and troubles. There is nothing that He does not know or we may surprise Him with. This is why He asks us to come to our spiritual home, our church, to get that hour of peace and tranquility, and enjoy time in His presence. Where else would we find the grace of God if not in prayer and in receiving the Sacraments? This is how we can fertilize and water our faith so that it may grow.

Recently, our department of Religious Education has produced a short documentary "Why I Come to Church", which is now being distributed. Many faithful of all ages and groups have shared their stories of how they feel the need to be in church regularly. One respondent said that she loves to feel being part of a larger community that shares the same beliefs.

The bus in this story is the Church and the driver is God who wants to take us to our ultimate home – eternity, "so that where I am, you also may be" (Gospel of John). Would you take a seat on that bus or offer it to someone whom you love and care? Please take a free copy of the DVD "Why I Come to Church", watch it and pass it along to others. Thank you for your kindness and faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 5, 2014



The Lord said: "Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Lk. 6, 31 – 36)

Today's secular and materialistic world offers the following challenge to us and our Christian faith: Show that Christ's love is still alive in hearts and is reflected in thoughts, words and actions. The world wants to see a love that is visible, a love that is alive and sincere, a love that finds hands outstretched to welcome and hearts open to receive with affection and trust. What the world needs is a miracle of love that will transform the hearts of people, society and the world.

The greatest service Christians can give to the world and to one another is to reveal by a model life what Christianity really means to us and thereby raise eyes and sights above the material and temporal to the spiritual and eternal.

Christian life is a fraternal life since we

are united as brothers and sisters in Christ. Christianity teaches us that we are no nearer to God than we are to our neighbor since God identifies Himself with our neighbor, who is within easy reach of our love. "As often as you did it to one of my brothers, you did it to Me." We cannot separate Christ from His Body. St. Augustine tried to explain this doctrine to his people in his diocese of Hippo when he said, "It is a very strange thing. If I step on your foot, it is your tongue that cries out. I did not do a thing to your tongue. I stepped on your foot."

What affects one member of the Body of Christ affects His entire Mystical Body. St. Paul learned this when he was thrown to the ground on his way to Damascus. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" "Tell me,

Lord," Saul responded, "who are you?" The voice answered, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:4-5).

To love everyone is a Christ-like love. To love is to have confidence and trust in that individual, to see the good and potential that exists for the better. Let us take the example of a few individuals. Jesus looked at people beyond external appearances and looked for the potential for good in Mary Magdalene, something no one had discovered in her. Others had judged and condemned her. Jesus, on the other hand, showed his love for her and accomplishes what others had never been able to do. This was also true of Zacchaeus, the despised tax collector, who climbed a tree to see Jesus.

Jesus loved both

Mary Magdalene and Zacchaeus and believed in them. He did not say, "dealing with these types of persons is a waste of time; they are hopeless. Love can make a difference. If others had shown more interest, more affection, more sensitivity, concern, generosity and love, the hardened exteriors may have been softened to reveal lonely and love-starved hearts.

Many people tend to reserve favors for those they love or are fond of, and are not adverse to showing dislike and resentment to those they do not like, or whom they consider to be enemies.

God, however, "makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and send rain on the just and on the unjust" (Matt. 5:45). There is no

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reluctance on His part to heal and reconcile. He has given us the example of true love and mercy by the countless times He has forgiven us. He is always willing to forgive no matter how often we may offend or reject Him.

To love and to be witnesses of Christ's love to others is no easy task. It is easy to love friends but more difficult to love non-friends. We cannot require others to change before we show them our love. If we wait until we believe they deserve our love, we can wait and wait. We must love them in a way in which they need to be loved – in Christ. Without God our

love becomes sterile.

The difficulty in loving non-friends is very evident in the lives of each of us, yet it is what makes true Christians. It is the real test of our Christian faith. Jesus reminds us of this in a very specific way: "If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. Again, if you do good only to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do as much...But you love your enemies and do good...and you will have a rich reward: you will be sons of the Most High, because He Himself is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate" (Luke 6:32-36).

In speaking of our relationships with others, we must remember that the "golden rule" is not the exclusive doctrine of Christians. The following reflects this: Christianity: "Always treat others as you would like them to treat you; that is the law and the prophets." Judaism: "What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. This is the entire law: all the rest is commentary." Brahmanism: "This is the sum of duty. Do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you." Buddhism: "Hurt not others in ways that

you yourself would find harmful."

We must always remember that hate cannot be cured with hate, nor violence with violence. Evil is never cured by doing more evil even if it is to try to remedy it. This only doubles the amount of evil and the response will usually be vengeance. "Never in the world does hatred cease by hatred; hatred ceases by love."

(By Bishop Michael J. Dudick)



Collector of Ukrainian parish histories is seeking an original copy of the 100th anniversary (1910-2010) commemorative book for SS. Peter and Paul's Ukrainian Catholic Church of Cleveland OH. Please contact John Schweich (jtschweich@gmail.com; Tel: 724-709-8006) 142 Congressional Lane Beaver PA 15009.

This Weekend!

Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great Eighty-third Annual Pilgrimage

“Call to Holiness”

The Life of Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky on the 70th Anniversary of his Death

Sunday, October 5, 2014

9 am - 11 am	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Monastery Grounds</i>
10 am	Rosary Mothers in Prayer	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
11 am	Procession Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) Celebrant: Most Rev. Metropolitan - Archbishop Stefan Soroka Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the U. S. Homilist: Very Rev. Archpriest Ivan Kaszczak Choir: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C	<i>From Basilian Spirituality Center Faculty House Auditorium</i>
1:30 pm - 5 pm	Food Service	<i>Food Court Parking Lot</i>
2 pm - 4 pm (promptly)	Presentation: Movie: Metropolitan Andrey	<i>Basilian Spirituality Chapel</i>
3 pm – 3:45 pm	Rosary Mothers in Prayer	<i>Shrine: Our Lady of Pochayiv</i>
3:45 pm	Blessing of Religious Articles	<i>Shrine: Our Lady of Pochayiv</i>
4 pm - 5 pm	Moleben/Mystery of Holy Anointing (Bilingual) Celebrant: Ukrainian Bishops and Concelebrating Clergy Homilist: Very Rev. Archpriest Ivan Kaszczak Choir: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C	<i>Shrine</i>
5 pm	Blessing of Cars and Buses	<i>Parking Lot</i>



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PRAY FOR UKRAINE WITH METROPOLITAN ANDREW SHEPTYTSKY SUN., NOV. 2 AT 4 PM IN PHILA. UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

Please participate in offering PRAYERS FOR INTERCESSION FOR UKRAINE to the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 833 Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA on Sunday, November 2nd, 2014 with a Moleben to Metropolitan Sheptytsky beginning at 4 pm. A candlelight procession will follow to the monumental statue to this Servant of God located on the Cathedral grounds.



Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky led the people of Ukraine through a time of invasion and occupation by both Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Soviet Union. His faith persevered and inspired an oppressed people as they coped with those aggressors. Today, his saintly soul awaits our petitions for his intercession for our beloved Ukraine facing a new aggressor. Come and pray as one family, as one people for those who need our prayers and support.

All are encouraged to attend and offer their prayers for intercession for Ukraine to the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky on Sunday, November 2nd, at 4 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pa.



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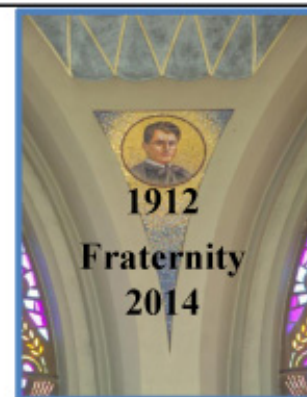
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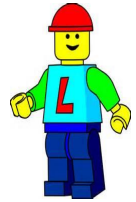
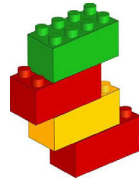
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Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church TRICKY TRAY



Date: Sunday, October 19th, 2014

Time: Doors open at 12:30 PM
First drawing at 2:00 PM

Where: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church
315 Fourth Street, West Easton, PA 18042

\$10 admission includes first sheet of tickets.
Many prizes valued at \$100+! Door prizes and 50/50 raffle!
All ages are welcome!

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baked goods and more will be available to purchase.

Top prizes include: Surface Tablet, Beats Headphones,
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www.HolyGhost-Ukrainian-Catholic.org



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Sunday, November 9th



Doors open at 12 noon

Auction begins at 1:30pm

Admission \$4.00 or 3 for \$10.00

Light Lunch Available



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Religious Education Program in Shamokin, PA

Transfiguration Parish
Religious Education



ATTENTION PARENTS and INTERESTED PARISHIONERS:
An Important Announcement about our New
Religious Education Program

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CCD CLASSES will be beginning
at Transfiguration parish in October for all children grades 1 - 8.
The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate will be helping us with our
Religious Education Program this year.

Learning about our faith is a very essential part of our children's education.
As parents you are their primary educators in the faith. Thank you for making their relationship with God
a priority in your lives and in theirs. Please help them to grow in their knowledge and faith, even more,
by participating in the Religious Education Program offered by Transfiguration Parish.

PARENTS: An Informational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 5, immediately
following the Divine Liturgy. Please come with any questions or ideas.
Please complete the registration form below and return it to the Parish
Office as soon as possible so that we can better plan for your children.

*** NOTE: We are planning to include some class trips
for the children. Only those children attending
Religious Education classes will be allowed
to participate in the trips.



We will also offer opportunities for Adult Faith
Enrichment in the coming year.
More information will be available soon!

Help create a more Vibrant Parish by your interest and participation!

If you have any questions, feel free to call Fr. Mykola at the parish office (570) 648-5932,
or call Sister Natalya at St. Nicholas Convent at (570) 544-3639. God bless you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / CCD REGISTRATION

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Parents' Names: _____

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PLEASE LIST EACH CHILD ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October 19, 2014

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral
of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



We invite all our married faithful to join with our
Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka
at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral October 19, 2014
for the celebration of their Wedding Anniversaries
at a Divine Liturgy at 11:00AM
followed by a Banquet in their honor.

Registration Form:

Husbands Name _____
Wife's Name _____
Address _____
Parish _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Years Married _____
Number of Guests _____

Deadline for Registration October 5, 2014

Cost: \$50.00 per Anniversary Couple \$30.00 Per Guest

Mail to: Office for Evangelization 827 N Franklin Street Philadelphia PA19123
Make checks payable to Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA

Children blessed at a special Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA

On Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 11:00 AM a Children's Divine Liturgy was



celebrated at the Cathedral. At the conclusion of the Liturgy, all children were asked to stand in the center aisle of the Cathedral where Rev. Ivan Demkiv read a special prayer over the children and blessed them with Holy Water. Each child in attendance received a special picture of a Guardian Angel protecting little children. After the ceremony, Subdeacon Roman Oprysk encouraged the boys to consider becoming Altar Boys at the Cathedral.



Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia Social Media Sites

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia has embarked on a new social media campaign. In support of the New Evangelization efforts and to achieve both our Church's Vision 2020 and Vibrant Parish initiatives, the Archeparchy has recently launched new social media accounts on applications including Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Vimeo, Facebook, google+, YouTube, and Blogger. Sites like YouTube and Blogger have long been associated with the name "thewayukrainian." The new social sites are using a new dedicated email address: social@ukrcap.org. The newly announced services and their names are included in this document. The existing sites and contact information are also provided for your reference.



Twitter is a tool to give everyone the power to create and share ideas and information instantly, without barriers. Our twitter account is **@socialukrcap**



Instagram is a fun and quirky way to share your life with friends through a series of pictures. Snap a photo with your mobile phone, then choose a filter to transform the image into a memory to keep around forever. We're building Instagram to allow you to experience moments in your friends' lives through pictures as they happen. We imagine a world more connected through photos. Our Instagram account is **socialukrcap**



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Vimeo was founded by a group of filmmakers who wanted to share their creative work and personal moments from their lives. As time went on, likeminded people discovered Vimeo and helped build a supportive community of individuals with a wide range of passions. Today, millions of people from all around the world enjoy Vimeo. Our Vimeo account is **SOCIALUKRCAP**

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Facebook is an online social networking service. Users may create profiles, add other users as friends, exchange messages, post status updates and photos, and receive notifications when others update their profiles. Additionally, users may join common-interest user groups, organized by workplace, school or college, or other characteristics, and categorize their friends into lists such as "People From Work" or "Close Friends".

Our Facebook pages are:

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Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
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YouTube allows billions of people to discover, watch and share originally-created videos. YouTube provides a forum for people to connect, inform, and inspire others across the globe and acts as a distribution platform for original content creators and advertisers large and small. Our YouTube account is **thewayukrainian**



Blogger is blog publishing services that allows for time stamped entries allowing organization to publish frequently updated news items, along with photos and videos. One of the features is that blogging allows for feedback through the comments section of the news items. The Way has a blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

Metropolitan Stefan to Consecrate New Church in Toms River, NJ on Sunday, October 12, 2014

Toms River, NJ— Sunday, October 12, 2014, the parish family of St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church here will experience the joy of achieving its long awaited goal of having a new church in which to give praise, glory and honor to Almighty God.

Rev. Roman Dubitsky, founding pastor of St. Stephen's parish, Rev. Ivan Turyk, former pastor and presently pastor of Assumption BVM parish, Perth Amboy, NJ, and Rev. Oleksandr Dumenko, who is the present parish administrator, together with all invited clergy.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will be the main celebrant for the solemn consecration of the new church during liturgical services which will begin at 2 p.m.

Under the pastoral guidance of Father Roman Dubitsky, St. Stephen's parish was founded in 1986. For several years the young Ukrainian Catholic parish community gathered on Sundays for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Toms River.

Concelebrating clergy will be Very Rev. Joseph Szupa, Chancellor; Very Rev. Taras Lonchyna, Protospesbyter of the New Jersey Deanery and pastor of St. Josaphat Church, Trenton, NJ,

In 1993, through the hard work and sacrifices of the faithful, the parish acquired land and built a multi-purpose social



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hall, which also served as worship space for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and other religious services.

connects to the social hall with a common entrance area and features three traditional golden domes, on its roofline.

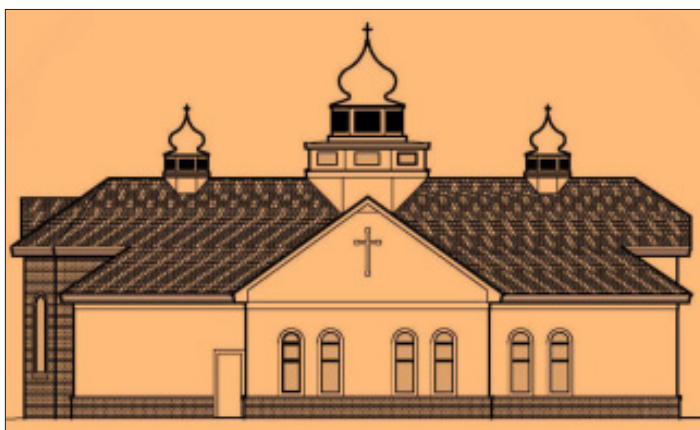
However, the goal was always to build a church to serve the spiritual needs of the parish. Under the leadership of Father Dumenko, with the blessing of Metropolitan Soroka, plans were designed and approved for the construction of the new church.

The existing parish community center will now be able to be used exclusively for religious education and social events including receptions, fundraising efforts, and other cultural and religious outreach activities for the parish community.

The new house of God was designed by Architect Richard Luthringer and built by 3D Contracting, Inc (Doug DeSandolo). It has a seating capacity of 150 people, accessible to all parishioners and guests. The church

On Sunday July 13th, 2014 Metropolitan Soroka blessed the cornerstone for the new church. He was joined by Father Dubitsky, Rev. Deacon Paul Makar,

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and Father Dumenko for the ceremony, which was attended by over a hundred parishioners and guests.

The stone, specially imported from India, was donated by the 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 and placed in the corner stone. Building Committee members and parishioners Wolodymyr Powzaniuk, Raymond Bonczek, Walter Krynicki and Stepan Dziaba carried the cornerstone and time capsule to the special location in the new church designated for the cornerstone.

Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church located

at 1344 White Oak Bottom Road in Toms River, New Jersey, is presently the spiritual home of approximately 120 families in the Ocean County Ukrainian-American community in New Jersey.

“Through faith, hard work and determination, our parish family continues to expand and we already look forward to our 30th anniversary in 2016,” commented

Father Dumenko.

He continued, “We cordially and joyfully invite you and your family to the solemn consecration of our new St. Stephen’s Church on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at 2 p.m.”

COMMITTEE FOR THE ENRICHMENT OF WOMEN PLAN 2015 RETREAT PROGRAM

The Archieparchial Committee for the Enrichment of Women, under the chairmanship of Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province, met on Tuesday, September 30th in the Chancery Boardroom to plan the retreat program for women of the archeparchy for 2015. Responses gathered from a survey undertaken amidst women of the archeparchy were reviewed. The planning committee, composed of religious Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, and lay women from different parts of the archeparchy made plans to provide retreat experiences for women in different deaneries as opposed to offering it in one central location as previously done. We encourage all women of the archeparchy to watch for news on an upcoming program with the theme, *Faith in the Families*.



REFLECTIONS ON SYNOD OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS 2014

By Metropolitan Stefan Soroka

The Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops took place just outside Lviv in Ukraine from September 7th to 14th, 2014. Forty Bishops from Ukraine, Central and Western Europe, North and South America, and Australia participated in the 7 days of intensive discussion and discernment on various topics and needs of our Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide. The atmosphere at the Synod was somewhat subdued due to the ongoing war and conflict continuing in eastern Ukraine. The Synod began and concluded with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated in St. George's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Cathedral in Lviv. The closing Liturgy commemorated the significance for our Church of the 25th anniversary of the legalization of our Church after 40 years of suppression in the catacombs. The Synod Fathers also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the death of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj (1892-1984) with a celebration of the Panachyda Services at his tomb in the crypt of St. George's Cathedral.

The Synod sessions began with a significantly greater number of dignitaries present from other Churches, offering their greetings and words of support. Among them was the Apostolic Nuncio of Ukraine, Most Rev. Archbishop Gullickson, and Episcopal Representatives from the Catholic Conferences of various countries. Among them was Most Rev. Blaise Cupich representing the Catholic Conference of the United States of America and its sub-committee for Aid to Catholic Churches in Central and Eastern Europe. With him was Mr. Declan Murphy, Director of this office which continues to provide very significant aid to the development of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine. Other Episcopal Conferences represented were from Germany, France, Italy, and Poland, and the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine.

The agenda of the Synod was very full but well facilitated by our very capable Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk with the assistance of the Synod Secretary, Bishop Bohdan Dziurakh. The sessions began with

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Patriarch Shevchuk pauses before tomb of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj following a Panachyda celebrated by the Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the crypt of St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, Ukraine.



The Chapel dedicated to the memory of Blessed Niketa Budka at the Spirituality Center where the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops met. The iconostasis is made of glass.

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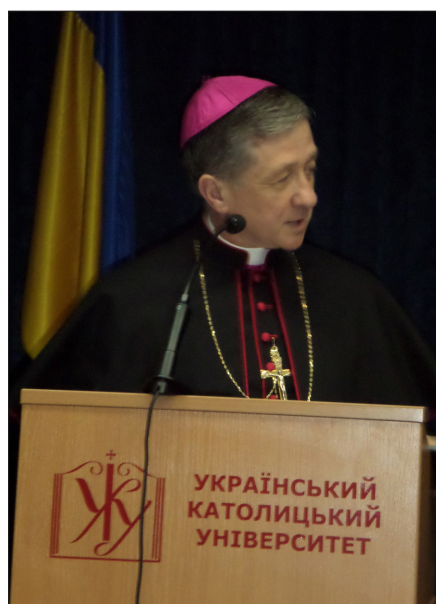
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the presentation of the status of our Church and its vision as seen by our spiritual father and leader, Patriarch Sviatoslav. A review of the Vibrant Parish initiative was also included. The main theme of the Synod focused on the use of our God-given gifts for Christian salvation. The main presenters were Bishop David Motiuk of the Edmonton Eparchy in Canada, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM of the Stamford Eparchy in USA, Rev. Dr. Andrew Onuferko of the Andrew Sheptytsky Institute in Ottawa, Canada, and Dr. Volodymyr Sheremeta of Lviv, Ukraine – all of whom reflected on the theme from different perspectives – theological, liturgical, pastoral and ecological. The influence of secularization and globalization on evangelization was discussed. The need of the Church and its clergy and bishops becoming better prepared and versed to address these needs was developed. The Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church now being translated into different languages may be particularly helpful in evangelization efforts.

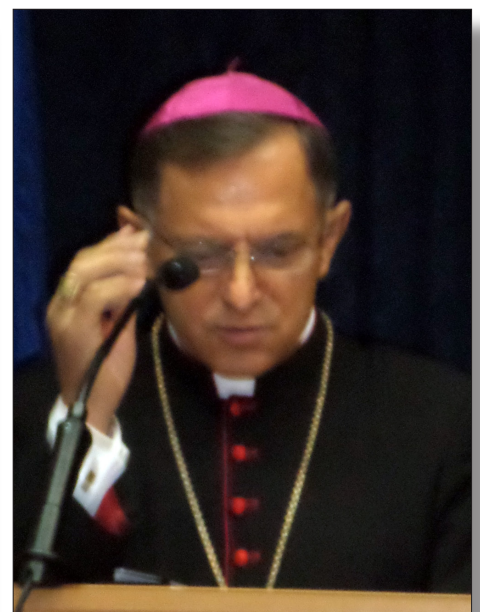
The Synod Fathers also considered various other themes and needs, among them canonical and administrative matters; developments in our Church's Particular Law; the continued development and evolution of our Church's Vibrant Parish initiative; the needs of the Patriarchal Curia; reports from specific Synodal Committees, among which were the Theological Committee, the Committee for Marriage and Family Life, the Committee on Monastic Life, the needs of the Military Chaplaincy; Financial Reports, Budgets, Collections of the Patriarchal Curia; report of the completion of the Cathedral of the Resurrection; various liturgical issues; plans for the Sobor of the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide planned for 2015; The Year Commemorating Metropolitan Sheptytsky, and plans for the Synod in 2015 to take place in the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk. One of the main purposes was the review of candidates for the episcopacy



Most Rev. Thomas Gullickson, Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine offers words of greetings to the Synod Fathers during the Opening Session held in the auditorium of Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv.



Mot Rev. Blaise Cupich represented the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops at the Opening Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Opening Session of the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on September 8th, 2014.



Archbishop Mietek of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Lviv, Ukraine brings greetings to the Synod Fathers.

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and the election of candidates for positions needing to be filled.

Various communications prepared and sent by the Synod to the Holy Father, to the various Churches, political leaders, and to others attempted to share the main focus of our deliberations. However, most important on the minds of those participating was the need to communicate with our faithful. Messages to the faithful were presented as were our remembrance of all of our clergy, religious and faithful in our steadfast daily prayers and Liturgies. The experience of being one Church, its shepherds gathered together in the bond of fraternity and love for Jesus Christ, our Savior, is overwhelming. One feels the presence of the Holy Spirit directing the proceedings and intercessions by those present. We come away more aware of our need for one another and for increased trust in prayer in our merciful and generous God who provides richly for our Ukrainian Catholic Church. Our hearts are grateful to all who prayed for our deliberations, for our safety, and for your holy Church! God bless you!



Mr. Declan Murphy, Director of the USCCB Office for the Sub Committee for Aid to Catholic Churches in Central and Eastern Europe accompanied Bishop Blaise Cupich for the Opening Liturgy and Opening Synod Session in Lviv, Ukraine. Also pictured is Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk.



Metropolitan Stefan and Bishop Koltyn share in the planting of a tree on the grounds of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Lviv, Ukraine, done in memory and appreciation for the Fallen Victims of the Maidan.



Metropolitan Stefan poses with family members in Ukraine during a visit to the village of Verchna Bilka.

UKRAINE'S PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER IMPACT PUBLIC OPINION IN USA

By Metropolitan Stefan Soroka

The address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress by President Petro Poroshenko and his visit with President Obama on September 18th, 2014 were monumental opportunities for the American public to learn first-hand of the current chaotic situation in eastern Ukraine with the aggression seen by terrorists and the Russian army. President Poroshenko gave an impassionate plea for active support by America and all western nations to preserve the territorial integrity of Ukraine – a commitment made by major nations on the occasion of the surrender of the nuclear arsenal by Ukraine. Compromise of Ukraine's territorial sovereignty will undoubtedly lead to continued aggression and challenge to the territorial integrity of other Eastern European nations, and destabilize world peace. His speech was well attended and well received by those in attendance. We pray and hope that his intercession will positively impact and expedite the process of directing much needed aid for Ukraine at this time of crisis.



Metropolitan Stefan Soroka greets President Petro Poroshenko at a reception following the President's Address to the combined Houses of Congress on September 18th.

I had the privilege of sitting next to the wife of President Poroshenko during his address to Congress. Her love for Ukraine and her hope for its future as a dynamic place for her children to grow and prosper came across in her sharing. Especially noticeable was her joy at speaking of their recently born grandson.

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Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko during his Address to the Joint Meeting of Congress in Washington, DC. (Photo: <http://www.president.gov.ua>)



Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka had the privilege of sitting next to the wife of President Poroshenko during his address to Congress. (Photo: <http://www.president.gov.ua>)

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Mrs. Poroshenko impressed as a very warm and considerate first lady, very much committed to the ideals shared with her husband in providing the much needed leadership Ukraine needs today.

The Prime Minister of Ukraine, Mr. Arseniy Yatsenyuk, addressed the United Nations in the absence of the President, Mr. Poroshenko on September 24th. He emphatically spoke of the crisis facing Ukraine and of the need for world powers to recognize the severity of the situation, and its potential impact on neighboring countries. He called for a more aggressive and timely response and support for Ukraine by the major western powers particularly. A similar message was delivered by Prime Minister Yatsenyuk to a significant crowd of participants at a banquet planned to honor President Poroshenko on September 25th, 2014 in New York City. The banquet was organized and facilitated by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America. Those in attendance were also privileged to hear an address by the Minister for Cultural Affairs of Ukraine who conveyed much enthusiasm and hope for Ukraine.



Metropolitan Antony, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Eugene Czoliy, President Ukrainian World Congress, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, Ukrainian Prime Minister, Tamara Olexy, President Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, and Metropolitan Stefan Soroka at the banquet. (Photo: <https://www.facebook.com/yatsenyuk.arseniy>)

We pray that the good and merciful Lord continue to provide Ukraine with leadership committed to the development of the democratic ideals we all herald and desire for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.



Metropolitan Stefan, Metropolitan Antony and Bishop Daniel of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, pose with Yevhen Nyshchuk the Minister for Cultural Affairs of Ukraine.



Metropolitan exchanges fond words of greetings with the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Mr. Arseniy Yatsenyuk during the planned Reception honoring the President of Ukraine. The Prime Minister offered the major presentation at the Banquet gathering of some 800 people at the Astoria Waldorf Hotel in New York City. (Photo: Ulana Mazurkevich)

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

- OCT. 1 FEAST OF PATRONAGE OF MOTHER OF GOD, UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PHILADELPHIA.
- OCT. 3 ARCHIEPARCHIAL CELEBRATION OF 90TH BIRTHDAY OF ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS STEPHEN SULYK – DIVINE LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING IN CATHEDRAL AT 1:00 PM FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION IN BISHOP'S RESIDENCE.
- OCT. 5 ARCHIEPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE AT MONASTERY OF SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT, FOX CHASE, PA. HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 11:30 AM; MOLEBEN TO MOTHER OF GOD AT 4:00 PM.
- OCT. 6 PRESS INTERVIEWS REGARDING NEW MYRRH BEARERS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SWARTHMORE, PA.
- OCT. 8 ARCHIEPARCHIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.
- OCT. 9-12 VISIT OF BISHOP DAVID MOTIUK OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF EDMONTON, CANADA.
- OCT. 12 BLESSING AND FIRST DIVINE LITURGY AT NEW CHURCH FOR ST. STEPHEN UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, TOMS RIVER, NJ.
- OCT. 13-16 MEETING OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS, SUPERIOR DULUTH, MN.
- OCT. 19 HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY CELEBRATING MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES AT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FOLLOWED BY RECEPTION HONORING JUBILARIANS.
- OCT. 22 MASS, RECEPTION, RIBBON CUTTING OF INAUGURATION OF NEW PERMANENT EXHIBIT, "A GIFT OF LOVE – THE LIFE OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II", ST. JOHN PAUL II NATIONAL SHRINE, WASHINGTON, D.C.
- OCT. 23 VISIT TO ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC SEMINARY, WASHINGTON, D.C.
- OCT. 24 MEETING OF CLERGY OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA IN ANTICIPATION OF SOBOR.
- OCT. 25 SOBOR OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA.
- OCT. 28 MEETING OF CATHEDRAL OUTREACH 2015 COMMITTEE.

The Head of the UGCC arrives in Melbourne

Sunday, 21 September 2014

The Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk in the framework of the pastoral visit to Australia arrived on September 19, in Melbourne.

A few dozen members of the Ukrainian community in Melbourne and the local clergy came to congratulate the Primate. The children met their Preacher with bread, salt and doves of peace, which His Beatitude let go into the sky.



It should be noted that in Melbourne lives one of the largest Ukrainian parishes in Australia. Here the Head

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of the church will have the spiritual meetings with children, youth and families, as well as representatives of local authorities. On Sunday His Beatitude will serve the Pontifical Liturgy in the church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

The parishioners denote the arrival of the Head of the Church in their community as historical. People with tears of joy greeted His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

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Adapted from an article on: <http://news.ugcc.ua>

UGCC Head urges Australian Ukrainians not to be afraid to come to Ukraine

Monday, 22 September 2014

“Today Ukraine is in a desert. Our people wanted so much to be free, they wanted to answer the call of our God to cross over from servitude to freedom, that they followed Him to where He led them...” This was what today on September 18th, the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav said during the Pontifical Divine Liturgy in the Church of St. John the Baptist in the city of Perth (Western Australia), where he is staying during his pastoral visit.



UGCC Prelate described to Ukrainian-Australians in Perth the reality of events in Ukraine and the spirit of freedom, which Ukrainians, regardless of everything, are step by step obtaining. He also described how the war has united all Ukrainians in the struggle for Ukraine's independence.

“Half a million of refugees, three thousand killed... But I have an answer to the question about what is it that our people need,” noted the Major Archbishop. “According to him, the answer to this question was suggested to him by one of the eldest faithful of St. John the Baptist Parish, Mr. Volodymyr Kaniya. ‘He said to me: ‘We have nothing left, except our land and our native Church.’ Why did he say this? Because the hope and salvation of Ukrainian people today can only come from God the Lord,” noted the preacher.

Co-celebrants with UGCC Head were Bishop Petro (Stasiuk), Eparch for Ukrainian-Catholics in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania. Praying together with His Beatitude were seminarians and lecturers of the Perth Spiritual Roman Catholic Seminary.

“You, also as I, have waited a long time for the arrival of the Patriarch,” addressed the parishioners in Perth,

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Bishop Peter, – but he did come. He will talk with us, he will teach us. And I invite you to hear him.”

His Beatitude Sviatoslav thanked the Ukrainian community in Perth for preserving Ukrainian traditions, Christ’s faith, and for their faithfulness and love towards their Church.

UGCC Head appealed to Ukrainian-Australians not to fear the current events in Ukraine and to come to Ukraine, because our country needs support. “Come to Ukraine. Do not be afraid. We need you. Be with us,” urged the Church Prelate the faithful in Perth.

It is noteworthy that the church in Perth is mostly visited by the people of the first wave of migration – those who came here right after World War II (1948,1949, 1950), their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. There are not many people here who have come in the last 20-30 years. The services are held in both Ukrainian and English. The English language offers the possibility of involving new people in the Church – Australians who are enamored by the Eastern Rite. This is how to the Church of St. John the Baptist came Deacon Richard Charlwood, who earlier belonged to the Order of Franciscan Monks of the Roman Catholic Church. Deacon Richard is trying very hard to learn Ukrainian. “Even if the Liturgy is in English, still the parishioners prefer to hear ‘Lord, have mercy’ in Ukrainian,” states Rev. Volodymyr Kalynetskyi, the prior of St. John the Baptist Church in Perth.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav acknowledged the many years of service by Father Volodymyr. Ukrainians started building the church in 1959 and finished it in 1969. In the mid-1990s, the parish began regressing. As people say, Rev. Volodymyr Kalynetskyi, in fact, saved it. He served in Perth for 18 years.

The Ukrainian community in Perth spent a lot of months preparing for the arrival of “Our Patriarch” .

Ms. Luba Valeha, 60 years old, born in Australia, a member of the Board of Parish Council of St. John the Baptist Parish, states that the arrival of the Patriarch will give their congregation “a new breathing” and it will raise ‘their spirit’.”

At the conclusion of the pastoral visit to Perth, Ukrainian-Australians gave UGCC Head an aboriginalian icon. In turn, His Beatitude Sviatoslav presented them with antymins and a disk of a hundred questions posed to him and answered by him.

Photo: Bohdan Varkhomiya

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UGCC Head in Melbourne: "Voice of Australia is very important for Ukraine"

Tuesday, 23 September 2014

The Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, urged Australian Ukrainians to represent Ukraine to the Australian authorities.

"Today the voice of Australia is very important for Ukraine," emphasized the Head of the Church in his speech to Melbourne's intelligentsia, clergy, and representatives of the Ukrainian community during a festive reception celebrating his visit to Australia. UGCC Prelate emphasized that Australia is not dependent on Russian gas and is independent in its external politics.

Simultaneously he emphasized that Australia still does not have its consulate in Ukraine. In order to come to Australia, His Beatitude Sviatoslav had to get a visa at the Australian Consulate in Moscow. "Just recently I heard the good news that Australia is planning to open an Australian Consulate in Kyiv. I expect that in a

few weeks there will also be a new ambassador," stated UGCC Head. He assured all that Ukrainians remember that in the Malaysian airplane which was downed by Russian weapons on Ukrainian territory, an Australian citizen also perished. UGCC Head emphasized that the civilized world should also remember that. In talking about the European reaction to the Russian aggression in Ukraine, he noted that Europe very quickly forgot its own recent history. It forgot how World War II started.

The Major Archbishop added that Ukraine right now is undergoing unusually difficult times and therefore Ukrainians would welcome any kind of assistance from Australians.

In his talk to the Australian intelligentsia, His Beatitude Sviatoslav attempted to relay how Ukraine is living today. He recounted carefully what our country has undergone in the last few months, beginning with Yanukovich's refusal to sign the Agreement on Association with EU.



He reminded people of the words of His Beatitude Lubomyr who had said already during the student protest last year in Ukraine: "It will never be the same as it was before." These words were said about Ukraine. "Now the same may be said also about Europe and the whole world. The world has changed. And it will never again be the same as it was before," believes the Church Prelate.

"A war has begun," said His Beatitude, "about which several months ago no one thought about and which was unexpected. This war becomes a new challenge. We do not know how and when it will all end. However, the fact that the word "war"

is today the accurate concept of the present situation in which our Church lives in Ukraine as well as in settlements, is unquestionable."

The very warm and festive reception in Melbourne in honor of the Head of the Church is worthy of notice. Young Australians in Ukrainian costumes performed a traditional folk dance "A Welcome" for their Patriarch and sang a few spiritual songs.

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Pope Francis Calls for 'Biblical Welcoming' of Immigrants

25 September 2014

In his annual message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which in 2015 will be observed on January 18, Pope Francis called on all to honor the "biblical commandment of welcoming with respect and solidarity the stranger in need."

"Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources, and occasionally to

give up something of our acquired riches," he wrote.

"Large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions," says Francis. "Such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesial communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants' lives or their stories of persecution and destitution."

Yet individual efforts are

not enough, signaled the Pope. The scale of today's immigration demands international coordination.

Migration movements "are on such a scale that only a systematic and active cooperation between states and international organizations can be

capable of regulating and managing such movements effectively," he wrote.

According to the United Nations, there were 232 million international migrants in 2013, representing a rise of 50 percent since 1990.

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