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## Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia holds Archieparchial Sobor on theme "I am the Light of the World."

**Philadelphia, PA** - The Sobor of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia was held on October 25, 2014 at the Cathedral Hall in Philadelphia. The theme of the Sobor was "I am the Light of the World." (Jn 8:12). The Sobor began with a Welcome by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, followed by panelists touching upon aspects of Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk's Vibrant Parish Pastoral Letter. Following a break, Metropolitan Stefan summarized the Surveys on Youth, Women, Faithful and Clergy followed by a Question and Answer Session by those

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attending the Sobor. After lunch, there were small group discussions on two questions. The first question was, "How will we live the Gospel message and foster vibrant parishes?" The second question was, "How will we invite others (former parishioners, family members, neighbors) and welcome them into our parish families?" After the general gathering/sharing from the discussion groups, Metropolitan Stefan concluded with a summary and invited everyone to the Cathedral to participate in the Divine Liturgy at



**Group photo of the morning session of the Sobor. (left to right) Very Rev. Andriy Rabi, Ted Veresink, Roman Dubenko, Orest Kucyna, Dr. Henry Fesniak, Rev. Archpriest John Fields, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Ken Hutchins.**

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**Group photo of Sobor on October 25, 2014. (Photo by Teresa Siwak)**



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which everyone was given a candle.

The theme of Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka's Homily was, "You are the Light of the World" (Mt 5: 13-14). During the homily, Metropolitan Stefan held a light candle in his hand and used the candle to emphasize the text of his Homily. He referenced how when we are baptized, our Godparents hold a Candle on our behalf. Later during the Homily, Metropolitan Stefan demonstrated how if you hold a candle sideways, the flame of the candle still points up. Metropolitan Stefan spoke about how if someone strays from the church it is like a sideways candle, the melted wax makes a mess, however the flame of the candle always faces up towards heaven. Metropolitan Stefan also blew out his candle to depict when someone's "light of life has gone out" but a priest is there to re-ignite their candle.

The Liturgy concluded with a candle-lighting ceremony. The candle-

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**Group photo of the afternoon session of the Sobor. (left to right) Ken Hutchins, Andrew Fylypovych, Claudia Petruncio, Pamela White, Helen Chaykowsky, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Jacqueline Peleschak, Myron Shegda, James Jubinski, and Marion Hrubec.**



**Metropolitan Stefan speaking at the Sobor.**



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lighting ceremony was symbolic of the Sobor theme "I am the light of the World; You are the Light of the World." During the candle-lighting ceremony, Metropolitan Stefan passed the flame of his candle to kindle the candles of the Priests of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. In turn, the priests went to the pews and light the candles of the faithful as everyone read the "Prayer for Vibrant Parishes" in English and Ukrainian. The final hymn was "Vytaj Mizh Namy"/"Come now to us, O Christ." The words of the hymn say, "You are the light of life, joy and happiness. Come to us now, O Christ, each of us bless."

**Watch videos from the Sobor on our YouTube Channel. <http://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>**

**See pictures from the Sobor on our "Archeparchy of Philadelphia" Facebook page.**



## Prayer for Vibrant Parishes

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be Your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it Your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News.

Strengthen us with Your presence, and always gather us together in prayer.

Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God.

Bless us with faithful and spiritual leaders and grace them and us with Your wisdom, inspiring all of us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom.

Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love.

Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit.

Amen.



## Clergy Preview of the Sobor

On Friday, October 24, 2014 the Clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia met during a Clergy Preview of the Sobor. During the first part of the Clergy meeting, the clergy heard a presentation on the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia given by Lizanne Pando, Director of Marketing and Communications for the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.



Visit the World Meeting of Families website:  
[www.worldmeeting2015.org](http://www.worldmeeting2015.org)

Watch a video from the meeting on our YouTube Channel. <http://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>



## METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2014

- NOV. 2 MOLEBEN TO METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY PRAYING FOR INTERCESSION FOR UKRAINE CELEBRATED AT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- NOV. 3-4 EPISCOPAL ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF BISHOP-ELECT BOHDAN DANYLO, UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF ST. JOSAPHAT, PARMA, OHIO.
- NOV. 5 MEETING OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF USA AND CANADA, PARMA, OH.
- NOV. 7 RECEIVE VERY REV. MARK SEMEHEN, ST. SOFIA RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS, USA AND DR. IRYNA IVANKOVYCH OF ST. SOFIA RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION IN PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- NOV. 9 CELEBRATION OF HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY ON OCCASION OF 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LEGALIZATION OF UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH IN UKRAINE. COMMEMORATION OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC MARTYRS. PARTICIPATION IN SPECIAL WORKSHOPS FACILITATED BY ST. SOPHIA RELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS, USA AND UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA.
- EVENING  
4:00 PM: PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BALTIMORE, MD.  
6:30 PM: MEETING OF USCCB - MEETING OF COMMITTEE FOR AID TO CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE.
- NOV. 10-13 MEETING OF UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS, BALTIMORE, MD.
- NOV. 10 PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY CENTER.
- NOV. 11 PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF USCCB.
- NOV. 13 MEETING OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF USA, BALTIMORE, MD.
- NOV. 16 HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY AND BANQUET CELEBRATING 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- NOV. 18 MEETING OF CONSULTORS OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- NOV. 19 MEETING OF PRIEST BENEFICIAL FUND BOARD, CHANCERY OFFICE-PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- NOV. 20 MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ASCENSION MANOR SENIORS' TOWERS, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- NOV. 22 TRAVEL TO ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC SEMINARY, WASHINGTON, D.C.
- NOV. 23 HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY AND VISIT WITH PASTOR AND PARISHIONERS OF ANNUNCIATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANASSES, VA.

# His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk Presided over the Consecration and Enthronement of the New Bishop of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma

Tuesday, 04 November 2014

On November 4, 2014, in the Cathedral of Saint Josaphat in Parma, Ohio (USA), the Head of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk presided over the consecration and enthronement of the newly elected Ordinary of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Bishop Bohdan Danylo. Co-consecrators during the ordination were Bishop Paul Chomnycky,



Eparch of Stamford and Bishop John Bura, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, who until this time was likewise the Apostolic Administrator of the eparchy in Parma. The solemn Liturgy was also attended by many hierarchs, priests, deacons, consecrated persons and the laity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Roman Catholic Church, Maronite Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church from all over the United States, Canada, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

During the sermon, which His Beatitude Sviatoslav delivered in Ukrainian and English, the Head of the UGCC said that the bishop, among other duties assigned to him, has to be “the light to those, who dwell in darkness.” According to the Head of the UGCC, “The Lord God sends His bishop to His Church in a very special time. We can say that today the world, in large part, lies in darkness. How many people today [...] turn their eyes to the Church, because sometimes the darkness of disbelief and confusion bothers them and only from the Church emanates the light of truth that shows them the way in their lives.” Therefore,

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addressing Bishop Bohdan, the Primate of the UGCC said: "In your ministry, may your eyes be always directed to the Source of the heavenly light."

After the Liturgy, a representative of the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States read a bull from the Supreme Pontiff vis-a-vis the confirmation of the election of the newly ordained hierarch and handed it over to Bishop Bohdan, after which Bishop Bohdan addressed the audience with a word.

Department of Information of the UGCC

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

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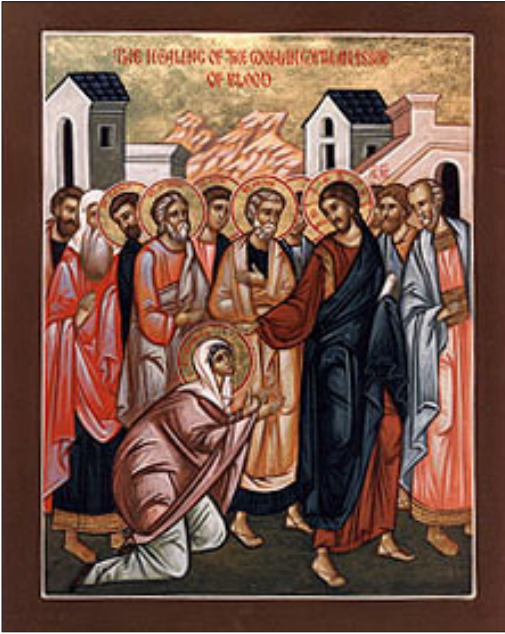


**Metropolitan Stefan and newly installed Bishop Bohdan Danylo**





## Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost - November 9, 2014



*Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher anymore." Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." When*

*he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened. (Lk. 8, 41 – 56)*

How often in our lives we are tempted by fear, routine, in our difficult contacts and relationships with other people, in our concerns about our health and our future. The temptation to worry or be afraid is always near the surface. What does Christ in Holy Scripture teach us about this temptation?

It is easy to identify with one striking story from the Gospel. Jesus is passing through a crowd and Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, desperate for Jesus' help, approaches and begs Him to come to his house [Luke 8:40-56]. Jairus' daughter, 12 years of age, is dying. Yet, in this very tense moment when time seems of great importance, Jesus is then distracted by the need of another - a woman who had been sick for 12 years now gets His attention. When she is finally "taken care of," Jairus receives word that his daughter has died. Clearly, it seems too late for Jesus to be of any help. But on hearing the news, Jesus pronounces the rather curious words: "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well" [Luke 8:50b]. Jesus then goes to Jairus' house and raises the girl from the dead.

It is not hard to imagine that Jesus often asks the same kind of faith from us. Tragedy or illness can strike and we can feel unable to bear the stress, the worry, the grief, the pain. We may ask ourselves how we can ever cope. But remembering the story of Jairus and the words of Christ, "Do not fear; only believe," can begin to quiet our minds and comfort our hearts.

We can see similar episodes in the lives of the apostles. While crossing the sea with Jesus, a great storm arose, and waves were swamping the boat. Jesus was asleep and the disciples had to wake Him. Is it any

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wonder that they felt He did not really care about them or the crisis they were facing? We can certainly identify with their feelings: "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" [Mark 4:38b]. But Jesus went on to rebuke the wind and calm the sea. He then questioned the disciples: "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" [Mark 4:40].

From both of these stories, we see that Jesus does not intervene in our problems too quickly. He seems to test us, to try our faith. He lets us experience the crisis and to come to know that we really need His help - to realize that we cannot do it on our own. We certainly see this when, in another episode of the disciples crossing the sea during a storm, Jesus comes to them walking on the water. Peter leaves the boat and begins to walk on the water himself. However, when he "saw the wind, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me'" [Matthew 14:30]. Jesus reached out His hand, caught Peter, and said, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' teachings on anxiety are clear. He warns us not to "be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on" [Matthew 6:25]. He draws the disciples' attention to the example of the birds and the flowers and how God takes care of them. Christ tells us that our heavenly Father knows what we need. He calls us rather to "seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well" [6:33].

Learning to trust God, rather than ourselves, takes some experience and practice. But remembering these examples from scripture and knowing that, as Saint Paul clearly teaches, "in everything God works for good with those who love Him" [Romans 8:28], we can go through our daily lives, pass through our trials in peace, and hear Christ speaking clearly in our hearts, "Do not fear; only believe."



### SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014

The Ukrainian American Community will be  
Commemorating the  
**81st Anniversary of the Holodomor**  
with a Requiem Service  
at 1:00PM  
**at St. Patrick's Cathedral**  
51 Street and 5th Avenue, New York City

Join us in remembering and honoring the millions of innocent  
victims of Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-1933!



## ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS

On October 19, 2014, the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, (Philadelphia, PA) honored Wedding Jubilarians of the Archeparchy. The celebration was organized by Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, Director of the Office of Evangelization at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



**(Photo by Teresa Siwak)**

The graced event began with an 11:00

A.M. Divine Liturgy, which was concelebrated by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka (main celebrant and homilist), assisted by Rev. Joseph Szupa (Chancellor of the Archeparchy), Reverend Ivan Demkiv (Cathedral rector), Rev. Walter Pasicznyk, and Subdeacon Roman Oprysk. The responses to the Liturgy were led by Lisa Oprysk (cantor).

In his homily Archbishop Stefan said to the Wedding Jubilarians, "Know of my profound appreciation for your celebrating your covenant of marriage in this special way today. It sends out a loud message to others, particularly to your children and to the young today who face such conflicting and troubling messages as to the meaning of true love and ultimate happiness. You reveal THE WAY by the example you give! THANK YOU!"

Just before the Dismissal, the Jubilarians, standing on the steps in front of the iconostas, renewed their marriage commitment of sacramental love and faithfulness to each other. What a wonderful witness to their families and to the faith community!

After a group photo was taken, Archbishop Stefan imparted his special blessing and prayed over each jubilarian couple.

After the Divine Liturgy, a reception was held at the Archbishop's Residence.

We pray that the Lord, our God, may continue to bless and grant to all the Archieparchial Jubilarians peace, good health and happiness!

**Watch videos and see pictures from the Anniversary Celebration on our blog at [www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com](http://www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com)**

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# ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS



Ewgen & Stephanie Brenycz  
50 Years



Michael & Margaret Chomiak  
50 Years



Frank & Ferne Fisanich  
50 Years



John & Myroslawa Hill  
50 Years



Basil & Maria Panczak  
50 Years



Borys & Nila Pawluk  
50 Years



# ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS



Michael & Shirley Hodowanec  
46 Years



John & Caroline Jushchyshyn  
45 Years



Peter & Bernadette Nush  
44 Years



Robert & Patricia Keevill  
37 Years



Robert & Johanna Longenberger  
35 Years



Andrew & Christine Fylypovych  
30 Years



# ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS



Myron & Kathy Shegda  
30 Years



Rev. Ivan & Myroslava Demkiv  
28 Years



Rev. Ihor & Olena Royik  
25 Years



Vasyl & Halyna Didura  
23 Years



Peter & Christine Krywczuk  
17 Years



Eugene & Karen Brenycz  
7 Years



# ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS

## Metropolitan Stefan's Homily

+ Слава Ісусу Христу!

I continually marvel as to the riches we have as Ukrainian Catholics. God has provided for us to grow in our faith using meaningful symbols which are traditional in our Church and in our Ukrainian culture. These symbols richly express our relationship with one another and with God. The Holy Mysteries or Sacraments of the Church each convey a special bond with God. There are beautiful traditions attached to the celebration of the Sacraments in our Church.

During the celebration of a marriage, our Church places crowns or wreaths on the heads of the couple. As you celebrate your wedding anniversary today, you are renewing the three-fold symbolism of your marriage. Your anniversary celebration gives living testimony to what began in a special way at the time of your marriage.

First the crowns symbolize royalty. Husband and wife become king and queen of a new entity in society. They become one. Each of you has lived together in this life-giving

common unity. You have learned to 'walk in one step' together. It was a gradual process. It faced many challenges. Yet, you did not walk alone. You journeyed with the Lord who promised to be with you at the time of your marriage. All of you have nurtured your faith. You have taken responsibility for the growth and well-being of your faith journey. You also nurtured others in their faith. You have taken an active part in the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church wherever you have lived. You have provided support and leadership in Ukrainian society. You have encouraged a love of our rich Ukrainian traditions in your gentle and nurturing manner. You have done it with your children, with your grandchildren, and with members of the larger Ukrainian community. As couples, you have learned to 'walk in one step' as you have journeyed as husband and wife in your married life together.

Secondly, the crowns symbolize martyrdom. God will decide if you may have achieved saintly status as martyrs. However, the crowns



really mean sacrifice. Both husband and wife are asked to continually make self-sacrifices in their giving of themselves in nurturing ways with one another and with others. To have been successful in your marriage, you had to be other centered people. You learned to be self-giving without complaining and without showing excessive pride. You chose to be positive and hopeful people. Your marriage is characterized with hope. You have passed these fundamental characteristics of sacrifice to your children. You have inspired others with the manner in which you have celebrated your covenant of marriage.

Thirdly, the crowns symbolize that marriage is a living relationship that grows continuously.

It finds its fulfillment in the Kingdom of God. You have participated in the creative powers of God by giving life to children. You have instructed them and nurtured them with unconditional love. In doing so, you have revealed the type of love God has for all of us. When we love and nurture others, we act as instruments of God. We reveal the nature of the Kingdom of God. It inspires others to be "like God" in all things. This becomes evident in the life of your children's families, and in your life with others with whom you journey in life. We all try and walk in one step with God.

Today, we give thanks to almighty God for His giftedness and blessings

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showered upon all of you in your married life together. Our gratitude calls on each of us to similarly live walking in step with God's ways. A celebration like an anniversary is a beautiful time for each of us to examine ourselves as to how we live our earthly life. Do we at least give a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God is like? You and I share a holy mission to live in a manner in which God's Kingdom is revealed on earth. This in turn inspires others. It enables us to enter into the eternal Kingdom which is promised to all who live and serve God. The heartfelt congratulations of all of the hierarchy, the clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is offered to all of our Wedding Jubilarians celebrating today.

We are blessed with 6 couples celebrating their golden anniversaries – 50 years of married life – among them John & Myroslava Hill, Basil & Maria Panczak, Frank & Ferne Fisanich, Michael & Margaret Chomiak, Ewhen & Stephanie

Brenycz; and Borys & Nilia Pawluk; Michael & Shirley Hodowanec are celebrating their 46th anniversary; John & Caroline Jushchyshyn are celebrating their 45th anniversary; Peter & Bernadette Nush are celebrating their 44th anniversary; Robert & Johanna Longenberger are celebrating their 35th anniversary; Roman & Halyna Stupen are celebrating their 31st anniversary; Andrew & Christine Fylypovych are celebrating their 30th anniversary; Myron & Kathy Shegda are celebrating their 30th anniversary; Father Ihor and Olena Royik are celebrating their silver anniversary – 25 years of married life; Vasyl & Halyna Didura are celebrating their 23rd anniversary; Peter & Christine Krywczuk are celebrating their 17th anniversary; and Eugene & Karen Brenycz are celebrating their 7th anniversary.

We especially thank you for living your covenant with God – a covenant so richly entered into at the time of your receiving the Holy Mystery or Sacrament of Marriage.



You teach us by your life-giving example. You reveal to us of the power of LOVE. Your love for one another expresses the supreme good – God, who gives us divine life and ultimate happiness. In your love for one another in marriage, you forgot about yourself and made room for another. You made room for perfect love that comes from God. In His mysterious ways, God makes room within us for himself. In our love for God, we become more of ourselves. There is more of us present in each act of love. God makes room in the temple of ourselves – in the temple of your married unit for one another as He leads you to the incorruptible temple of Himself.

Your love for one another transformed you into one who loves. You became one. When two things are joined together, there cannot be anything between them. Otherwise the complete union cannot exist. This is how God want us to be with Him in love. Once we are removed from selfish love, we can love God with the love with which He first loved us. We become part of the Creator who redeems us and lets us participate in his divine love.

Your fulfilling the covenant of marriage reveals – enlightens others to the reality of God's love. I thank you for this very holy, sacred continued living out of your married

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life together. Our world around us THIRSTS for your example. We need to shout it out from the rooftops! Love can triumph in marriage and give powerful witness to God's enabling love – a love which transforms us into being knit into the fabric of the Creator

Himself.

God bless all of you richly in ways only He can! Know of my profound appreciation for your celebrating your covenant of marriage in this special way today. It sends out a loud message to others, particularly

to your children and to the young today who face such conflicting and troubling messages as to the meaning of true love and ultimate happiness. YOU reveal THE WAY by the example you give! THANK YOU!

you and of my prayers for you!

+ Слава Ісусу Христу!

Know of my LOVE for

## LITHUANIAN PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY PRAYS FOR UKRAINE

Lithuanian community in Philadelphia gathered in prayer for Ukraine. The very reverend Father Peter Burkauskas, pastor of St. Andrew Lithuanian Catholic Church in Philadelphia organized special prayers and Mass on behalf of Ukraine. Special prayers were also offered for the repose of the soul of the Lithuanian Honorary Consul in Luhsansk, Mykola Zelenec.

On Sunday, September 14, 2014 the Ukrainian, and Polish community joined the Lithuanian Community in prayerful solidarity on behalf of Ukraine. In his homily, Father Burkauskas spoke about the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army saying, "We also feel threatened and are deeply concerned for the future of Ukraine, Poland and the Baltic States". He continued, "as world leaders stand paralyzed and unwilling to halt the aggression of Putin...we join in prayer at this Mass for our nations to be free as we commend to God's embrace all who have died in the struggle for independence and freedom", concluded Father Burkauskas.

At the start of the Mass representatives of the Ukrainian community holding a large Ukrainian flag, were joined by representatives of the Polish and Lithuanian Community in a processional. Representing Ukrainian community were the Ukrainian Human Rights Committee, CYM, and Razom



Ulana Baluch Mazurkevich

**Faithful gather at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA, to offer PRAYERS FOR INTERCESSION FOR UKRAINE to the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky at Moleben on November 2, 2014 at 4pm.**

**Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka's Homily**

+ Слава Ісусу Христу!

Thank you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, for gathering today to pray the Moleben to the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. We commemorate the 70th anniversary of his death on November 1st, 1944. Metropolitan Andrey led the Church and all of Ukrainian society through the critical periods of Soviet oppression, German occupation and subjugation by the Polish authorities. He showed great courage. He was steadfast in his love for God. He inspired others



**(Photo by Ken Hutchins)**

to dedicate their life to love and to serve one's neighbor. One does this in spite of facing oppression and aggression by hostile forces. This is the life of a Christian. Metropolitan Andrey taught this through his numerous pastorals and messages to the people, and through personal example of his life.

Consistent throughout all of his pastorals written for his faithful in Ukraine, and also to Ukrainians who had immigrated to Europe and North America, was his view of the person.

Thank you gathering today to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, and for our beloved nation of Ukraine. We pray for peace and for political stability in Ukraine following the elections which were held one week ago. There is much hope and confidence being placed on the new leadership in their advancing Ukraine beyond the present conflict and suffering being done by the neighbor to the east and by terrorists in eastern Ukraine. There is continued loss of life in war. Ukrainians continue to face instability from imminent hostility from their neighboring country. Yet, Ukrainians model for you and for me today a steadfast faith in God. They reach out to God in prayer and with hope. They do not give in to despair. They teach us with their life-giving example. Much depends on the leadership which will be provided by the newly elected officials.

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# PRAYERS FOR INTERCESSION FOR UKRAINE

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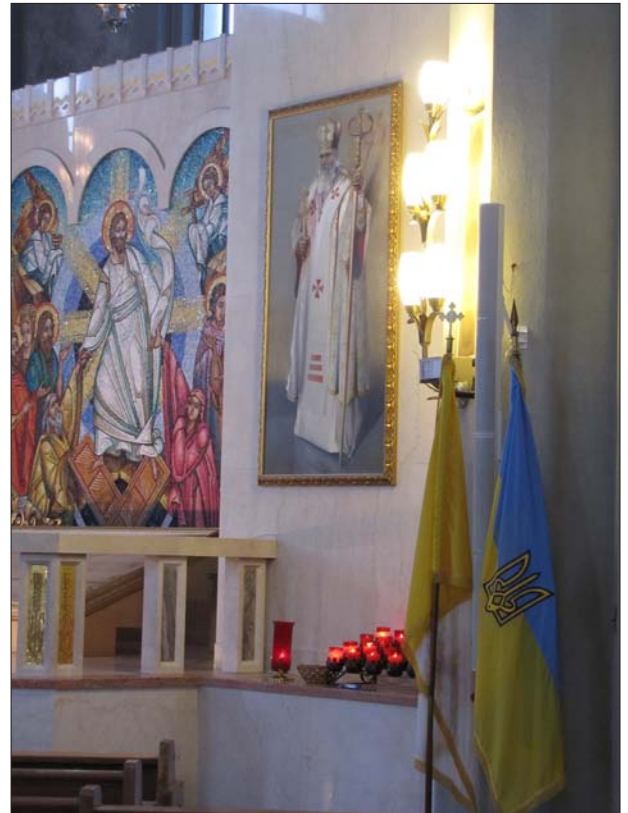
Metropolitan Sheptytsky often wrote on what he perceived to be the future of Ukrainian society. In Sheptytsky's thinking, wise political and social leaders were needed, who "would seek the common good, not their own; who would provide leadership and not yield to every change in public opinion; who would boldly and loudly confess the principles of the Christian faith;... who in the legislatures would defend those who have been wronged, who would courageously and wisely demand national rights, and who would set themselves to work for the rights of our holy Catholic Church".

Metropolitan Andrey's teachings are valid for us today. He observed that the main threat to our Ukrainian society and to Christian values were both external and internal. He wrote about the oppression of atheistic communism, anti-Ukrainian sentiment in the Polish state, and the horrific impact of German occupation. Metropolitan Andrey also looked at the internal life of the Ukrainian community. Two things were of the greatest importance. They were social solidarity and respect for human life.

Metropolitan Sheptytsky felt that one of the main obstacles to unity among Ukrainians was "hot-headed patriotism", or intolerance of political views other than one's own. He was worried that this would undermine Ukrainian efforts at building a nation. He directed a lot of efforts towards a program of religious reconciliation between the Greek Catholics and the Orthodox. He believed that religious disunity was against the law of love.

The second thing of great importance to Sheptytsky was the protection of human life. In June, 1942, he wrote the pastoral letter, "On Christian Mercy". He said that "the Christian act of mercy has a higher spiritual meaning; it is commanded by a higher, supernatural motive; it is illuminated by the light of Christian faith and divine grace". He was very concerned by the gap between the rich and the poor. There was widespread poverty and starvation. He urged people to be generous and merciful to the disadvantaged. He taught that the rich were entitled to their property. At the same time, they had a duty toward the poor out of fraternal love as Christians. Metropolitan Sheptytsky also wrote his best known pastoral letter, "Thou Shall Not Kill". In it, he condemned the various forms of murder that had swept through the land, including genocide, political assassinations, and suicide. He taught that "real love includes all one's neighbors". He inspired many to assist in saving and hiding Jewish children and people in various monasteries and homes, at great personal risk. Metropolitan affirmed for all of us the sacredness of the principle of respect for human life, even when facing adversity and death.

Are not these teachings advocated by Metropolitan Sheptytsky just as important for you and for me today – in Ukraine and here in our Ukrainian American society?



**Icon of Metropolitan Sheptytsky at the Cathedral (Photo by Ken Hutchins)**

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# PRAYERS FOR INTERCESSION FOR UKRAINE

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We need to rekindle our fervent love for God and for all of His creation. Love of one's neighbor and his or her betterment ought to be the goal of each of us as followers of Jesus Christ. Let the Holy Spirit direct us to always respond with courage and steadfast faith when we are confronted with adversity. Let each of us speak boldly for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine suffering persecution and hostility. The protection of human life in the war torn areas of Ukraine deserve our greater attention. Our common good as a society must take precedence over individual preferences. We ought to strive for inclusiveness of all Ukrainians in our society. Tolerance of differences in views and faith ought not to be a source of disunity amidst us. We need to reaffirm the sacredness of Ukrainian society in the active celebration of our rich spiritual traditions and our faith. God's grace will then be more fully present.

Our combined prayer can help you and me to present to the world the light of Christ as we pray for Ukraine. Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky wrote a powerful prayer for Ukraine. We will all pray that prayer today before the statue to Metropolitan Sheptytsky just outside the Cathedral. It is in the booklet of prayers you have been given. We will surround the statue with lit candles symbolizing our personal commitment of love and prayer for Ukraine. We will ask God, in the words of prayer of Metropolitan Sheptytsky, to intercede for Ukraine. You and I will carry the light of Christ into the world, carrying in prayer and with action the needs of our beloved Ukraine and of our Ukrainian society.

May God send the Holy Spirit upon all of us gathered this day and enable us to give bold and courageous witness for the advancement of Ukraine, in the footsteps of the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.

+ Слава Ісусу Христу!



(Photo by Ken Hutchins)



## Sodality at Assumption Catholic School.

On Friday, October 31, 2014, thirty-six Sodalists from Assumption Catholic School (ACS) in Perth Amboy, NJ participated in a special blessing of Icons. Following the weekly school Divine Liturgy, Father Ivan Turyk, Pastor of Assumption Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, gave a special blessing and dedication to each of the girls and the Icons they carried. Icons were given to the girls to foster devotions to Our Blessed Lady.



Father concluded the service by advising the young ladies to prominently display their Icons in a location at home which will remind both them and their families to call upon Our Lady in times of need. The service was well attended by family, friends and the entire student body of ACS.

Afterwards, the new and current Sodalists, along with their attending family members, Sister Yosaphata, Sister Thomas, Father Ivan Turyk and Mr. Michael Szpyhulsky, principal of ACS, enjoyed light refreshments in the church hall.

Sodality is a sisterhood comprised of young ladies and women (grade 3 and beyond) who practice the ideals set forth by Our Blessed Virgin Mary. Sodality has been part of ACS' history for over 50 years. In the past, Sodality was led by the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God and lay faculty. Under the past guidance of parishioner and teacher at ACS, Melanie Lawrence, Sodality members made cards for the sick, goody bags of appreciation, visited the elderly, and raised money for neighbors affected by tragedy.

This year, Sodality is facilitated by Mrs. Halyna Lojko and Mrs. Patricia Bernstein both teachers at ACS. The girls meet monthly to pray as a community and plan service activities that will benefit both our immediate and extended communities.

During the Easter Season, Sodalists will show their love for Our Lord by taking turns kneeling in adoration at the Tomb of Our Lord from Good Friday through Holy Saturday. Finally, our special devotions to Our Lady will culminate in May with our Moleben Devotions and a gift of flowers to the Blessed Mother.

## Nicholas Spak - New Eagle Scout Organizes Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine.

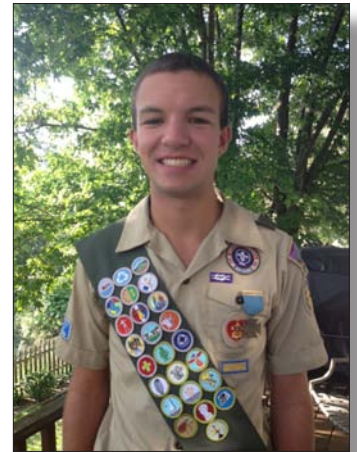
Boy Scout Troop 28 of Bower Hill Community Church in Mount Lebanon and the local South Hills Pittsburgh community is honoring Nicholas Spak at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday, November 8, 2015. Nicholas is the son of Father Deacon Myron and Mrs Barbara Spak of Scott Township. He has an older sister Larissa and an older brother Michael who is also an Eagle Scout. He is also the grandson of Anne Logoyda Pantalo, and the late George Pantalo, and the grandson of the late Jerry Spak and Audrey Spak. Nicholas has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and approximately only two out of every 100 boys who join Scouting actually realize this goal.

Nicholas has successfully lived up to the Scout Oath and Law and has demonstrated those principles by his actions. That's what makes the Eagle Scout Award such an extraordinary recognition. An Eagle Scout must have completed at least 21 merit badges and organized a service project that benefits his church, community, or school.

Nick and his family have been aware of the needs of the homeless, orphans and less fortunate in Ukraine. Therefore, for Nick's Eagle Project he led an international humanitarian project that entailed collecting and shipping over nine-hundred pounds of first-aid and personal hygiene items to twelve different centers for needy children and orphanages throughout Ukraine. The recipient centers included the cities and towns of Znamianka, Buchach, Zhytomyr, Zaluchia, Zaporizhia, Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Sambir, and Puhachiv. Many of these centers were visited by Nick's sister Larissa in 2012 and 2013 while she was on mission trips to Ukraine. Additional funds raised beyond the needs of shipping the first-aid supplies covered the cost of shipping 54 containers of adult diapers to an Orphanage of severely disabled children, plus the costs for building a playground. In total over one ton of supplies was shipped to Ukraine through his efforts. This Eagle Scout Project was initiated in the spring of 2013 and was completed this past winter.

The outcome of this humanitarian project far exceeded expectations of all involved and especially members of the Western Pennsylvania Scouting community and the local Ukrainian American Community. Through his leadership and organizational skills, thousands of Ukrainian orphans and needy are thankful for this successful project. Nicholas managed all aspects of this Eagle project, which included planning and executing the entire project, soliciting funds to offset shipping costs, organizing his Scout Troop and members of the local Ukrainian community who collected items from area churches, schools, businesses and nonprofit organizations, as well as packaging and shipping, confirming addresses in Ukraine and investigating all aspects of the logistics with parcel shipping companies.

Nicholas joined Cub Scout Pack 861 of Holy Child Catholic Church in Bridgeville in first grade and later earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light. A member of Troop 28 since 2009, he regularly attended Troop Summer Camp programs, which



included a trip to the National Boy Scout Jamboree in 2010. Michael has held various leadership roles as a Boy Scout which included Chaplain Aid, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He is also an active member of Boy Scout's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow. In 2012, Nicholas earned the Light is Life Religious Emblem for Eastern Catholic Scouts.

Nicholas a senior at Chartiers Valley High School, has been active in the High School Show Band, and High School Concert Band. He is also a member of the Robotics team, National Honor Society and Math Honor Society. He is a member of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in

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# Nicholas Spak - New Eagle Scout Organizes Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine.

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Carnegie, where he is an Altar Server and is active in the parish Youth Group. And is an active participant in Eparchial of Saint Josaphat Youth and Youth Adult events, in addition to being a

long time participant in the Camping Program with the All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Emlenton PA. Nick attended Ridna Shkola School of Ukrainian Studies, is a

member of the Poltava Dance Company and Kyiv Dance Ensemble. Nicholas also volunteers at the Light of Life Rescue Mission on the North Side of Pittsburgh, where he

regularly serves meals to the homeless. He plans on attending a college or university after high school, where he plans to study Engineering.



## FALL DANCE IN NANTICOKE, PA

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nanticoke PA, will hold a Fall Dance on Saturday, November 15th in the parish hall, corner of Bliss and Center Streets, from 5:00 to 9: p.m. Live music will be provided by Joe Stanky and the Cadets. Food and refreshments will be available.

(Photo: Mark Jennings, Chairman and Rev. Volodymyr Popyk.)

## LUC Meeting - November 23, 2014

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 635 North River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Moleben prayer service at 2:00pm., business session at 2:30pm followed by reception and fellowship.

Main agenda items include review of two major events recently concluded: the National LUC Convention and the Sobor of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570-822-5354 or any LUC member of the parish.

## Harvest Dinner - Scranton

Sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church - Sunday, November 16, 2014 - 12:30 pm at at 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton PA

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot vegetables, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and beverages.

Adults \$13.00; Students 6 to 12 years \$8.00; no charge for children age 5 and under. Advance reservations close Monday, November 11 - no tickets sold at the door. Take-outs available - must pick up promptly between 11:30am and 12:00 noon. For reservations contact Kathleen at 570 346-2414.

Divine Liturgy:  
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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## Ukrainian religious order founder's relic, icon coming to area churches

BY JOHN USALIS, Republican Herald

November 3, 2014

A pilgrimage icon with an embedded first-class relic of a Ukrainian sister who was the founding member of a religious order will come to area churches and schools this month.

The icon of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskya, foundress of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, entered the United States at JFK Airport in New York on Oct. 5 as part of a worldwide tour to countries where the SSMI sisters are serving. The icon was welcomed by members of the religious order, which was accompanied by Sister MariaZelia Znak from Brazil. The icon and relic will be in the United States until Jan. 17, 2015.



"We are honored to have it and it's a direct outgrowth of the fact that the sisters have worked in this deanery for the better part of 75 years with the school in Shamokin, when it was open, and the school in Minersville," the Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, dean of the South Anthracite Protoperbytery (Deanery) of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, said. He also serves as pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul and Assumption BVM Ukrainian Catholic churches in Mount Carmel and Centralia.

"Their presence here, and their current work now, enabled us to have this opportunity," he said. "The sisters will be traveling from parish to parish with this icon and relic. The idea behind this was that Blessed Josaphata was not able to visit the missions that the sisters were serving in throughout the world, and in honor of the 125th anniversary, they had this icon written and the relic put into it. In a sense, they're bringing her to all the places she could not come to. In a spiritual sense, she is experiencing the mission of the sisters, and at the same time we are experiencing the graces that come from having among us, especially with the relic, a person who is on her way to sainthood."

Hutsko said the presence of the icon with a first-class relic — a bone — brings blessings and graces from God.

"All of us are excited about the opportunities that it presents for spiritual enrichment and growth, which is what we are really trying to focus upon in all of our parishes," Hutsko said. "We're getting it in our archeparchy before the icon visits anywhere else, including the cathedral, which is a real recognition of the faith of our South Anthracite Deanery and the work of the sisters here." The 125th anniversary of the founding of the congregation is in 2017.

Sister Natalya Stoczany, SSMI, who is serving in the deanery from the Immaculate Conception Province, provided the following schedule of the icon visits to Ukrainian and Ruthenian Byzantine parishes in Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia, Lackawanna and Dauphin counties:

- Saturday, November 8: St. Nicholas Parish, North Morris Street, Saint Clair.
- Sunday, November 9: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, 135 River St., Olyphant.

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## Ukrainian religious order founder's relic, icon coming to area churches

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- Nov. 11: St. Ann Byzantine Parish, 5408 Locust Lane, Harrisburg.
- Nov. 12-13: St. Michael Parish, 114 S. Chestnut St., Shenandoah. A press conference about the icon visit will be held Nov. 12 at St. Michael.
- Nov. 15: Transfiguration Parish, 227 N. Shamokin St., Shamokin.
- Nov. 16: Assumption BVM Parish, North Paxton Street, Centralia.
- Nov. 17: Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, 131 N. Beech St., Mount Carmel.
- Nov. 18: St. Nicholas School and Religious Education Program, Minersville.
- Nov. 19: Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Parish, 107 S. Fourth St., Minersville.
- Nov. 20: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, 706 N. Warren St., Berwick.
- Nov. 23: St. Nicholas Parish, 515 N. Front St., Minersville.

Times at each location will be announced. A presentation on the life of Blessed Josaphata will be given in each parish.

Sister Josaphata was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 2001 during his visit to Ukraine. At least one miracle has been attributed to her intercession. One more miracle is necessary for her canonization.

"Come, honor this holy woman and saint of the 20th century. Learn about her life. Pray for her intercession and pray for her canonization," Stoczanyń said.

Biographical information on Blessed Josaphata is available at the SSMI website at <http://ssmi-us.org/index.php?categoryid=15>.

Founded in Ukraine in 1892, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate is a Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic congregation of more than 900 sisters and has ministries in 13 countries: Ukraine, Brazil, Canada, Serbia, Slovakia, Poland, Argentina, Italy, Germany, France, England, Australia and the United States. The order's ministries include education, care of the elderly, retreats, sewing vestments and pastoral ministry.

### Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Josaphata

O Blessed Josaphata,  
you, who lived heroically  
your consecration as a  
Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate,  
teach us by your example to place  
our complete trust in God.

Hear our prayer and intercede  
with the Most Holy Trinity  
to grant us the grace  
for which we so ardently plead,  
for the greater glory of God.  
Blessed Josaphata, pray for us.

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## Assumption Ukrainian Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ Accredited by AdvancED.

For two long years, the teachers and staff of Assumption Catholic School (ACS), led our school community through the arduous process of AdvancED accreditation. Based on the visiting team's review of the Diocese of Metuchen schools, our school has been awarded the status of accredited for the next five years. The overall score of our Diocese was 295.43 compared to an AdvancEd average of 282.45. As you can see, our overall score, which includes ACS, exceeded the AdvancEd average.

Accreditation is a mark of quality that signifies our commitment to educational excellence. We take pride in our accreditation and so can you. Our school satisfies the conditions for accreditation established by the Commission, meets AdvancED standards and criteria, and demonstrates compliance with AdvancED policies. As an AdvancED accredited school, we are part of the AdvancED network of 30,000 schools and systems in 75 countries that are committed to continuous quality improvement through accreditation.

As the school, that recently celebrated 50th Anniversary of offering excellence in education centered in solid Christian values, we are very proud of our achievement and thank the school Administrator Fr. Ivan Turyk, the principal Mr. Michael Szpyhulsky, the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God, teachers, parents, and parishioners who were part of this process and worked so hard. We also thank Metropolitan-Archbishop Stafan Soroka and all of the leadership in the Philadelphia Archeparchy and Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen for their continued support for our school. We are now in the process of implementing recommended changes to make our schools an even better place for our students! Congratulation to the ACS on a successful result!



**Photo: Principal Michael Szpyhulsky with Accreditation Certificate.**

### TRANSFIGURATION HARVEST PARTY IN SHAMOKIN, PA



Children and parents of Transfiguration Church, Shamokin and Patronage of the Mother of God Church, Marian Heights were treated to a Harvest party on Sunday Oct. 26th in Transfiguration's church hall. Food and treats, were provided to the 26 children and their parents. Soundwave provided music throughout the evening. Games were played and prizes were awarded to the winners. The party is an annual tradition sponsored by the Transfiguration Holy Name Society.

## Knights of Columbus Arrives at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Cherry Hill, NJ

In October of 2014, members of the Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Council 6760, formerly affiliated with the now-closed Queen of Heaven Roman Catholic Church on Rt. 70W, Cherry Hill, NJ, approached St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church to see if we were interested in hosting a Knights of Columbus council at our parish. As an active 4th degree Knight, I personally know of the work that the Knights have done for the Catholic Church at large. I myself have been supported by the Knights during my days in seminary, and know of the good work that they do. I especially know of the work they are doing for our Church in Ukraine, where through the efforts of our retired Patriarch +Lubomyr Cardinal Husar and our reigning Patriarch +Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Knights are establishing themselves and working to help our Church there. With this, we opened our doors to the Knights and have established Knights of Columbus Most Holy Eucharist Council 6760 at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cherry Hill.



**Father Paul Makar, Pastor of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, meets with members of St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Most Holy Eucharist Council 6760.**

Most Holy Eucharist Council strives to help not only St. Michael's in Cherry Hill, but also to support our seminarians at St. Josaphat Seminary, and to help our local community at-large. We are particularly committed to helping raise awareness about the scourge of abortion and to help the unborn; one of our upcoming projects is to erect a monument to the unborn that lost their lives to abortion, and to work with Options for Women, a local Cherry Hill non-profit pregnancy crisis center that works with women (and men) that are considering abortion, and helping them rescue their unborn infants (to date, Options has rescued approximately 200 babies to date in 2014 alone). We are also planning projects to help St. Michael's out in various ways, including evangelizing the local community so that St. Michael's is no longer "South Jersey's best kept secret" but is instead a beacon of hope for all in the greater Cherry Hill area.

We humbly ask for your prayers for success so that our council may grow and serve not only St. Michael's parish, but also our local community as well. If you are a man over 18 years old, and are Ukrainian Catholic, and live in the Southern New Jersey area (southern Burlington County, and Camden/Gloucester Counties), please come and become a Knight at Most Holy Eucharist Council! There are many benefits to membership; service to God and Church through the Knights is extremely fulfilling and rewarding. Come and take the challenge of service to God, Church, and Country, and become a Knight today!

Rev. Paul J. Makar  
Pastor, St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
4th Degree Knight and Chaplain of Most Holy Eucharist Council 6760



# Saint Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church Cherry Hill, New Jersey Philip's Fast 2014 Mission and Icon Writing Workshop

*Tuesday, December 9th - Sunday, December 14th, 2014*



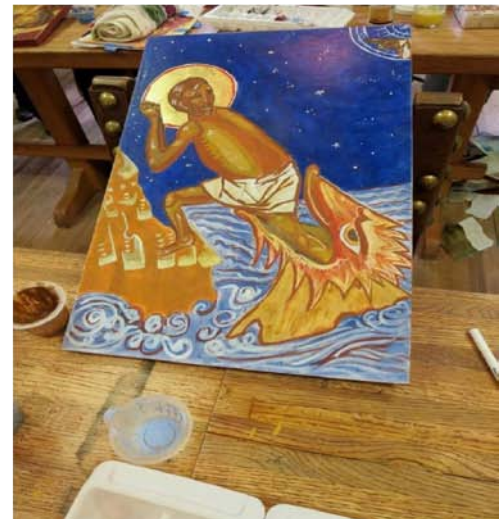
Come and learn about the ancient art of writing Icons with Father Damien Higgins! Known as "Windows to the Divine", Icons have played a pivotal role in the Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Churches. At our Philip's Fast Icon Writing Workshop, everyone is invited; you do not need to have any artistic experience to write your own Icon!

Father Damien is Hegumen (Abbot) of Mt. Tabor Ukrainian Catholic Monastery in Ukiah, California, and he has many years of experience in writing Icons. Some of his work can be found at the Monastery of Christ in the Desert in New Mexico, and at the Spirituality Center of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase, PA.

***Philip's Fast Icon Workshop and Parish Mission Schedule:***

- Tues., Dec. 9th, 7:00 pm:** Presentation, *Icons: Windows to the Divine*, by Father Damien Higgins
- Wed., Dec. 10th, 5:00 pm:** Philip's Fast Moleben
- Wed., Dec., 10th, to Fri., Dec. 13th, 6:00 pm—10:00 pm:** Icon Workshop
- Sat., Dec. 13th, 10:00 am—6:00 pm:** Icon Workshop
- Sat., Dec. 13th, 7:00 pm:** Great Vespers
- Sun., Dec. 14th, 9:00 am:** Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (English)
- Sun., Dec. 14th, 10:30 am:** Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukrainian)
- Sun., Dec. 14th, 1:00 pm—6:00 pm:** Icon Workshop (Make Up Work)

Complete the registration form below and mail in with your payment today, or register via email at [stmichaelucc@verizon.net](mailto:stmichaelucc@verizon.net). For more information, email [stmichaelucc@verizon.net](mailto:stmichaelucc@verizon.net), or call the parish rectory at 856-482-0938.



***SPACE IS LIMITED TO 14 PARTICIPANTS—REGISTER TODAY!***

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***Icon Workshop Fees:***

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*(Fee includes ALL icon supplies, including board, gesso, gold leaf, colors and other equipment. Upon completion, the Icon you write is blessed by Father Damien and is yours to keep! Light refreshments provided for all workshop days and for the Tuesday night presentation.)*

**NOTE:** The Tuesday presentation and all Liturgical services are FREE; donations appreciated. Also be aware that the Tuesday presentation, the icon workshop, and all Liturgical services are in English (except for the Sunday, 10:30 am Divine Liturgy, which is in Ukrainian).

## US AND CANADA UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS HOLD MEETING IN PARMA

On November 5, 2014, a meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada and the United States of America was held in Parma, Ohio, after the episcopal ordination of Bishop Bohdan Danylo, second bishop of the St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Parma.

"The Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of North America take advantage of being together at events like episcopal ordinations to have a fraternal meeting. At our meeting in Parma, we had an opportunity to not only welcome Bishop Bohdan Danylo as the second bishop of Parma but also discuss pastoral issues that concern both Canada and the USA. We spoke about the progress of the pastoral program The Vibrant Parish and the eparchial sobors that are being conducted or have been held in our eparchies leading up to next year's world wide Sobor in Ivano-Frankivsk," noted bishop Ken, Eparch of New Westminster, Canada.

The bishops also discussed the situation in Ukraine and the ways that Ukrainians in North America can continue to support their sisters and brothers in Ukraine during this time of war.



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## His Beatitude Sviatoslav prayed for the repose of the soul of Bishop Sofron Mudryj

Monday, 03 November 2014

UGCC Father and Head Sviatoslav Shevchuk led the Archbishop's funeral service for the repose of the soul of Bishop Sofron (Mudryj) in the Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk.

"Today the Ivano-Frankivsk Archeparchy and Metropolitanate feels orphaned. The whole Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church feels orphaned. Today our mother – the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, is orphaned," stated the Prelate. According to the words of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, in the funeral prayers all jointly beseeched that God take into his fatherly embrace our father, our bishop.



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# His Beatitude Sviatoslav prayed for the repose of the soul of Bishop Sofron Mudryj

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"In praying for him we thank the Lord God that He gave us such a bishop. In bidding farewell to him, we primarily see a real monk – a person who dedicated his whole life to God," noted the Head of the Church. He also thanked God that he gave us Bishop Sofron as a teacher and educator of whole generations of priests of our Church.

For many years Bishop Sofron was the rector of St. Josaphat Collegium in Rome. He educated whole generations of priests for our diaspora. The Bishop worked fervently that also in Ivano-Frankivsk Spiritual Seminary and Academy, priests be raised. He departed into eternity as the Rector of the Theological Academy.

"How many priests he ordained to a priestly life! However, we have to especially honor Bishop Sofron as a bishop, a hierarch and pastor of Christ's Church," stressed UGCC Head.

Then the large number of clergy began a Priest's Funeral Service and the reading of the Gospel.

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**On the night of October 30 to 31 Bishop Emeritus of Ivano-Frankivsk, Sofron (Mudryj) fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 91.**

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## Prayers for the end of war in Donbas raised in Maidan

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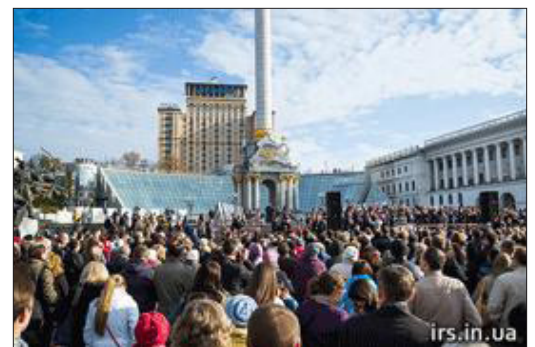
In the capital's Maidan Nezalezhnosti several thousand Christians prayed for peace in Ukraine, repentance and spiritual growth of the people, nation-building based on moral values.

These prayer events were held on October 19 in most major cities of Ukraine by the Council of Evangelical Protestant Churches of Ukraine, according to the Institute of Religious Freedom.

Biblical admonition and prayers of leaders of the evangelical churches were accompanied by choral singing.

There were prayers for the cessation of war and hostilities in Donbas, for reconciliation and unity of the Ukrainians from different regions of the country, for cleaning society of corruption and turning to God, for the wisdom of the authorities in the service to the people and so on.

The event ended with a joint 'Our Father' prayer, which was read aloud there, and the proclamation of the word of blessing for Ukraine.



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## Meeting of Eastern Catholic hierarchs of Europe begins in Lviv

24 October 2014

On October 24, 2014, in the recollections center of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Lviv, located in Bryukhovychi near Lviv, the annual meeting of the Eastern Catholic hierarchs of Europe began, this time it is devoted to the 25th anniversary of the UGCC's leaving underground.

In the morning, representatives of the Catholic Church in Europe from twenty countries participated in the liturgy led by His Eminence Igor (Voznyak), Archbishop and Metropolitan of Lviv of the UGCC. The sermon was delivered by Secretary of the Congregation for Eastern Churches Cyril (Vasil). He said: "We want to display through this meeting that every Christian and patriot is proud of his faith. He is working for the Kingdom of God in this life."

The first working session was opened by Head of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav. Also a welcoming speech on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the legalization of the UGCC was delivered

by Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine, Thomas Edward Gullickson and the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Lviv in Ukraine Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki. On the first day of the meeting three reports were heard: "The mission and role of the Eastern Catholic Churches in ecumenical dialogue: obstacle or opportunity to unite" (Bishop Dimitrios (Salakhas), Apostolic Exarch for Catholics of the Eastern rite in Greece), "The relations between the Eastern Catholic Churches and the state and the global community" (bishop Virgil (Berchea), Bishop of Oradea Mare, Romania), "From legalization of the UGCC to the revolution of dignity: The role of Churches in Ukrainian society" (bishop Borys (Gudziak), Bishop of the Diocese of St. Volodymyr the Great in Paris for Ukrainians of Byzantine Rite in France, Benelux and Switzerland).

Apostolic Exarch for Catholics of the Eastern rite in Greece Dimitrios (Salakhas) during his report said that until the unity is fully achieved, ecumenical efforts in different countries in their relations with the



Orthodox Churches are the priority and irreversible identity dimension of the Eastern Catholic Churches. "The Eastern Catholic Churches are called to meet the challenges caused by dissent. These churches should be active participants in the dialogue of truth and love that the Catholic Church actively conducts with the Orthodox Churches, as well as promote various initiatives, in which Orthodox brothers could participate (e.g., aimed at defending moral principles regarding marriage and the family, acts of charity, social justice, protection of life, dignity and basic human rights, promoting peace), and pay special attention to mass emigration," he said.

According to the speaker, "a burning desire to rise the UGCC

from archiepiscopal dignity to the patriarchal Church is fully legitimate and complies with the Second Vatican Council. In anticipation of this event the UGCC is called to do everything possible in its present canonical status to better meet the demands of internal renovation and ecumenical vocation, despite all we know the difficulties and obstacles," the Apostolic Exarch for Catholics of the Eastern rite in Greece was reported as saying by the Information Department of the UGCC.

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## Film about Taras Shevchenko

On the occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the life of Taras Shevchenko, all are welcome to view the film "Taras Shevchenko" (created in 1926; directed by Petro Chardynin) at the Library of the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center on Sunday November 16, 2014 at 2:00 pm. This is the first movie ever based on Shevchenko's biography, in which Ambrose Buchma plays the main role. The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center is located at 700 Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. This showing is organized by the Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University along with the Ukrainian Community Foundation of Philadelphia.

З нагоди відзначення 200-літнього ювілею від дня народження Тараса Шевченка Українська бібліотека Українського Освітньо-Культурного Центру (УОКЦ) запрошує на показ першого біографічного фільму "Тарас Шевченко" (1926 рік, реж. Петро Чардинін) з геніальним Амвросієм Бучмою в головній ролі. Презентація відбуватиметься 16 листопада о 2-ій годині по полудні в приміщенні (УОКЦ) за адресою: 700 Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Показ зорганізовано спільно з Українським КіноКлубом Колумбійського Університету за підтримки Української Громадської Фундації Філадельфії.

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