

## Two Ukrainian Catholic parishes become one in Swarthmore, PA

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chester, PA and Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Clifton Heights, PA merged to become Holy Myrrh-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church in Swarthmore, PA, the site of the historic Leiper Presbyterian Church.

Three United States presidents (Andrew Jackson, William Henry Harrison and James Buchanan) worshipped at Leiper Presbyterian Church in the 19th century.

The Rite of the Consecration of the new Holy Myrrh-Bearers

Ukrainian Catholic Church began at 1pm on Saturday, April 18, 2015 with a small prayer service where the holy relics of three saints: Saint Stephen the Proto-martyr, Saint Dorothea of Caesarea, and Saint



**Newly Consecrated Holy Myrrh-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church on April 18, 2015. (Photos by T. Siwak and P. Bilyj)**

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Josaphat Kuntsevych of Polotsk, were then carried by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka in a procession around the church.

The outdoor procession led to the main entrance of the church where a small table was set up in front of the main door. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka placed the discos with the holy relics on the table and exclaimed, "Open Your gates, O princes; open everlasting gates, and the King of Glory shall enter."

After a prayer service outside the main entrance of the church, Metropolitan Stefan carried the holy relics into the church as the concelebrating clergy and parishioners entered the church.

Since the Altar Table represents the Tomb of Christ and His body lies therein, the Altar must undergo its own "Baptism" (washing) and "Chrismation" (anointing with the Myron-Chrism.)

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka was the main celebrant at the service; concelebrants included Auxiliary Bishop John Bura, Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten of Stamford, Rev. John Ciurpita, pastor, and Rev. Joseph Szupa, Chancellor. Master of Ceremonies were Rev. Edward Higgins and Rev. Walter Pasicznyk. Deacon Michael Waak and servers Lance Lohr and

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**Procession**



**Icon of the Holy Myrr-Bearers**



**Prayer Service outside of the main entrance of the church.**



**Metropolitan Stefan carries the discos with relics of three saints.**



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Daniel Shegda also participated in the service. The cantor was Christina Matijkiw.

The altar was washed with water, wine, and a mixture of rose-water with spikenard. Metropolitan Stefan poured these liquids onto the altar in the sign of a cross. After each liquid was poured, the concelebrants dried the altar with a cloth.

The holy relics were brought to the altar where Metropolitan Stefan anointed them with Holy Chrism and placed them into a specially prepared reliquary. The reliquary was sealed into the center of the altar with wax-mastic.

Metropolitan Stefan anointed the altar making three crosses and also anointed the pillars of the altar the same way.

Next the icons of the four Evangelists (St. John, St. Matthew, St. Luke, and St. Mark) were blessed and placed into cavities at the four corners of the altar and sealed into the altar with wax-mastic. The icons were placed in the order in which the Gospels are read during the Liturgical Year.

The Altar table was vested with the sprinkling of Holy Water on both sides of the cloths and then the

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**Cleansing altar with soap.**



**Metropolitan Stefan pours wine on the altar.**



**Bishop John Bura places the icon of the Evangelist St. John into the altar.**



**Parishioners carry vessels of liquids to be used in cleansing the altar.**

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Tabernacle was placed on the altar.

Deacon Michael Waak carrying a candle led Metropolitan Stefan, Rev. Joseph Szupa, and Rev. John Ciurpita around the inside of the church as the walls and windows were blessed with Holy Water and anointed with Holy Chrism.

Msgr. Peter Waslo read the Foundation Charter of Holy Myrrh-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church.

A reception followed the service.

On Sunday, April 19th, the first Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the newly consecrated Holy Myrrh-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church at 11 am.

If you are interested in joining the new parish, please contact; Holy Myrrh-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church, 900 Fairview Road, Swarthmore, PA. 19081 or via phone at (610) 544-1215 or via email at [HMBChurch@verizon.net](mailto:HMBChurch@verizon.net)

Also, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyMyrrhBearersSwarthmore>



**Metropolitan Stefan anoints the altar.**



**Parishioners carry cloths to be used in vesting the altar.**

## Photo from the First Liturgy in Swarthmore, PA



**Greeters welcome Metropolitan Stefan with Bread, Salt and Flowers on April 19th. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)**



**The faithful.**



## St. Irene the Great Martyr (May 5th)



*Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment. (Mt. 15, 21 – 28)*

A Christian in fourth-century Persia could scarcely hope to lead a peaceful life in the midst of various factions which leagued together in their common hatred and harassment of the followers of Jesus Christ. One woman who came to know the full wrath of the Messiah's enemies was Irene, whose name in Greek means peace. In choosing to follow Christ in this extremely hostile land of soothsayers and snake charmers, she chose to ride out the storm in a manner that brought her sainthood.

Born during the reign of Constantine the Great in the Persian city of Magydus, Irene was the daughter of Licinius, governor of the region. Licinius was a ruler of little humor, with even less understanding and with an iron will that was in the tradition of the Medes and the Saracens. He reared his only child, Irene, in an ornate palace. At the age of eight she began to be tutored in the grand manner of the times. Accordingly she studied for ten years under the tutelage of Apelianos, an educator renowned for his wisdom and intellect.

According to Apelianos, who was also Irene's biographer, an angel of the Lord appeared to Irene in a dream when she was a young woman and told her that she had been chosen to be the voice of the Messiah among her own people. When she told the venerable Apelianos of her dream, he stood in awe. When he saw it in its proper perspective, he warned the girl that the road ahead would be strewn with obstacles and that the journey would be an arduous one. She knew that her faith would sustain her.

Licinius at first attributed her new eagerness for Christianity to the whim of youth, and he advised her to give up this madness. When her declarations for Christ continued unabated, he sternly warned her that he could tolerate no more. When she failed to comply he flew into a rage, threatening to have her trampled in the arena by wild horses. Apelianos related that while Licinius was at the arena arranging the stampede to take his daughter's life, he was somehow accidentally trampled himself.

Irene hurried to the side of her father, and as he lay mortally wounded she prayed to the Lord that he be spared. Her prayer was answered. Licinius recovered, repented, and was baptized into the Christian faith. For this he was promptly removed from office by the Persian King, Sedecian.

Turning to Irene, whom he considered a sorceress, Sedecian stated that he would restore her father to his post and allow her to go free if she disavowed Christ. She declined and was thereupon cast into prison.

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There she was subjected to inhuman torture and was given just enough food to sustain her until the next flogging. After Sedecian's death, she was released.

Miraculously regaining her health, she carried the message of the Messiah throughout the land, converting thousands to Christianity. Three consecutive successors to Sedecian: Savor, Numerianus and Savorian, all failed to halt Irene's advancement of Christianity. Further imprisonment, torture and abuse of mind and body having failed, it was decided that Irene should be put to death. She was beheaded on the 5th of May, 384.

Although St. Irene is not known to us as a biblical scholar, her very nature is an expression of the Scriptures as displayed in every aspect of her life on earth. She not only turned the other cheek, but went to the aid of the parent that would have destroyed her and except for her intervention would have thereby destroyed himself. She saved her father's life in order that he might save his own soul thereafter, by becoming a Christian himself. While preaching the word of Christ she encountered the ever present dangers, yet managed to outlive three emperors. In the days when women were decidedly second class citizens, she commanded the respect of men and women alike, ultimately becoming a mother figure to Christian converts drawn from ranks of the worst enemies of Jesus Christ. (www.antiochian.org)

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## Ukrainian Catholic Bishops and Superiors of Communities of Consecrated Life meet to discuss Vocations.

Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the USA and Superiors of Communities of Consecrated Life met in Philadelphia on Thursday, April 16th, 2015 to discuss challenges and needs of consecrated life within our Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA. The day long meeting focused on examining and challenging perceptions of consecrated life with a view to reveal the relevant mission of consecrated life today. The importance of their prophetic witness was emphasized. Specific vocation initiatives to be fostered amidst the clergy and faithful in the parishes, and in local colleges and universities were discussed. The recognition of the need to share in this journey within the entire Church was emphasized.



Participants (left to right) included Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka (Philadelphia), Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM, Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM (Provincial), Sister Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI, Bishop Bohdan Danylo (Parma Eparchy), Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, Mother Evhenia Prusnay, MSMG (Superior), Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Stamford Eparchy), Sister Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI (Provincial), Sister Timothea Konyo, MSMG, Bishop John Bura (Auxiliary, Philadelphia), Very Rev. Archimandrite Joseph Lee ( Monastery of the Holy Cross), Rev. Paul Makar (Vocations Director for Philadelphia), Very Rev. Philip Sandrick, OSBM (Provincial), Rev. Taras Svirchuk, CSsR.

Please pray for vocations. Support initiatives to value and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Express your appreciation to your priest, deacon and religious sisters who strive to serve you. We welcome suggestions.



## Cherished Priest Celebrates 50th Jubilee.

Sunday, April 19 was a special day of thanks for the Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ as we celebrated the Liturgy honoring the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of our former Pastor Father Roman Dubitsky. The Principal Celebrant of the Liturgy was Fr. Roman and concelebrants were our current Pastor Fr. Ivan Turyk and homilist Very Rev. Andriy Rabiyy, Protosyncellus of Philadelphia Archeparchy and Pastor of Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Reading, PA. In addition to hundreds of parishioners from the Assumption Parish, the Liturgy was attended by many former parishioners of Fr. Roman from St. Stephen Church in Toms River, NJ and St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Wilmington Delaware.



The reception and a concert following the Liturgy in the school hall was attended by three hundred fifty well-wishers who enjoyed a great program prepared by the school and parish kids and a variety of refreshments at the parish annual Easter Dinner-Sviachene. The capacity crowd in attendance for his Jubilee Liturgy and the hundreds of guests at the reception were witness to the love and admiration that the community has for Fr. Roman. Although Fr. Roman has accomplished so much over the years, he said that the spotlight shouldn't be on him, "It's a day for me to thank all of you for allowing me to answer the call to service to God and His Church on earth." Among the letters and testimonials read in connection with that occasion was a very special greeting for Fr. Roman from His Grace Archbishop-Metropolitan Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Once again sincere thanks to all who helped organize this wonderful celebration for a very devoted priest and to share that Easter joy with one another!



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# Replica Of The Shroud Of Turin Goes On Public Exhibition In Philadelphia

By Mark Abrams

April 25, 2015

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A replica of the Shroud of Turin, believed by some Christians to be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ is now on public exhibition at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia.

Father John Fields, director of communications for the Ukrainian Church in Philadelphia, says the Vatican-authorized replica of the shroud is now on public display inside the Golden-domed Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Northern Liberties (830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA).

“It’s an exact replica – 14 feet by 3.7 feet wide – was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI. And, not only was it blessed as a third-class relic, it was also touched to the original shroud in Turin.”

Fields says showing of the replica coincides with the Vatican’s authorized public display of the original artifact at a church in Turin, Italy until late June.

He says the replica is the ninth authorized by the Catholic Church and obtained by the Ukrainian Metropolitan Archbishop for exhibition in Philadelphia.

Fields says visitors can view the replica shroud on Wednesdays (11:30 - 3pm) and Saturdays (2 - 4:30pm) or make special arrangements by contacting the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral chancery office at 215-627-0143.

<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/04/25/replica-of-the-shroud-of-turin-goes-on-public-exhibition-in-philadelphia/>



**Rev. John Fields, communications director for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Philadelphia, stands near a replica of the Shroud of Turin, on public exhibition at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Northern Liberties. (credit: Mark Abrams/KYW Newsradio)**

# Ukrainian Catholic cathedral has shroud replica on permanent display

By Catholic News Service

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — More than 2 million visitors are expected to view the famed Shroud of Turin during a rare public display at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Turin, Italy, over the next two months.

A trip to see what many Christians believe is Christ's burial cloth is probably out of reach for most people, but for Catholics and others in the United States, there's an alternative: A full-size, Vatican-authorized replica on permanent display in Philadelphia.

The replica is situated in front of a mosaic of Christ's resurrection in the city's golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Archbishop Stefan Soroka of Philadelphia, who is metropolitan of U.S. Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, procured the replica, according to an archdiocesan news release. It is the ninth such replica to be sanctioned by the Vatican.

The cathedral welcomes visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Visiting hours and the cathedral's location can be found at <http://ukrcathedral.com>.

Pope Francis authorized the public display of the shroud in Italy to help commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of St. John Bosco, a 19th-century priest from the Turin region who was a pioneer in vocational education, worked with poor and abandoned children and founded the Salesian order.

The 14-foot by 4-foot shroud bears the photonegative image of the front and back of a man whose wounds correspond to the Gospel accounts of the torture Jesus endured in his passion and death.

The church has never officially ruled on the shroud's authenticity, emphasizing instead the shroud's importance in helping people reflect on the person of Christ, the human dimension of suffering and the mysteries of death and everlasting life.

The cloth continues to be an invitation to reflect on the Passion, Resurrection and Incarnation, which in turn inspires and calls people to reach out to others in need, said Archbishop Cesare Nosiglia of Turin at a morning Mass April 19 marking the official opening of the venerated icon's exposition to the public.

"The shroud invites us to never let ourselves be beaten down by evil, but to overcome it with good," said the prelate, who is papal custodian of the shroud.

<http://catholicphilly.com>



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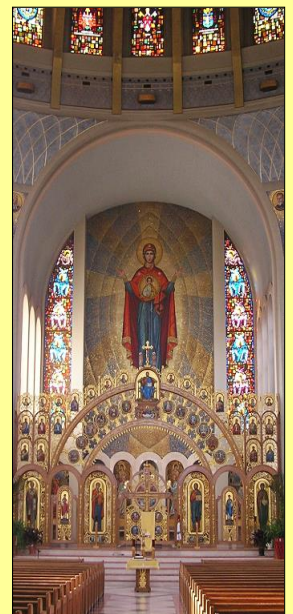
- View the Vatican authorized full size replica of the Shroud of Turin
- Venerate the relics of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, CSsR and Blessed Sister Josaphata Hordashevskya, SSMI
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Divine Liturgies:

Saturday: 4:30 pm English

Sunday: 9 am Ukrainian  
11 am English

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## Dedicated Altar Servers In Passaic, NJ

The altar servers at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Passaic, New Jersey take the privilege of serving at God's holy altar quite seriously. The altar servers were of one mindset: to participate in all the Easter services at the church. On Holy Thursday, a total of 16 devoted boys and young men served alongside Rev. Andriy Dudkevych, Pastor of St. Nicholas, for the Passion Matins and reading of the Twelve Gospels. At the Holy Shroud service on Good Friday, they walked in procession, along with all the faithful, and then throughout the afternoon, served adoration by taking turns standing by Jesus's grave. Since serving is such an honor for them, many boys arrived at 5:30 a.m., 90 minutes prior to the start of the Resurrection Matins on Easter Sunday morning, just to ensure their spot to serve at the altar.

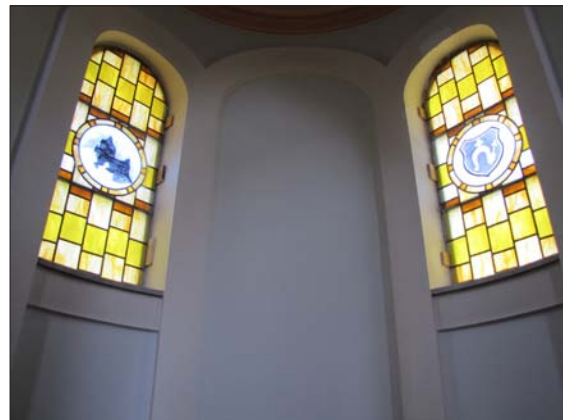


It is truly heartwarming for all the parishioners of St. Nicholas to see such dedication and devotion from these young people. May our risen Lord bless them and their families abundantly for their service to Him and His church.

(Photo and article by Lecia Stec-Peltyszyn)

## Workers install four new windows at Cathedral

Four new stained glass windows were installed at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. These windows will surround the new mosaic icons of Blessed Josaphata and Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky.



## New members join Sodality Group in Passaic

On the Feast of the Annunciation, at the start of the 9AM Divine Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church-School, Passaic, NJ, Rev. Andriy Dudkevych and Rev. George Worshack blessed 6 new Sodalists of Mary, the Blessed Virgin and Mother of God. These "Sodality Girls" prepared by Sr. Cecelia Sworin SSMI, joined 12 others in giving of themselves more intensely to Jesus through Mary. They aim to grow in holiness by: living the



Gospel Message of Jesus; prayer ministry; service to the Church; charitable deeds; and wholesome social activities together. Congratulations and may God continue to bless each one of you!

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## Assumption Catholic School Spirituality Day 2015

The faculty and staff of Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ headed down the shore Friday for a retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House. Located in Long Branch, NJ, the retreat house is situated on eight acres overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The day began with refreshments followed by a Chapel Prayer Service. Following the Prayer Service, Sister Geraldine Muller, SSJ lead a discussion on Resurrection Joy: How to Sustain the Joy of Celebrating the Season of Easter. Sister read from the Gospel of Luke. The stories of the women who found the empty tomb and the two people on the road to Emaus were shared and reflected upon. Sister challenged us to ponder how the



scriptures touch on our life experiences. Our session ended with time to reflect on the day and scripture readings. Everyone took the opportunity to walk the beautiful grounds and pose for some pictures. After enjoying a meal together, everyone left for the weekend feeling refreshed and renewed.



## Students of Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic make Easter Butter Lambs

During the Great Fast, the students of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Passaic, NJ enjoyed performing little sacrifices as acts of love and gratitude to Jesus for His great love for us. One of these sacrifices was giving up some time from their lunch recess to make Easter butter lambs, under the direction of Sr. Eliane Ilnitski and Sr. Cecelia Sworin, SSMI's, as a fundraiser for the school. They raised over \$300.

The butter lambs were popular items, along with the delicious babkas which were baked over the course of 3 days and one night by some parishioners and school moms. Thank you all for your love and support to the school that is making a difference in all our lives.



**Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI teaches the students how to use a toothpick to make the lamb's wool in the butter.**



**Sr. Cecelia Sworin, SSMI helps teach the students about the butter lamb.**





## St. Vladimir's, Edwardsville, PA hosts Paschal Brunch

On April 26, 2015, Rev. Paul Wolensky and the parishioners of St. Vladimir, Edwardsville, and Ss. Peter & Paul Wilkes-Barre, held their annual Joint Paschal Brunch in the Social Hall of St. Vladimir Parish, Edwardsville. (Photos are from the Parish Facebook page)



Rev. Paul Wolensky

## Ukrainian Cultural and Heritage Festival

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## Women's Day of Prayer

The Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the St. Ann Society of Perth Amboy, NJ invites all women to a night of Fellowship, Prayer and a Free Covered Dish Dinner.

On Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7 pm. a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God will be celebrated. The homilist will be Very Rev. Joseph Szupa, Chancellor of the Philadelphia Archeparchy. The theme for his reflection shall be "Blessed Mary, the example of Christian Service"



Please contact St. Ann Society President, Melanie Fedynshyn at (732) 442-4632 or via email at [melaniep@comcast.net](mailto:melaniep@comcast.net) with any questions or concerns. You may also contact our parish rectory at (732) 826-0767.



## “Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage”



A glorious day in Melrose Park, PA on April 18, 2015 as 10 couples gathered at the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church for the marriage Preparation Program “Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage”. What a great joy to see the youth and future of our Church engaging in this important Program of insight reflection and instruction for healthy relationship under the care of Fr. Ihor Royik, John Michalczyk, M.A MDiv, Pastoral Counselor, and Mary Teeter Babiak, MD.



**Mary Teeter Babiak speaks to the couples at the Marriage Preparation Program.**



**Rev. Ihor Royik**



**John Michalczyk**

## Sister Paula Jacynyk, OSBM 1930 – 2015

Sister Paula (Theresa) Jacynyk, OSBM, passed away Friday, April 17, 2015, at Holy Redeemer Hospital, Meadowbrook, PA. Sister had undergone a pacemaker implant and was scheduled for rehab when death occurred.

Sister Paula was baptized and chrismated at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ, and after the death of her parents, Anthony and Antoinette (Dobrowolska) Jacynyk, was raised by her aunt and uncle Anna and Peter Rybensky. Her high school years were spent at St. Basil Academy and soon after graduating in 1948, being deeply impressed and inspired by the Sisters and teachers, she entered the Order of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great.



After minor profession of vows in 1950, Sister Paula was missioned to teach at St. Nicholas School, Watervliet, NY, followed by teaching assignments at St. Nicholas School, Chicago, IL, SS. Peter and Paul, Auburn, NY, SS. Peter and Paul, Cohoes, NY, and St. Josaphat's in Philadelphia, PA. In 1968, Sister Paula was called to the Motherhouse in Fox Chase where over the years she held leadership positions as novice directress, house superior, Provincial Vicar, councilor and secretary, registrar at Manor College, Provincial Renewal Team member, and mentor to young women from Ukraine who came to discern their vocation.

A Pascal Parastas for Sister Paula was held in the Basilian Motherhouse Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, Tuesday evening, April 21. His Grace Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, assisted by Motherhouse Chaplain Rev. Peter Waslo and Rev. Edward Higgins, Pastor, Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church, Philadelphia, spoke of Sister Paula's faithfulness to her vocation and offered his personal condolences to Sister's family and religious community. "This is the Week of the Myrrh-bearing Women and Sister Paula, in her own way, was a myrrh-bearer to many."

At the funeral Liturgy, Wednesday, April 22, Msgr. Waslo reminded those present of the joyful message of the Resurrection and the assurance of a heavenly reunion with those who have gone before us.

Sister Paula's smile and warm personality endeared her to many and in her eulogy, Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, spoke of Sister Paula's gift of touching others by her affability, sincerity, hospitality and talents. "All of us here today bear witness to this because all of us have been recipients of your smile and the warmth behind it." Sister Dorothy Ann cited Sister Paula's deep devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux for whom she was named, a devotion which she believed caused her to love God in her own "little way" and made her a loving and compassionate person.

"Dear Sister Paula," continued Sister Dorothy Ann, "You left another message among your papers. Ever gracious to the end, you wrote, 'In my eulogy please extend my love and prayers to all, and thanks.'"

Sister Paula Jacynyk was preceded in death by her parents, her aunt and uncle and cousin Harold. She is survived by her cousin Joseph Rybensky, his wife Leandra, and cousins Diane and Susanne.

Her memory is eternal!

Interment was in the monastery cemetery.



## NEW MOSAICS OF VENERABLE METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY AND BLESSED JOSAPHATA HORDASHEVSKA, SSMI FOR CATHEDRAL

Two full sized mosaics of Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, SSMI will be installed in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia in Spring, 2015. The mosaics will include a reliquary for relics of both Metropolitan Sheptytsky and Blessed Josaphata for veneration by all.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is to visit Philadelphia in September, 2015. He has been invited to include a visit to our Cathedral during his short two day visit. In hopeful anticipation of such a visit, we have commissioned these mosaics for the Holy Father to bless. Please pray for this!

The mosaics have been prepared by our world renowned iconographer who has written most of the Cathedral's iconography, Christine Dochwat. The mosaics are being fabricated in Italy by the same firm which has done previous art work in our Cathedral. The cost for each will be approximately \$ 35,000, which is very reasonable for such a significant project. Financial donations are invited from individuals and parishes for this project. Perhaps someone or a group may wish to fund one or both mosaics in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please remember the power of the intercession of the saints for our needs! Thank you for your anticipated assistance. Please send donations to Archbishop's Chancery, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. God bless you!



## NEW BELL TOWER FOR CATHEDRAL



The original Cathedral bell named "Stefan" in testimony to our first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for all Eastern Catholics in USA, the Most Rev. Stephen Soter Ortynsky, OSBM, needs to be relocated from its present location.

A new bell tower of our Cathedral is planned to accommodate the bell, to be located to the right of our Cathedral.

We welcome your financial donation for this memorial to the founding bishop, clergy, religious and faithful. It is an expression of our heartfelt appreciation for their planting the seeds of faith and the roots of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA.

Please help us to meet the costs by sending a donation to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Your help is needed and appreciated. God bless you richly as you share in celebrating gratitude for our founders.

# His Beatitude Sviatoslav: "To get peace, you have to believe in the risen Jesus Christ"

Monday, 20 April 2015

If we compare the disciples after the crucifixion of their Savior with all of us today, we can see a lot in common. Today we are afraid, we are frightened when we hear about the war years, tears and suffering; each of us feels instinctively that tomorrow I might be the next. That was said by the Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church His Beatitude Sviatoslav in His sermon to the faithful on the eighth day after the Resurrection during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ.

The preacher admitted that that day Christ's disciples after the experienced events were full of fear. Evangelist John, told His Beatitude Sviatoslav, very briefly but accurately describes their condition: they gathered behind a locked door because of their fear. They knew that their Teacher was killed yesterday, and tomorrow they might be the next.

The Primate noted that in today's Gospel reading we can clearly hear that the first word with which Jesus Christ refers to His disciples, frightened apostles, is the word "peace". "He said to them twice: Peace be with you! Obviously, in the Jewish mode of life "Shalom" (peace) was a way of greeting. But in the context of an incredible meeting with the risen Christ, the word has quite different meaning. In Scripture the word "peace" does not mean any external circumstances, but inner state of the person. First of all peace means inner harmony, we would say - well-being and harmony of earthly prosperity, harmony in the family, beneficial behavior. That person who really feels himself confident where he is, who he is and what he does know what peace is. In the social meaning peace means harmony, harmony in relationships with other people and confidence in the coming days", - explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav, adding that this is why the apostles understood as all the other inhabitants of Jerusalem, that peace – is God's gift.

"This world and even the man himself – is convincing the Preacher - cannot gain this peace with their human efforts. So the apostles were always brining the news about peace as God's gift and blessing of God. Jesus Christ - the risen Savior does not only talk about peace to His apostles, but He gave them peace. It is passed as a sign of God's blessing and absolute certainty that as Christ is risen from the dead, He will remain with them until the end of the world. So Apostle Paul says: Christ is our peace. And sending students to the world to carry good news about the Resurrection of Christ, He makes them the carriers of peace".

"We talk so much about peace - continued the Head of the Church - so much we pray for peace. But today is what we can hear in the gospel of Christ occurs during this Divine Liturgy. The Risen Lord is present among us. And in order to get peace, we should believe in Him, believe in the Savior, Who says: Blessed you are, who may not have seen as Thomas, but believed. Only through faith we can touch the risen Christ and be filled with His peace".

During the Liturgy two deacons were ordained - Andriy Bodnaruk and Andriy Bonys.

Coserved with His Beatitude Sviatoslav Bishop Josyph (Milian), Auxiliary Bishop of Kyiv, and 11 priests.

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## **His Beatitude Sviatoslav expressed solidarity with the Armenians**

Thursday, 23 April 2015

On the eve of commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the massacre of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire, His Beatitude Sviatoslav expressed his solidarity and prayer support to Head of Armenian Christians - His Holiness Catholicos of All Armenians Karekin II, Head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, His Beatitude Patriarch and Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmuni, Head of the Armenian Catholic Church. This was reported in the Curia of the Archbishop.

In the letter the Head of the UGCC writes to His Holiness Catholicos of All Armenians Karekin II, the Head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, in particular, states:

“On April 24th the whole world will be united with the Armenian community to commemorate the mass killings of 1.5 million Armenians which took place exactly one hundred years ago in the Ottoman Empire. On behalf of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church I would like to express our words of solidarity and assure Your Holiness of our prayers for the innocently killed victims of “Medz Yeghern”, sons and daughters of the Armenian people.

The XX century has been one of the most cruel periods in the history of humanity when the evil and hatred targeted the most vulnerable and unprotected people. Millions of people killed by Nazi and Communist regimes as well as mass killings of the Armenians are victims to these ideologies of hatred in the last century.

Pope Francis has rightly called the tragedy of your people “the first Genocide of the XX century”. Extermination of 1.5 million Armenians has changed the religious map of that part of the world where Christianity once flourished. During those persecutions a great number of monuments of Christian culture has been destroyed forever. We are saddened by the fact that the persecutions of the Christians still continues in the Middle East even nowadays, and the Armenian community is again a subject of sufferings in Syria and Iraq. We invoke our prayers to the Heavenly Father for all the martyrs of the XX century and for all those who are being persecuted for their Christian faith.

We, Ukrainians, know very well the pain and the suffering of the Armenian people. The painful wounds from the past as well as innocent victims of the present unite our communities and can serve as a foundation for further cooperation in search of mutual recognition of the sufferings inflicted upon our nations. One of the places where Ukrainian and Armenian communities not only co-exist but also serve one another with brotherly love is Lviv. I cherish very pleasant memories of visiting the Armenian Cathedral in Lviv where our Christian unity becomes more visible during common prayers.

Our Churches and peoples face great future, because the history of the martyrdom reveals that its seeds bring about abundant fruits. May our peoples become worthy heirs of the great sacrifice of our innocently killed ancestors and build the future of our societies founded on Christian values keeping in mind our responsibility before our ancestors”.

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## The Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma (USA) holds a retreat for clergy

Monday, 27 April 2015

The clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma held their annual retreat April 21-24, 2015 at the Loyola Retreat Center in Clinton, Ohio (USA).

The retreat this year was led by Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Eparch of Stamford. In his spiritual talks, Bishop Paul accentuated on the intricacies of the ministerial service to the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America. The retreat master concentrated on the importance for the priests to be genuine disciples of Christ, keeping their eyes firmly on the Objective, Who is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, despite many a temptation of the modern world and not to be preoccupied with the trivial things that could lead a priest away from his particular mission that the Church entrusted him with. Bishop Paul also reminded the participants to keep alive the daily prayer life, especially the liturgical life, as a source of the genuine communion with the Lord. He likewise underlined the significance of being able to entrust fully the priestly ministry to the Lord and follow humbly in His footsteps, always remembering to present the life-giving Good News of Jesus Christ to the people in a gentle and compassionate manner.

In addition to the eparchial priests, the retreat was attended by the new Ordinary of the eparchy, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, who, at the end of the spiritual exercises, thanked Bishop Paul on behalf of the clergy for having shared his word of wisdom with the retreat participants and wished him God's choicest blessings in his episcopal ministry.

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