

Perth Amboy Parish holds Women's Day of Prayer



In response to the Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, "The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter the living Christ", that encourages parishes to become more vibrant by responding to the needs of the community, the Assumption Parish and members the St. Ann Society invited Catholic and non-Catholic women of Perth Amboy and neighboring communities to come together for the glory of God and to honor His Blessed Mother.

Over 145 ladies attended the Moleben service in our beautiful church on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Many of these women had never even been in a Ukrainian Catholic Church before let alone attend a Moleben, but they followed in their booklets, prayed, and sang along with the St. Ann Society. During the Moleben service, Reverend Joseph Szupa, Chancellor of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, offered a homily on "Blessed Mary, The Example of Christian Service." The event was also attended by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God.



Rev. Joseph Szupa offers the homily

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The Lord said: "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. (Mt. 10: 32-33, 37-38; 19: 27-30)

On the first Sunday after Pentecost Holy Church commemorates all the saints. On each day of the year saints are commemorated, sometimes one, two, three, or many. However, not all righteous people have a special date on which they are remembered. Some may have been overlooked, forgotten, and for whatever reason not entered into the calendar of Saints. God does not forget them and Holy Church remembers all those not commemorated on a given date. They are all remembered on this day - the Day of All Saints. Holy Church commemorates regional All Saints on the following Sunday. This gives special emphasis to the fullness of love in God and our own service to God by imitating the lives of His Saints. Saints, they are a multitude!

Let us look at a blade of grass. Suppose we ask each youngster to go out and count the number of blades of grass on our church lawn. Or, if I invited you to the beach, on one condition, that you count all the grains of sand on the beach. Would you look forward to such a task or tasks? Perhaps we could bring in a large telescope and after Vespers look up into the sky and count the stars. There are billions of stars which our eyes cannot see. Doing any one of the above tasks, if you agreed, would take one a lifetime. And, the task would probably not be completed.

God provides us with His vast and enormous universe. We cannot possibly understand all the wonders as we cannot possibly count all the blades of grass, grains of sand or the stars in the heavens. God's great love for all of us is as enormous as He has for His Saints. There is no doubt that in the eyes of God there are countless Saints. What to us would be seemingly and impossible task is for God an all-encompassing love. It is wonderful to be one of His children. As His children each has a commitment and response to make.

Our behavior as Christians may be likened to utilizing the 'uncountable' grains of sand and the multitude of stars to make them pleasing and useful to all others with whom we have contact. We can enjoy God's love for us. The grass is there for us to play in. We utilize time to recreate ourselves after a number of days of labor. We can look up at the billions of stars in amazement and dream dreams. We can relax on the sands of the beaches and soak up His clean air, sunshine and be refreshed in the water. Those are the physical blessings. God extends His Grace, the blessings of His love and goodness even if we do not

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deserve them. The Grace of God is ever present in His Holy Church in the Mysteries. Sometimes we call the Holy Mysteries simply sacraments. These we receive to recreate ourselves spiritually. The countless ways in which God extends His love to us is exemplified by the order of the wondrous universe.

There are responsibilities. As we live our individual lives in such ways as pleasing to God, we remember that our goal is eternal life with Him. Sometimes this is referred to as sainthood. Sainthood is or should be the goal of every Christian. While we cannot comprehend all the mysteries of God's universe, we have our Holy Church to direct us in the way we must go.

In observing and celebrating the Feast of All Saints, we are reminded to stand with our heavenly protector, our patron saint, and live each moment as if God were standing next to us. God not only helps us, He also knows all our thoughts, and sees our deeds. The reality of God's presence is expressed in the coming of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, on the first Sunday after Pentecost we are celebrating the joy of life in His Saints, all the Saints, known and unknown to us. Jesus said at the "Last Supper" that the Holy Spirit will come and will dwell in each of us. The task before each of us is enormous, although not impossible. It is a joyous task, reminding us to be Christ-like!

When we were born again in Holy Baptism we were given vows to believe in Jesus Christ, to love Him, and to serve Him to the end of our lives. That is what All the Saints did. Amen.

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1:00 pm – Fest Begins

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Sunday, August 23, at 12 o'clock noon

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(Whippany, NJ)

Prometheus Ukrainian Male Choir

(Philadelphia)



Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

(Philadelphia)

Violinist Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo

(Lviv, Ukraine)

The Vox Ethnika Ensemble (NYC)

“Zabava” Public Dance ~ The Vox Ethnika Dance Band

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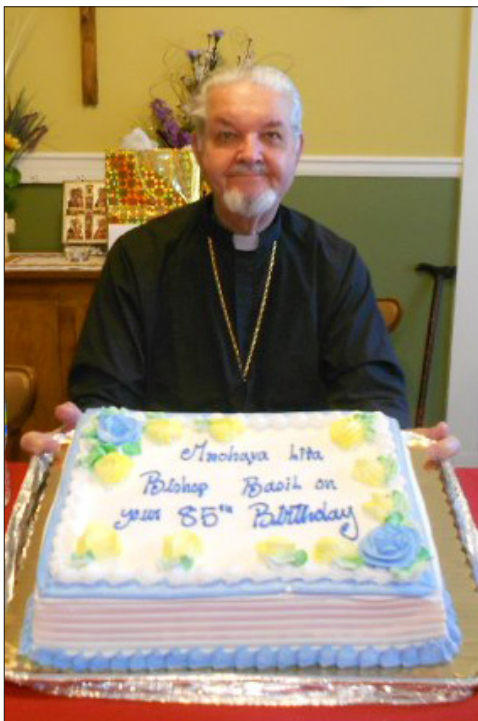
“Go and Make Disciples of All Nations” (Mt 28:19)

Our Ukrainian Catholic Church is responding to Christ’s command to “go and make disciples of all nations”. (Mt 28:19) Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Bishops of our Church endeavor to provide ministry to people residing in developing missions in eastern Ukraine, in Europe, in areas of the Middle East and Africa, and North America. Your generous assistance is needed to support clergy and religious to serve these missions and to aid in the development of these new missions. An annual collection will be taken at Pentecost for this purpose. Please use the specially prepared envelopes provided for this purpose in your parish. You may also send your gift to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Tax receipts will be issued. God bless all who generously care for the souls of others!



Pentecost

Happy 85th Birthday Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten!



We pray that God will continue to bless you with good health, with contentment and peace, and with much happiness for many years to come! Mnohaya Lita from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia!



On May 14th, Ascension Thursday, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate invited Bishop Basil Losten to Sloatsburg to celebrate his 85th birthday which was on May 11th and to acknowledge his 58 years of service to our Church, Mnohaya Lita Bishop Basil. (Photo: <http://ssmi-us.org/>)

Ascension Manor Celebrates Memorial Day with a Luncheon for Residents on May 21, 2015



Memorial Day Service in Olyphant, PA

Memorial Day services were held in Olyphant, PA. at the American Legion Raymond Henry Post #327.

The Guest Speaker was Marine Corps Reservist Joe Sofranko, (born and raised in Olyphant) and welcoming speech by Mayor John Sedlak Jr. of Olyphant, (member of SS. Cyril Parish).

Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant said the opening benediction and closing prayer.



The residents of Olyphant proudly display their flags. (Photo: Lauren Telep)



Photo at left : Mayor John Sedlak Jr., Rev. Nestor Iwasiw of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA, and Marine Corps Reservist Joel Sofranko stand next to the monument which reads, "In honored memory of all the men and women of Olyphant who made the supreme sacrifice" for WWII, WWI, Korean and Vietnam War. (Photo: Lauren Telep)

Olyphant Celebrates Liturgy at Cemetery

On Sunday, May 24th, 2015 SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, celebrated the "Feast of Pentecost" the Divine Liturgy at St. Cyril's Cemetery Chapel, started at 11:30 a.m. at the Cemetery Chapel, sung in Church Slavonic by the choir under the Direction of Mr. Patrick Marcinko and Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor. Over 150 parishioners and families attended the Divine Liturgy.

As the tradition continued, parishioners from near and far, stood at the monuments of their family loved ones. Following the Divine Liturgy, a Panakhyda was celebrated followed by the Blessing of the Graves. The Chapel is located at the 300 Block of Gino Merli Drive, Peckville, PA. (Photos by Lauren Telep.)



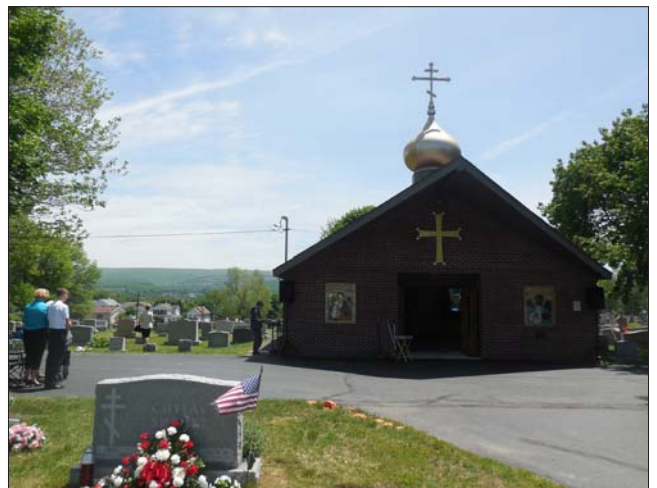
Panakhyda was celebrated by the Grotto followed by the Blessing of Graves. (Photos by Lauren Telep.)



Rev. Nestor Iwasiw celebrates the Divine Liturgy at the St. Cyrils Chapel on 5/24/2015 in celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, along with John Nasevitch and Michael Roberts as Altar Servers.



The Choir sings in the Chapel under the direction of Partick Marcinko.



Families gather at the monuments of their loved ones, as the tradition is kept with celebrating the Divine Liturgy at the Chapel in the cemetery at SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church. on 5/24/2015 for the Feast of Pentecost"

SJU Announces Details of Sculpture to Mark 50 Years of New Catholic-Jewish Relationship

PHILADELPHIA (April 24) – Saint Joseph’s University has formally commissioned local artist Joshua Koffman to craft an original sculpture entitled, “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time.” To be situated prominently on the campus near the Chapel of Saint Joseph—Michael J. Smith, S.J. Memorial, Koffman’s preliminary design has been completed and work on the final statue has begun.

The sculpture is part of the University’s celebration with the Philadelphia Jewish community of the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council declaration, *Nostra Aetate* (Latin for its opening words, “In Our Time”). That 1965 statement repudiated centuries of Christian claims that Jews were blind enemies of God whose spiritual life was obsolete. The document called instead for friendship and dialogue between Catholics and Jews. Shortly after, what was then Saint Joseph’s College became the first American Catholic college to respond to this appeal by establishing the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations.

The sculpture will also memorialize the Institute’s work and mission.

On numerous medieval cathedrals statues of the female allegorical figures of Church (*Ecclesia*) and Synagogue (*Synagoga*) portrayed the triumph of Christianity over Judaism. *Ecclesia* is crowned, majestic and victorious. *Synagoga* is defeated and blindfolded, her crown fallen at her feet.

“In 1965, *Nostra Aetate* rejected such images, declaring that Jews are beloved by a never-faithful God whose promises are irrevocable,” says University President, C. Kevin Gillespie, S.J. ‘72. “The statue of ‘*Synagoga* and *Ecclesia* in Our Time’ will portray Jews and Christians using the medieval figures in a strikingly different way to express Catholic teaching today.”

According to Institute Director Philip A. Cunningham, Ph.D., the new sculpture will employ *Synagoga* and *Ecclesia* rendered with nobility and grace, to bring to life the words of Pope Francis: “Dialogue and friendship with the Jewish people are part

of the life of Jesus’ disciples. There exists between us a rich complementarity that allows us to read the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures together and to help one another mine the riches of God’s word.” The work will depict the figures enjoying studying each other’s sacred texts together.

“The sculpture will vividly convey what Pope Francis has called the ‘journey of friendship’ that Jews and Catholics have experienced in the past five decades,” observes Jewish Studies professor and Institute Assistant Director, Adam Gregerman, Ph.D. “We are looking forward to area Jews and Catholics coming together to celebrate the remarkable rapprochement that is occurring.”

Artist Joshua Koffman is a Philadelphia-based sculptor known for his expressive and dramatic large-scale bronze sculptures. The recipient of many distinguished awards including the Alex J. Ettl Grant, the John Cavanaugh Memorial Prize, and First Place in the Grand Central



Academy’s Sculpture Competition, he pursued formal art education at the University of California, Santa Cruz and at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where he currently teaches.

“I am certainly looking forward to creating a sculpture that will communicate an incredibly unique and important message that will be central to such an extraordinary occasion as this historic anniversary,” Koffman says.

The statue of “*Ecclesia* and *Synagoga* in Our Time” will be dedicated this coming fall. Further details will be announced nearer the date.

For more information, visit the website of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph’s University at <http://sju.edu/int/academics/centers/ijcr/>.

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What is Ukrainian Day?

“Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Day” began in 1934 in Lakewood Park, Barnesville, PA and continued through the 50th anniversary held in July, 1983. Ukrainian Day was a “Coming-Home Event” for many of the descendants of Ukrainian immigrants who came to the coal region to work. The Ukrainian Day tradition at Lakewood Park ended in 1983, the year the park was permanently closed. In 1985 “Ukrainian Day” was revived and moved to St. Nicholas Picnic Grove in Primrose, on Route 901 just outside the Borough of Minersville. Although our event draws many of Eastern European descent, it has grown into a festival that attracts people of all heritages for the entertainment and especially the food.



Directions

St. Nicholas Picnic Grove
855 Sunbury Road (PA Route 901)
Primrose, Pennsylvania
(1 mile from Minersville)

From I-81 North or South:
Take Exit 116 and turn East towards Minersville. Picnic Grove is on the right.

From Philadelphia Area:
I-476 North, then I-78 West to Exit 29B PA-61 North to PA-901 West. Picnic Grove is 1 mile past Minersville on the left.

From Allentown:
I-78 West to Exit 29B PA-61 North to PA-901 West. Picnic Grove is 1 mile past Minersville on the left.



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Proceeds benefit the St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC



Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble

Great Entertainment!
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Ukrainian Day is sponsored by the South Anthracite Deanery of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. It is comprised of 12 parishes in Schuylkill (Frickville, Maizeville, McAdoo, Middleport, Minersville, Saint Clair and Shenandoah), Luzerne (Hazleton), Columbia (Centralia) and Northumberland (Marion Heights, Mount Carmel and Shamokin) counties.



Schedule of Events

11:00 AM

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by the Bishop and Clergy of the Deanery

11:30 AM

WPPA 1360 AM Live Polka Broadcast

1:00 PM

Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble

4:00 PM

John Stevens’ Doubleshot Polka Band



Throughout the day:

- ❖ Theme Basket Auction
- ❖ Crafters & Vendors selling traditional Eastern European items
- ❖ Pysanky (Traditional Ukrainian Easter Eggs) demo and classes
- ❖ Games & fun for the whole family



Delicious food homemade by the sponsoring parishes!

Menu

- Pyrohy (Pierogies)
- Halushki (Cabbage & Noodles)
- Halupki (Stuffed Cabbage)
- Kielbasa
- Potato Cakes (Bleenies)
- Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, BBQ, Sausage & Peppers
- Fresh Cut French Fries
- Soups (Bean Soup, Clam Chowder & more)
- Funnel Cakes
- Desserts & Ice Cream
- Drinks (Beer, Mixed Drinks, Soda, Tea, Water)

Congratulations on your First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion



Cathedral - Philadelphia, PA

Best wishes are extended to six children who received their Solemn Holy Communion and First Confession at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia on May 17, 2015. May Our Lord Jesus Christ guide you and be close by your sides.

Photo: (First row): Peter Bilyj, Jr, Emily Halt, Gregory Rudnytsky, Oleksandr Zholob, Michael Rudnytsky; (Second row): Sister Timothea, MSMG, Nicholas Kostyuk, Father Demkiv and Mother Evhenia, MSMG

Congratulations on your First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion

On May 17, 2015, three children from SS. Cyril & Methodius, Ukrainian Catholic Church, in Berwick, PA, received First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion. A special thank you to Kathryn Walters, Religious Education Director, who prepared these children for receiving these sacraments. May God protect them and guide them and may the Mother of God watch over them for many happy years. Mnohaya Lita!

Photo: (front row—left to right) Faith Matash, Jackson Matash, Alexandria Helbing. (back row—left to right) Kathryn Walters, Charles Fowler, Very Reverend John Seniw, Thomas Blass



Berwick, PA

Congratulations on your First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion



Baltimore, MD

Photo: Rev. Vasyl Sivinskyj with (from Left) Kalyna Chornodolsky Miller, Sonia Chornodolsky, Ivanka Charchalis, Roksolana Stelmach, Sophia Osheyko, Adriana Kalivoshko, Damyan Kalivoshko, Alexander Kashanchi, Demyan Golovchak and William Harhaj

The parishioners and guests of St. Michael the Archangel Church in Baltimore Maryland joined Rev. Vasyl Sivinskyj and the beautiful ten first confession and communion recipients in the uplifting Liturgy on Sunday May 17, 2015. Afterwards all families gathered together for a luncheon attended by over one hundred fifty invited guests in the Church Hall. The joyous event saw the largest group of first confession/communion children in more than twenty years.

After the Liturgy, Rev. Sivinsky gave each child a prayer book, Rosary and Icon as remembrance of the holy event. The preparations of the children with weekly classes for the last few months were diligently conducted by Maria Kaczaniuk and Olia Kalivoshko with the final session as an introduction to the Liturgy, Confession and Communion conducted by Otec Sivinsky. The children also were prepared by Halya Zezlo and gave a joint presentation at the Luncheon that was greatly appreciated by everyone. The expansive luncheon buffet tables with limitless selections of various foods were prepared by Valentyna and Taras Stelmach and assisted by their team of cooks. The entire day was a memorable event for the children, their brothers and sisters and friends and families. From the contributions of the parents to cover the luncheon expenses, Valentyna Stelmach and her team donated \$400 for the Victims of the War in Ukraine recuperating from devastating injuries in Ivano-Frankivsk. In addition through a pyrohy prep and other donations over \$2,500 was raised for the cause to be immediately delivered to Ukraine.

Submitted by Andriy W. Chornodolsky

Spring Activities of the Apostleship of Prayer Group in Reading

The Apostleship of Prayer Group from the Nativity of the BVM Parish in Reading, PA has had a busy spring!

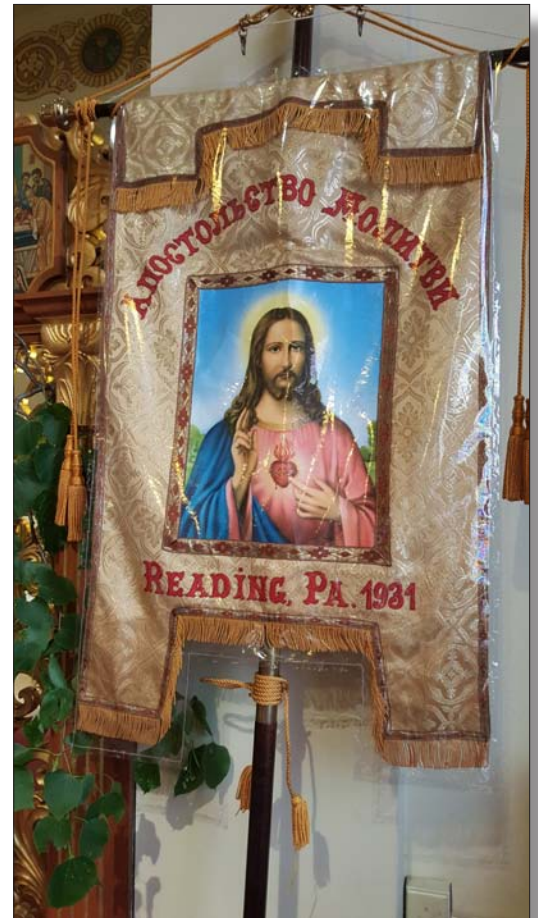


They kicked off the season of Lent by sponsoring a food drive in the parish. The week after Easter almost 200 pounds of food and supplies were donated to the Greater Berks Food Bank all thanks to the gracious generosity of the church's parishioners! The Apostleship members also donated and put together gift bags of food and gift items for the sick and shut-ins of the parish. The bags were blessed on Holy Saturday and delivered to those in need along with a lot of prayers and good wishes!

In preparation for Holy Week, on Saturday, March 28, the Apostleship sponsored a Retreat Day in the parish entitled "From Gethsemane to Golgotha". The day began with the Divine Liturgy, concelebrated by Retreat Master Father Joseph Szupa and the parish's assistant, Father Roman Sverdan. At conclusion of the Liturgy, Fr Szupa began speaking on the theme of the day, The Passions (СТРАСТИ) of Jesus. Fr Szupa helped those in attendance to reflect on the events that took place from the time of the Last Supper through Jesus' Crucifixion. The attendees also heard about and contemplated on the Sorrows of Mary, followed by a Moleben in Her honor to recall that She also suffered along with Her Son on the road to the Cross. Fr. Szupa reminded all that "as Christians we are called to pour ourselves out (for others) just as Jesus poured out all of His blood" with "ultimate love" on the Cross.

The Apostleship's spring has finished on a special note as the group's new/old banner was blessed and dedicated on Saturday, May 23! This banner is the original that has been around since the first Apostleship group began in the parish in 1931. It was recently renovated with a new Sacred Heart of Jesus icon to replace the old one. Now it will be added to other church banners and be carried around the church in processions!

Submitted by
Debbie Marco, president of the Apostleship



ARCHBISHOP STEFAN ADDRESSES PENNSYLVANIA STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Archbishop Stefan Soroka participated in the Pennsylvania State Knights of Columbus Convention held in Pittsburgh, PA on May 16-17th, 2015. Brother Knights gathered for their deliberations and planning for a huge range of Catholic charity services offered in the parishes, in communities, and in our nation. The many worthy and valued activities include support for Special Olympics for the handicapped, homes and services for people of all ages, sporting events for children and youth, support for parish family activities and projects, and offering steadfast prayers and support for all in need. A project receiving special support is the purchase of some 19 ultrasound machines for use in pro-life clinics. Complimentary lab grade pregnancy tests and ultrasound screening services are offered in clinics where those machines have been provided by the Knights of Columbus. Approximately 80% of pregnant women, who see the life of their child in an ultrasound image, choose to give birth to the child. It is an exceptional method to counteract the abortion mentality.

A special Women's Mobile Clinic was blessed following the Convention Mass of the PA State Knights of Columbus by Most Reverend David Zubik, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bishop David offered an inspiring homily to the Knights of Columbus and their families at the Convention Mass. Archbishop Stefan Soroka concelebrated the Mass, and offered a reflection and encouragement in an address during the Convention Banquet which followed.

Archbishop Soroka holds the Knights of Columbus in great esteem, encouraging the men of our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to organize themselves into Councils of our Ukrainian parishes. Just imagine the incredible charitable works which can become characteristic of our faithful.



Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka attends the blessing ceremony of the Women's Mobile Clinic. (Photo: geoffcrowephotography.com)



Lori Szala, Executive Director of "Pregnancy Resource Center" shows Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka inside the Women's Mobile Clinic. (Photo: geoffcrowephotography.com)

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR MAY/JUNE 2015

- MAY 3 -CELEBRATED SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY AT ST. PETER & PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BRIDGEPORT, PA. CELEBRATED WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF PARISH CONCLUDING FOR SUMMER MONTHS, THE MULTIPLE GRADES OF CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION AT THE PARISH.
-OFFERED OPENING PRAYER FOR AFTERNOON RECEPTION SPONSORED BY UKRAINIAN FEDERATION OF AMERICA, HONORING AMBASSADOR WILLIAM GREEN MILLER, AT THE UKRAINIAN CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL CENTER, JENKINTOWN, PA.
- MAY 4 -RECEIVED VARIOUS CLERGY FROM THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILA.
- MAY 5 -REVIEW OF RENEWAL OF DISPLAYS AT "TREASURY OF FAITH" MUSEUM, CONSOLIDATING ONTO ONE FLOOR, WITH MISSIONARY SISTERS OF MOTHER OF GOD.
- MAY 7 -PARTICIPATED IN MEETING OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS COUNCIL OF PHILADELPHIA AT ARCHDIOCESEAN PASTORAL CENTER OF PHILADELPHIA.
- MAY 12 -RECEIVED INDIVIDUALS CONFERRING A GENEROUS MONETARY GIFT FOR THE EDUCATION AND FORMATION OF PRIESTS.
- MAY 13 -PARTICIPATED IN WOMEN'S DAY PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING AT BASILIAN MONASTERY IN FOX CHASE.
-PARTICIPATED IN PILGRIMAGE PLANNING MEETING HELD AT FOX CHASE, PA.
- MAY 14 -CELEBRATION OF DIVINE LITURGY ON FEAST OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, AT THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC GOLDEN DOME CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- MAY 16 PARTICIPATED IN MEETING, MASS AND BANQUET OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONVENTION IN PITTSBURGH, PA.
- MAY 17 -VISITED WITH REV. DEACON THOMAS STADNICK AT HAHNEMAN HOSPITAL, A VICTIM OF THE HORRIFIC TRAIN ACCIDENT IN PHILADELPHIA.
- MAY 18 PARTICIPATED IN SPRING MEETING OF PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC BISHOPS HELD AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY.
- MAY 22 RECEIVED PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. MARY'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF BRISTOL, PA.
- MAY 24 -FEAST OF PENTECOST.
- MAY 26 -MET WITH PARISH OFFICERS, PASTOR, DEAN AND CONSTRUCTION PERSONS REGARDING THE PLANNED MAJOR REPAIRS TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SHENANDOAH, PA.

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Metropolitan Stefan's Schedule

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- MAY 27 -MEETING WITH INTERSTATE EXECUTIVES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REGARDING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS.
- MAY 29 - BANQUET HONORING VERY REV. ARCHPRIEST MITRAT ROMAN MIRCHUK, WHIPPANY, NJ.
- JUNE 2 -MEETING WITH PARISH PASTORS, OFFICERS AND FAITHFUL OF PARISHES IN SOUTH ANTHRACITE DEANERY, REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARCHEPARCHIAL SOBOR RECOMMENDATIONS. MEETING IN ST. NICHOLAS HALL PRIMROSE, PA.
- JUNE 3 -MEETING WITH PASTORS, OFFICERS AND FAITHFUL OF LEHIGH-SCHUYLKILL DEANERY. MEETING IN BETHLEHEM, PA.
- JUNE 4 MEETING WITH PARISH PASTORS, OFFICERS AND FAITHFUL OF PARISHES IN PHILADELPHIA DEANERY. MEETING AT THE CATHEDRAL.
- JUNE 5 -MEETING OF PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA AT THE CHANCERY.
- JUNE 7 -CELEBRATING DIVINE LITURGY AND MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS OF ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SHENANDOAH REGARDING PROPOSED NEEDED REPAIRS.
- JUNE 9-12 -SPRING MEETING OF CONFERENCE OF UNITED STATES CATHOLIC BISHOPS, ST. LOUIS, MO.
- JUNE 9 -PARTICIPATE IN MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE FOR AID TO CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN EASTERN EUROPE.
- JUNE 11 -PARTICIPATE IN MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE FOR AID TO HOME MISSIONS.
- JUNE 14 -CELEBRATE DIVINE LITURGY AT ANNUNCIATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, MANASSES, VA FOLLOWED BY A BLESSING OF NEWLY PURCHASED RECTORY FOR CLERGY MINISTERING IN VIRGINIA. RECTORY IS IN FREDERICKSBURG, VA.
- JUNE 16 MEETING WITH PARISH PASTORS, OFFICERS AND FAITHFUL OF PARISHES IN NEW JERSEY DEANERY REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARCHIEPARCHIAL SOBOR RECOMMENDATIONS. MEETING TO BE HELD IN PERTH AMBOY, NJ.
- JUNE 17 -MEETING WITH PARISH PASTORS, OFFICERS AND FAITHFUL OF PARISHES IN DELAWARE, VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND DC DEANERY. MEETING AT WASHINGTON, DC.
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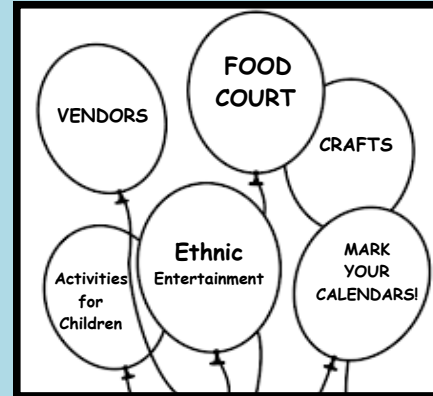
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Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church will celebrate Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE at 6:00 PM on Sundays: May 31, June 28, July 26 and August 30, 2015. (Last Sunday of the month during May, June, July, and August.)

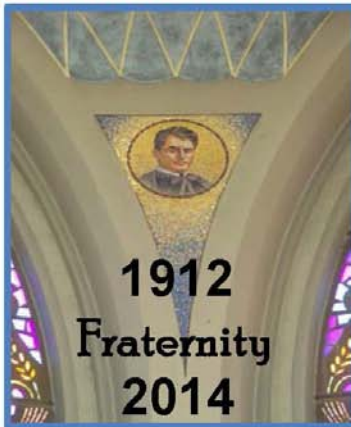
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LUC Meeting - Sunday, June 7, 2015

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Sunday, June 7, 2015 at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth, PA. Moleben prayer service is scheduled for 3:00pm., business session at 3:30pm followed by reception and fellowship.

Main agenda items include the recent bus trip to New York City's St. George Ukrainian Street Festival; the proposed heritage outing to the August Tryzub Festival in Horsham PA; the visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia in September; and the October LUC Convention in Lansdale PA.

Former members and new members are warmly invited to become involved in the LUC as active participants in the Vibrant Parish movement throughout our worldwide Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. For additional information contact Dorothy Jamula, President at 570 822-5354 or any LUC member of the parish.

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 urges priests to be present in the media

Saturday, 09 May 2015

On 6 May not far from Paris the Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, met with Ukrainian priests of France, Belgium, Germany and several other European countries, who are just these days having spiritual retreats with Bishop Vasyl' Tuchapets, Exarch of Kharkiv.

In His address to the priests, the Head of the UGCC stressed the need for the presence of the Church in the media, especially in the context of the events of today. His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted that this media activity is very important for the missionary activity of the Church. "This presence is also a part of the priests' service", - stressed the Head of the UGCC.

Comparing the threats and challenges facing pastors in the area of ATO and pastors in Europe, the Head of the Church said that unlike the European environment in the firing line there are no atheists, and regarding the spiritual aspects, European society put before priests some serious questions, perhaps even greater than to those who are on the territory of ATO.

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

Ukrainian parliament passes a law that officially recognized penitentiary chaplaincy

15 May 2015

Ukrainian Parliament adopted the Law "On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on regulation of activities of chaplains in the organs and institutions under jurisdiction of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine."

It was reported by the Information Department of the UGCC.

The legislative act implementing the institute of clergymen(chaplains)in agencies and authorities under jurisdiction of the

State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine, charged with "pastoral" care in these agencies and authorities are to supplement the Penal Code section 1281, Organization of Pastoral Care of prisoners.

According to the law, "pastoral care of prisoners is the activity of clergymen (chaplains) in penal institutions authorized by religious organizations, whose statutes (regulations) are registered in compliance with the procedure provided by law and are intended to address the religious needs of prisoners, their spiritual

education."

The law ensures the right to "pastoral" care for persons taken into custody. For this purpose, Articles 9 and 12 of the Law "On pre-trial detention" were amended.

The instrument provides for the commitment of leadership of the agencies and authorities of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine that their personnel shall facilitate organization of "pastoral" care activities of clergymen.

In this regard, Article 23 of the Law "On the State Penal Service of Ukraine" was supplemented by relevant instructions. Representatives of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church were involved in drafting a bill.

The draft bill was registered under №1154.

<http://risu.org.ua>

Hoshiv monastery to take in 30 ATO fighters for rehabilitation

21 May 2015

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church plans to provide spiritual rehabilitation for the ATO participants at Hoshiv monastery in Ivano-Frankivsk region. Chaplain of Ivano-Frankivsk hospice Fr. Yaroslav Rokhmaniv was reported as saying this by Day newspaper.

“The Commission for Pastoral Care and Health protection of the UGCC organizes spiritual and psychological retreat for the ATO participants in Hoshiv at the monastery of the Holy Family Sisters,” he said.



According to the priest, health professionals, including therapists and fitness coaches will be involved in rehabilitation.

Chaplain Yaroslav Rokhmaniv said that a maximum of 30 participants ATO would be able to participate in the event.

Source RISU

<http://news.ugcc.ua>

Head of UGCC reports on events in Ukraine to Pope

25 May 2015

On May 24-25, at the Vatican, the IX sessional meeting of the Ordinary Council of the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops of the Catholic Church is held. The meeting is chaired by Pope Francis.

Head of the UGCC Patriarch Sviatoslav I staking part in the Council’s work as a member of the Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. During the work of this important body of the universal Church the patriarch met with Pope Francis, who inquired about the events in Ukraine and once again assured of his sympathy to the Ukrainian people and constant prayer for all who suffer.



The meeting agenda includes preparation of a draft text “Instrumentum Laboris” and methodology of holding XIV General Assembly of the Pontifical Synod to be held in October 2015 themed “Mission and vocation of the family in the Church and in the world today.” It is reported by the Information Department of the UGCC.

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“The desire of our predecessors of UGCC to see the light of theological science of the Universal Church was fulfilled” - the Head of the UGCC about Accreditation of the Ukrainian Catholic University

Friday, 22 May 2015

Long-lived striving of our great predecessors - Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytskyi and Patriarch Joseph Slipyi to see in our Church shining light of theological science of the Universal Church, which would not only shine throughout the Church and Ukraine but the whole world, was fulfilled. Solemnly declaring the Accreditation of the Theology Faculty of UCU of the Apostolic See, we are filling up our history, and with the eyes of the faith we can see our present and hopefully look into the future.



It was said by the Head of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav during a sermon at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy on 20 May, 2015 in the chapel of St. John the Divine in UCU.

As it is known, on the feast of St. John the Divine the Day of Philosophy and Theology Faculty is celebrated in UCU. But this year the celebration is happening in a special way, because, as previously reported, the theological programs of UCU received international accreditation from the Congregation for Catholic Education.

Reflecting on the mission and identity of UCU, the Head of the Church noted that he is striving for everyone who comes into the walls of this educational institution, could say such words, with which outlined His spiritual experience John the Evangelist: “I came, saw and believed”.

The Head of the UGCC expressed His wish to university and its theological faculty really become the core of higher education and the great light of God, which should enlighten everyone.

According to the Preacher when to look into the past of Europe, in the Enlightenment era there was a separation between the light of the Christian faith and education. “We need to not only acquire quality education, but also to find the way of faith, that is the way of enlightenment”. Fathers of the Church teach that each person was created in the image and likeness of God. Moreover, according to St. John, enlightening and becoming like God, man himself becomes light. After all, “no one lights a candle, then hide it under a dish. Candlestick is put high to enlighten all who are near”.

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June 2015 - Червня 2015

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June 14: Rev. Paul Labinsky (34th Anniversary)
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June 23: Rev. Roman Sverdan (2nd Anniversary)
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