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## Archbishop Soroka to Celebrate Liturgy during Knights of Columbus Convention; Wednesday, August 5th Divine Liturgy will be Televised Live on EWTN

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**--On Wednesday, August 5, 2015, the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will be celebrated at the Pennsylvania Convention Center here during the 133rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. The Divine Liturgy will be televised live on EWTN beginning at 8 a.m.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States will be the main celebrant and homilist at the Divine Liturgy. Concelebrating clergy will include over 100 cardinals, archbishops and bishops, and 125 priests and deacons.



Responses to the Divine Liturgy will be sung by the choir of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C. under the direction of co-directors Stepan Szyszka & Oksana Lassowsky.

Members of the Knights of Columbus and their families will also have an opportunity to visit the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Monday, August 3, as part of a tour of religious sites in the Philadelphia area.

It is anticipated that 3000 members of the Knights of Columbus, together with their families, from all over the world, will attend this annual gathering of this international fraternal organization in the City of Brotherly Love.

Host for the convention is the Pennsylvania State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Photo: <http://2015pakofc.org>

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## Prime Apostles Saints Peter and Paul - June 29th



*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." (Mt. 16, 13-19)*

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Every rite of the Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of SS. Peter and Paul on June 29, a day which is still a holy day of obligation for Byzantine Catholics. The commemoration on this day is for two different Apostles, but both are seen as first among Apostles and were martyred in the city of Rome.

From the Gospel accounts, the Epistles and the Acts of the Apostles, we know the biographies of both these great saints and are quite familiar with them. In the Gospel accounts, Peter often stands out as the Apostle who most frequently took the initiative and therefore assumed the role of leader. It is upon Peter (the Rock), that Christ declared He would establish and entrust His Church giving him keys to the Kingdom. In the Acts of the Apostles,

Peter is portrayed as the undisputed leader of the primitive church who underwent enormous hardship and persecution for the sake of Christ. It has traditionally been thought that he journeyed to the capital city of Rome and was the first pope. It was in Rome that he was crucified upside down by the Emperor Nero around the year 64 A.D. It is taught that he was crucified and buried outside the city gates of Rome where St. Peter's Basilica now stands in the Vatican.

Paul was a Pharisee who belonged to the tribe of Benjamin. He was well versed in Jewish rabbinical teachings and before his conversion to Christianity was foremost among the persecutors of the early Christian Church. The known facts about his life are contained in the Acts of the apostles and his

Epistles. On his way to arrest certain Christians in Damascus (Acts 9:1-9), he had a vision of the risen Lord which immediately and totally changed the course of his life. After three years of living alone in the Arabian Desert, he plunged into a life of intense missionary activity. He was the first apostle to spread the Gospel to the gentiles and is thus known as the Apostle of the Gentiles. A controversy arose over whether the early Christians should convert the gentiles directly to Christianity, or if they should become Jews, through circumcision), first. Paul directly opposed Peter on this point in a meeting of the Apostles and church elders in Jerusalem. After that Paul continued his missionary activity and underwent much persecution and imprisonment. Because Paul was a Roman citizen, he demanded to be tried

in Rome where he was beheaded and buried outside the city gates of Rome in 67 A.D.

It is rather interesting how June 29 became the date on which we celebrate the memory of these two prime Apostles. The earliest source we have for this feast is the Martyrologium Hieronymianum of the year 354 A.D. "his manuscript speaks about a local commemorative service held in honor of SS. Peter and Paul on June 29, 258 A.D. It was during this year that the persecution of the Christian religion was most severe under the Roman Emperor Valerian. It has been speculated that the Christians, fearing that the resting places of these most honored Apostles would be violated and desecrated, carried the

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remains of the Apostle Peter from the Vatican Hills and Paul's remains from the road to Ostia and brought them to the catacombs of St. Sebastian on the Via Appia outside of Rome. Thus, the practice of remembering these two Apostles on June 29 dates back to a local Roman practice which spread to the whole of Christianity. This is one example of an ancient and acceptable practice of our rite which is directly due to Latin influence.

What does our Byzantine tradition say about the two saints? This can be gained from studying the liturgical texts from the vespers and matins for this feast day. Sadly enough, most of our parishes no longer avail

themselves of the great catechetical possibilities which the mere celebration of vespers and matins affords.

These two apostles, seen to be of equal importance and greatness, are described together as doctors of the world, the two infallible preachers of divine truth and as leaders of the Apostles. There are other descriptions also, but the aspect that stands out most notably is that they were the greatest teachers and dispensers of the revelation received from Jesus Christ. They are also described as the two tablets of the New Covenant and two great luminaries of the Church, further emphasizing their place as the most important sources from

which we have received teachings and ways of Jesus Christ.

The Church's teaching on divine revelation is that the Apostles received the full revelation of Christ as a result of their closeness to Him, knowing Him personally. This primary revelation ended with the death of the last Apostle and since then the Church has been expounding on it and clarifying it. Rightfully so, since these two Apostles were seen as the leaders: Peter is the rock upon which the Church was built and Paul is the Apostle to the Gentiles and writer of many magnificent Epistles which hold a large and important place in the New Testament.

Finally, this feast day is

followed by the Synaxis of the 12 Apostles. A synaxis refers to a certain commemoration falling on the day immediately after a great feast which honors some person closely connected with the theme of the feast itself. This feast day commemorating all the Apostles concludes the celebration of SS. Peter and Paul by emphasizing their importance and their preeminence over the other Apostles. It is especially from these two, along with the other Apostles, that the deposit of faith has been handed down from them to the Church and to us today.

(Fr. Dennis B. Kristof)



Many thanks are extended to Rev. Ihor Royik who has been Assistant Editor of "The Way" since September 2007. I wish you much health and happiness in your new pastoral assignment in Pottstown and Phoenixville starting July 1st. Thank you for your many years of service to "The Way."

-Teresa Siwak,  
Editor

# FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY OF ADMINISTRATION UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

The Archbishop, members of the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the Finance Office of the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia are pleased to share the audited financial report of revenues and expenses for the year ending December 31, 2014. This is the annual presentation of this information to all of its parishes and faithful. This information and format is meant to be shared by parish priests with their faithful in parish bulletins and in the E-newsletter. We are committed to transparency of our financial administration. It is required and expected of all parish priests and their finance councils to report yearly parish finances to their parishioners. We are thankful of the generous and thoughtful support received from our faithful for the administration and fulfilling of pastoral and evangelizing requirements of the Archdiocese. Know of our remembrance of you in our prayers and in our Liturgies. God bless you richly for your generous sharing with your Church.

Audited Financial Results for 2014 as of December 31, 2014	
2014 In Thousands	
<b>Revenues Gains &amp; Other</b>	
513	Net Eparchial Assessments 22.1%
92	Cemetery Contributions 4.0%
178	Contributions & Bequest 7.7%
336	Investment income 14.5%
1,065	Service Fees 45.9%
137	Grants 5.9%
1	Museum 0.0%
0	Sale of Property 0.0%
0	Net Asset Released Restrictions 0.0%
2,322	<b>Total Revenues</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
126	Pastoral Ed. & Ministerial Services 3.7%
2,425	Supporting Service/Cathedral subsidy 70.8%
660	Seminary 19.3%
113	Cathedral 3.3%
42	Museum 1.2%
59	Cemetery 1.7%
3,425	<b>Total Expenses</b>
(1,103)	<b>Archdiocesan Gain or (Loss)</b>
1,268	Net Gain on Assets Held for Investment
(13,593)	Net Gain or (Loss) on Land, Building & Equipment
(13,427)	Changes in Net Assets
384,459	Net Assets Beginning of Year
371,032	Net Assets End of Year

## "The Way" is going on a Summer Break in July.

Our first issue after the Summer Break will be August 9th.  
Thank you.

**Visit our Website for any news during the Break.**  
<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us>





2014 ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA STATISTICS  
(Figures ending 29 September, 2014)

**Clergy**

Archbishop 1  
Retired Archbishop 1  
Auxiliary Bishop 1  
Archeparchial Priests 46  
Retired Priests 6  
Total 52  
Religious Priests 3  
Total Priests 58  
External Priests 3  
Permanent Deacons 7  
Transitional Deacon 0  
Sisters 42

**Parishes**

Parishes 66  
Resident Archeparchial Clergy 40  
Resident Religious Clergy 1  
Without Resident Pastor 25  
Missions 2  
Sisters 2  
Lay Ministers 2

**Social**

Homes for the Aged 2  
Number assisted 229

**Education**

Seminary 1  
Students from Archeparchy 1  
Students from other Eparchies 0  
Total Seminarians 1  
College 1  
Students 783  
High School, Private 1  
Students 262  
Elementary Schools 3  
Students 420  
Religious Education Programs  
High School Students 86  
Elementary Students 423  
Teachers (Full Time)  
Priests 3  
Sisters 15  
Lay Teachers 85

**Mysteries**

Infant Baptisms 195  
Minor Baptisms 4  
Adult Baptisms 15  
Received in Full Communion 10  
Confirmations 219  
Communions 186  
Marriages 60  
Catholic 47  
Interfaith 13  
Deaths 386  
Households 7,801  
Total Population 14,199

## Ukrainian American Sport Center – Tryzub

Sunday, August 23 ~ 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M.

### UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL



### OUTDOOR STAGE CONCERT

“Voloshky” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble  
(Jenkintown, PA)

“ISKRA” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble  
(Whippany, NJ)

Violinist Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo  
(Lviv, Ukraine – New York)

Vox Ethnika Orchestra (New York)

Prometheus Ukrainian Male Chorus  
(Philadelphia, PA)

Zabava: Ukrainian Social Dancing ~ Vox Ethnika Orchestra

Admission: \$15; Students: \$10; Kids 14 and under: Free; Free Parking

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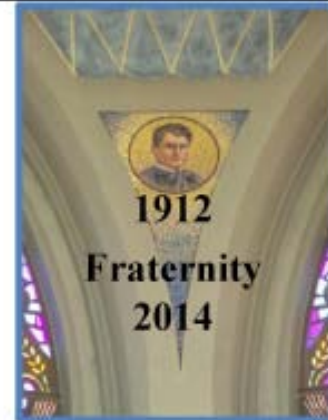
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# 81st Annual Ukrainian Day Celebration Set for Sunday, July 26 in Minersville, Pa.

**Minersville, Pa.**—A celebration of Ukrainian faith, heritage and culture will characterize the 81st Annual Ukrainian Day, which will be held Sunday, July 26, 2015 at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, Route 901 Primrose, Minersville, Schuylkill County, PA. The Most Reverend John Bura, auxiliary bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery at 11 a.m. will celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

A concert and dance program by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, will be presented in the open air band pavilion in the afternoon. The "John Stevens Doubleshot Polka Band" will entertain with polka and dance music from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A theme basket auction, a variety of vendors selling traditional Ukrainian and Eastern European items, a Pysanky demonstration with classes for the youth in attendance and exciting games for the kids will be part of the day's festivities

Pyrohy, holubtsi, kobasa,

halushki, bleenies (potato pancakes) home-made soups, home-made cakes and pastries, together with traditional American fare and beverages will be available throughout the day. Admission and parking are free. Buses are welcome.

First Ukrainian Seminary Day Held in 1934, 81 Years Ago in Lakewood Park, Barnesville

"Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Day" began in 1934 in Lakewood Park, Barnesville, and continued through the 50th anniversary held in July, 1983. Seminary Day was a "Coming-Home Event" for many of descendants of Ukrainian immigrants who the coal region to work in the larger cities. The Seminary Day tradition at Lakewood Park ended in 1983, the year the park was permanently closed.

In 1985 "Ukrainian Seminary Day" was revived and moved to St. Nicholas Picnic Grove in Primrose, just outside the Borough of Minersville.

The South Anthracite Deanery Ukrainian



Catholic parishes have been among the strongest supporters of the Seminary Appeal since the seminary was founded in the United States to the present day. From 1985 through 2014, Ukrainian Seminary Day has raised almost \$750,000 for the financial support of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, adjacent to the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

The South Anthracite Deanery of the Ukrainian Catholic Arch-eparchy of Philadelphia is comprised of 12 parishes in Schuylkill (Frackville, Maizeville,

McAdoo, Middleport, Minersville, Saint Clair and Shenandoah), Luzerne (Hazleton), North-umberland (Marion Heights, Mount Carmel and Shamokin) and Columbia (Centralia) counties. All the foods are homemade and donated by the various parishes.

The present South Anthracite Deanery clergy are: Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, protopresbyter; Rev. Msgr. Myron J. Grabowsky, Rev. Msgr. James T. Melnic, Rev. Roman Pitula, Rev. Mark Fesniak, Rev. Mykola Ivanov, Deacon Ted Spotts, and Deacon Paul Spotts.



## Meetings Held with Clergy and Faithful in All Six Deaneries of the Archeparchy; Sessions Continue Ongoing Process of Implementing Recommendations of 2014 Sobor

**PHILADELPHIA, PA.**--During the month of June, meetings were held in each of the six deaneries of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to foster Vibrant Parishes and gather actions to implement the recommendations of the 2014 Archieparchial Sobor held October 25, 2014 in Philadelphia.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, together with Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, Archieparchial Communications Director and Mr. Kenneth Hutchins, Archieparchial Projects Facilitator, attended all six meetings. During the meetings, Mr. Hutchins, who moderated the 2014 Sobor, made a PowerPoint presentation on the Sobor recommendations, shared steps already underway to launch a new interactive archieparchial website, and served as moderator during the discussion periods.

In his letter of April 10, 2015 to clergy and Sobor participants, Metropolitan Soroka wrote: "Greater initiatives at the deanery level within the Archeparchy will assist parishes in sharing the implementation of key recommendations. Sober workshops with clergy and parishioners will be scheduled at the deanery level to assist in the implementation of programs within parishes. Enhanced collaboration and current communication tools will provide a supportive network for clergy and parishioners."

These meetings were the next phase of the ongoing process of collaboration with clergy, religious and laity on both the deanery and parish levels to discuss, share and encourage implementing the recommendations from the 2014 archieparchial gathering.

The meetings were held on June 2 in Minersville, Pa. for the South Anthracite Deanery, June 3 in Bethlehem, Pa. for the Lehigh-Schuylkill Deanery, June 4 in Philadelphia for the Philadelphia Deanery,



**Minersville, PA** (Photo: Ken Hutchins)



**Bethlehem, PA** (Photo: Rev. John Fields)



**Philadelphia, PA** (Photo: Rev. John Fields)

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June 16 in Perth Amboy, N.J. for the New Jersey Deanery, June 17 in Washington, D.C. for the Washington Deanery and June 18 in Edwardsville, Pa. for the North Anthracite Deanery.

The following topics were discussed:

## **The Word of God and Catechesis**

- Focus and direct homilies on applying the Gospel message to today's problems and challenges
- Strengthen Religious Education. Provide Education for Adults, Parents, Youth, Children.

- Provide more marriage preparation, support, and assistance

## **Liturgy and Prayer**

- Foster individual prayer, prayer groups / bible studies, and the concept of intercessory prayer
- Introduce Spiritual Messages, Church Calendar, "ask the Bishop, priest, nun."

## **Service to Our Neighbor**

- Increase our outreach to the community, such as visiting the sick, food banks, inviting and supporting other faith communities

## **Communion / Unity**

- Ensure social activities are in place after liturgies and prayers
- Build on and expand the knowledge of our traditions and faith

## **Leadership and Stewardship**

- Collaboration - across language, parish, within deaneries, and across the Archeparchy



**Perth Amboy, NJ** (Photo: Rev. Ivan Turyk)



**Washington, DC** (Photo: Rev. John Fields)



**Edwardsville, PA** (Photo: Rev. John Fields)

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- Better web site, information sharing, event calendar, parish map and directory listings

- Communications, improve and enhance, from the Chancery and the faithful, the parishes, and among parishes.

## Missionary Spirit

- Develop Welcome Packets at the parish level (Who We Are, Liturgical Services, Church Symbolism)

- Make for better informed parishioners to become missionaries for the parish and the Church.



**Ken Hutchins, Rev. John Fields, and Metropolitan Stefan**

(Photo: Sr. Natalya Stoczany, SSMI)

In his closing remarks in all six sessions, Metropolitan Soroka echoed his concluding paragraph in the April 10, 2015 sent to all Sobor participants:

“All of us are called to choose to be the “Light of Christ” in our faith. Let us choose to be zealous in sharing the light of Christ with others. Let’s just do it! We see a need for catechetical instruction? Let’s just do it! Gather resources and work with the pastor to make it happen NOW! See a need for a more welcoming and inclusive parish family? Let’s just do it! Gather other like minded souls in the parish and start welcoming people with a handshake and a smile. Get the pastor to greet worshippers as they leave Church. See a need for the care of elderly and shut-ins? Let’s just do it! Gather like-minded caring persons to visit the shut-ins, providing needed assistance, and arranging for the pastor to visit with the Sacraments. Organize a weekly social gathering for retired parishioners and friends. You observe that youth and children are not feeling welcome. Let’s just do it! Invite younger parents to assist in organizing gatherings offering reflection, shared activities for children and youth. The sermons are not addressing your life’s challenges? Let’s just do it! Offer constructive suggestions to the pastor as to what might be beneficial for faithful to hear in homilies. Tell him it’s okay to be bold in preaching! Dare to give feedback, offering compliments when deserved. Pastors feeling expectations to offer more vibrant leadership? Let’s just do it! Seek the counsel of others who have experimented in creative ways to meet developing needs and try it. No special permissions needed! In other words, if you see or feel shortcomings, choose to do something about it! Let’s just do it! Take initiative and involve the pastor and other like-minded people. Entrust yourself in prayer to Jesus Christ as you choose to let’s just do it!”

**61<sup>st</sup> Holy Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage  
August 8-9, 2015**

**Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate  
St. Mary's Villa / Sloatsburg, New York**

**Theme: "Mary, Our Model of Perfect Commitment"**



**Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

- 12:00 p.m. Food Available at Pavilion  
1:00 p.m. **Akathist to the Mother of God** – Rev. Edward Cimbala,  
St. Mary's Byzantine Church, Hillsborough, NJ  
2:00 p.m. **Presentations** (listed below)  
5:00 p.m. **Divine Liturgy** – Rev. Edward Cimbala, main celebrant /homilist (*grotto – English*)  
Choir: St. Mary's, Hillsborough, NJ - Blessing of Water in front of St. Mary's Villa  
7:15 pm **Activity for children** – Children will also participate in the candlelight procession  
8:00 p.m. **Moleben to the Mother of God** with candlelight procession (*grotto – English*)  
Most Rev. Kurt Burnette – Bishop of Passaic Eparchy - main celebrant / homilist  
**Panakhya** – St. Mary's Villa chapel  
\*\*\*Teen Camp Out begins Saturday at 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy through Sunday\*\*\*

**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 a.m. **Akathist to the Mother of God** –Rev. Roman Malyarchuk, Rector of St. Basil's Seminary  
10:30 a.m. **Pontifical Divine Liturgy** with procession to the grotto - followed by blessing of flowers  
Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia  
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford  
Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo – Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma – Homilist  
Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Stamford  
Choir: Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lindenhurst, NY  
12:00 p.m. **Youth Liturgy**, Rev. Walter Pasicznyk, main celebrant / homilist (*chapel – English*)  
1:00 p.m. **Activity for youth/children**  
1:30 p.m. **Blessing of the Sick** (*St. Mary's Villa Chapel & grotto steps*)  
**Blessing of Religious Articles** (*front of St. Joseph's Home*)  
**Presentation** –V. Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak – "Sheptytsky as Metropolitan & Pastor"  
2:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** –Rev. Maxim Kobasuk, OSBM  
3:00 p.m. **Moleben to the Mother of God** – Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM –Celebrant & Homilist  
**Blessing of cars and buses** – Rev. Ivan Tyhovych

***Exhibits of Women/Men Religious Communities of the Eastern Church will be on display***

**CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND**

**Presentations - Saturday (English)**

- 2:00 Rt. Rev. Mitred Msgr. John Terlecky – "Mary's Commitment Expressed Through Her Icons"  
2:45 Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSML – "The Heartbeat of the SSML's – "The Charism of Bl. Josaphata"  
3:15 V. Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak – "Sheptytsky as Metropolitan & Pastor"

**Presentation - Sunday (Ukrainian)**

- 1:30 V. Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak – "Sheptytsky as Metropolitan & Pastor"

***Rt. Rev. Mitred Msgr. John Terlecky - Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator***



## HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE EVENTS

**2:00 - Mary's Commitment  
Expressed Through Her Icons**

**Rt. Rev. Mitred Msgr. John Terlecky**

Monsignor John Terlecky is a priest of the Stamford Eparchy. During his forty years of priestly ministry he has been a pastor, an administrator on the seminary and eparchial levels, and the librarian of the Stamford museum. DURING his missionary time in Ukraine (1991-1994), he learned quite a bit about icons and their symbolism.



**Saturday  
Conferences  
Presented in  
English**

**2:45 - The Heartbeat of the  
SSMI's - The Charism of  
Blessed Josaphata**

**Sister Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI**

Sr. Kathleen Hutsko is the Provincial Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, American Province. During her 35 years of being in Consecrated Life, her main ministry has been as a teacher, principal in elementary education. As the Sisters Servants continue to pray for the Canonization of Blessed Josaphata, their foundress, and travel to parishes with the relic icon of Blessed Josaphata, Sr. Kathleen will share about the passion and "heartbeat" of Blessed Josaphata, a woman/saint for our times.

**All  
Presentations  
Held in  
St. Mary's  
Villa**



**3:30 - Sheptytsky as  
Metropolitan and Pastor**

**V. Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak**



**неділя - 1:30**

**Шептицький -  
Митрополит і Пастир**

V. Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak is a Church Historian who enjoys sharing his extensive knowledge of the history of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States. Fr. Ivan's latest book is entitled *Metropolitan Andrei Sheptytsky and the Establishment of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States*. Fr. Ivan is pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Kerhonkson, NY.

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**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM and TEEN CAMP-OUT**

**Children's Program  
for youth up to age 12**



**Teen Camp - Out  
for Ages: 13 -18**

**SATURDAY - 7:15 p.m.  
Includes participation in  
candlelight procession**

**Teen Program begins with  
the Divine Liturgy at 5 p.m.  
and lasts through Sunday.**

**SUNDAY - 1:00 p.m.**

**Questions? More information?**

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**or Sr. Kathleen at (845) 753-2840 [ssminy@aol.com](mailto:ssminy@aol.com)**

**Or write: SSMI Camp-Out, P.O. Box 9, Sloatsburg, NY 10974**

**Registration Forms and Additional Information will be sent to you.**

**Pilgrimage weekend August 8 - 9, 2015 Sloatsburg, NY**

# Seeking the Intercession of the Beloved Mother of East and West Moleben to Mary: An Ecumenical Evening of Prayer

by MARIANNE ZANKO  
KOMEK

06/16/2015

PERTH AMBOY, N.J. — Father Ivan Turyk, pastor of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was the main celebrant at a moleben — a prayer service of petitions, praises and hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary — for Byzantine Catholics and Orthodox faithful on May 12.

This beautiful liturgy of the Byzantine Catholic Church is a 20th century modified form of the ancient paraklesis, a beloved Church function that has its roots in the fourth century.

The priest began the liturgy by chanting praises to God and proclaiming, “Christ is risen,” to which the people responded, also by singing in English and Ukrainian, a cappella.

Supplications for Mary’s intercession began with the following plea: “We will never remain silent, O Mother of God, although unworthy to claim your power: For if

you would not intercede with prayers, who would have delivered us from so manifold afflictions?”

Father Turyk chanted the Gospel, the account of Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth from St. Luke. He then introduced the Very Rev. Joseph Szupa, chancellor of the Philadelphia Archeparchy and the homilist for the moleben.

In his homily, the Very Rev. Szupa remarked that Mary’s motherhood was an inspiration to the many women present in their own vocations as mothers — and reflected on her motherhood in the Church: “Jesus establishes the beginnings of his Church by creating this new family unity — Mary being the symbol of the Church and John, the apostle of our Lord Jesus Christ, caring for and protecting her (the Church).”

In closing, he said that Mary “embodies the spirit of love and sacrifice,” and as Christians, we are called to do the same.

Such reflection on the Theotokos, which means, in Greek, “God-Bearer,” was most appropriate



**Photo: Theotokos icon at Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Perth Amboy, N.J. — ckomekphotography.com**

for May, the month of Mary, especially in an ecumenical setting.

Msgr. Vincent Grimalia, coordinator of ecumenism and interfaith relations for the Diocese of Scranton, Pa., and vice president of the Wyoming Valley Interfaith Council, speaking from his office in a separate interview, said that “there is a rich tradition in the Eastern Churches on Mary. We share a common bond.”

He cited St. John Paul II’s encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*, in which the Pope discussed Eastern Churches. In Section 31, John Paul II wrote, “I wish to emphasize how profoundly the Catholic

Church, the Orthodox Church and the ancient Churches of the East feel united by love and praise of the Theotokos.”

Msgr. Grimalia said that Orthodox and Catholic Churches have a number of different feasts honoring Mary and stressed that Mary’s importance derives from her relationship to her divine Son. He added, “In our tradition, Mary is the Mother of the Church. We are all the children of God.”

Mary, Beloved Mother of East and West

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# Seeking the Intercession of the Beloved Mother of East and West Moleben to Mary: An Ecumenical Evening of Prayer

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Orthodox Churches both share a deep love for Our Lady.

“Mary brought ... Christ into the world and interacts with the community of the faithful to bring them to her Son,” explained Virginia Kimball, an Eastern-Orthodox Christian who has a doctorate in sacred theology and is a professor at Assumption College, in an interview separate from the prayer event.

There are numerous times throughout history when the faithful of both East and Western Churches have turned to the Theotokos in times of personal and national crises.

Father Michael Chendorain, pastor of St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy, N.J., related how she appeared to the monks on Mount Athos in Greece and saved them from marauders.

In the eighth century, the Very Rev. Szupa said that when Constantinople was invaded, the Greeks prayed for her intercession at Hagia

Sophia Church. She appeared to them as a beautiful lady, interceding for them — and they were delivered.

This assistance was also given throughout other countries where the Orthodox and Byzantine Catholics lived.

Appearances of Mary in places in the West, such as at Lourdes and Fatima, in a similar fashion, have fostered devotion to Our Lady. At Lourdes, pilgrims often experience physical and spiritual healings.

Pope Pius V credited the praying of Mary’s Rosary with the defeat of the Muslim Turks in the naval Battle of Lepanto in 1571. And nine years after the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego in Mexico, there was a Christian conversion of 9 million Aztec Indians.

There are miraculous Marian icons throughout the world. Father Chendorain’s church hosted a visit of a weeping icon that dripped myrrh and has a scent which he said “is not of this world.” The sick have been anointed with this

substance, and healings have been attributed to it.

The Very Rev. Szupa referenced an icon in Zarvanytsia, Ukraine, that attracts thousands of pilgrims and where cures have occurred. The icon of the Mother of God of the Life-Giving Spring outside of Istanbul is another miraculous icon and shrine dating from the fourth century where healings happen.

Father Chendorain said that, among the Orthodox, the Theotokos is the mother “par excellence” — and as such is the model for women who are mothers. Catholic women should seek to emulate Mary in raising their children.

Kimball said it is her view that much fruitful dialogue is taking place among Orthodox and Catholic theologians due to the common devotion to the Blessed Mother: “If you go back to the traditions from the fourth and sixth centuries, we have a common Christian heritage, which nobody can deny. There was a high regard for the Theotokos.”

Kimball, who is also the president of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, USA, and a member of the Orthodox Theological Society of America, said that there is renewed interest in Eastern iconography and prayer services that “are drawing Orthodox and Catholics closer and closer. Mary is a mother. She’s working behind the scenes.”

With our mutual love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, she can be an instrument of unity among our faiths.

Marianne Komek writes from the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey.

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## SCRANTON'S ST. VLADIMIR PARISH CONGRATULATES TWO LONGSTANDING ALTAR SERVERS

Two longstanding altar servers and epistle readers of Scranton's St. Vladimir parish graduate from high school and are heading to college.

Ronald John Moschorak (RJ), son of Ronald and Carolyn Lazuka Moschorak, graduated from Abington Heights High School of Clarks Summit on June 12, 2015. This fall, he will study Computer Engineering at Shippensburg University. During his high school years he consistently achieved the honor roll while participating in the Future Business Leaders of America Club and playing football. He has a special love for computers and currently works for Glen Oak Country Club, Waverly PA as busser. RJ has been placing the weekly parish bulletin online for the past two and one-

half years, a ministry for which the pastor and parishioners are very grateful as it serves so well in keeping homebound and out of town parishioners informed and connected.

David Peter Pietryka, son of David and Helen Lesavage Pietryka, graduated with honors from Old Forge High School on June 16, 2015. He possesses a passion for history and his goal is to become a history teacher. He will be attending Keystone College on an academic scholarship this fall majoring in Secondary Education and Social Studies. As a Blue and Gold Chapter honor student member, David has been involved in the French, Math and Science Clubs and Student Council. He was also named Student



**Father Myron Myronyuk is pictured with RJ Moschorak on the left and David Pietryka on the right. (Photo: Dawn Caramanno.)**

of the Month. David's active involvement in the life of St. Vladimir's has included serving at various parish sponsored events especially the many popular parish dinners.

The parishioners join our pastor Father Myron Myronyuk in thanking

both RJ and David for their many years of faithful service and wish them much success in the future. We have seen them grow from boyhood into handsome young men possessing strong character and delightful personalities. Mnohaya Lita RJ and David!

## League of Ukrainian Catholics Focus on Vibrant Parish Activities

The membership of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is encouraged by its National Board to celebrate the many Feast Days of the Churches Liturgical calendar through activities that bring the laity together in prayer, study and fellowship. Pictured (on next page) is an example of how they celebrated Pentecost. The next Feast Day that the groups may focus on celebrating is the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul. All these celebrations follow the outline of Patriarch Sviatoslav for creating a "Vibrant Parish".

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LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS CELEBRATE PENTECOST

THE 'BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH'



Fr. Roman Badiak, pastor at Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, St. Petersburg, FL. The Church was decorated in the traditional greenery as was the delicious cake that parishioners shared. The faithful celebrated the "Birthday of the Church" following each Liturgy.



Rev. Raymond Palko leads parishioners in prayer on the Feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Holy Protection Ukrainian Catholic Church, Niagara Falls, NY, at the Pentecost Breakfast and Birthday Party. All parishioners participated and enjoyed the fellowship found among those sharing cake and their faith.



## League of Ukrainian Catholics Focus on Membership Initiative

The National Board of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC) is focusing its work on providing the laity a forum through which they could fulfill the directives of Patriarch Sviatoslav and be in keeping with the purposes of the League. Membership is open to the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and to all others who wish to participate in the League.

It is an honor as an ecclesiastical organization to work with our clergy, pastors and bishops as our membership is dedicated to promoting our Ukrainian Eastern Rite within our parishes and communities. Persons interested in joining the League of Ukrainian Catholics may contact our national membership director, Mrs. Janina Everett at [tjeverett@verizon.net](mailto:tjeverett@verizon.net). A warm welcome is extended to all.

As a vital part of the overall membership, please know that all bishops, priests and religious of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in America are honorary members.

## Catechism Students from Reading Make Their First Confession

On Sunday, June 7, 2015, three young men received First Confession on Saturday, June 6 at the Nativity of the BVM Church in Reading, PA. Families, friends and parishioners joined the parish's choir in singing the Divine Liturgy that celebrated this special occasion! Pastor Father Andriy Raby presented the Communicants with First Confession and Communion certificates, childrens Holy Bibles, prayerbooks and Icons that he blessed for them at the end of the Liturgy. Congratulations go out to Nikolas Setlock, Jake Roseboro and Jeffrey (JD) Wiltrot, Jr and their families! May God bless these young men on this joyous occasion! Mnohaya lita!!





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## Byzantine Liturgy to be held at St. Edmond's Church in Rehoboth Beach, DE

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.)

St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church is located on the Intersection of King Charles Avenue and Laurel Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. For more information, please call at 302 762-5511

# Metropolitan Stefan Offers the Homily for the Closing of St. Josaphat parish in Philadelphia, June 21st

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us of the love of God for all of us. It is an unconditional love. It is a love which calls forth for a response. Sometimes we are called to respond beyond what we might normally want to choose.

You and I are called to love our enemies, to love those who hate us. You and I are called to forgive those who insult or hurt us. These are among the many radical calls Jesus Christ makes of you and of me.

We really have no choice of how to answer because of our changed natures. You and I were baptized and confirmed in the Holy Spirit. Our natures were changed. It is the Spirit who urges you and me to become who we are meant to be in God's image.

When we respond with the power of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to fulfill the radical demands Jesus Christ makes of us. I can forgive. My act of forgiveness helps me to abandon that which would have tormented

me – the anger, the feelings of being hurt. Forgiveness offers healing to the offender. It also heals the one who forgives. When you and I choose to love and to nurture, we awaken the true nature in the other person and in ourselves. We abandon that which would have brought us down. We are able to celebrate life's joy.

Jesus made radical calls of his disciples. He does the same for you and for me today. When we choose to follow, we end up abandoning something or someone. The first apostles abandoned their families and their work as fishermen. They chose a new way of life. You and I are also called to abandon things which may seem to have great importance to us. It might mean abandoning a poor relationship with others. It may mean abandoning a certain way of thinking or behaving. Jesus Christ continuously presents his radical call to you and to me. What does Jesus Christ want you and me to abandon to walk with him more intimately?

Today, this abandonment is happening throughout



**Metropolitan Stefan**

the world. People fleeing wars and oppression, the effects of poverty, the devastation of earthquakes and tornadoes, and so many other calamities are occurring in the world. Our TV screens are filled with sad images of people abandoning their way of life out of necessity and for survival. Our brothers and sisters in Ukraine have moved to all parts of the world in search of opportunities to raise their families. Many today suffer insecurity and loss because of the war in eastern Ukraine. They abandon in the search of something better for themselves and for their families. Letting go is so difficult but sometimes

necessary.

The early pioneers of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic parish abandoned their families and their close knit communities in Ukraine to come to this new land well over one hundred years ago. They arrived to a new land with a new language and different customs. They abandoned what was familiar and dear to them in the interests of a better quality of life for themselves and for their children. Their strong faith and their trust in God allowed them to let go and to be open to new challenges in

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# Metropolitan Stefan Offers the Homily for the Closing of St. Josaphat parish in Philadelphia

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life. The pioneers of this parish built successive churches, a parish center, residences, and a school. You adapted to changing needs and provided generously. The parish provided for much need ministry to thousands of people whom God sent to come to know Him through the parish of St. Josaphat. Changing circumstances led to the need to

buildings which could no longer be maintained by decreasing numbers of parishioners. Faithful have moved to different areas.

You have survived. You overcame. You stayed together as a parish family. You did so because of your strong faith. Sacred buildings have come and gone. The sacred temples of your bodies,

your souls, have only become enriched as you journeyed together as a community of faith in Jesus Christ. You have given tremendous example to the whole Church in your response.

Today's epistle reading sums it all up so beautifully. St. Paul says "Your gain is a life fully dedicated to God, and the result is eternal life.... God's free gift is eternal life in union with Christ Jesus our Lord". In the Gospel, we heard Jesus praising the faith of the man who showed unconditional love and obedience. The clergy and people of St. Josaphat parish have revealed yourselves as people with unconditional love and obedience to Jesus Christ. You have been set free because of your willingness to abandon that which was very dear to you. You are the beneficiaries of God's free gift which is eternal life in union with Jesus Christ.

I urge you to continue your journey of faith at one of the other parishes of our Church – in Melrose Park, in Jenkintown, in Bristol,

in Warrington, or the Cathedral. God gives unconditional love and the free gift of eternal life. You and I ought to give nothing less than that to God in our response as followers of Jesus Christ. Change is difficult. Yet, it can offer new opportunities for personal growth in your faith, in friendships, and in your sense of community.

I thank all of the parishioners of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic parish for your steadfast love and support for your parish. Especially, I want to thank Fr. Ihor Bloschynsky for his tremendous leadership of your parish through very challenging times. He has grown in his giftedness to share. Fr. Ihor has loved you unconditionally. He has advocated for the parishioners of St. Josaphat parish with tremendous zeal and enthusiasm. He has stayed optimistic for you throughout many hurdles. Fr. Ihor has always ensured that the spiritual well-being of your souls was most important. We

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**Roman Dubenko greets Metropolitan Stefan**



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are very grateful to him for his dedicated ministry and many sacrifices he has made as a priest-servant of God. We are also grateful to the steadfast support of his wife, Iryna and their daughter Anastasia. Fr. Ihor continues to be available to you because that is who he is in the image of God.

I pray for you, Fr. Ihor, for your family, for the St. Josaphat parish family. God bless you all with continued zealous celebration of your faith. I pray that all of you will receive that great free gift given to those who dedicate themselves to God – eternal life in union with Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Special blessings and appreciation is also offered to all fathers on this Father's Day. We pray for abundant blessings, good health and happiness for all fathers. We also pray for the souls of our departed fathers that they may enjoy the eternal life promised to all who love

and serve Jesus Christ.

I love you and I pray for you. Please remember me in your prayers.

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Metropolitan-Archbishop  
Stefan Soroka

## Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy, Parish Rector, Gives Remarks at the Closing of St. Josaphat parish in Philadelphia, PA

Your Grace Archbishop Stefan, Msgr. Peter Waslo, Dear Parishioners!

Whenever we find human beings facing difficult and tragic times, we find them searching for some source of comfort, for peace and most of all for hope. We see them time and again, on national television, read from the Word of God! It alone can comfort and bring hope. It alone can return our focus to the One God, the One Hope, the One Truth which brings that which we cannot humanly accomplish on our own.

Today as we join together one last time as the family community of

St Josaphats Church in Philadelphia, we put our hope and trust in God that He is with us in all things. We believe from the times of our pain and powerlessness he can bring goodness and growth.

As a Church family you have been on your journey for many years. We know as we look back that time changes everything. We saw our both good and bad during these years. We said goodbye to family and friends who fell asleep in the Lord. We welcome new life in Baptism and celebrated and danced at their

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Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy

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weddings. We served with many good priests and sisters in working to build up the Body of Jesus in our homes and in our community. We watched our neighborhoods change, we watched our numbers diminish, we moved from place to place and building to building like the people of Israel in the desert, searching for the fulfillment of the promise. Like them we see today, that though there is no temple, though they are scattered throughout the world, they hold on to the belief that they are God's people and remain united despite all obstacles.

I have seen that spirit in

you. In my time with you we faced many difficulties, but also shared many joys. We nourished ourselves at the Table of the Lord, coming to him sometimes in tears, and sometimes moved to tears by the love that we received from God and the grace and the courage to continue on in life.

All the lessons that we have learned here at St Josaphat will continue on with us to keep us strong in faith. We can look back and see how the good we have done, the prayers we have offered, and the courage we have shown is a testament to our conviction in faith and our desire to serve God.

None of us like to see a family separate and go their own way, but we know it is a part of life. Families are designed to break apart and form new families, and the community expands and continues. This is one of those painful times when we say good bye, knowing that the relationship will be a bit different, that the "home of our heart" will be a bit more empty, and that we will have to turn to God to find acceptance and hope for tomorrow. Jesus reminds us that that hope is never unfounded and He promises to remain with us always, no matter what the circumstance or change. God is our constant, unchanging

source of knowing we belong, knowing we are loved, and knowing we are never alone.

As we worship one last time, we give God glory and praise for His presence in our life. We put our trust in Him as we close these doors, knowing that He is already opening the next door of our journey and will not only travel with us but carry us when we can't feel we can take another step.

My big hug to all you! I will keep all you in my daily prayers.

-Rev. Ihor Bloschchynskyy



## 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.





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## Catechism Students from Shamokin Make Their First Penance

On June 7th, 2015, Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Shamokin, PA parish children received the Sacrament of Penance. The young boys were Kiegan Jason Boughner and Aricin Lee Boughner. They received their certificates of their First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion from Rev. Mykola Ivanov, Pastor.

A special thank you to Sister Zenovia, Sister Natalya and Renee McAnaney, who prepared these children for receiving these sacraments. May God protect them and guide them for many happy years!

# Spring Events at St. Nicholas School, Minersville, PA



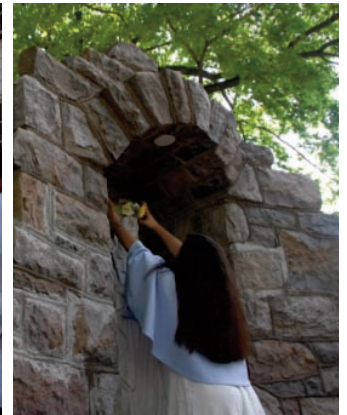
- ★ *School Retreat*
- ★ *Butter Lambs*
- ★ *Easter Bonnets*
- ★ *Race for Education*
- ★ *May Procession*
- ★ *'Pie a Teacher'*
- & other Fund Raisers



- ★ *Solemn Communion and Graduations*
- ★ *Divine Liturgy & Prayer*







Education at St. Nicholas School in Minersville, not only happens in the classroom but through the many activities and prayer experiences shared by the students and staff. The spring semester was filled with many events that allowed students to grow educationally, spiritually, and physically.





## ST. NICHOLAS SUNDAY CATECHISM STUDIES GRADUATES FOUR STUDENTS; OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR 2015-2016 YEAR

On a recent Sunday morning in Passaic, NJ, St. Nicholas Sunday Eastern Christian Formation Catechism students gathered to give thanks for a successful spring semester and to celebrate the graduation of four students from the Sunday program. Sr. Cecelia, SSMI, religious education program director, welcomed all parents and students as well as the children who completed First Penance this year to the celebration and gave an overview of the program offerings for grades 3 through high school.



Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor, spoke of the need to provide children with a solid faith foundation, rooted in the principles and traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Rite. This foundation is key in the moral and spiritual development of our youth in today's society. This message was clearly understood by the parents of the four graduates Roman and Roxanne Andrach. Their children, triplets Christian, Andrew, and Brianna, and their brother, Roman, have attended the Sunday program since its inception 6 years ago. The Sunday program takes place between the Sunday Divine Liturgies and offers students who are not able to attend the parish day school an opportunity to continue their learning about our faith and our Rite. The continued success of the program can be attributed to the support of Fr. Andriy, pastor, Sr. Cecelia, the religious education director, the volunteer catechism teachers, and perhaps most importantly to the parents who choose to bring their most precious treasure, their children, each Sunday.

Refreshments were served in the school cafeteria as parents took the opportunity to view the displays and pictures of the various projects the children had prepared and participated in throughout the year, and to speak with the catechism teachers about the program specifics. Interested parents of new and returning students were able to register or re-register their children during this time.

First Penance preparation will begin again in September of this year and is a 2-year program. All classes are conveniently held on Sunday mornings between the Divine Liturgies, thus enabling parents and children to attend either the English or Ukrainian Liturgies. Interested parents wishing to register their children for either program may contact the Rectory directly at 973-471-9727.

# First Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Consecrated in Spain

On Sunday, May 31, 2015, Bishop Dionisio Lachovicz, OSBM, Apostolic Visitor for Greek-Catholic Ukrainians in Italy and Spain blessed Saints Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, the first newly-built church in Huelva, Andalusia, Spain. The Divine Liturgy was concelebrated by a Latin Rite Bishop Jose Vilaplana Blasco, and Bishop-emeritus Ignacio Noguer Carmona as well as 15 priests. The Bishops were greeted by children carrying bread and salt, a traditional Ukrainian custom.

In his sermon Bishop Dionisio spoke in Spanish and thanked the local bishops and representatives of local authorities. He said that today is a great day not only for the local Ukrainian community,

but that it is a great day for the whole community of Huelva, especially Christians who will love with one heart, but will breathe in their city with two spiritual lungs: the Eastern and Western. A newly built church is expressive of the fruitful dialogue and cooperation of Huelva bishop and his priests. Without the fraternal support of Bishop Jose Vilaplana Blasco and Bishop-emeritus Ignacio Noguer Carmona, today would not have taken place.

Special thanks were also given to Fr. Dmytro Savchuk who was the "main builder and driving force" behind creating this local Ukrainian parish. Words of gratitude were given to Metropolitan Stefan Soroka and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy



of Philadelphia for their support and financial help. Thanks were also given to the family of Bohdan Kernytsky also from Philadelphia, and all the priests and parishioners who contributed to help build the first church in Spain which was solemnly consecrated on the feast of Pentecost.

Before the end of the Divine Liturgy, Bishop of Huelva Don Jose Vilaplana congratulated all present. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Dmytro Savchuk thanked all the donors and guests and presented the Apostolic Visitor's certificates to those who most contributed to the construction of the church. The City Mayor and the Ambassador of Ukraine also addressed the faithful. In conclusion of the Liturgy, Fr. Dmytro Savchuk was presented with the decorated

pectoral cross for his instrumental help in the building of the church.

After a luncheon, a concert program entitled "The Church is our Mother" was presented by the local Ukrainian church groups on the square in front of the newly consecrated church. Over a thousand people enjoyed the 8 hour celebration.

Lubomyr Nychka, parish press secretary.

Much has been accomplished through the generosity of many. If you would like to help financially for the completion of the Church, you may send a donation through the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Your generous assistance is needed and appreciated.





## **A preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families** **Love is Our Mission – The family fully alive**

In preparation the World Meeting of Families on September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia, the Family Office is offering our faithful short synopsis of catechetical teaching prepared by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Pontifical Council for the Family. Preparatory Catechesis plays a central role in each World Meeting of Families, and is a collection of what Catholics believe about human purpose, marriage, and the family.

### **CREATED FOR JOY**

Many people today honestly seek meaning of life, but don't know whom to trust or where to commit their lives. Amid this uncertainty, Christians are people who trust in Jesus Christ. Despite the ambiguities of human history, the Catholic way of hope and joy, love and service grounds itself in an encounter with Jesus. "Love is our mission" is the theme for the 2015 World Meeting of Families. One of the most significant 20th-century papal documents on family life — *Familiaris Consortio*, summarized how Catholic teaching about God and human nature shapes Catholic beliefs about how we should live:

"God created man in his own image and likeness: calling him to existence through love, he called him at the same time for love. God is love and in himself he lives a mystery of personal loving communion. Creating the human race in his own image and continually keeping it in being, God inscribed in the humanity of man and woman the vocation, and thus the capacity and responsibility, of love and communion. Love is therefore the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being." FC 11.

Catholic views on marriage, family, and sexuality belong to a larger mission to live in a way that makes God's love visible and radiant; to live this mission makes everyday life alive with God's joy. The entire human person — body and soul, our maleness and femaleness, and all that follows from each — is implicated in God's invitation. The subtitle for this World Meeting of Families is "the family fully alive," and for good reason. The family is most fully alive when we embrace God's invitation to be the sons and daughters he created us to be. Our era is a confusing and uncertain time. Jesus Christ is a trust-worthy anchor. Human dignity rests securely in Jesus, God become man. Jesus reveals who God is, and who we are. In Jesus, we meet a God who reaches out to us, who creates communion and invites us to share in his joy. We are made in God's image and called to communion with him and each other. This love gives purpose and shape to all aspects of human life, including the family. We ought to ask ourselves:

- a) What things in my life distract me from Jesus? What would help me to become more familiar or even intimate with Jesus Christ?
- b) What does it mean to be "created in the image of God"? Is it possible to understand human identity without God? Why or why not?
- c) "Love is our mission" is the theme of this catechesis. What does "love" mean in my life? How might a mission to love affect my choices, priorities, and ambitions?





## A preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families

### Love is Our Mission – The family fully alive

#### Part II

#### THE MISSION OF LOVE

With men and women created in the image of God, history begins. God makes a covenant with us, first through Israel and then through Christ and the Church. In this relationship, God teaches us to love as he loves. In other words, having been created for communion, we learn that love is our mission. In short, “God’s way of loving becomes the measure of human love.”

God’s love is captured vividly in Ephesians 5, where Saint Paul extends the marriage analogy to Christ and the Church. Paul urges both husbands and wives to “be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Eph 5:21) Christian marriage is therefore not a negotiation over rights and responsibilities, but rather a description of mutual self-giving. Jesus enables Christians to speak confidently about God’s love. He opens up God’s covenant to all people, completing Israel’s history as a universal narrative of redemption. Jesus embodies life-giving love because he is, literally, God’s Word made flesh. He loves the Church as his bride, and this unselfish love — proven in blood on the cross — sets the model for the kind of mutual love and service needed within every Christian marriage and family.

As Pope Benedict XVI taught: “By contemplating the pierced side of Christ, we can understand ... God is love. It is there that this truth can be contemplated. It is from there that our definition of love must begin. In this contemplation the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move.”

For many today, “love” is little more than a warm feeling or physical attraction. These things have their place. But real love — love that endures and deepens and satisfies the human heart over a lifetime — grows from what we give to others, not what we take for ourselves. The Lord Jesus Christ died on a cross for our salvation. Authentic Catholic teaching on marriage and the family separates true love from all counterfeits. Scripture has many complementary and overlapping ways of describing God’s love, but marriage is foremost among them. The covenant between God and his people — first Israel and then the Church — is like a marriage. This marriage is not always easy, but human sin never has the last word. God’s fidelity reveals what true love and fidelity look like. Jesus Christ, who welcomes all of us into membership in God’s family, gives us a new and unexpected definition of love, giving us new possibilities for living.

God works through us. We have a mission. We are in the world for a purpose — to receive God’s love ourselves and to show God’s love to others. God seeks to heal a broken universe. He asks us to be his witnesses and helpers in that work. We ought to ask ourselves:

*Why is God’s love like a marriage?*

*How is God’s way of loving different from our human way of loving?*

*Can you think of a time when God’s love helped you to love in a more honest and better way?*

## Visitors Tour the Cathedral

Wednesday afternoon, June 24 Philadelphia Neighborhood Security Services Police Officers Kathy Kinwood and Ray Kott stopped by the Golden Domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Ken Hutchins and Father John M. Fields were available to answer their questions and point out the architectural and liturgical appointments in this city landmark at 830 North Franklin Street in the City of Brotherly Love.



The Cathedral is open for visits Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Divine Liturgies are celebrated Saturdays 4:30 p.m. in English, Sundays 9:00 a.m. in Ukrainian and 11:00 a.m. in English. The doors to the Cathedral are open to all. Everyone is welcome!

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## POLISH AND UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS SIGN A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

11 June 2015

In the follow-up to the meeting of representatives of the Catholic Church of Poland and Ukraine held June 9, 2015, Ukrainian and Polish bishops signed a joint communique.

As noted in the document, this year marks the tenth anniversary of the historical moment when a joint pastoral message regarding the act of mutual forgiveness and reconciliation dedicated to the year of Eucharist was issued by the UGCC and Polish RCC bishops on June 19 and 25, 2005.

In their communique, the bishops are calling to rise above political views and historical events, above religious rites and ethnicities - Ukrainian and Polish ones and say in a loud voice: "We forgive and ask for forgiveness."

"We express strong hope that the program developed by the contact groups between the Roman Catholic Church of Poland, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine, will be implemented in a partnership between the parishes of two countries in direct communication, exchange of visits and pastoral experience," goes the communique.

"The important thing is also a desire for equitable restitution of church property and the settlement of the issues of ownership of relics," states the document.

According to the Information Department of the UGCC, the communique was affixed by the signatures of Archbishop Stanislaw Gadecki, Metropolitan of Poznan, President of the Polish Bishops' Conference; Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Sviatoslav Shevchuk; Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki, Metropolitan of Lviv, Chairman of the Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops of Ukraine; Archbishop John Martynyak Metropolitan of Przemyśl-Warsaw of the UGCC.

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# His Beatitude Sviatoslav to the seminarians: "Calling you to the priesthood, God puts in your hands the greatest gift the Church - the Eucharist"

Monday, 15 June 2015

On 14 June the Head and the Father of the UGCC led the Pontifical Divine Liturgy in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv within the Pilgrimage of the seminarians of the UGCC seminaries from all over Ukraine.

With the Major Archbishop of the UGCC coserved Bishop Volodymyr Viytyshyn, Metropolitan of Ivano-Frankivsk and Bishop Josyph Milian, Bishop of the Kyiv Archeparchy.

Preaching, the Head of the Church said that word of God's chosenness runs through all the books of Scripture. "From the beginning, in order to prepare man to the fullness of salvation in Christ, God chooses people, with whom He makes the Testament. This Old Testament people the Lord has chosen as a holy nation in which the fullness of God's truth has to be manifested, the light of His law, upon which the fullness of God's blessings will rest"- He said.

Similarly, Jesus chose first apostles, entering into their daily work routine life. "He comes to the beach, where they worked as fishermen, and there, on the basis of their personal life situation makes them chosen by God. In this way He called them to a special apostolic mission, making them "fishers of people", - said the Preacher.

Preparing apostles to this new ministry, the Lord makes them members of a new mission for choosing a man, God adds Him to His personal action - "to teach and preach the Gospel and heal away all sickness among the people". "The Lord calls to this mission very strange people. For example, the apostle Peter, according to his intellectual level was the weakest among all students, but the Lord makes him the rock upon which the Church was being built"- He said. Explaining the method of choice of Christ's disciples, the Apostle Paul taught: "God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise. He chose the

weak of the world to shame the strong". For the power of God is manifested in weakness.

The Head of the Church recalled that the day the Church celebrates the feast of the Eucharist - solemn worship to the Body and Blood of the Lord. The Preacher convinced that each of us became God's chosen during our christening. "We became chosen by God people in the time of our christening, in the time of Prince Volodymyr the Great, - He continued - However, our special mission, which calls us to our chosenness - is holiness". But you cannot fulfil this mission without the sacrament of the Eucharist. Because the Holy Communion it is the goal and the top of Christian life. Without it there is no Church, no true spiritual life. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church survived thanks to the fact that in prisons and concentration camps priests daily accomplished the Divine Liturgy.

We can grow in our chosenness when we get God's food: "Each of

you is called, as once the apostles, to follow God's call to holiness, which He gives us in the sacrament of the Eucharist".

Addressing the audience of seminarians, the Head of the UGCC said: "God chose you because He loves you and personally prepared. Calling you to the priesthood, He will put into your hands this greatest gift of His Church, for you will be the ministers of the sacrament of the Eucharist. Use this gift yourselves every day and as ministers, you have to feed with it the entire Church".

After the Liturgy, His Beatitude Sviatoslav gave the present seminarians the leaflet of the pilgrim. The celebration was ended by sanctification of water in the Dnipro and the restoration of baptismal vows.

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# The Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma (USA) held its annual Acolyte and Youth Convention



Friday, 19 June 2015

Over 90 youth, young adult leaders, volunteers and clergy from the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and beyond gathered together on June 17-18 at the Gilmary Catholic Retreat Center in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania for the annual Acolyte and Youth Convention.

The theme of this year's convention was "An Invitation to Encounter the Living Christ" as a response to the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church's initiative "The Vibrant Parish – A Place to Encounter the Living Christ." The convention's participants welcomed with warm

hearts a special guest at their gathering – Bishop Bohdan Danylo, the new Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, who was the keynote speaker this year.

The convention, organized by the Eparchial Youth Committee under the leadership of Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak, the committee's co-director and pastor of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH and St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH; Deacon Myron Spak, Subdeacon Joseph Zappernick, Mr. Joseph Levy and Mr. Michael Levy, members of the committee, provided an opportunity for the youth to encounter the living

Christ through prayer, learning and playing in the spirit of the Ukrainian Catholic faith and fellowship.

In his lively and interactive presentation, Bishop Bohdan invited the eparchial youth to be joyful and courageous witnesses to living Christ in their parishes. "You, the youth of our eparchy, are an integral part of the vibrant parish as the place to encounter the living Christ. Your life and service in the parish community brings the majesty of God closer to everyone, whom you meet. May your life and service always be a unique icon of Jesus Christ," stated the bishop. After the hierarch's presentation,

the youth presented to Bishop Bohdan a canvas with colorful hand prints of all the attendees entitled: "Hand in hand our eparchy grows."

Much of the convention was centered on prayer. Bishop Bohdan presided over a pontifical Divine Liturgy that the convention's participants took part in. The Hours and the Vespers were beautifully sung by the youth. An examination of conscience, led by Deacon Trevor Fernandes from St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Rossford, OH, was provided in preparation for the Mystery of Repentance.

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Bishop Bohdan and quite a few priests were available for confession.

The convention participants likewise had a chance to take part in the spiritual conferences provided by Fr. Jason Charron, pastor of the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, PA and Deacon Alexander Wroblicky from St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, who currently works as the Director of the Office for Campus Ministry (Secretariat for Leadership Development) of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Fr.

Jason and Deacon Alex focused on personal encounter with Christ and the importance of building friendships within the context of the Church community. Subdeacon Paul Abernathy, the Director of FOCUS Pittsburgh, a national Orthodox Christian human development organization, provided a dynamic and engaging presentation that explained his outreach ministry to the poor and homeless as well as the importance of missionary spirit. The youth prepared hygiene kits, donated by various parishes, for the FOCUS Pittsburgh

group. Mr. Andrew Wyrsta, a carpenter, spoke to the youth about encountering Christ in our everyday lives and in our professions. A program for 'junior' attendees (ages 8-12) was also provided that emphasized service and liturgical life and prayer.

The youth had opportunities to play sports, get to know each other and compete in the "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (Religious Edition)" game. The 'millionaire' game was designed to challenge young people with their knowledge of Catechism

and encourage young people to learn more about their faith.

This year's Acolyte and Youth Convention was a wonderful, prayerful and engaging event for the eparchial youth. The next convention is planned for 15-16 June 2016.

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## His Beatitude Sviatoslav Takes Part in the Celebration of the Centennial Jubilee of the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Akron, Ohio

On Sunday, June 21, 2015, the Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk took part in the celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in Akron, Ohio, whose pastor since 2013 has been Fr. Vsevolod Shevchuk, His Beatitude's

brother. The celebrations began with the Pontifical Divine Liturgy presided over by the Head of the UGCC. In the solemn Liturgy also participated a few hierarchs, including Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma,

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Bishop Robert Moskal, Eparch-Emeritus of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Bishop John Kudrick, Eparch of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Bishop John Botean, Eparch of the Romanian Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of St. George in Canton, the priests, deacons, consecrated persons and the laity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, the Byzantine Catholic Church, the Maronite Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church.

In his homily, His Beatitude Sviatoslav said: "Celebrating the centennial anniversary of this parish, we really celebrate one hundred years of the community of faithful people; a community, which for one hundred years has been the salt of the earth and light of the world." He continued: "A hundred years ago, the world was immersed in the World War I. Most likely, the first Ukrainian immigrants were not able to bring many earthly treasures to Akron. However, they were able to bring in their hearts the most important treasure of their

ancestors – their faith in God. That faith which through the action of the Holy Spirit gave birth to so many saints: martyrs, confessors and witnesses of Christ's faith in our Church and in our nation, whose memory today we celebrate this Sunday." Therefore, "This teaching of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of God's Love, in whose honor they dedicated this church, helped the entire generations of their offspring to first of all remain human, people who are able to love, to be responsible, able to form a community of faith and to retain their identity. For the newly arrived, or displaced persons as they were called, our parishes were centers of Christian solidarity, mutual help and, and the communities where love of God and neighbor were of primary importance. This faith in God helped them to rediscover their own identity in the new country. The light of Christ's Gospel and this "salt" helped them find a new meaning in their lives in this land – the new homeland and to achieve success in their



lives," said Patriarch Sviatoslav, adding "Let us all remember today in prayer all, who served God and people in this parish." Since the third Sunday of June is traditionally the day, when in the United States is celebrated Father's Day, His Beatitude also wished all fathers a blessed Father's Day, quoting the words of St. John Chrysostom, who taught that "one becomes a father not by the fact

of conceiving a new life, but by the paternal care and Christian education of those he has begotten." The Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church concluded the homily with the following words: "May everyone, who comes to this vibrant parish, to this community of authentic human relationships, personally encounter the

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Living and Risen Christ and feel blessed in His love. Therefore, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Matthew 5:16)."

Before the end of the Liturgy, the floor was given to Bishop Robert Moskal, hence, he addressed the gathered faithful with a word, in which he recalled some moments from the history of the parish. After the Eucharistic celebration, a traditional Ukrainian "Many and Happy Years" was sung to the Holy Father, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Bishop Bohdan and the rest of the present Bishops as well as for all the hierarchs and the faithful of the Catholic Church, especially for the people gathered in the church. Afterwards, Bishop Bohdan addressed everyone with his word, in which the hierarch, among other things, stated that perhaps it was not a coincidence that it was namely on Father's Day that the Father and the Head of the Ukrainian Catholic



Church visited the Holy Ghost Parish today. At the conclusion, His Beatitude thanked and congratulated the pastor of the parish, Father Vsevolod Shevchuk, on the centennial anniversary of the parish and wished his entire parish community the choicest blessings of the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey of faith on the Lord's life-giving path. Father Vsevolod thanked His Beatitude for having visited his parish community and wished the Patriarch God's blessings in his service as the Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The

liturgical celebration was concluded with a song-prayer "Great and only God, Protect Ukraine For Us," followed by a group photo, taken in front of the church.

The celebrations continued with a festive banquet, accompanied by a traditional Ukrainian music, in a nearby banquet hall that was attended by ca. 200 people. During the banquet, which was commenced with a prayer and blessing by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, a tribute was made to the founders, the priests and the faithful

of the Holy Ghost parish through a slide-show and presentations by some of the parish's representatives. Father Vsevolod Shevchuk likewise addressed all present with his word. The celebration concluded with a benediction by Bishop Bohdan.

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## A Delegation of US Bishops visit Ukraine

A Delegation from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) made a working visit of unity and solidarity to Ukraine from June 20-23, 2015. Members of the USCCB Delegation included **Archbishop Joseph Kurtz**, Archbishop of Louisville and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; **Archbishop Blase Cupich**, Archbishop of Chicago and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; **Msgr. Brian Bransfield**, Associate General Secretary of USCCB, **Dr. Declan Murphy**, Director for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; and **Stephen Colecchi**, Director of the Office of International Justice and Peace for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

First the US Catholic delegation visited Kharkiv and attended a Liturgy.

During the visit in Kharkiv, they also visited a camp for displaced people, where they saw the grief that was due to the war in Donbas.

On June 22, the US Catholic Bishops visited the military hospital in Lviv.

On June 23, the American delegation met with Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatseniuk in Kiev. The American delegation also visited Maidan, the heart of the Revolution of Dignity at Independence Square.

The American Delegation also visited the Ukrainian Seminary.

At the end of the visit, the US Catholic Delegation met with His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and Major-Archbishop emeritus Lubomyr Cardinal Husar.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav thanked the American Catholic Bishops and the Delegation for their support and their visit.

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**In Kharkiv, Archbishop Kurtz & Archbishop Blase express solidarity to Greek Catholic congregation, Ukraine. (Photo: <https://twitter.com/SteveColecchi>)**



**Archbishop Kurtz greets Major-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk in Ukraine. (Photo: Roman Pilipey, EPA)**



## Pictures from the USCCB Delegation Visit to Ukraine June 20-23, 2015 (Twitter posts by Stephen Colecchi )



Archbishop Kurtz & Archbishop Blase visit Lviv military hospital in Ukraine. Comfort the injured. (Photo: <https://twitter.com/SteveColecchi>)



On the USCCB tour of Ukrainian Catholic University, Bishop Borys Gudziak shows poster of "recent martyrs." (Photo: <https://twitter.com/SteveColecchi>)



I found today's USCCB visit to crypt of St. George's Cathedral a symbol of suffering Church of Ukraine. (Photo: <https://twitter.com/SteveColecchi>)



Our USCCB group toured Maidan where "heavenly hundred" died for Ukraine freedom. (Photo: <https://twitter.com/SteveColecchi>)



Archbishop Blase & Archbishop Kurtz with Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, spiritual father of Ukraine. Thanked us for solidarity. (Photo: <https://twitter.com/SteveColecchi>)



Was inspired by visit to Seminary in Ukraine. Strong faith & full seminary in face of adversity. (Photo: <https://twitter.com/SteveColecchi>)



**July 2015 - Липня 2015**  
**August 2015 - Серпня 2015**

**Happy Birthday!**

**З Днем народження!**

July 9: Rev. John Seniw  
July 10: Rev. John Wysochansky  
July 10: Rev. Deacon Paul Makar  
July 15: Very Rev. Archpr. Michael Hutsko  
July 17: Rev. Andriy Dudkevych  
July 27: Rev. John Ciurpita  
August 6: Subdeacon Mr. Roman Oprysk  
August 11: Rev. Roman Petryshak  
August 15: Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy  
August 17: Very Rev. Archpr. David Clooney  
August 27: Rev. Paul Wolensky

**May the Good Lord Continue to Guide You  
and Shower You with His Great Blessings.**  
**Многая Літа!**

**Нехай Добрий Господь Тримає Вас у  
Своїй Опіці та Щедро Благословить Вас.**  
**Многая Літа!**

**Congratulations on your  
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**Вітаємо з Річницею Священства!**

July 9: Rev. Yaroslav Kurpel (22nd Anniversary)  
July 10: Very Rev. Archpr. Mitrat Roman Mirchuk  
(39th Anniversary)  
July 13: Rev. Mark Fesniak (12th Anniversary)  
July 13: Rev. Ivan Turyk (12th Anniversary)  
July 20: Rev. Myron Myronyuk (12th Anniversary)  
July 31: Rev. Taras Lonchyna (38th Anniversary)

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