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THE DIVINE LITURGY GRACES THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 133RD SUPREME CONVENTION



Divine Liturgy at the Knights of Columbus Convention (Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)

Philadelphia, PA – On August 5, 2015 at 8 a.m. the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom was celebrated at the Knights of Columbus 133rd Supreme Convention. This year the Convention was held in Philadelphia, PA, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka was the Main Celebrant at the Liturgy which was broadcast live on television. Concelebrants included Bishop John Bura, Auxillary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Stamford Eparchy, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Parma Eparchy, Bishop-

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emeritus Basil Losten, Stamford Eparchy, Bishop Kurt Burnette, Ruthenian Eparchy of Passaic, Bishop Ken Nowakowski, New Westminster Eparchy, Bishop David Motiuk, Edmonton Eparchy, Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Saskatoon Eparchy, and other Eastern Catholic Bishops and Roman Catholic Bishops. Also in attendance were priests, deacons, and members of the Knights of Columbus and their families.

In Metropolitan Stefan's Homily on the day before the Transfiguration, he talked about how in one of his former parishes, how he has seen a change in a man after he joins the Knights of Columbus. Men can transform from being shy into someone who is a dedicated and energetic leader.

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Procession (Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)



Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka receives Communion. (Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)



Rev. Roman Sverdan distributes Communion. (Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)

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Knights of Columbus for which we are extremely grateful.

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The Choir from Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, DC, sang the beautiful responses to the Liturgy. Some of the Communion Hymns that were sung in both English and Ukrainian languages included "Son of the Father" / "Вірую, Господи, і визнаю", "Praise the Lord" / "Хваліте Господа з Небес" and "Let Me Receive You O Christ" / "Тіло Христове прийму."

One of the most memorable things about the Liturgy were the magnificent images that were projected onto screens during the Liturgy at the Convention Center. These projected images were photos taken of icons at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. The collage of photos created a magnificent backdrop for the Liturgy. The icon of the Theotokos was in the center of the backdrop behind the Altar and it provided a very spiritual and prayerful environment for all the attendees of the Knights of Columbus Convention.

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Choir from Washington, DC. (Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)



Some of the priests at the Liturgy. (Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)



Deacon Michael Waak proclaims the Gospel. (Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)

Homily of Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Wednesday, August 5, 2015 during the 133rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, Philadelphia, Pa.

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory be to Jesus Christ!

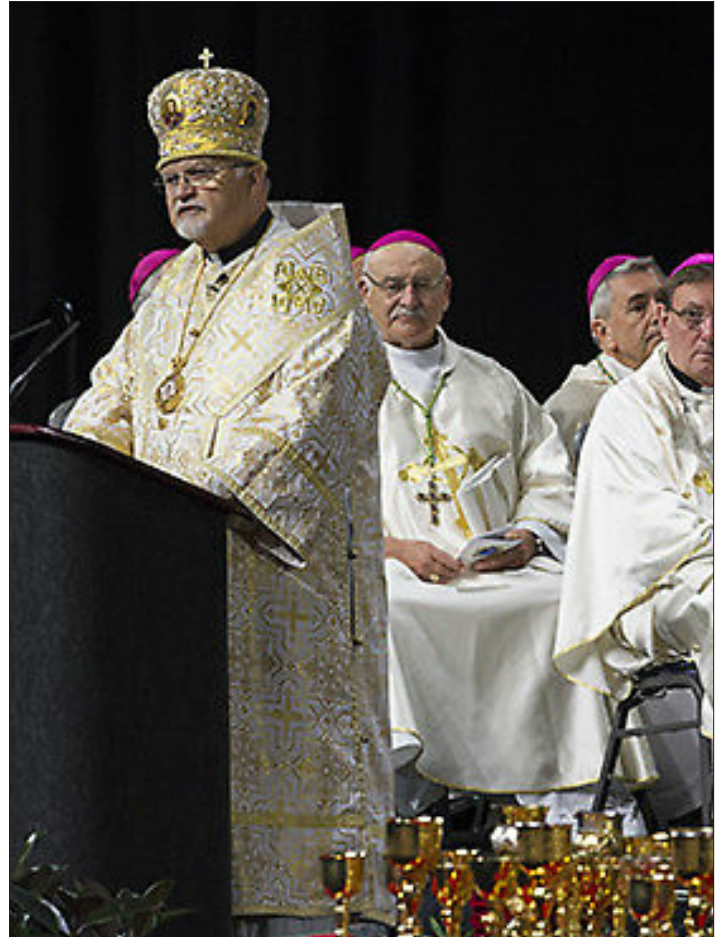
When Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of Mt. Tabor, St. Peter exclaimed, “Lord, it is good for us to be here.” (Mt. 17:4). This morning, I echo these same words.

It is good for us to be here, in this, our City of Brotherly Love, for the 133rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. Here in Philadelphia, in Independence Hall, just a few short blocks away, 239 years ago our Founding Fathers pledged “their lives, fortunes and sacred honor” as they gave birth to a new nation. That inspirational document, the Declaration of Independence, to which they affixed their signatures, provides the theme for this year’s supreme convention, “Endowed by their Creator with life and liberty”. I want to commend and thank all of my Brother Knights for your defense of the right to life, from conception to natural death, and for your steadfast vigilance against any infringement by the government upon our right to religious freedom and liberty.

It is also good for us to be here this morning, to participate in this Eucharistic Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. I am very grateful to our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, for your kind invitation to celebrate this Divine Liturgy of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, one of the 23 Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the See of Peter, of which 18 serve their faithful in the United States. We are also grateful for all the assistance provided by your staff to capture the beauty and spirituality of our liturgical tradition, where in the words of Saint John Paul II, the “sense of the inexpressible divine reality is reflected . . . and where the sense of mystery is so strongly felt by all the faithful. . . .” (May 2, 1995 Apostolic Letter on the Eastern Churches *Orientalium Lumen*, 6)

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council state, “Everyone knows with what love the Eastern Christians celebrate the sacred liturgy, especially the Eucharistic mystery, source of the Church’s life and pledge of future glory. In this mystery the faithful, united with their Bishops, have access to God the Father through the Son, the Word made flesh who suffered and was glorified, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And so

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**Metropolitan Stefan offers the Homily.
(Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)**

Homily of Archbishop Stefan Soroka

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made 'sharers of the divine nature' (2 Pt 1:4) they enter into communion with the most holy Trinity." (Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Decree on Ecumenism *Unitatis Redintegratio*, 15.)

In his 1995 Apostolic Letter on the Eastern Churches *Oriente Lumen*, St. John Paul II writes: "Participation in Trinitarian life takes place through the liturgy and in a special way through the Eucharist, the mystery of communion with the glorified body of Christ, the seed of immortality. In divinization and particularly in the sacraments, Eastern theology attributes a very special role to the Holy Spirit: through the power of the Spirit who dwells in man deification already begins on earth; the creature is transfigured and God's kingdom inaugurated. . . This can be summarized in the thought already expressed by Saint Irenaeus at the end of the second century: 'God passed into man so that man might pass over to God.' " (*Oriente Lumen*, 6.)



Metropolitan Stefan
(Photo: <http://www.kofc.org>)

This thought, "God passed into man so that man might pass over to God" can be visually seen in the icons which surround us today. In the Icon of Christ the Teacher on the right side of the altar, the tunic of Jesus is red, representing His divinity. The blue cloak He wears represents His humanity. God, the Divine, becomes man.

Behind the altar is an Icon of the Mother of God, the Theotokos. Mary's tunic is blue, representing her humanity. Her outer garment is red, representing the mantle of Divinity she acquires as the Mother of God.

St. John Paul II, in commenting on the transformation of man through divinization, writes, "those who have been made "most Christ-like" by grace and by commitment to the way of goodness go before us: the martyrs and the saints. And the Virgin Mary occupies an altogether special place among them. . . Her figure is not only the Mother who waits for us, but the Most Pure who. . . is an icon of the Church, the symbol and anticipation of humanity transfigured by grace. . . ." (*Oriente Lumen*, 6)

My brothers and sisters in Christ, all of us begin our journey of transformation, of transfiguration in this path of divinization from the moment of our baptism. At that moment we have been "baptized into Christ, we have put on Christ." We begin to experience the real and transformative union with God as we humans begin to acquire our mantle of divinity.

In a special way, men who choose to become Knights of Columbus, following in the footsteps of our founder, Father Michael McGivney also experience a special transformation as they are transfigured on this path of divinization.

As a pastor, I was privileged to assist in the organization of a new council in my parish. I saw men who were never very active in church life join the Knights for the opportunity to work with others in parish programs for youth and children, often their own children being among them. Previously quiet, sometimes shy and relatively unassuming men were transformed into dedicated and energetic leaders within my parish and the larger community. They became so bold, so confident that they were not hesitant to even advise

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me as to what I should be doing! Their natures changed. The power of fraternal prayer and works of charity in an atmosphere of unity with patriotic love for God, Church and country transformed these men and their families. They began to live a transformed life of love and grace in the ways of Our Lord. They now lived a life in union with a God who unconditionally loves them.

This new embodiment in turn inspired these Knights and their families to reach out in service to the needs of others, to live the Beatitudes.

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As the light of the world, you not only share the light of Christ in a darkened world, but by your example, you let your light “shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Mt. 5:16)

In today’s Epistle to the Philippians, St. Paul so beautifully describes a member of the Knights of Columbus. You are of one nature in Jesus Christ. You are of one mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. You do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory. And you humbly regard others as more important than yourself, looking out not for your own interests but for those of others.

At His transfiguration, Our Lord revealed His glory to Peter, James and John. They experienced the Holy Trinity, and through Christ, beheld the radiating uncreated eternal Light of God and they heard the voice of the Father.

During this Divine Liturgy, we too enter into communion with the undivided Holy Trinity and we experience the True Light. And while “it is good for us to be here” we too, must come down, like Jesus and his disciples, from this experience of Mt. Tabor in the Divine Liturgy. Transfigured and divinized, as the salt and light of the world, let us go forth in peace, as Knights of Columbus, as followers of Christ, to continue evangelizing and transforming the world by living and sharing the Gospel according to the divine plan of God.

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory be to Jesus Christ! Vivat Jesus!

Heaven on Earth: Divine Liturgy Graces Convention

In a beautiful and reverent Eastern Catholic liturgy filled with chanting, song and solemn ceremony, the Knights of Columbus highlighted its recent expansion into Ukraine and expressed solidarity with the people of that country, who have suffered war and unrest in recent years.

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom was celebrated Wednesday morning, Aug. 5, during the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia. The liturgy for the Prefeast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord was offered by Archbishop Stefan Soroka, archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, who is Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States. Concelebrating were many of the cardinals, bishops and priests at the convention.

Providing music and chanted responses was the Choir of the Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family, from Washington, D.C.

Eastern liturgies are marked by many litanies, called "Great" and "Small," hymns to Christ and the Blessed Mother, and repetition

of intercessions. The sanctuary is decorated with numerous icons that are rich in symbolism and designed to bring worshipers into a close and immediate relationship with God and the saints. Communion is offered under both species, with the host dipped in precious blood and placed by a holy spoon into the open mouth of the communicant.

In his homily, Archbishop Soroka said that there are 23 Eastern Catholic Churches that are in communion with the pope, and 18 of them are established in the United States. The legitimacy and importance of the Eastern Churches and their liturgies was reemphasized by the Second Vatican Council and have been supported by statements and documents of the popes since then, the archbishop said. A common theme of Eastern theology is that God became man so that man could begin on earth a transfiguration into the life of God, he noted.

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NEWS FROM THE 133RD SUPREME CONVENTION

Heaven Brought to Earth: Divine Liturgy Graces Supreme Convention



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The Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy highlighted the Order's recent expansion into Ukraine and was an expression of solidarity.

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States Dinner Highlights Appeals for Christian Refugees



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson thanks Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda of Erbil, Iraq, for his address.

The festive atmosphere of the States Dinner, where Knights and their families wave flags and sing songs from their respective jurisdictions, took on a more somber tone Tuesday evening during the keynote addresses of two archbishops from the Middle East who spoke about the persecution of Christians in their countries, where the faith dates back to the time of the Apostles.

Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Bashar Matti Warda of Erbil, Iraq, and Melkite Catholic Archbishop Jean-Clément Jeantart

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our Baptism," he stated. "At that moment we have been baptized into Christ, we have put on Christ. We begin to experience the real and transformative union with God as we humans begin to acquire our mantle of divinity."

He continued, "In a special way, men who choose to become Knights of Columbus, following in the footsteps of our founder, Father Michael McGivney, also experience a special transformation as they are transfigured on this path of divinization."

When he was a pastor, he told the congregation, a Knights of Columbus council was formed in his parish. He noticed how men who were

weak in their practice of the faith became strong and active. Shy and quiet men became bold leaders. The parish was transformed by the witness and work of the Knights, he said.

"The power of fraternal prayer and works of charity in an atmosphere of unity with patriotic love for God, Church and country transformed these men and their families," Archbishop Soroka said. "They began to live a transformed life of love and grace in the ways of Our Lord. They now lived a life in union with a God who unconditionally loves them."

The power of the Knights has been evident in the

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transformation of men in Ukraine, where the Order has been active for the past few years. Especially noteworthy has been the charitable and spiritual outreach by the Knights to those who have suffered from the recent violence in that

country, he added.

"I personally know how thousands of people in Ukraine, including those wounded and psychologically scarred by war, have had their lives enhanced by the generous humanitarian

aid of the Knights of Columbus, for which we are extremely grateful," the archbishop said.

He urged all Knights and their families to go forth in the spirit of God, and with the intercession of the Blessed Mother,

to transform their lives, their families and their communities.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/conv/2015/insider/wednesday-mass.html>

Priests ride on trolley bus to the Divine Liturgy

Ukrainian priests, deacons and altar servers rode on a Philadelphia Trolley Works Bus to the Divine Liturgy at Pennsylvania Convention Center on August 5, 2015. The Divine Liturgy was celebrated at 8 a.m. during the Knights of Columbus 133rd Supreme Convention. The bus left the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA, just before 7 a.m. and it was filled with happy smiles on this historic date. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Behind the Scenes at the Convention Center on August 5th



Priests Gather for Liturgy Procession

(Photo: Ken Hutchins)



Camera monitors in the control room.

(Photo: Ken Hutchins)

Knights of Columbus Tour Group Visits the Cathedral

On Monday, August 3, 2015, a tour group of about 50 people from the Knights of Columbus Convention visited the Golden Domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. Some of the states that the tour group was from included Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Illinois. Fr. Walter Pasicznyk spoke in detail about the Iconostas and Mosaics at the Cathedral. The tour lasted approximately 20 minutes.

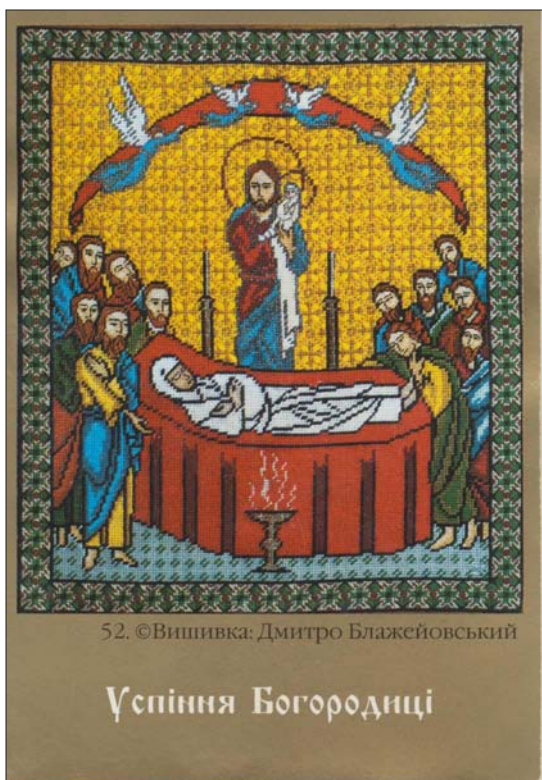
Watch a video of the Tour on our You Tube Channel
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DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD - AUGUST 15

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one.[f] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her. As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."



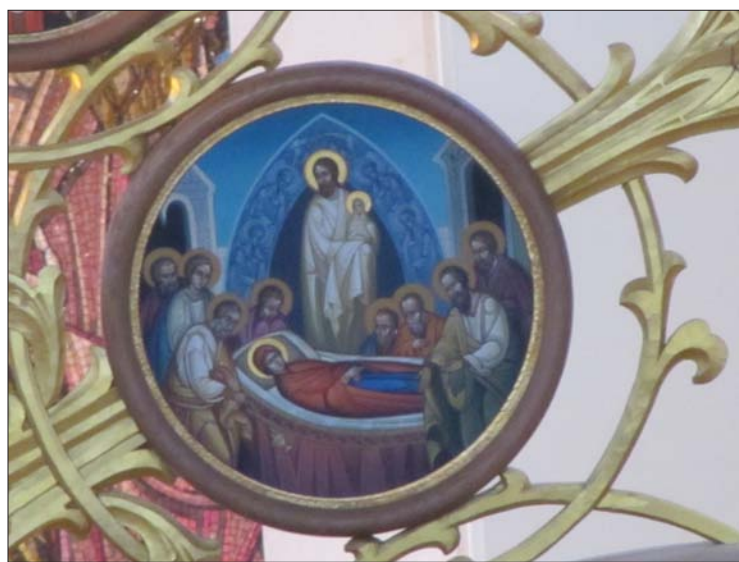
DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

"It was never heard that the Mother of God would not help."

The Mother of God did not leave us orphans upon Her Dormition, Her Assumption Into heaven. She from heaven intercedes for us who yet remain on earth. Mary helps us to stay on the road to salvation. During Her earthly stay, She showed us how to live according to the Holy Will of God. As She instructed the servants at the Wedding in Cana, so too She tells us: "Do whatever He tells you."

On the Feast of the Dormition, we recall the death and burial of the Mother of God, and we celebrate Her resurrection and assumption into heaven. Death and the grave could not detain Her.

In the icon, we see the "Mother of Life" being transferred to eternal by Her Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostles are depicted surrounding the Mother of God, and Christ is behind them. The Icon of the Dormition gives us a picture of Christian death. We, humble and faithful servants of the Lord God, find our salvation in Jesus Christ Who will raise us to eternal life in heaven.



Icon of the Dormition of the Mother of God

**61st 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 8th

- 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 9th

- 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, SSMI – "The Heartbeat of the SSMI'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

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Visit Golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Treasury of Faith Museum in Philadelphia

Thursday, July 30, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate made a chartered bus trip to the City of Brotherly Love to tour the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Treasury of Faith Museum.

Father Walter Pasicznyk, parochial vicar of the cathedral parish, gave an informative presentation highlighting the iconography and mosaics of the cathedral and explained the theological significance of the design of the cathedral. He also explained the features of the Vatican-authorized replica of the Shroud of Turin which is on permanent display in the Cathedral.

The Sisters also visited the Treasury of Faith Museum in Philadelphia. The Treasury of Faith Museum is located in the building of the former Cathedral School. Many of the Sisters Servants taught at the Cathedral School before the School closed.

Photos: <http://ssmi-us.org>



Photos from the Cathedral



Photos from the Treasury of Faith Museum

SISTERS OF SAINT BASIL HOLD CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS

Steer the ship of our lives, Lord. Renew in us the gift of discernment, so that we can see the right direction in which we should go. Show us the course we should take for our future and give us the courage to choose it.

For the past year the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great have offered this prayer together in preparation for their June, 2015, Provincial Chapter which would center on electing a new Governing Council for a 2015-2020 term and continue deliberations on the future of the Province.

On Sunday, June 21, Provincial Superior Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, declared the opening of the Chapter and delivered her five year report on the State of the Province.

In keeping with the Chapter's theme, "Call to the Unknown", a presentation by Brother James Butler, FSC, President of LaSalle College High School, Challenges of Change and Governance, provided valuable insight into the steps the Christian Brothers have taken to assure the survival of their



Newly Elected Provincial Council Members: Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior; Sr. Joann Sosler, OSBM, Assistant Provincial; Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM, Councilor, Sr. Miriam Claire Kowal, OSBM, Councilor.

Lasallian Legacy in their educational institutions. "We are concerned with how to continue our charism--our gift to the Church," said Brother James. The presentation provided helpful material for discussion for the sessions on governance that followed.

On Monday, June 22, the Outgoing Leadership were honored at dinner where outgoing Provincial Councilors were thanked for their service, dedication and efforts for the community during their five-year term in office. Those

honored were: Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, Provincial Superior, Sister Joann Sosler, Assistant Provincial Superior, Sister Maria Rozmarynowycz, 2nd Councilor, Sister Ann Laszok, 3rd Councilor, and Sister Clement Bartholomew, 4th Councilor.

Another guest speaker, Sister Marilyn Ryan, SSJ, in her Reflections on Leadership, expanded on the importance of the three L's of Leadership: Listen, Learn, Love. Sister's presentation provided material for the delegates' reflecting on

the qualities of a good leader and served as a segue to Wednesday's election which resulted in the following:

Elected to the Provincial Council of the Sisters of Saint Basil, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province for the 2015-2020 term of office were: Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, Provincial Superior, Sister Joann Sosler, Assistant Provincial Superior and 1st Councilor, Sister Ann Laszok, 2nd Councilor and Sister Miriam Claire

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Kowal, 3rd Councilor. Assisting in the election process and serving also as facilitator for the entire Chapter was Sister Carol Marozzi, SSJ.

During the Rite of Installation in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, the newly-elected professed

their willingness “to serve the Triune God, the Church and this Community...as members of the Provincial Council for the next five years.”

Congratulations, prayers and good wishes were offered at the dinner that followed.

Since 1911 the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great have served in the United States. The Sisters strive to be a Praying, Healing, Life-Giving Presence in every community they minister, especially in the field of education. Their Motherhouse is

in Fox Chase Manor, Pennsylvania, which is just outside Philadelphia. The Sisters can be reached by email at province@stbasils.com by telephone at 215-379-3998 and by mail at 710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA 19046. Their website is www.stbasils.com

MSGR. APPELYARD CONDUCTS BASILIAN RETREAT

The Sisters of Saint Basil of the Jesus Lover of Humanity Province took time away from business and busyness June 14-19, 2015, for their annual summer retreat at the Basilian Motherhouse, Fox Chase Manor, PA.

Following the theme “Transformation / Deification”, the Sisters once again examined their resolve to... “commit ourselves to wholehearted renewal characterized by personal deification, deepening our communion with one another so that we may witness to the world a praying, healing, life-giving presence to all.”

Guiding the Sisters through the days of prayerful silence was Rt. Rev. Archimandrite, Msgr. George Appleyard whose daily conferences

and homilies built on the theme of the retreat.

Included in the week’s schedule was the remembering of the deceased members of the community. A Panahyda service was sung at the Sisters’ cemetery followed by the blessing of final resting places.

Retreat concluded Friday, June 19 with a final vespers service and homily, followed by the anointing of all participants.

Rev. Archimandrite Msgr. George Appleyard, now retired from parish administration, is the Shepherd of the House of Saint Lazarus, the Military and Hospitalier Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, Grand Priory of America.



Rt. Rev. Archimandrite Msgr. George Appleyard extends final retreat blessing and anointing.

BASILIAN SISTERS CELEBRATE SUMMER JUBILEES

"You've seen so much of the Church over the years and Christ has been a constant in your lives all that time." So spoke Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo, Basilian Motherhouse Chaplain, at the Divine Liturgy celebrated in honor of the jubilees of eight Basilian Sisters, Saturday, June 26, 2015.

Marking significant milestones as members of the Order of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great were Sisters Mary Bernarda Arkatin, OSBM, 75 years; Sister Judith Thaddeus Piszyk, OSBM, 70 years; Sister Carla Hernandez, OSBM, Sister Dolores Orzel, OSBM, and Sister Clement Bartholomew, OSBM, 60 years; Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, OSBM, Sister Rita Stremba, OSBM, Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, 55 years.

During his homily, Msgr. Waslo recalled the beginning of Christ's public life where He sought disciples to "Come, follow Me." "Those called dropped everything and so did you, Sisters, to follow in the love of the Lord. Thank you for answering that call."

Prior to receiving the Holy Eucharist, each jubilarian, hand upon the Bible, emphasized her unwavering dedication to live the monastic life as a Basilian by once again pronouncing her vow to live her religious life as a member of the Order of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great until death.

At the celebratory dinner that followed, the jubilarians were greeted and congratulated by the members of their community, with Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, newly re-elected Provincial Superior and members of the former and present Governing Councils commending each individual jubilarian for her many years of faithful service to God, the Order and the Faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. "Thank you for your presence, your labors, time and talent, your love and compassion for others during all those years. For all the souls you have touched, we wish you "Mnohaya Lita!"



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Hernandez, OSBM, Sr. Dolores Orzel, OSBM**



**55 yr. Jubilarians
Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, OSBM,
Sister Rita Stremba, OSBM, Sister Dorothy
Ann Busowski, OSBM**

South Anthracite Deanery holds Youth Day

Sunday, July 12 youth, parents and clergy of all the Ukrainian Catholic parishes in the South Anthracite Deanery participated in a Deanery Youth Day at Knoebel's Amusement Resort in Elysburg, Pa. Guest speakers were Carmen DeFrancesco, former H.S. football coach at Mt. Carmel Area and now assistant football coach at Shamokin Area High School, and Dr. Barbara Lutz, treasurer and business manager of the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education. Steven Mazur, of St. Michael's parish in Frackville, entertained with singing and playing his guitar. Those attending enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and other picnic foods and the many amusements and rides Knoebel's Amusement Resort has to offer.



Steven Mazur



Dr. Barbara Lutz supervises as children re-enact "Road to Emmaus"



Rev. Hutsko with guest speaker Carmen DeFrancesco.

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METROPOLITAN STEFAN VISITS WITH SENATOR CASEY AND CONGRESSMAN FITZPATRICK

On Tuesday, July 28th, 2015, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, together with Ambassador William Miller and Congressman Charles Dougherty visited with Senator Bob Casey, Jr. of Pennsylvania in his office in the Russell Senate Building, Washington, D.C., followed by a meeting with Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick. The goal of the two meetings was to encourage intervention by Senator Casey and Congressman Fitzpatrick in the process of approving the release of funds for the provision of much needed weapons for Ukraine. Ambassador Miller wisely shared background information on the commitments made by the United States and other nations to preserve the integrity of the borders of Ukraine at the time of the surrender of Ukraine's nuclear arsenal. His comprehensive assessment of the current situation in Ukraine and the prognosis for Ukraine if needed assistance is not provided led into a discussion on the moral obligations of the United States to Ukraine. Metropolitan Stefan shared his views on this, citing recent examples of persecution of various religious groups, including harassment and limiting celebration by the faithful of different faiths. Congressman stressed the urgency of the current situation and urged for immediate support for Ukraine.



Ambassador William Miller, Senator Bob Casey, Jr., and Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka



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Themed “Honoring Our Past; Building Our Future”, the 77th Annual National Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics set for October 16-18 in Lansdale, PA.

Under the theme, “Honoring Our Past; Building Our Future”, The Delaware-Lehigh Valleys, PA, Garden State, NJ, and South Anthracite, PA Councils will host the 77th Annual National Convention of the League of Ukrainian Catholics at the Holiday Inn-Lansdale (just off the Lansdale Interchange (Exit 31) of I-476), 1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA 19443. The location’s relative proximity to a number of Ukrainian Catholic Churches and communities and its overall central location promise good attendance and a vibrant spiritual and social experience.

The convention program will follow established LUC procedures. There will be a 2:00 PM Friday afternoon business meeting of the National Board and convention delegates. A Friday “Gypsy Jazz” Welcome Party and buffet dinner will begin at 6:30 PM and feature live musical entertainment by Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo on violin, and by Kruno Spisic and his Gypsy Jazz Band.

Beginning at 8:30 AM on

Saturday, the next day, a mobile (bus) workshop will tour (1) “The Gold Dome” Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Panakhyda at the crypts of the Bishops of our past; veneration of the Icons & Relics of Blessed Bishop Charnetsky and Blessed Josaphata and the Shroud of Turin replica; Byzantine Church Supply Gift shop); (2) Jesuit Church of the Gesu, the “Basilica-esque” baroque Jesuit church built in 1879–1888; and (3) St. Peter’s Church and the St. John Neumann Shrine - with veneration of the remains of St. John Neumann, the first American Saint.

The Saturday evening banquet will begin at 6:00 PM. The keynote speakers will be Rev. Dan Troyan and Sr. Elaine Ilnitski, SSML. Violinist Innesa and Ukrainian folk dancers will entertain until the social dancing begins to the tunes of the “Kosiv” Ensemble.

The Convention will conclude on Sunday with an 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy at Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church,



Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lansdale, PA

1564 Allentown Road, Lansdale, PA and a sumptuous brunch in the church hall.

Discounted room rates with free full buffet breakfasts available, so long as you reserve on or before September 28, 2015 (Call the hotel at 215-368-3800). For information and in order to register and/or to reserve your place for some or all of the events, call Gene at 267-664-3857 - eluciw@comcast.net; or Marion at 201-843-3960 - mchrubec@optimum.net . Do not forget to ask about becoming a member or reinstating your membership.

“You do not have to be a member of the LUC to

join us for the spiritual, educational and fun experience that is our Convention”, said Ms. Hrubec. “In fact, in the past, non-members have attended our conventions in great numbers and many joined. You do not have to attend the entire event; you can pick and choose and participate only in the things that interest you”, she said.

In tandem with the Convention preparation process, LUC is initiating its newest Council designed to re-invigorate its once extremely active role in the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys. This Council will be dedicated to the memory of St. John Paul II.

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The LUC also has it as a goal to re-invigorate all of its Councils and Chapters. Ms. Hrubec is confident that “...former LUC’ers will no doubt join and actively participate in this and other Councils; they already know the capabilities and purposes of our organization that was first organized in 1933 by then Father, and later Archbishop Metropolitan, Ambrose Senyshyn.”

“We are confident that church faithful who are already active in, or are seeking a framework for becoming active in, the life of their Church will join.” The charter of the LUC describes its purposes as follows:

- Religious – promotes personal sanctification
- Educational – provides and supports programs to aid in the religious

training of parish children, youth, and adults

Cultural – develops and promotes knowledge and appreciation of our Eastern Catholic Rite and our Ukrainian heritage

Social – encourages friendship and collaboration among members and the parishes and communities they serve

Collaborative – fosters unity among ecclesiastically approved organizations

“We believe that the LUC provides an excellent formula for generating the Vibrant parishes of Our Church ... those things that Patriarch Sviatoslav asks all of us to foster and promote”, said Ms. Hrubec.

Metropolitan Stefan Receives Visitors at Chancery



Sister Maria of the Cross from Ukraine (on the left in picture), accompanied by Mother Mary of the Incarnation from St. Veronica Roman Catholic Parish in Philadelphia visited with Metropolitan Stefan Soroka on July 24th, 2015. Sister Maria shared exciting news as to her Order’s advancement in providing care for the many orphans from the recent conflicts in Ukraine, and the development of elderly housing and support for seniors, a relatively new development in Ukraine. They will share more information on these programs with us at a later date. Let us pray for their continued success in the service of others.

Ukrainian Seminary Day continues to entertain, raise funds in 81st year

BY JOHN E. USALIS

PRIMROSE — The 81st annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday brought people together to celebrate Ukrainian faith and culture and to help promote and support vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

The event was held at St. Nicholas picnic grove, where it has been celebrated since 1985. Hundreds came to enjoy homemade ethnic food, watch and listen to Ukrainian folk dancing and music, stop at vendors tables and tents for ethnic crafts and just sit around and enjoy the company of family and friends.

In addition to the social aspects, the main mission of the day is to raise

funds for St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, D.C., the only Ukrainian Catholic seminary in the United States. Sponsored by the 12 parishes of the South Anthracite Protopresbytery (deanery) of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Ukrainian Seminary Day has raised about \$750,000 for the seminary since 1985.

The Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mount Carmel and Assumption BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church near Centralia and the dean of the deanery, said the planning for the day went very well.

“We had a tremendous amount of support and cooperation from the lay



Deacon Paul Spotts incenses the icon of St. Nicholas The Wonderworker on Sunday during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose. (Photo: JOHN E. USALIS)

people,” Hutsko said. “Every year, we try to tweak this annual event to make it more attractive to a wider audience. Again this year we have the pysanky classes and demonstrations for different age groups. We brought in more vendors selling their heritage and ethnic items. And, of course, we have Bishop Bura here, who we consider one of our own for his many years in Shenandoah. He was actually the dean at the time when Lakewood Park closed and they were trying to decide what to do, where to go, should we continue Ukrainian Day. It was under his leadership we came here and, as they say, the rest is history. It has grown every year.”

Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Day began in 1934 in Lakewood Park, Barnesville, one of a number of ethnic celebrations that began in the 1900s by ethnic groups in the anthracite coal region. When Lakewood Park closed in 1983, there was one year without such an event. In 1985, Ukrainian Seminary Day was revived and moved to Primrose. It was sponsored by the parishes in Schuylkill, Northumberland, Columbia and Luzerne counties. As a fundraiser for the seminary, the event is unique in that it is the only one where a group of parishes join forces to raise funds.

The Most Rev. John Bura
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Bishop John Bura gives a Blessing. (Photo: JOHN E. USALIS)

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is the auxiliary bishop of the archeparchy and resides at the seminary. The seminary rector is the Rev. Robert Hitchens. "Bishop Bura is the ambassador, for the lack of the better term, for our Ukrainian Catholic Synod to the American government trying to keep our senators and congressmen informed of events in Ukraine and the needs of the Ukrainian people and the Ukrainian Catholic Church," Hutsko said. "He also assists in bringing organizations of Ukrainian background in Washington to focus their energies into one direction to add a stronger voice and more strength to our church in the United States and Ukraine."

As per tradition, the festival began with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the picnic grove's hall. The main celebrant was Bura, with priests from the deanery as concelebrants and assisted by Deacon Paul Spotts, Frackville.

The procession of clergy and altar servers into the hall was led by members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Schuylkill Assembly No. 0923.

After the reading of the Gospel by Spotts, Bura spoke about the walking of Jesus on the water, the invitation to Peter to get out of the boat to walk on water as a test of faith and the rescue by Jesus of Peter after he began to sink. Bura spoke of so many Ukrainian ancestors who also took a leap of faith when they left their homeland and came to America.

"As baptized Ukrainian Catholics, we know that all of us have been created by God," Bura said in his homily. "We have been given life to praise God, to do good, to work, to love one another and to help one another. We have been steeped in the faith that is true, honest and noble. Our faith molds our lives here on earth and guides us to heaven based on sound doctrine and a solid foundation. This faith was passed onto us by our ancestors, which they received at the time of their baptism in 988 (A.D.). It was this faith that motivated our first immigrants to establish parishes here in what we now call the South Anthracite Deanery."

Bura continued, "Although our great-

grandfathers and mothers, our grandfathers and mothers, our fathers and mothers came here for economic reasons, they found life to be difficult. The work was very hard, and the promised benefits of good wages were not true. Supporting a family under such conditions was a desperate struggle. They were mistreated, shunned by the earlier immigrants, seemingly lost in the new world. You would think that they would have despaired and given up. No, not our people. They were determined, and the strongest quality of that determination was their faith, an ancestral and strong faith. In the old country, they were persecuted by the Russians, the Poles, the Hungarians and survived, and they were going to survive here also."

After the Divine Liturgy, many people left the hall and headed straight to the ticket booth and bought their tickets for the many food items. There was a long line for the ever-popular breenies. People also enjoyed pierogies, halupki, haluski, kielbasi and sausage sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs and soups. There was also a lemko platter,

which included kielbasi, sauerkraut, rye bread, a halupki and choice of halushki or pierogies. There were games for children and adults.

The outdoor entertainment began with a live outdoor polka broadcast by WPPA-AM with broadcast personalities Paul Konkus and J.Z., which was followed by a concert and dance program by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble in the open air band pavilion. The John Stevens' Doubleshot Polka Band entertained with polka and dance music.

<http://republicanherald.com/news/ukrainian-seminary-day-continues-to-entertain-raise-funds-in-81st-year-1.1918275>



Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble Performs at Seminary Day. (Photo: JOHN E. USALIS)

+Sister Bonaventure Kalawsky, SSMI Falls Asleep in the Lord

SLOATSBURG, NY – Sister Bonaventure (Annie) Kalawsky, SSMI peacefully passed away on July 6, 2015 at Nyack Manor in Nyack, NY at the blessed age of 96. She was born in Round Hill, Alberta, Canada, the 12th of 13 children to Ignatius and Anastasia (Pawlyshyn) Kalawsky.

During her 81 years of consecrated life, Sister Bonaventure taught in several elementary schools, ministry with the elderly in our Home of Divine Providence in Philadelphia and St. Joseph's Adult Care Home in Sloatsburg, NY, Provincial secretary, catechetical ministry, and pastoral ministry in various parishes. From 1979-1984, Sister Bonaventure was also missioned in Munich, Germany at the residence of Bishop Kornyliak. It was here that she had the honor of serving dinner to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, later to be known as Pope Benedict XVI.



Thursday July 9th, Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten blessed the casket and celebrated the panahyda along with Rev. Edward Young, pastor of SS Peter & Paul in Ansonia, CT. Bishop Basil said that Sister Bonaventure would not want us to be weeping, but to be celebrating as her life was one of total joy and commitment to her God. In the evening, Msgr. John Terlecky, pastor of SS Peter & Paul in Spring Valley, NY and chaplain for the Sisters along with Rev. Mark Sych, Sister Bonaventure's great nephew from Canada, and Rev. Andriy Dudkevych, pastor of St. Nicholas in Passaic, NJ celebrated the parastas.

Friday, July 10th, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Eparch of Stamford, celebrated the funeral Divine Liturgy along with Sr. Bonaventure's great-nephew Rev. Mark Sych, Msgr. John Terlecky, Rev. Kiril Angelov, Chancellor for the Eparchy of Stamford, Rev. Philip Sandrick, Provincial Superior of the Basilian Fathers and Rev. Walter Pasicznyk, representing the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Bishop Paul noted in his homily that "there was nothing extraordinary in the life of Sister Bonaventure. But, what made her stand out was the way in which she was constantly in wonder and awe in every moment of her life, no matter where she was, whom she was with or what she was doing."

Provincial Superior, Sister Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI, eulogized Sr. Bonaventure by citing Luke 9:62 – 'No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is worthy of service in the Kingdom of God.' Sister Bonaventure never looked back as she left her native country, her friends and family to be a worthy missionary of Christ in the United States.

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Sunday, August 16th

11:00 am Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew's Chapel
2:00 – 4:30 pm Stage Show

LUC Meeting to be held in Berwick, PA

North Anthracite Council - League of Ukrainian Catholics will conduct a general meeting and its annual picnic on Sunday, August 16, 2015 in Berwick, PA. Moleben Prayer Service will begin at 3:00pm at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, 706 North Warren Street followed by a business session. Agenda will focus on commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky's birth and the upcoming October 16 to 18 National Convention in Lansdale, PA.

A bountiful fun-filled annual picnic will follow at the nearby residence of Tim and Janina Everett. Newcomers and former members are welcome to attend.

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



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Archeparchy Finance Officer Attends Conference on Catholic Leadership for Nonprofits

John Drozd, the financial officer for the Archeparchy attended a conference on Catholic Leadership for Nonprofits. Topics covered included Strategic Planning, Fund Development, Canon and Civil Law, Employment Law, Non-profit Board Governance, Budgeting and finance, Program Evaluation and Capacity Building and Nonprofit Marketing. The conference was attended by people from the United States, Canada, Australia, the Caribbean and Africa. The group included 13 Sisters from Africa, who represented 10 different orders of Nuns, 2 Priests from Africa and two Priests from the United States and one Deacon. Attendees represented Diocesan, Eparchial and parish employees.



Attendees of the Nonprofit Executive Program for Catholic Leadership, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana

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 Sunday, August 30, 2015.

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

Rummage Sale to be held in Olyphant, PA

Saint Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church of Olyphant, PA gather at the Church to discuss the 5th Annual Rummage Sale for 2015 Fund Raiser. The New Location will be at the Parish Hall at 133-207 River Street, Olyphant, PA. On September 18, 19 20th 2015 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) Starting at 8:00 a.m. each day. There will be

a Raffle with donations from local restaurants, retail stores, etc. For additional information regarding donations from yard sales, rummage sale, estate sales etc... contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor (570-489-2271



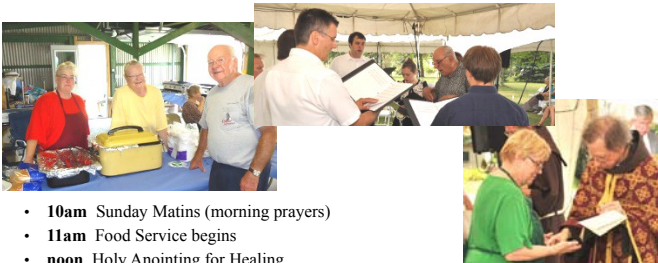
PHOTO: Left to Right Cheryl Matuszewski, Marlene Zelno, Julie Hunt; 2nd Row: Anna Mae Krisanda, Marie Martin, Rose sember, Dorothy Zinsky, Lauren Telep (pink hat) Chairman; 3rd Row: Glenda Marcinko, Michael Roberts, Victoria Nasevich; 4th Row: Jack Martin, Tom Matkousky (partially hidden face) Jackie Hunt, Ann Nasevich and John Nasevich

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- **4pm** Spiritual Talk: *The Shape Love Takes: Peace, Family and the Cross*, Ann Koshute against the noise & terror of this world, our peace is found in Christ, as our love is shaped by the Cross
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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.

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Easton, PA host first Summer Bible Camp

WEST EASTON PA: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church hosted their first Summer Bible Camp for the children of their community. The theme of the “Loaves and the Fishes” was chosen. Children were encouraged to find the message Jesus gave us about the truth that He is the Bread of Life. They read in Matthew how the men who were called were fishermen. They heard from the church father Tertullian, that “ humans are like little fishes, the IXTUS: fish, since followers of Jesus were born in the waters of Baptism”.

The symbol of the fish: IXTUS: Jesus Christ Son of God Savior: which was the early symbol of the followers of Jesus was explained. They baked bread from scratch: mixing the flour, the yeast and water. They kneaded the dough, forming small loaves which were baked and shared with everyone in their family.

The week of camp was from 9:30AM-1:30PM. Classes, crafts, exercise, and outdoor fun and games made for a memorable week. The highlight was “water day”; a beautiful summer’s day wherein the children and adults splashed about with a water slip’n slide, water balloon tosses and buckets of wet fun! They were Jesus’ little fishes for a day!

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Rev. Daniel Troyan teaches the message that Jesus is the Bread of Life



Learning about the symbol of the fish



Rev. Daniel Troyan shows the baked loaves of bread that the children helped make.



Creating a fish craft project

Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Easton, PA host first Summer Bible Camp

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The final day of Summer Bible Camp concluded with a trip to:

-The Monastery of the Sisters of the Order of St Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA,

-The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA



-The Treasury of Faith Museum in Philadelphia, and

-The Chancery Office of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Lunch during Summer Bible Camp was provided through the goodness of the church members and the children had the opportunity to bond with other young members of their parish whom they now look forward to seeing in church. The week wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of many good people: Special thanks to Fr. Dan, Sherry Belfy, Chrissy Mattes, Paul LaChance, Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Ryan and Julia Mattes, and Timmy. May God bless them for taking a week out of their summer to help spread the message of new life in Christ! Looking forward to next year already.



Children visit the Monastery of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA.



Children pose at the Chancery Office for a picture with the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in the background.



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“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). This biblical text is beautiful. Having been created in the image of God, loving this way coheres with our true human nature. But loving this way is never easy. It demands humility and patience. To live the marriage and to follow the way of the covenant, husbands and wives need the capacity to transcend resentment, to lay aside entitlements, and to step forward in generosity. As Pope Francis puts it: “The Sacrament of Marriage ... takes place in the simplicity and also the fragility of the human condition. We know the many trials and difficulties that the lives of a married couple encounter.... The important thing is to keep alive the link with God, which is the basis of the marital bond.”

People who want to build their strong marriage will cultivate certain virtues. All of the cardinal virtues (prudence, temperance, justice, fortitude) and theological virtues (faith, hope, and love) are necessary and relevant for marriage to flourish. Chastity in particular is the seed from which strong marriages grow. Real marital unity also relies on mercy, a quality we learn from Jesus and see throughout God’s covenant. Mercy grows when we love as Christ showed us. In the Sacrament of Marriage, God’s covenant enters our homes and becomes the foundations of our families. In sacramental marriage, the Church offers us shelter, grace, and a daily lesson in the nature of God’s love. The Church’s marital vows constantly recall a husband and wife to their better natures, and situate a marriage in relation to the other sacraments as well, especially Penance and Eucharist. We can see how this sacramental marriage integrates with the whole of Christian life, for cultivating the virtues of love, interior freedom, fidelity, mercy, and forgiveness is a lifelong project which builds upon habits of prayer, participation in the Sacraments, and familiarity with the story of God’s covenant. The Lord knows that no marriage displays all the virtues all the time, but in his mercy, he gives us Penance and Eucharist so that we might grow in our capacity to love as Jesus does. Orienting our lives this way demands sacrifice, but in the end, this life is beautiful. Jesus is the path of truth and joy! We ought to ask ourselves:

- a. What can families do to celebrate and protect Christian marriage?
- b. How do the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist relate to the Sacrament of Marriage?
- c. Do you find it easy or difficult to forgive in our marriage? How does forgiveness enable relationships?
- d. “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 IV

CREATING THE FUTURE

When spouses become parents, the inner dynamic of God’s creation and the marriage sacrament is made visible in a beautiful and particularly clear way. When a husband and wife have children after the pattern of Christ’s love for us, this same love also orients the new parents to their children’s education and spiritual formation. The same love that sweeps up men and women, teaching them the ways of the covenant and bringing them to the Sacrament of Marriage, leads a couple to become a family.

The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation proper to each of them. It is a mother’s and a father’s responsibility to be with children at home and in church and pray together regularly. They will not learn how to do it if they are not taught.

Pope Francis describes how prayer and vocational awareness go together: “It is important to have a daily relationship with God, to listen to him in silence before the Tabernacle and deep within ourselves, to speak with him, to draw near to the sacraments. Having this familiar relationship with the Lord is like keeping the window of our lives open so that he can make us hear his voice and hear what he wants us to do.”

The domestic church implies a relationship to the universal Church: “The family, to be a ‘little Church,’ must be well integrated into the ‘big Church,’ that is, into the family of God that Christ came to form. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the parish as a “family of families” which is “able to share with each other, not only the joys but the inevitable difficulties of initiating family life.

Children need to see their parents and other adults in their lives demonstrating solidarity with the poor and doing things which serve the poor. Parishes and eparchies can help provide these occasions. The domestic church serves the parish and is served by the parish. For a parish to actually be a “family of families” calls for concrete actions of hospitality and generosity. No one, especially a child, parents struggling with unexpected crises, vulnerable elderly people, or anyone who is suffering, should be lonely in a parish family. How lay people treat each other will determine whether a parish is fulfilling its mission in this way. The challenges of family life require support — no family can flourish on its own. To flourish, families need their parishes, and their parishes need them. We ought to ask ourselves:

- a) Have you ever prayed with a child? How about reading the Bible with a child, or discussing some other aspect of the faith?
- b) If you are not a parent yourself, are there children in your life who could use a friend and mentor?
- c) What is a domestic church? How does the parish serve the family, and how does the family serve the parish?

BASILIAN VOLUNTEER TEAM PAYS GOODWILL VISIT TO UKRAINE

More than twenty years ago, Sister Mary Bernarda Arkatin, OSBM, a member of the Order of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province, initiated summer journeys of goodwill to the needy, orphaned and handicapped of Ukraine. Bearing gifts and treats as well as compassion and love, Sister became a frequent and welcomed visitor as she traveled from site to site, from institution to hospital, to orphanages and to campsites.



Camp participants and instructors

Carrying on the tradition established by Sister Bernarda to collaborate with the Basilian Sisters in Ukraine and to help the needy, Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM, and Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM, left Sunday, May 31, 2015, on what has now become the Basilian Volunteer Program to carry on the humanitarian mission. The

Sisters, along with three young women had visited two years ago, but unrest in the eastern sector of that country forced them to cancel their plans in 2014. Accompanying Sister Joann and Sister Ann this summer were Dennis Keathley of Tennessee and Gary Israel of Florida.

Soon after their arrival, the

team set up a one-week English Christian Camp in Skole. Working with Sister Lucia Murashko, OSBM, Director of the Karpaty campsite, and a staff of five counselors the team divided the forty-six children into four groups of English classes that covered reading, pronunciation, grammar and writing. The highlight of the first day was distributing to the children knapsacks of school supplies which were prepared by Gary Israel and his team of Downe Syndrome adults in Florida.

activities directed by Sister Lucia and Father Yuriy rounded out the day. A welcomed break from studies was a trip to the zoo for the children and a visit by the adults to Drohobych, a beautiful old town encompassing a seminary. Other highlights of the Christian camp were performances at "Talent Night", learning the Hokey Pokey and being treated by Gary Israel to ice-cream and pizza. The week ended with the celebration of Divine Liturgy, the distribution of awards and tearful farewells.

A daily celebration of the Divine Liturgy included prayers and petitions for the childrens' relatives engaged in warfare in Eastern Ukraine. Meals, playtime, sports and evening prayer and

"The students participated in many first-time experiences," said Sister Joann. "The program allowed for spiritual,

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Mission team visits Bukovo psychiatric institution.

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academic, physical growth and community life. It was a wholesome growing experience for all."

Included in the team's itinerary were gift-laden visits to two orphanages and at the Saint Nicholas Village of Mercy in Ivano Frankivsk run by the Incarnate Word Sisters, the team distributed Beanie Babies, candy and bananas as well as a monetary gift for the upkeep of the home. At the Adult Psychiatric Institute

in Pohoia, the team was treated to a medley of songs by a group of the residents who perform at other institutions.

A visit to the Bukovo Psychiatric Institute found the children engaged in artwork and eager to recite the prayers they had learned for their visitors. Some of the children remembered the team's visit two years ago and even recalled Sister Bernarda. All were excited to receive the various gifts and the visitors found it heart-wrenching to leave them.

Upon the completion of their summer camp and goodwill visits to various institutions and orphanages, Sister Ann and Sister Joann were pleased to share their experiences with the Basilian novices in Lviv, who welcomed them with the traditional gifts of bread, salt and song.

On the morning

of their departure from Ukraine, Sisters Joann and Ann attended the Divine Liturgy at Saint George Cathedral in Lviv and prayed at the tombs of Metropolitan Sheptytsky and Metropolitan Lubachivsky for all benefactors, partners in prayer and everyone who had helped make their goodwill trip possible and who offered prayers for the team's fruitful mission and safe return.

"Our team of Ukrainian and American folks rose to every challenge," said Sister Ann, "They're great-very talented, helpful and efficient and (we) couldn't ask for nicer people to work with."

Calling to mind the works of charity of Saint Basil the Great and his sister Saint Macrina and heeding the exhortations of Pope Francis to reach out to the poor and marginalized, the Sisters of Saint Basil urge the Faithful to consider taking part in the Basilian Volunteer Mission to Ukraine next year, 2016.

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The two lay volunteer members of the 2015 visit to Ukraine express their experiences:

Dennis Keathley: "For me, our mission trip was a delight (travel challenges and potholes aside)! I enjoyed teaching English pronunciation using our Creed, prayers and hymns. It was a privilege to interact with those wonderful children and to visit with the orphans.

I also see, with the widespread return of faith in Western Ukraine (not that faith or the Lord ever left), that Ukraine is really the hope of Europe, as it seems to be the last large bastion of faith against the cruelty of secular humanism. The churches are so beautiful, but it is the faith of my fellow Catholic Christians that is so breathtaking.

The trip was a great privilege for me, and the hospitality of the Religious and the children touched my heart more than I can express."



Sister Ann Laszok, Dennis Keathley, Sister Joann Sosler pray for benefactors at Metropolitan Sheptytsky's tomb.

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Gary Israel: "The mission was a bold effort to bring education and social services to a part of Ukraine. In addition to establishing an English camp for preteens and teenagers, the Sisters spread their good works to orphanages, churches, psychiatric institutions and facilities housing mentally and physically disabled adults. For those of us who were fortunate enough to be invited to participate it was a life-changing event. As the only non-Ukrainian speaking teacher, the opportunity gave me great insight into the mechanisms of teaching English. The kids were great. They were forced to speak English to me, not only in class, but during meals and during

our social outings to the waterfall and the zoo. It was not hard to fall in love with all of them. Although I am told of the amazing opportunity this was for the children, I consider myself the lucky one. I have 46 new friends. We continue to communicate via email since the camp ended.

The excursions to the orphanages, institutions and visits to the physically and mentally infirm would have humbled the toughest of us. The facilities were first rate, the staff was caring, the atmosphere was promising. It was good to see that the most vulnerable in this society, to this extent were cared for. Of course, need is all around. There is



Gary Israel teaches the "hokey pokey."

never enough money or resources to do all we can. It was easy to lend whatever support we could.

The nuns I met I feel are now my sisters. Whether we communicated directly in English or through interpreters, they are the epitome of kindness and

giving. Although not of their faith, I was captured by their devotion not only to their God, but to humanity. I understand that the group has been invited back to run more camps in future years. Please sign me up."

Graduation in Passaic, NJ

The smallest and the tallest at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic, NJ celebrated their graduations in June, as the Kindergarten class stepped up to First Grade, and the eighth-graders stepped out into the "great big world" of high school. Congratulations to our loving Graduates. May God bless, protect and guide you in your future endeavors.



Dazzling Dome Caps Ukrainian Cathedral Geometric Lines and Eastern Art Decorate Church

by Joseph Pronechen

Philadelphia is quite a city, with several shrines, two American saints and two Catholic cathedrals.

The one Roman Catholics often miss — but shouldn't — is the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Many pilgrims might be unaware of this remarkable cathedral, with its resplendent Byzantine mosaics and icons*. But St. John Paul II was: He made a papal visit to this magnificent cathedral on Oct. 4, 1979.

Hopes are that Pope Francis will be the second Holy Father to visit when he arrives in Philadelphia in September for the World Meeting of Families. Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka has written to Francis, inviting him to visit.

The cathedral is the seat of the Metropolitan Archeparchy of Philadelphia and humbly commands a quiet side street four blocks from the National Shrine of

St. John Neumann. Even though it's near the heart of the city, park-like grounds with trees and shrubbery surround it.

From nearby, visitors can discover the cathedral's whereabouts by honing in on its gigantic gold dome, which dazzles like a homing beacon in the sunlight.

"Dazzles" isn't just a figurative description — it means "sunglasses needed." Venetian tile of 22-carat gold fused to glass covers this enormous 100-foot diameter dome.

The dome caps an edifice that was built in 1966 to replace the original cathedral, established in 1907 by Bishop Sotor Stephen Ortynsky. The new design harmonizes Byzantine and contemporary lines. The repeating geometric forms enhance the striking look to the limestone and architectural concrete facade, and they're also symbolic. The trio of archways over the doors of the main entrance, for example, remind visitors of the Trinity. Three very tall arching windows above each door multiply this symbolism.

All of the curved geometric lines bring a soothing, reassuring character to the edifice. In the mosaic over the central door, our Lord Jesus Christ appears in red and blue robes, extending his hands with open palms in a warm gesture to welcome and receive the faithful into his magnificent temple.

Inside, the cathedral is a symphony composed of natural light, glorious and glistening mosaics and iconography, and stained glass. Dazzling gold scrollwork and overlays add even more harmony. When standing in the vast octagonal nave, it's as if one is in a throne room for the King of Kings and his mother, the Immaculate Conception.

Everywhere, the architecture's graceful curving lines and arches gently direct attention to the magnificent icons and the all-important spiritual stories they convey.

For instance, the



arching ceiling lines in the sanctuary become a framework for the luminescent iconostasis ("icon screen") that spans the length of the sanctuary. These arching lines also frame the glowing icon of the Immaculate Conception that fills the apse.

High overhead, robed in symbolic red and blue, an icon of Mary opens wide her arms in a gesture of prayer; at the same time, she shows us her Child Jesus, whom she bears for us to see and adore. Behind Mary, celestial sunrays radiate to form a cross. This remarkable icon vividly projects Mary in her major primary Eastern title of Theotokos (literally "the God-Bearer" or "Birth-Giver of God"). Here, she is like a mystical tabernacle.

Icons play a major reverential role in the

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Eastern-rite Churches. The iconostasis that separates the sanctuary from the nave holds more than 40 icons within a dazzling gold facade. The abundant delicate scroll and filigree work that frame these icons and the central royal doors mirror the entry into heaven itself.

At the top of the royal doors — the ones in the center used by the priest to reach the altar behind the iconostasis — the icon of the Annunciation reminds visitors that Gabriel brought the news to Mary that she was to be the God-Bearer. Below the scene, round icons picture the Four Evangelists.

The elaborately wrought golden arch spanning high over the royal doors has an ornamental design more delicate than the finest jewelry. It frames several icons.

Directly above the royal doors is the Last Supper and Christ the King in red and blue. Above them and at the pinnacle of the arch is a crucifix, with Mary on one side and John on the other. They're all directly in line with the icon of our

Blessed Mother that fills the apse high above.

All of the liturgical artistry in this magnificent iconography is breathtaking and awe-inspiring. This symbolic art becomes a "mini catechism" of sorts. On the iconostasis, for example — in traditional fashion for Eastern-rite churches, plus Orthodox churches — Jesus and Mary appear on either side of the royal doors. In this cathedral, they're much bigger than life.

Jesus is also always to the right side, with Mary to the left. Jesus as teacher holds the Alpha and Omega. Mary as Mother of God holds the Infant Jesus.

Colors tell a story here as well. Red garments symbolize heaven; blue stands for earth. Jesus and Mary wear both colors — reversed.

Jesus' red means he started in royal divinity in heaven and took on an earthly (blue cloak) nature. Mary in blue means she began on earth and then was assumed into heaven (red mantle).

To Jesus' side, a smaller icon of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, appears on the deacon door, with a larger-than-life-size John the Baptist at the end of the icon screen.

On the deacon door on the Blessed Mother's side, St. Michael the Archangel stands holding an orb. In keeping with Eastern tradition, St. Nicholas follows next, again more than life size.

Throughout, groupings of 12 speak significantly. There are circular Byzantine icons depicting a dozen major Marian and Christological feasts that appear on the archway, whose "keystone" icon is the one of Christ the King.

To either side, in another arch above, 12 icons present the Twelve Apostles and 12 Old Testament figures and prophets.

This holy icon screen, an incandescent masterpiece, was designed and painted by Chrystyna Dochwat, obviously inspired by the Holy Spirit to capture such heavenly majesty in art. Every icon but

the Last Supper is within an arched or circular framework. Even the geometric lines enhance the spiritual experience.

Also on permanent display is a Vatican-authorized, full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin that Archbishop Soroka obtained. Only the ninth such Vatican-sanctioned replica, it was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI and touched to the original shroud.

All of the sights in the great nave, which seats 1,800, are bathed in bright natural light — streaming from windows in the 106-foot dome, where the heavenly, traditional icon of the Pantokrator, Christ the Almighty Ruler, here in brilliant mosaic, looks over the congregation in majesty.

Surely this radiant icon — together with so many others — reminds the faithful within that Jesus is the source of all light.

<http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/dazzling-dome-caps-ukrainian-cathedral/#ixzz3i4AQc7td>

The sculpture of the Holodomor Memorial is installed in Washington, DC

On August 4, 2015 the sculpture of the Holodomor Memorial was installed in the very heart of Washington, DC near the U.S. Capitol. The event was attended by Valeriy Chaly, Ambassador of Ukraine to the USA, Larysa Kurylas, Artist, Michael Sawkiw, U.S. Committee for Ukrainian Holodomor Genocide Awareness 1932-1933, Mary Katherine Lanzillotta, Hartman-Cox Architects, as well as representatives of Forrester Construction Company and Laran Bronze Foundry.



In 2006, U.S. Congress authorized the Government of Ukraine to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor the victims of the manmade famine that occurred in Ukraine in 1932–1933.

Since then the Government of Ukraine, in close cooperation with the Ukrainian community, has worked on the implementation of this project.

Dedication of the Holodomor Memorial is scheduled for November 7, 2015.

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Pope declares Ukrainian church leader 'venerable'

18 July 2015

Pope Francis has signed a decree declaring "venerable" Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who led the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the tumultuous period of both world wars and at the beginning of Soviet occupation, Cindy Wooden of CNS reports.

The pope July 16 signed the decree recognizing that Metropolitan Sheptytsky heroically lived a life of Christian virtue. The recognition is an initial step in the sainthood process; the Vatican would have to recognize a miracle attributed to his intercession in order for a beatification ceremony to be scheduled.

Metropolitan Sheptytsky led the Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1901 until his death in 1944. During his leadership Ukraine and its people were ruled by seven different regimes: Austrian, Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Soviet, Nazi, and finally, the Soviets again.

Ukrainian Catholic Bishop Borys Gudziak of Paris told Catholic News Service that while the process for his sainthood opened five decades ago, it was only with the independence of Ukraine in 1991 that church historians and theologians had access to all his archives. The study required for the sainthood process was not possible while Ukraine was still part of the Soviet Union.

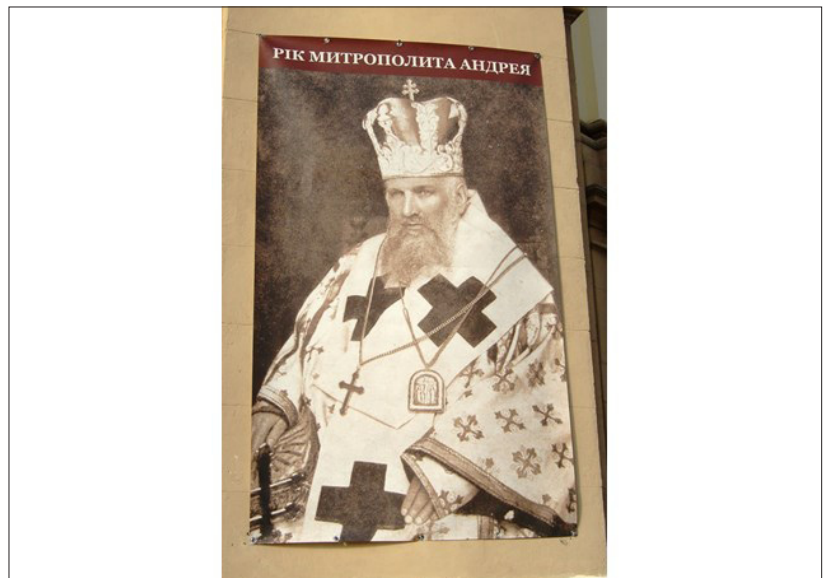
"It was a rich file," Bishop Gudziak said. "Metropolitan Sheptytsky was involved in everything, so it took a long time to go through it all."

"Metropolitan Sheptytsky lived in the house of the Lord and it had a high roof, open doors and open windows -- he lived outside the box," the bishop said. "He reached out to the Orthodox when ecumenism was not official church policy; he defended the Jews during the Holocaust; and he was close to artists, poets, intellectuals and writers."

"Like Jesus, Metropolitan Sheptytsky had a very clear sense of his identity and his God-given dignity, which allowed him to be non-defensive and non-aggressive with others," the bishop said.

Born Roman Aleksander Maria Sheptytsky July 29, 1865, in Prylbychi near Lviv, he took the name Andrey when he entered the Basilian Order.

Ukrainian Catholics around the world are celebrating the 150th anniversary of his birth, which Bishop Gudziak said, may explain the timing of the decree.



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Heroic virtue of Ukrainian bishop who sheltered hundreds of Jews recognized

Monday, 20 July 2015

On Thursday, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Archbishop Andrey Sheptytsky, who was head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church from 1900 to 1944, and who personally protected dozens of Jews from Nazi occupiers during World War II.

The Pope's July 16 audience with the prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints also recognized the heroic virtue of seven other potential saints, who will now be called 'Venerable'.

"During this time of foreign aggression against Ukraine – as well as turmoil in so many other historically Eastern Christian lands – this recognition brings particular consolation," Fr. Peter Galadza, acting director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, stated July 17. "Archbishop Sheptytsky demonstrated saintly courage when he sheltered more than 160 Jews during the Nazi Holocaust."

Venerable Andrey Sheptytsky was born as Roman Aleksander Maria Sheptytsky in 1865 to

a polonized family of Ukrainian heritage, who were Roman Catholics. He was born in a village 30 miles from Lviv, which was then part of the Austrian Empire. He entered the Order of St. Basil, associated with the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, taking the name Andrey (Andrew), and was professed in 1889. In 1892, he made solemn profession and was ordained a priest.

In 1899 he was consecrated a bishop, and appointed Bishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Stanislaviv (now Ivano-Frankivsk). Then in 1901 he was appointed Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Lviv, making him head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. He maintained his position until his death on Nov. 1, 1944, at the age of 79.

His time as Metropolitan Archbishop was marked by conflict with and persecution by the successive governments that ruled Ukraine, including the Russian Empire, the Second Polish Republic, Nazi Germany, and the Soviet Union. Under the Russian Empire, he was jailed from 1914 to 1917 for his pro-Ukrainian position and his promotion of

Catholicism. The Second Polish Republic twice held him for supporting an independent Ukrainian state and for opposing Latinization.

When the Soviet Union occupied Poland in 1939, he opposed the atheist regime and supported an independent Ukraine, and at first welcomed Nazi armies as liberators when they pushed back the Soviets in 1941. However, he spoke up against Nazi policy toward Jews, encouraging his faithful to treat Jews well, with a 1942 pastoral letter. He also encouraged his priests and local abbots to follow his example, and shelter Jews. In this he was helped by his brother, Blessed Klymentiy Sheptytsky, archimandrite of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's Studite monks.

Archbishop Sheptytsky also promoted Christian unity: Fr. Galadza noted that the archbishop "worked tirelessly throughout his lifetime for reconciliation between Ukrainians, Russians and Poles, as well as other nations and groups. Particularly legendary were his efforts to see Catholics and Orthodox overcome their historical estrangement. Sheptytsky was a precursor of the

ecumenical movement long before the Catholic Church officially endorsed the movement."

Fr. Galadza also reflected on Venerable Sheptytsky's concern for the poor, saying he "used his resources to create a free clinic, provide countless scholarships and help victims of famine, flooding and war."

The other persons whose heroic virtue were recognized July 16 are: Bishop Giuseppe Carraro, who led the Diocese of Verona from 1958-1978; Fr. Agostino Ramnrez Barba, a diocesan priest who founded the Sister Servants of the Lord of Mercy; Fr. Simpliciano della Nativita, OFM, founder of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart; Maria del Rifugio Aguilar y Torres, foundress of the Mercedarian Sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament; Maria Teresa Dupouy Bordes, foundress of the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary; Elisa Miceli, foundress of the Rural Catechist Sisters of the Sacred Heart; and Isabella Mñndez Herrero, a sister of the Congregation of the Servants of St. Joseph.

CNA/EWTN News

120 thousand pilgrims in Zarvanytsya pray for peace in Ukraine

Monday, 20 July 2015

All-Ukrainian pilgrimage to Zarvanytsya, which lasted on July 18-19, gathered a record number of pilgrims - 120 thousand people. As noted by the organizers, it is not the largest massive pilgrimage in recent years.

According to the Information Department of the UGCC, it was attended by members of the UGCC Synod led by Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), Papal Nuncio in Ukraine Archbishop Thomas Gullikson, clergymen from Rome.



This year's pilgrimage was dedicated to celebrating the 150th anniversary of Metropolitan Andriy Sheptytskiy and prayer for peace in Ukraine.

Speaking to the audience, the patriarch noted that mothers of the deceased Ukrainian soldiers joined the nationwide pilgrimage to Zarvanytsya. The hierarch expressed his condolences and assurances of prayer for the new Heroes of Ukraine.

"Going on a pilgrimage with this cross, we brought to the feet of Jesus and Mary so much of our pain, tears and so much blood, so many deaths we've seen in the last year. Here with us there are mothers of our fallen soldiers who constantly shed tears and onto whom we want to bow and takes their mother's pain today to bring it to our Savior," he said.

Patriarch Sviatoslav also spoke about the completion of the main phase of the beatification of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytskiy, which had lasted over 50 years. According to him, from now on the Metropolitan may be called the righteous. Further expert committee will examine the miracles that occurred at his mediation. If the supernatural source of healing that occurred through the prayers of the servant of God Metropolitan Andrey is confirmed, the Church will have another great saint.

In his speech, the patriarch drew attention of pilgrims to the issue of the defense of marriage as a union of man and woman, stressing that the new draft constitution of Ukraine posed a threat to traditional marriage. He recalled that recently he sent a relevant letter to the Chairman of the Ukrainian parliament and urged all those attending to defend family values in Ukraine by all legal means.

The patriarch expressed special gratitude to Archbishop Thomas Edward Gullickson, apostolic nuncio in Ukraine, for his courageous stance and "evidence of the truth about Ukraine in the world."

At the end of the celebration, Patriarch Sviatoslav blessed the memorial chapel of St. George, built in honor of the fallen heroes of the Heaven's Hundred and the ATO soldiers. It is planned to build a monitor inside which is to show information about the Heroes non-stop.

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HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV AND UKRAINE'S PRESIDENT UNVEIL METROPOLITAN SHEPTYTSKY'S MONUMENT

29 July 2015

On July 29, a monument to Metropolitan Andriy Sheptytsky, whose 150th anniversary celebrated today at the church and state levels, was solemnly unveiled today in Lviv. Lviv Greek Catholics, clergymen, government officials, pilgrims from Ukraine and abroad came to mark this event. Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko attended the opening of the monument to the great Ukrainian.

Metropolitan Sheptytsky's monument was installed opposite the Cathedral of St. George. At 10:00 in the morning, the clergymen led by Patriarch UGCC Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) celebrated the Liturgy. Then they descended into the crypt where the Metropolitan was buried.



The unveiling of the monument started with the Anthem of Ukraine. Poroshenko was the first to speak out: "Today we are restoring historical justice and finally inaugurate the monument to Sheptytsky in Lviv. And the best monument to the metropolitan is the independent Ukraine that moves towards the family of European nations."

Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) of the UGCC called the unveiling of the righteous Metropolitan's monument a historical event. He said the attempts to honor Metropolitan Andriy were an integral part of the national liberation struggle of our people. Before World War II, Ukrainians had made an attempt to erect a monument to the metropolitan, but these intentions were not a success. The patriarch said that the pedestal in its present shape had been established during the life of Metropolitan Sheptytsky, in autumn 1932, at the Greek Catholic Academy. In 1945, the monument to Metropolitan Andriy was destroyed as well as the most of Lviv monuments. Another monument to Sheptytsky designed by Sergey Litvinenko was installed in the courtyard of the National Museum in 1935, but it was also destroyed by soviet authorities.

"Many residents of Lviv remember in the 90's the people bringing flowers to the places where the monuments to Taras Shevchenko and Metropolitan Andriy were to be raised. Many of you remember that in St. George's square there was a mountain of flowers and candles and an inscription: "Here the monument to Metropolitan Andriy will be raised." And now this has come true," Patriarch Sviatoslav said.

After the monument inauguration ceremony, UGCC Metropolitan of Lviv Ihor (Voznyak) thanked all those who contributed to the monument's construction, those who disseminated Metropolitan Andriy's ideas and the people who assembled in the square.

The construction of the monument to Metropolitan Andrey, as we know, began in May this year. Its author

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HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV AND UKRAINE'S PRESIDENT UNVEIL METROPOLITAN SHEPTYTSKY'S MONUMENT

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is sculptor Andriy Koverko, the designers are architects Ihor Kuzmak and Mychailo Fedyk. Metropolitan statue is cast from bronze. It is 3.6m high. Metropolitan Andriy is depicted in monastic robe, belted with a leather belt. His head is slightly bowed. In one hand he holds a cross, and rests against the stele with another hand.

The monument installation was preceded by lengthy debate on the appropriateness of spending money on its construction during war and by the protests of activists who opposed the tree cutting in the park and the reconstruction of St. George's Square.

Photos from President of Ukraine's website

<http://risu.org.ua/>

UKRAINE REMEMBERS ST VOLODYMYR THE GREAT AND MARKS BAPTISM OF RUS

28 July 2015

The day of remembrance of the Holy and equal-to-the-Apostles Prince Volodymyr of Kyiv is marked on July 28. He was the grandson of the Holy Princess Olha, whose day of memory is celebrated on July 24. Prince Volodymyr has not only converted to Christianity himself, but also contributed to the fact that Christianity became the state religion of Kyivan Rus. In this regard, July 28 is a national holiday in Ukraine – the Day of Baptism of Kyivan Rus.

The future prince was born in 962 or 963 years in Volyn. His tenure in

Kyiv lasted 35 years - from 980 to 1015.

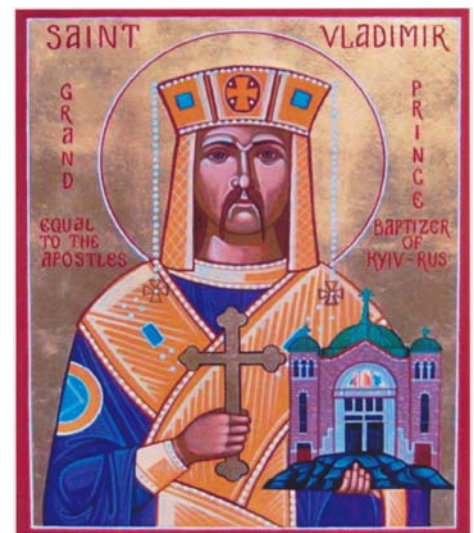
There are many versions regarding the time and place of the Prince's baptism. The chronicles indicate the year of 988. As for the place, it is disputed whether it was in Chersonese or in Kyiv.

After his baptism Volodymyr ordered that the people of Kyiv baptized and pagan idols were thrown into the Dnieper. While the baptism of Kyiv proceeded more or less without violence, in other principalities, as the chronicle notices, the Prince's governors baptized with fire and sword.

By order of the Prince many churches were built, including the Church of the Tithes in Kyiv.

However, Christianity dawned on Ukrainian lands long before Volodymyr's baptism. The spread of Christianity in the Ukrainian lands date back to the first century, linking it with the legendary staying of St. Andrew in Ukraine; his stay on mission in Crimea is generally not questioned by historians.

There are some clearer historical data on the



first Christian martyrs in Crimea, among the others, here one of the first Roman Pontiffs, Pope Clement IV was martyred, later his head was found by St. Cyril and Methodius.

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UKRAINE REMEMBERS ST VOLODYMYR THE GREAT AND MARKS BAPTISM OF RUS

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Various sources attest to the baptism of Kyivan Prince Askold in 860, during his military campaign to Constantinople. There is a hypothesis that the prince tried to baptize Kyiv as well, and even brought the bishops to set up the church institutions. However, in 882 he was killed and the religious reform failed due to strong opposition of pagans.

But the Christian community in Kyiv remained, as evidenced by the agreement of Rus with Constantinople, signed by Prince Ihor in 941.

And new rise of Christianity in Russia began during the tenure of the Holy Princess Olha, which is also recognized as equal to the Apostles.

In contrast, Christianity

was spreading in western lands in the ninth and tenth centuries from Moravia, where the Church was established by Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Equal-to-the-Apostles.

Therefore, the baptism of Rus by Prince Volodymyr was a continuation of the lengthy process of Christianization of Kyivan Rus.

The official state holiday

of the Baptism of Kyivan Rus was established on July 28 in accordance with the decree of the President of Ukraine Viktor Yushchenko in 2008. It should be added that July 28 is the anniversary of Prince Volodymyr's death, and the baptism was most likely to be held on August 14 (new style).

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav: "If we celebrate one spiritual feast after another and do not change ourselves then it becomes one more lost opportunity"

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Today for all heirs of Volodymyr's Baptism, in particular for the UGCC it is a great holiday. But we, Christians, are deeply aware that to celebrate the Christian spiritual holiday means to change. If we celebrate the religious holiday one after the other, but do not change, and nothing changes in our personal spiritual life, then it becomes one more lost opportunity.

That was said by the Father and the Head of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav in Kyiv on Volodymyr's Hill on July 28 on the occasion of Millennium of the passing of St. Prince Volodymyr.

Celebrating the millennium of the death of Prince Volodymyr the Great, according to the Head of the Church, we need to hear His voice. So what is He calling us today to? To celebrate this holiday deeply and truly.

"First, I think that our educator tells us that we all have to change, no matter what place in society we possess and what task Ukrainian people entrusted us with. We all have to change", - He called. He said Ukrainian must change attitudes towards themselves, their duties, their homeland and their people. This



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change in the Christian sense means repentance, conversion and return to God.

"The second task of our educator is to "profess the faith by work". It is impossible to believe in the truth, and not to live in the truth"- He continued. So when today Ukraine wants to update its Constitution and its legislative field, it should build it on God's eternal law. Then this state will last forever. It will withstand all the challenges.

"We know how Prince Volodymyr was looking for unity in his people. He understood that the people cannot be unitary through military force or by geopolitical projects, but on a single stone of the Christian faith", - said the Head of the UGCC.

So, according to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, today we have to complete the third task of St. Volodymyr - search for unity and consolidation of the Ukrainian people. "Prince Volodymyr says to us: " Unity – saves, indifference - kills". So let us be united and caring!"- concluded the Head of the UGCC.

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