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The Bell from the old Cathedral has a new home!

On August 26, 2015, a new Bell Tower was installed on the grounds of the Golden Domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. At the top of the Bell Tower is a gold colored cross and an ornamental sphere. The new three-pillar Bell Tower is approximately 25 feet tall and houses the Bell named "Стефан"/"Stephen."

The Bell was made in Baltimore, MD, in 1919 by the Shane Bell Foundry Co. It contains a Ukrainian inscription, "This bell, whose name is Stephen was donated to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia, Pa. by the gifts of parishioners headed by Rev. M. Kinash in the year 1919."

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(Photos: T. Siwak)

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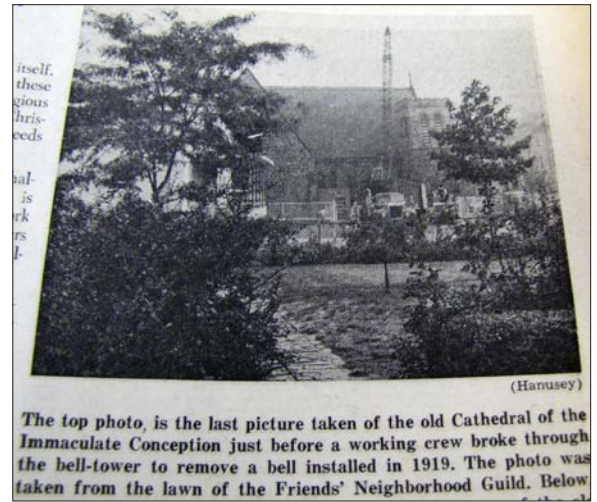
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This bell originally hung in the tower of the old stone Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. The bell was removed from the bell tower of the old stone Cathedral in September 1968 when crews began to demolish the old Cathedral.

The Bell was named after Bishop Soter Ortynsky, O.S.B.M., whose baptismal name was Stephen.

Watch a video on our YouTube Channel.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a-K5d_1YQA



Picture from "The Way" in 1968 when the old stone Cathedral was demolished.



Workers install three pillars to support the Bell Tower.



The Bell is lifted into the air by the crane. (Photos: T. Siwak)



Workers secure the Bell to the left pillar of the Tower.



Workers install the top piece of the Bell Tower.

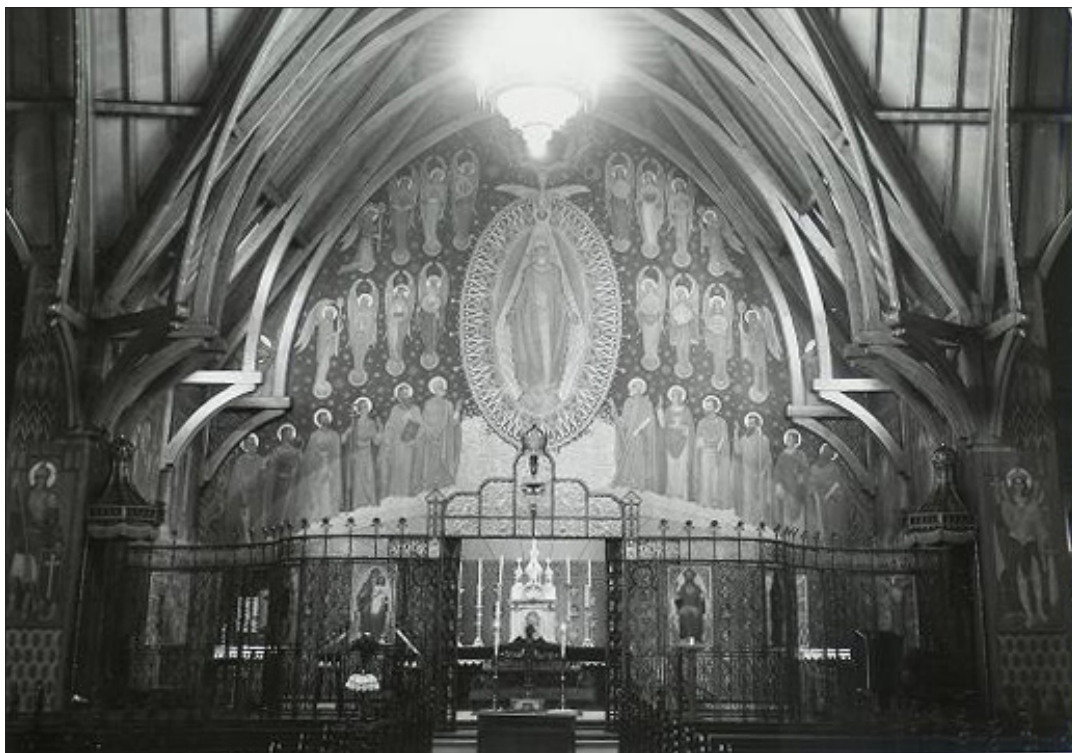
The Top of the Bell Tower is inspired by Ornamental Architecture from the Old Cathedral in Philadelphia



A close up of the top of the new Bell Tower before it was installed. (Photo: T. Siwak)



The top of the new Bell Tower was inspired by these ornamental pieces of architecture that hung in the old Cathedral on both sides leading to the Altar. (Photo: Ken Hutchins)



Interior view of old Cathedral

NEW BELL TOWER FOR CATHEDRAL

The original Cathedral bell named "Стефан" in testimony to our first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for all Eastern Catholics in USA, the Most Rev. Stephen Soter Ortynsky, OSBM, needed to be relocated.

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.

EXALTATION OF THE PRECIOUS AND LIFEGIVING CROSS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2015



John 19:6-11, 13-21, 25-27, 30-35

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw Him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take Him and crucify Him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against Him." The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He claimed to be the Son of God." When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do You come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. "Do You refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free You or to crucify You?" Jesus answered, "You would have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon. "Here is your King," Pilate said to the

Jews. But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!" "Shall I crucify your King?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying His own cross, He went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). There they crucified Him, and with Him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be King of the Jews." Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to Her, "Woman, here is Your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took Her into his home. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

The CROSS to the Christian is a sign of victory. For it was by the Cross, the Blood of the Lamb, that we are saved. The Lord's acceptance of the passion, suffering, and death on the cross was an act of EXTREME HUMILITY. In the Phillipian hymn, we read: Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Jesus Christ, Who. Although He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God

something to be grasped at. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave (servant), coming in human likeness and found human in appearance.

He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God bestowed on Him the name, that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee

should bend, of those in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Cross is not a single and solitary act of self-sacrifice in distinction to all the other acts of the Lord, but rather the Cross is the culmination of many acts of self-sacrificial LOVE that Our Lord performed. In fact, the Lord God is

the PERSONIFICATION of LOVE, true love, a self-giving, even self-sacrificing love. For Our Lord God said: "No greater love can a man have than laying down his life for his friends."

Notice that the Lord calls us FRIENDS - not slaves, not people in bondage, but friends. The Lord is our BROTHER, liken to us

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in all things except for sin. He refers to God as "Our Heavenly Father." We are all children of God made, created in the image and likeness of God. Our purpose in life is to know, love, and serve the Lord. And why do we do this? Why do we act in such a manner? So that we may live with God forever in heaven. God the Father sent us His Only-Begotten Son to give us the example to good living. We, His disciples (followers), are to walk in the footsteps of the Master (Teacher).

The Lord God has COMPASSION for all of us, but in particular, to the lowly, the suffering, but faithful servants of God. He is there every step of the way. And when we do not feel the presence of the Lord God in a vibrant way; nonetheless, He is there. And when there seems to be only one set of footprints instead of two, it is He Who is carrying us, sustaining us, delivering us from many an evil. We Christians ask the Lord God to protect us by the CROSS.

In the Phillipian hymn, the divine attribute of HUMILITY sounds out. Actions speak louder than words. An act of humility sounds out louder and more forcefully and more convincingly than any act of selfish pride. In traditional Christian spirituality, humility is the

VIRTUE without which no other virtue may be acquired. In the Byzantine icon "Extreme Humility," the Lord is depicted with hands bound ready to be led to crucifixion. The words are written in Greek (Ho On), meaning He Who Is. Let us recall that the title for God (Yawheh) in the Old Testament is "I AM WHO I AM."

To many today, humility is a lost, forgotten, and unsought virtue. Man asserts himself, relies upon himself and his own inner strength. Man too often does not posit a God or else begrudgingly acknowledges One, but renders Him no power nor influence in one's life or in the world. Man too often acts as if he is the end-all or be-all of existence, when, in fact, that belongs solely to God.

Man too often does not believe there will be a reckoning, a judgment, a last and final judgment with one's eternity thereby determined. But let us remember we reap what we sow. And if one has lived a life devoid of God, then it follows that the life hereafter would be without God and for all eternity. Simply put, heaven is the presence of God and hell is the absence of God.

Evil has become to such an individual something relative rather than

absolute. Something is deemed evil or bad insofar as it is not good or pleasant to oneself. And something deemed good insofar as it is good or pleasant to oneself.

The conscience, the monitor for discerning good from evil is not in operation for such an individual. It has been placed "not in use." And once one begins to silence the conscience, to silence the truth, one is on the road to deadening the conscience, to make the conscience apathetic to the realities of GOOD and EVIL, TRUTH and FALSEHOOD.

And as if to keep the conscience inoperative, asleep, there is the conviction that everyone is going to heaven no matter what - no matter what they say or do or think. When in fact we know that is not so. The Lord God Himself told us. In various parables, He refers to those who will enter into an eternity of joy and happiness (heaven) and those who will enter into an eternity of suffering and torment (hell) where there will be the wailing and gnashing of teeth."

The call to salvation is universal and is offered to all. Christ died on the cross to save all. However all are free to respond affirmatively or not, to accept or reject Jesus Who is not only one's personal Savior, but

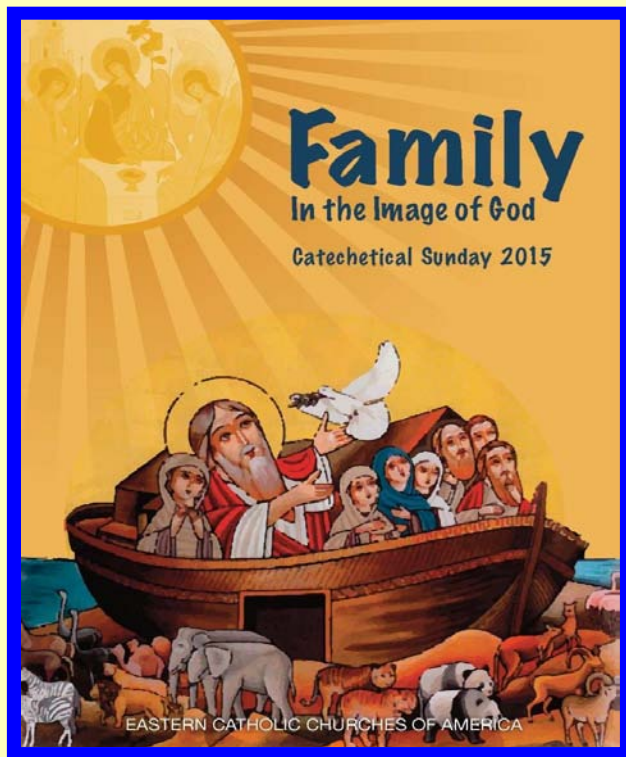
Savior of all mankind. It is the same Lord Who will return again one day to judge both the living and the dead. There is no other and we are to seek no other. May we Christians never tire of doing good. May we ever pray for all our brethren, those who love and those who hate us unworthy though we be to remember them in our prayers.

May we be ever ready for the second and glorious coming (the parousia) of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. May we continue to live in confident hope that the Lord God will not forget our good deeds and will repay all according to their deeds, good or bad. And may we never forget that after the cross comes the resurrection, that good shall always triumph, that suffering and pain will end for the faithful and true one and that no one can make a fool of God.

And with that all said and done, may we all resound in saying "TO HIM BE THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN."

Rev. D. George Worschak

Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2015



Catechetical Sunday has its roots in a 1935 Vatican publication “On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education”, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church’s teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists.

Beginning in 1971, the USCCB’s Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. Now the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis publishes Catechetical Sunday materials each year.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

In the early years of the Twenty-first Century educators of the various Eastern Catholic Churches began to provide posters, prayers,

announcements and other related material reflective of the distinctive charisms of Eastern Christians’ faith-experience and expression for Catechetical Sunday.

Annual themes have been developed to complement the concept of USCCB guidelines, but with a look and feel more tuned to a spiritual wavelength that speaks to their somewhat different approach to faith.

This year’s theme “Family: In the Image of God” capitalizes on the notion that the family is the basic unit of society. It is the “domestic Church” where God’s presence is made known “where two or three are gathered” and consequentially encounter a model of the Triune God—united in substance, distinct in persons.

The family is the first schoolroom wherein the parents exercise their role as primary educators of their children. Here is where values are learned, virtues practiced and lessons of patience, sharing, compassion and tolerance put into action.

As noted by Pope Francis, not only is each individual “made in the image of God”, each family is endowed with that “image of God” as well.

As part of a family each individual has worth as a human being, a contributor to the well-being and welfare of the rest of creation.

Catechetical Sunday is not meant to be a one-day experience, but a springboard to a fulfilling lifetime. It is a single step on a journey made new with each successive day. We have a mission, as did Noah’s family to restore God’s plan of salvation and renew the face of the Earth. Certainly that takes effort and dedication and focus.

Included here are some suggested bulletin/pulpit announcements for Catechetical Sunday.

THREE WEEKS BEFORE CATECHETICAL SUNDAY—SUNDAY AUGUST 30, 2015

There's a lot of attention paid to "back-to-school" sales of books, clothes, pens, paper, and other supplies. All these material concerns focus on everyone's need to "get ready". Well, we too are getting ready to resume classes of religious instruction. As a special notice of the important role "catechism" has on our spiritual growth, we will observe Catechetical Sunday in three weeks, on Sunday, September 20. Students and teachers will be blessed asking God's guidance in their studies. The theme of Catechetical Sunday is focused on "*Family: In the Image of God*" and the guidance God gives, as He gave to one family, the family of Noah. That family was not just returning after a summer vacation as many of us are. Their harrowing experience let them look forward to serving God in a better way. Our catechism classes are here to help us serve God in a better way. Looking forward to it? Our classes are scheduled for (day, time)

TWO WEEKS BEFORE CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:--SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Have you seen the poster for Catechetical Sunday? It's a reminder that on Sunday, September 20 we will be having a special program for students and catechists in our parish. Be sure to be here, especially if you are a student or teacher, to take part in the special prayers which remind us of our real purpose in life, to live in the knowledge that we are made in the Image of God. Each of us! And, the poster tells us our family too is made in the Image of God. Find out how when you get a chance to study up on the meaning of the poster.

ONE WEEK BEFORE CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:--SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

It's hard to believe, next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. Parents should be sure to have their children ready for the blessing. And, if you are already beyond the phase in life that you have children in school, be sure to be present to pray for the next generation of holy people. They're here, looking up to you as an example. Aunts, uncles, older brothers and sisters along with grandparents are all included in the term "family" and, as such share in the imagery of God. God is Trinity—three persons, yet one God. Family is not confined to the number "three" but the principle is the same. Each individual shares a common bond with each other individual—that makes them "one".

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:--SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Today, our teachers and students witness the value and power of prayer. The Church prays for their wisdom, understanding, knowledge of truth and love. As they are blessed we congratulate them, not with applause but with prayers that beseech God to grant them peace, health and happiness for many (spiritually fruitful) blessed years!

SUNDAY AFTER CATECHETICAL SUNDAY:--SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

Last Sunday catechists were blessed and dedicated to their religious studies and education in a classroom setting. We continue to pray for their growth in the grace of God. Our classes are scheduled for (day, time)

Petitions during the Divine Liturgy for Catechetical Sunday

During the Litany of Fervent Supplication a petition may be added at the beginning of the school year for those under instruction:

DEACON (OR PRIEST): Again we pray that the Lord will enable these students to grow in wisdom, understanding and virtue, for the glory of His holy name and that He would give them health and long life for the up-building of His holy Church; let us pray to the Lord.

RESPONSE: Lord, have mercy. (3)

If catechists are also present this petition may be also added:

DEACON (OR PRIEST): Again we pray for all our catechists that the Lord our God would send His all-holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them as they instruct our students, Lord, hear us and have mercy.

RESPONSE: Lord, have mercy. (3)

The Blessing of the Students

After the Prayer behind the Ambo all the students are to go to the front of the church for the following prayer:

DEACON (OR PRIEST): Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord, our God and Creator, You have honored us with Your own image, and You taught Your chosen disciples that the fear of You is the beginning of true wisdom. You revealed Your wisdom to children and taught Your law to Solomon and to all who have sought You in purity of heart. Open the hearts, the minds, and the lips of these students. Enable them to receive the power of Your law, and to comprehend the useful things which will be taught them. Help them understand Your perfect will and contribute to the building up of Your holy Church. Deliver them from every snare of the enemy, preserve them in true faith, and in righteousness and purity all the days of their lives. May they grow in wisdom and in the observance of Your commandments. May they be revealed as worshippers of Your name and heirs of Your kingdom.

Bless also their teachers; grant that their words be free from every worldly deceit and vanity, and they always clearly proclaim the word of Your truth.

For You are our God, the Author of Truth and the Fountain of Wisdom, and to You we render glory: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

After the final "Amen" students individually approach the priest who sprinkles each with holy water, saying:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: may you be preserved from all evil and falsehood, In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Commissioning of Catechists

DEACON (OR PRIEST): Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

PRIEST: O Lord, Jesus Christ our God: You revealed fishermen as wise teachers, and commanded them to make disciples of all nations.

Look upon these catechists, who offer themselves in service to You and Your holy Church. Bless them, enlighten their minds and help them to proclaim Your word in their daily lives. Let their faith and love radiate throughout our community, so that all who know them might desire to glorify our Father in heaven. Help them vanquish all fear. Empower them to overcome all fatigue. Fill them with love for their students, and drive from their classrooms every wile of the devil. Make their lessons be filled with Your wisdom, so that all who hear them might be saved and come to the knowledge of truth.

For You are the Wisdom of God, O Christ our Lord and we render glory to You, together with Your Father and Your enlightening Spirit, now and always, and for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

After the final "Amen" catechists individually approach the priest who sprinkles each with holy water, saying:

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The priest presents each catechist a certificate of commissioning.



+Father Andriy Manko, C.S.s.R.

After a serious illness +Father Andriy Manko, C.S.s.R. entered into eternity, fell asleep in the Lord on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. A priestly parastas was celebrated at the Church of St. Josaphat. Funeral services were held at the church. After the kissing of the cross and bidding farewell to the departed at the end of the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Manko was buried amongst his brethren. We ask you to pray for the repose of his soul.

Biography

Father Andriy Manko was born in Lviv, Ukraine on December 13, 1957. On September 21, 1989, he completed a year as novice and took his initial vows to the Redemptorist Order and final vows on September 21, 1993 at St. Alphonso Monastery in Lviv. . On February 15, 1995 (the Feast of the Presentation on the old calendar), Father Manko was ordained to the diaconate by Metropolitan Maksim Hermaniuk of Canada. On September 22, 1995, he was ordained to the priest hood by Bishop Michael Koltuna.

Father Manko served our faithful in Siberia for about a year. He then in 1997 settled in Canada and helped his brethren of the Redemptorist Order of the Yorktown Province. Two years later, he served in Newark, New Jersey as an assistant for 13 years. In October of 2012, he returned to Ukraine. In December of 2012, he resided at the monastery of St. Joseph in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

Father was hospitalized in Lviv for a serious illness and died shortly thereafter on August 26, 2015 in the 58th year of his life, 25years after his first vows, 22nd year after his final vows, and the 20th year of Holy Priesthood.

Adapted from article on <http://cssr.lviv.ua/news/?article=1691>

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2015

August

- 1, 2 Hosted visit by Bishop David Motiuk of Edmonton, Canada and Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM of Stamford, Conn.
- 4 Opening Mass and Celebratory Banquet, Supreme Convention of Knights of Columbus.
- 5 Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy at Supreme Convention of Knights of Columbus
Hosted Pennsylvania, Maine, Ukraine, Lithuania, Poland, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia State Councils for Ukrainian Dinner and Evening.
- 6 Conclusion of Supreme Convention, Knights of Columbus.
- 8 Concelebrated Moleben to Mother of God with Bishop Kurt Burnett, Byzantine Catholic Church
- 9 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Annual Sloatsburg Pilgrimage to Mother of God.
- 14 Meeting of St. Josaphat Seminary Admission Board approving two new candidates for studies from Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.
- 20 Departure for Ukraine for Sobor of Ukrainian Catholic Church followed by Synod of Bishops of Ukrainian Catholic Church to be held in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

84th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

This year's 84th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "A Reflection of God's Love."



The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and accompanying hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Eparchial Bishop at St. Josaphat in Parma. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm in the Grotto.

Special programs for children and teens!

For further information, please call 215.379.3998 x17 or visit the Sisters' website at www.stbasils.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sisters-of-the-Order-of-St-Basil-the-Great-Jenkintown-PA/280623061977867>

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2015 at the Cathedral in Philadelphia has been cancelled.

**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.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/LUCofAmerica>




Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
Eighty-fourth Annual Pilgrimage

“A Reflection of God’s Love”
A Celebration of Families and
Religious Life

Sunday, October 4, 2015

9 am - 11 am	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)	<i>Monastery Grounds</i>
10 am	Rosary Mothers in Prayer	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
11 am	Procession Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)	<i>From Basilian Spirituality Center</i> <i>Faculty House Auditorium</i>
	Celebrant: Most Rev. Metropolitan - Archbishop Stefan Soroka Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the U. S.	
	Homilist: Most Reverend Bohdan Danylo Eparch of St. Josaphat Eparchy	
	Choir: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C	
1:30 pm - 5 pm	Food Service Featuring Ukrainian Cuisine	<i>Food Court Parking Lot</i>
3 pm – 3:45 pm	Rosary Mothers in Prayer	<i>Shrine of Our Lady of Pochayiv</i>
3:45 pm	Blessing of Religious Articles	<i>Shrine of Our Lady of Pochayiv</i>
4 pm - 5 pm	Moleben/Mystery of Holy Anointing (Bilingual)	<i>Shrine</i>
	Celebrant: Ukrainian Bishops and Concelebrating Clergy	
	Homilist: Most Reverend Bohdan Danylo	
	Choir: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C	
5 pm	Blessing of Cars and Buses	<i>Parking Lot</i>



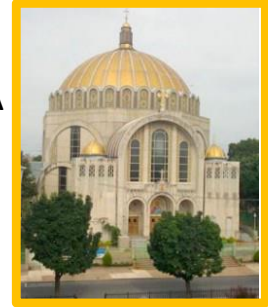
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"HONORING OUR PAST - BUILDING OUR FUTURE"

LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS OF AMERICA

Invites You to Participate in Its
77TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 2015



Friday, October 16, 2015

10:00 am - 5:00 pm: Arrival, Registration & Hospitality Room

6:30 pm - 11:00 pm Welcome Party: "Gypsy Jazz Night"

featuring "Inessa" on violin and

Music by Kruno Spisic and his Gypsy Jazz Band - Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar

Saturday, October 17, 2015

10:00 am - 5:00 pm: Hospitality Room (for those not registered for bus trip)

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM – Mobile (Bus) Workshop (with Box Lunch)

Tours of Three Priceless Churches of the Philadelphia Landscape

- **"The Gold Dome" Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception:** Panakhyda at the Crypts; veneration of the Icons & Relics of Bl. Charnetsky and Bl. Josaphata and the Shroud of Turin replica; Byzantine Church Supply Gift shop.
- **Jesuit Church of the Gesu**—the "Basilica-esque" baroque Jesuit church built in 1879—1888
- **St. Peter's Church and the St. John Neumann Shrine** - with veneration of the remains of St. John Neumann.

Saturday Evening Banquet

6:00 pm Cash Bar Cocktail Hour

7:00 pm Plated Dinner & Cash Bar

- **Keynote speakers:**
Rev. Daniel Troyan and Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI
- **Entertainment:** violinist "Inessa"
Voloshky School of Ukrainian Dance,
Music and social dancing: "Kosiv Ensemble"



Sunday, October 18, 2015

11:00 am Divine Liturgy

Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lansdale, PA
1564 Allentown Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Bountiful Brunch to follow immediately at the Parish Center

Closing Ceremonies: Passing of the League Banner & Icon next Convention Site Committee.

LOCATION: Holiday Inn – Lansdale (1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpville, PA 19443; 215-368-3800)

Discount Room Rates with Buffet Breakfasts Available; Reserve on or before September 28, 2015

Info: Call or email Gene: 267-664-3857; eluciw@comcat.net

Join us for all or some all of the events!

Itemized Registration Form on Reverse Side



LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS - 77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

" HONORING OUR PAST - BUILDING OUR FUTURE "

2015 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM—PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

Council or Chapter (if any) _____ LUC Member ___ GUEST ___

NOTE: ALL ADDRESSES AND E-MAILS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JOURNAL DIRECTORY, UNLESS YOU CHECK HERE.

	Please indicate the number of tickets needed for each event and the total amount enclosed. No reservations will be accepted at Convention !				
	EVENT	PRICE	NO.	COST	
	Registration	\$15.00			
Friday Oct. 16	Welcome Party - "Gypsy Jazz Night" Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar	\$35.00			
Saturday Oct. 17	"MOBILE WORKSHOP" - Panachyda at Immaculate Conception Cathedral with tour, visit to the Church of the Gesu and St. Peter's Church /St. John Neumann Shrine . Tour includes a box lunch.	\$25.00			Select Sandwich: Turkey ___ or Ham w/ Cheese___
	Banquet - Dinner w/cash bar (Indicate any food allergies, restrictions and make your meal selection)	\$45.00			CIRCLE ONE: Pork or Salmon
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Sisters Servants Gather to Celebrate Jubilee of Sr. Rose Margaret Kanski, SSMI

On July 29th, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY, gave thanks to God as they celebrated the 60th Jubilee of Sr. Rose Margaret Kanski as a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate.

The Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving was offered by Very Rev. Archpriest Ivan Kaszczak for the intention of Sr. Rose Margaret. Joyful voices were raised in praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the fidelity of Sr. Rose Margaret. In his homily, Rev. Kaszczak shared "Religious life is about giving your life for the church. To serve is to be great, to serve in a loving way is the goal of the Christian life.

The religious life is simply a good Christian life." Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, Provincial Superior, shared in her reflection that we do not just celebrate the commitment of Sr. Rose Margaret to her God, her community and her church, we celebrate God's intimate, personal call and unwavering fidelity to her these past 60 years.

Sr. Rose Margaret entered the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate from St. Demetrius parish in Belfield, North Dakota, the third youngest of a family of 15 children to Peter & Mary Kanski. Her first mission was at the SSMI "Home of Divine Providence" an adult care home in Chestnut Hill, PA. Sr. Rose Margaret was gifted with culinary skills and became an expert cook, serving the needs of the elderly graciously and lovingly. She served in this capacity for most off her religious life, in several other homes: Villa of Divine Providence, a nursing home in Lansdale, PA, the Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC., and St. Joseph's Adult Care Home; St. Mary's Academy in Sloatsburg, NY. She used her talents to minister to a whole spectrum of people.

Sr. Rose Margaret devoted her talents to the girls at St. Mary's Academy creating a welcoming spirit to whomever came into her kitchen. The girls loved to come and visit her in the kitchen, where they knew she would listen to them and they appreciated her gentle, loving care.

Sr. Rose Margaret's life as a Sister Servant has been lived in a simple and devoted manner, according to the charism of Blessed Josaphata and the life of her patron saint, St. Rose of Lima. Her deep devotion to the Mother of God continues to guide her today, maybe not as a cook anymore, but she continues to be a joyful evangelizer of Jesus and Mary where she is residing now, at Nyack Manor. May God grant Sr. Rose Margaret many more spiritually fruitful, happy and blessed years!



Very Rev. Archpriest Ivan Kaszczak, Sr. Rose Margaret, SSMI and Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI

HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY 2015

Washington, D.C.

Friday, November 6
7 P.M.
Exhibit Opening/Reception

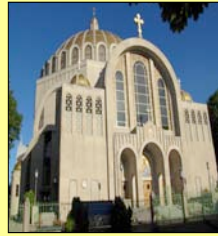
Saturday, November 7
2 P.M.
Dedication Ceremony
10 A.M. – 7 P.M. Exhibit

Sunday, November 8
2 P.M.
Concert



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2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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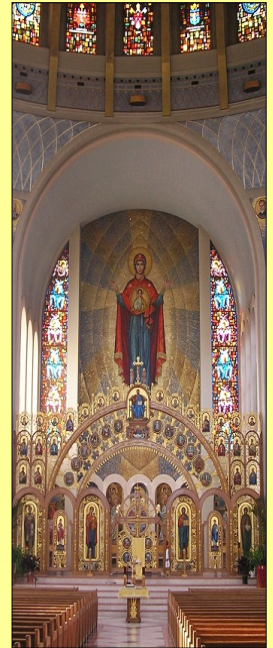
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Knights of Columbus 133rd Convention

Clergy from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia who participated by distributing the Holy Eucharist during the Divine Liturgy celebrated during the 133th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Philadelphia, August 5, 2015.



Ukrainian Independence Day Flag Raising in Perth Amboy, NJ



The annual celebration of Ukrainian Independence Day took place on Sunday, August 23, 2015 with a flag-raising ceremony on the parish grounds in Perth Amboy, NJ. Perth Amboy is one of New Jersey's oldest Ukrainian communities and the center of the community is the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption. The day began with a Divine Liturgy held at 9:00 a.m. and blessing of a new flag. After the service, the youngest parishioners of the church carried the Ukrainian sky-blue and yellow flag to the flagpole in front of the parish school.

The parish choir "Boyan" sang "God Bless America" and a short program was held. Rev. Ivan Turyk opened the program with a prayer and then Mr. Bohdan Dydyk offered very thoughtful and emotional remarks on the significance of Ukrainian Independence Day and on the responsibility of the descendents here in the USA to do whatever we can to do to ensure Ukraine's freedom and democracy. Following remarks, the Ukrainian flag was raised to the singing of the Ukrainian national anthem. At the conclusion of the ceremony, three white doves symbolizing Love, Hope, and Faith were released to promote peace in Ukraine.



61st Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

Sloatsburg, NY – The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate express deep gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of beautiful weather and many graces, as well as to all of the Hierarchy, priests, religious and pilgrims who attended the 61st Holy Dormition Pilgrimage on August 8th & 9th, which numbered 3200 people. The SSMI's also extend heartfelt gratitude to our SSMI Lay Associates, the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC); the parishes of St. Nicholas in Passaic, NJ,



St. Michael's in Yonkers, NY, Transfiguration in Shamokin, PA, St. Nicholas in Great Meadows, NJ for donating pyrohy; the parishioners of SS. Peter & Paul for helping make holubchi; for all of the volunteers from near and far; and to the choirs of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ and Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lindenhurst, NY and all of the beautiful voices who helped in praising our God and the Mother of God.

This year's theme: "Mary our Model of Perfect Commitment", celebrated Consecrated Life as this year was declared "Year of Consecrated Life" by Pope Francis. In conjunction, the Sisters Servants invited religious communities to set up displays about their respective communities. The following communities took advantage of this golden opportunity, and we received many positive comments from the pilgrims about the displays: the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God in Philadelphia, PA, the Catechists of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great in Foxchase, PA, Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great in Uniontown, PA, Nuns of St. Basil the Great in Middletown, NY and the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

On Saturday, the 61st Holy Dormition pilgrimage began with the celebration of the Akafist to the Mother of God celebrated by Fr. Edward Cimbala, pastor of St. Mary's in Hillsborough, NJ in St. Mary's Chapel. The chapel was full to capacity as the beautiful singing, led by Fr. Ed's choir, flowed out to the listening ears of pilgrims outside of chapel.

Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, Provincial Superior, welcomed the pilgrims before the Saturday 5:00 PM Divine Liturgy celebrated at the Grotto by Fr. Edward Cimbala. In his homily, Fr. Ed shared, "Mary was a humble servant of the Lord who tenderly and obediently opened her heart to follow God's plan. We see in Mary a model of commitment and a great encouragement to listen and obey the voice of God.

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61st Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

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In the evening, clergy, sisters and pilgrims processed with candles to the Grotto to celebrate the Moleben to the Mother of God. Bishop Kurt Burnette, Byzantine Eparchy of Passaic celebrated the moleben to the Mother of God. In his homily, Bishop Kurt preached on the subject of commitment as he traced it back to the fruits of the Holy Spirit from the 6th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians. He shows how a basic commitment to the Gospel bears fruit in our particular attitudes and actions.

On Sunday, the 10:30 Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Eparchy of Stamford, Bishop Emeritus Basil Losten of Stamford and Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Eparchy of Parma. In his homily, Bishop Bohdan shared that the gifts of the pilgrimage experience would be taken home and reaped throughout the year.

Throughout the day, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated as our dedicated priests sat for hours listening to the heart and soul of the pilgrims. The 61st Dormition officially concluded with the celebration of the Moleben to the Mother of God by Bishop Paul Chomnycky and the blessing of the cars and buses as they departed from the holy mountain of Sloatsburg spiritually renewed to go out and be faithful witnesses of the Gospel, looking forward to the 62nd Holy Dormition Pilgrimage on August 13 & 14, 2016.



Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI poses for a picture with Metropolitan Soroka



A preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families
LOVE IS OUR MISSION – THE FAMILY FULLY ALIVE
VII. Mother, Teacher, Family: The nature and role of the Church

The Church is the Bride of Christ, “our mother and teacher, our comforter and guide, our family of faith. Even when her people and leaders sin, we still need the Church’s wisdom, sacraments, support, and proclamation of the truth, because she is the body of Jesus himself in the world” (Saint John XXIII).

As our Mother, she gives birth to us her sons and daughters who are “born from above” and have a new identity in Christ, which we cannot give ourselves. (Jn. 3:3,5). When we are born of the Church as of our Mother, we are born of this love of Christ. The Church is always being transformed in Christ’s love until Christ is fully formed in all of us. The Church’s basis in Christ means that sin in the Church cannot invalidate the identity of the Church or her holiness, because the identity of the Church does not come from any of us, but from Christ.

The Church, as our Mother, also has the responsibility of teaching and forming us by preserving the truth of the Gospel. These include such truths as the dignity of human persons, the goodness of creation, the nobility of married state and its orientation toward a life-giving communion of love.

Christian spouses have the key role in proclaiming these very truths. They are not naïve; they know life’s problems and temptations. But they are not afraid to be responsible before God and before society. Of course, it is difficult to form a family and bring children into the world. That is why we need the grace that comes from sacrament. Grace is not given to decorate life – what a beautiful marriage, or ceremony, or banquet... But to make us strong in life, giving us courage to go forwards.

Pope Francis is calling Christian spouses to be kind of teachers that contemporary people listen to, teachers who teach by their witness and display its persuasiveness in their openness to new life, in their mutual love and in the readiness of their hospitality, as oases of love and mercy in contemporary culture.

The witness of Christian spouses can bring light into a world and be witnesses to his love.

The Church is an institution, but always she is mother, a bride, a body, a family, and a covenant. The Church’s essence depends on Jesus, a foundation, which is deeper and more secure than any human achievement or failure. Despite her many failures, the Church cannot shirk the responsibility to preach the Gospel, and so we carry forward her mission of love.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a) How does God’s covenant protect us, even when we sin?
- b) Everyone sins, including Catholic leaders. Why do we say that the Church is holy anyway?
- c) What does Jesus want us to do when the Church fails to live up to his standards?
- d) Why does Jesus love the Church? What about the Church pleases him? What disappoints him?



A preparatory catechesis for the World Meeting of Families

Love is Our Mission – The family fully alive

Part VIII

CHOOSING LIFE



God made us for a reason. His love is our life mission! This mission enables us to find our true identity. If we choose to embrace this mission, we will have a new perspective on many issues, not just the family. To live the mission of the *domestic church* means that Catholic families will sometimes live as minorities, with different values from their surrounding culture. Our mission of love will require courage and fortitude. Jesus is calling, and we can respond, choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission. We now realize why a catechesis on the family has actually been a catechesis for all of life. As Pope Francis says, *“Preaching the Gospel, in fact, is done first inside the family, and then in the different spheres of everyday life.”* If we have learned to think of our families as domestic churches, if we have learned why moral individualism is not the right context for receiving Catholic teaching, then we have adopted a view that will reorient our whole identity.

Saint John Paul II exhorted, *“Family, become what you are,”* and his words have lost nothing of their vibrancy; their urgency has only intensified in the face of the many challenges that families experience today. John Paul’s insight was that the mission of the family flows from its identity in God’s plan. *“And since in God’s plan it has been established as an ‘intimate community of life and love’ the family has the mission to become more and more what it is, that is to say, a community of life and love in an effort that will find fulfillment ... in the kingdom of God.”* In the words of John Paul II, the fundamental mission of the family therefore is *“to guard, reveal, and communicate love,”* a mission that is *“a living reflection of and a real sharing in God’s love for humanity and the love of Christ the Lord for the Church, his Bride.”* When the family embraces its missionary identity, the family becomes what it was always meant to become.

The Church has never been far from the family home. Christ himself was born, raised, and formed “in the bosom of the holy family of Joseph and Mary. Family, become what you are. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live, by loving the Lord, your God, obeying his voice, and holding fast to him. This mission will sometimes mark you as different from others in your society. To live your witness of love will require spiritual commitment and discipline, but do not fear. The Church is with you. The Lord is with you. The Lord has made a covenant with you. The Lord is calling. He will be faithful, and your covenant will bear fruit. Love is your mission, the basis for all communion, a profound adventure in service, beauty, and truth.

We ought to ask ourselves:

1. In what way is a catechesis on the family actually a catechesis for the whole of life? In what ways do Catholic teachings about human nature, sex, marriage, and the family connections with other aspects of life?
2. Does your family think of itself as a domestic church? What values are visible in the way your household lives? What steps can you take to be better missionaries?
3. What support does your family need from the Eparchy? How can the Church help you? How can you help the Church and other families?

Pope Francis congratulated Ukrainians with Independence Day and made appeal for peace

23 August 2015

Pope Francis congratulated with a letter President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko and the people of Ukraine on the 24th anniversary of Independence.

"I pray for your country in this difficult situation renewing my spiritual affinity with victims, their families and all those who suffer. I support the efforts that help the

Ukrainian nation move forward in the spirit of peace and reunification," he wrote.

Pope Francis noted that he appeals to the Almighty God for a blessing of the President of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people.

Following the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis made a new appeal for peace in Ukraine. "With deep concern, I am following the conflict in

eastern Ukraine, which has accelerated anew in these last weeks," the Pope said. "I renew my appeal that the commitments undertaken to achieve peace might be respected; and that, with the help of organizations and persons of good will, there might be a response to the humanitarian emergency in the country." The Holy Father concluded his appeal with the prayer, "May the Lord grant peace to Ukraine, which



is preparing to celebrate tomorrow the national holiday [Independence Day]. May the Virgin Mary intercede for us!

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav: "The Vibrant Parish – it is a face of Church that we will show to the world in 2020"

Saturday, 22 August 2015

When our bishops started to peer into the future of their Church, they immediately were searching for answering the question: what do we want our Church to be in 2020? Then we realized spontaneously, it had to be a vibrant parish, a place and time to encounter a Living God. But what is this, a vibrant parish? What are the features of it?

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the UGCC, posed such questions, as spoken in

an interview with him regarding the film "A face of the Church." It was worked upon by a creative group of "Zhyve TV". A premiere film was shown during the work of the VI session of the Patriarchal Council of UGCC.

On 25th-27th of August, the VI session of Patriarchal Council of Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church "The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter a Living Christ" took place in Ivano-Frankivsk.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav explained that it is about

a face of the Church that we want to show to the world in 2020": "Then, just as a good painter who starts to make a definite shape of specific features of a person's face that he wants to depict. We also have distinguished the features of something we call "a vibrant parish".

First of all, it talked about a real guidance. Because, if there is not a vibrant priest, then there is not a vibrant parish. It talked about Liturgy; sharing faith (catechism). It talked about an opportunity to form a community and about

an importance of serving and having a "mission spirit" within the parish.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, mentioned what are the main tendencies of Church development in this strategic plan. We are open and allow God to make even corrections because the Church is the Body of Christ and not a mere human edifice that has a plan of strategic development".

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

Homily of His Beatitude Sviatoslav at the beginning of Patriarchal Sobor

August 25, 2015

Homily of His Beatitude Sviatoslav at the Liturgy in the Cathedral of the Resurrection in Ivano-Frankivsk on the first day of the Patriarchal Sobor in Ivano-Frankivsk, August 25, 2015

“This Divine Liturgy starts our Patriarchal Sobor. Today the Lord called from all over the world all of you to this Sobor. He called whoever he desired to be here. God initiates, God moves, He is the source of our presence here. We came here primarily to be with Him, to let His Spirit to fill us, for without the Holy Spirit there is no Sobor. This Sobor is a blessing and an action of the Holy Spirit.”

http://archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=246



On August 25, 2015, a Divine Liturgy in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, opened the VI session of the Patriarchal Sobor of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. (Photo: <http://ugcc.tv/ua/media/74581.html>)

UGCC Patriarchal Council gathering delegates from 57 countries to become examination of good conscience for the Church

The organizers of the event of outstanding significance for the Trans-Carpathian region and entire Ukraine have already presented a detailed program of the Patriarchal Council of the UGCC, entitled “Living parish as a place to meet the living Christ .”The Council took place on August 25-27 in Ivano-Frankivsk. Over 250 delegates from 57 countries planned to attend the Council. The Council will be chaired by the Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

A program of this conspicuous church assembly was made public by Secretary of the Patriarchal Council mitered archpriest Oleg Kaskiv at a press conference on August 20.

Working meetings were scheduled in Ivano-Frankivsk regional Music and Drama Theatre. The topics of the three days of session were as follows: “The Word of God and catechesis study. Mission spirit,” “The liturgy and prayer. Communion and unity,” “Service to neighbor. Support–management of gifts.”

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UGCC Patriarchal Council gathering delegates from 57 countries to become examination of good conscience for the Church

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“This session of the Council must determine our positive and negative sides, and what to do to correct our shortcomings. In fact, for two and a half years we have been preparing for this event – a kind of examination of conscience for the Church,” Mitered Archpriest Oleg Kaskiv said.

On the first day, August 25, the Divine Liturgy was held, followed by a greeting message by Patriarch Sviatoslav, reading the decree and the opening of the VI session of the Patriarchal Council in the Holy Resurrection Cathedral of Ivano-Frankivsk.

The Liturgy was followed by a breakfast and plenary sessions, official greeting of visitors and delegates, election of the voting commission and a press conference of Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, was held on the premises of the regional Music Drama Theater. On August 25, the UGCC head led a memorial service for the fallen heroes of Ukraine in the Memorial park near the Music Drama Theater.

On August 26 after Matins and Divine Liturgy there was a breakfast, group work and reports, followed by a press conference for the media, a thematic meeting and review of a film in the regional Music Drama Theatre.

On August 27 – reports, work groups and a press conference for media, followed by a plenary session at the regional Music Drama Theatre and adoption of resolutions.

The monument to Metropolitan Andrey was inaugurated, followed by Great Vespers with a Litia service at the Cathedral. Then there was an offering of thanks.

“Interestingly, on August 25, the first day of the Patriarchal Council, a cross procession started from the Drama Theatre to the Memorial park, asking all the delegates are to pray for our heroes. On August 27 there was, a procession marching with the flags of the countries-participants of the Council. There were flags of 31 countries, where we have our parishes. The route of procession – was from Svobody square to Independence Square, then to Sheptytsky square where the monument to Metropolitan Andrey was inaugurated,” said the council secretary, Fr. Oleg Kaskiv. “As for the Council, this session was slightly different from the previous ones, because its idea was to make it a sort of examination of conscience, to make the following conclusion—what our advantages and disadvantages are and what to do in order to be able to overcome all drawbacks. After all, our Church is scattered throughout the world and everywhere it faces challenges – mixed marriages, emigration, and war etc. Every day various burning issues were discussed. The city residents and guests were asked to be sympathetic and not to create obstacles to us.”

There was a broadcast of the events of the Patriarchal Council by the regional Galicia TV-channel and the Internet broadcast of “Zhyve TV” –the UGCC online television.

After the Patriarchal Council completed its official work, its participants and guests went on tours of Ivano-Frankivsk, Yaremche, Coloma, Halych, Hoshiv–Yasna Hora, Natalia Paly explained to RISU.

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

Press conference of Bishop Bohdan of Parma and Fr. Andriy Onuferko at the Patriarchal Sobor

August 26, 2015

On the second day of the Patriarchal Sobor "Zhyve.TV" held a video press conference of Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Bishop of Parma (USA), and Andrew Onuferko, members of the working committee of the UGCC implementing the strategy "The Vibrant Parish".

http://archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=252



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Opening Divine Liturgy of the UGCC Synod

Sunday, August 30, 2015 - Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine



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MEMBERS OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS OF THE UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH PRAY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND TAKE AN OATH

On August 30, 2015, the members of the Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church had as their initial task: to pray to the Holy Spirit. The celebration of a Moleben to the Holy Spirit shows us the spiritual nature of such a gathering (meeting), which we call the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. “May the Synod’s actions be a service of building up the Holy Church as a united Body of Christ,” the bishops prayed.

The Church wishes to emphasize that the decisions of the Synod accepted by the bishops have the purpose of realizing God’s plans, and not merely human. We ask that God would grant us (the bishops) the wisdom to seek His Will and the strength to realize what He wants from us and our Church. The Secretary of the Synod, Bishop Bohdan Dzyurakh expressed in his commentary (briefing).

After the Moleben, the bishops took an oath individually to not release any information, especially that which could cause harm to the Church. The priest and monks, who have secretarial and organizational functions during the Synod also took an oath, not to announce any matters that are to be kept secret.

Regarding all other issues in general the faithful will be informed. For the Synod is not a secret gathering, but rather seeks to offer guidance to the Church, for the Synod wishes to serve as best as possible the Church and the faithful.

The Synod of Bishops took place from August 30, 2015 to September 6, 2015.

Photos: <https://youtu.be/ksXGwbb846s>



Synod of Bishops condemns the bloodshed near the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

August 31, 2015

At a time when we seek to consolidate our nation due to external aggression, reckless acts can provoke destabilization and the internal situation is very dangerous.

This was written by members of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which is being held in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. They learned about the bloody provocations near the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on August 31.



Photo: knk.media

“We strongly condemn this bloodshed and emphasize that the use of violence in all its forms can not be justified by any political goals” - say the bishops of the Church.

They called upon the citizens of Ukraine to “preserve civil peace and engage in constructive social dialogue in the country.”

The Bishops ask all the faithful of the Church throughout the world and all people of goodwill for increased prayer for the victims and members of their families.

For all the wounded and their family members, the Synod of Bishops prayed together during the evening worship.

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LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE “WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION”

[1st SEPTEMBER]

To my Venerable Brothers
Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah TURKSON,
President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace
Cardinal Kurt KOCH, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity

Sharing the concern of my beloved brother, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, for the future of creation (cf. *Laudato Si'*, 7-9), and at the suggestion of his representative, Metropolitan Ioannis of Pergamum, who took part in the presentation of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* on care for our common home, I wish to inform you that I have decided to institute in the Catholic Church the “World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation” which, beginning this year, is to be celebrated on 1 September, as has been the custom in the Orthodox Church for some time.

As Christians we wish to contribute to resolving the ecological crisis which humanity is presently experiencing. In doing so, we must first rediscover in our own rich spiritual patrimony the deepest motivations for our concern for the care of creation. We need always to keep in mind that, for believers in Jesus Christ, the Word of God who became man for our sake, “the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature or from worldly realities, but lived in and with them, in communion with all that surrounds us” (*Laudato Si'*, 216). The ecological crisis thus summons us to a profound spiritual conversion: Christians are called to “an ecological conversion whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them” (*ibid.*, 217). For “living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (*ibid.*).

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live. The celebration of this Day, on the same date as the Orthodox Church, will be a valuable opportunity to bear witness to our growing communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters. We live at a time when all Christians are faced with the same decisive challenges, to which we must respond together, in order to be more credible and effective. It is my hope that this Day will in some way also involve other Churches and ecclesial Communities, and be celebrated in union with similar initiatives of the World Council of Churches.

I ask you, Cardinal Turkson, as President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, to inform the Justice and Peace Commissions of the Bishops’ Conferences, as well as the national and international organizations involved in environmental issues, of the establishment of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, so that, with due regard for local needs and situations, it can be properly celebrated with the participation of the entire People of God: priests, men and women religious and the lay faithful. For this reason, it will be the task of your Council, in cooperation with the various Episcopal Conferences,

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to arrange suitable ways of publicizing and celebrating the Day, so that this annual event will become a significant occasion for prayer, reflection, conversion and the adoption of appropriate lifestyles.

I ask you, Cardinal Koch, as President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity, to make the necessary contacts with the Ecumenical Patriarchate and with other ecumenical organizations so that this World Day can serve as a sign of a common journey in which all believers in Christ take part. It will also be your Council's responsibility to ensure that it is coordinated with similar initiatives undertaken by the World Council of Churches.

In expressing my hope that, as a result of wide cooperation, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be inaugurated and develop in the best way possible, I invoke upon this initiative the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, and of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of the Creatures inspires so many men and women of goodwill to live in praise of the Creator and with respect for creation. As a pledge of spiritual fruitfulness, I impart my Apostolic Blessing to you, Eminent Brothers, and to all those who share in your ministry.

From the Vatican, 6 August 2015
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

FRANCISCUS

March for Life to be held in Zaporizhia for the first time

2 September 2015

September 27, March for Life will be held in Zaporizhia. This is a joint initiative of Christian churches and religious communities of our city, supported by local and regional authorities. The march will begin at 15 am in the park near the House of Culture 'Dniprospetsstal ' and will walk along the central streets of Zaporizhia.

Similar events are taking place in many countries of the world and rally the people who are committed to Christian and family values and want to publicly attest their position to the community.

Although the March for Life will be held in Zaporizhia for the first time, already several thousand participants are expected to come.

"As Christians and citizens of Ukraine, we want to proclaim the value of human life from the moment of conception and to encourage all Ukrainians to make every effort to protect the life of every unborn child. We ask everyone to pray with this intention and cordially invite all Christians and people of good will in Zaporizhia to take part in this event which is important for our city and entire Ukraine," calls Auxiliary Bishop Jan Sobilo of the RCC Diocese of Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia.

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



**Poster reads: Save me!
I'm Ukrainian too!**

Plan to attend the **2016 WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER** to celebrate
Women as Caregivers:

Spiritual, Pastoral and Practical Matters

Come pray, reflect and grow while being enlightened and strengthened through the scriptures and listening to other women caregivers as they share their experiences.

This year's Women's Day of Prayer will be held on:

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

at the

at

**Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of
the Holy Family**

**St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic
Church**

*4520 Harewood Road, Northeast
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*430 North Seventh Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania*

*Our day begins with Divine Liturgy (11:30 a.m. at the Shrine of the Holy Family;
10:30 a.m. at St. Vladimir's).*

Lunch and the program follow the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Additional details will be forthcoming.

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