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His Beatitude Sviatoslav and
Metropolitan Stefan

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All parishioners are invited to join with His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Spiritual Father of our Ukrainian Catholic Church, Metropolitan Stefan and the clergy of our Archeparchy as we honor consecrated life during a hierarchical Divine Liturgy, Sunday, November 15, 2015 beginning at 2:30 p.m. in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia. During the Divine Liturgy, men and women religious will renew their vows, the mosaics of Blessed Josaphata, SSMI and Venerable Andrew Sheptytsky, OSBM will be blessed. After the Divine Liturgy, the bell tower with the bell from the original cathedral will also be blessed in an outdoor ceremony that will also include a prayer vigil for Ukraine. Following the services, everyone is welcome to enjoy a reception in the Cathedral Social Hall.

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA
HONORING CONSECRATED LIFE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015
DIVINE LITURGY – 2:30 PM**



*Renewal of Vows by
Men and Women Religious*

*Blessing of Mosaic of
Blessed Josaphata, SSMI*

*Blessing of Mosaic of
Venerable Servant of God
Andrew Sheptytsky, OSBM*

Blessing of Bell Tower

Prayer Vigil for Ukraine



**Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

All the faithful are invited to join with our Patriarch Sviatoslav, Metropolitan Stefan and the clergy of our Archeparchy as we honor the men and women who have dedicated their lives to consecrated life and living the evangelical counsels as they serve in the Vineyard of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

FEAST OF ST. JOSAPHAT PRIEST-MARTYR NOVEMBER 12th

John 10:9-16

The Lord said: "I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd and I know Mine and Mine know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I will lay down My life for My sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These I must lead, and they will hear My voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.



St. Josaphat

About the year 1580 a son was born to Gabriel and Marina Kuntsevych in Volodymyr, Volynia. They named him John. He would later take the name Josaphat upon entering the Basilian order. As a young boy, he had a spiritual experience in church while gazing upon the crucifix. He asked his mother Who He was. The mother explained He is Jesus Christ Our Lord Who came to earth to be the Savior of all people. The young lad was filled with love for the Lord. This love for the Lord and a willingness to serve God and the Church led to a religious vocation – to become a Basilian monk. The religious name he took was Josaphat.

Josaphat loved to spend his time in religious studies about God and in prayer to God. In 1609 Josaphat was ordained a priest and in 1618 he had become a bishop and later an archbishop. He was a good preacher, leading people to a close relationship with their Lord and Savior.

In 1596, the Ukrainian Church in a formal union with the Church of Rome, recognizing the primacy of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope, and at the same time keeping all the traditions inherent in the Ukrainian church since the Baptism of Ukraine in 988. This formal union was called the Union of Brest (Berestia – a unity between brothers in Christ. Josaphat was a strong advocate of unity. However, not all agreed with development of relations between the two churches. In fact, some who were opposed to such unity became so angered that one day a group of them attacked the saintly archbishop with stones, clubs, weapons, and ultimately killed him. His dead body was thrown into the river, but later was recovered and buried.

Many miracles have taken place at his gravesite. Five years after his death, the body was still incorrupt. Twenty-five years after his death, the saintly Archbishop was beatified (called "blessed"). in 164. Pope Pius IX declared Josaphat a saint and a martyr for the love of God's Church in 1867. His remains (relics) are interred at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

(adapted from All Saints, MSMG)

FEAST OF BLESSED JOSAPHATA HORDESHEVSKA

November 20th

Prokimen: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in the Lord, my Savior. (Luke 1:46)

Verse: Because He has regarded the humility of His handmaid for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. (Luke 1:46,48)

Tropar: O Blessed Josaphata, you inspire us through your spirit of service and love. Teach us to uplift and renew the heart of our people wherever we are sent to minister, to serve where the need is the greatest, all for the glory of God.



Relic of Blessed Josaphata

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

Kondak: O Blessed Josaphata, foundress of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, you began your mission in Ukraine to your people, bringing light into the darkness of their suffering. By educating and caring for children, you gave parents strength and renewed hope. Your healing touch reached the sick and the dying. The poor found a place in your heart. You care for the beauty of the churches bringing out the beauty of worship to the people. The Lord led you to sanctify through great suffering. You are a woman for all times.

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in the U.S.A. November 1-7, 2015. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

Prayer for Vocations:

Almighty and merciful God, inspire those You have chosen to hear and answer Your call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

*Give them the courage to be the prophets for our times.
Give them the wisdom and openness to live their personal call.
Give them the strength to be ready witness
of Your love and care for the world.*

*May they find support and encouragement
in our words and in our prayers,
through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God,
and all the Saints.*



AMEN

NATIONAL HOLODOMOR MEMORIAL

Washington, D.C.

FRIDAY

November 6, 2015

HOLODOMOR EXHIBIT BENEFIT RECEPTION | 7 PM

Union Station

SATURDAY

November 7, 2015

DEDICATION CEREMONY | 2 PM

Holodomor Memorial | N. Capitol St. and Massachusetts Ave, NW

SUNDAY

November 8, 2015

HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY | MORNING

Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox Churches

COMMEMORATIVE CONCERT | 2 PM

George Washington University | Lisner Auditorium

November 1-14, 2015

HOLODOMOR EXHIBIT | 8 AM – 8 PM

Union Station

for more information | www.ukraine-genocide.com



U.S. COMMITTEE FOR UKRAINIAN HOLODOMOR | GENOCIDE AWARENESS 1932-1933



Sunday, November 8, 2015, 9:30am

All are welcome to further commemorate the dedication of the new Holodomor Memorial, and to pray for the souls of those killed in the Holodomor genocide, by attending a special Hierarchical Divine Liturgy served by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 9:30am at Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, 4250 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, DC 20017

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Holodomor Memorial 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.

<http://usa.mfa.gov.ua/en/press-center/photos/1563-u-vashingtoni-bula-vstanovlena-skulyptura-pamjatnika-zhertvam-golodomoru-1932-1933-rokiv-v-ukrajini>





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PYLYPIVKA (ADVENT) PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC
HIERARCHY OF THE U. S. A.

TO OUR CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS, SEMINARIANS AND BELOVED FAITHFUL

Praise be Jesus Christ!

Depending on which calendar is designated for your parish, you need to circle one of two dates: Gregorian calendar folks need to circle November 14th, while the Julian calendar folks get to wait thirteen days, focusing rather on the 27th. In either case, the red-letter day marks a double commemoration: on the one hand, it is the feast of the Apostle Philip; on the other hand, that date marks the beginning of the pre-Christmas fast, thus appropriately referred to as the Philip's Fast. Some of you, especially those born before the Second Vatican Council, may not have grown up with this tradition; nevertheless, faithful to Vatican II which called us to return to our genuine tradition, we bishops seek to recover this richness, and we urge all our people to embrace it.

If all are to do this, we need first to understand what the Philip's Fast is. In fact, it is one of four periods of fast which precede four great feasts of our liturgical calendar. Like the Great Fast which precedes the Great Paschal Feast of Easter, the Philip's Fast lasts forty days; other, shorter fasts precede the feasts of SS. Peter and Paul (June 29th / July 12th) and the Dormition of the Mother of God (August 15th / 28th). The idea behind all these fasts is simple: they are times of spiritual preparation for the feasts which they precede. In a sense, it is the spiritual equivalent of what wise people likely do before Thanksgiving Dinner: they limit their food intake in the hours and days beforehand so as to take full advantage of the rich abundance of the feast itself; our four fasts are similar.

Obviously, this fast has a dietary component which is not an end in itself, but rather could serve as a meditation for everyone, especially for Ukrainians. After all, is it not during the month of November that we generally commemorate the *Holodomor* when millions of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine starved to death? An experience of hunger might make us more appreciative of the overabundance which is available to us in the United States, a wealth which both the fast and Thanksgiving Day seek to prevent us from taking for granted; they might even inspire us to take positive steps to alleviate the hunger which is visible all around us.

As we move toward Christmas, we think of the Holy Family and their own preparations. They were homeless, wandering through Bethlehem seeking a place for the birth of the One Who would later remark that "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." (Matthew 8:20, Luke 9:58). Their age-old story is reflected in tragedies which sometimes make the headlines but which, alas, often do not: refugees from war-torn Ukraine have been joined by others from Syria, from the Fertile Crescent, and from Africa; their numbers are swelled by many in our own hemisphere fleeing grinding poverty and hopelessness. It is due to the welcome once offered to such as these that the words of Emma Lazarus now grace the Statue of Liberty "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teaming shores". In our own day, urban professionals step over the homeless whose makeshift beds block their way, while shelters and food banks struggle to care for misfits in a relentlessly consumer-driven society. As Christmas parties all around us merrily entice us to forget our problems and theirs, the Philip's Fast urges us rather to follow the example of Pope Francis, paying attention and tending to those seeds which God has planted in our consciences, urging us to follow the example of the Samaritan

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who, unlike the ostensibly righteous, proved himself truly to be the neighbor of the wounded man lying by the side of the road.

Obviously, the dietary considerations are not the only ones which the Philip's Fast places before us. In making our daily food and drink more sparing, we might also consider what other daily habits we would do well to discontinue. Indifference should certainly be high on the list. We each have our own list; may the Philip's Fast encourage us to take our own spiritual inventory!

As we prepare to celebrate the first coming of Christ at His birth in Bethlehem, we would do well likewise to prepare for His Second Coming at the end of the world. In this regard, St. Luke poses an unsettling question: "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (18: 8). Before giving too hasty an affirmative answer, we would do well to reflect on the words of the Apostle St. James: "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (2:14).

"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?" (James 2: 14-20). Jesus Himself answers those who need to be shown: "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." (Matthew 25:45). May these words serve as an examination of conscience for all of us!

We prepare for the Christ who comes as light for our darkness, as warmth for our winter. During this season of hopeful preparation, may we learn how better to become the instruments of the Divine Love which our world so desperately needs.

+Stefan Soroka
Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+Richard Seminack (*author*)
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Eparch of Stamford

+ Bohdan Danylo
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

+John Bura
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia



November, 2015

U.S. Ukrainian Catholic Clergy Gather in Chicago for Clergy Conference



US Ukrainian Catholic Clergy pose for a picture at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Chicago on October 22, 2015. (Photo: Petro Rudka)

Chicago—Priests and deacons from all four eparchies of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States gathered here in the Windy City for a clergy conference Tuesday, October 20 through Friday, October 23. About 200 clergy were joined by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Auxiliary Bishop John Bura of the Philadelphia Archeparchy, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM of the Stamford Eparchy and Bishop Bohdan Danylo of the St. Josaphat Eparchy of Parma. Bishop Richard Seminack of St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago, was

unable to attend due to illness.

The clergy had begun arriving on Tuesday afternoon and went through the formalities of registration. Tuesday evening Very Rev. Basil Salkovski, OSBM from the St. Nicholas Eparchy of Chicago began the conference with an opening prayer followed by words of welcome and introductions by Metropolitan Soroka.

On Wednesday, Very Rev. Ihor Midzak from the Eparchy of Stamford led the morning prayer service. The topic of the first session of the day

was “Characteristics of the Evangelizing Priest,” given by Rev. Anthony F. Krisak, Affiliate Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, Md. Father Krisak’s second presentation was entitled “The Evangelizing Parish, Moving from Maintenance Mission.”

The third session Wednesday afternoon was entitled, “Reflections and Sharing by Participants.” Here the clergy gathered into small groups to discuss and offer insights into the two morning topics. Father Krisak served as moderator, calling on a

priest from each group to share their discussions and insights.

Following the conclusion of the first business day, clergy were bussed to St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Catholic Church for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Metropolitan Soroka was the main celebrant and delivered the homily. Bishop Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop Danylo and Bishop Bura were the concelebrants along with clergy.

In his homily, Metropolitan Stefan reflected, “These

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precious days of fellowship. The Ukrainian gathering are a precious gift for each of us. I am thankful that most of our Ukrainian Catholic clergy in the USA have come to participate and to celebrate this gift. It is a time for us to slow down and to reflect on ourselves as individuals, as persons entrusted with leadership in parishes and eparchies. Do our actions reflect immense gratitude to almighty God? How do we celebrate gratitude? Do our actions reflect a deep sense of love for God? Is pleasing the Lord of primary importance in whatever we say and do? Are we who we perceive ourselves to be – in the eyes of God? In the eyes of those whom we dare to serve?"

A dinner in St. Joseph parish hall followed. Bishop Basil Losten, bishop emeritus of the Stamford Eparchy provided a brief history of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States, interspersed with his personal insights and experiences. Ukrainian and American instrumental music provided some easy listening as the clergy shared a meal and

The Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation (YKY) presented a short video on the Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine.

Thursday, October 22, the morning prayer service was led by Very Rev. George Appleyard from St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma, Ohio.

The fourth session of the clergy conference was entitled, "Dynamics of Pastoral Care Today for Engaged and Married Couples," given by Valerie H. Conzett, D.Min., L.P.C., Director of Family Life Office, Archdiocese of Omaha; Executive Director of FOCCUS, Inc., USA. After a brief refreshments break, the clergy reassembled to begin the fifth session, entitled "Practical Aspects of Marriage Preparation," once again led by Valerie Conzett.

Following lunch, the clergy visited the predominantly Ukrainian section of Chicago known as "Ukrainian Village." The first stop was a visit to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral

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Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church (Photo: Julian Hayda)



Metropolitan Stefan speaks to children at St. Nicholas School (Photo: Petro Rudka)

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St. Nicholas School (Photo: Petro Rudka)

School. The elementary school children were most welcoming led by their instructors to provide a short program including the singing some religious and folk songs in both Ukrainian

and English languages. The school children presented a sunflower to each guest bishop. Metropolitan Stefan thanked the children and faculty for the warm welcome.

A visit to Saints Volodymyr and Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church followed. The pastor welcomed the clergy and gave a brief description of the church interior with many icons and a beautiful wooden-

carved iconostasis. The clergy then visited the nearby Ukrainian National Museum to view many artifacts, including a special exhibit honoring

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Saints Volodymyr and Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church (Photo: Petro Rudka)

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the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. Many of the museum's historical items were from Ukraine.

The clergy then visited St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, the final stop of the visit to "Ukrainian Village." At the Cathedral they were greeted and given a tour and explanation of the Cathedral parish and the church interior. Once again there were many beautiful icons of Our Lord, the Mother of God, and various saints. The main celebrant of the Divine Liturgy was Bishop Danylo. Metropolitan Soroka and Bishop John concelebrated. Bishop Bura was also the homilist.

The sixth and final session entitled, "Round Table Discussion with Hierarchs on Conference Themes." There was also a brief presentation on the Sobor and Synod discussions held in August and early September in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. Metropolitan Soroka led a session where the clergy shared comments and observations on the conference and the needs of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. He concluded the conference by thanking all the clergy for their attendance and participation and by 11:00 a.m., all were on their journey home to their respective eparchies and parishes.

- Article by "The Way"

Following the Divine Liturgy, dinner was served at Saints Volodymyr and Olha's Parish Hall, while some background Ukrainian and American instrumental music was provided.

Friday, October 23 Very Rev. Robert Hitchens from the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia led the clergy in morning prayer.



**Ukrainian National Museum
(Photo: Petro Rudka)**



**Photo from Live Stream Video of Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Chicago.
<http://www.stnicholaschicago.org>**



St. Nicholas Ukrainian Cathedral (Photo: Petro Rudka)

Metropolitan Stefan Offers Homily at St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago during U.S. Ukrainian Catholic Clergy Conference on October 21, 2015

Слава Ісусу Христу!

“Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others...”
Col 3:23

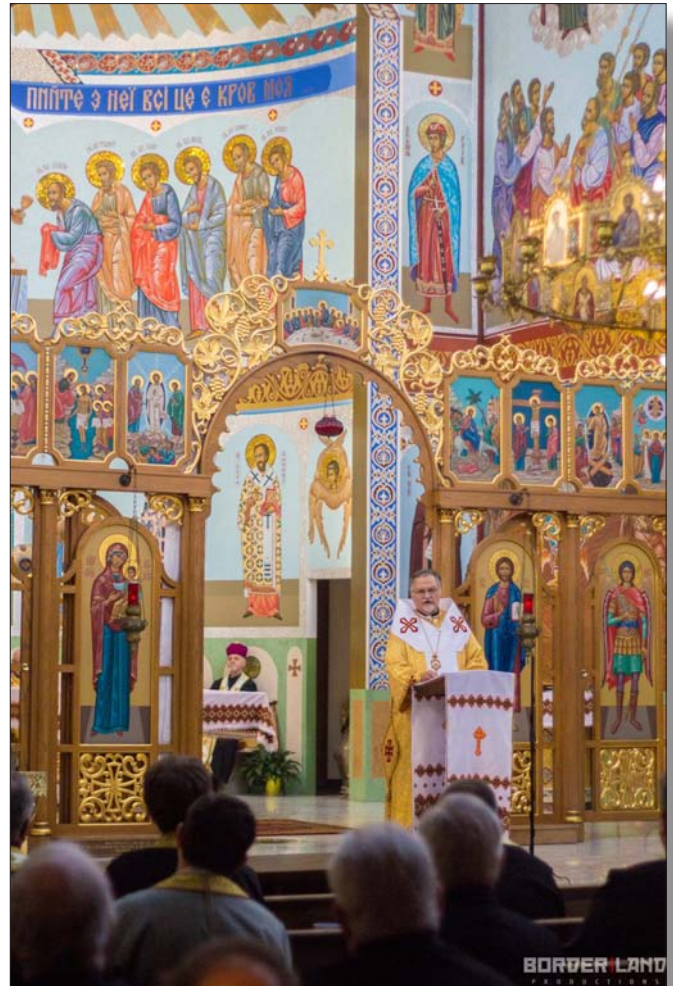
St. Paul exhorts the people to act with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, forgiving one another (Col. 3:12-13). All of our actions and speech is to reflect our expression of gratitude to God through Jesus. And most importantly, we are called to give of ourselves from the heart and always for the Lord. The pleasing of others is not to be of primary importance in what we say and in what we do as disciples of Jesus Christ.

These precious days of gathering are a precious gift for each of us. I am thankful that most of our Ukrainian Catholic clergy in the USA have come to participate and to celebrate this gift. It is a time for us to slow down and to reflect on ourselves as individuals, as persons entrusted with leadership in parishes and eparchies. Do our actions reflect immense

gratitude to almighty God? How do we celebrate gratitude? Do our actions reflect a deep sense of love for God? Is pleasing the Lord of primary importance in whatever we say and do? Are we who we perceive ourselves to be – in the eyes of God? In the eyes of those whom we dare to serve?

Fr. Tony helped us in this journey of introspection today. He shared the wisdom of a wise pastor from his own experience in parishes and with priests. Fr. Tony helped us to look at our visible ‘self’, that which people can see about who we profess to be on social media sites. He pushed us to examine what motivates us in our love and service of God. We cannot help but honestly challenge ourselves and one another to more fully reflect St. Paul’s exhortation to do everything from the heart, and to do everything to glorify the Lord, and not for others.

I personally feel that St. Paul so wisely calls me, and calls each of us, to re-examine our primary



Metropolitan Stefan offers Homily during the Divine Liturgy at St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church (Photo: Julian Hayda)

motivation as a servant of God. Perhaps, far too much of what we do is done out of a primary motivation to please others. So much so, that we defer becoming the risk takers that Jesus expected of his disciples. We fear ‘what people will say’. We restrain ourselves

with our perceptions of what opposition we may receive. We hesitate because of what we perceive the bishop may say or do. I dare say that much of what we choose not to do, that which the Lord asks you and me to do for him,

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is not fulfilled because of our perceptions of what might happen. Recently, a survey told of the most common regret expressed by seniors in their later years of life. Many expressed regret at having wasted too much time in worrying about things that never happened, and things they had little control of. They regretted that they had wasted time and energy on such worries, holding them back to more fully living life.

One of the most common discussions our bishops have at our meetings is how to support the clergy to stretch themselves in their ministry to the faithful. There are some very motivated and energetic priests showing great leadership within some of our parishes. They are exceptional role models. Every priest is exceptional in gifts for ministry. Jesus called each of us with unique gifts and talents. A recent survey done in my archeparchy beautifully revealed the confidence of the faithful in their priests. Many of the respondents observed that they know and trust the knowledge of their

priest, especially about family life. Some cited the gift of married clergy. Yet, almost all of them faulted us in our lack of sharing in homilies as to the challenges of marriage, of family life. They kept on asking why priests do not speak to them about family life – because they believe that the priests have the gifts.” We do not preach on family issues. What does that reflect as to our motivation as to whom we primarily serve, whom we primarily desire to please? Do we defer from offering teachings which might challenge our faithful, which might upset some?

I cite these things not as a criticism. I myself share in these faults and imperfections as much as many of our clergy. I use these examples to illustrate for you and for me, the challenge of asking ourselves what motivates our words and actions as priests, as bishops. St. Paul so beautifully expresses what ought to be your priority, what ought to be my priority. This gathering allows us to reflect and help one another in our priestly journey. I believe

that our discussion on marriage preparation and marriage enrichment during this conference is critical for our Church at this time. It is an area which we can improve immensely in our ministry. This is a time when the faithful cry out for our full attention to family life. Our speakers tomorrow will offer us immense advice.

Thank you for your response to the call of the priesthood. Thank you for your “yes” to minister to the faithful entrusted to our care. Thank you for having the courage to honestly look at yourself and at ourselves as Church. Thank you for not yielding to be defensive. Thank you for not participating in denying our imperfections and our failings. The first step is to ask ourselves what primarily motivates us in our daily ministry. You joyously responded to be a priest because of your love for God. You were graced with the desire to lead others to him. Let each of us re-commit ourselves to use our gifts to the maximum, surpassing our self-imposed limitations and perceptions. Let

us ‘go broke’ with our personalities!

When the disciples were arguing among themselves as to who among them was most the greatest, Jesus told them that “the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest” (Lk9:47). These days of reflection allow us to realize what actions and words have the greatest merit to the one whom we responded to serve as a priest. It demands great humility to be the greatest in the eyes of God.

I want to take this opportunity to extend the gratitude of all of us to Father Mykola Buryadnyk and to his parishioners of St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Catholic Church for their heartwarming hospitality shown to all of us this evening. It has been an exceptional privilege to work with Fr. Mykola as we prepared for this conference. His humility and dedication serves as an inspiring example for all of us in ministry.

Слава Ісусу Христу!

METROPOLITAN-ARCHBISHOP STEFAN SOROKA CELEBRATES HIERARCHIAL DIVINE LITURGY AND BLESSES CORNER STONE FOR NEW PARISH CENTER AT ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, JENKINTOWN, PA ON OCTOBER 25, 2015.



**Rev. Volodymyr Kostyuk and Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka during the Corner Stone Blessing Ceremony.
(Photos: <http://myhaylivka.org>)**

Shenandoah church preserving the Greek Catholic legacy for generations to come

By John Usalis

October 27, 2015

SHENANDOAH — The home of the oldest Greek Catholic parish in the country is getting a well-needed facelift to preserve it for generations to come.

St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church is in the last stage of repairs and upgrades for what is considered the first phase of work to be done.

“Believe it or not, you think things don’t happen quick, but they’ve done a lot in a short period of time,” parishioner Albert Breznik Jr. said as he entered the church with Monsignor Myron Grabowsky, pastor, to show the work being done. Breznik is a member of the parish building council.

The outside work on the church, which is the third to serve the parish, began in August at the same time as the original church on West Centre Street was being demolished and completely removed. While a very sad event for parishioners and other Ukrainian Catholics, it also helped secure the future of

the current church by freeing up funds to do the restoration/upgrade work.

The first church, constructed in 1884, had not been used as a worship site since 1908, with the exception of the early 1980s when Divine Liturgies were celebrated due to a massive fire that destroyed the second church building of the parish on the Monday after Holy Pascha — Easter. The 131-year-old structure, which had been modified over time, began to be used as a hall after the second church was built in 1908 in order to meet the needs of a growing congregation. The original church was also where the St. Michael’s Social Club met and held activities.

The current church, located at Oak and Chestnut streets and built on the site of the destroyed church, was opened and dedicated to celebrate the parish’s 100th anniversary in 1984.

The general contractor on the project is Heim

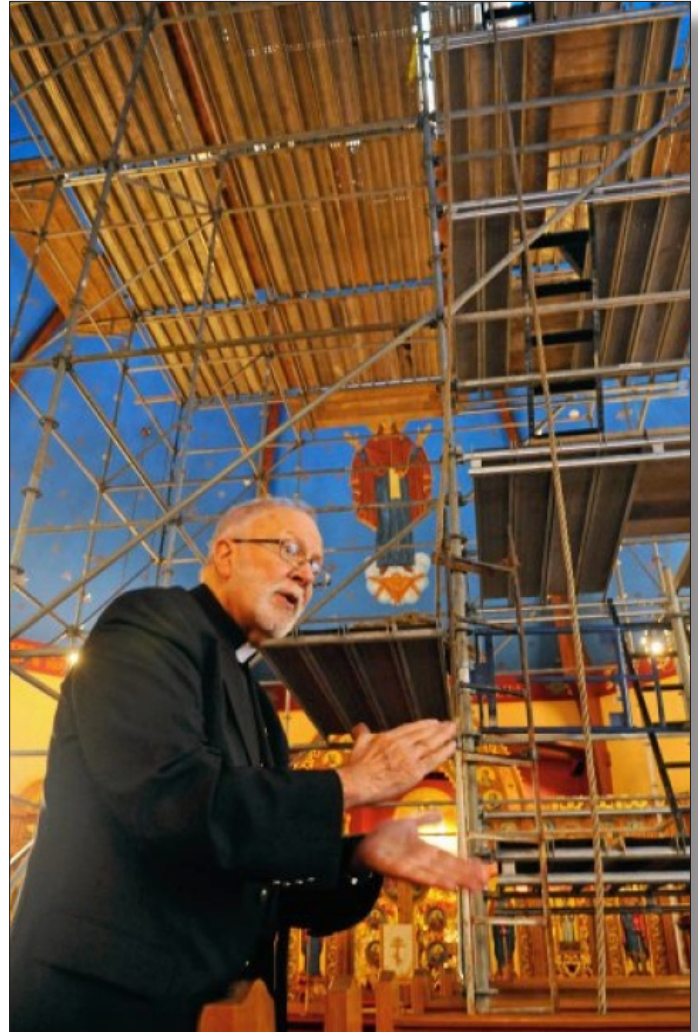


Photo: Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, pastor of St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, talks about the renovation at the church in Shenandoah on October 16. Photo: Jacqueline Dormer.

Construction Co. Inc., Pottsville. Heim superintendent Mark Saylor is the on-site, day-to-day supervisor on the work being done by the subcontractors.

“At this point we have

an electrical contractor (Alabarell Electric) doing the fire and alarm system and new lighting, and we have C&D (Waterproofing Corp., Bloomsburg) who have redone the domes,

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completely stripped the exterior down, pressure wash, put that five-coat system on that looks wonderful," Saylor said while outside the church, pointing out the areas that were done. "They took care of all the leaks we were having. Now we're in the process of taking the old shingle off and putting on a lifetime architectural shingle that's going to be in a slate-grey color that will really make the church look wonderful."

A challenge for the contractors was the placing of the outside scaffolding due to the contours of the building.

"The most unique challenge in doing this job was scaffolding the exterior of the building with what you have to work with to get that scaffold up and above to get up to the cross and everything else," Saylor said. "That's probably the most unique challenge that I've seen. It's a complicated roof because you're nailing shingles and before you know it you're either at a hip or a valley, but we've got a really good contractor and is doing

a fine job. I'm very impressed with them."

Breznik explained why the cupolas — domes — have the look they do after the gold color had been placed.

"We had some people come to father and say that it looks like a terrible paint job, but when they put the gold on the domes, they left brush strokes and roller marks in it to emulate the effect of gold leaf," Breznik said. "It's not actually a gold leaf, but it's a material that is applied by roller and brush and it's a heavier material, so we did want it to have a textured look to bring the appearance of the gold leaf back."

Saylor said even though there was damage due to water leakage, it was not as great as it could have been.

"In general through the construction process, even though there has been damage over the years, there is not much in the way of significant damage structurally to the church," Saylor said. "We had some damaged steps out front that had started to lift and poured

some new foundations under there. We are repointing the stones and are repointing the old mortar joints in the front of the building. There's new caulking around all the exterior windows."

As the outside work is winding down, the focus is more in the inside now, with scaffolding reaching to the top of the center cupola. Saylor said the entire project has had a lot of cosmetic work to be done, which is now being done on the inside as the electrical upgrades are being done.

"We will have upgrades in energy efficiency. There will be all new LED lighting inside," Saylor said.

The last step will be the replacement of the



Albert Breznik Jr., trustee of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, left, and Monsignor Myron Grabowsky, pastor of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, look up at the refurbished domes and crosses on the church in Shenandoah October 16. Photo: Jacqueline Dormer.

windows in that cupola, which should begin this week. The triple-pane tinted windows will replace single pane glass. Saylor said once everything is sealed, the scaffolding will be removed.

The lighting in the church was very low due to the electrical work being done, with only a few hanging ceiling lights operating. Grabowsky made the climb, where

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he enjoyed the view of Shenandoah from the highest elevation in the borough. Above his head was a large icon of Christ Pantocrator to depict Jesus as the "Ruler of All Things." In St. Michael's, it represents that Christ is the church's protector.

Breznik explained the improvements underway inside the church.

"We had big floodlights, which were almost like a mercury-type light. Like gymnasium lighting. So, we got rid of that and we're putting in small LED flood fixtures," Breznik said. "In the dome we had quartz lighting, and that will now be LED. We'll save at least 50 percent in electrical costs.

"We already have LED outside," Grabowsky said. "All those lights have been converted over as when the roofing project was going on."

"We did have some structural and drywall damage from the continual leaking," Breznik said. "That has all been repaired and we're now in the process of matching up the paint.

This is the first time in 20 years that the inside of the church has been dry."

"After all those years, there was no mold at all," Grabowsky said. "The contractor said that it dried quickly because of the 220-volt lights. We used those lights almost three or four days a week. That was something we were very concerned about."

With the current project to be completed by mid-November, Grabowsky said there are more upgrades in the works, though not right away.

"We still wish to continue the project, but that will be as funds become available," he said. "We plan to put in handicapped-accessible restrooms. There will be new flooring, the painting of the church and the refinishing of all the pews and an update on the air conditioning. Breznik said the lot where the first church was will remain in the hands of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

"There will be a monument erected to

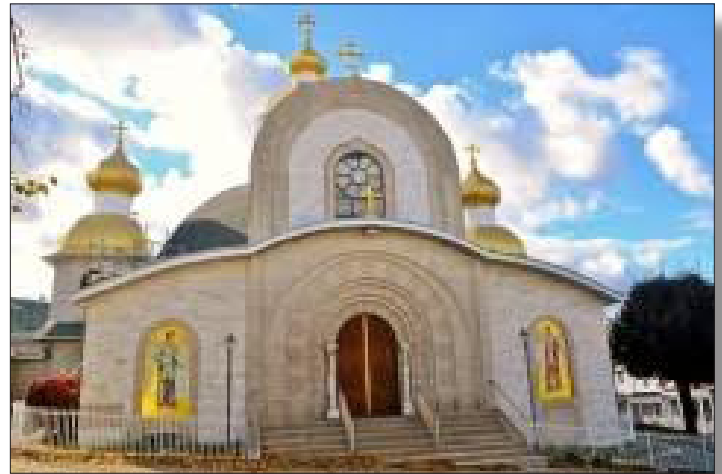


Photo: St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church shines with the refurbished domes and crosses in Shenandoah on Oct. 16. Photo: Jacqueline Dormer.

our forefathers there," Breznik said.

"The intent of this monument will include a pilgrimage each year to come to Shenandoah," Grabowsky said. "We'll be inviting the Ukrainians and Ruthenians to come part of this because we have a common heritage here in Shenandoah. It will be great to have a service there."

"This church, which has an historical marker, is now the monument to our forefathers and the representative of the first Greek Catholic church in America," Breznik said.

"With the tearing down

of the first building, there was a lot of hard feelings, but people have to realize now that this church is the monument to our heritage. This building needs to be preserved. We need to continually update this building so this will be here for generations to come so it won't fall by the wayside. Instead of putting all the money into that old building, to put Band-Aids on it, let's put the investment here. This church is something to be proud of. It's a beautiful church," Breznik said.

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Manor College Selects New President

The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great and the Board of Trustees of Manor College are pleased to announce that Jonathan Peri has been named the 9th President of Manor College. Peri, who will be the college's first lay President, will assume his new role on November 16.

Jonathan Peri, currently serves as Vice President of Newmann University. "The Board of Trustees and Manor community have done a wonderful job of stewarding Manor's Catholic Basilian mission. It's an honor for me to assume the responsibility of President," said Peri. "Manor offers incredible educational opportunities, bolstered by recently updated facilities, such as our science labs and Dental Health Center. We are poised for the next level of development both on our campus and in our community, guided by our mission."



Peri's professional experience is grounded in his work for several liberal arts institutions. He currently serves as Vice President and General Counsel at Newmann University, where, as a longstanding member of the Executive Team, he was involved in all major institutional decisions and strategic planning. He displayed multiple competencies as a faculty member, developing and teaching courses throughout the Ph.D. level in the social sciences, including in the areas of sociology, business, law, political science, and finance. Peri has several articles published and has presented extensively in the areas of higher education law and educational leadership.

During an era when a move from college to university status in Pennsylvania was procedurally complex, Peri led the objective at Newmann with expedient success. He has since advised other institutions about that process, and is sought after as a practiced professional in institutional governance, leadership and policy. At Newmann, Peri also served as director of the university's Board of Trustees Development Committee. He has directly helped with the advancement of capital dollars, grants, and is a key generator of institutional contacts. Jonathan also has experience in the areas of human resources, risk management, and information technology.

Our newly elected President has garnered several awards and honors including Widener University School of Law's Outstanding Service Award and the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation's Person of the Year. He is also a gubernatorial and senatorial appointee to three different state educational boards, including Pennsylvania's Board of Education and its Council on Higher Education, as well as the Pennsylvania State Tuition Account Programs Advisory Board. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Walden School, a private primary Montessori school, and is a past President of the Delaware County Bar Association.

With a bachelor's degree in Theology from Villanova University, Mr. Peri has obtained his Juris Doctorate degree from the Widener University School of Law. He is also ABD and will have a second doctoral degree upon completion of Eastern University's Organizational Leadership Ph.D. program – education concentration. Peri has attended several higher education executive leadership development programs including through Boston College, AACU, AALI, and Harvard University.

Sister Dorothy Ann and the Provincial Council look forward to a relationship of collaboration and cooperation as Mr. Peri carries out the mission of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great.

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Blessing of Renovated St. Sophia Association Headquarters in Elkins Park, PA

On Saturday, October 31, 2015 after several months of renovating St. Sophia Religious Association Headquarters in Elkins Park, the doors of the building were re-opened to the Ukrainian community. The ceremony of blessing (rededicating) the building was led by His Grace, Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia. The Metropolitan was assisted by Rev. Marco Yaroslav Semehen, President of the St. Sophia Association in Rome, Italy and by Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy, pastor of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Melrose Park, Pa. In his words (remarks) to those in attendance, Metropolitan Stefan greeted the members of the Association upon "returning home," which was once again ready to be the center of community action.



Photo: St. Sophia Association

One of the topics St. Sophia Association discussed was the Summer School Program for English that was held on July 26-August 15, 2015 in Zazdrist, Ukraine, the area where Cardinal Josef Slipyj was born.

Article adapted from a Press Release in Ukrainian from the St. Sophia Association, USA

Program Honoring Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky

On Sunday, November 1, 2015, a Liturgy was held at Annunciation of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melrose Park, PA on the anniversary of the death of the Venerable Servant of God Andrew Sheptytsky. The main celebrant was Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka assisted Rev. Marco Yaroslav Semehen, President of St. Sophia Association in Rome, Italy and Rev. Ihor Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy, pastor of Annunciation of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melrose Park, PA. In his sermon, Metropolitan Stefan drew attention to the relevance of the teachings of the Servant of God Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky in today's world, stressing the priority of love for human life.



After the Liturgy, there was a program honoring Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky in the church hall. During the program, Fr. Semehen talked about Metropolitan Sheptytsky as a "native Moses of the Ukrainian people." A book titled «Покликаний» was also talked about during the program which is an anthology of the works of Venerable Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky. The event also included a documentary film on Venerable Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky and Cardinal Josyp Slipyj.

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NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Honoring the 70th Anniversary of the Death of Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky

by: **Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka**

Слава Ісусу Христу!

We close our year commemorating the 70th anniversary of the death of the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, on November 1st, 1944. Metropolitan Andrew led the Church and all of Ukrainian society through the critical periods of Soviet oppression, German occupation and subjugation by the Polish authorities. He showed great courage. He was steadfast in his love for God. He inspired others to dedicate their life to love and to serve one's neighbor. One does this in spite of facing oppression and aggression by hostile forces. This is the life of a Christian. Metropolitan Andrew taught this through his numerous pastorals and messages to the people, and through personal example of his life.

Metropolitan Sheptytsky often wrote on what he perceived to be the future of Ukrainian society. In Sheptytsky's thinking, wise political and social leaders were needed, who "would

seek the common good, not their own; who would provide leadership and not yield to every change in public opinion; who would boldly and loudly confess the principles of the Christian faith;... who in the legislatures would defend those who have been wronged, who would courageously and wisely demand national rights, and who would set themselves to work for the rights of our holy Catholic Church".

His teachings are valid for us today. He observed that the main threat to our Ukrainian society and to Christian values were both external and internal. He wrote about the oppression of atheistic communism, anti-Ukrainian sentiment in the Polish state, and the horrific impact of German occupation. Metropolitan Andrew also looked at the internal life of the Ukrainian community. Two things were of the greatest importance. They were social solidarity and respect for human life.

Metropolitan Sheptytsky felt that one of the main obstacles to unity among



Photo: St. Sophia Association

Ukrainians was "hot-headed patriotism", or intolerance of political views other than one's own. He was worried that this would undermine Ukrainian efforts at building a nation. He directed a lot of efforts towards a program of religious reconciliation between the Greek Catholics and the Orthodox. He believed that religious disunity was against the law of love.

The second thing of great importance to

Sheptytsky was the protection of human life. In June, 1942, he wrote the pastoral letter, "On Christian Mercy". He said that "the Christian act of mercy has a higher spiritual meaning; it is commanded by a higher, supernatural motive; it is illuminated by the light of Christian faith and divine grace". He was very concerned by the gap between the rich and the poor. There was widespread

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poverty and starvation. He urged people to be generous and merciful to the disadvantaged. He taught that the rich were entitled to their property. At the same time, they had a duty toward the poor out of fraternal love as Christians. Metropolitan Sheptytsky also wrote his best known pastoral letter, "Thou Shall Not Kill". In it, he condemned the various forms of murder that had swept through the land, including genocide, political assassinations, and suicide. He taught that "real love includes all one's neighbors". He inspired many to assist in saving and hiding Jewish children and people in

various monasteries and homes, at great personal risk. Metropolitan Andrew affirmed for all of us the sacredness of the principle of respect for human life, even when facing adversity and death.

Are not these teachings advocated by Metropolitan Sheptytsky just as important for you and for me today – in Ukraine and here in our American society?

We need to rekindle our fervent love for God and for all of His creation. Love of one's neighbor and his or her betterment ought to be the goal of

each of us as followers of Jesus Christ. Let the Holy Spirit direct us to always respond with courage and steadfast faith when we are confronted with adversity. Let each of us speak boldly for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine suffering persecution and hostility. The protection of human life in the war torn areas of Ukraine deserve our greater attention. Our common good as a society must take precedence over individual preferences. We ought to strive for inclusiveness of all Ukrainians in our society. Tolerance of differences in views and faith ought not to be a source of

disunity amidst us. We need to reaffirm the sacredness of Ukrainian society in the active celebration of our rich spiritual traditions and our faith. God's grace will then be more fully present.

May God send the Holy Spirit upon all of us and enable us to give bold and courageous witness for the advancement of Ukraine, in the footsteps of the Servant of God, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky.

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Ukraine chief rabbi names two things one needs to learn from Andrey Sheptytsky

2 November 2015

The grandeur and unique personality of Metropolitan Sheptytsky is an example of the full and generous service to not only the Ukrainian people, not only to the parishioners of his church, but to all mankind. Chief Rabbi of Ukraine Yaakov Dov Bleich was

reported as saying this on November 1 at the National Opera of Ukraine during the solemn academy dedicated to the 150th anniversary of Metropolitan Sheptytsky.

"Metropolitan Andrey is a man of peace. He advocated the cooperation of all denominations and faiths. He did not

divide people either by nationality or by religion. On these principles the outstanding figure of the twentieth century built his approach to life, religion, culture and education, full of boundless courage and boldness in evil and tragic times for all mankind. The UGCC head treated other faiths with dignity," the rabbi said.

The spokesman said that Metropolitan Sheptytsky knew Hebrew and Yiddish. He maintained friendly relations with the religious Jewish communities. "Before the holidays Metropolitan always sent greetings to Jewish communities in Hebrew. In addition, he sent money to Jewish

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communities on gifts for the poor on holidays. When Metropolitan Andrey came to any Galician city or town, he was solemnly greeted by the Ukrainian community along with a priest, a rabbi, and a chairman of the Jewish community, who took a Torah scroll for the meeting with Metropolitan. During the German occupation Sheptytsky was half-paralyzed, but not only spoke on behalf of his Church against the German and Russian policy, but also led the campaign entitled "Moral Sympathy" and rescue the Jews from extermination," said the spiritual mentor of the Ukrainian Jews.

The rabbi said that the actions of Metropolitan Andrey always led people to love and honesty. "And this is," he continued, "probably the reason why Metropolitan Andrey won the respect of all nations. Metropolitan Sheptytsky is an example of love for his people, an example of desire for the unity of all the Churches, religions and nations and a model of conduct for modern citizens, especially young people. During the Second World War, Metropolitan Andrey not only saved hundreds of Jewish families through his own efforts from looming death, but united believers and clergy to help Jews."

The rabbi said that at the Metropolitan's initiative a group of individuals was organized that included the priests and monks involved in the organization of harboring Jews. "We say: the leader who is followed is a good leader, a leader who educates leaders is a great leader. The actions and activities of Metropolitan are taken over, the talented public and religious figures are being brought up on his example. Dignity and integrity of Metropolitan Andrey is always there with us," Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich said.

What can we learn from this great man? "I think we can learn two

important things in life ... First of all, do not ask what the country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country. ... When Moses spoke to the Jews, he said: I stand between you and God. Our sages say the word "I" stands between us and God. Whenever men can take away from the "I" their interests and think of the interests of God, the interests of the people, the interests of neighbors, then we know that we are closer to God," the rabbi said. It was reported by the UGCC Information Department.

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Fr. Alexander Wroblicky and Father Joseph Matlak Ordination to the Priesthood

On October 1, 2015 Fr. Alexander Wroblicky and Fr. Joseph Matlak were ordained by Most Reverend Bohdan J. Danylo to the Holy Priesthood at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Parma, OH.

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The Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma holds its annual Fall Youth Retreat

Over 50 youth, young adult leaders, volunteers and clergy from the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and beyond gathered together on October 10-11 at the "Trinity Acres" in Collier Township, Pennsylvania for the annual Fall Youth Retreat.

The theme of this year's retreat was "Prepare the Way of the Lord." The retreat's participants welcomed with warm hearts a special guest in their midst – Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, who was able to be with them both Saturday and Sunday and who presided over the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at the conclusion of the retreat.

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