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McAdoo Parishioners Retrace Ancestors' Journey to Worship

McAdoo, Pa.-- One hundred twenty-five years ago, the faithful in McAdoo had to walk 16 miles in order to worship in Shenandoah, the first Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in America.

Carrying their Sunday shoes through snow, mud and all kinds of weather, they would listen for the church bells to herald their arrival in Shenandoah each week during the 32-mile round trip.

On Saturday, September 17, 2016, the faithful

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A photo from the beginning of the Tribute Walk at Patronage of the Mother of God (St. Mary's) Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo. (Photo submitted by Connie Postupack)

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of Patronage of the Mother of God "St. Mary's" Ukrainian Catholic Church in McAdoo decided to commemorate the occasion by "literally walking in the footsteps of their ancestors."

A wooden cross was used to lead the 16 mile procession. This cross was believed to be used by parishioners who walked each week from McAdoo to services at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah.



(Photo: Sandy Minarchick-Duda)



The procession began at 7 a.m. in McAdoo, traversing the hills and valleys between McAdoo and Shenandoah, taking a brief pit stop in Mahanoy City along the route.

Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, pastor of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church of Shenandoah, greeted the pilgrims as they arrived at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Shenandoah.

Adapted from an article by Rachel Holly-Hazleton Standard Speaker and posts on the McAdoo parish Facebook page.

Msgr. Grabowsky greets McAdoo Parishioners when they arrived at St. Michael's in Shenandoah. (Photo: Sandy Minarchick-Duda)

A Reflection about the McAdoo Tribute Walk

Our Tribute Walk on Saturday September 17th started with a purpose- to remember what happened 125 years ago when there wasn't a Church in McAdoo. Today, we drive from miles away, some of us an hour or more a few times a month- because it feels like home.

By 11 Am, some of us were beginning to wonder how they made this trek every Sunday... questions arose- "after Liturgy did they begin the walk back?" "Did they stay and have dinner with friends then begin the walk back?" Suddenly we realized we were not only walking but we were putting ourselves in their shoes. We were carrying the same cross they carried (not confirmed as little history is written), we also carried a pair of shoes as they did so they were presenting themselves to God in their best.

Our Church bell rang 3 times after our priest Fr Melnic gave us his blessing, and then as we passed the home it was stored in until the Church was built the single bell rang for a full minute. Nick Postupack the youngest at 8 years old, finished ringing the bell and ran for 7 blocks to catch up with the rest of us. Sherry, Nick's mother walked all 16 miles, said "We don't have anything like this in our family so I do find it interesting on what they did years ago. It's something I can pass onto Nick."

Walkers came from all over Schuylkill County and not all were Ukrainian. Richie Garzio, Jim Dougherty married into the church, Connie (Matweecha), and Joanne (Postupack) respectively, Ron Mileski is Polish. The Spotts family from Frackville. They don't have any direct relationship to an original founder or pioneer of St. Mary's, but chose to walk with us as did 2 women from Mahanoy City. We thank them publicly for their belief and their faith in what this event meant.

The 16 mile walk was hard, it was beautiful, it was respected by those we saw along the way- St Michael's Church bells rang with joy, they picked up where St Mary's quiet bell left off. There was happiness once we reached the Church, our legs no longer ached, and blisters were ignored. Fr. Grabowsky greeted us with a smile and simple speech about what we had just accomplished and we placed a pair of shoes on the top step of St Michael's in memory for our Pioneers, and Founders.

Connie Postupack, Organizer of Tribute Walk



A photo during the 16 mile walk to Shenandoah. (Photo: Sandy Minarchick-Duda)

85th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

This year's 85th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016 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 "Mother of Mercy."

The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am by Bishop John Bura and accompanying hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be Very Rev. Archpriest Mykhailo Kuzma from the Chicago Eparchy. Responses at the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be sung by the choir from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Trenton, NJ. 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 prayers and programs for the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis I as well as programs for children and teens!

For further information, please call 215-379-3998 ext. 17 or visit the Sister's website at www.stbasils.com or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Sisters-of-the-Order-of-St-Basil-the-Great-Jenkintown-PA-280623061977867/>



SISTERS OF THE ORDER OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

Fox Chase Manor, PA

Pilgrimage to the Mother of God

October 2, 2016

Special Features

Basilian Spirituality Center

- Vocation Presentation and Display Rev. Paul Makar
Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM
- Children's Program: Ages 8-13
- Documentary on the Life and Times of
His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar Maria Rypan

Holy Trinity Chapel

- Enter the Holy Doors for a special indulgence
- Bishop, Martyr and Confessor Mykola Charnetskyi:
Icon and Relic for Veneration
- Rosary Mothers in Prayer

Preview - Sisters of St. Basil Heritage Room

Come join us in prayer

Watch episodes from the documentary of His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, afternoon at the 85th Pilgrimage of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great

710 Fox Chase Road,
Fox Chase Manor
(Philadelphia), PA 19046

NEW!! An epic 6-part documentary of His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar's memories and profound observations extensively illustrated with archival footage. This documentary masterfully presents the emeritus leader's quest to be a Human Being against the turbulent history of Ukraine and Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church's past and in this century.

Cardinal Lubomyr's life story mirrors many segments of the lives of many Ukrainians.

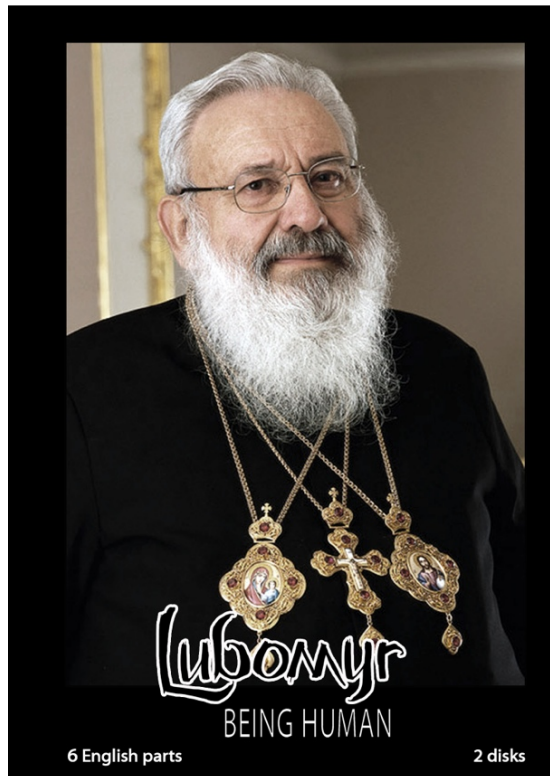
"I've pointed to his intelligence, his deep understanding arising from his Eastern background of the proper ecclesiological relationship between unity and diversity, his humanity, and his spirituality." — John Allen Jr.

Complimentary viewing by Screen Media Ukraine. DVDs will be available for purchase.

Lubomyr – Being Human

An epic collection: His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar's memories and impressions of his youth during turbulent times, his profound observations about human values and society's ideals throughout this era, incorporating the history of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church which survived both in the underground and in exile.

His Beatitude Lubomyr's life story mirrors many segments of the life of many Ukrainians.



1 – Introduction – from Maidan back to childhood in Lviv – a heroic human, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky – WW II bombing begins – through 1944

2 – Fleeing Ukraine – as a youth in Austria – PLAST scouting – displaced persons camps – immigration to USA – Stamford seminary – Washington – ordination – Soyuzivka – first parish in Kerhonkson, NY – through 1969

3 – Rome – Doctoral studies – becoming a monk – Metten, Bavaria – Cold War – underground church – Patriarch Josyf Slipyj – Studites – through 1975

4 – Secret ordination as bishop – leading the Studite monks – UGCC in exile – St. Sophia Religious Assoc. – return to Ukraine (Slavsk) – freedom for Ukraine – through 1991

5 – Kolodiivka – Lviv Theological Seminary – rebirth of the UGCC – Exarch of Kyiv-Vyshhorod in 1996 – assistant to Patriarch Myroslav Lubachivsky – elected Major Archbishop – appointed a Cardinal – Pope John Paul II in Ukraine – through 2001

6 – Moving the seat to Kyiv – building the Resurrection of Christ cathedral – interfaith and international diplomacy – retired in 2011 – His Beatitude Svyatoslav as successor to the spiritual Father of the UGCC

Director OLENA MOSHINSKA • Producer PAVLO KAZANTSEV
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English voiced-over documentary in 6 – 30 min. parts. DVD for North American standard Made in Canada

*Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
Eighty-fifth Annual Pilgrimage*

Sunday, October 2, 2016

*“Mother of Mercy”
Celebrating a Year of Mercy as proclaimed by Pope Francis*

9 am - 11 am	Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession)		<i>Monastery Grounds</i>
10 am	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel - silent prayer site</i> <i>Holy Trinity Chapel Doors - designated as a Holy Door During the Year of Mercy</i>		
10:30 am	Rosary	Mothers in Prayer	<i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i>
11 am	Procession		<i>From Basilian Spirituality Center</i>
	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)		<i>Faculty House Auditorium</i>
	Celebrant:	Most Rev. John Bura Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the United States	
	Homilist:	Very Rev. Archpriest Mykhailo Kuzma Eparchy of Chicago	
	Choir:	St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Trenton, NJ	
1:30 pm - 5 pm	Food Service	Featuring Ukrainian Cuisine	<i>Food Court Parking Lot</i>
	Special Vocation Presentation and display - Rev. Paul Makar		<i>Basilian Spirituality Center</i>
3 pm – 3:45 pm	Rosary	Mothers in Prayer	<i>Shrine: Our Lady of Pochayiv</i>
3:45 pm	Blessing of Religious Articles		<i>Shrine: Our Lady of Pochayiv</i>
4 pm - 5 pm	Moleben (Bilingual)	<i>Special Year of Mercy Blessing and anointing</i>	
	Celebrant:	Ukrainian Bishops and Concelebrating Clergy	
	Homilist:	Very Rev. Archpriest Mykhailo Kuzma	
	Choir:	St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church Trenton, NJ	
5 pm	Blessing of Cars and Buses		<i>Parking Lot</i>

THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God on October 1st. Through this feast we celebrate the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the tenth century. The account of this appearance is found in the life of St. Andrew, known as the Fool for Christ. During services in the Church of Blachernes, St. Andrew and his disciple, St. Epiphanius, saw the Mother of God approach the ambo. She was supported by St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, and accompanied by many Saints. Here She knelt in prayer, Her face bathed in tears. After praying again at the altar, She took Her veil and extended it over the people as a sign of Her protection.

On the Icon, the Mother of God is seen standing above the faithful. Her arms, outstretched in prayer, are draped with a veil. Angels are pictured on both sides. St. Andrew and St. Epiphanius are shown on the lower right of our Icon. St. Andrew, dressed only in a cloak, gestures toward the Mother of God. St. Epiphanius, wearing a tunic under his cloak, gestures in astonishment at the miraculous appearance.



In the center of the Church, a young man with a halo, clothed in a deacon's sticharion, is holding in his left hand an open scroll with the text of the Christmas Kontakion in honor of the Mother of God. He is St. Romanos the Melodist, the famous hymnographer whose feast is also celebrated on October 1st.

There are many variations of the icon of this event. In some icons of this mystery, the Virgin is shown alone without any of the other figures associated with the original vision. This highlights the truth that the Mother of God is the "Never-failing Protectress" of all Christians, our ever-present Advocate with the Creator. This Icon tells us that we are not alone. We live in the presence of the Mother of God. She is our Protectress.

TROPARION — Protected by Your coming, O Mother of God, well-believing people solemnly celebrate today; and gazing upon Your immaculate image, they humbly say: "Watch over us with Your noble protection and deliver us from all evil by asking Your Son, Christ our God, to save our souls."

God-with-Us Icon Series

Sayre, PA parish celebrates 105th Anniversary



Sayre, PA - Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka from Philadelphia (center) is pictured with Divine Liturgy con-celebrants Father John Seniw (left) Dean of the Scranton Ukrainian Deanery and Father Teodor Czabala, Jr., (right) pastor of the Ascension of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Sayre. The trio, along with Deacon John Hobczuk (2nd from right) participated in the liturgy in celebration of the church's 105th Anniversary on Sunday, September 18, 2016. Following the Divine Liturgy, all participants were entertained by Ukrainian dancers during a special dinner at the Sayre Best Western.

The entire celebration was originally scheduled for September of 2011, but was postponed due to the massive flood that hit the Valley early that month. The Ascension parish was instrumental in responding to the flood and its victims, allowing extensive use of its church basement, rectory, convent and community center. After assisting for three and half years of flood recovery efforts, the parish began once again planning for Sunday's anniversary celebration.



Open House at St. Basil Academy in Jenkintown

Saint Basil Academy, an all-girls college preparatory high school in Jenkintown, PA, directed by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, is already hosting shadow days for students interested in SBA for their high school experience. We particularly invite girls with Ukrainian ancestry to take a look at this academically strong school as a second home that can also give the opportunity to experience a sense of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Ukrainian history and culture.

Last year's highlight of such experiences were the art students' venture into writing icons, enabled with a generous grant from the Ukrainian Community Foundation and Sister Susanne Matwiyiw's skillful guidance. These icons became the focal point of a Saint Basil Academy art exhibit in April at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center. The exhibit opened with a concert by SBA students, and a reception with opportunity to mingle and take in many artistic works by students of Saint Basil Academy.

The above grant also allowed two grades

of students to visit the Ukrainian Museum in New York, giving them an introduction to the work of talented Ukrainian artists, as well as gaining a sense of the immigration process of many years ago by visiting the Ellis Island Museum. New project proposals are already prepared by principal Gwen Cote, a strong supporter of remembering the Ukrainian roots of Saint Basil Academy, both in the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Ukrainian culture.

Incoming students of Ukrainian descent who are active members of the Ukrainian community will be able to apply for a Ukrainian ancestry scholarship.

Please call assistant principal Lesia Penkalskyj for more information at 215-885-3771 ext. 113.

Saint Basil Academy's strong academic program gives students opportunities to develop diverse talents, not only the previously-mentioned artistic talents, but those in the sciences, writing and humanities, mathematics, athletics, and leadership. Students are encouraged to attend leadership conferences,



participate in science competitions, reading Olympics, All-Catholic music, and to participate in many strong athletic teams. Dual enrollment opportunities with Manor College will give students added advanced course possibilities. Such opportunities led the 2016 graduating class to be awarded over 11 million dollars in merit scholarships to colleges and universities.

Discover more about SBA traditions and innovations by visiting the school on Sunday, October 9, 2016, from 12:00 noon to 3:00, when Saint Basil Academy will open her doors to prospective students and their families. Girls currently in the eighth grade, as well as 7th, 6th, and even younger, are invited to meet the faculty, administration, current students, and

parents, to see what the "Basil spirit" is all about. The Academy is located at 711 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA.

The Entrance/Scholarship test for the class of 2021 will be administered to 8th grade students on Saturday, October 29, and Saturday, November 5, from 8:00 am to noon. Mrs. Kimberley Clearkin, Admission Director, may be reached at 215-885-3771 ext. 125 or kclearkin@stbasilacademy.org to provide more information about registering for the entrance test and applying for scholarships and financial assistance. Also please visit our website, www.stbasilacademy.org to get to know our school.

Submitted by Lesia Penkalskyj



you belong here...



Saint Basil Academy

ENTRANCE/SCHOLARSHIP TEST DATES

October 29, 2016 & November 5, 2016

711 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046 • 215.885.3771 • www.stbasilacademy.org • admissions@stbasilacademy.org

Open House

12-3pm

October 9, 2016

Start of School Year - Perth Amboy, NJ

The vision of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops over a half century ago led to the establishment of Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy NJ that currently is the largest elementary Ukrainian Catholic School in America. Over the years, thousands of students have called the school their second home and with their parents, created many positive memories. Among the many gratifying moments are when alumni return to register their own children to give them the Assumption Catholic experience. On September 6, 2016 for the 54th time the ACS was excited to welcome back returning and many new students.



ACS is a small parochial school administered by the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. AdvancEd accredited, the school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of pre-kindergarten (age 4) through 8th-grade students. Before Care and After Care are available. To receive more information about the school, call 732-826-8721 or visit www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net

UKRAINE

Foreign Policy & Humanitarian Efforts

Join us to hear vital dialogue about American and Ukrainian relations and to be encouraged by the community engagement that is taking place right now at Manor College to help our friends in Ukraine.

OCTOBER 6, 2016

MANOR COLLEGE, 700 FOX CHASE RD. JENKINTOWN, PA 19046

UKRAINE NETWORKING LUNCHEON STARTS AT 12PM • \$20

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To register online visit: MANOR.EDU/UKR

To register via phone call: (215) 885-2360 ext. 230

Confirmed Speakers:



U.S. Congressman **Michael Fitzpatrick**, Co-Chair Ukraine Caucus



U.S. Congressman **Brendan Boyle**, Member, Ukraine Caucus



Larissa Kyj, Ph.D. President, United Ukrainian American Relief Committee



Hon. Roman Popadiuk, First Ambassador of the U.S. to Ukraine



Hon. Yuriy A. Sergeyev, Former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine, and Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations



Walter Zaryckyj, Ph.D., Executive Director, Center for U.S. / Ukrainian Relations



Moderator: Andrey Artemenko, Member, Verkhovna Rada

PRESENTED BY:



**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY
OF PHILADELPHIA**

For your information, we are listing the dates of some major upcoming events.

- October 2nd, 2016** “Mother of Mercy” Annual Archeparchial Pilgrimage
Passing via the “Doors of Mercy” at Holy Trinity Chapel
Order of Saint Basil the Great Monastery, Fox Chase, PA.
- October 2nd, 2016** 125th Anniversary Celebrations of Patronage of Mother of God
Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo, PA; Divine Liturgy at 1:00 pm.
- October 9th, 2016** 100th Anniversary Celebrations of Assumption of
Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church,
Bayonne, NJ; Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am.
- October 16th, 2016** Archeparchial Marriage Anniversary Celebration
Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.
- October 30th, 2016** Commemorating Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky,
OSBM, first Bishop for Eastern Catholics in America.
Vespers and Memorial Prayers at 3:00 pm at Ukrainian
Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception,
Philadelphia, PA
Opening and Blessing of re-located ‘Treasury of Faith’
Ukrainian Catholic Museum in testimony to first bishop.
- November 6th, 2016** Celebrating 95th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist
Ukrainian Catholic Church and 10th Anniversary of
Ukrainian Cultural Center, Whippany, NJ.
- November 9, 10, 2016** Archeparchial Clergy Conference, Washington, D.C.
Celebrating 75th Anniversary of Founding of our
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary.
Conference Program involving academic program shared with The
Catholic University of America.
- November 13th, 2016** Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Ukrainian Catholic
National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, D.C.
Celebrating with gratitude the 75th Anniversary of
Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Washington, DC
- December 9th, 2016** Feast of Conception of St. Anne. Annual Divine Liturgy of
Thanksgiving for all Benefactors of Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy
of Philadelphia, 9:00 am at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.

FESTIVAL AT THE UKRAINIAN HOMESTEAD OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE REBIRTH OF UKRAINE (ODWU)

Lehighton, Pa. – On August 20th and 21st, 2016, a two-day festival for the 25th Anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine was held at the Ukrainian Homestead at Beaver Run Road.

Ulana Prociuk, organizer of the Festival, asked the Ukrainian-American Veterans Jack Palance Post 42 to come on stage during the singing of the American and Ukrainian national anthems. Alexander Prociuk, head of the Central Executive Committee of ODWU greeted all those in attendance. Performances included the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, which performed the traditional opening “Welcome Dance”, the Nadiya Song and Dance Ensemble, the Ukrainian Folk Dancers from St. Mary’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Allentown, Pa., violinist Inessa Tymochko-Dekajlo of Lviv, Ukraine; and songs by the Dobriansky Brothers, Liudmilla Joy, and Volodymyr Holoviyak and Ihor Dekajlo. The stage performance was followed in the evening by dancing to the tunes of the Volodymyr Suzonenka Orchestra. The Festival ended with the traditional Ukrainian dance – Hopak.

Besides the cultural performances throughout the Festival, on Sunday, August 21st, a Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Bishop John Bura, Auxiliary of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Fr. Volodymyr Baran, pastor of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Palmerton, Pa. concelebrated the Liturgy.

Each year, on the third weekend in August, the homestead attracts thousands of visitors to its two-day cultural folk festival. The Festival features Ukrainian dance ensembles, singers, musicians, arts and crafts vendors.

Everyone is invited to next year’s Festival to be held August 19th and 20th, 2017.



Greeting



Bishop John Bura offers the homily





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DEATH NOTICE

Sr. Antonia Kudlick, M.S.M.G.



Sister Antonia Ann Kudlick, 85, was a Missionary Sister of Mother of God for 65 years. She peacefully fell asleep in the Lord at Rosary Hill Hospice, Hawthorne, NY on Thursday morning, September 8, 2016; the liturgical Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God.

Born on February 19, 1931 in Syracuse, NY, she was the youngest child of the late Andrew and Tekla Kudlick. The family belonged to the local Ukrainian Catholic Parish of St. John the Baptist.

Sr. Antonia entered the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Mother of God on June 30, 1951, and professed her Final Vows on January 1, 1960. She obtained her bachelor's degree from the College of New Rochelle and took graduate courses at Fordham University. She taught at the high school of Mother of God Academy in Stamford, CT for over 25 years.

As a Missionary Sister, she lived a full and active religious life: conducting catechism classes, baking altar bread, teaching liturgical music, helping at St. Ann's nursery school, and serving as community sacristan and council secretary. For many years, until her death, she had the responsibility of House Superior at the Stamford convent. Sister Antonia will be remembered for her sweet voice and gentle manner, and for always greeting everyone with a warm smile.

She was predeceased by her siblings, John (Olga) Krull, Mitzi (Helene) Krull, Joseph (Amelia), Michael (Helene), Helen Kudlick, Stephen (Joyce), and Mary (Stephen) Hofer. Sister Antonia is survived by many cherished nieces and nephews and their families.

On Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 24 Wenzel Terrace, Stamford CT 06902, a viewing was held at 8 AM, followed by a Requiem Divine Liturgy at 10 AM. Burial service was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery, Langhorne, PA. The Burial service at the cemetery was offered by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Rev. Roman Petryshak.



Photo: Burial at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery, Langhorne, PA

"FREEDOM OR DEATH" - Film Screening at Perth Amboy

On September 11, 2016 Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth-Amboy (New Jersey) and 135 Branch of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNWLA) helped the American filmmaker Damian Kolodiy to present his recent film "Freedom or Death" at the Assumption parish. The documentary film "Freedom or Death" is about the events on the Maidan during the Revolution of Dignity. Damien ventures to the frontline of the rebels to explore its origins and its potential consequences for the people of Ukraine. This film documents the chronology of recent events, how peaceful pro European demonstrations have escalated into Ukraine's current military conflict with Russia. The film was well attended and the audience had the opportunity to ask the filmmaker many questions.



Catechetical Sunday at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia - September 18th



Fr. Roman Pitula, Fr. Roman Sverdan, Deacon Michael Waak, Altar Servers, Catechism Students and Catechism teachers Mother Evhenia, MSMG and Sister Timothea, MSMG at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy.

Catechetical Sunday in Shamokin, PA

On Catechetical Sunday, September 18, 2016, the parishioners of Transfiguration Of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shamokin, gathered together with the students, teachers and parents to pray for beginning of new Sunday School Year. Students received the blessing by Father Mykola as they embarked on their journey of faith.

Sr. Natalya presented the program "A safe place for our children" to the parents and parishioners at the end.

The parish was blessed with new families this year. Families with our youngest parishioners were able to gather and pray with us in the new Cry Room. A small reception followed.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross at St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ramsey, NJ

УКРАЇНЬСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА СВЯТОГО АПОСТОЛА ПАВЛА



*"Величаємо Тебе, життєдавче Христе,
і почитаємо Хрест Твій Чесний, що ним
Ти спас нас від неволі вражої"*



Воздвиження Чесного і Животворящого Хреста

*"Почитання святого Господнього хреста, — казав митрополит Андрей Шептицький у своєму посланні про святий хрест, — це одна з найважливіших сторінок почитання Бога-Чоловіка... Знак святого хреста, роблений на собі, це один з найстарших звичаїв християн".
Святий хрест — це вічно живий символ безконечної Божої любови до нас, грішних, символ Христової жертви, символ нашого відкуплення і спасення, символ Христової перемоги над смертю і дияволом. Віддаючи честь святому хресту, ми віддаємо честь Христовій жертві, мукам і смерті. Кладучи на собі знак святого хреста, ми кожного разу визнаємо свою віру в нашого Спасителя.*



Невелика парофія в Ремзі, невеличка, але рідна, наповнена Господньою благодаттю церквочка. Тут завжди легко і спокійно. Сьогодні прийшли скласти подяку Господу за наше спасіння, за щедрі ласки, якими Він нас обдаровує, хоч ми того не заслуговуємо, перепросити за Його страждання і поклонитися Його розп'яттю, Його Чесному і Животворящому Хресту.

Галина Галичук
Ramsey NJ

"Regular Bi-Weekly Pierogie Sales Are Back! Orders Now Being Accepted! Swarthmore, PA

The word is out! Freshly-made Potato/Cheese filled Pierogies are back at Holy Myrrh-Bearers Parish and you can get them for only \$9.00 per dozen.

Please place your order by calling our parish office at (610) 544-1215 or send us an email at HMBChurch@verizon.net. Please leave your name, phone #, and # of dozen requested. All pickups are made in the Parish Hall located at 900 Fairview Road in Swarthmore/Ridley Township. Pickups at other times arranged based on prior request.

REGISTRATION
SATURDAY AT 9:30

(ARRIVE EARLY TO
PRAY THE 3RD
HOUR AT 9:00)

**SLEEPING
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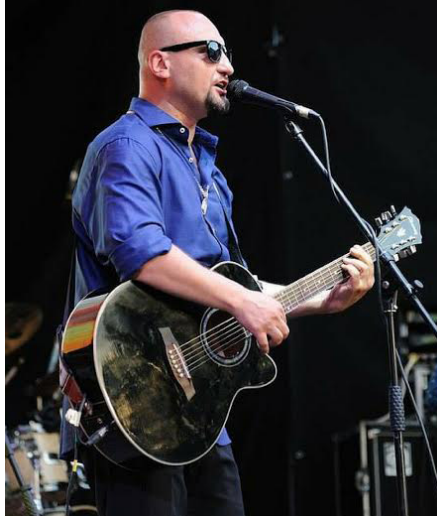
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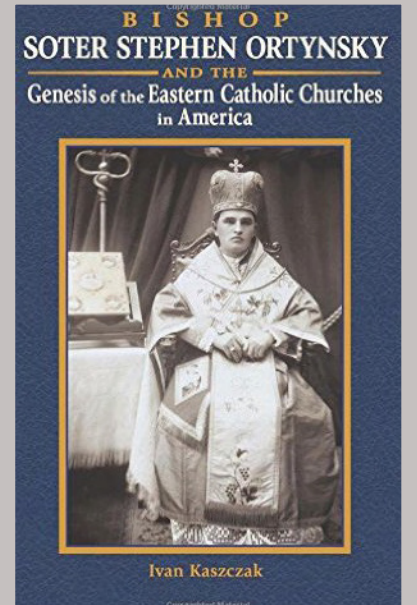
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will be held immediately thereafter in
testimony to Bishop Ortynsky.

Communique from the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church, Lviv-Briukhovychi, 4-11 September 2016



Members of the 2016 Synod of Bishops

From the 4th to the 11th of September 2016, the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church took place in the town of Briukhovychi near the city of Lviv. Taking part were 41 Bishops from Ukraine, countries of central and western Europe, North and South America and Australia.

The Synod began with the Divine Liturgy in the Arch Cathedral of St. George. At the close of the Divine Liturgy the Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, Bishop Bohdan (Dziurakh, CSsR) read

the decree regarding the convocation of the Synod and His Beatitude Sviatoslav solemnly declared the Synod open. Greetings were also addressed to those gathered by special guests: Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, the Papal Nuncio to Ukraine, and His Beatitude Patriarch Gregory III, the Head of the Melkite Greco-Catholic Church.

The original icon "The Door of Mercy" of the Most Holy Theotokos was exhibited in the Cathedral of St. George for public veneration. The Metropolitan of

Peremyshyl-Warsaw, Archbishop Eugene Popowicz brought the icon from the city of Jaroslaw, Poland for the occasion of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC. It is this very icon that, upon request of Pope Francis, was brought to be present for the solemn Mass at the opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in Rome.

On the evening of the same day that the Synod was opened, a Moleben' to the Holy Spirit was prayed and all members of the Synod made a solemn oath that was read by Bishop Basil

Losten – who, among all the bishops then present, was most senior according to episcopal consecration. After this, His Beatitude Patriarch Gregory III addressed the gathering with a fraternal message.

At the first plenary session on 5 September 2016, the Synod Fathers heard greetings from a number of invited guests, including: Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, the Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine; Bishop Leon Malyj, representing the Roman Catholic Bishops

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Conference in Ukraine; His Eminence Dymytriy (Rudok), the Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan of Lviv & Sokal for the Kyivan Patriarchate; Ihumen Markian Kayumov representing Bishop Filaret of Lviv and Halych for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Father Vasyl' Hovera, who is the Apostolic Delegate for Ukrainian Catholics in Kazakhstan and Central Asian Countries, read a letter of greeting from the Kazakhstan Bishops Conference. Archimandrite Sergius Gayek, the Apostolic Visitor for Byzantine Catholics in Belarus also delivered a message in Belarusian.

Also among the special guests invited to the Synod were: the Auxiliary-Bishop of the Eparchy of Mukachevo Bishop Nil (Lushchak); the Vicar for Ukrainian Catholics in Rumania, Father Michael Dubovych; and Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt for the Syro-Malabar Church in India who spoke about 'diakonia' in his own sui iuris church.

The Head of the UGCC then delivered a report to the Synod in which

he characterized the past year as a period of realizing the decisions of the Patriarchal Council (Sobor) that took place in the city of Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. His Beatitude Sviatoslav summarized the results of the post-conciliar conferences that took place in all the eparchies and noted that their positive results were noticeable. This was also a year of continued implementation of the strategy for development of the UGCC to the year 2020, "The Vibrant Parish – The Place to Encounter the Living Christ".

Social service in the UGCC was the principal theme of the Synod. In presenting this theme, the main speaker was Fr. Andrew Nahirnjak together with other experts - Ksenia Hapij; Gregory Seleshchuk; and Andriy Waskowycz. They explained that serving one's neighbour is one of the priorities of the strategy for the growth of the Church. Social service is an expression of the diaconal nature of the Church being part of its triune mission to Proclaim the Good News, Sanctify and

Serve.

The Synod heard the report of the Secretary of the Synod and Administrator of the Patriarchal Curia, Bishop Bohdan (Dziurakh, CSsR) who spoke of the activity of the Patriarchal Curia over the past year. The heads of other Synodal committees and departments also gave reports. The progress in the realization of the Vision 2020 program was also reviewed, as was the development of military chaplaincy. The Bishops were also updated on the present situation with the building of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ and the Patriarchal Centre – both in Kyiv.

The Synod gave their approval to a number of regulations, statutes and internal documents of the Synod that were prepared by the Secretariat of the Synod and the Canonical Department of the Patriarchal Curia. The Synod Fathers also considered questions of personnel.

The Synod decided to approve the celebration

of the following anniversaries on the level of the entire Church - the 400th Anniversary of the Basilian Order, the 380th Anniversary since the death of Metropolitan Veliamyn Rutsyk; the 150th Anniversary of the Canonization of the Hieromartyr St. Josaphat Kuntsevych and the 125th Anniversary since the birth of Patriarch Joseph Slipyj.

On Wednesday, September 7th, the members of the Synod, led by Most Blessed Sviatoslav, prayed a panakhyda (memorial service) at Lviv's Lychakiv Cemetery for the soldiers that died in eastern Ukraine defending the country's independence and territorial integrity. Many families of those killed participated in the prayer and, together with the bishops, they placed candles on the soldiers' graves. After the formalities, the bishops met freely with the relatives of the fallen heroes.

Every day Rev. Dr. Myroslaw Tataryn from Canada preached a

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sermon at the Divine Liturgy. One entire day of the Synod was designated as a day of spiritual renewal. The Bishops made a pilgrimage to the city of Peremyshlyany where the Priest and Martyr, Blessed Omelian Kovch once served in the church of St. Nicholas; and they continued on to the [Studite] Holy Dormition Monastery at the village of Univ. Along the way, Father Myroslav led the bishops with spiritual talks.

The Fathers of the Synod sent messages

of greeting to the Holy Father Pope Francis; to the President of Ukraine; to the Prime Minister of Ukraine; to the Speaker of Ukraine's Parliament - the Supreme Council; to the Oecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, to the President of the Roman Catholic Bishops Conference of Ukraine; to Heads of the Patriarchal Eastern Catholic Churches; to the Primates of the Orthodox Churches; and to others.

On Saturday, September 10th, the Divine Liturgy and a panakhyda

were offered for the deceased hierarchs of the UGCC. On that day, in the Cathedral of Saint George, the members of the Synod participated in a Moleben' to God's Mercy, and then took part in a prayerful procession with the "Door of Mercy" icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. They made their way to the newly-built church of Holy Sophia – the Wisdom of God located at the Ukrainian Catholic University. On the next day, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, together with all the Bishops, consecrated the new

church.

It was decided that the next Synod of Bishops of the UGCC would take place 3-12 September 2017 A.D. in the city of Lviv-Briukhovychi, and the principal theme will be the liturgical and prayer life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

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Main areas of church social ministry presented to UGCC Synod of Bishops

6 September 2016

Social ministry includes not only ongoing practical activities. It has an impact on the liturgy, catechesis, ecumenism development and so on. Social ministry permeates various sectors of the Church and is an integral part of nature.

Fr Andriy Nahirnyak, Chairman of the Department for Social Affairs of the UGCC,

was reported as saying this during the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC. At the Synod, Father Andriy made a report themed "Social ministry of UGCC: current situation - problems and prospects."

Alongside with the experts, the priest presented the main areas of social service, performed in the Church: serving children, orphans, families, the

elderly, prisoners, victims of war and so on. "We presented our entities that carry out social activities both church wide and on the level of religious orders and congregations, dioceses, through CF "Caritas" and lay organizations," he said.

"We reported on the working group's activity for the implementation of the program "Vibrant parish as a place to

meet the living Christ, "which met with the social workers to learn about their opinions on the problems and challenges," Fr. Andriy said.

The Synod presented the results of social ministry in the parishes of the UGCC. "According to these data, currently the state of Social ministry of the UGCC is not

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satisfactory. Only three percent of parishes serve the disabled, only four feed the needy. The most successful is the aid to patients - 30 percent of parishes, collecting clothing and food - 47 percent of parishes," stated the chairman of

the Department of Social Affairs of the UGCC.

According to Fr. Andriy, the data reveals us the challenges facing the Church. "This is the issue of education because we do not know a lot about social ministry.

We need to extend the range of Social ministry and quality, and introduce its institutional development," he summed up. It was reported by the Information Department of the UGCC.

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Patriarch of Melkite Greek Catholic Church voices proposals for UGCC

5 September 2016

His Beatitude Gregory III, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, Alexandria and Jerusalem of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, in his speech to the Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which is now ongoing in Bryukhovychi, proposed steps how to "strengthen our unity, our communion of the Church."

Patriarch Gregory III considers his "synodal" visit a blessing for both Churches.

Patriarch voiced actual proposals, "which resonate with the Special Assembly for the Middle East of the Synod of Bishops of the Catholic Church regarding

communion and witness of the Church in the Middle East."

The first thing that the Patriarch offers to Ukrainian Greek Catholics is setting up a permanent body for working communication between the two churches that are the most numerous among the Greek Catholic Churches. Second - to work together on the establishment of the Assembly of the Greek Catholic Church, which could be very useful for the development of our churches within the communion with Rome. Third - to set up a joint commission to study the provisions of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (CCEC), which are important for our churches, including the

ecclesiology, rights of Patriarchs etc.

Regarding the fourth proposal, the Head of the Melkite Church said that he founded a large seminary in the Holy Land in Beit

Sahuri, near Bethlehem, that can accommodate 25 seminarians. "Today the Seminary is empty because I cannot send there the Arab seminarians. I can offer it for your Church's usage," Patriarch Gregory III suggests.

He also has proposed to work together on convening the Extraordinary Synod of the Greek Catholic



Churches to strengthen the role of churches in communion with Rome, to strengthen relations between our Churches and Rome, as well as with the Orthodox Churches.

The head of Melkite Church offers to form a commission of Eastern and Latin theologians, familiar with

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the Eastern tradition. The purpose of this commission is to explain the role of the Eastern Catholic Churches of the Byzantine Greek tradition, particularly in ecclesiastical terms, and their relationship with Rome as part of our full communion with the Church that "presides in charity."

In addition, the Patriarch has reported to the Synod of Bishops on the situation in Syria, where

the war is ongoing for six consequent years. "About one hundred and fifty churches have been destroyed or severely damaged. Thousands of homes have turned into ruins. About five hundred thousand of our faithful have been forced out of their homes, their villages. We are experiencing a real immigration tsunami that leaves in our communities no stone unturned... all Syrian citizens are going along this cross road," he said.

The distinguished guest noted that as pastors, they performed their work to the best of their ability. "The theme of this session of your Holy Synod is diakonia – the service to one another. The life of our patriarchal Church is an ongoing diakonia. We permanently care about making our diakonia consistent with the scope of the terrible tragedy of our people. We are knocking on all doors for help to provide

daily basic needs. We are rebuilding our churches, catechetical centers and war-torn premises for our faithful. However, poverty is a great disaster, which affects all," Patriarch Gregory III said. This was reported by the Information Department of the UGCC.

http://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/confessional/interchurch_relations/64395

The Resolutions of the Synod of UGCC, 2016

Friday, 16 September 2016

Glory be to the holy, consubstantial, life-giving and undivided Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and for the welfare of all entrusted to us God's people. Amen

With a mercy of God

And in a full communion with a Roman Holy See
Sviatoslav,

The main Archbishop of Kyiv-Galicia of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

To the most reverend and God-loving bishops, reverend spiritual fathers, very reverend monks and nuns and laity of a local Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Declare and announce

The resolutions of the Synod of Bishops of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
September 04-11, 2016, Lviv-Brukhovychi

1. Take into consideration a state of adopting resolutions of the Synod of Bishops of UGCC in 2015;
2. Take into consideration the reports of synodal committees.
3. In order to evoke an interest to the social ministering among faithful of UGCC and behave a virtue of sacrifice and mercy, to announce in UGCC:
 - a) Sunday of a Prodigal Son – Day of the extreme care for prisoners;
 - b) Sunday of Meatfare – Day of Social service and charity;
 - c) Restoring a tradition of Social days initiated by righteous Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky;

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- to organize days between Sundays, mentioned as previous points as Social days and be involved in intellectual and charitable activities at the parishes;
- d) Suggest valid bishops to collect money for social initiatives of parishes and eparchies in appropriate time.
4. To adopt a strategy of social service of UGCC.
5. For better coordination and development of social service in UGCC:
- a) create Department of UGCC Social service in Patriarchal Curia;
- b) ask Father and Head of UGCC to confirm the resolutions on this Department.
6. To charge Department of UGCC Social service with working out a Program of developing social service in UGCC.
7. To charge Department of UGCC social service in cooperation with Patriarchal commission on clergy together with Commission of recruitment and management of church educational institutions, especially seminaries to conduct the next activities:
- a) To analyze an experience of teaching pastoral theology and social doctrine of Church in educational institutions of UGCC and care about an improvement of programs on these disciplines in accordance with modern needs;
- b) To provide students with an opportunity to pass a practice on social serving in local organizations of "Caritas" or other similar church institutions and organizations;
- c) To use throughout an educational program adapted and published by Patriarchal curia structures methodological materials concerning different aspect of social serving;
- d) To adapt and set up educational programs of increasing professional skills for those who are responsible for social serving as well as for all priests;
- e) To direct students in obtaining high education in a field of social sphere at the educational institutions of Catholic Church abroad.
8. To anticipate on agenda consideration of specific questions relating to social servicing in UGCC.
9. To take into consideration a Report about an activity of Patriarchal curia of UGCC.
10. To take into consideration the results of reports on commissions' activity and departments of patriarchal level.
11. To approve a Report of a Working group from 2015-2016 about adopting a Strategy of developing UGCC till 2020.
12. To approve a report about building Patriarchal Center of UGCC in Kyiv.
13. To approve a Report about a judging process in UGCC.
14. To approve a Report of a Working group on adapting Particular law in UGCC and bless its further work.
15. To accept a Report of the Canonical Department of Patriarchal curia of UGCC about the analysis of legislative acts adopted by the Synod of Bishops of UGCC during 1992-2015.
16. To confirm a statute about bishop-emeritus.
17. To confirm a standard statute of UGCC Metropoly.
18. To elect Archbishop and Metropolitan of Lviv Ihor Vozniak a General supervisor of Department of justice.
19. To elect members of Synodal tribunal:
1. Most reverend bishop Yevhen Popovych;
2. Reverend bishop Teodor Martyniuk;
20. To elect members of special group of bishops to deal with recurrences directed against administrative decrees of Father and Head of UGCC:

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1. Reverend bishop Teodor Martyniuk;
 2. Most reverend bishop Ihor Vozniak;
 3. Reverend bishop Volodymyr Yushchak.
21. To adopt regulations about Secretariat of Synod of Bishops of UGCC.
 22. To elect reverend bishop Bohdan Dziurakh a Secretary of Synod of Bishops of UGCC for five years.
 23. To set out Rules of Synod of Bishops of UGCC for five years.
 24. To approve a regulations booklet of preparation and presentation the main theme of Synod of Bishops of UGCC.
 25. To take into consideration a message about conditions of pastoral care of our faithful in Spain and Italy.
 26. To charge Commission on Family Issues of Kyiv Galician Supreme Archdiocese of UGCC in cooperation with Patriarchal commission on clergy to work on the program of pastoral care for priests' families and formation of priests' wives.
 27. To take into consideration the process of preparing UGCC Youth Catechism.
 28. To sanctify all-Church celebrations the next year:
400th anniversary of reforming Basilian Order of Saint Josaphat; 380th anniversary of death of Metropolitan Josyf Veliamyn Rutsky and 150 years since saint Josaphat Kuntsevych canonization, and appoint reverend bishop Vasyl Tuchapec head of the organizing committee.
 29. For marking the 125th anniversary of birthday of confessor of the faith Josyf Slipyi:
 - a) To bless the all-Church celebration of this jubilee;
 - b) To set up a program of celebration;
 - c) To appoint reverend bishop Hlib Lonchyna head of the organizing committee of this celebration;
 - d) To entrust organizing committee to draw up a budget of planned events and submit it to Patriarchal Economics Department.
 30. To hold Synod of Bishops of UGCC on 3-12 of September, 2017.
 31. To hold Synod of Bishops of UGCC in Lviv-Brukhovychi.
 32. The main theme of the next Synod of Bishops of UGCC is to be taken "Liturgical and prayerful life of UGCC".
 33. To elect reverend bishop Venedykt Aleksiychuk be responsible for preparing the main theme of Synod of Bishops of UGCC, 2017.
 34. To approve a text of a Communiqué of the UGCC Synod of Bishops 2016.

+ Sviatoslav (Shevchuk)

The main Archbishop of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

+ Bohdan (Dzyurakh), The Secretary of the
UGCC Synod of Bishops

Given in Kyiv,
at Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
September 13, in the Year of Our Lord, 2016

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Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Consecrates Unique church of the Ukrainian Catholic University

12 September 2016

In Lviv on September 11, the Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, consecrated the unique, three-section University Church of the Holy Wisdom of God, which is located on the territory of UCU's new campus.

The University Church of the Holy Wisdom of God is a special shrine for Ukraine. It is three churches at once: The Crypt of the Lord's Tomb, the Lower Church of St. Clement I, Pope of Rome, and the main University Church of the Holy Wisdom of God with the pastoral center. The architecture of the church presents the main moments of salvation history and calls visitors to a pilgrimage through the sacraments to a joyful mission in the world. The ramps between the churches invite spiritual companions to a liturgical procession "from glory to glory." Because movement, a common pilgrimage, and solidarity are the visible alternatives to stagnation, theoretical abstraction, and individualistic alienation.



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"I think it is important that we ask ourselves to whom this church is dedicated, who is that wisdom which we want to worship in this holy church. If someone thinks that this wisdom is the capacity of you and me to be wise, he is mistaken. If someone thinks that this wisdom is the capacity of the human being to be wise, great, successful, modern and knowing, he is mistaken. For if we worship all these things, you and I would worship idols. And so we state, we emphasize, that this church is the Church of the Holy Wisdom of God," stated His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk during his sermon.

His hope for teachers and students is that this church will become the most important "classroom" of the university, in which great wisdom can be attained.

Also participating in the ceremonies connected with the consecration of the church were: Liliya Hrynevch, Ukraine's Minister of Education and Science; local officials Oleksandr Hanushchyn,



Head of the Lviv Regional Council, Lviv City Mayor Andriy Sadovyy, and Oleh Syniutka, Head of the Lviv Regional Administration; and also clergy of the UGCC, and teachers, students, and benefactors of UCU.

Liliya Hrynevych was a Senator of the university and commented on its rapid development.

"As Minister I want to testify that UCU is a leading institution in the non-government area which is both very popular and demanding. Young people with the highest entrance exam

scores come here. For us today this is a source of valuable ideas and academic honesty. I hope the university will flourish and I express great gratitude to all UCU's builders. For the university is marching ahead, a great future lies ahead. May the whole country experience the development of this university," added Liliya Hrynevych.

On the occasion of the celebration the Head of the UGCC thanked all who worked, dreamed of, and built this holy church. He expressed special gratitude to the President

of the University, Bishop Borys Gudziak, and the Rector of the University, Fr. Bohdan Prach, PhD. He also granted a patriarchal honor to the church's architect, Ivan Bereznicki.

On the occasion of the celebration the Patriarch of the UGCC also blessed commemorative markers of founders and benefactors who donated to the building of the church.

"May the All-Merciful Lord award you all for your dedicated

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Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Consecrates Unique church of the Ukrainian Catholic University

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work and spiritual accompaniment in the building of this church. I hope that you will continue and complete all further work so that the University Church of the Holy Wisdom of God becomes a reflection of God's glory here on earth. We pray that Our

Heavenly Father give us good health and plentiful spiritual gifts for the service of the Church and the Ukrainian people." So His Beatitude Sviatoslav thanked all who worked, dreamed of, and built this holy church.

According to the plan,

the University Church of the Holy Wisdom of God will become the spiritual core around which will revolve the academic and spiritual and liturgical life of the university. This is a unique church which is a symbol of unity and an incarnation of the

Wisdom of God.

Information of the Ukrainian Catholic University press-office.

http://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/community/temples_church_property

You will never be abandoned or forgotten by God – the UGCC Synod appealed to people who suffered from occupation and war

Wednesday, 14 September 2016

The hierarchs of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church have gathered at the annual synod and addressed the words of support and solidarity to the Ukrainian people, who for more than two years have been living in an undeclared but bloody and devastating war.

We wish to embrace with special attention and assurances of prayer those directly affected by war: combatants, wounded, families of the deceased and missing, those who have been forced to leave their homes, and those living under occupation and at the boundary line," goes

the Synod's message.

Appealing to the millions of Ukrainian, who were forced to leave their homes, the hierarchs note that "becoming exiles in their own land and having lost almost everything," they often feel forgotten, abandoned and helpless. "Believe, however, that you will never be abandoned or forgotten by God. He is with you in tough moments. You know that in our Church communities you can always find warm words of sympathy and brotherly support," the hierarchs assure the temporarily displaced persons.

The document says, "many of you have lost

families and friendships, which are difficult to replace. Experience shows that often the salvation is a religious or social community: they help not only to overcome financial difficulties, but do not despair. We encourage you to build new relationships of support and not be alone with the pain. For Christians, it can be parishes that are called to be "a meeting place with the living Christ."

Addressing those who take internally displaced persons, including helping them to find housing, work, arrange their household, return hope, the hierarchs thanked the people open their hearts and homes to "accept Christ

himself."

However, the hierarchs note that war have made evident not only evil, but goodness and sacrifice of our people. "We have witnessed the courage of thousands of men who rushed without hesitation to protect the country from the enemy, despite the fact that our country was not capable, especially at the beginning, to provide even basic military necessities. You, glorious our soldiers, have revealed a new meaning for all of us courage, loyalty and honor. As a church, while praying together "for all the host," we imagine

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your lightsome faces,” the hierarchs state.

The hierarchs extended special gratitude to volunteers who incessantly help those affected by war. “Sometimes it seems that part of the Ukrainian society has forgotten that the country is at war. But

you – soldiers, volunteers and internally displaced persons - you know that it lasts and continues to take away lives and destroy destiny. You are not alone! The mission of the Church was always in the service of the suffering. This vocation of the Church in Ukraine carry through the work

of chaplains, help the wounded, displaced and the families of the dead,” noted members of the Synod of the UGCC.

Source:RISU

http://news.ugcc.ua/en/news/you_will_never_be_abandoned_or_forgotten_by_god__

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President of Ukraine met with President of the United States

22 September 2016

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko has held negotiations with President of the United States Barack Obama.

“We had a long conversation with President of the United States Barack Obama. We had an opportunity to discuss further steps on the implementation of the Minsk agreements, resolute efforts on coordination of our actions aimed to create a "road map" of the implementation of these agreements, priorities of the Minsk agreements' security component, as well as location and date of the implementation of the political part of the Minsk process,” Petro Poroshenko informed journalists in New York.



The parties have also discussed the U.S. support for the Ukrainian reforms.

The Head of State also informed on a series of other meetings with the U.S. leadership - U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Petro Poroshenko reminded that Ukraine would receive USD 1 billion of loan guarantees.

<http://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/prezident-ukrayini-proviv-zustrich-iz-prezidentom-ssha-38259>

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