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Special Prayer Services in Honor of Bishop Soter Ortynsky, First Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in the U.S., will be held Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral

Philadelphia, Pa.-- On Sunday, October 30 at 3 p.m. a special moleben prayer and panakhida service in memory of the late Bishop Soter Ortynsky will be led by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka at the golden domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Archbishop Soroka will be joined in the prayer service by brother bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic, Byzantine Catholic and Latin Catholic Churches, together with the priests and deacons of the Philadelphia Archeparchy.

This year, 2016, the Ukrainian Catholic Church observes the 150th anniversary of his birth in 1866 and the centennial anniversary of his death in 1916.

The homilist for the services will be Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak. Father Kaszczak recently authored a book Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky: Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America, which recounts the struggles Bishop Ortynsky experienced as the first hierarch for Eastern Catholics in the United States in the



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The photo shows the Funeral Procession of Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky on Franklin Street in 1916. In the center of the photo is the open casket, preceded by a portrait of the late bishop. (Photo: Ledger Photo Patrol, "Public Ledger")

early twentieth century, before the canonical establishment of separate jurisdictions for Ukrainian Catholic and Byzantine Catholic Churches in the United States.

All the faithful are invited and encouraged to attend these services in honor of the first bishop to serve the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States.

After the services, all are invited for refreshments which will be served in the cathedral social hall.

Bishop Soter Stephen
OCTOBER 23, 2016

Ortynsky (1866-1916) was the first Bishop of all Eastern Catholics in the United States.

He was born in Ortynychi, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine on January 29, 1866. He made his vows with the Order of Saint Basil the Great on January 1, 1889 and on July 18, 1891 he was ordained a priest by Metropolitan of Lviv, Sylvester Sembratovych and celebrated his Liturgy of Thanksgiving at the Monastery Church in Dobromyl.

Pope Pius X appointed

him bishop for the Eastern Catholics in America and named him titular Bishop of Daulia on March 26, 1907

He was consecrated bishop on May 12, 1907 by Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, Bishop Constantine Chechovych and Bishop Gregory Chomyshyn in St. George's Cathedral, Lviv.

On May 28, 1913, the Apostolic See named Bishop Ortynsky as exarch, granting him full ordinary jurisdiction, making him independent

of the jurisdiction of every Latin diocese in the United States.

Bishop Ortynsky contracted pneumonia and died in Philadelphia on March 24, 1916. An estimated 10-15 thousand people attended his funeral. The celebrant was the Vicar General of the Philadelphia Eparchy, Very Rev. Aleksander Dzubay.

His body is buried in the crypt of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, Pa.

Saint Demetriy - October 26, 2016

Saint Demetriy lived long ago in the fourth century in Macedonia, Greece. His parents were good Christians and taught their son to love God and follow God's teachings. At that time, there were not very many Christians in that country. Often Christians had to keep secret their belief in the one, true God because the ruler of the country was a pagan. A pagan does not believe in one God. He falsely believes in many gods. Sometimes pagans feared that there would be too many Christians and therefore tried to force them to stop believing and loving God and keeping His Commandments by punishing, torturing and killing them.

Saint Demetriy grew up to be a handsome, wealthy, educated young man. The ruler, whose name was Maximian, ordered Demetriy to work for him by finding out which people were Christians and killing them. When word reached Maximian that Demetriy was not following these orders and that he himself was a Christian, the ruler became very angry. He had Demetriy put in prison. While Demetriy was in prison, he prayed to God. One

day an angel appeared before him. The angel comforted Demetriy; told him not to be afraid; and promised that he would soon be happy with God in heaven.

At this time, there lived a very strong, huge, giant-like man named Lee. Maximian used to force Christians to fight with this giant because he knew they would be killed. Lee was so strong that he could easily lift a man high up in the air and then fling him down on sharp spikes which had been laid, points up on the ground. And in this way, Lee killed many Christians.

Among the Christians was a young man named Nestor. He wanted to destroy Lee, but he could not because he was not strong enough. Nestor went to the prison where Demetriy was jailed. He asked Demetriy to pray to God for him and to bless him. Demetriy did so. Then Nestor went to fight Lee. Maximian and the other pagans laughed heartily when they saw Nestor because he appeared to be weak. How amazed they were when Nestor picked up Lee, lifted him high, and threw him onto the spikes, thus killing him.

The people realized that Nestor's strength came from God.

Maximian was very angry, and because he knew that God had heard Demetriy's prayer and had given Nestor the power to overcome Lee, he ordered both Nestor and Demetriy to be put to death. This happened on October 26 in the year 306.

The Christians buried Demetriy. They kept his coat and ring. Often when a person was sick, by touching this coat or ring, he became well again. In this way, God showed the Christians that He was pleased with Demetriy. Later on, a beautiful church was built at the place where Demetriy was buried. People came from far and wide to pray to God in this church and to ask Demetriy for God's blessing and help. Sometimes they prayed for good health, for protection from enemies, for relief from starvation.

Ukrainians have honored Saint Demetriy for hundreds and hundreds of years. Our Church has set aside October 26 as the day to particularly remember him. He is an example for each of



us. He loved God so much that no one could frighten him away from God. He knew that if he prayed earnestly, God would hear him. We are sometimes frightened. Sometimes others try to make us forget what God's Commandments tell us to do. Sometimes they laugh at us for trying to do the right thing. Let us then pray to God and ask for His blessing and help. Just as God heard Saint Demetriy's prayers, so He will hear ours.

Our Saints, MSMG

ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS

On October 16, 2016, the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, (Philadelphia, PA) honored Wedding Jubilarians of the Archeparchy.

The graced event began with an 11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, which was concelebrated by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka (main celebrant and homilist), assisted by Rev. Roman Pitula, Cathedral Rector, Rev. Roman Sverdan, Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields, Rev. Robert Hitchens, whose parents celebrated their 50th Anniversary, Deacon Michael Waak, and Altar Servers. The responses to the Liturgy were led by Lisa Oprysk (cantor).

In his homily Archbishop Stefan said to the Wedding Jubilarians, "We are thankful that you have gathered this day to reflect upon the Mystery of Marriage and to give thanks to Almighty God for the graces bestowed upon you so generously in your married life together. Congratulations!"

Just before the Dismissal, the Jubilarians, standing on the steps in front of the iconostas, renewed their

marriage commitment of sacramental love and faithfulness to each other. What a wonderful witness to their families and to the faith community!

After the Divine Liturgy, a reception was held at the Archbishop's Residence.

We pray that the Lord, our God, may continue to bless and grant to all the Archieparchial Jubilarians peace, good health and happiness!

The celebration was organized by Very



The Hitchens renew their vows



Rev. Archpriest John Watch videos and Fields, Director of see pictures from the Religious Education and Evangelization of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



The Fedorak's cut the Anniversary Cake

ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS



Roman and Eleanor Fedorak – 56 years



**Horace and Maryellen Hitchens – 50 years
(Fr. Robert Hitchens poses with his parents)**



Stephen and Kim Matto – 38 years



John and Paula Finley – 35 years



John and Brenda Long – 35 years



Brian and Rita Keeley – 26 years



Peter and Christine Krywczuk – 19 years



Fr. Roman and Tetyana Pitula – 19 years

*Not pictured: Robert and Johanna Longenberger – 37 years
Landon Fulmer and Lidiya Zubyska – 9 years*

OCTOBER 23, 2016

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016

OCTOBER

- 1 50TH Anniversary of Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union, Somerset, NJ
- 2 125th Anniversary of Patronage of Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo, PA
- 5 Planning meeting with Very Rev. Roman Pitula, Cathedral Rector, Rev. Roman Sverdan, Assistant.
- 6 Planning Meeting for Commemoration of Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM
Participate in Workshop, Ukraine – Foreign Policy and Humanitarian Efforts; Manor College, Jenkintown, PA.
- 7 Celebration of Archbishop-Emeritus Stephen Sulyk's birthday (October 1st)
- 9 100th Anniversary of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bayonne, NJ
- 10-11 Meeting of USCCB Task Force for Peace, St. Louis, Missouri
- 13 Received Rev. Paul Makar, Vocations Director
- 15 Year of Mercy Pilgrimage and Divine Liturgy, North Anthracite Deanery of Parishes, Sts. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA
- 16 Honoring Wedding Anniversary couples of Archeparchy, Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA
- 18 Receive Rev. Yaroslav Kurpel, Mr. John Yaworsky of Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church, Philadelphia, PA
- 19 Planning Meeting for October 30th Commemoration of Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky
- 27 On-site audit of Archeeparchial Sexual Prevention Program
- 29 Ukrainian Catholic University and Ukrainian Federation of America Charity Gala, "The Race to Save Lives", Simeone Automotive Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 30th Commemoration of First Greek Catholic Bishop for USA, our Ukrainian Catholic Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky, Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA 3:00 pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 Meeting of Religious Leaders of Philadelphia, PA.
- 6 Celebration of 95th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, and 10th Anniversary of Ukrainian Cultural Center, Whippany, NJ
- 9-11 Archeeparchy of Philadelphia Clergy Conference, Washington, DC
- 13 Metropolia Celebration of 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Washington, DC
- 14-17 USCCB Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 19-20 Fundraising Banquet, Divine Liturgy at Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church, Palatine, Illinois

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage and Divine Liturgy - Olyphant, PA

Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Ukrainians in the USA attended the Divine Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. on October 15, 2016 in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, Pa. Metropolitan Soroka was greeted at the Church doors by the youth of the Parish who were dressed in the traditional Ukrainian clothing.

All are Invited

The public may view the Vatican authorized replica of the Shroud of Turin daily from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and then 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. until Sunday, October 23 at the Church, 135 River Street, Olyphant, PA., which was designated the Holy Door of Mercy for the North Anthracite Deanery of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



Photo (l to r): Ann Victoria Nasevich, Sierra Sczesniak , Patrick Marcinko (black shirt) and David Slachtisch (white Shirt) and Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka.



Photo: Metropolitan Archbishop Soroka is greeted by Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, as they stand in front of the Vatican Commissioned Replica Shroud of Turin.

Article submitted by Lauren Telep



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

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

October 30th, 2016	Commemorating Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM, first Bishop for Eastern Catholics in America. Moleben and Memorial Prayers at 3:00 pm at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA
November 6th, 2016	Celebrating 95 th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church and 10 th Anniversary of Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, Whippany, NJ.
November 9, 10, 2016	Archeeparchial Clergy Conference, Washington, D.C. Celebrating 75 th 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 Archearchy of Philadelphia, 9:00 am at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.

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November 20th is also a special day for the Sisters Servants as it is **Blessed Josaphata day**, the day she was born and the date St. Pope John Paul II designated as her feast day when he proclaimed her "**Blessed**" in June 2001. Come and join us as we pray for the canonization of **Blessed Josaphata**, our Ukrainian Saint of today.

Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Eparch of Stamford, will be the celebrant for the service, along with the attending clergy. The closing ceremony will include sections of the moleben to the Merciful Christ and sections from the moleben to Blessed Josaphata as well as each person will have the opportunity for a **special anointing**.

Finger foods will be served following the service.

We hope that you can join us for this special time of prayer and fellowship.
Please call, e-mail or write Sr. Kathleen by Nov. 14th if you plan to attend.

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Life at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic in Passaic during the first month of school

First Day of School

On September 6, 2016, our school, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic, was filled with joy, welcoming 82 students to grades Pre-K thru Gr. 8. Gathered at the backdoor of the school, the faculty, students, and parents were welcomed by Principal Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI, and our Pastor, Fr. Andriy Dudkevych. After greeting everyone after the long summer, Sr. Eliane welcomed the new students and families to the school, and then led all the children and their watching parents in prayer. Following the prayers all recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and sung the American and Ukrainian National anthems. Following prayers, the students with their backpacks, as well as the teachers and parents, made a circle in the school parking lot and were sprinkled with holy water as they received a special blessing and a holy card of Christ the Teacher from Father Andriy. After entering the school and saying hello to their new classrooms, the students, faculty, and some parents participated in Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Fr. Andriy Dudkevych. During the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Andriy added some beautiful intentions, asking for God's blessings on students, parents and teachers.



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Life at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic in Passaic during the first month of school

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September 11th Prayer Service

On September 9, parents joined us in Church for the 9/11 Prayer Service. The prayer Service was focused on Peace. Students, teachers and parents prayed for Peace in the world, especially in our motherland Ukraine and in Syria. In addition, prayers were offered for the soul of John Skala, Port Authority Police Officer and parishioner of St. Nicholas, who gave his life saving others on that unforgettable day, following the words of Jesus: "Love one another as I have loved you".



St. Nicholas Parish, Passaic, NJ, Celebrates 32nd Annual Ukrainian Festival

The 32nd Annual St. Nicholas Parish Ukrainian Heritage Festival was held on Sunday, September 20th. This year, thanks be to the grace of God, there was a record breaking attendance of 1,500 guests who celebrated our Ukrainian and American heritage, our culture, and our faith. The day began with a Divine Liturgy. And then the outdoor festivities began!

As in past years, there were tasty homemade Ukrainian food offerings as well as traditional American fare. Many vendors displayed their many lovely souvenirs and unique handmade gifts.



Among the many vendors were the young ladies of our St. Nicholas Junior Sodality. When not on stage performing, they diligently manned their table, selling delicious organic jams homemade treasures and gifts.

Entertainment was bountiful –performances by popular Ukrainian vocalists and colorful traditional Ukrainian dancers of all ages, and live dance music under the starry night topped off the evening.

Volunteers of all ages, worked tirelessly throughout the entire day and evening. Not a guest went hungry or thirsty that day! Indeed, St. Nicholas Parish has much to be thankful for. It is the strength of our faith that has sustained us through challenging times in our homeland, here and overseas.

As a new century in the parish history begins, we strive to build upon a strong foundation of faith, and to grow in our spiritual lives through prayer and activities that unite us as a parish family, and this festival serves such a purpose. What was evident in looking out over the many participants that day was that no matter the age, the origin, or the language abilities, everyone worked together towards a common goal.

Fr. Andriy and the St. Nicholas Parish Festival Committee would like to thank the sponsors, benefactors, and everyone who volunteered their time, talents, and treasures to this special event. Were it not for their continued support it would not be possible for the parish and our school to thrive and grow.

For more pictures check our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stnicholasukrainiancatholic/posts/1121932427886793>



Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church, Toms River, NJ, Celebrates Installation of New Altar Rosary Society & Fall Clean-Up



New Altar Rosary Society

On October 2, 2016, Reverend Volodymr Popyk, Pastor of Saint Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River, New Jersey, led the large church congregation in a prayer-filled service, and performed the Holy Rosary Society Induction ceremony following the 10:30 AM Ukrainian liturgy. The new slate of elected officers included Maria Onyszkewycz, President, Dorothy Rygiel, Treasurer, and Olga Tchir, Secretary. Mrs. Lesia Obaranec was inducted into the Altar Rosary Society at this celebration. The Rosary Society Pledge was recited in English and Ukrainian. The Rosarians lead the church congregation in the recitation of the rosary every Sunday before the 10:30 Liturgy. Everyone was invited to a celebration coffee hour in the church hall. Father Popyk also extended a warm farewell to Rosarian and very active parishioner, Jessie Kaciuba. He thanked her for all her hard work and wished her well on her out of state relocation. "Mnohaya Lita" was sung by all!

Fall Clean-Up



On October 8, 2016, a dedicated and enthusiastic group of male and female members of the Saint Stephen parish contributed their time and labor to perform landscaping, pruning, and clean-up efforts on the spacious Saint Stephen Church and Community Center grounds area. Led by Father Volodymr Popyk, this group worked to restore the landscaped beauty and organized appearance of the entire parish property. Not only did this activity beautify the church property, but it also socially bonded the participating workers. They took pride in their work and it was appreciated by the pastor and all parishioners!



**Fr. Popyk and
a parishioner
pose for a picture
during the Fall
Clean-Up**



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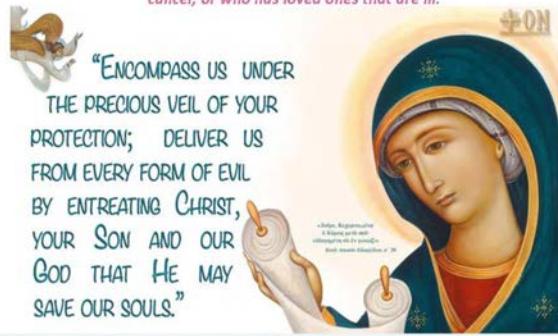


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Age15	\$21.31	\$18.43
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Year of Mercy Column - October 23: They Laughed at Jesus by Mr. Peter Yaremko

Luke was not only an evangelist, but also an excellent journalist.

In his account of how Jesus restored life to Jairus' daughter, Luke included the reaction of the crowd, laughing at Jesus before he performed this miracle: "... they ridiculed him." Despite the crowd's derision, Jesus brought the twelve-year-old girl back from the dead. Then, instead of going before the now-silenced crowd to take credit and "build his brand," he instructed the girl's parents not to tell anyone how he had performed the miracle.

His was an act of pure mercy.

When things go bad for us or the world we live in, we sometimes blame God, questioning whether he cares about human suffering. But Christ's selfless raising of Jairus' little girl demonstrates that the Lord does care—a great deal more than we can know.

His willing compassion to restore life doesn't depend on whether a person has just died or has been dead for days. In the same way, Jesus can restore our spiritual life no matter how long we have spent ourselves in sin or how badly we have sinned.

Because his mercy knows no bounds—and endures forever.

Our prayer today: *Merciful Jesus, let us always be mindful of your compassionate love for us, no matter what.*



Cathedral Christmas Bazaar - November 20th



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New York to Commemorate 83rd Anniversary of the Holodomor

New York, NY (UCCA) -- On Saturday, November 12th, Ukrainians, friends and mourners will convene at midtown Manhattan's historic St. Patrick's Cathedral for the annual National Observance Commemorating Ukraine's Holodomor, the Famine Genocide of 7-10 million Ukrainians in 1932-33.

Co-organized by the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representation of Ukrainians in America, this annual commemoration regularly attracts hundreds of attendees from across the tri-state metropolitan area. The ecumenical requiem service (panakhida), which will begin at 1PM EST, will be concelebrated by the hierarchies of the Ukrainian Orthodox and Ukrainian Greek-Catholic churches in America, with the participation of the Dumka Ukrainian Chorus of New York. Following the service, guests and dignitaries will deliver a series of brief remarks.

This year, the Ukrainian American community will be commemorating the 83rd anniversary of one of the worst cases of man's inhumanity towards man, when millions of innocent victims were deliberately starved to death through the Soviet Union's forced collectivization efforts, designed to crush the spirit of nationally conscious Ukrainians.

The UCCA strongly encourages the Ukrainian American community to actively participate in this now annual commemoration in remembering and honoring the millions of innocent victims of Ukraine's Genocide.

For more information, please contact the UCCA National Office either by email at ucca@ucca.org or by phone at (212) 228-6840.

"I have a Ukrainian heart" - Monsignor John Terlecky speaks about his vocation, ministry and challenges in the Diaspora

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Monsignor John Terlecky, a priest of the Eparchy of Stamford, who in 1991-1994 served as the Vice-Rector of Academic Studies, at the newly-resurrected Lviv Theological Seminary of the Holy Spirit, spoke about his vocation and ministry.

Father John, when and how did you

feel your calling (vocation) to the priesthood?

I think that I felt it from childhood. I walked to the parish school in my community [St. Michael's School in Yonkers, N.Y.], which was staffed by the Basilian Sisters. I began to serve as an altar boy in the third grade. I drew closer to God through the good example of my parish priests, especially the young assistant pastors. At that time, the

school children had to be present on Sunday to answer the Divine Liturgy with their parents and siblings. Rehearsals were held on Fridays in the school. Sisters Veronica and Benedicta, OSBM, regularly chose me to play the role of the priest at the rehearsal. Even as a little lad, I knew that I wanted to be a priest.

Father, you are a pastor in the Diocese of Stamford. What are the challenges

today that you have to meet as a pastor in the Diaspora?

I am the pastor of one parish (SS. Peter and Paul Church, Spring Valley, N.Y.). Since the parish is close to the provinciate monastery of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, N.Y., I also serve as their chaplain. I go there daily to celebrate

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the Divine Liturgy and in the evening and on weekends, I minister to the needs of my parish. During the week, this is difficult, because my flock is scattered throughout Rockland County, N.Y. Most people drive to church; There are a few who walk to church, but they are in the minority.

Years ago, Bishop Basil Losten sent me to study Library Science to benefit our Seminary in Stamford. Presently, I'm the Director of our Diocesan Museum and Library. It is a research library of some 42,000 volumes of books on Ukrainian studies. Over the years, I have catalogued every book in the collection. Our library serves as a major depository for research in the Ukrainian diaspora.

Regarding challenges I face as a pastor, I note three main aspects. The first is that our parishes have decreased in size since the post-Second World War migration. Many refugees and their families came to America at that time. I am a product of that emigration. Their children and grandchildren began to assimilate into American society.

How many faithful have we lost, because they decided to go the easier route to the local Roman Catholic Church. Our parishes decreased in size. I had a parish, which 60 years ago had 110 families. When I was its pastor sixty years later, in the parish there were less than 200 souls. That is one problem: how to retain second, third and fourth generations, whose faith and practices originated in the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

The second challenge: a new generation of immigrants from Ukraine have migrated to the United States. I am Ukrainian and they are Ukrainian, but we do not have the same mentality. I like the recent words used by Patriarch Sviatoslav at the August meeting of the World Congress of Ukrainians in Kyiv. Pastors need to be the source of integration in these types of situations.

The third challenge I see is to keep people, not only spiritually fed, but also to raise their ethnic consciousness. We are conductors of our ancestral heritage. In the U.S., there are some non-



Ukrainians who serve as priests of our diocese. I have a Ukrainian heart formed by my parents and church.

I have compassion for these Ukrainian immigrants who come now with all their various difficulties and family woes. I was surprised this past year when I visited my parishioners with the Jordan house blessing. I met a family and asked them how long they are in America. The woman said sixteen years and her husband only four years. Imagine how many sacrifices they had to make being separated for twelve years, until she could help her husband get to America. I think a very important aspect of my ministry is to have compassion for the Ukrainian migrant.

How do you deal with these challenges?

Before I travelled to the Holy Land this past September, I addressed my parishioners and explained that we need to work on three things in our parish. First of all, we need to know each other. I have faithful who I only know one another by face. I do not know their names, addresses, phone and other personal data. Presently, they are "faces" in the congregation. They go to church, but for some reason, are afraid to register in the parish. It may be a formality, but I pride myself on knowing my parishioners by name. When they come for Holy Communion,

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I love to call them by name.

Secondly, we must conduct more catechesis in parishes for adults. Preaching is insufficient in deepening one's level of faith. Thirdly, there is the integration of mentalities. Promoting harmony between them animates the spirit of this community, which may be divided and separated by their generations and their language use, and yet try to form one community.

Tell us how active is your parish community? What organizations exist in the parish?

In our parish, there is an active movement called "Mothers In Prayer", which was formed by new immigrants. It is made up of women in the parish who devote more time for personal and common prayer as their responsibilities allow. Once a month, we meet for a three-hour session consisting of a prayer service, the recitation of the rosary, and intercessory prayer for various intentions. There may be as many as fifteen women at times. There is a program for

young people, scattered as they are and going to American schools. They also have other interests beyond church. e.g. - sports programs which meet on Sunday mornings. So often there is a conflict in schedules. In this conflict of interests, the child often wins out. The management of time is more difficult than in Ukraine. There is greater opportunity of programs at the deanery or diocesan level, such as "Ukrainian Youth for Christ" or C.Y.O. programs. A normal parish size in our diocese is about 100 families (family meaning households). In some parishes, the average age may be 60-65 years. In my present parish, I would say that the average age is 40-45 years old. Some may marry sooner than others and form families. Others remain single for many years. The main thing is to have lines of communication open with them. In the 1980's, I was involved with the "Ukrainian Youth for Christ" movement in our Church. I held conferences then on "Contemporary Music and Gospel values." The main point I tried to make was whether a

young person heard the same thing that I heard – listening to the lyrics and not only the beat.

We know that you were the first vice-rector of the Lviv Theological Seminary of the Holy Spirit in Rudno. You arrived in Ukraine to help restore the school. Share with us what your expectations were then.

As I arrived in Ukraine in September, 1991, I was entering a world unknown to me. My parents had little contact with their family in Ukraine. There were times when they did not write to each other, because of fear within the Communist system in Ukraine of some kind of retribution. There was a time when they asked us not to write, lest things might get worse for them under local authorities. I had heard of life in Ukraine, but experiencing it first hand was totally different. I spoke Ukrainian, but my knowledge of life there was poor. As I arrived, I did not know what to expect. I had twenty-one pieces of luggage and crates with me. I heard that toilet paper was rare. I took half of

my personal library with me, not knowing what educational resources would be available to me. There was really only one reason I went. The Church, in the person of my bishop, said that there was a great need here for seminary personnel with some experience and he thought I could meet this need. And I, obediently, arrived. Over three years living there, I learned and loved much about this world which I barely knew anything.

Is the Stamford Seminary operating now? Are there callings (vocations)?

There is a seminary in Stamford, where I went for philosophical studies. I then studied theology in Washington, D.C. The problem in America, in Canada, in rich countries is the present lack of vocations to priestly and monastic life. It's almost that the roots which were the reason for finding these seminaries have withered up. We presently have three seminary students in Stamford. They were born in Ukraine, not America. Our Church is not the only one facing these difficulties. Roman

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Catholic dioceses in the United States depend so much on priests from mission countries, such as the Philippines, Africa, the Caribbean islands, Poland, etc. In our Stamford Eparchy now, more than half the priests are from outside America -- not only from Ukraine. Presently, we have seven Ukrainian Greek Catholic priests from Romania presently serving in our Stamford Eparchy.

Do you know if Stamford Seminary is working with the one in Toronto?

In past years, we have theoretically said that cooperation would be good because we have the facilities where you can place a hundred students and they had the faculty for Eastern Christian studies. On the board of the Metropolitan Sheptytsky Institute, which then was located in Ottawa, the Stamford Eparchy was represented by a priest and laity. However, no actual plan of resource sharing came to fruition.

Our High School Minor Seminary in Stamford closed in 1993. Our College Seminary still

exists, but we were deprived by the State of Connecticut in 2008 of the right to issue a Bachelor of Arts degree because we did not have enough students, programs and projects for the future. We have facilities, we have teachers, we have funds to cover expenses, but deciding to become a priest still during one's college years (18-21 years) in America is not the trend.

What do you think about our seminary in Kyiv?

Here begins the grain. (seed – hope). I've been there. You are just getting started. I am impressed by the fact that your Seminary already has sixty students, more than I thought. Our Church and our seminaries in Ukraine are in full gear and expanding. Our Church no longer is identified merely as a Church in Galicia, that is, Western Ukraine! My impression is very positive and this impression admires the future potential for our Church in Ukraine.

What would you like to see in our seminarians?

I would want for them that which I desired to see in a candidate, when I led the Admissions Commission for Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv-Rudno (1992-1994). While dedication to the spiritual life is essential, I would want them to always remember that the Seminary prepares priests who live in the world. We as secular, diocesan priests need to be open to the best elements that are in the world and society. This element is also an instrument contributing to the development of a priestly character.

In closing, I would like to share with you a lesson that I learned in the high school minor seminary decades ago. Saint Basil the Great, the father of Eastern monasticism, gives us an example of what daily life in the seminary can be like. In a lecture to students of Greek literature, he stressed that Christianity should not alienate itself entirely from the pagan world. St. Basil said that the Christian lives in the world, that he take the example from a bee that flies from flower to flower taking only the best of honey for the benefit of the bee colony. So should

the Christian student do likewise: take with him the best achievements of civilization which are praiseworthy and cast aside all pagan elements that are not good. And so each of us has to appreciate the best elements of the world. We need not degrade the world, so to speak, for faults, but to do what is best for that world. There are so many organizations in the world that have nothing to do with Christianity, and yet have a goal to do something positive, something beneficial, such as saving orphans from other countries and so on. A properly nourished vocation to secular or diocesan priesthood needs not to be afraid of the world. It needs to enter into the world and contribute to it by means of knowledge and discernment.

Interview conducted by seminarian Dmitry Shyhaliyev, KTDS

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Three Holy Hierarchs Ukrainian Greek Catholic Seminary in Kyiv was visited by Priests, who gave rebirth to the Lviv Seminary of the Holy Spirit.

On September 27, the Kyivan seminary of the Three Holy Hierarchs was visited by two Ukrainian Catholic priests from the USA, who were the first administrators in the rebirth of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Lviv-Rudno from 1991-1998. These two guests were Very Reverend Mitred Archpriest Roman Mirchuk of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia who currently resides in the City of Mykolaiv, Ukraine and the Right Reverend Mitred Archpriest Monsignor John Terlecky, a pastor of the Stamford Eparchy in the USA.

The honored guests were in Kyiv to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their priestly ordinations together with some fifteen priests-students that studied under them in the Lviv Seminary and now are laboring in the Church of the Kyiv Exarchate.

The jubilarians were formally greeted by the Seminary Rector, the Very Reverend Petro Zhuk and the entire student body of the



The Right Reverend Mitred Archpriest Monsignor John Terlecky and Very Reverend Mitred Archpriest Roman Mirchuk visit Seminary in Lviv

Kyivan Seminary at a Divine Liturgy in the Seminary Chapel on September 28, 2016. The evening before provided an opportunity for the two priests to meet with the seminarians. Father John described the early days of his vocation – the memories of studying at Saint Basil Prep Seminary and Saint Basil Seminary in Stamford, CT, and his priestly experiences in the Stamford Eparchy.

He then went on to share with the seminarians his days of service to Holy Spirit Theological Seminary in Lviv-Rudno. At the invitation of then Metropolitan Volodymyr Sterniuk and the blessing

of their Bishop, Most Reverend Basil Losten of Stamford, he and his comrade the Very Reverend Archpriest Oleksander Bohunkenez arrived in Lviv in the fall of 1991 to minister exclusively to the newly-established Lviv Seminary. Father John became the first Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs at the Seminary. The students found most interesting his description of the organization of studies and discipline from scratch. Father stressed how difficult it was in those days of assembling a faculty, how he relied heavily on lecturers from the Ukrainian diaspora and how he and both Father

Oleksander carried the brunt of the course load that first year. It was only in the fall of 1992 (the second year) that the Seminary was able to implement an everyday program of regular studies for the student body.

The students posed a number of questions to Father Terlecky, mostly about discipline and daily life.

A second presentation was given by Very Reverend Mitrat Roman Mirchuk. With interesting examples and colorful analogies, Father presented his story of

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his days associated with the Lviv Seminary and its rebirth (Prefect during the summer of 1991, Academic Dean for 1994-1998). Father Roman also spoke about necessary elements in the formation of every vocation to the priesthood.

At the Divine Liturgy

the next day, Father Roman was the principal celebrant and homilist. He preached about the life and death of Saint Mykyta (Nikita), whose feast day was that day. He said that each seminarian should follow the path of the saint in terms of a willingness to sacrifice one's life in service of the common

good.

The entire Seminary body was sincerely grateful to the priests for their visit. This was best expressed by Father Rector, the Very Reverend Petro Zhuk, who presented gifts to the jubilarians and acknowledged their contributions of their youth and abilities

towards the renewal of a seminary system for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

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On September 29, 2016, Very Reverend Mitrats Roman Mirchuk and John Terlecky celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their respective priestly ordinations in the Chapel of the former Holy Spirit Seminary of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Rudno-Lviv. The

celebration was graced by the presence of the Most Reverend Ihor Vozniak, Metropolitan-Archbishop of Lviv. He was the main celebrant of a Pontifical Divine Liturgy, together with the jubilarians and about 110 priests, former students of Monsignor John Terlecky

(1991-1994) and Mitrat Roman Mirchuk (1994-1998) as Vice-Rectors of Academic Studies for the Seminary. Metropolitan Ihor presented each priest with a gilded "hramota" (certificate of appreciation) for their valuable ministry in preparing candidates

for the priesthood in the beginning years of the seminary's existence and resurrection. The priest-students presented each jubilarian with an enamel pectoral cross.

(Article submitted by: Monsignor John Terlecky)

Pope closely follows the 'Pope for Ukraine' initiative, - says Apostolic Nuncio

10 October 2016

On October 6, Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti with Secretary Monsignor Joseph visited Zaporizhia and participated in the working meetings of the Technical Committee of the "Pope for Ukraine" Initiative.

According to the Chairman of the Technical Committee, Bishop John Sobilo, during his working visit to Zaporizhia Apostolic Nuncio conveyed to the Committee members the blessing of Pope Francis, with whom Archbishop Gugerotti met thrice for the last time. The papal representative recalled that the Pope takes active interest in the matters of those Ukrainians aggrieved by military aggression in Donbas, so he follows very closely the flow of the action.

The Nuncio also reminded of the basic criteria and priorities, according to which the assistance from the Vatican should be distributed, first of all, the Holy Father asks residents to focus on the front-line

areas, refugees from the ATO area, people who do not have food, medicines and shelter. So the very first projects that the Committee considers should cover those regions that have the largest number of registered IDPs (Donetsk, Luhansk, Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Zaporizhia and Kyiv).

"The initiative of Pope Francis is the exceptional manifestation of love and concern for the Holy Father to the needy. So during the regular visit to Zaporizhia Apostolic Nuncio personally had the opportunity to talk to people in need. In addition, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti blessed the office of medical care, which was opened at the parish of God the Father Compassionate. Thus, the Vatican ambassador once again demonstrated his deep sympathy with the people who need help, especially in those regions of Ukraine that experience the consequences of war," Bishop Ian Sobilo said.

The visit of the Apostolic Nuncio was the opportunity to implement the first submitted to



the Committee that complied with all terms of the action. According to Bishop Ian Sobilo, now the Committee receives a lot of projects in accordance with the instructions of the Holy See, published on the website of "Pope for Ukraine."

The first selected projects that meet the criteria of the action are already being implemented. Simultaneously, the Technical Committee continues consideration of the applications submitted by other parishes and community organizations that work with immigrants and refugees in Eastern Ukraine. Chairman of the Technical Committee reminded all potential participants and partner of "Pope for Ukraine" that the Committee provide advice to all applicants during personal meetings and

presentations, as well as by phone and email, which are listed on the site. Therefore, one can reach the Committee any time to seek clarification of instructions.

"Claudio Gugerotti has returned to Kyiv, leaving his prayers and blessings with all who work on the implementation of the project of Pope Francis. All committee members are grateful to the Holy Father, who expressed solidarity through his representative with those who need assistance and those involved in the project," Bishop Ian Sobilo concludes.

http://risu.org.ua/en/index/all_news/catholics/vatikan/64730

"The first victim of war is truth" - His Beatitude Sviatoslav says to the Catholic bishops of Europe

11 October 2016

On October 6-9, Monaco hosted the Plenary Assembly of the Council of Episcopal Conferences of Europe. On Saturday, October 8, the regular working meeting of the heads of Catholic Dioceses across Europe heard reports on pastoral challenges the Church faces in their communities.

In his speech, His Beatitude Sviatoslav told his brothers-bishops about the third year of suffering afflicted to the Ukrainians by war. The patriarch stressed that despite diplomatic efforts and other activities of the international community, no lasting cease-fire has been achieved in Ukraine.

"Apart from the annexed Crimea, seven percent of the Ukrainian territory was occupied in Donbas. Today our country has more than two million internally displaced persons. Millions of people have been directly affected by the fighting, with hundreds of dead and missing, thousands of injured, are in need of long-term treatment. Hundreds of people remain in captivity in the occupied territories and now the international community and the churches and religious organizations are trying to facilitate their release," the Patriarch of the UGCC said.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav described in detail the signs of humanitarian and economic crisis, which Ukraine is experiencing as a result of military aggression. He said that a quarter of Ukraine's economy was destroyed. Due to the economic power of the war against Ukraine, depreciation of the national currency, prices for staples have increased by almost half and continue to grow rapidly on. "According to official UN data, 78 percent of Ukraine's population lives below the poverty line. All this causes a powerful new wave of emigration to Europe, in particular, the young people go looking for opportunities to help their families survive in these extreme conditions," said the spokesman.

The patriarch spoke about the pastoral ministry of the Church in today's circumstances, including the proclamation of the Gospel and social service to the needy. His Beatitude Sviatoslav warmly thanked the Episcopal Conferences of Europe and all the brothers and sisters in Christ for the generous response to the call of Pope Francis to all the Catholic communities of the continent on April 24 this year to raise funds for the needs of victims of war in Ukraine. The Head of the UGCC reported on the priorities set by the Apostolic capital and the way of holding the humanitarian action launched by the Holy Father entitled "Pope for Ukraine." He thanked the Holy Father that Successor of the Apostle Peter broke by his appeal the European silence and indifference on this international crisis and once again drew attention to Ukraine's pain.

The Primate of the Church said that the international solidarity and revealing the truth about the war in our country is very important for the suffering people of Ukraine.

"The first victim of this war is truth. A broad campaign of disinformation and ignoring the truth about the war in Europe harms not only the victim but also all those who by silence or in action encourages the aggressor," the patriarch said.

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