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## St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Celebrates 75 Years of Hope and Blessings



**November 13, 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.**

**Photo (l to r): Fr. Wasyl Kharuk, Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten, Bishop Nicholas Samra (Melkite Eparchy), Archbishop Christophe Pierre (Apostolic Nuncio to the USA), Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Bishop John Bura, Bishop Yousif Benham Habash (Syrian Eparchy), Fr. Robert Hitchens, Fr. Mark Morozowich (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**

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**WASHINGTON, DC**— With joy and gratitude to Almighty God, the faithful, hierarchs, clergy and religious gathered on Sunday, November 13, in the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family to celebrate a great milestone in the life of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States, the 75th anniversary of the founding of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary. The seminary was founded in September, 1941.



**St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Washington, DC**  
**Website: <http://www.sjucs.org/>**

For 75 years St. Josaphat Seminary has served the Ukrainian Catholic Church throughout the world by providing spiritual leaders to build and serve our churches

and communities in good times and bad times. Established in the midst of a world

engulfed in the Second War and suffering the Great Depression, the seminary prepared and

still continues to educate good, holy, and talented men to be our bishops and priests. Each in his own unique ways furthers the apostolic mission of Jesus Christ, within the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States and throughout the entire world.



**Photo: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, D.C. (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**

A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was celebrated with Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka as main celebrant and homilist. His Grace, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio

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to the United States also concelebrated the Divine Liturgy. Other bishops included Bishop John Bura, auxiliary bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia; Bishop Nicholas Samra Melkite Eparchy of Newton, Massachusetts and Bishop Yousif Benham Habash, Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Eparchy in the USA and Canada.

Concelebrating priests were Very Rev. Robert Hitchens, seminary rector, Very Rev. Wasyl Kharuk, seminary spiritual director, Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America, and Rev. Raphael Strontsitsky MSU, post-graduate student priest. St. Josaphat seminarians who served as assistants were: Subdeacon Alex Bricki, Kairo Chorne, Bohdan Vasylyv, Andrew Perrong, and Philip Gilbert.

The Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine choir led the singing of the liturgical responses.

Representatives from the



**Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Fr. Robert Hitchens accept a donation to St. Josaphat Seminary. Posing for the picture are Sr. Kathleen, SSMI, Sr. Michele, SSMI, LUC representatives: National Board President Marion Hrubec, National Board Vice-President Helen Fedoriw, and LeeAnn Makar, Deacon Paul Spotts, Maria Spotts, and Dora Horbachevsky in Washington DC for the 75th anniversary celebration of St. Josaphat seminary.**

League of Ukrainian Catholics, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (who for many years graciously offered their ministries at the seminary), and the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, as well as representatives from parishes around the Archeparchy were among the congregation of over 200 faithful.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, the traditional "Mnohaya Litas" were sung for

the Holy Father, the hierarchy, the seminary, clergy, religious and faithful.

Sunday, November 13th, also was the 65th birthday of Metropolitan Stefan. After the singing of "Mnohaya Lita", the entire church honored Metropolitan Soroka with the singing of Happy Birthday.

Commemorative prayer cards were

distributed to the faithful.

After the Divine Liturgy, everyone enjoyed a festive buffet dinner in the National Shrine social hall, which included birthday cake for dessert in honor of Metropolitan Stefan.



**St. Josaphat prayer cards**  


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+ Слава Ісусу Христу!

Welcome to this very special celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary! A special welcome to the representative of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, His Excellency, Most Rev. Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the USA. We are honored with your participation today, Your Excellency. The Apostolic Nuncio to the USA was also present 75 years ago for the blessing of the first seminary facility. We also welcome the President of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, and our brother bishops, Bishop Nicholas Samra of the Melkite Eparchy of Newton, Bishop Yousif Habash of the Syriac Eparchy of Our Lady of Deliverance, Bishop John Bura, our Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, and Bishop-Emeritus Basil Losten of the Stamford Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. A special welcome to the Dean of Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America, Rev. Dr.

Mark Morozowich and other representatives of the CUA community with whom the seminary and the archeparchy have enjoyed a very privileged and nurturing relationship. Our heartfelt welcome to the many clergy and religious who have joined us today and various civic dignitaries. Your participation today has added great solemnity and honor to this very special accomplishment of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in America. We are also very grateful for the representative faithful from our parishes throughout our archeparchy who have joined us today to give praise and thanks to almighty God.

Today's celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary and all that has been accomplished at the seminary in these past 75 years is due to the dedication of persons who, in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, ministered so that people "may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:9-16). The Holy Spirit



**Sr. Dorothy Ann, OSBM, Sr Joann, OSBM, Sr. Olha, OSBM, and Sr. Vasilia, OSBM attended the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. (Photo: Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM; Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great Facebook Page)**

provided for people of vision and great love so that a place of formation of clergy could be provided, a place where people preparing for pastoral ministry could experience an encounter with the Lord. Pope Francis recently reminded us that "When we welcome Christ, we experience a decisive

meeting which brings light to our existence, which pulls us out of the angst of our little world and transforms us into disciples in love with our Master". (Address, October 21, 2016) Is that not the basic purpose of the seminary – to provide for such an experience

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for seminarians and to provide for their being able to nurture such a personal encounter with Jesus Christ for those who they will be called to serve?

The beginnings of St. Josaphat Seminary occurred in very challenging times. The world was at war in September, 1941. Unemployment hovered at 10%. Hitler and the Nazis began the systematic annihilation of the Jewish people and the plundering of Eastern Europe. Kyiv fell to the Germans on September 9th. The future was very uncertain. Hope was lost to many.

Yet, one man, a shepherd, Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, and his flock, the Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, despite the turmoil and uncertainties of the time, provided a vision for our Church. They recalled the words of St. Thomas who asked Jesus, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus answered him, "I am the

way and the truth and the life". Bishop Constantine led by following and leading in the footsteps of Jesus in his sacred work of evangelization.

Our first parish was established in 1884 in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania. Our first Bishop, Soter Ortynsky arrived in 1907, and unfortunately died in 1916, not being able to fulfill his hope to begin a seminary. Bishop Bohachevsky arrived in the United States in 1924. That first Christmas, he asked all parishes to have a special Christmas collection to establish a seminary fund.

The initial beginnings of the seminary were in Philadelphia and later in Stamford until 1941, when a major seminary was opened in Washington, DC, the nation's capital. The major seminary for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA was placed under the protection of the Holy Bishop Martyr Saint Josaphat. The major seminary in Washington initially began in rented



**Fr. Robert Hitchens, seminary rector, incenses (Photo: Stanley Murzyn).**

apartments on Lincoln Road until the present seminary was built at the top of the hill at the corner of Harewood Rd and Taylor Ave.

For 75 years, Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary has been about the work of training men to become good shepherds. It had notably contributed to the formation of some of our Chief Shepherds of our Church in the United States and Ukraine. These have included one of our most esteemed candidates, Lubomyr Cardinal Husar, Major-Archbishop Emeritus of our Church; the Most Rev. Stephen Sulyk, Metropolitan-Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia; Bishops Bohdan Danylo, Basil

Losten, Robert Moskal, and John Bura, as well as our deceased Bishops John Stock, Jaroslav Gabro, Walter Paska, and Richard Seminack; and yes, me, your current Metropolitan-Archbishop, an export product of Winnipeg, Canada who received my formation at St. Josaphat Seminary.

More importantly, St. Josaphat Seminary has served to provide dedicated priests who have served and continue to serve in parishes in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Europe, and a free and independent Ukraine. The Lord continues to call worthy young men

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**Photo: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, D.C. on November 13, 2016. (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**

to minister to His faithful as His priests, as we see today in our seminarians in formation and studies at St. Josaphat Seminary. Today's challenges are no less or more than those faced by the successive immigrations of Ukrainians coming to this land. Each wave of immigrants

brings its own needs and challenges to the Church and to its clergy and religious to minister to. Our formation and preparation of priests must continually adapt so that we may be prepared to evangelize with faithful subjected to significant secularization influences contrary to

the Gospel message. We heard the message of the Good Shepherd in today's Gospel. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep". Humility and sacrifice for evangelization of the faithful are needed. This is the challenge for

today's formation of priests.

Jean Vanier, in his book entitled, "Be Not Afraid", writes: "It is when people are not taught to pray and to enter into the mystical movement of Christianity,

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when they are not called forth to experience real love that they turn to other pastures which do not really nourish. Jean Vanier concludes that “if there is no real pasture, people will die ... thirsting” (p.74).

I am very much convinced that we here at St. Josaphat Seminary, together with the good and dedicated pastors and faithful of this Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine to the Holy Family, have formed into a real and nurturing pasture for the formation of priests. The pastors of this parish, Fr. Robert Hitchens and Fr. Vasyl Kharuk, who are also the Rector and Spiritual Director of the seminary, have wed the two into one pasture providing for the formation of future priests for our Church. The formation at the seminary has opportunity to be nurtured and to grow in the seminarian’s journey with the faithful of the parish. A mutually nourishing environment has developed because of the lived-out desire and commitment of the pastors and the

parishioners to ensure that the experience results in an encounter with the Lord. Both the seminarians and the parishioners share in a process of developing one another as disciples in love with Jesus Christ. Both learn how to communicate with God, how to listen to the Spirit, and how to discern the things that are of God. Truly, this parish is for the seminarians a shrine or home reflective of the attributes of the Holy Family.

Words cannot adequately express my heartfelt appreciation to all who have shared and continue to share in the development of St. Josaphat Seminary to be the holy place of formation it is called to be. We are thankful to the successful Rectors of the Seminary, beginning with the first Rector, Rev. Emil Ananevich, to today’s Rector, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens. We are grateful to the successive Spiritual Directors, among them Fr. Vasyl Kharuk. We are grateful to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate,



**Fr. Vasyl Kharuk, seminary spiritual director, proclaims the Gospel**

the Sisters of St. Anne, and the other religious orders of religious Sisters who have served within the seminary, providing nutrition and pastoral example of prayer and service. We are thankful for the association and support of The Catholic University of America and to the Oblates of Mary Theology School at which our seminarians received their theological education. We are grateful for the close association enjoyed during these past 75 years with various religious homes and seminaries in the area. We are grateful to the close association which St. Josaphat Seminary has consistently enjoyed with the faithful of the

Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. We are grateful for the immense generosity shown by Ukrainian Catholic faithful of our parishes throughout the United States in developing the seminary. We are grateful to parishioners of the archeparchy who annually support the seminary in collections and to those who include the seminary in their final bequests. We are grateful with offering prayers and praise to our Lord for all who have journeyed with us in these past 75 years. All have played a significant nurturing role in the development of the real pasture of love

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for Jesus Christ.

Our gratitude is perhaps expressed best by our being people of hope. My hope, your hope, our combined hope is that Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary carries on its mandate to fulfill what the Prophet Jeremiah said and Saint John Paul echoed in his Apostolic Exhortation of 1992: "I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer 3:15). In the words from the prophet Jeremiah, God promises his people that he will never leave them without shepherds to gather them together and guide them: "I will set shepherds over them who will care

for them, and they shall have fear no more, nor be dismayed" (Jer 23:4).

Our hope is anchored in the sign of hope provided by the Mother of God. Pope Francis reminds us in his Apostolic Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel", that "she is the missionary who draws near to us and accompanies us throughout life, opening our hearts to faith by her maternal love. As a true mother, she walks at our side, she shares our struggles and she constantly surrounds us with God's love" (pg. 139 Joy of Gospel). The Mother of God is our comfort and guide as



**Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka offers the homily. (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**

we have endeavored to develop the Christ-like nurturing pasture for the formation of priests at St. Josaphat Seminary together here with the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family.

called to lead, guard, and nurture with the Word of God and with the Sacred Mysteries. And may each of us be enriched in being the instruments of inspiration each is called to be in the journey of formation of future priests of Jesus Christ and His Holy Church.

+ Слава Ісусу Христу!

Let us continue to pray in gratitude and with confident hope that Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary and this Holy Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family continue to be characterized by hope and a vibrant faith. May our seminary continue to prepare our shepherds to be the holy priests



**During the Great Entrance during Divine Liturgy on November 13, 2016. (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**





## St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary

*Preparing men to be holy, professional, and competent ministers  
of the Word and Sacraments for the People of God of the  
Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States*

*Archeparchy of Philadelphia,  
Most Rev. Stefan Soroka;  
Eparchy of St. Nicholas, Chicago,  
Very Rev. Richard Janowicz, Apostolic  
Administrator;  
Eparchy of Stamford,  
Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky O.S.B.M.;  
Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Parma,  
Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo.*

### *St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary*

#### *Rector :*

Very Rev. Robert Hitchens

#### *Spiritual Director:*

Fr. Wasyl Kharuk

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Most Rev. Stefan Soroka  
Very Rev. Robert Hitchens  
Very Rev. Andriy Rabiyy  
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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

C.I.X.!

Patriarch Sviatoslav has called upon us to be a Vibrant Parish. This call continues to be our path as demonstrated during the recent SOBORS held across the eparchies and the entire Church. Vibrant Parishes need and demand vibrant and faithful priests. For Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary develops, trains, and provides priestly formation for candidates to the priesthood; so that they may become the **Vibrant Pastor for a Vibrant Parish**.

This year represents the **Diamond Jubilee** of the Seminary as we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding.

We currently have six seminarians enrolled at the Seminary. They represent a cross section of the eparchies of the United States. Through the efforts of our Vocation Directors, there are additional candidates planning to attend the Seminary. In addition to their priestly formation at the Seminary, seminarians receive Bachelor and Masters degrees concentrating in Philosophy and Theology at The Catholic University of America. The time to educate and develop (formation) a priest typically lasts between four to eight years.

The cost to prepare and educate a seminarian to become a priest represents an investment of \$40,000 per year: \$25,000 to support tuition and \$15,000 to support the room and board at the Seminary. Our seminarians are provided free tuition and housing, through the continued support of generous and gracious donors that support our education and operating costs.

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# St. Josaphat's Endowment Fund Appeal

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Today, we are **calling upon you**, as Ukrainian Catholics across the United States, to support the mission, scholarships, and operations of the seminary by donating to the St. Josaphat's Endowment Fund with a generous donation. Please also consider including St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary as part of your estate planning. **We need your help!**

God bless you richly in your efforts. You will be remembered in our prayers for having supported such a worthy and important mission of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States.



Metropolitan-Archbishop

You may contribute directly by making your check payable to St. Josaphat Seminary Endowment Fund and mailing to the address listed below, or via PayPal link at :  
<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=105>

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## ***A Lasting Gift:***

As a supporter of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a bequest in your will to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary ensures that the training of priests will continue in the United States long after you are gone.

Suggested wording for a bequest:

"I give and bequeath to the **St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Endowment Fund**, \_\_\_% of the residue of my estate [or the sum of \$\_\_\_] for its charitable, educational, and religious purposes.

You can also make a specific gift sponsoring a seminarian at the Seminary. Please contact Planned Giving Office at 215 627 0143 for further information.

## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- St. Josaphat's Seminary began in a rented apartment in Washington, D.C. by Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, September 1941.
- New seminary was completed in 1952
- It was completely renovated and updated in 2004
- Over 130 priest graduates
- 10 Hierarchs among graduates: *Bishops: Jaroslaw Gabro, John Stock, Basil H. Losten, Robert M. Moskal, Walter Paska, Richard Seminack, John Bura, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and Lubomyr Cardinal Husar.*



## Seminarians at St. Josaphat Seminary, Washington, DC



**Seminarians from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC pose for a picture at the beginning of the school year in August 2016 with the visiting Vice Rector of St. Josaphat Seminary in Rome Fr. Teodosi Hren, OSBM.**

**Back row (l to r): Fr. Mark Morozowich, Fr. Wasyl Kharuk, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Fr. Teodosi Hren, OSBM. Front row (l to r): Subdeacon Alex Bricki, Bohdan Vasyliv, Andrew Perrong, Philip Gilbert, Kairo Chorne, and Martin Nagy.**

### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER RELIGIOUS LIFE?

I invite women and men who have given thought to considering religious life to meet with me, so as to help me understand thoughts and hopes cherished by candidates. What are the perceptions of religious or monastic life today? What are women and men considering religious life today anticipating from choosing consecrated life and ministry? Are there challenges faced by potential candidates which we as a Church do not fully understand? It would assist me to consider what I as Archbishop may facilitate to assist men and women to choose religious life. I propose to meet as a group at a place, time and day most convenient to those who respond, or individually, if preferred.

If you would like to participate, kindly send an email to my attention at [ukrmet@ukrcap.org](mailto:ukrmet@ukrcap.org). Please provide your name, address, phone number, and indicate a preferred time to meet; that is, weekday or weekend, and time of day. Your interest and information will remain completely confidential with me. I will then suggest a time and place to meet most convenient to respondents.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance in helping me to understand and nurture God's call to religious life today.

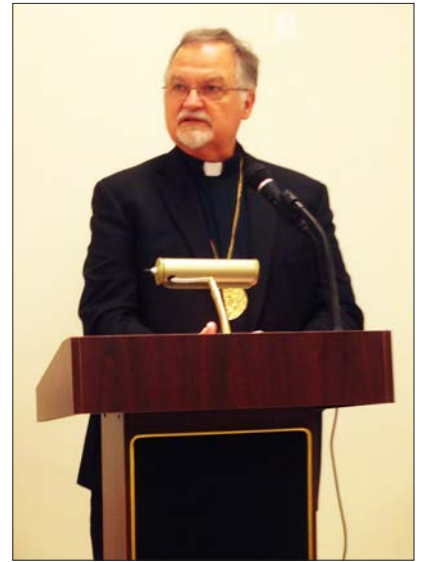
Archbishop Stefan Soroka

## Fall Clergy Conference in Washington, D.C. Coincides with 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary

**Washington, DC**—The annual fall clergy conference of the Ukrainian Catholic clergy of the Philadelphia Archeparchy, coincided with the observance of the 75th anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in the nation's capital.

The three day conference, which began Wednesday, November 9, concluded Friday morning, November 11.

During the Wednesday session, held in the conference room of the Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family, after the opening prayer and welcome by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Very Reverend Robert Hitchens, rector of St. Josaphat Seminary gave a brief history of the development of the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in the United States, culminating 75 years ago with the opening of St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. on September, 1941.



The Executive Director of the USCCB Secretariat Office for Child and Youth Protection, Rev. Deacon Bernard Nojadera presented a power-point program on the Importance of Child Protection and the Role of Deacons in this ministry. He concluded his presentation with a question and answer session which engaged the clergy in discussion and dialogue.

Mr. Ken Hutchins, Archieparchial Victim Assistance and Children and Youth Protection Coordinator, gave a report on the recent safe environment audit and also reviewed archieparchial policies that foster a safe environment in all parishes and schools of the archeparchy.

The Priest We Need Today and Best Practices for Vocations Promotions was the topic of the presentation made by Archieparchial Vocations Director, Father Paul Makar .

Father Taras Svirchuk, C.Ss.R. gave a reflection of the Vocations to the Religious Life Today.

A discussion followed a presentation by Rev. Deacon Paul Makar on the history and role of the diaconate in the archeparchy, with an emphasis on how to promote vocations to the diaconal ministry to serve our parishes and faithful.

Thursday, November, 10, an all day long conference was held in the Pryzbyla Center on the campus of The Catholic University of America, as the School of Theology and Religious Studies sponsored a special academic program to observe the 75th anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary. (see separate article).

On Friday morning, November 11, Very Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields, vice-chancellor for matrimonial affairs, reviewed the proper procedures for completing and filing marriage dispensation documents.

A report of the decisions of the 2016 Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchs and general session and answer session was conducted by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka to conclude the conference.



# Catholic University of America Academic Conference Marks 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary

**Washington, DC**—An academic conference, with presentations by members of the faculty of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America was held on campus Thursday, November 10, 2016 to mark the 75th anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary.

Keynote speaker for the conference was Rev. Msgr. Paul McPartlan, S.T.L., D.Phil., Carl J. Peter Professor of Systematic Theology and Ecumenism. He served for two terms on the International Theological Commission (2004-2009, 2009-2014). A member of the International Commission

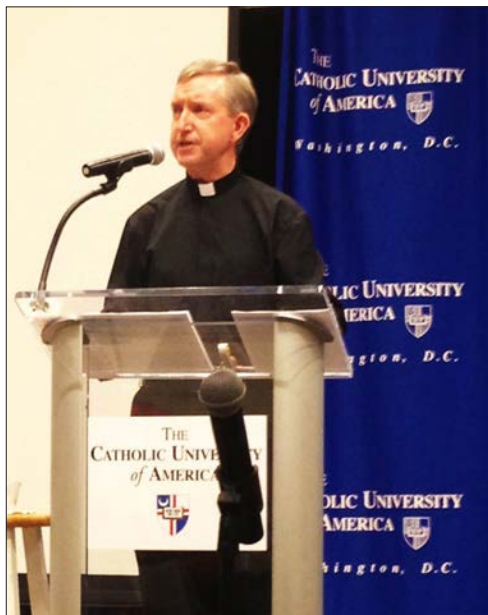


for Theological Dialogue between the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church since 2005, he has also participated in international Anglican-Roman Catholic and Roman Catholic-Methodist dialogue.

Msgr. McPartlan discussed “Catholic-Orthodox Dialogue and the Chieti Document.”

In September 2016 the Joint International Commission for Theological Dialogue between the Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church concluded its 14th plenary session in the city of Chieti, Southern Italy. At the end of the deliberations the Catholic-Orthodox mixed commission produced what is known as the Chieti document (2016) Synodality and Primacy During the First Millennium: Towards a Common Understanding in Service to the Unity of the Church. While the Chieti agreement is still considered a working document, this agreement will become legal if and when the pope and the Synods of Orthodox Churches recognize and approve them.

Msgr. McPartlan, in his remarks stated: “The election of Pope Francis had a galvanizing effect not only on the Catholic Church and the world at large, but also on Catholic-Orthodox dialogue. When Pope Francis appeared on the balcony of St Peter’s after his election, he instantly sent some new signals about his ministry and office. He referred to himself not as the new supreme pontiff but as the new bishop of Rome, and he used St Ignatius of Antioch’s phrase from the earliest patristic times when he referred to Rome-as the church ‘which presides in charity’, implicitly understanding the Church as a communion, not a pyramid. Six days later, for the first time ever, a patriarch of



**Rev. Msgr. Paul McPartlan**

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Constantinople attended the inauguration of a new bishop of Rome, and the following day it was Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew who spoke on behalf of all the ecumenical and inter-religious delegates who had attended Pope Francis' inauguration. Before he gave his formal reply, Pope Francis turned to Patriarch Bartholomew and simply said: 'I express my heartfelt thanks for what my brother Andrew has said to us' - my brother Andrew; no, he hadn't forgotten the patriarch's name, he was recalling the link of Andrew with Constantinople, and emphasizing that as Peter and Andrew were brothers, so were he and Bartholomew.

Continuing, Msgr. McPartland observed, "Building on those heart-warming beginnings, the two leaders met in May 2014 in Jerusalem, commemorating 50 years since the meeting there of Pope Paul and Patriarch Athenagoras, and then again in November 2014, when Pope Francis visited Constantinople for the feast of St Andrew. In Constantinople, Pope

Francis made a most important statement, reiterating exactly some of the key decisions of Vatican II, which have really changed the whole framework for Catholic-Orthodox relations. He said that 'the restoration of full communion does not signify the submission of one to the other, or assimilation', and he then said, very simply and clearly:

'I want to assure each one of you here that, to reach the desired goal of full unity, the Catholic Church does not intend to impose any conditions except that of the shared profession of faith. Further, I would add that we are ready to seek together, in light of Scriptural teaching and the experience of the first millennium, the ways in which we can guarantee the needed unity of the Church in the present circumstances. The one thing that the Catholic Church desires, and that I seek as Bishop of Rome, 'the Church which presides in charity', is communion with the Orthodox Churches.'

He discussed the relationship among the five patriarchal sees of

the first millennium—Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, Antioch, and Jerusalem and how the Catholic-Orthodox dialogue seeks to rediscover in that relationship an understanding of unity for the present.

He stated, "What the Catholic Church, and the pope himself, are seeking, therefore, is communion with the Orthodox Churches, not jurisdiction over them. That needs to be emphasized again and again. It's what pertained in the first millennium. . ."

Continuing, he observed, "So, a eucharistic understanding of the papacy is perfectly compatible not just with Vatican II, but also with Vatican I, and in fact it goes all the way back to the scriptures and the fathers."

Msgr. McPartland concluded his presentation with a caution for patience, "The Eucharist is the highest expression of the Church, our bond of unity, and it's important to know who will preside at a Liturgy involving several primates, and

how everyone should stand. They stand 'according to the taxis (canonical order)' says Chieti, and this practice, it says, 'manifested the eucharistic character of their communion' When we recall that the bishop of Rome occupies the first place in the taxis, I think we can certainly say that Chieti is open to a eucharistic understanding of his role and his ministry among his fellow primates, all within the communion of the people of God as a whole. But clearly there's more work to be done."

CUA President John Garvey welcomed the clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to the day-long conference held in the Pryzbyla Center.

In his remarks, he stated, "For the past 75 years Catholic University has been blessed to have St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary as our neighbor. We are proud to count as alumni three active Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States—including His Grace, Archeparch

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# Catholic University of America Academic Conference Marks 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary

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Soroka and Bishop Bura—as well as two retired bishops and Cardinal Lubomyr Husar.

“Our study of God and his creation at The Catholic University of America has been greatly enriched by the theological, spiritual, and cultural patrimony of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, shared with us by our brothers at St. Josaphat Seminary. . . .”

Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, S.E.O.D. Associate Professor of Liturgical Studies/Sacramental Theology and Dean of the School of Religious Studies and Theology, served as moderator for the

conference.

Father Morozowich is an alumnus both of CUA and St. Josaphat Seminary and is a priest incardinated in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio.

His presentation was on the topic, “The Priest – Eastern Christian Perspective.”

Other presentations were made by faculty members of the School of Religious Studies and Theology.

Rev. Stefanos Alexopoulos, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies/



**John Garvey, Catholic University of America President**

Sacramental Theology, spoke about “Eastern Liturgy - The Power of the Word: A Theology of Preaching an Icon.”

“City, Desert and the Love of God In the fourth-Century East” was the theme of the talk given by Robin Darling Young Ph.D., Associate Professor of Spirituality, Patristics Studies/Eastern Spirituality.

After the conference, the Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, who was main celebrant, in his homily stated,

“In 1941, Bishop Bohachevsky established a major seminary for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Washington, DC under the protection of the Holy Bishop Martyr Saint Josaphat. The first accommodations were humble rented apartments on Lincoln Road. The first Rector, Fr. Emil Ananevich arrived on September 19th, 1941 and classes began the next day. In the next few years, the major seminary was built at the top of the hill at Harewood and Taylor, where it has served to welcome men who have desired to walk with Jesus Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

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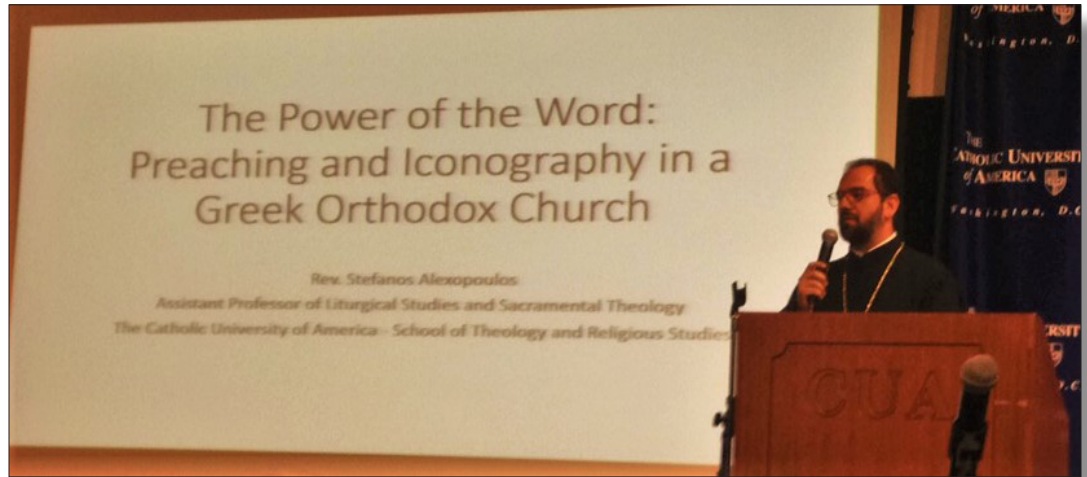
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Metropolitan Stefan noted, "The Seminary has provided leaders for our Church's hierarchy, but more importantly, it has provided dedicated priests who have served and continue to serve our parishes and faithful in the United States,



**Rev. Stefanos Alexopoulos, Ph.D. spoke about "Eastern Liturgy - The Power of the Word: A Theology of Preaching an Icon."**

Canada, Brazil, Europe, and in a free and independent Ukraine."

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Very Reverend Robert Hitchens, seminary rector and Very Rev. Wasyl Kharuk, spiritual director read letters of congratulation from Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches and His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

A reception followed in the Holy Family National Shrine social hall.



**"City, Desert and the Love of God In the fourth-Century East" was the theme of the talk given by Robin Darling Young Ph.D.**



## Metropolitan Stefan Offers Homily for the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary at Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, DC during Clergy Conference on Thursday, November 10, 2016

+ Слава Ісусу Христу!

Thank you to all who have gathered this day to celebrate hope – to celebrate people of vision – to celebrate people of vibrant faith.

I am reminded of the parting of the Sea with the Israelites fleeing from the Egyptian Pharaoh's army chasing after them. Moses extended his rod and the Israelites were able to flee through the parting waters. The army in turn was engulfed by the waters of the Red Sea. When Moses extended his rod towards the Red Sea, he instructed his people to trust in God's providence and to proceed into the Sea. In other words, the parting of the water occurred to the degree which the Israelites trusted in the Lord and proceeded to follow Him. The end of the parting was not evident to them. They had to fully trust in almighty God step by step.

Something akin to them happened 75 years ago here in Washington, DC. In September, 1941. The seas of troubled



**After the Clergy Conference, a Divine Liturgy was celebrated at the Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, DC. (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**

times were raging all around people of that time. The world was at war. Unemployment was around 10%. Hitler and the Nazis began the systematic annihilation of the Jewish people and the plundering of Eastern Europe. Kyiv fell to the Germans on September 19th. There was much uncertainty for the future. Along comes one man, one chief shepherd, Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, and his flock of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States. The Church was yet young here. The first parish was established in 1884 in Shenandoah,

Pennsylvania, and the first Bishop arrived in 1907. Unfortunately, Bishop Soter Ortynsky, the first Bishop for all Eastern Catholics in USA, died in 1916. Bishop Bohachevsky arrived 8 years later, in 1924. That first Christmas, he asked all parishes to take a special collection to establish a seminary fund. Shortly thereafter, he designated a building in Philadelphia as the first minor seminary for students who attended local schools. Candidates received instruction in liturgics, language and spiritual direction. Graduates

were sent for further studies in philosophy and theology to Rome.

In 1933, Bishop Bohachevsky transferred the institute from Philadelphia to Stamford, Connecticut, and established the first Ukrainian Catholic High School in conjunction with the minor seminary. In 1939, a college curriculum for the seminary in Stamford was established at St. Basil College.

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**Deacon Michael Waak proclaims the Gospel. (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**

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The Seminary has provided leaders for our Church's hierarchy, but more importantly, it has provided dedicated priests who have served and continue to serve with much dedication

our parishes and faithful in the United States, Canada, Brazil, Europe, and in a free and independent Ukraine.

The Gospel message we heard today tells us about the Good Shepherd. Jesus says, "I am the good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep". Our priests have admirably responded to being this kind of shepherd amidst our faithful. They have worked with hope and enthusiasm with lovable sheep and even some black sheep, always

dedicated to the building and expansion of the Lord's Church here on earth. Many have experienced hardships and challenges, especially lacking the needed resources to develop parishes spread thinly across this nation, and the struggle to overcome the challenges of trustees owning and governing parishes. Yet, they were steadfast and were successful in gathering and organizing the successive immigrations of our faithful to this

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**The faithful at the Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, DC on November 10, 2016. (Photo: Stanley Murzyn)**

new land. The priests continue to address the challenges of today, especially in providing for evangelization and catechetical instruction within a society dramatically influenced by the forces of secularization.

Jean Vanier, in his book entitled, "Be Not Afraid", writes: "It is when people are not taught to pray and to enter into the mystical movement of Christianity, when they are not called forth to experience real love, that they turn to other pastures which do not really nourish. They turn away because they have not learned from their shepherd how to communicate with God, how to listen to the Spirit,

how to discuss the things which are of God and the things which are not. They have not received that which is essential to nourish their thirst for the Eternal and for the liberty which comes from Jesus. They do not know this truth which will set them free, the Spirit of God who liberates from fear and from law. They do not know how the Spirit will teach freedom so that they may grow in love and commitment, loving truth, refusing all compromise that brings shadows and darkness upon the light. If people do not sense this force of light in the shepherd, they will turn to other pastures, whether they are drugs, a world of violence and revolution or of other political

theories, or the seeking of relationships only through sexuality. If there is no real pasture, people will die of depression or starvation. They will die of THIRSTING" (p 74).

I believe that people today are searching for something, just as they searched in past generations. They search for others with whom they can live and grow in inner peace and with real happiness. They search for mutual respect. They search for ways how they can understand themselves better. People are thirsting – thirsting for the sense of community – a place where they can feel 'at home'. They are searching to be among others who truly try to

live as brothers and sisters in Christ. They search for the loving example of vibrant faith from servants of Christ – bishops, priests, deacons, sisters, and people of faith who are ready to risk themselves, to give of themselves without conditions, for the service of others. We are all thirsting for the presence of God.

This is what we celebrate today – the 75th anniversary of a community of faith, a place of nurture of those called to be leaders in faith in our communities of faith. We celebrate the anniversary of our Saint Josaphat Seminary and its mission to

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prepare men to be our good shepherds and to be fishers of men. My prayer is that we hear and generously respond to the call of Jesus Christ today and into the future to ensure that the seminary continues to develop the nurturing pasture where people may seek and find an encounter with God. May the seminary achieve this together with our colleagues at The Catholic University of America and the neighboring theological institutions. May the seminary continue to foster and assist the seminarians to be holy men and ministers of the Gospel and the Sacred Mysteries. May they be knowledgeable and grow in their understanding of themselves and those whom they are called to serve and to journey with in faith. May the seminarians be real and courageous shepherds, not hired hands who run and hide when the sheep are attacked, are hungry, sick, suffering, lost or dying, but rather, as Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, "The hired hand runs away because

a hired hand does not care for his sheep.....I am the good shepherd..... And I lay down my life for the sheep".

My heartfelt gratitude is offered to everyone participating today in this Divine Liturgy celebrating the 75th anniversary of Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary. Special gratitude to our concelebrating Bishops and clergy, the clergy present this day, all those who shared with us in the day of discernment on important matters impacting our ministry today. Thank you to the beautiful choir director and to the choir members for so prayerfully and majestically raising our praise and worship to almighty God this evening. Thank you to all the faithful who have joined us this evening.

A special thanks to the Rector of Saint Josaphat Seminary, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens, and to the Spiritual Director, Rev. Vasyl Kharuk. When we speak of being chief shepherds exercising significant leadership and providing

guidance, then these two have proven themselves to be exceptional in their dedication and service. They are vibrant in their leadership and in their providing exceptional spiritual example of faithful and dedicated ministry. They have developed a rich pasture between the seminary and this parish, where seminarians can live and implement that which they are learning. They have engaged the local community and have developed a tight bond with our colleagues at The Catholic University of America. They model the shepherd who goes out and seeks the lost with their development of the new mission in Virginia where they faithfully serve weekly. They do it without complaint, without self-pity, without undue attention to their own sacrifices. There have been lots of sacrifices. They do it with joy in their hearts. Their enthusiasm is contagious. They do not walk alone for god is surely with them as they serve and teach others in the process of the formation of new priests.

How blessed are the seminarians who walk through the threshold of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary. We pray that each of them will serve Jesus Christ and His Church with the same vibrancy and joy. Finally, we thank the parishioners for their kind and generous hospitality for these joyous celebrations of the 75th anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary and for the Clergy Conference held at the parish these past days.

May the good will and joy evident among our gracious hosts serve to infect us with greater joy and enthusiasm in our own day-to-day ministry, as we continue to offer praise and thanksgiving to God on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC.

+ Слава Ісусу Христу!

# Greetings on the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary from His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk



UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK  
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF KYIV-HALYCH

Kyiv, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 A.D.  
Prot. N. 16/523

**Most Rev. Stefan Soroka**  
*Metropolitan-Archbishop*  
Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of  
Philadelphia

**Your Grace,**

I would like to convey my heartfelt greetings to the Seminary staff, students and all the alumni of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC, on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its establishment.

With the arrival of the first groups of Ukrainian immigrants to American soil at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and since the first priest left Ukraine in 1884 to serve and guide the faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in America, it was the utmost desire of our Hierarchs, beginning with the arrival of the first Bishop, Most Rev. Soter Ortynsky, in 1907, to establish a Ukrainian Catholic seminary in the United States, fully conscious that it would become the lifeblood, as well as, a pledge for the preservation of our Eastern Catholic heritage and the culture and traditions of many of our ancestors. These plans for a major seminary were realized only in 1941, when His Excellency Constantine Bohachevsky, then Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of America, began a seminary in rented apartments on Lincoln Road in the nation's capital. Since its foundation, the Seminary has played a crucial role in the formation of our clergy in the United States. Over the course of 75 years, 145 priests have graduated from this venerable institution. Ten of the Seminary's graduates were elevated to the episcopacy, and one of them - His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar - was elected the Father and Head of our Church and appointed to the College of Cardinals. Among the former Spiritual Directors of St. Josaphat Seminary, we remember also His Beatitude Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky. These and many other men responded generously to a unique calling of God to lead and serve the Church. Working with the hierarchy, these courageous priests worked to build the churches and to zealously minister to the souls entrusted to their care.

Today St. Josaphat Seminary, despite the shortage of vocations to the priesthood, continues to play an important role in the development of our Church in North America, as brave men from different walks of life discern their special calling and prepare themselves to serve in the vineyard of the Lord. The Seminary's proximity to the Catholic

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University of America gives its students a unique opportunity to benefit from the outstanding academic programs of a solid Catholic education while pursuing their priestly formation and liturgical practicum at St. Josaphat Seminary. Moreover, St. Josaphat being adjacent to the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family provides candidates to the priesthood with a precious opportunity to gain invaluable pastoral experience during their seminary studies.

I hope and I pray that there always will be a generous response in the hearts of men called to the priesthood in North America and that St. Josaphat Seminary will continue to play a vital role in the formation of the future generations of priests willing to dedicate their lives to Christ and to serve His Church magnanimously by providing for the pastoral needs of our faithful in the USA and to reach out to all who hunger to encounter the "Living Christ". I ask our entire community in the United States to continue to pray unceasingly for vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life, for "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Luke 10:2). May our families be authentic Domestic Churches where vocations are born, may our parish communities be "vibrant parishes" where this calling is sustained and nourished, and may our St. Josaphat Seminary be a place where vocations flourish and bring good fruit for our entire Church in the United States and around the world. May the Good Lord continue to bless all the benefactors of the Seminary and all those involved in the formation of our future priests.

THE BLESSING OF THE LORD BE UPON YOU!





# Greetings on the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary from Major-Archbishop emeritus Lubomyr Cardinal Husar

Княжичі (біля Києва)  
13 листопада 2016 року Божого  
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Високопреосвященний Архієпископ Стефан (Сорока),  
Митрополит Філадельфійський

**Високопреосвященний і дорогий Владико Митрополите!**

*Христос посеред нас!*

Відповідаю на Ваш ласкавий лист, від 20 вересня 2016 року (№ 570/2016 О), з повідомленням про відзначення 75-літнього ювілею існування Духовної Семінарії Святого Йосафата у Вашингтоні та запрошення взяти участь у святкуваннях. За все це сердечно дякую.

Ох, якби хотілося бути з Вами усіма в той день!... На жаль, такі далекі подорожі вже не для мене. Моє святкування буде напевно відбуватися в пам'яті.

У первісному будинку семінарії я ніколи не був і, навіть, не знаю де він знаходився. Натомість, як питомець семінарії Святого Василя у Стемфорді був я присутній на посвяченні нового будинку при Harewood Road. Були це дуже поважні святкування. Був присутній Нунцій, що в американських обставинах було дуже значущим. У той день, здається, я перший раз публічно виступав у підряснику.

У 1954-1958 роках провів я у цій семінарії дуже щасливі роки, дуже особливий час мого життя. Опісля кілька разів я відвідував семінарію, останній раз у 2007 році, коли будинок був уже цілком оновлений.

Від часу, коли я закінчив студії в Католицькому Університеті у Вашингтоні кожного року 25 листопада я служив Святу Літургію в наміренні співбратів, з якими я колись жив у семінарії. Думаю, що починаючи з цим роком, я в день Святого Йосафата за юліанським календарем буду згадувати високопреосвященних митрополитів, отців ректорів та всіх, хто у цій семінарії приготувався до священничого служіння.

Високопреосвященний владико митрополите, прохаю в день ювілейних святкувань дуже сердечно привітати від мене усіх, хто буде брати участь в тих святкуваннях, а я буду з усіма Вами у молитвах.

Вам щиро відданий у Христі-Господі співбрат

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# Greetings on the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary from Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches

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Your Excellency,

By your esteemed Letter N. 570/2016 of 20 September of last year, you alerted this Dicastery to the imminent and happy occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Ukrainian Inter-Eparchial Major Seminary of the United States, which bears the name of its glorious and beloved patron, St. Josaphat, Bishop and martyr.

On 8 September 1941, it was opened by Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky in Washington D.C., allowing the students the advantage of continuing their studies, beyond the basic course of philosophy and theology, at the Catholic University of America.

An illustrious and famous seminary, St. Josaphat has played a significant role by giving many priests to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church: more than 145 priests have graduated, including 10 hierarchs, among whom is the Major Archbishop Emeritus, His Eminence Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, M.S.U.

The seminary continues to play a fundamental role in the life of this Church *sui iuris*, contributing to its growth both in America and beyond. Over the past 50 years, several priests of St. Josaphat Major Seminary have gone to Ukraine after graduation in order to exercise their pastoral ministry. Their deep love of the Church and their faith in God have given them dignity and hope, especially during the decades of oppression.

On this festive occasion I share, first of all, in joy and praise with Your Excellency, the Clergy, the seminarians and all the faithful of this Archeparchy for the existence and the importance of this Seminary. As a genuine ecclesial community, it is that privileged "place" in the Church where Christ, in the power of the Spirit, forms His priests, as He did the apostles, conforming them to and modelling them on Himself. With all of you, I join in a common prayer of gratitude to the Lord.

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His Excellency the Most Reverend  
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We are also grateful to all those who have contributed, in various ways, and continue to collaborate for the good and ever greater development of St. Josaphat Major Seminary. A heartfelt thankyou is owed to all those families who have sought to promote vocations to the priesthood and who never cease to encourage them. All the faithful, especially by their prayer to the Lord of the harvest, can contribute to the flourishing of vocations and to the formation of priests. Indeed, what forges a priest is primarily his prayer and the prayer that the entire Community raises to the Lord on his behalf, for his maturation and his ministry.

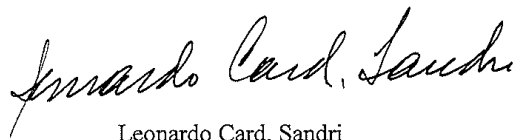
My earnest desire, however, is that St. Josaphat Major Seminary, even before being an educational structure for candidates to the priesthood – as serious a concern as this is for the Church – will be a community of persons striving to foster the unity and collaboration necessary to live the Christian faith authentically, in continuity with their traditions.

Be assured of my prayer to the Lord that at St. Josaphat Inter-Eparchial Major Seminary a solid and integral formation of candidates to the priesthood might always take place, personalized for each and overseen with care. The success of this formation, which is simultaneously human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral, depends upon abundant divine blessings and on the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin.

In the years ahead, this Seminary will ever require the prayers, interest, and assistance of us all. May the Lord bless with His divine generosity those who live at St. Josaphat, now and in the future, the staff, professors and seminarians, along with everyone who in some way is its benefactor.

With cordial and respectful best regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Leonardo Card. Sandri  
Prefect



✠ Cyril Vasil, S.J.  
Archbishop Secretary



## Greetings on the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary from Rt Rev Mitred Msg. Leon Mosko

To those gathered to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary, Слава Ісусу Христу!

Fearing that the rising tide of World War II would engulf and jeopardize the safety of his seminarians studying in Ukraine and Rome, Archbishop Constantine Bohachevsky decided to recall his theologians to the US.

To provide for their studies, he established a house of formation in north-east Washington, DC, amidst a cluster of some dozen other seminaries. This institution crowned our previously established seminary system, St. Basil Preparatory School and St. Basil College in Stamford CT.

In the 60 years of my priesthood, I have been privileged to serve as Rector of all three of these Ukrainian Catholic institutions in the US, and therefore can attest to the fine quality of education and formation our priests have enjoyed.

Regrettably, the Stamford based institutions of St. Basil's Prep School and St. Basil College no longer exist, but Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, commendably, continues to make all sacrifices necessary to ensure the existence of St. Josaphat Seminary.

The infirmities associated with advanced age preclude my participation in this 75th anniversary of St Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary celebration in body, however, I assure you that in spirit I rejoice with you and pray for the future of this venerable institution.

З подякою за пройдешні благодаті, молимо Всевишнього, Сотвори, Господи, Семінарії св. Йосафата ще Многії і Благії Літа!

Your brother in Christ,  
Rt Rev Mitred Msg. Leon Mosko

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## 'CONFRONT THE DEFICIT' PROGRAM UPDATE

The offices and rectory of our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception have been moved into the updated former convent located next to the Cathedral.

Our Treasury of Faith Museum has now been moved into newly prepared rooms in the Cathedral basement. The displays are being set up, a process which will take until spring. The new location is very promising, will look great, and will enhance visits by people visiting our golden-dome Cathedral.

The former school building in which the Treasury of Faith Museum was located is now undergoing preparation to accommodate the Chancery. Phone lines and internet is being installed, and some walls and alterations are being done.

The Byzantine Catholic Supply store will continue to be located on the lower level of the new Chancery facility.

The necessary engineering preparations and bidding for the installation of the needed elevator to serve both existing buildings is in

process. This is the most costly portion of the project but required for handicap access. One elevator will serve two buildings.

We intend to move the Chancery operations as soon as the new alterations are completed, so as to vacate the present buildings completely. This will allow for the leasing of the existing Chancery and Cathedral offices, thereby providing for much needed operating revenue for the Archeparchy. The 'Confront the Deficit' program is a necessity to allow for the Archeparchy to meet normal operating expenses, without further burdening the parishes.

We have been able to successfully cover the costs to date; yet, the more expensive portion of the elevator installation needs your urgent financial help. I beg you to consider offering a generous Christmas gift to the Archeparchy to help us to complete this very necessary project. The generosity of our faithful and some of our parishes has allowed us to proceed and to meet the costs to date. We are thankful for the assistance received. We



**Assembling an Altar Display at the new Treasury of Faith Museum.**

are now in need of significant financial help to address the elevator expense. We cannot afford to move forward without your financial help. Please help in whatever way you can by sending an offering to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

My heartfelt thanks to you for your understanding and for your anticipated generous assistance. God bless you richly in ways only He can!

**+ Stefan Soroka**

**Metropolitan-Archbishop**

### **"Confront the Deficit" Donations (September-November 2016)**

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The menu will feature both Ukrainian and American fare catered by Kathy Gavin of Stirna's Catering. Music for dancing will be provided by the Ukrainian band "Fourth Wave Ensemble" of Philadelphia. Cash bar will be available. Wearing Ukrainian attire is encouraged.

Tickets \$45.00. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Michael Trusz at 570 489-1256. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Divine Liturgy is at 4:00pm every Saturday at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church.

## Annual Food Collection for the "Needy" - Now through December 11th (Swarthmore, PA)

Holy Myrrh-Bearers Eastern Catholic Church will hold its "Annual Holiday Food Collection" for the needy in the community from now through Sunday, December 11th. Anyone wishing to donate any canned or boxed, non-perishable food items should bring them to the Church on any Saturday between 4:00 pm. and 6:00 pm. or on Sunday between 9:00 am and noon or use the convenient drop-off box at the entrance to the Educational Center anytime during the week. We are located at 900 Fairview Road in Swarthmore/Ridley Township. Given the harsh economic conditions currently being experienced, we appreciate anyone's help in this worthwhile effort. It will be through your efforts that we aim for matching or exceeding our last Christmas season's collection. Please help us help, if you can!



## Ascension Manor holds Thansgiving Celebration

Residents of Ascension Manor at a Thanksgiving Celebration on November 22, 2016. Ascension Manor is a non-profit senior citizen apartment complex for people 62 and older. It is located one block away from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. It is under the direction of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. For more information on Ascension Manor or for an application, please call 215-922-1116. <http://www.ascensionmanor.org> . Equal Housing Opportunity.



### Ascension Manor in Philadelphia is seeking candidates for two open positions: Maintenance Technician and Custodian/Grounds Technician.

Ascension Manor is seeking qualified candidates for a Full Time Entry Level Maintenance Technician and Custodian/Grounds Technician. A Maintenance Technician must be able to perform basic plumbing, electrical, painting and appliance repairs. Custodian/Grounds Technician performs exterior & interior cleaning and light maintenance duties. Prior completion of college or equivalent trade related courses and the ability to speak multiple languages are a plus. Resumes can be faxed to (215)922-3735. EOE





## Thanksgiving Celebration at St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, Sloatsburg, NY

Thanksgiving celebration at St. Joseph's Adult Care Home with the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, residents and family, and a special guest from Rome, our Superior General Sr. Theresa Ann Slota, SSMI. We are grateful to all our benefactors and friends who support us day after day.



**Sr. Theresa Ann Slota, SSMI poses for a picture at the "Count your Blessings" raffle drawing.**

For more pictures, please visit the St. Joseph's Home Facebook page  
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# Scenes from the Cathedral's Christmas Bazaar in Philadelphia, PA on November 20, 2016



**Fr. Roman Pitula, Cathedral Rector, and Fr. Roman Sverdun, Parochial Vicar pose for a picture with St. Nicholas at the Bazaar!**



**Vendors**



**Children's Table**



**Kitchen**



**Flea Market**



Sister Timothea, MSMG, and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God help raise funds to save babies.

"Legacy of Life" supports pregnancy centers. For more information please visit the "Legacy of Life Foundation" website at [www.legacyoflifefoundation.org](http://www.legacyoflifefoundation.org).



**Baked Goods Table**



**Cafeteria**



## Generations of Service

On Sunday, November 13th, St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Cherry Hill, NJ, celebrated their Patronal Feast with a Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and a festal luncheon for all of the parish family. What made this day special was the presence of three generations of service at the most sacred and holy altar. Father Paul Makar, pastor of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, invited not only Rev. Deacon Michael Waak of Collingswood, NJ, to serve at the celebration of the patron saint he was named after, but also his father, Rev. Deacon Paul Makar of Perth Amboy, NJ, to serve as well. In addition, Nicholas Makar, Father Paul's nephew and Father Deacon Paul's grandson, told his grandfather that he would like to serve with him and "uncle Father Paul," so little Nick got to serve as altar boy with both his uncle and grandfather!

The presence of multiple generations of family at Church services is a most wonderful thing – every parish in our Archeparchy has generations of family who have served the Church in various capacities. Here at St.



**Featured at St. Michael's Cherry Hill Patronal Celebration from right to left: Rev. Deacon Paul Makar, Altar Boy Nicholas Makar, Father Paul J. Makar, and Rev. Deacon Michael Waak**

Michael's, just like in our other parishes, you will find two and three generations of families who regularly come and participate, not only in the Divine Services, but also in the stewardship and care of our church here in Cherry Hill. We take pride in the fact that our children and grandchildren are being raised in the faith and take an active part in the life and of the church. We all must be willing to teach our future generations the foundations of our Ukrainian Catholic faith so that we do not lose the spiritual treasures we inherited from our ancestors.

But there is another important highlight to

consider here - two deacons serving at the Divine Liturgy. This also is a most wonderful thing. Father Paul, in his sermon, preached about the angelic hosts of heaven and how the deacons are a living icon of the angels. He explained that the angels act as messengers and servants for Christ, our God and High Priest, at the heavenly altar. They go forth from the altar and carry out God's command in our own world (think of how the Archangel Gabriel went forth from heaven and told Mary that she would conceive Jesus Christ, God the Son, in her own womb; or how the Archangel Michael miraculously saved the

Christian city of Chonae from destruction at the hands of unbelieving pagans).

In the same way, the deacons go to and from the altar during the Divine Liturgy to help the priest lead the people in worship. Standing outside of the iconostas, they lead the ektenias (the petitions where we respond "Lord, have mercy," or "Grant this, O Lord."), they proclaim the Gospel, they exhort the people to reverence (whenever the priest bestows a blessing or an important part in our worship takes place, such as the recitation of the Creed, or at points

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# Generations of Service

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where we should bow our heads). At the altar, they assist the priest (or bishop) as a "master of ceremonies."

Deacons are vested in the garb of an imperial messenger of the old Eastern Roman empire. This garb tells us that deacons also act as "heavenly messengers" in the likeness of the archangels. When the deacon (or subdeacon) ties his orarion in the form of a cross (the long stole that is draped over his shoulder – note that the subdeacon always wears it crossed and never draped over the

shoulder), it reminds us of the wings of an angel, telling us that he is a heavenly assistant at the liturgy; that he is a living icon of the angels of heaven serving at Christ's eternal altar.

The role the deacon plays in our Church is not only one of practicality at liturgy, but also is a spiritual reminder of God's providence in our lives. Our Lord sends angels to guard us and help us every day. The presence of two deacons at the Divine Liturgy, while somewhat rare in our Church, shows us the mystery of the hosts of

angels serving at God's heavenly altar and going forth into our presence here on Earth.

We all are encouraged to live a holy life in the manner of angels, and we ought to continue to encourage our children and grandchildren to do the same. If we are not willing to do this, our faith and Church will die out with only a tiny remnant left (remember, in the Old Testament, the Israelites of old were God's promised people, and He let them be carried off into captivity in Babylon). We will find ourselves in captivity to

godless people, suffering and in want without God's presence and His Holy Church to sustain and protect us.

So remember, encourage your families to keep the faith strong in their children and grandchildren. Don't be afraid to show them the beauty and the gifts of our Ukrainian Catholic faith. Share it freely and keep it alive in your families. You too may find that angels will indeed be visiting you and that you too can live the angelic life with all your generations to come!



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# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bayonne, NJ celebrates 100 TH ANNIVERSARY!



## 100th Anniversary Celebration in Bayonne, NJ

While it is often said that you cannot go back in time, on Sunday, October 9, 2016, Dormition/Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church located in Bayonne, NJ did just that when it celebrated its 100th Anniversary. This was a rare opportunity for many current parishioners, former parishioners, friends of the parish and guests to come together to reflect upon the Church's past and to also give thought to its future.

It was recalled that at the turn of the century Ukrainian immigrants were beginning to make America their new home.

Some chose to settle in Bayonne. In the absence of a church of their own, our Ukrainian ancestors worshipped at St. John's Ruthenian Church in the Constable Hook section of Bayonne or they attended Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Jersey City. Misunderstandings over the parish charter caused the Ukrainian faithful to withdraw from St. John's Church. Services were then held at St. Michael's Lithuanian Church and in the renovated Orpheum Theater from 1916-1917. In the Spring of 1918 parishioners purchased and remodeled St. John's Lutheran Church, situated in their present location.

On September 2, 1918, a large throng of people from Bayonne, priests and parishioners of Ukrainian Catholic parishes in the metropolitan area, witnessed the blessing of the new Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church. The wooden church, with its adjacent rectory, served as home for the Ukrainian congregation for nearly 40 years.

Tragedy struck the Parish on Palm Sunday, March 29, 1958 when a fire totally destroyed the wooden church. Many parishioners and citizens of Bayonne appeared on the scene. Some prayed, young and old cried,

others stared in disbelief and still others worked frantically alongside the firemen. The fire was over by midnight. The next day, a stunned, sorrowing congregation gathered in nearby St. Joseph's Slovak Church auditorium to hear Mass. All cried, both for their burnt church and for their suffering pastor, Father George Pazdrey. Many grieved that history was repeating itself – 1916 was remembered – once again they were without a church.

Through the generous donations of the people and businesses of Bayonne a new church

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was erected. Ground breaking and blessing ceremonies for the new church were performed on Sunday afternoon, November 30, 1958, eight months after the church burned down. It was opened on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1960 and solemnly dedicated on Sunday, June 19 of that same year under the direction of Father George Pazdrey. Parishioners in attendance recalled the struggles the parish endured prior to this joyous event.

Over the course of a century, many priests came to serve the Church. All always wanted to do what was best for the church and for their parishioners.

October 9 will be long remembered by all who participated in the celebration. Parishioners expressed warm memories of their parents and grandparents who worshipped in the Church in earlier years. They also enjoyed recalling their first holy communion celebration, wedding, baptismal occasions, church hall celebrations and many other events



**Rev. Ivan Hovhera, Rev. Mykola Bychok, CSsR, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, and Rev. Vasyl Putera, pastor.**

as they were growing up in either the old or new parish!

Reverend Vasyl Putera, Pastor, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, and visiting clergy thanked God for the many blessings He showered down upon the parish during the past 100 years. They prayed that He would still continue to bless the Church in the coming years. They also thanked Mary Most Holy Mother of God for her protection and prayed to her to keep watch over

the parish in its daily life.

Immediately following the close of the Liturgy, a celebration luncheon was held at a local restaurant. Metropolitan Soroka once again congratulated the Parish upon its 100 th anniversary and thanked everyone for their spirit of faith and unwavering dedication to their Church.

As the memorable celebration came to a close, all in attendance agreed that it was a wonderful occasion to

recall the Church's past and to ponder its future.

What the future holds for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bayonne only God knows. But the parishioners still strive to continue the work of the founders of the parish and they do so wholeheartedly for they have a great deal of faith and love for their Church.

## METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

### DECEMBER

- 1 BOARD MEETING OF ASCENSION MANOR, PHILADELPHIA, PA
- 3 PARTICIPATION OF "SVITLYCHKA" ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION. UKRAINIAN EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL CENTER, JENKINTOWN, PA
- 6 FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS
- 9 DIVINE LITURGY AT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, 9:00 AM FOR INTENTION OF ALL BENEFACTORS AND DONORS TO UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
- 11 "PRAZNYK"/FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY AT 10:00 AM FOLLOWED BY CHILDREN'S CONCERT AND PROGRAM AT 11:30 AM.
- 14 MEETING OF ARCHDIOCESEAL FINANCE COUNCIL.
- 15 MEETING OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF USA
- 24 4:30 PM -HIERARCHICAL CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY AT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 25 10:00 AM - HIERARCHICAL CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY AT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 26 DIVINE LITURGY AND FEAST DAY CELEBRATION WITH SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE, SLOATSBURG, NY.

### РОЗКЛАД МИТРОПОЛИТА СТЕФАНА НА ГРУДЕНЬ 2016 Р.

### ГРУДЕНЬ

- 1 ЗАСІДАННЯ ВИКОНАВЧОГО КОМІТЕТУ ЖИТЛОВОГО КОМПЛЕКСУ "ВОЗНЕСІННЯ", ФІЛАДЕЛЬФІЯ.
- 3 УЧАСТЬ У СВЯТІ СВ. МИКОЛАЯ В "СВІТЛИЦІ", УОКЦ, ДЖЕНКІНТАВН, ПЕНС.
- 6 ПРАЗНИК СВ. МИКОЛАЯ.
- 9 О 9:00 РАНКУ БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ В КАТЕДРІ НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ В ФІЛАДЕЛЬФІЇ ЗА НАМІРЕННЯ ВСІХ ДОБРОЧИНЦІВ І ЖЕРТВОДАВЦІВ УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ КАТОЛИЦЬКОЇ АРХІЄПАРХІЇ ФІЛАДЕЛЬФІЇ.
- 11 О 10:00 РАНКУ АРХІЄРЕЙСЬКА БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ З НАГОДИ ХРАМОВОГО ПРАЗНИКА В КАТЕДРІ НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ, ПО ЗАВЕРШЕННІ ОБ 11:30 РАНКУ КОНЦЕРТНА ПРОГРАМА ДИТЯЧИХ КОЛЕКТИВІВ.
- 14 ЗАСІДАННЯ АРХІЄПАРХІАЛЬНОЇ ФІНАНСОВОЇ РАДИ.
- 15 ЗАСІДАННЯ УКРАЇНСЬКИХ КАТОЛИЦЬКИХ ЄПІСКОПІВ США.
- 24 О 4:30 ВЕЧОРА АРХІЄРЕЙСЬКА РІЗДВЯНА БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ В УКРАЇНСЬКІЙ КАТОЛИЦЬКІЙ КАТЕДРІ НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ.
- 25 О 10:00 РАНКУ АРХІЄРЕЙСЬКА РІЗДВЯНА БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ В УКРАЇНСЬКІЙ КАТОЛИЦЬКІЙ КАТЕДРІ НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ.
- 26 БОЖЕСТВЕННА ЛІТУРГІЯ І СВЯТКУВАННЯ ПРАЗНИКА З СЕСТРАМИ СЛУЖЕБНИЦЯМИ НЕПОРОЧНОЇ ДІВИ МАРІЇ, СЛОВТСБУРГ, Н. Й.





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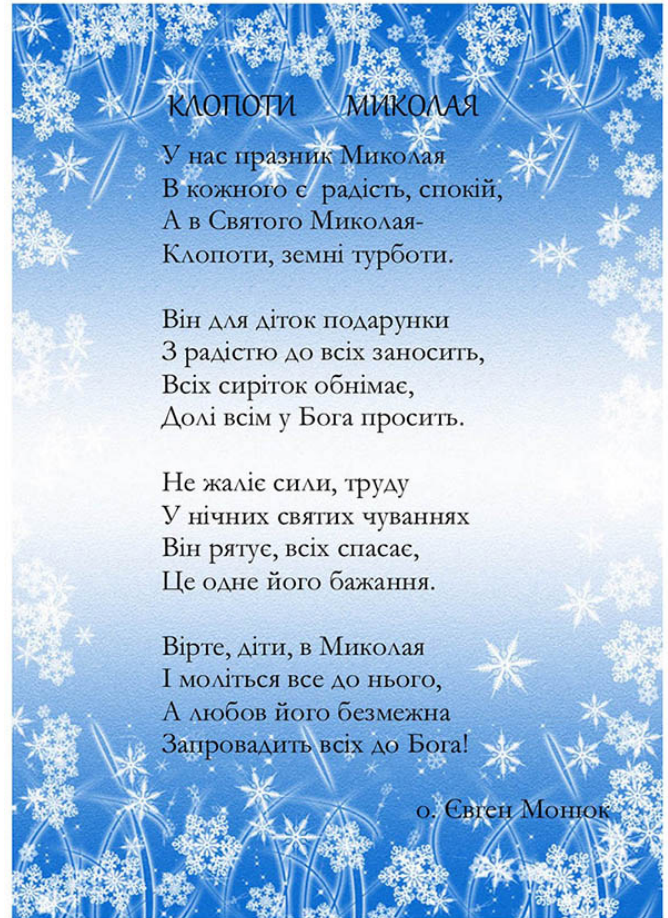
Діти просять в Миколая  
Кожний у своїй потребі.  
І надіючись на ласки,  
Які Бог зішле із неба.

Мама з татом радять дітям,  
Щоб молилися щиренько,  
Бо в Святого Миколая-  
Любляче святе серденько.

Милі! Любі! Наші внуки,  
Дід, бабуня промовляють,  
З вірою в святих молитвах  
Миколая теж благають.

Най ростуть на Божу Славу!  
Святий отче, Миколаю,  
Ти молись за їхні душі,  
Запровадь колись до раю!

О. Євген Мошук



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У нас празник Миколая  
В кожного є радість, спокій,  
А в Святого Миколая-  
Клопоти, земні турботи.

Він для діток подарунки  
З радістю до всіх заносить,  
Всіх сиріток обнімає,  
Долі всім у Бога просить.

Не жаліє сили, труду  
У нічних святих чужаннях  
Він рятує, всіх спасає,  
Це одне його бажання.

Вірте, діти, в Миколая  
І моліться все до нього,  
А любов його безмежна  
Запровадить всіх до Бога!

о. Євген Мошук

**"Super Christmas Holiday Kielbasi Sale – Now through December 11th" Swarthmore, PA**

Because of the many requests for Kielbasi rings/ links in time for the Christmas Holidays, Holy Myrrh-Bearers Eastern Catholic Church is holding a special Christmas Holiday Kielbasi Sale. We are offering mouth-watering, high quality smoked kielbasa for the unbelievably low price of only \$12.00 per ring or 4 big links for \$10.00. For your convenience, we now are able to accept your orders via email. To place your Kielbasa orders, please email us at HMBChurch@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731 by Sunday, December 11th. Pickup will be between 10:00 am and noon on Sunday, December 18th at our Church which is located at 900 Fairview Road in Swarthmore/Ridley Township, PA.

**SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

**December 9th, 2016** - Feast of Conception of St. Anne. Annual Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving for all Benefactors of Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 9:00 am at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA.

**Conception of St. Anne**

This notice is written to remind the clergy and faithful that the Holy Day of the Conception of St. Anne (Immaculate Conception) is celebrated on December 9th. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation. By decree of the Ukrainian Bishops of the Metropolitan Province of Philadelphia on 30 November, 2006 this Holy Day has been re-appointed to its original celebration.



## The Feast of the Conception of St. Anne - December 9, 2016

St. John Damascene, Doctor of the Church regarding the Mystery of the Incarnation (of Christ), instructs us that the Feast of the Conception of St. Anne was celebrated in the East already from the 8th century, prior to the schism in 1054 between Orthodox and Catholic Christians.

The Eastern Church celebrates other conceptions, i.e. the conception of St. John the Baptist. In the Feast

of the Conception of St. Anne, we celebrate the event in salvation history – the venerable Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary conceived a child in their old age; in the Feast of the Conception of St. John the Baptist, his parents likewise conceived a child later in life, taking away the “curse” of childlessness. For in the Judaic (Old Testament) tradition, the conceiving and birth of a child was understood as a “blessing” from God.

The Conception of St. Anne, Anne the Mother conceiving Mary in the womb, was an important event in the history of God saving His people (Salvation History). God was fulfilling His promise to send a Messiah to save mankind from sin – a promise made after the fall of Adam and Eve. For in the words of the Kondak for the Feast:

“Today (this day) we celebrate the joyous conception of Anne, for it was from God that she



(Anne) had conceived beyond any human word the One (Mary) Who would one day give birth to the Word (Christ).”

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## Feast of Saint Nicholas- December 6th 2016

Saint Nicholas was born in the last half of the third century in Patara, in the province of Lycia in Asia Minor to a pious Christian couple, Theophan and Nonna. Nicholas was as a child who was very much influenced by his devout parents and his uncle, also named Nicholas, who was a bishop.

When Nicholas grew older, he entered the monastery of Sion near Myra. Later he became a priest and abbot of the monastery. He lived in great holiness. His parents died during a plague. The wealth, which he received, he

gave to the poor and needy. Gradually the word spread about his kindness and generosity.

Many wondrous things he did particularly for the unfortunate children and young people. The people referred to him as “the Wonderworker.”

When the Archbishop of Myra died, it was decided that Nicholas would become the next Archbishop of Myra. Although his position was very important, Archbishop Nicholas continued in his humble way to be very kind, thoughtful and generous. Saint Nicholas especially

liked to do his good deeds in secret. Word of the miracles he performed spread throughout the region.

Saint Nicholas was imprisoned for the Faith and died in 342. Even after his death, Saint Nicholas was venerated in many countries all over the world. He became the patron saint of children of whom many are named. Many churches also bear his name.

An old saying makes us realize how much happiness can be brought to others by a kind word or deed.

Understandably, those who make others happy are themselves also happy. The saying is: “One teaspoon of honey does more good than a barrel of vinegar.”

The life of St. Nicholas indicates that he lived these words. We too can bring happiness to others. A quick smile, a kind word and a willingness to help others can bring much happiness to those in need. We in so doing recognize that we all have God as our Heavenly Father and we all are members of one family – brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Head of UGCC: “We are able to stay in the same trench with our fighters”

25 November 2016

While in the area of ATO, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Head of the UGCC, visited one of the local military chapels existing from the beginning of the war. The leader of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic community was welcomed by military chaplains and military-clad believers, the “People’s Army” website reported on November 25th.



“I am very pleased and moved to be here, in this field chapel. I have the opportunity to meet with you,” Patriarch Sviatoslav said, turning to the military servicemen and clergy. “Everyone is in his place – as a priest, as a military serviceman and as a citizen of

this country. One priest will not stop the war, it is beyond human power. But we can look into the eyes of death staying beside the soldiers. We are unable to protect our land and soldiers from the deadly force of Grad shells fired sent by the enemy, but we are capable at this point to stay in a trench with them.

According to the Head of the UGCC, it is important that soldiers who are at the forefront understand they are not alone, not abandoned. The Ukrainian nation is united through the defense of Homeland. And this responsibility lays on the shoulders of not only the military, but of every Ukrainian citizen, wherever he may be.

“There are different kinds of victories. You can beat the enemy on the physical level, killing him. But there is still a spiritual victory. Man is unable to destroy the devil, but the meaning of moral victory is to withstand shock and not to succumb to temptations. Perhaps this is the victory that awaits us,” the Head of UGCC believes. “The invaders believed that Ukraine will fall like a house of cards from a push from their boot. But it did not work. I have a growing sensation that the Ukrainian strength - spiritual and pragmatic strength gradually increases. However, everybody is getting demoralized beyond the boundary line. In fact, their system rests on bayonets, and society has no healthy enthusiasm.

The UGCC marks the 25th anniversary of chaplaincy. When the Greek Catholics first knocked on the gates of military units, it was pretty hard. The force command has been under the influence of Soviet stereotypes, not understanding the importance and role of a priest in the army. A breakthrough has occurred only recently. The chaplains followed the volunteers from Euromaidan to the steppes of Donbas - to the frontline, and showed through deeds who they are. Now the status of a military chaplain gradually acquired legal traits familiar to many developed countries, normalizing it as a full-time institution of the Armed Forces.

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# Pope thanks all involved in organising the year of mercy

November 28, 2016

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis met on Monday with religious and civil authorities who organized the recently concluded jubilee year of mercy. They included members of the Pontifical Council for New Evangelization, headed by Archbishop Rino Fisichella, but also police chiefs and Italian officials in charge of local and regional security.

Pope Francis spoke of the origin of his idea for a year of mercy, describing it as “a simple intuition” which the Lord transformed into a celebration of faith and joy for Christian communities throughout the world.

The opening of doors of mercy in so many cathedrals and shrines, he went on, enabled people to freely experience the love of God in their lives. The fruits of this extraordinary event must now become part of our daily living, he said, so that mercy truly becomes a permanent lifestyle for all Christians.

The Pope went on to thank all those individuals and organizations who worked hard to guarantee the safety and smooth running of the jubilee, which officially concluded on November 20th, the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

In particular he mentioned Italy’s Home Affairs minister, the regional Lazio authorities and local chiefs of police who worked together with the Swiss Guards, Vatican police and other offices of the Holy See to ensure a positive experience for the millions of pilgrims who travelled to Rome over the past year.

Last, but not least, he thanked members of the Pontifical Council for New Evangelization and all the volunteers from different parts of the world who worked so hard to transform this event into a real moment of grace. May your efforts, he concluded, be rewarded by the experience of mercy which the Lord will not fail to grant you.

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## The Head of the UGCC in Fatima consecrated Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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We are in the unique miraculous place of the apparition of Our Lady, which holds a message and a spiritual call to open the mystery of ecclesiastical history of the whole mankind, and, in particular, the history of our nation. Since we, as no one, when hearing the words about those apparitions of the Mother of God at Fatima, understand that, first and foremost, it's about us, especially about those who are suffering from the war.



This was said by the Head and Father of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav in his homily during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on October 23 in Fatima, while addressing Ukrainian pilgrims, who arrived there from Portugal, Italy and Spain. The Head of the Church was joined by Bishops of the Synod of the UGCC and other representatives of Eastern Catholic Churches of Europe.

"Imagine that a hundred years ago this was a remote and desolate stony place, where little shepherds herded their

sheep into a pasture, - he went on. - And it was to them, those illiterate children, that the Mother of God spoke to. She asked them what Jesus Christ asked his first Apostles for."

So the Most Holy Virgin Mary called a man to the common work with God in the matter of saving mankind. Our Lady was looking for such an answer and such readiness to be with the Lord in his fight with evil, which were in those little shepherds. The first appeal, which she made to the children in order

to save the world from war, was the following: "Are you willing to bear sufferings and sacrifice them for the offences caused to God by mankind? Would you like, by your prayer, repentance, sacrifice, and conversion, to save sinful souls from hell?" Those children said "Yes."

"Such response of a person and his readiness to repentance and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners... turns out stronger than modern weapons of massive destruction. St. Pope John Paul II

has proven this himself, having fitted the bullet, which was used to shoot at him, into the crown of Our Lady of Fatima," - said the preacher.

The Head of the Church thanked the Ukrainian migrants for their love for their Church, their people and their Motherland: "I thank you most for, wherever you are, you remain Christians, who give this world an opportunity to meet and know the living God among us, Ukrainians."

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav went on to say: "Today I feel my duty to give answer to your request - consecrate Ukraine, our people and other nations of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and give us all under her Veil. Because we know that only through personal mortification and fight with sin we can win the war, in which we are involved now."

Hence the Hierarch

asked the pilgrims the same question which Mother of God asked the little shepherds: "Do you want through personal mortification and penance join the fight with sin? Are you ready to sacrifice your pains and sufferings for the conversion of sinners? Are you ready, by sacrificing tears and sufferings of Ukraine, apologize to God for innumerable offences which we and other nations gave Him? All the pilgrims said "Yes."

«Mary, we are standing today before your face and consecrate to your Immaculate Heart and give under your Veil Ukraine and other nations of Eastern Europe and the world. We sacrifice to you our pain and all sufferings of Ukraine because only through conversion and repentance comes peace. Accept our sacrifice and save our people and our land and the world from sin and death," - said the Head of the UGCC,

consecrating Ukraine and other nations under the Veil of Our Lady.

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