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Christ is Risen!



Deacon Michael Waak incenses the Icon of the Resurrection on Pascha Sunday at the Cathedral as the sun shines brightly on the icon. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



(Photo at left) The empty tomb at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Pascha Sunday morning, April 5, 2015. (Photo: Lisa Oprysk)

"He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay." (Matthew 28:6)

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Pascha Sunday around the Archeparchy



MILLVILLE, NJ. Divine Liturgy for Pascha (Easter) at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Millville, NJ with Rev. Alexander Dumenko. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)

CATHEDRAL, PHILADELPHIA. Proclaiming the Gospel in five languages (Ukrainian, English, Spanish, Greek and old Slavonic) on Easter at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. Pictured left to right are Deacon Michael Waak, Subdeacon Roman Oprysk, Rev. Walter Pasiczyk, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Altar Server Volodomyr, Rev. Joseph Szupa and Rev. Ivan Demkiv. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



MT. CARMEL, PA. Rev. Michael Hutsko proclaims the Gospel on Pascha at SS Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)



WASHINGTON, DC. Some 450 parishioners and visitors gathered together to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on April 5. Fr. Robert Hitchens talks with the littlest parishioners of Holy Family at the homily. (Photo: Jurij Dobczansky)



SCRANTON, PA. Rev. Myron Myronyuk poses for a picture with Altar Servers at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)

Blessing of Paschal Foods around the Archeparchy



NORTHAMPTON, PA. Easter Foods being blessed by Rev. David Clooney on Holy Saturday.



FRACKVILLE, PA. Rev. Roman Pitula blesses Easter Foods at St. Michael the Archangel Church Hall. (Photo: Deacon Paul Spotts)



OLYPHANT, PA. Rev. Nestor Iwasiw blesses Easter Foods at SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church (school gym) on Saturday 4/4/15. Over 350+ people attended. (Photo: Lauren Telep)



READING, PA. Rev. Andriy Rabiyy blesses Easter Foods at Nativity of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)



MELROSE PARK, PA. Rev. Ihor Royik blesses Easter Foods at Annunciation of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall. (Photo: Natalia Siletsky.)

Good Friday around the Archeparchy



PASSAIC, NJ. Rev. Andriy Dudkevych incenses the Shroud at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)



HILLSIDE, NJ. Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)



MT CARMEL, PA. SS Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)



CATHEDRAL, PHILADELPHIA. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka during Vespers on Good Friday at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. (Photo: Lisa Oprysk)



READING, PA. Nativity of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church. (Photo is from the parish Facebook page.)



PERTH AMBOY, NJ. Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church. (Photo: Rev. Ivan Turyk.)

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka celebrates Holy Thursday Service in St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, Warrington, PA

WARRINGTON, PA—On Holy Thursday, April 2, Archbishop Stefan Soroka was the main celebrant during religious services at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, Warrington, Pa.

The Holy Thursday service commemorated the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper. During the service, Metropolitan Stefan consecrated the Holy Myron (Chrism) and performed the traditional Washing of the Feet of 12 priests reenacting the washing of the feet of His apostles by Jesus as recounted in the Gospel of John. Metropolitan Stefan was also the homilist.

Watch videos from Holy Thursday on our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>



Photo (l to r) front row: Rev. Paul J. Makar, Rev. Stepan Bilyk, Rev. John Fields. Rev. Yaroslav Kurpel, Rev. Roman Sverdun, Msgr. Ronald Popivchak, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Rev. Walter Pasicznyk, Rev. Vasil Bunik, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka, Rev. Taras Lonchyna, Rev. Ivan Demkiv. (back row): Rev. Daniel Troyan, who was the narrator during the Washing of the Feet Ceremony and Rev. Andriy Rabi, who assisted Metropolitan Stefan during the Washing of the Feet Ceremony. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

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Holy Thursday Service in St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, Warrington, PA



Procession (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Great Entrance (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Rev. Vasil Bunik, pastor of St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, carries the Myron (Chrism). (Photo: Jim Jubinski)



Metropolitan Stefan extends his hand over the Myron, prays, and blesses the Chrism three times with his hand. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Msgr. Ronald Popivchak portrays the role of Peter and says "Lord, don't just wash my feet. Wash my hands and my head." (Photo: Jim Jubinski)



Twelve priests line up for the Washing of the Feet Ceremony. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Metropolitan Stefan washes the foot of Rev. John Fields. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

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St. George the Great-Martyr - April 23, 2015



The Lord said: "This is my command: Love each other. If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'"

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. (Jn. 15: 17 – 16: 2)

Glorious, wonderful and great martyr of Christ George lived during the reign of emperor Diocletian in 296. He came from Cappadocia and descended from a glorious and well-known family. He first shone in the order of Tribunes and then, when he was about to suffer martyrdom, he became a count (i.e. a prefect or a governor or even a victorious general). Then impious Diocletian started a persecution against Christians. He issued a royal order so that all the Christians who denied Christ should be worthy of royal honors while all those who would not be convinced to do so would be punished with death.

St. George happened to be present when these orders were issued. He declared himself to be a Christian, and he criticized the delusion of the idols mocking those who believed in them. The saint was convinced neither by the flatteries and the many promises of the tyrant nor by his threats and intimidation. Instead, he scorned all of this. So, they first hit him on his belly with a spear which pierced the saint's flesh so much that a lot of blood poured out from the wound but the head of the spear turned back and, thus, the saint was kept unharmed. Then, they tied him on a wheel which had sharp knives embedded in it. They let it roll down a slope and, so, the martyr's body was cut to many pieces. However, he was again made healthy with the help of a divine angel. Then, the saint was presented to Diocletian and his co-emperor Magnentius, who were offering sacrifices to the idols at the time.

Because he appeared to have been kept safe and sound from such a terrible torture, St. George attracted many Greeks to the faith of Christ. The emperor ordered them to be beheaded immediately. Then, even empress Alexandra came to the faith of Christ and confessed Christ to be true God in front of her husband Diocletian. Many more people believed in Christ seeing that the saint was kept unharmed when he was thrown into a pit full of lime. Then, they nailed iron shoes into the saint's feet and made him run. After this they whipped him mercilessly with dry bull-nerves.

Magnentius asked the saint to make a miracle and raise a man who had died many years before and was buried in a grave that lay in front of him. After the saint had prayed on the gravestone, what a miracle! The dead man rose and bowed before the saint, glorifying the divinity and power of Christ. The emperor

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asked him who he was and when he had died. The dead man answered that he was one of the men who lived before the coming of Christ, i.e. three hundred years before, and that due to his error regarding the idols he was being burnt in fire all these years.

When they saw this miracle, The Great Martyr George the Trophy-Bearer many Greeks believed in Christ and glorified God in one voice. Glykerios the farmer, whose ox the saint had raised, was with them. This miracle made him stand firm on the faith of Christ and, thus, he was cut to pieces by the swords of the unbelievers, receiving the crown of martyrdom. Moreover, many more men believed in Christ, when they saw the saint enter the temple of the idols and order a statue to say whether Christ is God alone.

Upon this word of his, all the idols shook and fell on the earth with a crash. However, the worshippers of the idols could bear with the saint no more. So, they caught him and brought him to the emperor asking from him to issue his decision against him. The emperor ordered the saint to be beheaded together with empress Alexandra. The saint was beheaded, while empress Alexandra prayed in prison and commended her soul to the hands of God.

Easter Dinner, Sviachene at Ss. Peter and Paul Mt. Carmel



Auxiliary Bishop John Bura was the guest speaker at the Easter Dinner, Sviachene at Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel, PA on St. Thomas Sunday, April 12, 2015.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church Acquiring St. Anthony Site in Millmont; Relocation Will Enable Parish to Expand Ministries for the Faithful

Reading—The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia will acquire the church, rectory and school/hall of St. Anthony parish in the Millmont section of Reading, when that parish is consolidated into St. John de LaSalle parish effective July 1 this year. The Allentown Diocese announced the news of the consolidation on Sunday, April 12.

This acquisition will enable the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church to relocate from its present location at 630 Laurel Street to the Millmont location of Reading.

Father Andriy Rabi, pastor of the Nativity parish, says he and the parishioners are very excited about the acquisition of the church, school/hall and rectory.

“This new location will provide additional space for parish ministries and will provide greater accessibility, especially for those parishioners with mobility difficulties. Our parish will now have facilities for adult and children religious education programs and

additional social events and functions,” Father Rabi said.

He continued, “Our present goal is to move into the new location in the fall, with special religious services. The plans include an open house with wide open doors to welcome all, including our new neighbors in Millmont. This will also provide an opportunity for many to become familiar with our parish and the liturgical traditions of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the largest of the Eastern Catholic churches in union with the Pope of Rome.”

Archbishop Stefan Soroka, of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, also expressed his excitement about the acquisition of these new facilities and the relocation of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish.

“For many years, we have been exploring ways to best serve the spiritual needs of our Reading area faithful. This move will provide new opportunities for the Nativity parish family



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church Acquiring St. Anthony Site

as it continues to grow into a vibrant faith-filled community,” the Archbishop commented.

This is a homecoming for the parishioners of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. When it was founded in 1894 their first church was built on the present site of Saint Anthony Parish. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish later relocated to downtown Reading. Saint Anthony Parish eventually took over the site as a place of worship for Polish-speaking Latin Rite Catholics who lived

west of the Schuylkill River. The acquisition of the parish buildings by the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy will enable Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish to come back to the site of its original home.

Father Rabi invites anyone who would like more information about Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish to contact him by phone at: 610.376.0586, email nativitybvmucc@mail.com or find Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish on Facebook.

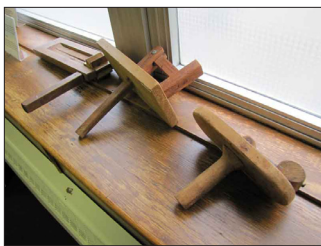
St. Cornelius Catholic Church from Chadds Ford, PA visits the Cathedral and Treasury of Faith Museum

On Tuesday, April 14, 2015 a group of approximately 50 people from St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Chadds Ford, PA, visited the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the Treasury of Faith Museum in Philadelphia.

At the Treasury of Faith Museum the tour group enjoyed visiting the rooms of the Museum that show the history and traditions of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Sr. Evhenia, MSMG and Sr. Timothea, MSMG spoke about the different items on display at the museum. Sr. Evhenia showed the Sanctuary Room where the tourists got a behind the iconostas view into the Holy Sanctuary.



Sr. Evhenia, MSMG, stands behind the Deacon and Priest manakins and talks about the Altar in the Sanctuary room.



Clappers

Sr. Timothea, MSMG, demonstrated the "Clappers" in the Liturgical Room of the Museum. Clappers are used in the Ukrainian Catholic Church on Good Friday for the procession with the Shroud (Plaschenitsia). Using the Clappers the altar boys symbolically ring out the nailing of Jesus to the Cross.

Sr. Timothea also talked about the many Shrouds (Plaschenitsia) on display at the Treasury of Faith Museum and showed a Gospel Book written in Church Slavonic.



Sr. Timothea, MSMG, talks about the Plaschenitsia.



A display of Gospel books.

The tourists were excited about seeing the Authentic Replica of the Shroud of Turin located at the Cathedral after seeing the Shrouds (Plaschenitsia) on display at the Museum.

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Rev. Walter Pasicznyk gave the tour at the Golden Domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Walter began his tour by talking about the iconostas. He said that icons are placed in prominent places in church because icons are windows into heaven. Fr. Walter spoke about how when you enter the Cathedral from the main doors, above the door is an icon of Christ with His hands outstretched. Fr. Walter said this icon is Christ welcoming us into His Kingdom.

Fr. Walter also showed the tourists the life-size Replica of the Shroud of Turin on display at the Cathedral. Fr. Walter said that this Replica of the Shroud of Turin was touched to the actual Shroud in Turin, Italy, so it is considered a third class relic.



Rev. Walter Pasicznyk shows the tourists the life-size Replica of the Shroud of Turin on display at the Cathedral. The Shroud is located under the Icon of the Resurrection.

For information on tours of the Treasury of Faith Museum please call 215-627-3389 and find out more about the Cathedral on their website at <http://www.ukrcathedral.com>



St. Cornelius Catholic Church, Chadds Ford, PA visits the Cathedral. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

Chancery Staff Attend Moleben Service in Honor of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, CSsR

On Monday, April 13, 2015 the Chancery Staff of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia attended a Special Moleben Service in Honor of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky. The main celebrant at the Moleben was Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka. During the Moleben a special healing service was held with the anointing of oil and venerating the Icon with Relic of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Carnetsky.

Following the Moleben a Sviachene luncheon was held at the Bishop's residence.



Metropolitan Stefan proclaims the Gospel.



Metropolitan Stefan anoints Rev. Walter Pasicznyk with oil during the Healing Service.



Metropolitan Stefan leads the prayer at the Chancery Staff Sviachene at his residence.



Saint Basil Academy: Ukrainian Roots Continue

Saint Basil Academy, the only all-girls private Catholic high school in the Philadelphia area that has Ukrainian roots, is located on the edge of Jenkintown among other Ukrainian institutions, including the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Manor College, St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, and the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center. The Ukrainian flag waving underneath the American flag reminds the community that this excellent school offers a special feeling of home to high-school girls from the Ukrainian community.



When Saint Basil Academy was founded by the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in 1931, it was a boarding school for girls, most of whom were of Ukrainian descent. Today, Saint Basil Academy has grown and stands equally among other all-girls private Catholic Academies, and although most of the population is non-Ukrainian, the Ukrainian roots are still felt in the Basilian legacy that has come from the Sisters of Saint Basil.

Three young ladies that have found a second home at Saint Basil Academy are members of our Ukrainian Catholic parishes in the Philadelphia Archeparchy: freshman Anya Bohatiuk, parishioner at St. Nicholas in Delaware, sophomore Dianna Gavrykh, member of St. Michael the Archangel in Jenkintown, PA and Marta Penkalskyj, parishioner of Annunciation BVM in Melrose Park, PA.



All three of these students excel academically, and are Honor Roll students. In addition to their strong academic program, the girls take advantage of many of the other opportunities Saint Basil Academy offers.

Both Dianna and Marta are members of the SBA Band – Dianna as a music scholarship recipient on keyboard, and Marta as clarinetist. The SBA Band is under the baton of Mr. Alex Schmauk, a strong musical leader who continues the tradition of Dr. James Madden, has directed the All-Catholic

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Honor Band this year, and conducts the Jenkintown Community Orchestra. Dianna also sings in the SBA Concert Choir, under the tutelage of Sister of the Order of Saint Basil the Great Germaine Senita, who also conducts the Madrigal singers, as well as provides vocal coaching for SBA's annual musicals. To round off their musical activities, both Marta and Dianna are ringers in the Handbell Ensemble, and have represented the school at the annual Festival of Carols at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

All of the above performing classes will embrace students who will be joining the newly-formed SBA Music Academy in September. The Music Academy is the brainchild of new principal Ms. Gwen Cote. Ms. Cote sees the Music Academy as an opportunity to showcase the artistic richness of our students and to give the girls who have a strong musical interest an opportunity to develop their special talents, earning a total of 10 credits in music. Upon graduation, they will be awarded an SBA Music Academy certificate, in addition to the Saint Basil's diploma.

Anya Bohatiuk's interests lie in a different direction – that of athletics. Before she even started her Freshman classes, she already tried out for the Field Hockey team, and was the only Freshman this year on the Varsity Field Hockey team. SBA offers a strong athletic program, with numerous championships in various sports. The SBA Basketball Team won the District 1 Championship for the third consecutive year, and numerous Saint Basil Academy athletes have been named to the Academy All League Team. Saint Basil's Volleyball team qualified for the Academy League Playoffs, while the Cheerleading Team qualified for the State Championship for the first time in school history this year. The SBA Track and Cross Country teams continue to be ranked among the top teams in the area.

Marta Penkalskyj is a second generation Saint Basil Academy student. She follows her mother, assistant principal Lesia Penkalskyj (1980), and also her sister Vera (2013). Vera has stayed in the Basilian tradition by attending Manor College after graduating Saint Basil Academy. Vera was recently honored by the community of Manor College with the Mother Josaphat medal.

Anya Bohatiuk, Dianna Gavrykh, and Marta Penkalskyj all share their love for their Ukrainian heritage by joining the Ukrainian Society. Dianna has been elected as Sophomore Class president, and Anya was selected to be a Freshman Representative in the Student Council. Marta took the leadership skills that she has developed to Washington DC twice this year, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Irina Galay, to advocate for Ukraine's needs with Congressmen and Representatives.

Although Dianna and Marta both come to Saint Basil's from Northeast Philadelphia, Anya comes to us from across the bridge in New Jersey. Saint Basil Academy reaches far outside of the Philadelphia and Abington limits. "Basil girls" always extend a welcoming sisterly hand to their classmates. We welcome future Saint Basil Academy students to come explore what SBA has to offer. Please visit our website, www.stbasilacademy.org for information about our summer academic program, fun camps, and athletic camps. Current seventh-grade girls can call us now to arrange for a "shadow" day. Just as Anya, Dianna, and Marta have found, Saint Basil Academy offers opportunities for many interests and talents.



Easter Egg Hunt Held in Mt. Carmel and Centralia Parishes

Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Mt. Carmel, Pa. and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Centralia, Pa. sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children of the parishes. The Easter Egg Hunt was held on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 12:00 Noon at Ss. Peter & Paul Church Hall and on the church grounds. All children of the parishes and the community were invited to experience the traditional seasonal fun time. A social was held immediately after the egg hunt.



Congratulations to the First Confession Class at St. John's in Northampton, PA

The First Confession at St John's in Northampton PA was held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 1:00 PM.

Shown in the pictures are: V. Rev. Archpriest David Clooney, Marcia Vincler – CCD Teacher, Abigail Broschak, Evan Chrin, Lyla Schneck, Caleb Trinkley.



April is National Abuse Prevention Month



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APRIL: National Abuse Prevention Month

The best way to protect our children and our church is for adults to learn red flag behaviors and to report concerns to supervisors. This creates a culture of protection. Sign up for a safe environment training even if you are not required. <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=68>

Warning signs

Ask questions if:

- Your child begins to avoid previously enjoyed activities
- Your child seems fearful of specific people or places
- You notice a significant change in your child's behavior
- An adult is singling out your child with gifts, attention, and privileges...
- You notice a marked change in your child's mood.
- Your child has unexplained injuries or health problems
- Your child is exhibiting sexualized behavior or has unexpected sexual knowledge

For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call our Child Protection and Victims Assistance Coordinator, Ken Hutchins at 215.627.0143 or email ukrchildprotection@ukrcap.org.

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APRIL: National Abuse Prevention Month

Knowledgeable and caring adults who are committed to protecting children can also protect our Church. Learn how to report child abuse <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=66>

10 signs of a safe program for children and youth

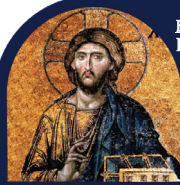
- Screening of staff and volunteers
- Adults are trained in safe environment strategies and signs of abuse
- Code of conduct enforced
- Open communication between parents and staff / staff and children / children and parents/
- Parents always welcome.
- Children educated in right relationships and what to do if a relationship isn't right.
- All children treated with dignity and respect
- Clear rules and expectations consistent reinforcement / consequences
- Adequate supervision of youth. Team approach – accountability no 1:1 isolation
- All abuse is reported

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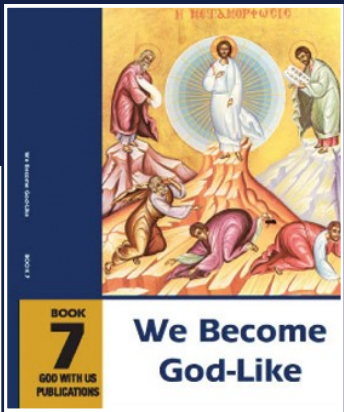
CATECHIST FORMATION

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Marie C. Nester, M.Ed., is a member of St. Anne Byzantine Church, a catechist for 35 years, she was instrumental in the revision of the God With Us catechetical series. Currently an adjunct professor at Harrisburg Community College, Marie has three children and six grandchildren and lives with her husband in Harrisburg, PA.




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MAY 2015

ICONOGRAPHER: Father Abbot Damian Higgins

<p>WORKSHOP I</p> <p>Tuesday May 19, 2015 7:00 – 9:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday to Sunday May 20 to 24 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Includes: Instruction materials, refreshments, continental breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>Dinner on your own, Wednesday through Sunday.</p> <p>Donation: \$425.00 A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required</p> <p>Limited Space Available. Register Now!</p>	<p>WORKSHOP II</p> <p>Tuesday, May 26, 2015 7:00 – 9:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday to Sunday May 27 to 31 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM</p> <p>Includes: Instruction materials, refreshments, continental breakfast and lunch.</p> <p>Dinner on your own, Wednesday through Sunday.</p> <p>Donation: \$425.00 A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required</p> <p>Limited Space Available. Register Now!</p>
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PYSANKY CLASSES AT TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH IN SHAMOKIN, PA



During the past Lenten Season, a group of men and women gathered to learn the tradition of the Ukrainian Pysanky. The group was under the direction of Mrs. Rose Demsko. They met every Saturday afternoon at the Fr. David Chabin Annex Building of Transfiguration Of Our Lord Church, Shamokin, PA. The weekly lessons produced many beautiful Pysanky. Everyone enjoyed the lessons and the fellowship of each other. Once again this beautiful Ukrainian tradition was carried on with plans for next year.

NEW MOSAICS OF VENERABLE METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY AND BLESSED JOSAPHATA HORDASHEVSKA, SSMI FOR CATHEDRAL

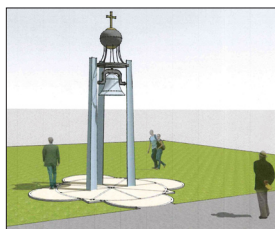
Two full sized mosaics of Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, SSMI will be installed in our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia in Spring, 2015. The mosaics will include a reliquary for relics of both Metropolitan Sheptytsky and Blessed Josaphata for veneration by all.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is to visit Philadelphia in September, 2015. He has been invited to include a visit to our Cathedral during his short two day visit. In hopeful anticipation of such a visit, we have commissioned these mosaics for the Holy Father to bless. Please pray for this!

The mosaics have been prepared by our world renowned iconographer who has written most of the Cathedral's iconography, Christine Dochwat. The mosaics are being fabricated in Italy by the same firm which has done previous art work in our Cathedral. The cost for each will be approximately \$ 35,000, which is very reasonable for such a significant project. Financial donations are invited from individuals and parishes for this project. Perhaps someone or a group may wish to fund one or both mosaics in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. Please remember the power of the intercession of the saints for our needs! Thank you for your anticipated assistance. Please send donations to Archbishop's Chancery, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. God bless you!



NEW BELL TOWER FOR CATHEDRAL



The original Cathedral bell named "Stefan" in testimony to our first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop for all Eastern Catholics in USA, the Most Rev. Stephen Soter Ortynsky, OSBM, needs to be relocated from its present location.

A new bell tower of our Cathedral is planned to accommodate the bell, to be located to the right of our Cathedral.

We welcome your financial donation for this memorial to the founding bishop, clergy, religious and faithful. It is an expression of our heartfelt appreciation for their planting the seeds of faith and the roots of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA.

Please help us to meet the costs by sending a donation to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Your help is needed and appreciated. God bless you richly as you share in celebrating gratitude for our founders.



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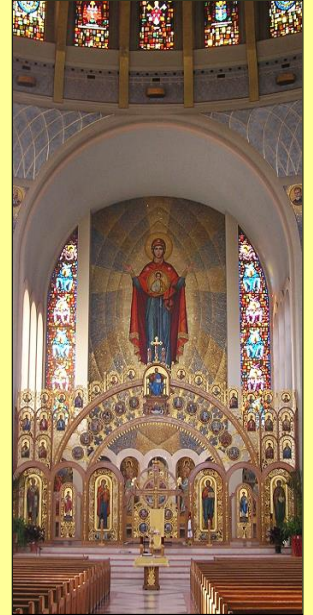
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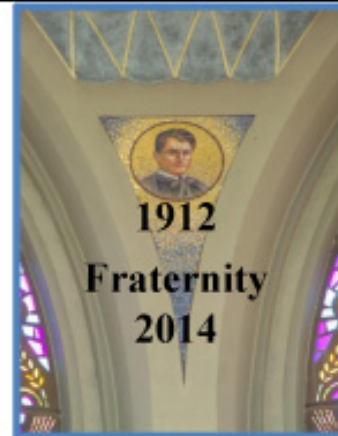
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The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) are two programs proven worthy of investment.

Both programs are funded by companies that contribute to scholarship organizations in exchange for a tax credit. The longstanding EITC program has given more than 450,000 scholarships to help students attend the school of their choice, including Catholic schools. The three-year-old OSTC program has given nearly 9,000 more special scholarships, particularly for income eligible students who live in communities with the

lowest performing public schools.

EITC tax credits are often depleted on the first day of their availability. OSTC credits are also exhausted, and every scholarship organization has a waiting list of potential scholarship recipients. The need for more credits, to help more parents pick the best school for their children, is evident. Demand is strong.

Representative Jim Christiana (R-Beaver, Washington) is the prime sponsor of House Bill 752 which would increase the EITC to \$170 million and OSTC to \$80 million. "Both the EITC and OSTC programs are very successful programs that have given thousands of Pennsylvania children school choice and the opportunity to participate in innovative educational programs," he wrote in his memo encouraging other representatives to cosponsor the bill. "By expanding the EITC and OSTC programs, my bill will allow even more children to benefit."

There is strong bipartisan support for expanding EITC and OSTC.

"Particularly in failing public school districts, young men and women need to have the exact

same opportunities (as any student)," Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny) told students at Philadelphia's De Paul Catholic School. "We are convinced that the EITC and OSTC are making a difference." Turzai is a cosponsor of HB 752 and a champion of the school choice provided through the tax credits.

Senator Jay Costa (D-Allegheny), Democratic Leader, called the expansion of the tax credit programs a "win-win." At a luncheon in Pittsburgh he told EITC supporters, "This is more of a program to benefit students and the business community. It's not full-blown school choice. It's providing options and programs for some students."

A generation of students who went to the school of their choice with EITC scholarships have demonstrated its successful track record. Catholic schools are the largest group of non-public schools in Pennsylvania. Most Catholic high schools boast graduation rates at or near 100%. Of those graduates, over 90% go on to attend either a two or four-year institute of higher learning. OSTC scholarship students will soon live up to their peers.

These "customers" – our students and their parents – are indeed satisfied.

All parents should be able to choose a school that best suits their children. Financial realities often preclude parents from having that choice. Parents who pay their school taxes deserve some benefit from those taxes, in the form of some assistance in the exercise of their right to choose a nonpublic school, if that is best for their children. EITC and OSTC are making a difference for many families and for our communities. It is a smart investment to allow more to have that choice.

Urge your legislator to "invest in success" by cosponsoring and voting in favor of House Bill 752. Use the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network at to send your message today.

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In his “Urbi et Orbi” Message Pope Francis prays for peace in Ukraine

5 April 2015

“May the Lord’s resurrection bring light to beloved Ukraine, especially to those who have endured the violence of the conflict of recent months. May the country rediscover peace and hope thanks to the commitment of all interested parties”, said pope Francis in his “Urbi et Orbi” message read from Central loggia of the Vatican Basilica on 5 April 2015.

He also asked for gift of peace for Nigeria, South Sudan and for the various areas of Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

<http://risu.org.ua>

His Beatitude Sviatoslav on Easter: “To Celebrate Easter during the war means to see our victory in a resurrected Christ”

Monday, 13 April 2015

I wish all of you to rejoice in a resurrected Christ, for this joy comes not from our infirmities and annoyances but from God. May this Easter joy pay a visit to every Ukrainian family, and those, who celebrate Easter with a whistle and whine of bullets and strikes of missiles may be filled with this joy, too. To celebrate Easter during the war means to see our victory in a resurrected Christ.



The Father and the Head of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav told about it during an Easter Divine Liturgy at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ of the UGCC that is in Kyiv, the day of the Resurrection of OLJC on 12th of April.

Bishop Bohdan Dzyurakh Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC and administrator of the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC together with Bishop Yosyph an auxiliary bishop of the Kyiv Archeparchy and many other priests co-served with a supreme Archbishop of the UGCC.

The Head of the Church told if someone truly wants to perceive the resurrection of Christ, let he stretch his hand for a needy and weak, then he will understand the meaning to arise from the dead with a Savior. “What the notion “to resurrect” means to us? When apostles firstly heard from Christ the word “resurrection” they didn’t understand it. Thus, walking the road, they were asking one another about the meaning of rising from the dead. For death is realities we acquainted with, especially when we lose the dearest person. And resurrection is an experience that is above a human’s reach and his life experiences”, said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Proceeding with an Easter homily, the Head of the UGCC mentioned, as the Gospel gives it, resurrection is

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav on Easter: "To Celebrate Easter during the war means to see our victory in a resurrected Christ"

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like an eternal light the world is filled with. Also, in his opinion, the symbol of the resurrection is a stretched hand for a needy and fallen.

"One of the oldest way to depict the Resurrection of Christ is an icon "Harrowing of hell", the main in our Patriarchal Cathedral. In this icon we see the hand of our resurrected Savior stretched for a fallen Adam. Christ stretches His vivifying hand fastened to the cross, bringing up with it a fallen man, leading him to a new life, - explained a preacher.

So today it is important for us to feel and take this vivifying hand of a resurrected Savior stretched for us. For, He raises from the dead and steps into eternal life with all of us".

"In this bright day we ask Lord to stretch His vivifying hand for Ukraine! It is essential for us to go through the Resurrection of Christ as a real reviving victory of Him, granting us by His almighty hand", signified His beatitude Sviatoslav.

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"Chaplain – is a visible sign of God's power and grace for the military..." - His Beatitude Sviatoslav

Thursday, 16 April 2015

The presence of the UGCC chaplains in the Ukrainian army is intended to protect the military from all the evil. For it is difficult to remain human in inhuman conditions. It is not easy to fulfill their duty - to defend their homeland when it is difficult to implement. The task of the chaplain – is to help the person to show his best mental traits in difficult circumstances.

It was said by His Beatitude in an interview to "Channel 5" on the feast of the Resurrection of Our God Jesus Christ on 12 April, 2015.

According to the Primate of the Church, only love makes a person a hero. Therefore the chaplain in the army - is the one who teaches love. "In the circumstances of fighting it is important to feel that God is with us. He is the one who will never leave us", - He added.

Continuing His opinion, the Primate of the Church said that our country is the victim of unjust aggression. But Jesus Himself willingly sacrificed Himself to be crucified for the salvation of the human race. "The presence of the priest among the military in the zone of ATO is a visible sign of God's power and grace, which is always with someone who defends the truth" - said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

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METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2015

APRIL

- 1 RADIO INTERVIEW REGARDING UKRAINE AND INVITATION TO HOLY FATHER TO VISIT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
- 2 HOLY THURSDAY – DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BLESSING OF HOLY CHRISM, WASHING OF FEET AT ST. ANNE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, WARRINGTON, PA.
READING OF TWELVE GOSPELS, UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 3 SERVICE OF BURIAL OF OUR LORD WITH PLASCHANYTSIA.
- 5 EASTER SUNDAY – RESURRECTION MATINS AND EASTER DIVINE LITURGIES AT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
- 8 REVIEW OF PREPARATION OF PUBLICATION ON BISHOP ORTYNSKY, OSBM AND CHURCH PRIOR AND DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE.
- 9 APPOINTMENTS WITH CLERGY OF ARCHEPARCHY.
PARTICIPATED IN MANOR COLLEGE GALA EVENT HONORING 30 YEARS OF SERVICE OF RETIRING PRESIDENT, SISTER MARY CECILIA JURASINSKI, OSBM.
- 11 CLOSING DIVINE LITURGY AT STS. PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CLIFTON HEIGHTS, PA.
- 12 CLOSING DIVINE LITURGY AT HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHESTER, PA.
VISIT TO SITE OF NEW HOLY MYRRH-BEARERS CHURCH, SWARTHMORE, PA.
- 13 MOLEBEN AND ANOINTING FOR CHANCERY STAFF – MOLEBEN TO BLESSED BISHOP MYKOLA CHARNETSKY, CSsR. CHANCERY STAFF EASTER DINNER.
- 14 APPOINTMENTS WITH CLERGY.
- 15 MEETING OF CONSULTORS OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA.
- 16 MEETING OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF USA WITH RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF CONSECRATED LIFE.
- 17-18 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS IN AMERICA.
- 18 p.m. BLESSING OF NEW HOLY MYRRH-BEARERS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SWARTHMORE, PA., AMALGAMATING PARISH COMMUNITIES OF HOLY GHOST (CHESTER) AND STS. PETER AND PAUL (CLIFTON HEIGHTS).
- 19 PONTIFICAL DIVINE LITURGY AT HOLY MYRRH-BEARERS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, SWARTHMORE, PA.
- 21 MEETING WITH DEVELOPERS AND VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERSTATE (ADMINISTRATORS OF ASCENSION MANOR).
- 22 MEETING OF ARCHIEPARCHIAL FINANCE COUNCIL.
- 23 MEETING OF WOMEN'S DAY COMMITTEE.
MEETING OF ARCHIEPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE.
- 26 SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR PAULINE DEMKIV, DAUGHTER OF ANDRIJ AND IRENA DEMKIV.
- 30 SPRING ARCHIEPARCHIAL CLERGY CONFERENCE, ST. STEPHEN UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, TOMS RIVER, NJ.

May 2015 - Травня 2015

Congratulations on your
Anniversary of Priesthood!

Happy Birthday!

З Днем народження!

May 12: Rev. Joseph Szupa
May 22: Rev. Msgr. Ronald Popivchak
May 23: Rev. Alexander Dumenko

May the Good Lord Continue to Guide You and Shower You with His Great Blessings. Многая Літа!

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May 12: Very Rev. Archpr. Daniel Gurovich (41st Anniversary)
May 14: Rev. John Ciurpita (26th Anniversary)
May 14: Msgr. James Melnic (37th Anniversary)
May 16: Rev. Paul J. Makar (5th Anniversary)
May 16: Rev. John Seniw (33rd Anniversary)
May 16: V. Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan (33rd Anniversary)
May 20: Very Rev. Archpr. Michael Hutsko (31th Anniversary)
May 22: Rev. Robert Hitchens (21st Anniversary)
May 25: Rev. Msgr. Myron Grabowsky (48th Anniversary)
May 25: Rev. Msgr. Ronald Popivchak (48th Anniversary)

May God Grant You Many Happy and Blessed Years of Service in the Vineyard of Our Lord!

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