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2015 APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to the United States of America as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015. All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (WASHINGTON, DC)

4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (WASHINGTON, DC)

9:15 a.m. Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House

11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (WASHINGTON, DC, NEW YORK CITY)

9:20 a.m. Address to Joint Meeting of the United States Congress

11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

4:00 p.m. Depart from Joint Base Andrews

5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport

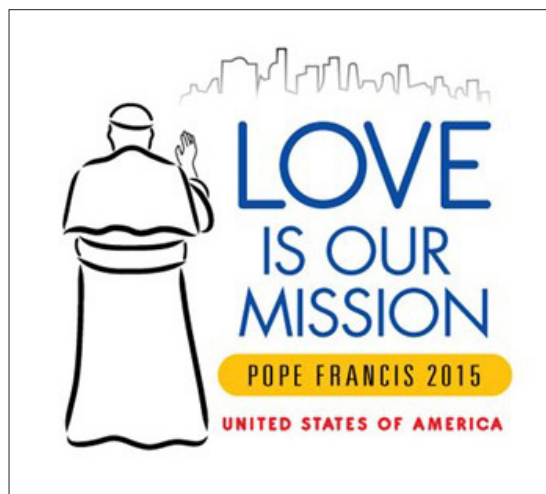
6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (NEW YORK CITY)

8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center

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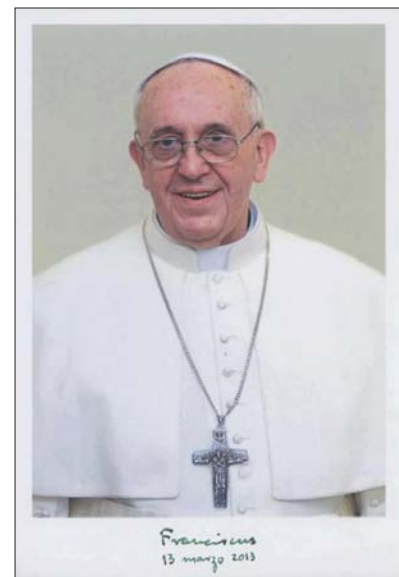
- 4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA)

- 8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport
9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia
10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall
7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

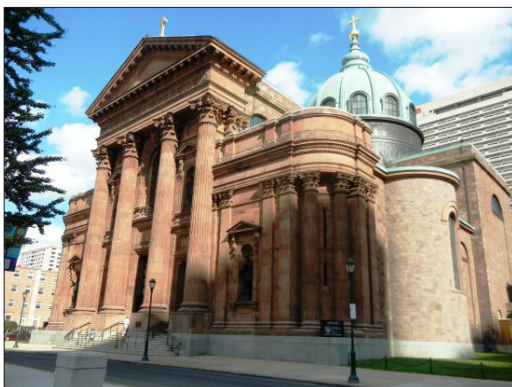
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (PHILADELPHIA)

- 9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
4:00 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway
7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation
8:00 p.m. Departure for Rome



Pope Francis

<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/holy-see/francis/papal-visit-2015/2015-papal-visit-schedule.cfm>



Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia



Independence Hall, Philadelphia



Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia



World Meeting of Families Prayer

*God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us
your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.*

*May your grace and love
help our families
in every part of the world
be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
to be homes of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in your love.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
pray for us!*



The Golden-Domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

830 North Franklin Street Philadelphia

Open for Visitation Prayer
Meditation Veneration during the
World Meeting of Families

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th

2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Divine Liturgy: 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st through

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

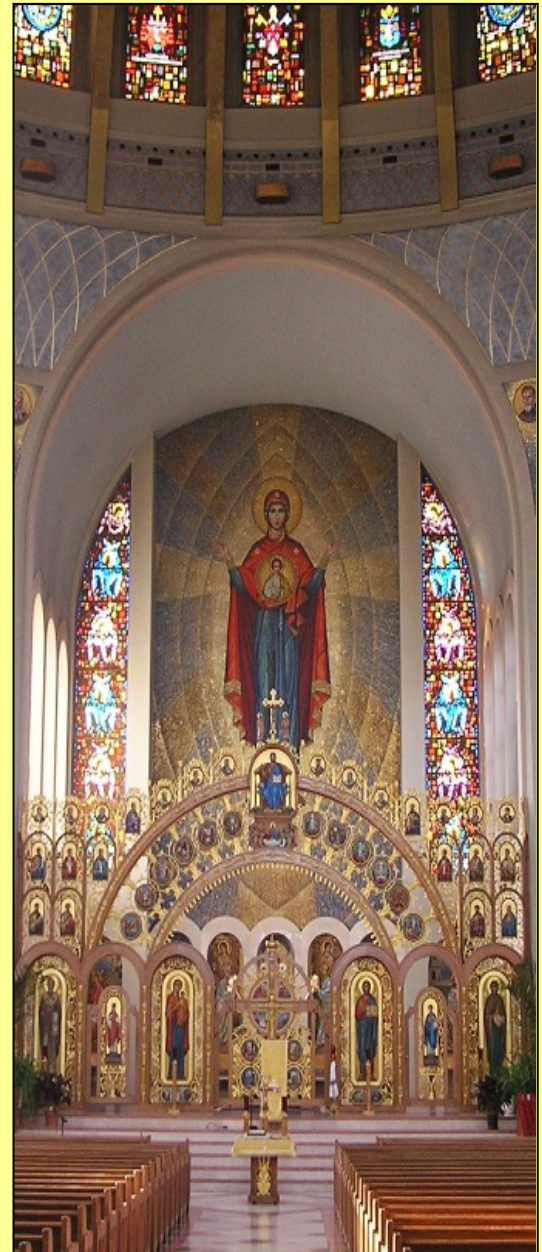
Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

- View the Vatican authorized full size replica of the Shroud of Turin
- Venerate the relics of Blessed Bishop Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, CSsR and Blessed Sister Josaphata Hordashevskya, SSMI
- Experience the beauty of traditional Byzantine icons and mosaics

For more information call 215-922-2845 or visit the cathedral website <http://www.ukrcathedral.com/>



The Patronage of the Mother of God - October 1



Lk. 10, 38-42; 11, 27-28

As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what He said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, "Lord, don't You care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the Mother who gave You birth and nursed You." He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

The Feast of the Patronage in Ukraine

In her services the Eastern Church fondly emphasizes the three most beautiful privileges of the Mother of God; the Divine Maternity, Perpetual Virginity and Her Intercession for us before God. The latter privilege, above all, won the hearts of our people. Our princes, kings, armies, our Kozaks and Hetmans gladly chose the Most Pure Mother of God as their Protectress and Guardian. Here we shall mention some examples.

Prince Jaroslav Mudry (The Wise,) in 1036, defeated the nomadic Pechenegs and out of gratitude to God and His Most Holy Mother, he built the beautiful Cathedral of St. Sophia in Kiev and erected the Church of the Annunciation of our Blessed Mother on the Golden Gates.

In 1037, in the Church of the Annunciation, he placed the whole nation under the protection or patronage of the Mother of God. Thus, by the will of our monarch, the Most Holy Mother of God was proclaimed officially the Patroness, Defender, and Queen of our nation.

In hard times, our princes and their armies would hasten to Her for assistance. The Grand Prince Mstyslaw who ruled in Tmutorokan, at a battle with the Cherkases promised to build a church in honor of the Mother of God, if She assisted him in defeating the enemy. He defeated the enemy and gladly kept his promise.

The Grand Prince Volodymyr Monomakh, in his memoirs, claimed that he owed his victory over the Polovtsians to God and the Most Pure Virgin Mary. He even composed a special prayer in Her honor. Our princes and their armies, when marching against the Polovtsians in 1103, turned to God and to the Blessed Virgin for assistance, and utterly defeated the Polovtsians. Prince Ihor Sviatoslavych, the hero of the epic "Song of Ihor's Campaign." After his escape from captivity, he went to pay homage to the miraculous icon of the Mother of God in Pyrohoscha and to thank Her for Her assistance in his escape. The Galician King Danylo, after a successful campaign against Bohemia, placed expensive gifts at Her feet.

Some of our princes used icons of the Mother of God or prayers in Her honor on the seals. In recent times in Ukraine very ancient gold, bronze and copper necklaces of icons were discovered, called "enkolpions" in Greek (round or oval medallions suspended from the neck, bearing a representation of our Lord or our Blessed Mother). One such enkolpion has the Greek inscription: "O Mother of God, be my Protection and Defense, Amen."

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The Feast of the Patronage in Ukraine

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Our renowned Zaporozhaian Kozaks built a church in honor of the Patronage of the Most Holy Mother of God with an icon representing Her Patronage at the Sich, the center of Kozak power. Above the icon of the Blessed Mother were written the words: "I shall deliver and protect My people," and from the Zaporozhians, represented below the icon, there is a ribbon reaching up to the Mother of God with the inscription on it: "We implore You, cover us with Your holy veil (omophor) and deliver us from all evil." Before they began their campaigns against the enemy, the Kozaks assisted at the Moleben service in honor of their Protectress and fervently sang: "Under Your patronage we fly, O Virgin Mother of God: do not despise our prayers in our afflictions, but deliver us from our miseries' You who alone are pure and blessed." After returning home safely, they would hasten to Her in sincere gratitude. In their battle hymn: "Come now, Boys, to Arms!" they sang the words: "St . George will help us to rout the Turk and so will the Most Pure Mother".

Who does not know about the miraculous protection of the Pochaiv monastery during the Turkish siege in July of 1675? In response to the fervent prayers of the monks and the faithful, the Mother of God appeared over the monastery church and with Her Omophor (veil), She protected the monastery. That miraculous event was immortalized by the Ukrainian song in honor of the Mother of God: "The evening star appeared and stood over Pochaiv."

Among the Ukrainian people, the veneration of the Blessed Mother of God as Intercessor and Protectress is best illustrated in the village chronicle of Yazhiv Staryj in Western Ukraine, Recalling the frightful incursions of the Tartar hordes and the heavenly protection of the Most Blessed Mary, he writes: "The people, terrified and impoverished, fled to their small church, threw themselves down on their knees before the icon of the Mother of God, and prayed fervently that they would always be given protection."

(Fr. Julian Katrij, OSBM)

84th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

This year's 84th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2015 on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "A Reflection of God's Love."

The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am by Archbishop Stefan Soroka and accompanying hierarchy and clergy. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Eparchial Bishop at St. Josaphat in Parma. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm in the Grotto.

Special programs for children and teens!


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

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

*“A Reflection of God’s Love”
A Celebration of Families and
Religious Life*

Sunday, October 4, 2015

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| 9 am - 11 am | Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) | <i>Monastery Grounds</i> |
| 10 am | Rosary Mothers in Prayer | <i>Holy Trinity Chapel</i> |
| 11 am | Procession
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) | <i>From Basilian Spirituality Center
Faculty House Auditorium</i> |
| | Celebrant: Most Rev. Metropolitan - Archbishop Stefan Soroka
Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the U. S. | |
| | Homilist: Most Reverend Bohdan Danylo
Eparch of St. Josaphat Eparchy | |
| | Choir: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family,
Washington, D.C | |
| 1:30 pm - 5 pm | Food Service Featuring Ukrainian Cuisine | <i>Food Court Parking Lot</i> |
| 3 pm – 3:45 pm | Rosary Mothers in Prayer | <i>Shrine of Our Lady of Pochayiv</i> |
| 3:45 pm | Blessing of Religious Articles | <i>Shrine of Our Lady of Pochayiv</i> |
| 4 pm - 5 pm | Moleben/Mystery of Holy Anointing (Bilingual) | <i>Shrine</i> |
| | Celebrant: Ukrainian Bishops and Concelebrating Clergy | |
| | Homilist: Most Reverend Bohdan Danylo | |
| | Choir: Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family,
Washington, D.C | |
| 5 pm | Blessing of Cars and Buses | <i>Parking Lot</i> |

	<p>Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great 710 Fox Chase Road Fox Chase Manor, PA 19046 Phone: 215.379.3998 Fax: 215.780.1743 E-mail: development@stbasils.com Web: www.stbasils.com</p>
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Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God Celebrate 50th Anniversary of being in Philadelphia

The Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Mother of God was founded in 1944 in Stamford, Connecticut. On September 4, 1965, Metropolitan-Archbishop Ambrose Senyshyn established a monastery in Philadelphia for the Missionary Sisters.

To start the anniversary day of their service to the Lord in the Philadelphia area, a Divine Liturgy, in thanksgiving for all graces and blessings from God given to the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God throughout the 50 years, was celebrated in their monastery chapel by Rev. Walter Pasicznyk and Rev. D. George Worschak.

To mark the 50th Anniversary, the Chancery staff had a cake on Friday, September 4th for this special occasion. Rev. Joseph Szupa, Chancellor, congratulated the Sisters in a speech and recognized Mother Evhenia Prusnay, MSMG, as being one of the original Sisters who has been with the monastery in Philadelphia since its foundation.



Sr. Martin, Sr. Maria, Mother Evhenia, and Sr. Timothea, MSMG

On Sunday, September 6, 2015, during the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Rev. Szupa, Cathedral Rector, also spoke about it being the 50th Anniversary of the Missionary Sisters being in Philadelphia and the faithful sang Mnohaya Lita at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Many Happy Years! Mnohaya Lita!

For more information on the Missionary Sisters, please visit their website at <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/index.php?categoryid=22>



Monastery Chapel

SSMI's Welcome New Lay Associates

On Saturday, August 8th, during the 61st Holy Dormition Pilgrimage, seven new SSMI Lay Associates were inducted during the 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy. SSMI Lay Associates are adult women and men, single or married, who make a renewable one-year covenant to live the values of the Gospel according to the charism of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. The new Lay Associates are: (left to right) Stephen Dzuby, Dolores Dzuby, Marcia Durkot, Camille Andreozzi, Victoria Flock, Christine Lucyk and Bayden Taylor.



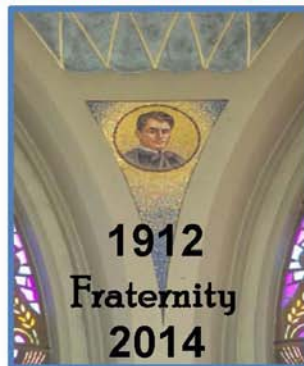
If you would like more information about becoming a Lay Associate, please check out our website: ssmi-us.org under the "About Us" section or contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-753-2840 or e-mail her at srkath25@gmail.com

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Assumption School Remembers 9/11.

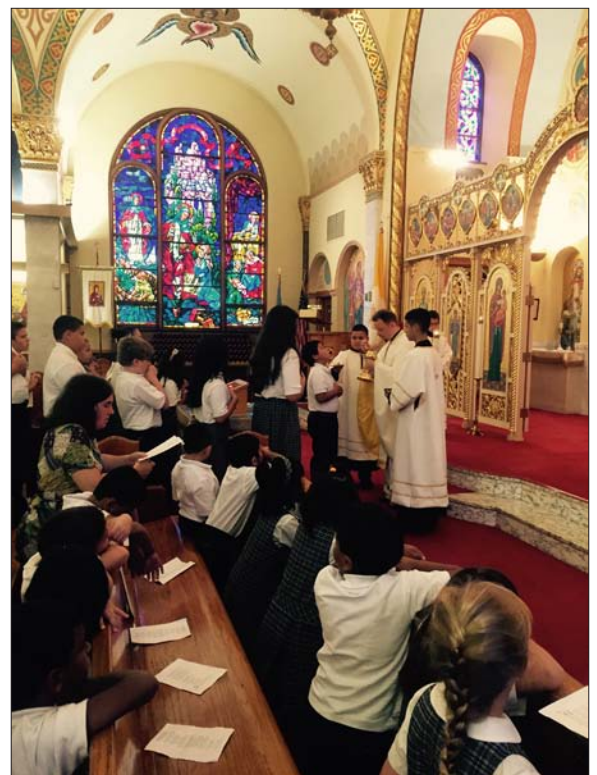


Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ continued the tradition of Friday Liturgy on a very significant day this year. Our beginning of the school year Liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Ivan Turyk on September 11, 2015. Father Ivan spoke to the children about September 11, 2001 and the impact that day had, and still holds on our country. He spoke of the response of prayer and unity that resulted. Earlier in the week the Class of 2016 discussed how life has changed since then. As a result, they came up with a prayer of remembrance of that day which included the hope that God will protect all of those suffering from terrorism. This prayer was recited at the end of our liturgy.

Dear God,

As we mark this tragic day in the history of our country, please help us to remember the innocent souls that you called home to their heavenly reward. Comfort those that have been left behind to grieve. Holy Spirit, please give them the grace to accept this loss. We ask that you protect those that continue fight against terrorism every day. We ask your protection for those that cannot protect themselves, especially in those countries where terrorism continues to rage.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.



Catechist Day of Renewal

A South Anthracite Deanery Catechist Day of Renewal was held in Sybertsville, PA, to honor and enrich the lives of those who give of their time and talent to educate the youth of our parishes. The Day of Renewal was held Saturday, September 5, 2015 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM at Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary in Sybertsville. The theme of the day is "The Catechist: Using the Beatitudes to Lead". There were two presentations, a time for discussion and sharing, as well as private time for prayer and renewal.

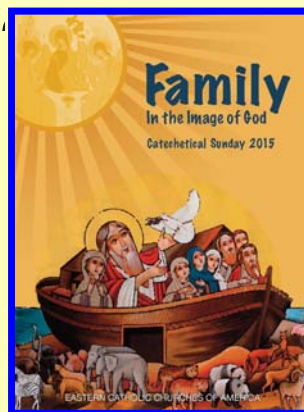


Presentations were made by Sr. Natalya, SSMI and Mrs. Marie Nestor. The day concluded with Divine Liturgy in the Friary Chapel for the intention of all our catechists. Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields was the homilist at the Liturgy, he is the Director of Religious Education and Evangelization at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy in Philadelphia.



Rev. Fields and Rev. Hutsko

Catechetical Sunday, September 20, 2015



announcements and other related material reflective of the distinctive charisms of Eastern Christians' faith-experience and expression for Catechetical Sunday.

Annual themes have been developed to complement the concept of USCCB guidelines, but with a look and feel more tuned to a spiritual wavelength that speaks to their somewhat different approach to faith.

This year's theme "Family: In the Image of God" capitalizes on the notion that the family is the basic unit of society. It is the "domestic Church" where God's presence is made known "where two or three are gathered" and consequentially encounter a model of the Triune God—united in substance, distinct in persons.

The family is the first schoolroom wherein the parents exercise their role as primary educators of their children. Here is where values are learned, virtues practiced and lessons of patience, sharing, compassion and tolerance put into action.

As noted by Pope Francis, not only is each individual "made in the image of God", each family is endowed with that "image of God" as well.

As part of a family each individual has worth as a human being, a contributor to the well-being and welfare of the rest of creation.

Catechetical Sunday is not meant to be a one-day experience, but a springboard to a fulfilling lifetime. It is a single step on a journey made new with each successive day. We have a mission, as did Noah's family to restore God's plan of salvation and renew the face of the Earth. Certainly that takes effort and dedication and focus.

Catechetical Sunday has its roots in a 1935 Vatican publication "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education", a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists.

Beginning in 1971, the USCCB's Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. Now the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis publishes Catechetical Sunday materials each year.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

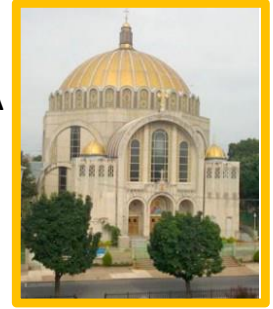
In the early years of the Twenty-first Century educators of the various Eastern Catholic Churches began to provide posters, prayers,



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LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS OF AMERICA

Invites You to Participate in Its
77TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
OCTOBER 16, 17, 18, 2015



Friday, October 16, 2015

10:00 am - 5:00 pm: Arrival, Registration & Hospitality Room

6:30 pm - 11:00 pm Welcome Party: "Gypsy Jazz Night"

featuring "Inessa" on violin and

Music by Kruno Spisic and his Gypsy Jazz Band - Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar

Saturday, October 17, 2015

10:00 am - 5:00 pm: Hospitality Room (for those not registered for bus trip)

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM – Mobile (Bus) Workshop (with Box Lunch)

Tours of Three Priceless Churches of the Philadelphia Landscape

- **"The Gold Dome" Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception:** Panakhyda at the Crypts; veneration of the Icons & Relics of Bl. Charnetsky and Bl. Josaphata and the Shroud of Turin replica; Byzantine Church Supply Gift shop.
- **Jesuit Church of the Gesu**—the "Basilica-esque" baroque Jesuit church built in 1879—1888
- **St. Peter's Church and the St. John Neumann Shrine** - with veneration of the remains of St. John Neumann.

Saturday Evening Banquet

6:00 pm Cash Bar Cocktail Hour

7:00 pm Plated Dinner & Cash Bar

- **Keynote speakers:**
Rev. Daniel Troyan and Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI
- **Entertainment:** violinist "Inessa"
Voloshky School of Ukrainian Dance,
Music and social dancing: "Kosiv Ensemble"



Sunday, October 18, 2015

11:00 am Divine Liturgy

Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lansdale, PA
1564 Allentown Road, Lansdale, PA 19446

Bountiful Brunch to follow immediately at the Parish Center

Closing Ceremonies: Passing of the League Banner & Icon next Convention Site Committee.

LOCATION: Holiday Inn – Lansdale (1750 Sumneytown Pike, Kulpsville, PA 19443; 215-368-3800)

Discount Room Rates with Buffet Breakfasts Available; Reserve on or before September 28, 2015

Info: Call or email Gene: 267-664-3857; eluciw@comcat.net

Join us for all or some all of the events!

Itemized Registration Form on Reverse Side



LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS - 77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Council or Chapter (if any) _____ LUC Member ___ GUEST ___

NOTE: ALL ADDRESSES AND E-MAILS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JOURNAL DIRECTORY, UNLESS YOU CHECK HERE.

	Please indicate the number of tickets needed for each event and the total amount enclosed. No reservations will be accepted at Convention !				
	EVENT	PRICE	NO.	COST	
	Registration	\$15.00			
Friday Oct. 16	Welcome Party - "Gypsy Jazz Night" Buffet Dinner with Cash Bar	\$35.00			
Saturday Oct. 17	"MOBILE WORKSHOP" - Panachyda at Immaculate Conception Cathedral with tour, visit to the Church of the Gesu and St. Peter's Church /St. John Neumann Shrine . Tour includes a box lunch.	\$25.00			Select Sandwich: Turkey ___ or Ham w/ Cheese___
	Banquet - Dinner w/cash bar (Indicate any food allergies, restrictions and make your meal selection)	\$45.00			CIRCLE ONE: Pork or Salmon
Sunday Oct. 18	Brunch @ Presentation Parish Center Brunch Buffet	\$25.00			
	Total Package	\$145.00			
	Total Amount Enclosed				

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 28, 2015

Please send Registration form
with your check made payable to:



2015 LUC CONVENTION

C/O Mrs. Andrea Naegle
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Picnic – Festival
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ФЕСТИВАЛЬ-ЗАБАВА
 ПОЧ. 12:00 noon
 ВСТУП - \$5:00
 ГУРТ:
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 ENTERTAINMENT



Ukrainian Food
Zabava! Vendors
Music & Art
Face Painting
Games




Eparchy of St. Josaphat
 Fall Youth Retreat 2015

Fall Youth Retreat 2015
Program Itinerary
Trinity Acres

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

October 10 & 11, 2015

Grades 7-12

Trinity Acres

*Ridge and Ewing Roads
 Collier Township, PA*

Come enjoy the fall forest with other teens
 for a really rustic religious retreat
 filled with faith, friends, fun, and fellowship.

Camp activities include
 hiking, challenge games, roller skating,
 bonfires, and sleeping out under the stars.
 (weather permitting)

Early bird cost \$50!
 Teen registrations due September 26.
 Adult and chaperone commitments due September 12.
 Arrival and check-in 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 10.
 For more information: Lisa Hladio lmhladio@zbzoom.net

Saturday, October 10

- 9:00 Registration in pavilion
- 10:00 Ice-breakers
- 10:30 Morning Activity
- 12:00 Lunch: Smoked pulled pork, slaw, mac & cheese
- 1:00 Roller Skating
- 4:00 campfire songs & skits
- 5:00 Dinner: burgers & dogs, campfire mt. pies for dessert
- 6:00 Capture the Flag
- 8:00 Question Box (Ask a Priest)
- 9:30 Zabava (music, dancing, board games, card games) with pyrohi buffet
- 11:30 Evening Prayer

Sunday, October 11

- 8:30 Morning Prayer
- 9:00 Breakfast
- 10:00 Games
- 12:00 Fall Corn Roast and chickens on a spit
- 1:00 Examination of Conscience & Confessions
- 2:30 Break-out sessions (Liturgical Education):
Superior Spiritual Singing, Advanced Acolyte Approach, or Vocation Concentration
- 3:30 Liturgy prep
- 4:00 Divine Liturgy

Holy Ghost
Ukrainian Catholic Church
TRICKY TRAY



Date: Sunday, October 18th, 2015
Time: Doors open at 12:30 PM
First drawing at 2:00 PM
Where: Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church
315 Fourth Street, West Easton, PA 18042

\$10 admission includes first sheet of tickets.
Many prizes valued at \$100+! Door prizes and 50/50 raffle!
All ages are welcome!

Refreshments including homemade pierogies, BBQ,
baked goods and more will be available to purchase.

**Top prizes include: Flat Panel TV, Samsung Galaxy Tab,
Toshiba Laptop, American Girl Doll and more!**

www.HolyGhost-Ukrainian-Catholic.org

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**Stuffed Cabbage
Roll Dinner**

Sunday, October 4, 2015

 **11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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**Ukrainian Folk Group to
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St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of Scranton is proud to announce the appearance of the "Korinya Ukrainian Folk Band" which will be joined by several members of the "Kazka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble" on Sunday, September 20, 2015 beginning at 3:00pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue.

Adult tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15.00. Children fifteen years of age and younger are free. Tickets purchased at the door the day of the performance are \$20.00. For ticket purchase and additional information, please contact Dr. Olenka (Helen) C. at 570 842-3539; Diann W. at 570 341-9383; or Paul E. at 570 563-2275. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly encouraged as a sell-out is expected.




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School Year begins at St. Nicholas in Minersville, PA with 2 Very Special Divine Liturgies



The students of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Minersville, PA, began their school year with 2 very special Divine Liturgies. During the first, on Sept. 2, students and teachers prayed for God's blessings on the school year. Every student brought to the altar a concrete symbol of something they would be using during the school year and handed it to Fr. Mark Fesniak, who placed it on a special table. Fr. Mark then read a prayer, written by the students, referencing that particular item.

Students brought crayons to color their lives with beauty as they begin learning their numbers and the A, B, C's; pencils with erasers that will help them to create the days of their lives and to erase their mistakes and sins, allowing them to begin again. Religion books were reminders that they would be learning more about God and preparing for the Sacraments. Backpacks were brought to ask the Lord to protect students as they travel to and from school. Lunch menus brought a prayer of thanksgiving for the nourishment of students' bodies and those who prepare the daily lunches. Notebooks and Science and Math books symbolized the classes they would be taking this year, while Liturgy books helped students to remember to pray and to sing their praise to God. Finally, a variety of sports equipment was a reminder of keeping bodies and minds healthy.



The 2nd Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Sept. 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. Students decorated with small paper "Happy Birthday" balloons, each with a request for the Blessed Mother to take to Her Son, Jesus. Students wrote nearly 50 intentions and gave them to the Mother of God. They prayed for things both in and out of school: peace; the courage to stand up for one another should anyone bully them; for parents and family members, teachers and staff; for Fr. Mark and the parishioners who support the school; for the poor and needy; for good weather and many other intentions were expressed. The children sang "Happy Birthday" to the Mother of God and asked for her help to follow Jesus more closely.

CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CLERGY OF USA PLANNED

By Metropolitan Stefan Soroka

At the initiative of the Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Richard Seminack, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, and Bishop John Bura, a conference of Ukrainian Catholic Clergy of all four eparchies in USA is planned for October 20th to 23rd, 2015 in Chicago. Previous such gatherings were held in Washington, DC on the occasion of the re-dedication of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary with Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, and a combined clergy retreat in Harrisburg, PA with then Bishop and now Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk. To date, over 90% of the clergy have registered for this



Clergy Conference Organizing Committee (seated l to r): Subdeacon Peter Rudka, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, Bishop Richard Seminack, Mrs. Oksana Kuzma; (2nd row l to r): Very Rev. Ihor Midzak (Stamford Eparchy), Very Rev. Basil Salkovski, OSBM (Chicago Eparchy), Very Rev. George Appleyard (Parma Eparchy), and Very Rev. Robert Hitchens (Philadelphia Archeparchy).

conference. An organizing committee comprised of representatives of the four eparchies including Very Rev. Basil Salkovski, OSBM of Chicago, Very Rev. Ihor Midzak of Stamford, Very Rev. George Appleyard of Parma, and Very Rev. Robert Hitchens of Philadelphia, assisted by Very Rev. Mykola Buryadnyk, Very Rev. Yaroslav Mendyuk, Very Rev. Bohdan Nalysnyk and Oksana Kuzma have planned the conference.

Rev. Anthony Krisak will offer presentations on the theme of "Characteristics of the Evangelizing Priest" and "The Evangelizing Parish, Moving from Maintenance to Mission". The clergy will have opportunity to engage in discussions and reflection with the guest speaker and with one another. The second day will feature presentations by the Director of the Family Life Office for the Archdiocese of Omaha. She will reflect on "the Dynamics of Pastoral Care for Engaged and Married Couples" and will offer "practical Aspects of Marriage Preparation". Included in the conference is a presentation and discussion with the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, and visits to the National Ukrainian Museum, St. Nicholas Cathedral and School and Sts. Volodymyr & Olha Church in Chicago. Divine Liturgies will be celebrated at St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church and at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. The conference will conclude with a round table discussion with the hierarchs on the conference themes, on the recent Sobor and Synod in Ukraine.

We are grateful for the support of the parishes for providing for your clergy to participate and to be

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challenged by the themes of this clergy conference. We ask for the prayers of the faithful for your clergy that they may be challenged by the presenters and be inspired to integrate their experience into their ministry in the parish.

We have received some much needed and generous donations from various organizations which we will formally acknowledge. The costs are considerable. Should anyone wish to assist in providing for the costs of this clergy conference, you may send your donation to the care of Oksana Kuzma, 745 S. Benton Street, Palatine, IL 60067. Such periodic combined clergy conferences are essential to build solidarity amidst the clergy of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA. The gatherings also provide for personal growth in skill and knowledge for clergy so as to enable clergy to respond to the ever changing dynamics of life today. Please pray for the success of this conference and for your hierarchy and priests.

Thank you! God bless you richly in ways only He can!

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

September

- 1-6 Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine
- 7 Travel to U.S.A.
- 8 Meeting with Realtor regarding concluding sale of Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Williamstown, NJ
- 9 Meeting of Archieparchial Finance Council
- 10 Meeting in Chicago of Organizing Committee of Clergy Conference of Ukrainian Catholic Clergy of USA planned for October 20th-23rd, 2015
- 13-17 Archieparchial Clergy Retreat, Long Branch, NJ
- 20 Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, followed by Annual Ukrainian Festival, Passaic, NJ
- 22 Participation in Opening Mass of World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia
- 23 Participation in Bishops' Meeting with Holy Father, St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Washington, D.C.
- 23 Concelebrate Mass of Canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra by Pope Francis at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- 26 Participation in Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA
- 26 Participation in Festival of Families with Holy Father, Philadelphia, PA
- 27 Participation in Bishops' Meeting with Holy Father, Concelebrating Mass with Holy Father, Philadelphia, PA
- 29-October 2nd Meeting of Allocations Committee of USCCB Subcommittee for Catholic Missions in U.S.A.

SOME PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF TODAY'S UKRAINE BY METROPOLITAN STEFAN SOROKA

Traffic congestion on narrow streets filled with recent model vehicles. Rampant use of cell phones by people of all ages walking on the streets, with cell phones heard ringing even within churches. Large modern television screens in restaurants and in public places showing up to date news. Popular western world songs sung in Ukrainian sung in plazas by bands. Colorful modern dress including men wearing summer shorts, something not seen just a couple of years ago. A tremendous amount of construction of apartments is evident. This is Ukraine today. Societal life in Ukraine is undergoing significant change in recent years. Streets of cities and villages are filled with younger generations of people. Their experience of life reflects the influence of mass media and from exposure to societal life in neighboring countries where many have sought employment.



Considerable pride and interest in their historical roots is evident among the people. Today's Ukrainians impress as yearning for growth in their faith relationship with Almighty God. Worship services are attended by faithful of all ages, commonly standing in the crowded but limited number of churches. There is special reverence given to the Mother of God in churches, at holy shrines and in public places. People express hope in an improved future, dampened by the fears and uncertainty from the war in eastern Ukraine. All of Ukrainian society is focused on praying for the military, showing gratitude to them and materially helping the developing Ukrainian army defending the borders and integrity of Ukraine against its invaders. Villages gather produce of potatoes and cabbage from gardens and fields and send it to the army in the east. Even thousands of perohy have been shipped, along with needed day-to-day items, delivering them with great gratitude to the Ukrainian army in eastern Ukraine. People who themselves have so little for sustenance offer so generously to their defenders!

The Ukrainian army is in its infancy in developing its chaplaincy program. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has shown extraordinary initiative by developing a volunteer chaplaincy program for the soldiers in eastern Ukraine. Many priests have heard the special call to minister to the spiritual needs of the soldiers, and have responded with much personal sacrifice and dedication. Interestingly, the head of this chaplaincy ministry of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has shared that the generous outpouring of support of people in Ukraine and beyond has provided for the subsistence needs of these volunteer chaplains. The need for chaplains is great as is the need to minister to the spiritual needs of the soldiers. This includes ministering to those who have been injured, suffering post war stress, and families struggling with grief from the loss of family members as a result of the war.



We in America are challenged to update our vision of today's Ukraine. It is not the same society which may have existed at a time when many Ukrainians immigrated to the USA. We are also challenged to grow in our identity and pride as Ukrainians; particularly to ensure that our children and all future generation are exposed to the richness and beauty of our Ukrainian roots and traditions. Finally, we are challenged to advocate wherever possible, on behalf of our beloved Ukraine, for the integrity of Ukraine's borders and national identity, and to provide moral and material support as needed. God bless Ukraine!

A Communique on the Synod of Bishops of UGCC



Wednesday, 09 September 2015

A communique of UGCC Synod of Bishops (Ivano-Frankivsk, 30th of August – 6th of September, 2015)

Starting from 30th of August till 6th of September, 2015 in Ivano-Frankivsk was held a Synod of bishops of Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, where 40 bishops from Ukraine, Central and West Europe, South and North America, Australia participated in.

Synod started its introductory synodal statements with a Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral of Holy Resurrection of Christ on the 30th of August, 2015. At the end of a Divine Liturgy the Secretary of the UGCC Synod of Bishops bishop Bohdan (Dzyurakh) read a decree about its convocation and His Beatitude Sviatoslav proclaimed solemnly about its opening. After a midday the members of the Synod visited Demianiv Laz, the massacre near Ivano-Frankivsk where are buried massively the victims of NKVD. Bishops together with numerous citizens prayed Panakhyda for the



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rest of all those perished. The same evening in a chapel of Ivano-Frankivsk Seminary of saint martyr Josaphat was served a public prayer to a Holy Spirit and all members of the Synod swore an oath read by bishop who is the eldest among the present bishops due to the bishop's consecration, Irynej (Bilyk).



On Monday, 31st of August, 2015 in a hall of Ivano-Frankivsk Seminary was started the first working meeting. With a greeting word appealed

to the Synod Archbishop Thomas Gullickson, Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine who also sent greetings from a Holy Father Pope Francis and mentioned that theme of a vibrant parish is the main in a Church life due to different historical events, especially in time of aggression. He encouraged do everything what is possible for the intensification of a parish life, so that God's word should be proclaimed, wishing bishops a successful work upon it. The Synod was also greeted by: bishop Roland Minerat, Archbishop of Dijon, representative of Bishop's Conference in France; bishop Terence Curtin who read a letter, written by a President of Australian Bishops' Conference; bishop Donato Oliverio, bishop of Lungro, Italy who read a greeting from Bishops' Conference in Italy; father Vasyl Buyak took a speech with greetings from Metropolitan of Ivano-Frankivsk and Galicia Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Kyiv Patriarchy, Iosaph. Besides, there were sent greetings from Cardinal Reinhard Marx, chairman of German Bishops' Conference; Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop



of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales; His Beatitude Lyubomyr (Husar) and Metropolitan Emeritus of Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Stephan (Sulyk). The guests of this year the Synod were: bishop Milan (Shashik), bishop of Mukachevo Eparchy; father Vasyl Govera, apostolic delegate to Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Kazakhstan; archimandrite Sergiy Gayek, an apostolic visitor to Greek-Catholics in Belarus; father Mykhailo Dubovych, a general vicar to Ukrainian Greek-Catholics in Romania.

Afterwards the Head of the Church appealed

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to the Synod with a program sermon in which, particularly, was said, that: “the last year of living of our Church in Ukraine (and on settlements) was marked with not a new but still awful word – “war”. Concerning social circumstances and pastoral serving of our Church we can say that situation in Ukraine may be regarded as a biggest humanities crisis in Europe since World War II”. The First Hierarch believes, “UGCC participates in serving to Ukrainian people very actively, considering their needs”.



The same day bishops started considering the main theme of the Synod – “Parochial pastoral care and new challenges”. The main report on this topic had bishop Ken (Novakivskiy) with bishop Bohdan (Danylo) as a co-reporter and father Andriy Onuferko. Bishop Bryan (Bayda), Borys (Gudzyak) and Venedykt (Aleksiychuk) shared their own experiences of implementing a Strategy of Church development, dating up till 2020.

The Synod listened up to the statements and reports of different synodal committees, patriarchal councils, Department of foreign relations of UGCC, etc.

Bishop Bohdan (Manyshyn), in particular, reported about an activity of Coordinating Council on Issues of Pastoral Care in Critical Situations. The Bishop also outlined a problem of a chaplain service at Military Forces of Ukraine and other military units. The Synod gave its blessings to open Centers of Rehabilitation for soldiers and those who suffered from war in Ukraine. Priests from the Synod also listened to the report of ICF “Caritas Ukraine” chairman, Adriy Vasjkovych about work of this organization in the context of war in Ukraine.

Members of the Synod approved a resolution on VI meeting of a Patriarchal Council on theme “Vibrant Parish – A Place to Encounter a Living Christ”, having been held on 25th-27th of August, 2015 in Ivano-Frankivsk, and listened up to Fr Dr. Oleh Kaskiv, secretary of this Council. After a fruitful work in teams priests of the Synod signed an appropriate decree by the results of VI meeting of a Patriarchal Synod and proved a mandate of a working group of introduction the Strategy of UGCC Development, dating to 2020. The Synod entrusted to the patriarchal and eparchial departments and commissions, educational and scientific edifices, monasteries, ranks and communities, parochial and church societies and all faithful to adhere to the resolution of VI meeting of a Patriarchal Council of the UGCC in its activity, especially while preparing the pastoral plans in the sense of East-Christian tradition with adhering to the Church Law.

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The Synod approved a rank of typical proof setters, statutes and typical forms, developed by the Canonical department of the Patriarchal Curia. Moreover, bishops agreed on an updated Ecumenical conception of the UGCC for 5 years term, and applauded a decision made by the Council of Kharkiv and Poltava Eparchy of the UAOC (Upd) and expressed his readiness for seeking a mutual ways of renewal of a Eucharist communion and administrative unity between the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church and Kharkiv and Poltava Eparchy of the UAOC.

Bishops of the Synod approved an Instruction on children's and newborns' Holy Communion in the UGCC, Catechumen Instruction and the Service of Baptism. Bishops were accustomed with the current work upon Catechism of UGCC for a youth. Proper synodal decisions were made about celebrating a Special Anniversary of God's mercy in UGCC.

With a considerable anxiety members of the Synod reacted to the news about provocations nearby Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in Kyiv on 31st of August and considered an Appeal against bloodshed nearby Verkhovna Rada the same day, asking faithful of UGCC all over the world to pray ardently for those who suffered there and members of their families.

Priests of the Synod sent letters to the Holy Father Pope Francis, defenders of the Motherland, President of Ukraine, prime-minister of Ukraine, chairman of the Verkhovna Rada, Patriarch Bartholomew I, Heads of Patriarchal Eastern Catholic Churches, Patriarch Filaret, the Head of the UOC KP, Metropolitan Onufriy, the Head of the UOC, the Head of the UAOC Metropolitan Makariy, heads of Ukrainian protestants' communities, chiefs of non-Christian religious organizations, etc.



On Tuesday, the 1st of September, bishops visited Krylos village (Ancient Halych) where they were praying Vespers before Halych Miraculous Icon of Virgin Mary and visited a museum of History of Ancient Halych.

On 3rd of September priests of the Synod met with military chaplains of UGCC and watched a documentary film "Chaplains", created by a working group of "Live.TV".

All homilies at a every Divine Liturgy were delivered by fr. Andriy Chyrovskiy. He also organized for the priests of the Synod days of spiritual renewal. In his preaching father was being oriented on spiritual inheritance of a pious metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.

On Saturday, the 5th of September was celebrated a Divine Liturgy with Panakhyda for a departed bishops – members of a Synod of Bishops.

The next Synod of Bishops was decided to be held in 2016 in Bryukhovychi, Lviv.

The Synod was finished on 6th of September with a festive Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral of Holy Resurrection, ending it with praying Panakhyda in a crypt where rest archbishops who have gone.

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Ukrainian Catholic bishops from the United States with His Beatitude Sviatoslav September 2015 at the Synod in Ukraine

(Photo l to r):

+ Bohdan Danylo
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

+ John Bura
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Eparch of Stamford

+His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk,
Major-Archbishop of Kiev-Halych

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

+Richard Seminack
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago



APOSTOLIC NUNCIO IN UKRAINE MOVED TO SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN



**Archbishop Thomas
Gullickson**

5 September 2015

September 5, 2015 the Vatican press office reported that Pope Francis appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine Archbishop Thomas Gullickson as nuncio to Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

Archbishop Gullickson was appointed Nuncio to Ukraine in 2011. Before, he worked in the Vatican's diplomatic representative of Trinidad and Tobago and many countries in Central America.

It is unknown who will replace him as the

Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine.

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UGCC Bishops remind authorities about moral obligation to fight corruption

11 September 2015

In the traditional letter of greeting upon completion of the Synod to the Prime Minister of Ukraine Arseniy Yatsenyuk the Members of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church reminded “about the moral obligation of the Ukrainian authorities to fight corruption, which destroys public agencies.”

“The Church has always been the mother and helper of the poor,” goes letter, “orphans and vulnerable people. So we are trying to remind that along with the pressing need to conduct genuine and deep reform in Ukraine, the Government cannot forget the poor, the needy and those who are on the brink of survival in our country. Taking care of these people is our common task.

Separately we want to mention the moral obligation to the Ukrainian government to fight corruption, which destroys our public authorities. We are aware that we will not overcome this scourge solely through the efforts of the state without broad support by the Church and community. Being the mother and teacher of her people, the Church feels it her duty to support the struggle against the evil of corruption and rule of law in our country.”

Synod of Bishops also expressed to the Prime Minister the assurances of respect for him as a leader of the government of Ukraine. It is reported by Information Department of the UGCC.

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The members of the Synod of the UGCC assured President of Ukraine of their intentions to cooperate with other Churches



Friday, 11 September 2015

In a traditional greeting letter to the President of Ukraine on the occasion of the completion of the Synod of Bishops of UGCC, the members of the Synod expressed their willingness “to cooperate with other confessions and religions in peace and agreement and become a good example for all society, as soon as possible.”

The Bishops also assured President Petro Poroshenko of their respect for him as the head of a sovereign Ukrainian

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State. "We thank you heartily for your great efforts, focused on the defense of Ukraine from a Russian aggression and of a consolidation of the Ukrainian people around those primary targets, set before our country (Ukraine). You were called upon to govern in not such an easy time and ask God to bless all your good intentions and accomplishments", - reads the text.

Besides this, the members of the Synod noted the president's attention to the rehabilitation of the Ukrainian soldiers, defending Ukraine from the Russian aggressor. "...Sooner or later, we believe that the war will end. But the problems connected with it will not cease nor go away. They will just take another turn. Physical and spiritual wounds will continue for a bit longer and the Church is obliged to heal the wounds of the soldiers and the families of those who died. It is also an obligation of our state to provide continual social care to all suffering victims of war along with their families. The healing of wounds is also a reconciliation within the country", - the archbishops stressed in their letter to the head of state, President Poroshenko.

UGCC Department of Information

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HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV PARTICIPATES IN THE MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCES OF EUROPE

13 September 2015

On September 11-16, 2015, in the Holy Land, the Galilee and Jerusalem, the regular annual meeting of the Presidents of the Catholic bishops' conferences of the EC is being held.

This year, Ukraine is represented at the meeting by UGCC Head, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Archbishop Petro Malchuk O.F.M., Bishop of Kyiv-Zhytomyr and Bishop Milan Љабџиќ, Eparch of Mukachevo. It has been reported by the UGCC Information Department.

Addressing the audience, His Beatitude Sviatoslav told to heads of the local Catholic Churches about the pastoral situation of the Church ministry in Ukraine, calling it "the greatest humanitarian disaster in Europe since the Second World War."

The UGCC patriarch thanked the brothers in the episcopal ministry for prayer and support for the Ukrainian people, in particular for the cooperation with the European agencies of Caritas, which made it possible to provide emergency assistance to thousands of victims of war.



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Thereafter, the UGCC Primate called for further solidarity with Ukraine. "Although Western media do not cover any more the war against Ukrainian people, the aggression continues, and, according to Pope Francis, we must overcome indifference to build peace," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

It should be noted that the episcopal assembly will pray at the holy sites, such as Capernaum, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem for peace in Ukraine and the Ukrainian army and for all victims.

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4 HIERARCHS TO REPRESENT UKRAINE AT XIV ORDINARY ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS ON FAMILY ISSUES

16 September 2015

On September 15, 2015 the list was released of participants of the extraordinary assembly of the synod of bishops "The vocation and mission of the family in the church and the contemporary world", which will be held in the Vatican from October 4 to 25.

The Synod Chairman is Roman Pontiff Francis, and general secretary is Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri. Cardinals Andre Vingt-Trois, Archbishop of Paris, Luis Antonio Tarle, Archbishop of Manila (Philippines), Raymond Damasheno Assisi, Archbishop of Aparecida (Brazil), and Wilfrid Fox Napier, Archbishop of Durban (South Africa) will be delegated presidents of the Assembly.

The main speaker will be Archbishop of Budapest, Cardinal Peter Erdo (Hungary) and special secretary Archbishop Bruno Forte of Chieti-Vasto (Italy).

Eastern Churches will be represented by 22 hierarchs. The participants on behalf of the UGCC Synod of Bishops will be Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) and the delegates: Bishop Borys (Gudziak), Bishop of Paris diocese of St. Volodymyr and Bishop Hlib (Lonchyna), eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Holy Family of London. There will be one more Ukrainian at the Synod of Bishops – Fr Ambrosiy Samus, officer of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.

Next in the list are the delegates appointed by the episcopal conferences all over the world.

The Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine will be represented by Archbishop Mieczyslaw Mokrzycki, Metropolitan of Lviv, Chairman of the Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops of Ukraine.

The heads of departments of the Roman Curia, experts and auditors, including 17 couples will also take part in the Synod of Bishops. The so-called fraternal delegates representing non-Catholic Churches were also invited to take part in the debate. It was reported by Vatican Radio.

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October 2015 - ЖОВТНЯ 2015

Happy Birthday!

З Днем народження!

October 1: Rev. Andriy Rabiw
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Archbishop Emeritus
October 9: Rev. Ivan Demkiv
October 12: Rev. Paul J. Makar
October 12: Rev. Roman Sverdan
October 13: Rev. Volodymyr Popyk
October 15: V. Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan
October 16: Rev. Nestor Iwasiw
October 28: Rev. Edward Levandusky
October 31: Rev. Ruslan Romanyuk

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