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WELCOME **YOUR BEATITUDE!**

Philadelphia, Pa. – Sunday, November 13th, will be a historic day in the life of the Catholic Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia as the spiritual head and father of the Ukrainian Catholic Church worldwide. Maior-Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk prays with the clergy, religious and faithful during a pastoral visitation. His Beatitude, Kyr Sviatoslav Shevchuk will be the main celebrant at the 2:30 p.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, which will be celebrated here in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA. Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, a reception will be held at the Liberty View Ballroom in the Independence Visitor Center (6th and Market Streets). The reception will be from 6:00PM-9:00PM. The cost for the reception is \$100.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased



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from the Archeparchy of Philadelphia website Philadelphia by mail or through PayPal© on the Archeparchy

www.ukrarcheparchy.us. Deadline is November of 7^{th} . Round-trip transportation by trolley from the Cathedral to the Independence Center will be provided during that time.

ARCHEPARCHY HONORS WEDDING JUBILARIANS



Watch videos and see pictures from the Anniversary Celebration on our blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

On October 23, 2011, the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, (Philadelphia, PA) honored Wedding Jubilarians of the Archeparchy. The celebration was organized by Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan, Director of the Office of Evangelization at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

The graced event began with an 11:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy, which was concelebrated by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka (main celebrant and homilist), assisted by Msgr. Peter Waslo (Chancellor of the Archeparchy), Reverend Ivan Demkiv (Cathedral rector), and Subdeacon Roman Oprysk. The responses to the Lituray

> were led by Lisa Oprysk (cantor).

In his homily Archbishop S t e f a n expressed a h e a r t f e l t welcome to the Jubilarian Couples and thanked them for coming. He said, "Today we have agthered to thank God and to ask Him to especially bestow His blessings upon all of you as you renew your commitment of love to one another." The theme of the homily was love. Towards the end of the homily, Metropolitan Stefan said, "Thank you, our faithful Jubilarians, for your lived out example of God's love for one another, for His people."

Just before the Dismissal, the Jubilarians, standing in front of the first pew, renewed their marriage commitment of sacramental love and faithfulness to each other. What a wonderful witness to their families and to the faith community!

Next, a group photo was taken. Then, each jubilarian couple came by turn under the flowery arch. Archbishop Stefan imparted his special blessing and prayed over each one.

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

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

Teresa Siwak





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Martin & Barbara Katruk 64th



Joseph & Vera Michalczyk 60th



John & Janice Anthony 50th



Michael & Catherine Michalski 50th



Ihor & Olympia Pasicznyk 48th



John & Carole Ferenchick 45th



Charles & Mary Schultz 44rd



Peter & Bernadette Nush 41st



Harry & Patricia Bittner 40th



Russell & Helen Cooke 38th



George & Marta Shevchuk 35th



John & Mary Makar 30th



John & Paula Finley 30th



Daniel & Maria Palumbo 26th



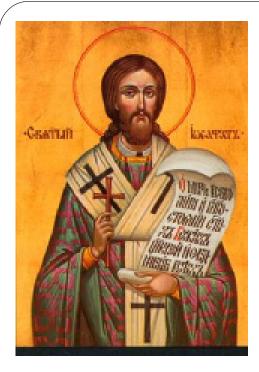
Brian & Rita Keeley 21st



John & Ariadne Michalczyk 18th







St. Josaphat (November 12)

The Lord said: I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. (Jn. 10, 9-16)

John Kuntsevych was born in Volodymyr Volynsk, in 1580. As a young boy, he loved to frequent the holy services and prayed with great fervor. In 1604, He entered the decadent Monastery of the Holy Trinity in Vilnius, Lithuania. Upon receiving the monastic tonsure and habit, he took the name Josaphat. By his example of fidelity and self-denial, he was able to reform the monastery, together with his friend Joseph Rutsky.

Their loving example spread beyond the monastery walls to the entire Ukrainian Church. In 1617, Rutsky and Josaphat succeeded in forming a confederation of monasteries, which became the Order of St. Basil the Great. To his great dismay, in 1618, Josaphat was appointed Archbishop of Polotsk-Vitebsk. For five years, he worked diligently to achieve church unity, as the Saviour had prayed "so that all may be one." Josaphat's humility and zeal won over many people, but also angered those who did not want to be united with Rome. Thus, during a pastoral visitation of his cathedral in Vitebsk, on November 12, 1623, Josaphat was brutally martyred; his body stripped and thrown in the river.

Immediately after his death, many miracles of conversion were attributed to his intercession, beginning with the conversion of his murderers. One of the greatest opponents of union with Rome, Bishop Meleti Smotrytsky, attributed his own conversion to Josaphat.

Josaphat Kuntsevych was beatified by Pope Urban VIII on May 16,1643 and canonized by Blessed Pope Pius IX, on June 29, 1867. He is the first Ukrainian Saint to be formally beatified an canonized. To celebrate the three-hundredth anniversary of the Saint's martyrdom, Pope Pius XI issued an encyclical letter, Ecclesiam Dei. Since 1963, his incorrupt body lies under the altar of Saint Basil, in the Vatican Basilica of St. Peter's.

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Hillside, NJ parish extends appreciation to Teofil Kleban for his "labor of love"

Hillside, NJ – On Sunday, October 23, 2011, Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic parish in Hillside (Union County), NJ received a beautifully hand carved cross and icon case donated by Mr. Teofil Kleban. On this day, the Hillside parish offered its 10:45am Sunday Liturgy in honor of Mr. Kleban.

Mr Kleban, who is 93 years old, spent 2 intense weeks hand carving and painting the cross and icon case. He uses handmade tools and does all of the work in his basement.

Fr. Vasyl Vladyka, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception, stated that: "Every time that we look at Mr. Kleban's cross on the tetrapod, we will be reminded of Jesus' sacrifice and love for us and the glory



of His resurrection. Additionally, we will remember the hard work and love that Mr. Kleban utilized to create these beautiful religious items. These truly are a "labor of love" that Mr. Kleben has blessed us with."

Fr. Vasyl then proceeded with the blessing of the religious items and leading the congregation in singing Mnohaya Lita in honor of Mr. Kleban.

Mr. Kleban is a member of nearby St. John's Ukrainian Catholic parish in Newark, NJ. He has also donated hand carved crosses to parishes in Lourdes (France), Ukraine, Newark (NJ), Whippany (NJ), Hamptonburgh (NY), and the chapel at CYM Oselia in Ellenville (NY).

May God reward Mr. Kleban for his great spiritual faith, generosity and grant him many blessings as he approaches his 94th birthday!

Photo Caption: Father Vasyl Vladyka, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside, NJ stands with Mr. Teofil Kleban and his wife Mrs. Justyna Kleban and the beautifully hand carved cross and icon case.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Phoenixville

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 from 9 am to 1 pm the parish invites all friends, neighbors and parishioners to the pre Christmas Annual Bazaar. There will be great homemade Ukrainian foods pirogies, holubci (stuffed cabbage), to eat in or to go, delicious baked goods, music, arts, gift baskets, raffles, and various vendors with their gift tables and friendly smiles. Come and join in the camaraderie The church is located at St. Mary's St and Fairview St. Phoenixville PA 19460 just over the Bridge St. bridge For information call Lisa 610 367-8634 or the parish rectory 610 933-5453. New vendors welcome. Call for info.



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Christmas Bazaar Різдвяний **DECEMBER** 3-4, 2011

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church Old York & Valley Roads Elkins Park, PA

Saturday 10:00AM - 7:00PM Sunday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Featuring:

♦ HOLY SUPPER - "Свята Вечера" ТавLе

♦ HOME-BAKED CAKES AND COOKIES

♦ UKRAINIAN TABLE: CDS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, EMBROIDERIES, CERAMICS

♦ FOOD COURT SERVING TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN "PIEROGIES & HOLUBTSI"

♦ RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS





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Annual Commemoration of the Holodomor to be Held at St. Patrick's Cathedral

New York, NY (UCCA) – On Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 1:30PM, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) will be holding its now annual requiem service to commemorate the 78th Anniversary of Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-1933, known in Ukrainian as the *Holodomor*.

In this 78th anniversary year, the newly elected Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, will be the honored guest at St. Patrick's Cathedral (5th Avenue between 51st and 52nd Streets) in New York City to lead the expected thousands gathered, in prayer for the repose of the souls of the millions of innocent victims of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933. Following the requiem service, representatives from the United States government will be offered an opportunity to deliver remarks. Invited speakers include: Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Congressman Sander Levin (D-MI), to name a few. Also anticipated will be the reading of President Obama's statement in remembrance of the 78th anniversary of the *Holodomor*.

The Genocide of 1932-1933 is one of the darkest pages in the history of the Ukrainian nation. Up to 10 million innocent victims were starved to death through a deliberate Soviet policy aimed at crushing the nationally conscious Ukrainian peasantry. The Ukrainian Genocide ranks among the worst cases of man's inhumanity towards man and is perhaps the most extreme example of the use of food as a weapon.

The UCCA urges the Ukrainian community to attend the requiem service at St. Patrick's Cathedral and honor the millions of innocent victims of Ukraine's Genocide on this 78th anniversary year.



Pope names Archbishop Vigano new nuncio to the US

By Cindy Wooden <u>Catholic News Service</u>

Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, 70, to be the new nuncio to the United States.

In his most recent position, the Italian archbishop had served for two years as secretary-general of the commission governing Vatican City. He succeeds the late Archbishop Pietro Sambi in Washington.

A nuncio is a Vatican diplomat with the rank of ambassador. He is responsible for diplomatic relations with the government, but also serves as the pope's representative to the church in a given country, which includes responsibility for coordinating the search for and vetting of candidates to become bishops.

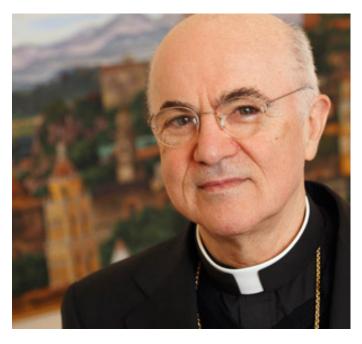
While at the commission governing Vatican City, Archbishop Vigano earned a reputation as a careful administrator, skilled at cutting costs and improving the efficiency of an office that oversees the care of Vatican buildings, as well as the Vatican post office, police force and the Vatican Museums.

Born in Varese, in Italy's far north, he was ordained a priest in 1968 for the Diocese of Pavia. He entered the Vatican's diplomatic service in 1973 and served at Vatican embassies in Iraq and in Great Britain before working in the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1978-89.

He was the Vatican's permanent observer at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, from 1989 to 1992, when Pope John Paul II named him an archbishop and nuncio to Nigeria. Pope John Paul personally ordained him a bishop.

Archbishop Vigano — who speaks Italian, French, Spanish and English was still serving as nuncio to Nigeria in 1997 when Pope John Paul visited the country.

Returning to the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1998, Archbishop Vigano coordinated the



appointments of nuncios and papal representatives around the world.

In 1999, he led a five-man Vatican delegation to Iraq to try - unsuccessfully, it turned out - to make arrangements for Pope John Paul to visit. The pope had wanted to go to Ur, the city thought to be the birthplace of Abraham, as part of a biblical pilgrimage for the year 2000. At the time, Iraq was under an economic embargo by the West and Ur was under a no-fly zone being enforced by U.S. and British military.

In November 2010 the archbishop was called upon to represent the Vatican at the general assembly of Interpol, the international cooperative organization for police agencies. In his speech to the assembly, he highlighted the ongoing violence against Christians in Iraq, but also spoke more generally about the Vatican's conviction that the promotion of human rights is the best strategy for combating inequalities that lead to crime and terrorism.

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Catholic and Orthodox bishops of Ukraine to attend unveiling of Vatican Christmas Tree

For the first time, a Christmas tree from Ukraine will be installed in the Vatican. It will be delivered as a gift to Pope Benedict XVI from Transcarpathia, and trees for the Apostolic Palace will be delivered from the Lviv region.

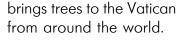
Not only Ukrainian Catholic bishops of Latin and Byzantine rites but also representatives of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church will attend the unveiling of the Vatican Christmas Tree. This agreement was reached on October 19, during a meeting between Patriarch Sviatoslav

(Shevchuk), head of the Peter's Square in UGCC, and а representative of Metropolitan Volodymyr (Sabodan), Archbishop Alexander (Drabynko), head of the Department for External Relations of the UOC

"This is extremely important event because different countries have been waiting for years for this opportunity. For Ukraine it is another testament to its European roots and belonging to the family of European nations," said the Patriarch Sviatoslav.

The tradition of installing Christmas tree on St.

the Vatican began late last century during the pontificate of John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI continued this tradition, which



Last year, the 94-year-old Christmas spruce, which was 34 meters tall and weighed 5 tons, was delivered from the north Italian province of Alto Adige. The Vatican Christmas Tree has been brought from Austria, Germany, Belgium and elsewhere.



A nativity scene is usually installed near the tree, which the pope consecrates on Christmas Eve, December 24.

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prepare for Christmas with prayer and music!

Emmanuel Moleben & Concert 3pm, Sunday December 11, 2011





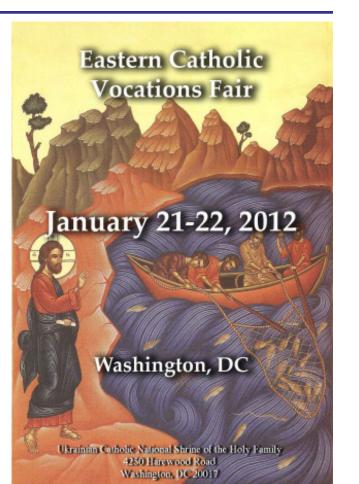
Concert by Cantors of Northeast PA Andrew Drozdick, director

reception following the concert

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School Choice Victory in the Senate

Submitted by <u>AB_Hill</u> on Wednesday, October 26 2011

Pennsylvania students and their families are one step closer to getting assistance in the exercise of their right to choose a school that they believe best meets their needs. Today the Pennsylvania Senate passed Senate Bill 1, the Opportunity Scholarship Act, by a vote of 27-22. The measure will now be considered by the House of Representatives in the coming weeks.

Yesterday, the <u>Senate</u> <u>Education Committee</u> amended the proposed legislation to reflect Governor Tom Corbett's plan to create a pilot program for school vouchers and increase the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program.

The proposed voucher program will be a pilot project, of sorts. The students neediest attending the worst performing public schools get the vouchers first. In the second year, every qualified student who lives in the aeographic boundary of the failing schools can get a voucher, even if they are already attending a nonpublic school.

Senate Bill 1 lists 144 schools that will qualify for vouchers. The list includes elementary, middle and high schools that have persistently score in lowest 5% of statewide tests.

The income qualifications are based on a sliding scale. Families who income is at 130% of the federal poverty limit or less qualify for a voucher up to 100% of the state subsidy amount for their school. That about amounts to \$29,000 a vear for a family of four. Families above 130% but below 185% of the poverty limit can get a voucher worth 75% of the subsidy. A family of four at this level can earn up to \$41,000 a year. Families can use the voucher to attend any school they choose private, parochial or even another public school.

The average per pupil state subsidy is between \$8,000 and \$9,000; each school district is different. The maximum voucher would be based on the actual subsidy amount for the specific school the child attends. Vouchers cannot pay for any more than the actual amount of tuition charged. Under this formula, the voucher would a d e q u a t e l y cover tuition at Catholic schools.

The school choice proposal also includes a significant increase to the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program that provides scholarships to students no matter where

they live. The income guidelines for EITC gualify middle class families too. And once vouchers are available, many of the lowest income students who aet an EITC scholarship now will get a voucher, freeing up more EITC dollars for others. Senate Bill 1 would fund EITC at \$100 million in the first two years, \$125 million in the third year with scheduled increases in all future years.

Concerned citizens are encouraged to thank their state Senators who voted in favor of Senate Bill 1 and school choice. And to



voice their support to their state Representatives by visiting, writing, faxing or emailing using the online tools of the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network. Go to <u>www.pacatholic.org/</u> <u>schoolchoice</u> to learn more and send your <u>email</u> <u>message to your state</u> legislators.

Send a message of thanks to state Senators for voting in favor of Senate Bill 1 and school choice.

Read the entire PCC article with a list of state Senators who voted in favor of Senate Bill 1 and school choice on the PCC website at: http://www.pacatholic.org/catholic-education/school-choice-victory-in-the-senate/



Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church 100th Anniversary Celebration Honors 3 "Special Parishioners"

On Sunday, October 30th, Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Clifton Heights, PA., celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the parish's founding with a special catered banquet. At the affair, the Pastor, Very Reverend John Ciurpita, presented 3 special guests of honor with a special framed icon and certificate commemorating their milestones with the parish. Michael Sopko, with an active, 52 year record with the parish, was honored as the oldest parishioner. Christopher Blubello was celebrated as the youngest addition to the parish family. Catherine "Cass" Zin was honored for her being the first child baptized in the then new parish.

Throughout its first century, the parish has been actively dedicated to serving the needs of all in the Delaware and Chester County areas and looks forward to celebrating another fruitful next 100 years. All are welcome to attend our Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 11:00 am.



Pictured are: Jennifer Blubello holding Christopher; Very Reverend John Ciurpita; Catherine "Cas" Zin and Michael Sopko.

Upcoming Events at SS. Peter and Paul Church, 100 South Penn Street, Clifton Heights, PA.

Holiday Pierogie Sale - Now through December 5th

Annual Christmas Luncheon - Sunday December 11th

Christmas/ New year's Kielbasa Sale - Now through Monday, December 12th

"Annual Food Collection for the Needy" - Now through December 18th

Remember, We Now Have a Website and New Email Address for electronic ordering of our sale items!

With the cyber-world connecting everyone and everything all around us, Ss. Peter & Paul Catholic Church is proud to have our own webpage. Any comments/suggestions on our first foray onto the web will be appreciated. Please visit us at: www.ChristAmongUs.com

For your convenience, we now are able to accept your orders for our "SALE" items via email. Our email address for orders is: SSPeterandPaul@verizon.net. Ordering by email saves time and confusion. All email orders are acknowledged and reminders on pickups will be sent. Please be sure to provide your name, phone number and the number of items you are ordering on your order email.

Once again we thank you for your continued support and we wish you all of God's blessings this upcoming Christmas Season! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you ever need any further information.

Looking forward to seeing you at Saints Peter and Paul!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 6, 2011: Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great celebrate their Centennial with a Liturgy at the Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA at 2:00pm.

November 13, 2011: Pastoral Visit by His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk. Divine Liturgy will be held at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA at 2:30pm.

November 18-20, 2011: Liturgical Music Workshop with Professor Joseph Roll at the Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA. For information contact Fr. Troyan at 215-922-2917.

November 19, 2011: Personal Day of Prayer, Addictions & Spirituality. Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA, 215-922-2917.

November 20, 2011: Cathedral Christmas Bazaar (Franklin & Brown St, Philadelphia, PA) 10 am - 4pm. www.ukrcathedral.com

December 3, 2011: Personal Day of Prayer, Fasting in the Ukrainian Catholic church. Bishop Ortynsky Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA, 215-922-2917.

December 3-4, 2011: Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar in the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Melrose Park, PA

December 10, 2011: Annual Cookie Walk, St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1545 Easton Rd, Warrington, PA, 9AM. www.stanneukrainiancc.com

December 11, 2011: Slavic Christmas Luncheon. Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 100 S. Penn St., Clifton Heights, PA. Please call 610-622-0261 before December 5th to reserve your seat.





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