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## **Christmas at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia December 25, 2010**



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Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka  
and Rev. Ivan Demkiv



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*(Photos: Teresa Siwak)*

***December 25, 2010***



January 16, 2011

# Christmas (Julian Calendar) at the Cathedral

## January 7, 2011

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Deacon Michael Waak gives the Censer to the Metropolitan



(l to r): Rev. Paul J. Makar, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Rev. Ivan Demkiv, Deacon Michael Waak



January 16, 2011



## Warrington, PA December 2010

December 5, 2010 was a very exciting day as the children and parishioners of St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church participated in a beautiful musical program this year at their Annual Christmas Program. The children, led by the Religious Education Program Director, Karen Melio, delighted everyone with their musical skills by playing various instruments and singing many Christmas songs in Ukrainian and English. They were joined by the Choir of St. Anne, led by Patricia Chern, to present a much enjoyed program. Afterwards, everyone joined together at the Activity Center to welcome St. Nicholas for his annual visit. The much loved Saint was welcomed with the Altar Boys leading him into the festive room with ringing of bells and the singing by the Religious Education children and their families of the old standard, "Och, toch, toch, Nikolaya, Lubit". He proceeded to greet each child with a kind word and a beautifully decorated Christmas ornament and candy cane. Everyone then enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner. The food was donated by each family attending and we had a wonderful turnout including of more than 140 participants. Everyone went home with happy memories of a beautiful afternoon with our Church Family.

The Religious Education Program children surprised our elderly parishioners with beautifully colored Christmas Cards that they send to their homes.

On December 11 we held our annual "Cookie Walk". This is one of our most anticipated fundraisers



by the community besides our pyrohy sales and bingo games. Thirty-five wonderful parishioner bakers worked diligently to produce over 40 varieties of Christmas cookies. They baked at home after a hard day at work while others took vacation days from work just to bake for St. Anne's, while Natalie Bunik, wife of Father Vasil Bunik, and her 4 helpers spent hours in the kitchen of the Activity Center baking much loved Ukrainian delicacies. Although the doors opened at 9am, customers began gathering at 8am. By the time the doors did open, the line ran from the front of the hall to the back with everyone anticipating their delicious purchases. Everything sold out within an hour at the delight of our coordinators and their helpers. Many of our customers left with dreams of coming back next year to enjoy the delicacies they took home for themselves and family members! See pictures and an article on the website, Patch.com.

Although St. Anne's collects non-perishable food items throughout the year, the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas always gets extra busy. Parishioners have been donating items to "The Larder" in Bucks County that helps families within our community who may be struggling due to hardships for several years now. We have also contributed to Central Bucks South High School, "Operation Gratitude" program where we gather items which are then brought to the school and they send packages to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. We continue to support our community as much as possible throughout the year.

Our doors are always open to anyone interested in visiting our beautiful church throughout the year!

Submitted by: Helene Zadworniak Michalko

# Hillside, NJ parish children receive and give the gift of The Christmas Spirit

Hillside, NJ – On Sunday, December 3, 2010, St. Nicholas visited the children and parishioners of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside ( Union County ), NJ.

St. Nicholas was treated to a bilingual holiday entertainment program. Performances included the following:

Singing of “Pharaoh, Pharaoh” by the Parish Children’s Choir, (Sonya Khedr; Julia Pelesz; Julianna & Ariana Shatynski; Jessica Boudreau, Jessie Murray; Nicholas Senyk and Peter Hrycak)

Hip Hop Dance to “Jingle Bells” (Sonya Khedr and Jessie Murray)

Carols on the keyboard (Julia Pelesz and Ariadna Stockert) and Violin (Julianna Shatynski)

Singing of “Jesus Christ is our King” (Ariana Shatynski)

Christmas Skit and caroling (Sofia, Maria, John and Paul Soroka)

Harp melodies and family singing (Tom, Odarka, Sophika & Ariadna Stockert)

Mike Szpyhulsky served as emcee. Russ Pencak served as liaison to St. Nicholas.

Hillside ’s assistant pastor, Father Vasyl Vladyka, led the group in prayer and koliady.

After digging out of 32 inches of snow and 50 miles per hour winds two days earlier, on December 29, 2010, the



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"Jingle Bells" Hip Hop Dance

**January 16, 2011**

# Hillside, NJ parish children receive and give the gift of The Christmas Spirit

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parish children sang beautiful Christmas carols in Ukrainian and English to the retired Sisters of Mercy and clergy of McAuley Hall Center in Watchung, NJ – located

on the campus of Mount Saint Mary Academy.

The Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy and retired priests were very pleased to have the children visit

them. One of the audience members, a retired Monsignor, captivated the children while speaking about special events from the past.

Our parish children received a very special gift from this very special group of religious Sisters and clergy – the gift of the Christmas Spirit!



St. Nicholas poses with the children and Hillside, NJ assistant pastor Rev. Vasyl Vladyka.



Hillside, NJ parish youth carol in Ukrainian and English to retired Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy and clergy in Watchung, NJ.

## St. Josaphat students went caroling to the Archbishop

Students from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School, Philadelphia, PA, went caroling to Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka at his residence on December 22, 2010. The students were accompanied by the pastor of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic church, Rev. Ihor Bloschynskyy, as well as staff from the school.

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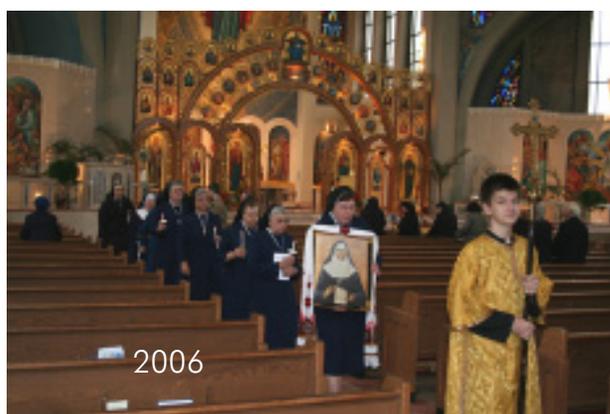


## Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate will visit the Cathedral on January 16, 2011

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate are coming to Immaculate Conception Cathedral (830 N. Franklin St, Philadelphia, PA) on Sunday, January 16, 2011... attending all the Divine Liturgies and hoping to meet with the parishioners and former students of the Cathedral School. The Sisters Servants spent more than 70 years in the Cathedral School, Cathedral, Cathedral Office and Chancery offering their assistance.



As the sisters celebrate 75 years of ministry in the United States, they come back to Immaculate Conception Cathedral to say "Thank You". Thank you for being a part of our history, thank you for being a part of our life in Philadelphia. Come and meet the sisters you have come to know and join them for coffee and cake plus many more surprises!



*Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, 830 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA*



## **Ascension Manor's Holiday Party December 22, 2010**

Ascension Manor is a senior citizen apartment complex located one block from the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. Ascension Manor is under the direction of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

**Ascension Manor**  
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# "COAL CRACKER DANCE"

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**2:00PM to 6:00PM**

**Sunday, January 30, 2011**



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Linda Buchanan 215-945-6661

## EWTN to air program on Blessed Omelian Kovch

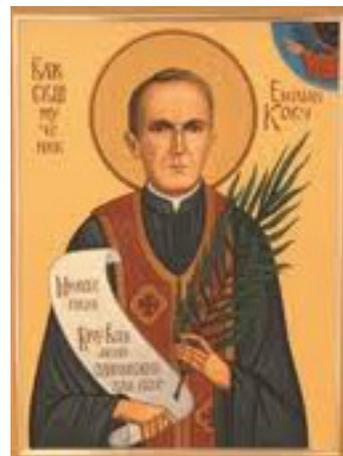
### **PARISH PRIEST OF MAJDANEK: About Omelian Kovch**

Airs January 30 at 10PM,

February 1 at 1PM &

February 3 at 5AM

Documentary about Father Omelian Kovch, a Ukrainian priest who died in Majdanek, a Nazi concentration camp on the outskirts of Lublin, Poland. Like St. Maximilian Kolbe, he prepared many for death. Pope John Paul II beatified him in 2001. (60 mins) [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)



## A Reflection on our Faith

*Opinion Editorial*

*“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:26)*

We, as faithful Christians of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, sing this verse multiple times throughout the liturgical year. However, when caught up in the world in which we live, we sometimes forget what these words actually mean. Through the Mystery of Holy Baptism, we are charged with a special mission. His Grace, Metropolitan Stefan reiterates this mission each time he preaches about the Gospel: we are to be evangelists. Does this mean that we have to carry our Bibles around daily and drive the verses into people’s heads? Of course it does not. What it does mean is that, as baptized Christians, it is our duty to allow our outer-selves shine with the Grace of Christ Jesus by living through the examples that Christ gave us in the Gospels.

I confess myself that it is difficult sometimes to focus on the spiritual aspect of our faith, most especially when we are caught up in the temporal world of jobs, families

and other responsibilities that deflect our individual attentions. However, this Christmas, something really struck me. Our faith calls for much more than going to Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Our faith is much more than doing activities like pinching pyrohy or parish picnics. Nobody would contest that attending the Divine Liturgy is the most important exercise of our faith, but our faith demands that we LIVE as Christians, not in name only, not in only attending liturgical services, but through our actions and resolution to spread the love of Jesus Christ Himself.

Part of our tradition as Ukrainians is to “spread the word of Christ’s birth” through Christmas caroling at various homes during the festal period of the Nativity of our Lord. On Christmas day, a group of individuals assemble every year at the home of Paul and Marie Hancher in Frackville, PA and embark on a journey to spread that good news of Christ’s birth and bring joy to various family members and shut-in parishioners of the local Ukrainian Catholic parishes of the South A n t h r a c i t e Protopresbytery. The group consists of a local

parish vocation, Father Deacon Paul Spotts (Saint Michael the Archangel parish, Frackville), four cantors, Dr. Michael J. Halupa, his son, Anthony J. Halupa and Matthew Kenenitz (Saint Michael the Archangel parish, Frackville) and John Paul Halupa (Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker parish, Saint Clair), Father Deacon Spott’s children: Nicholas, Maria, John, Anya, Michael Paul, Dr. Halupa’s daughter, Sarah Grace, and Mary Halupa (Saint John the Baptist parish, Maizeville).

What struck me most this year was the humility and genuinely sincere nature of heart with which various people welcomed us into their homes. They sang along with us, they prayed with us, they cried tears of joy to hear Christ Incarnate brought to them through song. Carols such as Бог Предічний, Нова Радість Стала and Небо І Земля filled the homes of various parishioners and family members as the joy of the feast of the Nativity resonated in the Coal Region of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

This is indeed an integral part of our faith life, and I sincerely encourage other

faithful members of our Ukrainian Catholic Church to participate in caroling in their local areas. There are so many people that are deprived of the ability to go to Divine Liturgy – a liberty that many faithful all too many times take for granted – and to see the expressions on their faces, the heartfelt joy with which they sang and the genuine expression of gratitude and love made me realize what it is to be “clothed in Christ.”

Our faith in Jesus Christ extends far beyond the reaches of the interiors of our church buildings. The faith lies within our hearts, and through our expressions, mannerisms and outward generosity, not necessarily with money, but through good works, we can express ourselves vibrantly as those baptized in Christ and, as Metropolitan Stefan said at his Installation ten years ago, live in the “fullness of life and abundance of joy that Jesus promises and offers all who follow him and serve our Lord with passion and humility .”

**Article submitted by:  
Matthew Kenenitz**

## From the Office of the Chancellor

Just a reminder for the year 2011 concerning the celebration of holy days and feasts in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

### 1. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

- a) All Sundays of the year
- b) Theophany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *January 6<sup>th</sup>/January 19<sup>th</sup>*
- c) Annunciation of the Mother of God *March 25<sup>th</sup>/April 7<sup>th</sup>*
- d) Ascension of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *June 2<sup>nd</sup>*
- e) The Apostles, SS. Peter & Paul *June 29<sup>th</sup>/July 12<sup>th</sup>*
- f) Dormition of the Mother of God *August 15<sup>th</sup>/August 28<sup>th</sup>*
- g) Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *December 25<sup>th</sup>/January 7<sup>th</sup>*

On these days, one of the Divine Liturgies is to be celebrated for the faithful (**Pro Populo or For the People**). A homily is to be preached on these days at all Divine Liturgies. The tradition of celebrating Vespers should also be re-introduced to enrich the liturgical life of the parish.

### 2. OTHER FEASTS

- a) Circumcision of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *January 1<sup>st</sup>/January 14<sup>th</sup>*
- b) Pratulyn Martyrs *January 23<sup>rd</sup>/February 5<sup>th</sup>*
- c) Three Holy Hierarchs *January 30<sup>th</sup>/February 12<sup>th</sup>*
- d) Encounter of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *February 2<sup>nd</sup>/February 15<sup>th</sup>*
- e) Bright Monday *April 25<sup>th</sup>*
- f) Bright Tuesday *April 26<sup>th</sup>*
- g) St. George the Great Martyr *April 23<sup>rd</sup>/May 6<sup>th</sup>*
- h) Pentecost Monday *June 13<sup>th</sup>*
  - i) Nativity of St. John the Baptist *June 24<sup>th</sup>/July 7<sup>th</sup>*
  - j) Bl. Nykolai Charnetsky & Others *June 27<sup>th</sup>/July 10<sup>th</sup>*
  - k) St. Volodymyr the Great *July 15<sup>th</sup>/July 28<sup>th</sup>*
  - l) St. Elias the Prophet *July 20<sup>th</sup>/August 2<sup>nd</sup>*
- m) Transfiguration of Our Lord, Jesus Christ *August 6<sup>th</sup>/August 19<sup>th</sup>*
- n) Beheading of St. John the Baptist *August 29<sup>th</sup>/September 11<sup>th</sup>*
- o) Nativity of the Mother of God *September 8<sup>th</sup>/September 21<sup>st</sup>*
- p) Exaltation of the Holy Cross *September 14<sup>th</sup>/September 27<sup>th</sup>*
- q) Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian *September 26<sup>th</sup>/October 9<sup>th</sup>*
- r) Protection of the Mother of God *October 1<sup>st</sup>/October 14<sup>th</sup>*
- s) St. Demetrius the Great Martyr *October 26<sup>th</sup>/November 8<sup>th</sup>*
- t) St. Michael the Archangel *November 8<sup>th</sup>/November 21<sup>st</sup>*
- u) St. Josaphat the Hieromartyr *November 12<sup>th</sup>/November 25<sup>th</sup>*
- v) Entrance into the Temple of the Mother of God *November 21<sup>st</sup>/December 4<sup>th</sup>*
- w) St. Nicholas the Wonderworker *December 6<sup>th</sup>/December 19<sup>th</sup>*
- x) Conception of St. Anne (Immaculate Conception) *December 9<sup>th</sup>/December 23<sup>rd</sup>*
- y) Synaxis of the Mother of God *December 26<sup>th</sup>/January 8<sup>th</sup>*
- z) St. Stephen the Protomartyr *December 27<sup>th</sup>/January 9<sup>th</sup>*

The faithful are not obligated to attend Divine Services for these days. The clergy are not obligated to offer a Divine Liturgy for the faithful but should preach a homily on these days. These days are **not** to be transferred to Sunday. On all feast days and holy days, anointing/myrovannya should be celebrated with the faithful.

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## From the Office of the Chancellor

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### 3. BINATION STIPENDS

If more than one Divine Liturgy is celebrated in a day during the week on these holy days and if three Divine Liturgies are celebrated on a weekend for the Sunday obligation (Saturday included), then the second stipend is to be forwarded to the chancery.

### 4. LITURGY OBLIGATIONS

A Bination Divine Liturgy is to be offered on the Sunday closest to the date of death of each of the following Hierarchs, with mention made in the parish bulletin:

- a) +Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky *January 6<sup>th</sup>*
- b) +Bishop Soter Ortynsky, O.S.B.M. *March 24<sup>th</sup>*
- c) +Bishop Jaroslav Gabro *March 28<sup>th</sup>*
- d) +Bishop John Stock *June 29<sup>th</sup>*
- e) +Bishop Walter Paska *August 16<sup>th</sup>*
- f) +Bishop Michael Kuchmiak, C.S.s.R. *August 26<sup>th</sup>*
- g) +His Beatitude, Josyf Cardinal Slipyj *September 7<sup>th</sup>*
- h) +Metropolitan Ambrose Senyshyn, O.S.B.M. *September 11<sup>th</sup>*
- i) +His Beatitude, Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky *December 14<sup>th</sup>*
- j) +Metropolitan Joseph Schmondiuk *December 25<sup>th</sup>*

In each parish a Divine Liturgy is also to be celebrated for the repose of the soul of a priest of the Archeparchy upon his falling asleep.

No stipend is to be drawn from the parish accounts or taken for any of these memorial Divine Liturgies.

### 5. GREAT FAST

The weekdays of the Great Fast are *aliturghical* whereas no Divine Liturgy should be celebrated except for the Feast of the Annunciation. On Wednesday and Friday of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. *Typika* may be used the other days. For funerals, the text used by the New Jersey Protokesbyterate may be utilized.

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts are to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

### 6. FASTS

The following are Days of Fast and Abstinence (abstaining from meat, eggs, and dairy products) in the Ukrainian Catholic Church:

- a) Monday of the First Day of the Great Fast *March 7<sup>th</sup>*
- b) Good Friday *April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

The following are Days of Fast (abstaining from meat):

- a) Eve of Theophany *January 5<sup>th</sup>/January 18<sup>th</sup>*
- b) Holy Saturday *April 23<sup>rd</sup>*
- c) Beheading of St. John the Baptist *August 29<sup>th</sup>/September 11<sup>th</sup>*
- d) Exaltation of the Holy Cross *September 14<sup>th</sup>/September 27<sup>th</sup>*
- e) Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, *December 23<sup>rd</sup> (due to the celebration of Royal Hours on December 24<sup>th</sup> morning)/January 6<sup>th</sup>*
- f) Every Friday during the year except for *February 18<sup>th</sup>, April 29<sup>th</sup>, June 17<sup>th</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>*

This is obligatory for all Ukrainian Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59

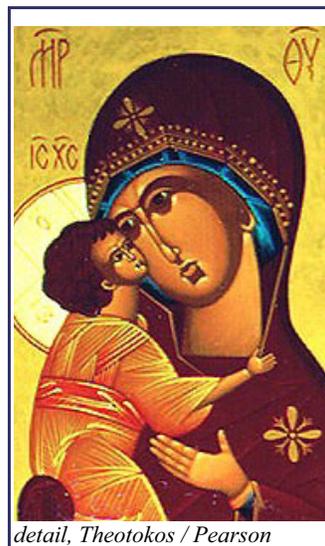
# An Icon Retreat

sponsored by the Byzantine Franciscans - Holy Dormition Friary, Sybertsville, Pennsylvania

## CHRIST IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Led by iconographer Peter Pearson  
*March 3-6, 2011*

Retreatants will follow step by step instructions to create an icon of Christ in the Garden at Gethsemane. During the retreat, we will also discuss the development of iconography, the spirituality of creating an icon, & praying with icons.



detail, Theotokos / Pearson

**About the retreat director:** With nearly forty years experience, Peter Pearson has created hundreds of icons for use around the world. He is noted for teaching both techniques of painting and the spirituality of creating icons, giving presentations to groups ranging from school children and senior citizen groups to artists and seminarians. Samples of his iconography are available online at <http://www.nb.net/~pearson> or may be seen in Hazleton at St John Byzantine Catholic Church.



detail, Prophet Elijah / Pearson

### **Schedule:**

Thursday March 3 & Friday March 4, 6:30pm-9:30pm  
Saturday March 5, 9am-4pm; Sunday March 6, noon-4pm

**Cost:** \$200, includes all supplies and materials for completing this icon, plus Saturday lunch. A limited number of rooms are available at \$20 per night, plus extra for optional meals.

**Register by February 28:** Contact Fr Jerome at [holydormition@gmail.com](mailto:holydormition@gmail.com) or 570-788-1212 x 402.



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# **VALENTINE DANCE- ZABAVA**

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## ***A Call to Service***

God calls us in many ways. Sometimes He may call out to us directly in a very miraculous way, such as when He called Moses to serve Him and His people via the burning bush. But more often, He calls us in very subtle ways. We feel a tug or a pull on our hearts that is irresistible. It is a call that we feel more within ourselves than with our own ears (although God can, and does speak to us in words!)

God's voice is living, dynamic, and always calling out to us in many ways, whether it be through the words of sacred scripture, through our participation in the Liturgy, through our daily interactions with each other, or even at times in nature. But we must be willing to open ourselves to God and respond joyfully to His word. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary willingly opened herself up to God's call without hesitation or reservation, so too must we.

Because we are Catholic Christians, God's call demands that we not merely offer ourselves one hour a week for worship, but that we give ourselves wholly to Him and to each other. God's call of service demands that we love each other to the same degree that He loves us. Whether it be raising our children according to the faith and moral teachings of the Church, helping the infirm, feeding the poor, visiting the sick, or even at work in our jobs or relaxing on vacation, we must freely love each other with faith and fidelity. This is God's call to service, to serve Him and each other with love.

Rev. Paul J. Makar

*Perhaps you feel that God may be calling you to service in His Church?*

If you would like to discuss God's call to a vocation in your life, do not hesitate to contact:

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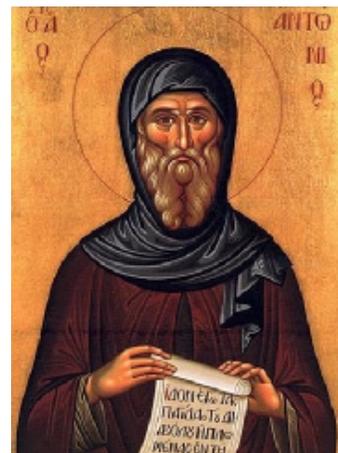
Rev. Wasyl Kharuk

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Washington, DC

## Venerable Anthony the Great (January 17)

*He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven." (Lk. 6, 17-23)*



The person we know of today as Saint Anthony the Great was born in Egypt in the year 251 of Christian parents. It is said that he was a happy, contented, and quiet child. He was educated at home by his parents and tutors in order to avoid going to the pagan schools of the town. He learned the Scriptures by heart. In those days, because books were scarce, students were encouraged to memorize whole books. An educated man carried a little library in his head.

When Anthony was about eighteen or twenty years old, his parents died. They left their property of about three hundred acres of good land and guardianship of their daughter to Anthony. One day when Anthony was in church, he heard the priest read these words: "If thou wilt be perfect, sell all thou hast and give to the poor and follow me." He thought carefully about these words and then decided they were meant for him. He sold all his possessions and gave

his money to the poor; he had his sister go to live with a religious group of holy women; and he himself moved to a cave not far from his home.

It was not easy for Anthony to change his life style of comfort and convenience to the hard life of living alone, but he did it. He ate bread and water and a little salt once a day; he slept on the bare ground; he made mats and baskets out of palm leaves and sold them to buy bread and salt. When people came to him for advice, he was always cheerful, kind and patient.

When Anthony was about thirty five years old, he decided to go farther into the desert. There he found an old, abandoned fortress with high walls. That is where he went to live, taking along a supply of bread for six months. He arranged for a friend to come in six months' time to throw another supply of bread over the wall to him. For twenty years he lived a simple life of prayer,

fighting off the temptations of the devil who tried to make him become discouraged and go back to a life of comfort.

Then people who needed his help came to the fortress and broke down the door, asking Saint Anthony to come out to advise and assist them with the power of his prayers. They expected to see a thin, weak man, worn out by a hard life. They were so surprised to see Anthony looking strong, healthy and happy. Although he preferred to remain in the fortress, he came out to serve the people and to teach the many monks who gathered round him how to lead a holy life. He had the monks build simple shelters in small groups, short distances from each other. Saint Anthony taught these monks what to do and how to live, going from one group to another. He encouraged them to be cheerful, honest, and happy as they lived in God's shadow, singing His praises night and day. He said they were to work

hard, to pray, to fast, and to help those who were sick or in need. He preached not only to the monks, but to all people. One of the great men of the Church, Saint Augustine, wrote that hearing Saint Anthony's words helped him to become a follower of Christ.

Thus the days went by and grew until Saint Anthony was one hundred and five years old. God was really pleased with him and called him to heaven.

In the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States of America, we had a good, optimistic, hard working metropolitan — Archbishop Ambrose Senyshyn. Often he used to say, "Each day is a gift from God." These words are really true. Let us treat each day as a special day in which we can do good, learn something, and praise God. Then our days will multiply into years of worthwhile living and God will be pleased with us, too.

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## BISHOPS INVITE CATHOLICS TO COMMEMORATE HAITI'S EARTHQUAKE ANNIVERSARY WITH PRAYER, REFLECTION

WASHINGTON—As the first anniversary of the earthquake that devastated Haiti last year approaches, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites U.S. Catholics to stand in prayerful solidarity with the people of Haiti.

"Haiti and its people still very much need our prayers and solidarity," said Archbishop Wenski, chairman of the Special Advisory Group for Haiti at the USCCB. "As we approach the anniversary of the earthquake in Haiti, we join together with parishes, Catholic schools, youth groups, colleges and universities from across the country to remember the tragic events of that fateful afternoon and to respond in a faith-filled way."

Catholics are invited to pray and reflect for nine days using the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas. The novena starts on the evening of the anniversary, January 12, and culminates with the celebration of Mass the weekend of January 22-23, official date for the National Collection for Latin America, including Haiti and all of the Caribbean.

In addition to the novena, other catechetical and reflection resources, including didactical materials from Catholic Relief Services, have been collected at a special website, <http://www.usccb.org/haiti/one-year-later.shtml>, under the title One Year Later: Pray and Walk With our Sisters and Brothers in Haiti.

Find the novena and other updates and information related to Haiti at <http://www.usccb.org/haiti/>.

## Build Back Better

Nearly one year after the worst earthquake to hit the Latin American region in recent history, signs of recovery in Haiti are visible in all directions. Shadowed by colossal devastation, Haiti is nevertheless a country in healing.

Throughout Port-au-Prince and the cities of Leogane and Jacmel, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and our partners are working with Haitians to respond to their immediate needs while laying a foundation for their lasting recovery. CRS' goal is to help people not only overcome the disaster but to build a foundation for a better quality of life.

At the same time, CRS continues robust programs that were in place prior to the earthquake, adapting them to the new environment, and continuing its history of commitment to the people of Haiti that spans 55 years.

In collaboration with our Caritas partners, the local Church, the Haitian government and fellow humanitarian aid agencies, CRS works to overcome obstacles while upholding the highest quality and the fastest possible pace of recovery. We ensure Haitians have an influential voice and participation throughout our programs. Our long-term strategy includes helping families in the areas of shelter, community infrastructure, water and sanitation, health, protection of vulnerable people and food and livelihood security. CRS has provided emergency assistance to over 900,000 people—a population larger than the city of Detroit. We continue to provide needed relief, while we gradually transition to long-term development programming.

Some key achievements as of October 2010 include:

- 900,000 people received food assistance

- 273,205 people received emergency shelter assistance
- 929 transitional shelters built
- 997 surgeries and 69,710 outpatient consultations conducted
- 767 water and sanitation units installed
- 1,863 children are regularly attending child friendly spaces or play areas in camps
- 663 separated children registered and are receiving care
- 10,000 people have been employed in cash for work programs to clear rubble, clean out drainage canals and build temporary shelters



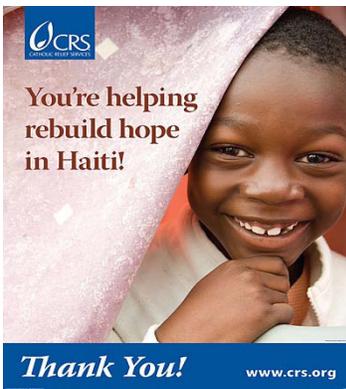
*Marie Lucienne Charles stands in her temporary shelter just a day after being completed. Charles lost her home in the January 12th earthquake.*

The immediate response across the United States demonstrated the deep connection many Catholics and others of good will have with Haiti, often through their parishes or schools.

CRS recognizes the incredible potential for Catholics to come together for a strengthened, enriched relationship with the people of Haiti. Through dialogue with the Church in the United States, the Church in Haiti, the Haitian diaspora and others, CRS recently created US-Haiti Church Partnership Units to facilitate networking,

collaboration, and continuing engagement of the more than 500 US parishes and institutions in partnership with parishes and institutions in Haiti. Together we will explore dynamic ways to further these relationships for transformative impact both in Haiti and here at home.

## The Catholic Community: Leaders in Rebuilding



As a result of the earthquake, hundreds of Catholic schools, orphanages, parishes, hospitals, social service agencies, clinics, and community centers were destroyed or damaged.

These church institutions provide services that reach across the country and are vital for the future of Haiti.

The Haitian bishops together with the U.S. bishops, the Vatican, and Catholic leaders throughout the world are at the forefront of creating an organization called PROCHE (signifies "close" in French) to coordinate safe efficient effective rebuilding of Church property in Haiti. PROCHE will be staffed with Haitian and international engineers, architects and project managers to facilitate the rebuilding of Church property. In a country where there are many obstacles to development, the Catholic Church is leading the way and serving as a model to others on effective, transparent, accountable and structurally sound rebuilding.

For the latest updates and resources on CRS response in Haiti, please visit:

[www.crs.org/emergency/haiti/index.cfm](http://www.crs.org/emergency/haiti/index.cfm)



## Continuing the Journey with Haiti

### PRAY

- Hold a prayer service at your parish
- Use CRS [Prayers of the Faithful](#) and homily helps at the one year commemoration

### LEARN

- [Operation Rice Bowl](#) features Haiti this year with videos, stories, and lesson plans for grades K-12
- Host a [Food Fast Retreat](#) for youth

### ACT

- Join [Catholics Confront Global Poverty](#) and advocate for policies that promote long-term reconstruction and development in Haiti
- Find [resources for US/Haiti church partnerships](#)

### GIVE

- Adopt a project in CRS' [Hope for Haiti](#) gift catalog.

Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community.  
[www.crs.org/emergency/haiti/index.cfm](http://www.crs.org/emergency/haiti/index.cfm)

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# "New Evangelization"

*Guest Editorial by Deacon Wroblecky*

You may have heard or read about some recent news pertaining to the "new evangelization." On Oct. 24, at the concluding Mass of the special assembly for the Middle East Synod of Bishops, Pope Benedict XVI announced the theme for the next general assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which is a meeting of select bishops who represent all the dioceses/eparchies for all of the Catholic churches throughout the world. The theme will be the "new evangelization."

You might have also heard that Oct. 12 Pope Benedict established a Pontifical Council for New Evangelization. This council has been given the mandate to renew the vigor of our faith around the world where it was once dominant, but recently has lost ground to the forces of secularism, i.e., Europe and North America.

In late 2009, I was appointed by Bishop David Zubik as secretary for the newly created Secretariat for Evangelization and Social Concerns, adding on to the former Secretariat for Social Concerns the mandate of evangelization.

So what is all the buzz these days about evangelization, and the new evangelization in particular?

Insight can be found in the words of Pope John Paul II's encyclical, "Catechesi Tradendae," where he alludes to a post-Christian era (cf. no. 57). That's right folks, a post-Christian era.

The spiritual and religious heritage that was and is the foundational pillar and ethos of every modern European nation and culture- as well as many nations beyond Europe's frontiers- a faith that has spread throughout the world has passed into a new era where it is now a postscript in history.

This is a unique moment in the history of Christendom because it is a new experience. Nations and peoples that were previously evangelized and accepted Christ have seen a majority of their people walk away from or completely repudiate the Christian truth.

The church is responding to this moment at the beginning of the third millennium by embarking upon a new time of mission and evangelization. For roughly 1,700 years the church has understood evangelization in terms of missionary outreach to the people and nations who have not heard or accepted Christ, and the pastoral care and ongoing formation to those who have accepted him.

But now we are called to a new evangelization, to cultivate the initial evangelization with a renewed vigor and approach of peoples who have heard Christ, perhaps accepted him in baptism, but who have fallen away for whatever reason. This is essentially what constitutes the three-fold aspect of the new evangelization: to those who have never heard Christ preached, to the faithful and to those who are no longer Christian.

This is a new time and a new opportunity. That is why Pope John Paul II wrote in "Redemptoris Missio": "I sense the moment has come to commit all of the church's energies to a new evangelization and mission to all nations. No believer in Christ, no institution of the church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples."

This moment is critical, it is decisive, it is the time of now!

The Greek Fathers of the Church had two concepts of time: "chronos," which was the static measurement of time through history, and "kairos," which signified a critical time, a decisive moment in history that required action. Kairos came to be understood as the decisive moment of the Christian life for repentance and salvation, our time now. And I believe that we can understand the "moment" that John Paul II speaks about

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in terms of kairos. This is a critical time, and the church (you and me) is being called and calling us to awaken from our own complacency.

That the pope announced the theme of the new evangelization for the next Synod of Bishops is significant. This general assembly will include representatives from all of the Catholic Churches, both east and west.

Whether we are Roman, Byzantine, Maronite or Chaldean Catholics, we are being summoned to engage in a renewed effort at evangelization because of the context of the third millennium.

If we identify ourselves as big "C" Catholics, then in good conscience we cannot dismiss this summons, especially if we are reading the signs of times that we live in. The new evangelization is timely, relevant and urgently needed to reclaim our souls and the soul of our nation.

The giant that is the Catholic Church is being summoned to awake, to be a Church Alive!, as our Bishop Zubik so often speaks, to a renewal and sharing of herself, as she truly is, with the world. "And do this because you know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand" (Romans 13:11).

**Deacon Wroblicky** is diocesan secretary for evangelization and social concerns.

## UGCC to Pay Special Attention in 2011 to Significance of God's Word in Life of Ukrainian Nation

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) will pay special attention in 2011 to the significance of God's Word in the life of the Ukrainian nation, said the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Lubomyr (Husar), in his New Year's address.

Also, in the next three years, the UGCC will systematically prepare for the celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Kyivan Rus. The anniversary is viewed as the "work of the whole church."

"In 2013, the churches that can be traced back to the Baptism of Kyivan Rus – there was once one church, which is now divided into four branches – will celebrate the 1025th anniversary of the baptism, an epochal event. At its last session, the Synod of Bishops of the Kyiv-Halych Supreme Archbishopric decided that the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church as one of these branches will also celebrate the anniversary.

"We plan to duly prepare for it for the next three years to make it a really

spiritual holiday for the faithful of our church. In 2011, we would like to pay special attention to the significance of God's Word in the life of our nation from the beginning to this day. In 2012 we will concentrate our attention on the Sacraments in the life of a Christian and in 2013 on the social ministry of Christ's Church. These three aspects of church life reflect the internal essence of the church, as it was said by the Most Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI in his first encyclical 'God is love.'



"We also invite the members of our church who permanently live outside Ukraine to participate in this preparation and celebration. In other words, the celebration should be the work of our entire church," stressed the head of the UGCC.

[www.risu.org.ua](http://www.risu.org.ua)

# Women's Day

## God's Presence in the Seasons of a Woman's Life

### March 26, 2011

Registration 9:00am Program 9:30am - 4:00pm



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ideas and

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Horizons



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*It is with deep gratitude to Almighty God  
that the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate,  
Immaculate Conception Province in the United States,  
share with each of you the following news*

*The Provincial Chapter held from December 27-31, 2010  
along with Sister Janice Soluk, Superior General  
and her Council*

*Appointed a new Provincial Council  
Effective June 28, 2011 to June 2016*

*Sister Kathleen Hutsko - Provincial Superior  
Sister Stephanie Bema - Vice Provincial  
Sister Thomas Hrynovich - Councillor  
Sister Natalya Stoczany - Councillor  
Sister Eliane Tbutski - Councillor*

*We ask for a kind remembrance in your prayers for the  
Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate  
And the new leadership team  
As we remember each of you in our prayers*



**ACTIVITY OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL OF  
THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA**

**January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010**

Reverend and dear Fathers:

Listed below please find a summary of the activity of the Metropolitan Tribunal for the year 2010. The disparity between the affirmative and negative sentences in the summary may give the impression that almost all cases receive affirmative sentences. This is not true. Some cases sent to the Tribunal lack sufficient grounds. Such cases never receive a formal hearing and hence do not find a place in this report. Nevertheless we ask the Reverend Clergy, never to reject a request to initiate a nullity process, but to forward all pertinent information to the Tribunal for review. Either to the Philadelphia Office or to St. Josaphat Church, Bethlehem PA.

Total cases for the year and the number of decisions do not equal since many cases are tried on numerous grounds.

Sincerely in Christ,  
/s/ Msgr Peter Waslo  
Vicar Judicial

/s/ Archpriest Daniel Gurovich  
Adjunct Judicial Vicar

**Tribunal Activity 2010**

<u>In the cause of Nullity of Marriage:</u>	Nullity Proven	Nullity not Proven
Grave Lack of Discretion at time of consent		
Outside Pressure	2	0
Failure to exercise proper judgment	3	1
Immature Judgment at time of consent	0	0
Defect in Consent		
Not able to assume obligation)	0	0
Partial Simulation (Contra bonum sacramenti)	1	0
 <u>Informal and Summary Process</u>		
Lack of jurisdiction [Lack of mandate or proxy]	0	0
Defect in Form (Eastern Orthodox, Canons of Trullo)	0	0
Ligamen (Previous bond)	0	0
 <u>Acting as the Court of Second Instance</u>		
Eparchy of St. Josaphat (Parma Ohio)	1	0
 <u>Tribunal acting on behalf of the Chancery</u>		
Lack of canonical form	1	0
Senatio in Radice [None in 2010]		

0 case were abandoned by the Petitioner and/or pastor before acceptance of the libellus.

1 cases was abandoned by decree of abatement.

2 cases rejected for lack of jurisdiction on the part of this Archeparchy. Remanded to Diocese of Patterson & Pamra.

1 case heard "ad hoc" by this Archeparchy. Competent in virtue of Canon 1359 @2, #4 and Canon 1074 CCEO

1 case rejected because consent from the Signatura Apostolica was denied. Cause could not be heard.

As of January 1, 2011: 4 cases are pending in probatory. 1 case is pending in the Court of Second Instance.

As of January 1, 2011: 1 case is ready for decision. Carried over from 2010.

All cases prior to 2009 either resolved or abandoned.

/s/ Daniel L. Gurovich [1/4/2011]

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On February 27, 2011, we will celebrate ten years that His Grace Most Reverend Stefan Soroka was enthroned as Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Metropolitan Stefan was enthroned on February 27, 2001.

If you or your parish or organization would like to send a congratulatory message to Metropolitan Stefan, we will be placing them in the February 27, 2011 issue of "The Way".

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 16, 2011:** Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate will visit the Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA.

**January 22, 2011:** Malanka (Dance), St. Mary's Ukainian Catholic Church, Carteret, NJ. For information call Pete 609-655-4468.

**January 22, 2011:** Traditional Christmas Eve Dinner at Ukrainian Homestead, 1230 Beaver Run Drive, Lehigh, PA, at 5PM. Caroling by Kazka. \$15 per person. [www.ukrhomestead.com](http://www.ukrhomestead.com)

**January 30, 2011:** Coal Cracker Dance, St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 2026 Bath Rd, Bristol, PA from 2:00-6:00PM. For information call Paul 215-943-1216.

**February 12, 2011:** Valentine Dance, Assumption Church, 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ. For information call 732-826-0767

**March 26, 2011:** Archeparchial Women's Day. For information call Sr. Dorothy Ann, OSBM 215-663-9153 or e-mail [dabusowski@stbasils.com](mailto:dabusowski@stbasils.com)

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

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