

YOUR FINANCIAL HELP IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE!

The relocation of our Cathedral Rectory and the Chancery offices are in process. To date, we have received approximately \$95,000 in donations towards the costs, for which we are very grateful. Significant costs – primarily the necessity of an addition of one elevator to serve both the former school building where the Chancery is relocating, and the former convent building where the Cathedral Rectory is already located, and the installation of communications equipment are ahead of us.

Our relocation will permit us to rent the current Chancery complex to provide for much needed income to cover costs of the operation of the archeparchy. We have not increased such expectations on parishes for the last 12 years, as we understand that parishes also face rising costs. So as not to place financial burdens on our parishes, we have undertaken this bold relocation. The anticipated rental income benefits all of us in the archeparchy.

We ask YOUR generous assistance for the costs of this project. It is a necessity for our Church for today and ahead. Please help us to meet the costs of the elevator access, required of all such buildings, so as to allow for access of all people.

Our heartfelt gratitude is offered to all who have generously responded to date. We await the financial

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Missionary Sisters of Mother of God packing to move into the new premises of our "Treasury of Faith" Museum.

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assistance of many others, to help in enabling this relocation to progress. God bless you richly in ways only He can.

+Stefan Soroka
Metropolitan Archbishop

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\$100 - 199

Rev. Deacon Michael Waak
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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church -
Millville, NJ

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Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka

June, 2016

Announcements from Metropolitan Stefan Soroka

The following changes in pastoral assignments are being made in response to differing demands and needs at the respective parishes.

1. Effective July 31st, 2016, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Mission at Richmond, Virginia will close. The final Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, July 3rd, 2016. Rev. Petro Zvarych is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic

Church in Richmond, VA as of July 31st, 2016.

2. Effective July 31st, 2016, Rev. Petro Zvarych is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manassas, VA.

3. Effective July 31, 2016, Rev. Roman Petryshak is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Parish Administrator of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Silver



**Rev. Petro
Zvarych**

Spring, MD.

4. Effective July 31st, 2016, Rev. Alexander Dumenko is relieved of his duties and



**Rev. Roman
Petryshak**

responsibilities as Pastor of St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River, NJ.

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Announcements from Metropolitan Stefan Soroka

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5. Effective July 31, 2016, Rev. Volodymyr Popyk is relieved of his duties and responsibilities as Pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Plymouth, PA and Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Nanticoke, PA.

6. Effective August 1st, 2016, Rev. Alexander Dumenko is assigned as Parish Administrator of Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manassas, Va.

7. Effective August 1st, 2016, Rev. Volodymyr Popyk is assigned as Pastor of St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic

Church in Toms River, NJ.

8. Effective August 1st, 2016, Rev. Petro Zvarych is assigned as Parish Administrator of Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Nanticoke and Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Plymouth, PA.

9. Effective August 1st, 2016, Rev. Roman Petryshak is released to his home eparchy, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Striy, Ukraine.

We ask the understanding of parishioners that reasons for change are far more complex than what might readily be known. We endeavor to meet the pastoral needs

of the parishes while being sensitive to the needs of the priest (and his family) as much as is reasonably possible. The vocation of the priesthood presumes the readiness of each priest to place priority on the needs of the faithful and those whom we are called to serve. Personal sacrifice, while difficult is understood to be an integral part of the vocation to the holy priesthood. We thank our clergy and our faithful for their full support in the difficult time of transition in all parish assignments. The process of discernment often takes months, involving consultation and discussion. Please pray for our clergy making this transition this year. Thank you.



Rev. Alexander Dumenko



Rev. Volodymyr Popyk

Fiftieth Anniversary of the Arrival of the Missionary Sisters of Mother of God and Establishment of the Nursery of Infant Jesus at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral

A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka in their honor at 11:00 am on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A celebratory reception immediately will follow in the Cathedral Parish Hall. We invite you to this wonderful gathering to mark these 50 dedicated years of joyful service in our Church.

If you plan to attend, kindly RSVP the rectory by calling 215.922.2845, or via email at cathedralonfranklin@comcast.net, or contact Roma Sawchyn via Facebook messenger or her email, romasaw@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE!

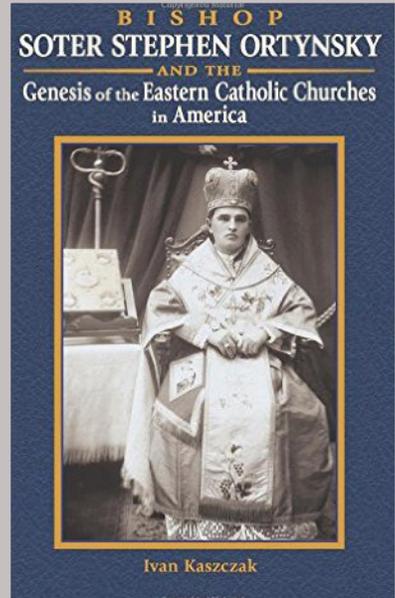
The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy of the USA invites all clergy, religious and faithful to plan to participate in a prayerful remembrance of our first Bishop,

MOST REV. SOTER STEPHEN ORTYNSKY, OSBM

Commemorating his 150th Anniversary of Birth,
the 125th Anniversary of Ordination to
Holy Priesthood,
and the 100th Anniversary of his Death
on

Sunday, October 30th , at 3 pm.

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Vespers with Reflection offered by
Rev. Dr. Ivan Kaszczak
author, "Bishop Soter Stephen
Ortynsky and the Genesis of
the Eastern Catholic Churches in
America"
followed by Memorial Prayer in the
Cathedral Crypt

Opening and Blessing of the Newly
Relocated Premises of the
"Treasury of Faith"
Ukrainian Catholic Museum
will be held immediately thereafter in
testimony to Bishop Ortynsky.

82th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day Will Be Held Sunday, July 31; Metropolitan Soroka Will Be Main Celebrant at 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Minersville, PA. --The 82nd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 31st at St. Nicholas Church Picnic Grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville), Schuylkill County, Pa. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their respective pastors. The theme for this year's event is the 75th anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary and the celebration of all who have discerned their vocation to the priesthood through the seminary.

A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan



St. Josaphat Seminary

Soroka and clergy of the deanery at 11 a.m. in the air-conditioned St. Nicholas Hall.

The Divine Liturgy will conclude with a healing service and anointing and the veneration of the relics of Blessed Sister Josaphata Hordashevska, S.S.M.I.

and Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, C.Ss.R.

Visitors will also have an opportunity to view the Vatican-authorized full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, which will be on display throughout the day.

A concert and dance program by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, will be presented in the open air band pavilion in the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Polka music will be provided by the John Stevens' Doubleshot Orchestra from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A theme basket auction, a variety of vendors selling

traditional Ukrainian and Eastern European items, a Pysanky demonstration with classes for the youth in attendance and exciting games for the kids will be part of the day's festivities

Pyrohy, holubtsi, kobasa, halushki, home-made soups, home-made cakes and pastries, together with traditional American fare and beverages will also be available to whet the appetites of young and old alike.

Admission and parking are free. Buses are welcome.

St. Nicholas Picnic Grove and Hall are located on

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Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble

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Route 901 one mile north of Minersville in the village of Primrose, Schuylkill County, Pa. (GPS locator: 855 Sunbury Road, Pottsville, Pa.)

From 1985 through 2015, Ukrainian Seminary Day has raised over \$785,000 for the financial support of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, adjacent to the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Plan now to attend this 82nd celebration of faith, spiritual and cultural heritage in the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, home of the first Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in America.

82nd Annual
UKRAINIAN DAY

Sunday 

July 31, 2016
11 AM to 8 PM

St. Nicholas Picnic Grove

**Rt. 901 in Primrose,
Schuylkill Co., PA,
One Mile from Minersville**



11 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
12 PM-8 PM: View the Shroud of Turin Replica and Icons
11:30 AM-1 PM: WPPA 1360 AM Live Polka Broadcast
1:00 PM-3 PM: Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble
4 PM-8 PM: John Stevens' Doubleshot Polka Band

Everyone Welcome!

Delicious food made by the sponsoring parishes (pyrohy, halushki, halupki, potato cakes, kielbasa, soups, desserts, & more) • Theme Basket Auction • Vendors & Crafters selling traditional Eastern European items • View the life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin and venerate the Icons for Vocations and the Blessed Bishop Mykola Charnetsky
Pysanky demos & classes • Games & fun for the whole family

Free Parking • Buses Welcome • Free Admission • Rain or Shine
Proceeds benefit the St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary
(Sorry...no outside food or beverages allowed)
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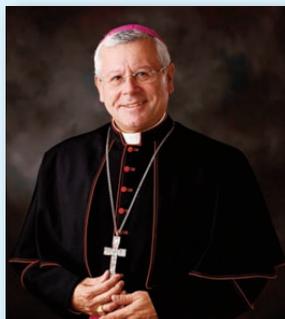
Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

The Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate cordially invite you to the 62nd Holy Dormition Pilgrimage on August 13-14, 2016 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, 150 Sisters Servants Lane, Sloatsburg, NY 10974. This year's theme is "Jesus the Face of Mercy; Mary - the Mother of Mercy."

HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE EVENTS

**2:00 - The Joy of Love:
Be the Sign of Mercy
Wherever Family Life
Exists**

**Most Rev. Peter Libasci
Bishop of the Diocese
of Manchester, NH**



Peter Anthony Libasci was born November 9, 1951, to the late William and Florence Libasci in Queens, NY. He attended St. Margaret School, Middle Village, NY, followed by Cathedral Preparatory Seminary, Elmhurst, NY.

Fr. Libasci was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on April 1, 1978 by Bishop John R. McGann. On April 3, 2007, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed Msgr. Libasci auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He has served as the tenth Bishop of Manchester, NH since Sept. 19, 2011.

Bishop Libasci is bi-ritual and celebrates the Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Ruthenian Catholic Church.

Sr. Kathleen Hutsko is a member of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. During her 35 years as an SSMI, she has been in education and administration.

Her presentation will focus on a cluster of parables, unique to St. Luke's Gospel, which highlight the merciful love of God.



**2:45 - The Gospel
of Mercy: St. Luke**

Sister Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI

Saturday Conferences Presented in English in St. Mary's Villa

The Door of St. Mary's Chapel has been designated an Eparchial Holy Door of Mercy. You are encouraged to walk through the Door, visit the Chapel and obtain the special blessings of this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

**Special Video and Exhibits for the Year of Mercy
will be on display in the Gallery**

CHILDREN and TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

*Children's Program
for youth up to age 12*

*SATURDAY - 7:15 p.m.
Includes participation in
candlelight procession*

SUNDAY - 1:00 p.m.



*Teen/Young Adult Program
for Ages: 13 and up*

*SATURDAY - 7:15 p.m.
Includes participation in
candlelight procession*

SUNDAY - 1:30 p.m.

****No Youth Camp-out this year****

Questions? More information? Contact Sr. Kathleen at (845) 753-2840 ssminy@aol.com

Pilgrimage weekend August 13 - 14, 2016 Sloatsburg, NY



62nd ANNUAL HOLY DORMITION (ASSUMPTION) PILGRIMAGE

AUGUST 13 – 14, 2016
SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE
ST. MARY'S VILLA / SLOATSBURG, NY

Theme: Jesus - the Face of Mercy; Mary - the Mother of Mercy

The Door of St. Mary's Chapel has been designated an Eparchial Holy Door of Mercy. We encourage all pilgrims to walk through the Door, visit the Chapel and obtain the special blessings of this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Saturday, August 13

12:00 p.m. Food Available at Pavilion

1:00 p.m. Akathist to the Mother of God - Very Rev. John S. Custer SSL, STD, Rector

Choir: Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Passaic, NJ

2:00 p.m. Presentations (listed below)

5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – Most. Rev. Peter A. Libasci – Bishop of Manchester Diocese (grotto – English)

Choir: St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ

Blessing of Water (front of Villa)

7:15 p.m. Teen/ Young Adult Gathering and Discussion (Pavilion)

7:15 p.m. Activity for children – Youth will also participate in the candlelight procession

8:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession (grotto – English)

Most Rev. Kurt Burnette – Bishop of Passaic Eparchy - main celebrant / homilist

Panakhida – St. Mary's Villa chapel

****No Teen Camp Out ****

Sunday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Materi Molitvy / Mothers in Prayer – Rosary / Singing (St. Mary's Villa Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Pontifical Divine Liturgy with procession to the grotto
followed by blessing of flowers

Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford

Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo – Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

Most Rev. John Bura – Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia– Homilist

Most Rev. Basil Losten, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Stamford

Choir: St. Josaphat Church – New Britain, CT

12:00 p.m. Youth Liturgy - Rev. Paul Makar – St. Michael's Ukrainian Church –Cherry Hill, NJ
main celebrant / homilist (chapel – English)

1:00 p.m. Activity & Blessing for children/youth (Terrace)

1:30 p.m. Teen/ Young Adult Gathering and Discussion (Terrace)

1:30 p.m. Blessing of the Sick (St. Mary's Villa Chapel & grotto steps)

Blessing of Religious Articles (in front of St. Joseph's Home)

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Basilian Father

3:00 p.m. Moleben to the Mother of God (Grotto - Ukrainian)

Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo – main celebrant / homilist

Blessing of cars and buses – Rev. Ivan Tyhovykh

Special Video and Exhibits for the Year of Mercy on display in the Gallery

CONFESSION AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEKEND

Presentations in English:

2:00 The Joy of Love: Be the sign of mercy wherever family life exists

– Most Rev. Bishop Peter Libasci (Bishop Libasci has bi-ritual faculties.)

2:45 The Gospel of Mercy: St. Luke

– Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI

Rt. Rev. Mitred Msgr. John Terlecky, Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator

Significant Events in the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA

For your information, we are listing the dates of some major upcoming events.

- June 26th, 2016** **Celebration of Fifty Years of Ministry by Missionary Sisters of Mother of God in Philadelphia, PA with Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA. Reception to follow (reservations in advance).**
- July 31st, 2016** **Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at St. Nicholas Hall and Grove, Primrose, PA.
(GPS address is 855 Sunbury Rd., Pottsville, PA)
Celebrating 75th Anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary. Divine Liturgy – 11:00 am with Archbishop and area clergy. 82nd Ukrainian Seminary Day Festival till 8 pm.**
- August 14th, 2016** **“Jesus – the Face of Mercy; Mary – the Mother of Mercy” - Annual Feast of Dormition of Mother of God Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY. (Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Monastery).**
- September 18th, 2016** **100th + 5 Anniversary Celebration of Ascension of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church, Sayre, PA.**
- September 19th -22nd, 2016** **Annual Clergy Retreat, St. Alfonso Retreat Center, Long Branch, NJ.**
- October 2nd, 2016** **“Mother of Mercy” Annual Archeparchial Pilgrimage Passing via the “Doors of Mercy” at Holy Trinity Chapel Order of Saint Basil the Great Monastery, Fox Chase, PA.**
- October 2nd, 2016** **125th Anniversary Celebrations of Patronage of Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church, McAdoo, PA
Divine Liturgy at 1:00 pm.**
- October 9th, 2016** **100th Anniversary Celebrations of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bayonne, NJ; Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am.**

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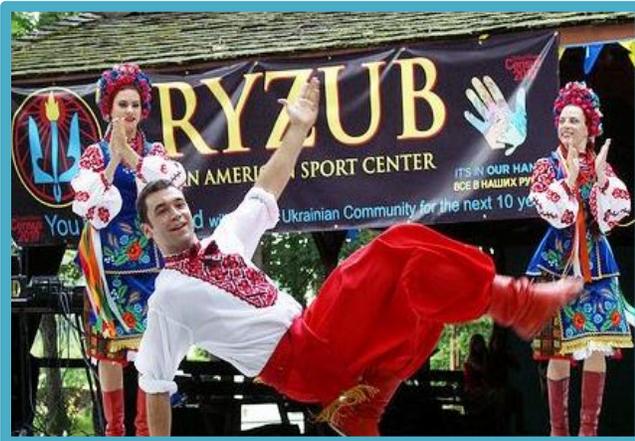
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- October 16th, 2016** **Archeparchial Marriage Anniversary Celebration
Divine Liturgy at 11:00 am at Ukrainian Catholic
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia,
PA.**
- October 30th, 2016** **Commemorating Most Rev. Soter Stephen Ortynsky,
OSBM, first Bishop for Eastern Catholics in America.
Vespers and Memorial Prayers at 3:00 pm at Ukrainian
Catholic Cathedral of Immaculate Conception,
Philadelphia, PA
Opening and Blessing of re-located ‘Treasury of Faith’
Ukrainian Catholic Museum in testimony to first
bishop.**
- November 6th, 2016** **Celebrating 95th Anniversary of St. John the Baptist
Ukrainian Catholic Church and 10th Anniversary of
Ukrainian Cultural Center, Whippany, NJ.**
- November 9, 10, 2016** **Archeparchial Clergy Conference, Washington, D.C.
Celebrating 75th Anniversary of Founding of our
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary.
Conference Program involving academic program
shared with The Catholic University of America.**
- November 13th, 2016** **Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Ukrainian Catholic
National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, D.C.
Celebrating with gratitude the 75th Anniversary of
Saint Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary,
Washington, DC**
- December 9th, 2016** **Feast of Conception of St. Anne. Annual Divine Liturgy
of Thanksgiving for all Benefactors of Ukrainian
Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 9:00 am at
Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception, Philadelphia, PA.**

Ukrainian American Sport Center – Tryzub

Sunday, August 28 ~ 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M.

UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL



OUTDOOR STAGE CONCERT

“Voloshky” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
(Jenkintown, PA)

“ISKRA” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
(Whippany, NJ)

Violinist **Innesa Tymochko Dekajlo**
(Lviv, Ukraine – New York)

“Vox Ethnika” Orchestra (New York)

“Living in Song” Choir
(Washington, DC)

Zabava: Ukrainian Social Dancing ~ Vox Ethnica Orchestra

Admission: \$15; **Students:** \$10; **Kids 14 and under:** Free; **Free Parking**

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FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL - June 29th

Saint Peter

Saint Peter, named Simon, was a poor fisherman. His older brother Andrew introduced him to Our Lord. Jesus told Simon that his name would become Peter, which meant rock, and that he would one day become the leader of the Apostles and would lead the Church. Peter became the first Pope of the Holy Catholic Church

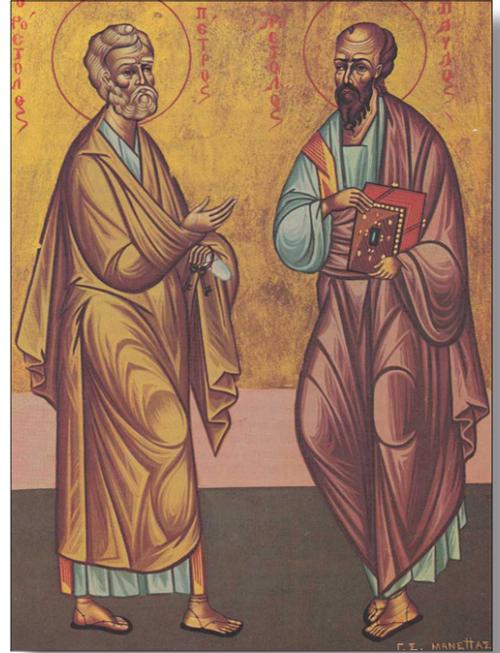
One day a crowd of people gathered on the shores of Lake Genesareth to hear Jesus teach. Our Lord went on Peter's boat. He asked Peter to pull out a little from the shore. Jesus then began to preach to the people. When Jesus finished teaching the people, He told Peter to sail out into the deep water and to throw his fish nets into the water. Peter replied that he had spent the entire night trying to catch some fish, but had had no luck. Ordinarily, the best time to catch fish was at night. However, Peter did as the Lord ordered. How amazed Peter was to see the nets fill up with a huge catch of fish. There were so many that the nets began to tear from the weight of the fish.

Then Peter realized that Jesus was the Lord and he feared that he was not worthy of being His follower. Jesus told Peter not to be afraid. Jesus promised that Peter would become a fisher of men. Later on, this promise came true when Peter used the teachings of Jesus as a net by which he drew many people to Our Lord.

As Peter and the other Apostles followed Jesus from place to place, his love for Our Lord grew greater and greater. On the day Jesus had preached to a tremendously large crowd, Jesus had multiplied five loaves and two fish so that all these people would have enough to eat. Afterwards, He asked His Apostles to sail out to a mountain where He could pray. While Jesus was praying, the Apostles slept in their boat. A storm broke out with a strong wind blowing huge waves so high, almost capsizing the boat. Suddenly the terrified Apostles saw a figure walking toward them over the water. They began to scream in fear at the sight. Then they heard the voice of Jesus telling them, "Fear not,

it is I." Peter also wanted to walk over the water. Our Lord told him to do so. Peter at first did this without drowning; however, when a large wave approached, Peter became fearful and began to sink. Our Lord took him by the hand and saved him, saying, "How little faith you have." Peter learned from this experience and taught others that we although weak can do good with God's help.

Peter's faith in Jesus grew stronger as the days went by. When Jesus asked His Apostles Who they thought He was, it was Peter who answered correctly: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus was pleased with Peter's answer and said that Peter would one day lead His Church. Wherever Jesus went, Saint Peter and the Apostles followed. Saint Peter witnessed many miracles that Our Lord performed. Peter learned how to pray from Jesus'



example. He witnessed Jesus in glory on Mount Tabor. Peter was also there when Jesus was tried by the court and sentenced to death. Saint Peter was one of the first to be given the news of Jesus' resurrection and he ran to the empty tomb with Apostle John to see for himself. The risen Lord appeared to Peter and the Apostles saying to them: "Peace be upon you."

When Jesus ascended into heaven, Saint Peter took his place as leader of the Church - baptizing, teaching, working miracles, suffering imprisonment and danger. Finally, Peter proved his love for

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FEAST OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL - June 29th

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Christ by his own death through crucifixion.

Sometimes we think that the saints were holy people who had an easy time being close to God. This is not so. The life of Saint Peter shows us that he was very human and that he too made mistakes. We are told that when Jesus' enemies captured Him, they also saw Peter nearby. They asked him if he was one of Jesus' friends. Peter was so terrified that he loudly denied this three times. Later he was very sorry that he had acted this way out of fear. Jesus understood and forgave him. Being human, we too make mistakes and sin. It is important; however, that we turn to Christ and tell Him we are sorry so that He might forgive our sins.

Adapted from: Our Saints, MSMG

Saint Paul

A few years after the birth of Our Lord, a child was born in Tarsus, Cilicia. Although the child's parents were Jewish, he was a Roman citizen because of his birthplace. His Hebrew name was

Saul; his Roman name was Paul (which he would take after his conversion). As Saul grew up, he was taught the trade of a tentmaker. Later he went to Jerusalem where he studied to be a doctor of the Law. He never saw Jesus, but he heard so much about Him and His followers. At first, Saul persecuted the followers of Christ and was determined to destroy them.

It was while Saul was making a journey to the ancient city of Damascus that a strange thing happened. Suddenly a brilliant light shone from the sky, brighter than the noon-day sun. He was thrown from his horse to the ground. He saw a figure and heard a voice saying: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?" Saul spoke up, saying: "Who are you, Lord?" And the voice answered: "I am Jesus of Nazareth Whom you are persecuting." Trembling with fear, he asked: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" And the voice answered: "Get up and go to Damascus and there you will be told what to do."

When he got to his feet, he was blind. Those who travelled with him lead

him back to Damascus. For three days he could not see, nor did he want to eat or drink. Then he was brought to a man named Ananias who put his hands on him and his sight was restored. Ananias baptized him, taking the name Paul after his conversion. Paul then went into the Arabian desert to study and pray.

When Saint Paul returned to Damascus, he was greatly feared by the Jews. They were suspicious of him and wondered how it was that this man who had persecuted Christians, now claimed to be a follower of Jesus. He went to Jerusalem to see Saint Peter and was introduced to the Christians there. From Jerusalem, he went to Tarsus, then to Antioch, and back to Jerusalem. In the year 44, Paul set out on a long missionary journey to various parts of the world, preaching about Jesus Christ. In the years that followed, he made three other such journeys and the number of Christians grew because of his preaching. In order to keep in touch with the early Christians communities, he wrote many letters (epistles)

of encouragement and advice. He urged the people to be true to Christ. He also wrote to other Apostles, sharing his thoughts about the Lord. To this day, we find much help and inspiration from the reading of these letters (epistles).

It was not easy for Saint Paul to do his work for Christ. Often he met with people who opposed him. He was persecuted and even imprisoned. In the year 67 in the city of Rome, Saint Paul was beheaded by order of Emperor Nero.

Saint Paul was a man of loyalty and courage. From the day he was baptized to the moment of his death, he never turned away from Christ. When everything goes smoothly for us, we sometimes forget to pray to God and tell Him that we love Him. When we are in trouble, let us remember God and ask Him to help us in our need. It is good to follow the example of Saint Paul- to always think lovingly of Jesus, both in good times, as well as bad.

Adapted from: Our Saints, MSMG



FIRST CONFESSION AND SOLEMN COMMUNION IN LANCASTER

First Confession and Solemn Communion were celebrated at St Andrew the Apostle parish in Lancaster, PA on May 29. Anna Grechaniuk and Ivanka Hrynyuk received God's bountiful graces through these wonderful sacraments in the presence of their families and parish family! A small reception was held at the church hall after the Divine Liturgy to celebrate these two young ladies! May God bless them today and always! Mnohaya Lita!

Submitted by : Father Andriy Rabyi



FIRST CONFESSION AND SOLEMN COMMUNION IN READING

First Confession and Solemn Communion were celebrated at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish in Reading, PA on June 5. Will Ferenchick and Ragan Kappenstein received God's bountiful graces through these wonderful sacraments in the presence of their families and parish family! These two young men made history as they are the first to receive their First Confession in the parish's new church! May God bless them today and always! Mnohaya Lita!

*Year of Mercy Column for
June 26 - by Mr. Peter Yaremko*

This Word Changes Everything

The Internet came on the scene back in 1995 or so. By 2000, it was becoming a household word, and business people adopted the mantra: "The Internet changes everything."

In the Church, we are halfway through our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

When the Holy Father proclaimed the Jubilee year, he said: "I have thought about how the Church can make clear its mission of being a witness of mercy. The mercy of God must be at the center. We must 'feel mercy.' This word changes everything. It's the best thing we can feel; it changes the world."

In writing about the Jubilee Year, an Italian journalist and publisher noted: "If we do not understand that mercy is the heart of the Gospel, we cannot fully understand Jesus Christ or the tenderness of the Father who sends him to listen to us, to heal us and to save us."

Then there is Trappist Priest Simeon Leiva-Merikakis, speaking bluntly about the immensity of God's mercy: "Whoever receives mercy must give mercy, or else he will choke on it."

God gives his mercy so abundantly that we always will have more than enough for ourselves and for everyone we encounter, he explains.

Like the miraculous loaves, mercy is multiplied in the giving.

Skoufis Scholarship

On June 21st, 2016 Archbishop Stefan Soroka offered a panakhyda service for the repose of the souls of Peter and Helen Skoufis and family at the chapel of Manor College in Jenkintown. A luncheon followed during which George Predaris and John Rozos, on behalf of the Skoufis family, presented Archbishop Soroka and Sr. Cecelia Jurasinski, O.S.B.M, with a generous donation from the Skoufis estate to be used for scholarships to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington D.C. and Manor College respectively. The Archeparchy of Philadelphia is truly grateful to the Skoufis family for their generosity and commitment to higher education.



Senior Advisor to the President of Ukraine Visits Manor College

Fox Chase, Pa.--The Honorable Serhiy Kvit, senior advisor to the president of Ukraine visited Manor College here on Thursday, May 26, 2016. He met with Manor's president, Jonathan Peri, college administrators, partner institution colleagues, and members of the Ukrainian community. The purpose of the visit was to discuss how Manor College and the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine may share and exchange students, faculty, programs, and courses between the two institutions.

Minister Kvit, currently professor at Kyiv-Mohyla is seeking ways to connect the rich Ukrainian heritage at Manor College with Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. He is a former member of Parliament, former Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, and former president of Kyiv-Mohyla, a university that has been exclusively under Ukrainian supervision since 1615.

In commenting on the meeting, President Peri said, "Minister Kvit shared with us that in Ukraine, there are concerted and noble efforts for reform and progress. These efforts are often compromised by a system that cannot untie certain leaders from ideals that are historically and presently in conflict with the ideals of Ukrainian independence. . . . If Manor College can be a force of influence to enhance educational opportunities in Ukraine, then the endeavor for peace set forth in Manor's mission statement grows in its fulfillment."



A town hall gathering, hosted at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in Jenkintown, Pa. followed the campus visit. Minister Kvit addressed numerous domestic and foreign policy issues confronting Ukraine. The meetings were

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organized by Andrij V.R. Szul, Esq. with additional support from the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America-Philadelphia Branch President, Eugene Luciw, Esq.; Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine-Philadelphia Branch President Yuri Nakonechny; and Shevchenko Scientific Society-Philadelphia Study Center Honorary Board Member Prof. Natalia I. Pazuniak, Ph.D., a former Professor at Manor College and the University of Pennsylvania.

President Peri and his administration plan to continue the dialogue with Minister Kvit and leaders of the Ukrainian government and Kyiv-Mohyla Academy to further the collaboration between the two institutions of higher education.

Manor College is a private, Catholic, co-educational, independent institution of higher learning founded in suburban Montgomery County, Pa. in 1947 by the Byzantine Ukrainian Sisters of Saint Basil the Great.

Manor Valedictorian, Isla Martinez-Iglesias Awarded Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship; a \$40,000 per year scholarship

JENKINTOWN, PA

– On Tuesday, May 31, 2016 the Manor College community gathered to celebrate its 2016 Valedictorian, Isla Martinez-Iglesias, who was just awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship. Jonathan Peri, President of Manor College said, "Isla is a model student and has accomplished something exceptional. She is living proof that the people at Manor College are present to offer all the supports necessary so that our students can truly achieve bold dreams."

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation provides the largest private scholarship in the country

to high-achieving two-year college students who have financial need. Out of 2,000 applicants nationwide, this generous scholarship provides 75 top recipients with up to \$40,000 per year to complete their bachelor's degree. Additionally, Cooke Scholars are eligible for graduate school funding after completing their bachelor's degree. The graduate award provides up to \$50,000 per year for up to four years.

Manor Professor and Academic Advisor, Julie Senecoff, commented on Isla's scholarship saying, "Isla is an exceptional individual. She worked as a peer tutor in the Manor Learning

Center and I have personally witnessed the effectiveness of her tutoring in the improved grades of students in my classes who utilize her help. I would say she is among the top 10 students I have had the pleasure to teaching during my 11 years at Manor College." Isla was also President of Manor College's Student Senate.

Isla, having graduated from Manor College just three weeks ago, and now conferred with this wonderful debt-free opportunity, has plans to spend her summer volunteering at a free clinic translating for Spanish speaking patients. Come this fall,



Isla Martinez-Iglesias poses for a picture with Jonathan Peri, President of Manor College.

Isla will be continuing her education at another regional Catholic college, studying biology with plans to become a medical doctor.

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About Manor College: Manor College was founded in 1947 by the Byzantine Ukrainian Sisters of Saint Basil the Great. As an institution of higher learning related to the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Eastern tradition, the College is committed to the preservation of its spiritual and ethnic heritage. More information at www.manor.edu

Located in suburban Philadelphia, Manor College is America's only Ukrainian heritage institution. Manor is a private two-year college offering more than 30 associates degree programs in Allied Health, Science and Math; Business Technology and Legal Studies; and the Liberal Arts to traditional age and adult students.



Manor College Graduation

Class of 2016 Graduate Saint Basil Academy in Jenkintown

On Saturday, June 3, 2016, Saint Basil Academy, located in Jenkintown, PA, awarded high school diplomas to 72 young women who are now poised for the next phase of their life – college and university studies. The college-preparatory curriculum of St. Basil Academy has prepared the graduates for acceptance to a wide array of colleges, including both private and state colleges, large and small universities, Catholic and secular schools. They will be traveling as far as the University of Tampa, and as close as Manor College. The graduating Class of 2016, having received 100% college acceptance, was awarded \$10,529,508 in Merit Scholarships.



Co-Valedictorians Meredith Moore and Alyssa Urbano

While every core course at Saint Basil Academy is college preparatory, many students pursued even higher aspirations through Honors courses, Advanced Placement classes, and dual enrollment, particularly at Manor College through the Diocesan Scholar program. They have participated in the strong SBA Athletic Program, performed in musical ensembles and dramatic presentations, participated in Mock Trial, contributed to school publications and broadcast productions, and devoted countless hours to community service.

This year's two highest-achieving graduates were co-valedictorians, having cumulative averages that matched to the thousandths. Alyssa Urbano, of St. Matthew Roman Catholic Parish, will be part of the University Honors College program at University of Pittsburgh on an Academic Scholarship. She will major in Electrical Engineering. Alyssa, as a National Merit Commended

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Scholar for her exceptional performance on the PSAT's, was treasurer of the SBA St. Macrina Chapter of the National Honor Society, a member of the Mock Trial team, and served as captain of the tennis team. Alyssa was dually enrolled at Manor College as a Diocesan Scholar. Meredith Moore, a member of Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Parish, was accepted into Lehigh University as an Early Decision applicant, and will be pursuing Business Studies. At SBA, Meredith also was Diocesan Scholar, dually enrolled at Manor College. She served as President of the SBA St. Macrina Chapter of the National Honor Society, was a

dedicated member of Student Council, and played field hockey and lacrosse on SBA teams.

The graduates, Class of 2016, were inducted into the SBA Alumnae Society at the Senior Recognition Assembly, which was held the week prior to graduation. The Alumnae Society is newly reorganized, with a new elected board that is meeting often to plan for growing active membership and becoming a stronghold in the school's life. The Alumnae Society's active membership consists of graduates from very recent years all the way back to the Class of 1952.

In the 82 years that Saint Basil Academy has graduated students, our Basil "girls" have made positive contributions in the world, starting with their own families and reaching out beyond their immediate communities to meet the needs of the Church, people in need, and communities beyond our borders. SBA has instituted a way of recognizing the good that so many of our graduates do by choosing but a few of the wonderful women who live the Basilian Legacy. The first two "Pillars of Success" were Jane Wagner DeSilverio, Class of 1952, and Vittoria Woodill, Class of 2005. Mrs. DeSilverio has a lifelong dedication to family, Church, community, Saint Basil Academy and the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great. Ms. Woodill is a familiar personality on CBS Channel 3 and the lifestyle blog "Polished for Pennies." Her personable character, charm, and skill make her a wonderful part of the communications media world.

Among the Saint Basil Academy graduates is a student from our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy, parishioner of Annunciation BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church Marta Penkalskyj. At St. Basil Academy she was a member of the Ukrainian Society and the Mock Trial Team. She is also active in the Ukrainian community, having just graduated from the Ukrainian Heritage School with excellent grades, being an active member of the Plast Ukrainian Scouts, and participating in trips to Washington DC to speak with representatives about Ukraine's situation. Marta graduated with High Honors, and will continue her studies at Manor College, where she was awarded a Presidential Scholarship to study the Liberal Arts.



Marta Penkalskyj

As we congratulate the graduates of the Class of 2016 and their families, we wish them God's Blessings on the road that they follow through life. May they find happiness, purpose, and opportunities to use their talents for the good of humankind and the Glory of the Lord. Mnohaya Lita! Many Happy Years!

(Photos: Joseph Labolito)

Graduations held at St. Nicholas School in Passaic, NJ

The smallest and the tallest at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School in Passaic, NJ celebrated their graduations in June, as the Kindergarten class stepped up to First Grade, and the eighth-graders stepped out into the “great big world” of high school.

During the Grade 8th Graduation ceremony, the President’s Award for Educational Excellence was awarded to Alexandra Peltyszyn and Nicholas Zielionka. This prestigious award is granted by the Office of the President of the United States in recognition of students who have consistently maintained an average of 90 or higher all through grades 6-8 and who have shown good character and responsibility.

In addition, to recognize students who have shown outstanding growth and improvement in the face of various obstacles, the Office of the President offers the Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement and it was granted to Barbara Abulashvili and Yanina Habura.

Congratulations to our loving Graduates. May God bless, protect and guide you in your future endeavors.



President’s Award for Educational Excellence



Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Children's Divine Liturgy in Passaic, NJ



On May 22, 2016, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ celebrated the Children's Divine Liturgy. At the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI welcomed everyone especially the children and reminded all that:

- The children are a blessing and a gift from God to the family, to the Church and to the world.
- St. Nicholas Parish is blessed to have many children and many new families.
- We come together to celebrate in word and Eucharist the mystery of our Lord's death and Resurrection, the Paschal Mystery, the Divine Liturgy.
- The gathered assembly of the baptized is one of the ways Christ is present: For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

During the homily, Fr. Andriy was very dynamic and reached the children with his words when he spoke about Jesus' presence. He thanked the children for bringing their parents to Church. He reminded the parents that Christ said "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14). He spoke of the necessity of attending Liturgy regularly as Sunday belongs to God. He gave his life for us and He made us Holy. Through sin we are kept from His holiness. Sin offends God and then Fr. Andriy demonstrated the effect of sin in our lives and Jesus' Mercy through the Sacrament of Penance. Fr. Andriy took three vessels – one called Sin (black and dirty liquid), one called Christ (clear liquid) and the other each of us (also clear liquid). When we sin, our soul turns black and dirty (pouring the dark liquid into the clear liquid) and only by confessing our sins, our souls return clean (pouring Christ liquid into the dirty liquid) – we become clean as Christ eliminates sin. When asked if they will be in Church in the following weeks, the children answered with a positive reply. (Article submitted by Sr. Eliane Ilnitski, SSMI)



Fr. Andriy Dudkevych demonstrates how by confessing our sins, our souls return clean (pouring Christ liquid into the dirty liquid.)

Vocations Icon Visits St. Nicholas Parish in Minersville, PA



The Archeparchial Vocations Traveling Icon visited St. Nicholas Parish in Minersville, PA from May 23 – June 3. During that time, the parishioners of St. Nicholas and of Annunciation Parish in Middleport, PA gathered to pray specially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

On May 25, the students of St. Nicholas School prayed before the icon for vocations. During a special prayer service, Fr. Mark Fesniak, pastor, spoke to the students about vocations and God's personal invitation to every person. Students were invited to think about how they would answer that invitation.

Celebrate the Year of Mercy with the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

The 5th Painting - - Feeding the Spiritually Hungry



There was a spiritual famine in Ukraine in the 19th century. What caused this spiritual famine? To understand this situation, one must know a little of the history of the people and the country.

Ukraine is made up of Slavic people. Through the centuries they have resisted every attempt at absorption and assimilation, nationalization of their language, literature, culture and spirit by the neighboring nations. However, in spite of the natural richness of the country, industry and commerce were little developed in the XIX century. The people were tied to the earth. Ninety percent of the people lived in villages and small towns and worked the land. They were illiterate, morally destroyed and deprived of any spiritual food.

Michaelina Hordashevska was a very pious young girl born in 1869 in the city of Lviv. Even as a child, she displayed signs of virtue and an intense life of piety. At the age of twenty, she made a spiritual retreat under the direction of Father Jeremiah Lomnitsky, OSBM, her spiritual director, after which she made a private vow of chastity. A year later, she renewed this vow.

In the 1890's the Priests of the Order of Saint Basil the Great began preaching missions in the villages. Father Kyrlo Seletsky, pastor of the vibrant parish of Zhuzhel, and Father Jeremiah Lomnitsky, OSBM, who preached a mission in this parish, jointly founded a Religious Congregation of women who would live the active life.

In June of 1891, after renewing her vow of chastity, Michaelina consented to be the first member of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. She received the Religious name, Josaphata.

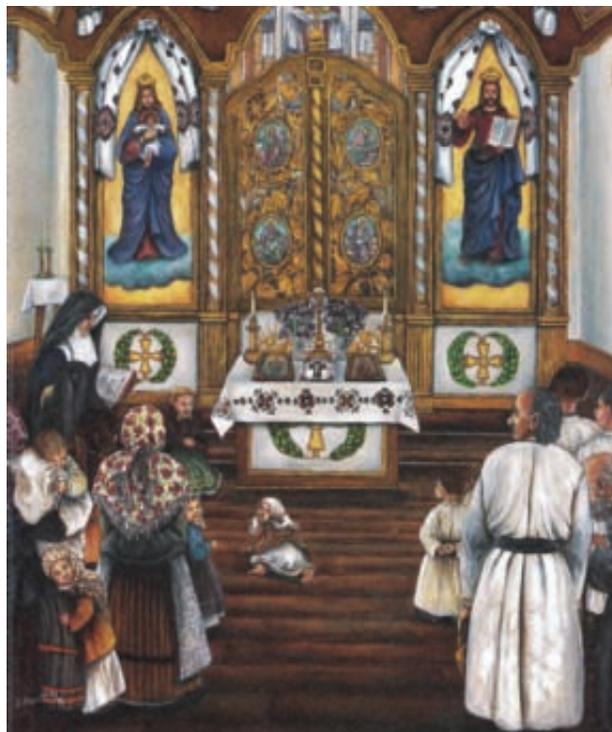
Sister Josaphata was a woman of great courage and deep faith. She shared her spirituality with the village people. In this painting, **Feeding the Spiritually Hungry**, we find Sister Josaphata reading excerpts from the Passion of Our Lord to the faithful. Every Wednesday and Friday during the season of the Great Fast (Lent), she conducted services. For every season or holyday, especially on Marian feasts, she lead devotions and read scripture passages to the villagers. She evangelized the whole family; children, youth and adults all were taught catechism, salvation history, morals and the love and mercy of God. She taught them to sing the Moleben to the Mother of God, liturgical songs and various devotions to Our Lord, and the saints.

Not only did Sister Josaphata teach the villagers, but she taught her Sisters to follow her example of prayer and service to their people. Her Sisters have spread her Prayer and her Service for 124 years into 17 countries.

These devotions, along with her works of mercy, have penetrated the missions of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate to the present day.

On June 27, 2001 Pope John Paul II proclaims Sister Josaphata Hordashevska, BLESSED JOSAPHATA, worthy of veneration in the Catholic Church.

Sister Thomas, SSMI



As part of our celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate invite you to join us for a prayer service, celebrated by Rev. Ivan Kaszczak, on Sunday, July 17 at 2:00 pm in St. Mary's Chapel, Sloatsburg, NY.

Knights of Columbus in Ukraine appreciated the news on the appointment of Br. Bohdan Kovaliv as the first Territorial Deputy for the “Knights of Columbus” in Ukraine.

The Knights of Columbus in Ukraine are united into a single community of 550 Catholic men (both roman-catholic and greek-catholic) and they are spread from Lviv and Ivano-Frankovsk (in the west) to Zaporizhia and Melitopol (in south-east). Currently, Ukraine has 18 KoC councils and round tables.

During the last 3 years of the Knights of Columbus' presence in Ukraine, the Order has developed rapidly and Ukrainian knights have been actively involved in many important events as well as social and religious charitable projects. In particular, after the outbreak of the Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine, the Knights of Columbus began collecting medicine (haemostatic agents) for the Ukrainian military. They also organized several psychological rehabilitation camps for demobilized soldiers. For the second consecutive year the Supreme Council financed the participation of the wounded Ukrainian soldiers in the International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Knights of Columbus also funded a project of the charitable foundation

“Caritas Ukraine” entitled “Wheelchairs for People with Disabilities” in cooperation with the Canadian Wheelchair Foundation. In just 2 years, 1,120 wheelchairs, 60 supporting poles, 200 crutches, walkers were distributed to 1,400 people with disabilities.

The Ukrainian Knights could not neglect the needs of internally displaced persons (IDPs) numbering around 2 million people according to the state statistics. Thus, during the period from February 2015 to May 2016 with the substantial financial assistance from the Supreme Council and in collaboration with the charitable organization “Caritas-Kyiv”, the Knights of the Kyivan councils provided assistance to the IDPs from Kyiv and its surroundings. Here is a brief statistics of the distributed aid:

- 82 000 kg of food products were distributed to 11 300 IDPs.
- Medicines and rehabilitation of disabled people - provided assistance to 245 people.
- Products for the soup kitchen - during the year provided food for 320 children.
- School products for children and gifts -



Photo (l to r): Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of The Knights of Columbus, Grand Knight Bogdan Kovaliv, Michael J. O'Connor, Supreme Treasurer of The Knights of Columbus, and Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM.

covered 430 children.

- Bedding - 750 people received assistance.
- Hygiene, household products, detergents - 650 persons received assistance.
- Clothes for children - covered 65 people.

Totally, charitable assistance was distributed to the people in need in the amount of 2.75 million UAH. Great support to this project was provided by local Kyiv's councils of the Knights of Columbus, whose members have donated many hours of volunteer work to serve the people in need.

The Knights of Columbus in Ukraine continue helping the wounded Ukrainian soldiers in military hospitals as their numbers do not increase, but, on the contrary, increase due to the continuation of the military conflict. The official statistics report daily casualties of couple of soldiers, but, in fact, there are more those killed and wounded. The undeclared war, unfortunately, still goes on and takes innocent human lives...

Source: <http://lytsarikolumba.com/index.php/55-na-sluzhbi-bohovi-na-sluzhbi-ukraini.html>

PRISON MINISTRY 2016

Jesus teaches us through St. Matthew's Gospel, to treat the least of God's children with the love and kindness of Himself, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Every year in the Gospel we hear God's words to feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, cloth the naked, visit the sick, and take in the stranger. These are rather easy to envision doing. But perhaps the least mentioned or noted request of Our Lord is to, visit those imprisoned. "When I was in prison, you came to visit me." The mere mention of jails and prisons can naturally be quite intimidating. Incarcerating the broken people who do wrong to law abiding members of society is the legal and justified way to punish the law breakers. "They are only getting what they deserve!" An understandable general sense of justice and satisfaction can easily come over common law abiding members of society. Keeping far away from such contemptuous scoundrels seems to come naturally to us all. Yet Jesus asks us to be different. Not to reject and detest but to visit them!



**Rev. Deacon
Michael Waak**

In the time of Jesus when the temple-going Jews felt indignant and justified to detest the tax collector and thief Zacchaeus, Jesus deliberately went to visit him specifically asking to stay at his house. St. Matthew, another detested Roman tax collector, was invited by Jesus to enter His closest circle of followers. The woman caught in adultery that justifiably merited the consequence of being stoned to death under Mosaic Law, was definitely not the way of Jesus. Jesus not only did not join the indignant self-righteous law abiding Jews in the condemnation and stoning of the woman, but on the contrary He showed her great compassion, forgiveness, acceptance and love. This Jesus act of reaching out to the prisoner and law breaker brings miraculous results into people's lives.

As a member of the Prison Ministry of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Camden, NJ, I have joined a team of members that enter the county jail weekly to pray and read Holy Scripture with the inmates. Once a week I have seen Jesus work miracles through ordinary people when we do as He tells us by "visiting those in jails". For some inmates, this is their first contact with Jesus ever. But for all in jail it is a comforting and healing experience of peace and love of Jesus Christ, now, today by obeying His word.

Maybe Jesus is calling you to this ministry. You will certainly receive much more in this holy work than you will ever give. If your parish does not have a prison ministry, perhaps the church next door does. Or even better, it might be time for you to inspire such a group in your church community. There but for the grace of God go you or I." Praise God!

Rev. Deacon Michael Waak

"The Way" is going on a Summer Break in July.

Our first issue after the Summer Break will be August 14th.

Thank you.

Visit our Website for any news during the Break.

<http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us>



Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great

Annual Pilgrimage
Celebrating Eighty-five Years as a
Praying...Healing...Life-giving Presence

Sunday, October 2, 2016
9am – 5pm



Theme: "Mother of Mercy"
(Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis I)

SAVE THE DATE

On the Monastery Grounds



Byzantine Liturgy at St. Edmond's Church in Rehoboth Beach, DE

Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church will celebrate Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church, Rehoboth Beach, DE at 6:00 PM on Sundays: June 26, July 31 and August 28, 2016. (Last Sunday of the month during June, July, and August.)

St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church is located on the Intersection of King Charles Avenue and Laurel Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. For more information, please call at (302) 762-5511



"Super 4th of July/Summer Barbeque Kielbasa Sale" – Orders Now Being Taken!

In time for the July 4th Holiday and your summer barbeques, we are offering delicious Kielbasa Links and Rings. Holy Myrrh-Bearers Eastern Catholic Church in Swarthmore (Ridley Township), in conjunction with one of the area's well-known kielbasa makers, proudly announces the "2016 Super 4th of July/Summer Barbeque Kielbasa Link/Ring Sale". We are offering mouth-watering, high quality kielbasa for the unbelievably low price of only \$12.00 per ring or 4 links for \$10.00. To place your kielbasa orders, please email us at HMBChurch@verizon.net or call Kathy at (610) 328-4731 by Monday, June 27th. Pickup will be between 10:00 am. and 2:00 pm. on Friday, July 1st at our Church which is located at 900 Fairview Road in Swarthmore/Ridley Township, PA.

God's Mercy given through Care for the Elderly

Compassionate and quality care of our elderly parents and family members is offered by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate at St. Joseph's Home in Sloatsburg, N.Y. The need for such facilities among our elderly parents and family members, and within our Ukrainian American community is great.

The addition of a new wing and the upgrading of the existing facilities will enable the Sisters Servants to offer elevated medical care and service for the elderly. There will be increased capacity to admit more people needing care.

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate have historically offered such quality and compassionate care throughout our history in America (75 years in 2017). We need to help them to continue to fulfill this mission and to enable a much needed expansion of St. Joseph's Home in Sloatsburg.

Please help by providing your generous donation to enable the building of the expanded facility to care for our elderly. Please choose to be an instrument of God's mercy for those who are in need of His care. Thank you! Kindly send your (tax deductible) donation to: St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, Inc., P.O. Box 8, Sloatsburg, New York 10974

All American Ukrainian Youth Pilgrimage "Let us lift our hearts"

June 10-12, 2016, as a part of the "Vibrant parish – a place to encounter the lavish Christ" program, Ukrainian youth from metropolitan Chicago, New York and Cleveland area gathered for three day pilgrimage at the Protection of the Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Church in Parma, Ohio. The All American Ukrainian pilgrimage was a great opportunity for youth to meet and spent time with each others in a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere. Youth pilgrims participated in Divine Liturgies, common prayer, meditation and conferences on a theme of God's mercy!



<http://stjosaphateparchy.com/all-american-ukrainian-youth-pilgrimage-let-us-lift-our-hearts/>

News from Fr. Roman Mirchuk

From June 6th to 10th an interfaith youth camp called "A Joyous Respite with God" (Joyous Relaxation with God) in the Mykolayiv section of Ukraine was held. The summer camp was under the initiative of Fr. Roman Mirchuk who was ably assisted by Fr. Vitaliy Martseniuk, the head of the Youth Commission of the Kyiv Archeparchy. Participants were from the Ukrainian Greek Catholic, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Churches.

The daily schedule was from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Children from the ages of 6-14 attended. They met at the grounds of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph.

The daily routine had begun with a Moleben to the Most Blessed Mother of God. The activities included: dance, song, sports, spiritual talks on Divine Mercy, etc. Lunch was prepared by the women of the Pokrov and St, Pantelemon parishes. On the final day of camp all the youth wrote letters to our soldiers defending Ukraine on the front.

Volodymyr Lytvynchuk (Translation by "The Way")

Read the entire article in the Ukrainian version of "The Way".



Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ



The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on August 6. The feast commemorates the transfiguration or metamorphosis of Christ on Mount Tabor, when our Lord appeared in His divine glory before the Apostles Peter, James, and John.

Scriptural Account

The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in three of the four Gospels: Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-8, and Luke 9:28-36. Jesus took the Apostles Peter, James, and John with Him up upon a mountain, and while they were on the mountain Jesus was transfigured. His face shone like the sun, and His garments became glistening white.

Moses and Elijah appeared with Christ, talking to Him. Peter declared how good it was for them to be there and expressed the desire to build three booths for Moses, Elijah, and Christ. This reference to the booths could imply that this

occurred during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles when the Jews would be camping out in the fields for the grape harvest; for this Feast had acquired other associations in the course of its history, including the memory of the wanderings in the wilderness recorded in the Old Testament book of Exodus.

While Peter was speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this they fell on their faces filled with awe. Jesus came to them and told them to not be afraid. When the three looked up they saw only Jesus. As Jesus and His disciples came down the mountain, He told them not to speak of what they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

Icon of the Feast

In the icon of the Feast of the Transfiguration, Christ is the central figure, appearing in a dominant position within a circular mandorla. He is clearly at the visual and theological center of the icon. His right hand is raised in blessing, and his left hand contains a scroll. The mandorla with its brilliant colors of white, gold, and blue represent the divine glory and light. The halo around the head of Christ is inscribed with the Greek words Ο on, meaning "The One Who is".

Elijah and Moses stand at the top of separate mountain peaks to the left and right of Christ. They are bowing toward Christ with their right hands raised in a gesture of intercession towards Him. Saint John Chrysostom explains the presence of these two fathers of the faith from the Old Testament in three ways. He states that they represent the Law and the Prophets (Moses received the Law from God, and Elijah was a great prophet); they both experienced visions of God (Moses on Mount Sinai and Elijah on Mount Carmel); and they represent the living and the dead (Elijah, the living, because he was taken up into heaven by a chariot of fire, and Moses, the dead, because he did experience death).

Below Christ are the three Apostles, who by their posture in the icon show their response to the transfiguration of Christ. James has fallen over backwards with his hands over his eyes. John in the center has fallen prostrate. Peter is kneeling and raises his right hand toward Christ in a gesture expressing his desire to build the three booths. The garments of the Apostles are in a state of disarray as to indicate the dramatic impact the vision has had on them.

The icon of the feast directs our attention toward the event of the Transfiguration and specifically to the

glory of God as revealed in Christ. This event came at a critical point in the ministry of our Lord, just as He was setting out on His journey to Jerusalem. He would soon experience the humiliation, suffering, and death of the Cross. However, the glorious light of the Resurrection was revealed to strengthen His disciples for the trials that they would soon experience. The feast also points to the great and glorious Second Coming of our Lord and the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God when all of creation will be transfigured and filled with light.

Blessing of Fruit

The feast of the Transfiguration falls during the time when the fruits of the earth reach maturity. From the earliest times in the Eastern Church, on this day fruit is blessed in thanksgiving to God for the first-fruits of the earth.

The custom of blessing the first fruits in church was prescribed in the Canons of the Holy Apostles at the end of the third century.

(Adapted from http://www.goarch.org/special/listen_learn_share/transfiguration/index.html and "A Byzantine Rite Liturgical Year")

Pope Francis decries Orlando massacre and prays for victims

June 12, 2016

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis is shaken and saddened by the 'homicidal folly and senseless hatred' that has left at least 50 people dead in an attack on a nightclub in Orlando, Florida.

A statement released by the Holy See Press Office Director, Father Federico Lombardi SJ, on the Orlando massacre which has been described as the worst mass shooting in American history.

Please find below Vatican Radio's translation of the statement:

The terrible massacre that has taken place in Orlando, with its dreadfully high number of innocent victims, has caused in Pope Francis, and in all of us, the deepest feelings of horror and condemnation, of pain and turmoil before this new manifestation of homicidal folly and senseless hatred. Pope Francis joins the families of the victims and all of the injured in prayer and in compassion. Sharing

in their indescribable suffering he entrusts them to the Lord so they may find comfort. We all hope that ways may be found, as soon as possible, to effectively identify and contrast the causes of such terrible and absurd violence which so deeply upsets the desire for peace of the American people and of the whole of humanity.

The attack, which took place early Sunday in a crowded nightclub, was perpetrated by a gunman wielding an assault-type rifle and a handgun.

Authorities are reportedly investigating the attack as an act of terrorism.

Officials said at least 53 other people were hospitalized, most in critical condition. A surgeon at Orlando Regional Medical Center said the death toll was likely to climb.

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The 72nd Session of the Synod of Bishops of Kyiv-Galician Supreme Archbishopric of the UGCC

Saturday, 11 June 2016

June, 7-8, 2016 at Marist Retreat Centre "Zarvanytsia" under the chairmanship of the Head and Father of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav was held the 72nd Session of the Synod of Bishops of Kyiv-Galician Supreme Archbishopric of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.

All valid bishops of Kyiv-Galician Supreme Archbishopric of the UGCC were participating

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in the synodal meetings, except Bishop Venedykt Aleksiychuk who was absent. This session a newly appointed Bishop Volodymyr Grutsa, Bishop Auxiliary of Lviv Archeparchy also participated equally in synodal meetings. Bishop Nil Lushchak, Bishop Auxiliary of Mukachevo Eparchy was also invited to synodal meetings.

The main theme of the present session of the Synod of Bishops of Kyiv-Galician Supreme Archbishopric was a problem of helping refugees in eparchies and exarchates of our Church in Ukraine, challenges referring to this problem nowadays and possible solutions to it. The main speakers at this theme were the leaders of the international charitable fund "Caritas Ukraine" Andriy Vaskovych, the President of this charitable organization and Dzvenyslava Chaikivska, chief of a lobbying group. Together with Fr. Vasyl Ivaniuk, director of CO "Caritas-Kramatorsk" the day before synodal meetings they conducted for synodal priest a seminar on this theme. On the grounds of the information obtained from the seminar and

discussions about it, bishops came to different decisions to improve Church maternal care of those people who suffered from military aggression directing against our country.

Apart from the main theme, priests of the synod considered questions about the ways of Polish-Ukrainian agreement for the sake of future. It was reported by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, particularly informing about An open appeal to the leaders of polish government, spiritual and cultural figures and all polish society.

About an activity of commissions of the Supreme Archbishopric and proposals relating to the celebration of Laity Day reported Fr. Petro Rak, head of Department of Church commissions. Fr. Bohdan Tymchyshyn and family of Roman and Natalia Prokopiv, members of Christian Family Movement provided a report on the activity of the UGCC Commission on Family Issues.

Regarding other themes to have been discussed was heard and approved the report on the

activity of Coordination Council for pastoral care issues in critical situations, compiled by its head - Bishop Bohdan Manyshyn.

The synod listened attentively to Fr. Bohdan Prakh, rector of Ukrainian Catholic University who reported on plans of development this educational church institution and new opportunities to serve Church and people coming forth.

Members of the synod acquainted with the information about holding a dialogue with UAOC after its eparchial council. This information was presented by His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Bishop Vasyl Tuchapets and submitted afterwards.

His Excellency Bishop Josyf Milian, the head of the Department of Pastoral Migration of the Patriarchal Curia reported on the preparation to the pilgrimage of Ukrainian emigrants in Europe to Fatima (Portugal) and the meeting of European catholic bishops in Fatima in October, 2016. It will be dedicated to the pastoral care of east catholic emigrants in

western countries.

The synod looked over the state of fulfilment the program of corruption resistance which had to be executed by Commission "Justice and Peace" in cooperation with all others institutions of Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC. Fr. Oleg Luka, deputy head of the UGCC Commission "Justice and Peace" and Petro Darmoris, the teacher of UCU and representative of the UGCC Commission "Justice and Peace" presented a report on the state of realization this program and proposals concerning more effective realization of it. The synod accepted these proposals and stated them as viable solutions.

The synod considered attentively issues and adopted appropriate solutions regarding chaplain service for wounded in ATO zone what was reported by Fr. Ruslan Piasta, head of Commission on Pastoral Health Care.

Priests of the synod heard and took into

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consideration the report on the state of implementation the Strategy 2020 in Kyiv Galician Supreme Archbishopric, delivered by Fr. Mykhailo Garvat, member of the working group of adopting the strategy of the UGCC "The Vibrant Parish".

Members of the Synod of Bishops of Kyiv-Galician Supreme Archbishopric of the UGCC reacted on the dramatic events connected with the fire at Grybovychi junkyard in the suburbs of Lviv and accepted a solution correspondent to it.

The 73rd session of the Synod of Bishops of Kyiv Galician Supreme Archbishopric of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church is agreed to hold in November, 2016.

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of Kyiv-Galician Supreme Archbishopric of the UGCC

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«We show solidarity with everybody who is threatened with ecological disaster», – Bishops of the UGCC

Thursday, 09 June 2016

We want to express our deep concern over continued negligence of those in charge - people and structures - who failed to prevent this disaster and its consequences. We expect that a thorough investigation will be held in order to reveal the truth.

This was said in the Address of the Synod of Kyiv-Halych Major Archbishopric to the faithful of the UGCC and all people of good will regarding the fire on Hybovytske landfill, which they wrote having gathered for their regular session in the

miracle-working place of Zarvanytsia.

The Bishops note that an appropriate attitude toward the environment, which is Creator's gift, is our common responsibility. They ask to take necessary steps so that "the consequences of our livelihoods might not be dangerous for us and future generations".

The Bishops of the UGCC expressed condolences and prayerful proximity to the relatives of those who perished. "At the same time we show solidarity with everybody who is threatened with ecological calamity. We ask all of you to pray



for those affected by this grief as well as for those who can suffer from its consequences", the Bishops wrote in their Address.

The UGCC Department of Information

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Pope Francis says praying for our enemies can heal our hearts

June 14, 2016

(Vatican Radio) Praying for our enemies can heal our hearts: that was Pope Francis' message at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta chapel on Tuesday morning. Recalling his own childhood in Argentina, when people prayed that dictators would go to hell, the Pope recalled how Jesus Himself tells us to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us.

Reflecting on the Gospel reading from St Matthew where Jesus tells His disciples to love their enemies, Pope Francis noted that this instruction was in contrast to what the Doctors of the Law taught in those days: "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy". The Jewish Law, he said, was being taught in a way that was

too theoretical, based only on the letter of the Law and not on the love of God at the heart of that Law.

For this reason, the Pope said, Jesus repeats the most important commandment of the Old Testament: Love your God with all your heart, and with all your strength, and with all your soul, and your neighbor as yourself. This was not at the heart of what the Doctors of the Law were teaching, he said. They were only worried about details and individual cases, but Jesus shows the true sense of the Law which he came to fulfill.

The Pope noted how Jesus offers many examples to show the commandments in a new light and to prove that love is more generous than the letter of the Law. From 'Do not kill'

meaning don't insult or be angry with your brother, to the instructions to give your coat to the person who demands your shirt, or go the extra mile with the person who wants to be accompanied for one mile.

This is not just for the fulfillment of the Law, the Pope said, but it also helps to heal our hearts. In Jesus' explanations of the commandments, especially in St Matthew's Gospel, he said, there is a journey of healing. Every heart wounded by sin - as each one of us has - must undertake this journey of healing in order to be more like our "heavenly Father (who) is perfect".

The last and most difficult step on this journey towards perfection, Pope Francis said, is contained in Jesus' words from today's reading: "You

have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you". The Pope recalled that as a child, people used to pray for God to send the dictators of that period to hell, but instead, he said, God calls us to examine our consciences and to pray for our enemies.

May the Lord give us grace, he concluded, to pray for those individuals who hurt and persecute us. The power of prayer, the Pope said, will do two things: it will change that person for the better and it will make us become more like children of our heavenly Father.

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Pope Francis thanks ROACO group for support of Eastern Churches

June 16, 2016

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis met on Thursday with members of the ROACO (Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches) Assembly which raises funds for Christians in the Eastern-

rite Churches. Among those taking part in the meeting were the papal representatives from Jerusalem, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Iraq and Jordan, as well as the new Franciscan Custos of the Holy Land, Fr Francesco Patton.

In his greetings to the group, Pope Francis thanked them for their work, in particular the task of helping to fund the restoration of the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the small shrine of Christ's tomb at the heart of the Church

of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Noting that the restoration work in Bethlehem has unearthed the mosaic of a seventh angel in the nave of the Basilica,

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the Pope reflected on the way the face of our own communities can also be covered by 'incrustations' as a result of all our problems and sins. Yet all your work, the Pope said, must unfailingly be guided by the certainty that, beneath material and moral incrustations, and the tears and bloodshed caused by war, violence and persecution, there is a radiant face like that of the angel in the mosaic.

Restoring the face of the Church

All of you, with your projects and your

activities, the Pope said, are part of a "restoration" that will enable the face of the Church to reflect visibly the light of Christ the Word Incarnate. He is our peace, the Pope insisted, and he is knocking at the doors of our heart in the Middle East, as he does in India or in Ukraine, a country for which he recently called for a special collection to be taken among all European Churches in support of those suffering the effects of the conflict.

Spiritual riches of East and West

Pope Francis noted that the ROACO meeting, which has been taking place in Rome this week, has also been focused on the presence of the Syro-Malabar and Syro-Manankara Churches in the territories of India outside Kerala where they are based. It is a sign of hope that, he said, that progress can be made in respect for the proper rights of each, without a spirit of division. Rather, he stressed, in all those parts of the world where Latin and Oriental Catholics live side-by-side, our Churches need the spiritual riches of East

and West as a source from which coming generations can draw.

Finally, Pope Francis blessed the members of the group, asking for their prayers as he prepares for his pilgrimage next week to Armenia, a land of the East and the first country to adopt Christianity as its state religion.

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"War in Ukraine is something more than a long-running conflict," State Secretary of Vatican in Zaporizhzhia

16 June 2016

"We know that this war is something much more than a long-running conflict: a constant danger, being a sign confrontation of civilizations, histories and peoples that goes far beyond the borders of Ukraine, which could have serious consequences for the balance, which so constantly violated in many parts of the world," Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin said in a

speech at a meeting of the Council of Churches in Zaporizhzhia June 16.

He recalled the words of Pope Francis on the "war in fragments", which is taking place in the world and the conflict in Ukraine is part of a global confrontation. Therefore, the resolution of the conflict must be global.

"The suffering you are going through, although concerns directly to



Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin

your land, but appeals to the conscience of all people and the entire

international community
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to exert all efforts to end the drama in Ukraine,” said the Vatican’s Secretary of State.

Cardinal again reiterated that the Holy See has called for the need to comply with international law on the territory and borders of Ukraine. These words are one of the clearest statements of the Vatican on the situation in Ukraine.

He emphasized the duty to pray and act. “In the face of the existing confrontation we have a duty above all to pray for peace and to act in God’s name is to be close to those who are

deprived of basic things by violence,” said the Secretary of State.

At the meeting of the Council of Churches in Zaporizhzhia Cardinal Pietro Parolin symbolically handed the help of Catholics in Europe who gathered at the call of Pope Francis. Recall that the Pope has announced a collection for Ukraine, which was held April 24th. The amount will be announced later, but for implementing “Ukraine for the Pope” action, a special technical committee was launched under the leadership of Bishop Ian Sobilo, auxiliary bishop of the

diocese of Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine.

We know that the funds are intended solely for victims of violence in eastern Ukraine, settlers, residents of so-called “gray zone” near the contact line, the population that remains on the territory which is not by Ukrainian government, especially children, the elderly and single-parent families with young children to those who suffered torture and other forms of torture.

“Humanitarian aid allocation will be

devoid of ideology or the religious, ethnic or linguistic identity. The only condition is that it is intended to people who are in situation of real need. For the Church all are sons, on an equal footing, sons of the Father in Heavens. Let us start with the most urgent aid, food, medicine, shelter,” said Cardinal Parolin in his speech to the Council of Churches of Zaporozhye, which unites churches and religious organizations.

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Meeting between President Poroshenko and Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See: We appreciate efforts of Pope Francis aimed at establishment of peace in Ukraine

17 June 2016

Following the meeting with Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See Pietro Parolin, President Petro Poroshenko noted that Ukraine and the Vatican City have an efficient dialogue. He underscored high attention of the Holy

See to Ukraine and the issues of security on the European continent.

“We sincerely appreciate the efforts in the sphere of public diplomacy made by Pope Francis and the entire Catholic church for the establishment of peace in Ukraine. Spiritual support and

prayers of His Holiness are vital for the Ukrainian people,” the Head of State said.

Pietro Parolin thanked for a warm welcome. “I came to Ukraine to demonstrate and declare the interest, love and attention of Pope Francis with respect to Ukraine

- a country suffering from war,” the Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See emphasized.

The President thanked the Vatican City and personally Pope Francis for the humanitarian initiative to hold

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charitable fundraising in support of Ukraine in all Catholic churches of Europe on April 24. The Ukrainian side highly appreciates the activities of Caritas Ukraine charitable organization, which always increases the volume of assistance for Ukrainians.

Petro Poroshenko and Pietro Parolin have discussed the issue of human rights violation in the occupied Crimea.

The President has also addressed the Holy See with a request to facilitate the provision of the visa-free regime for Ukrainians by the EU. "The authority of the

Vatican City will make a contribution to the prompt adoption of respective decision. Ukraine has fulfilled all the necessary preconditions for this end," he said adding that the visa-free regime will also promote religious pilgrimage of Ukrainian believers, inter alia, to the Vatican City.

The Head of State praised the decision of the EU on the prolongation of individual and sectoral sanctions for the next 12 months due to the annexation of Crimea by Russia.

The parties have also discussed the finalization of beatification of



Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and President Petro Poroshenko

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky.

The Head of State conveyed invitation to Pope Francis to visit Ukraine. The Cardinal Secretary of State of the Holy See thanked for the

invitation.

<http://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/cinuyemo-zusillya-papirimskogo-franciska-zadlya-vstanovlenn-37393>

Cardinal Parolin: I saw Christian culture, dialogue and brotherly solidarity in Ukraine

21 June 2016

The visit of the Vatican's Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin was concluded with a meeting with the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations held on June 20th in the metropolitan chambers of St Sophia. The Vatican guest shared his

impressions of the visit to Ukraine, and members AUCCRO remembered how they met with Pope John Paul II 15 years ago.

In a speech to AUCCRO members, Cardinal Parolin noted the importance of this organization for Ukrainian religious life. The Archbishop pointed

out that in the times of the baptism of Kyiv there was the unity and communion between Rome and Constantinople. "That event is a kind of archetype, which is not just recalled in memory, but from which we draw inspiration to understand: if this was our past, why it cannot be our future, in the restored fidelity to the commandments of

Christ "that all may be one"?"

The Cardinal recalled that in the last century Ukrainian people became martyrs who endured the madness of Nazism and Communism, famine and turmoil of the Chernobyl disaster.

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"The Ukrainian people still suffer from bombing, destruction of villages and infrastructure, and primarily from the return of hatred and mistrust that are destabilizing the society, which makes all efforts to gain the opportunity to equally enjoy the various gifts that the Creator has bestowed upon them," the Vatican's Secretary of State noted.

"At this time of outstanding difficulties, aggravated by the load of institutional, financial and moral crisis, which inflicts great suffering – we, the religious community, are called to the unprecedented responsibility," the Cardinal said. He assured that common service of all those who believe in God to those in need will help everyone be as brothers again.

"This is our day, brothers; the time for which we are responsible. For neither politics nor wealth, nor mutual disputes can make us true disciples of the Creator. We will become true through the spirit of service and trust to us, which comes from the fact that we have no other

purpose than serving the common good," the Vatican's Secretary of State noted, speaking to AUCCRO members. "For a believer, nothing can justify hatred, slander, rejection of one's brother. It is even less possible to justify using the name of God. This is blasphemy: refer to God as the One who produces division and death."

The Vatican's guest also said that the striving of Ukrainian youth for justice, fighting corruption, abuse of power and lack of opportunities can be based on Christian culture, which is rooted in the Ukrainian land. "This culture continues to inspire when we first become its witnesses. Our debate and our opposition in the name of the past forgotten by everyone except for our stubborn resentment do not help us to be the followers of that truth which makes us free. Your young people are seeking for integrity, consistency, respect and want to see it first in us and through us. If we can give it to them – they will be saved and will save Ukraine," the Cardinal said.



At the end of his speech, he said that the entire Catholic Church, which raised funds to help Ukraine, wanted to take actual steps towards peace in Ukraine and solidarity with the victims of war in eastern Ukraine.

In turn, all members of the Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations mentioned the visit of St. John Paul II in Ukraine and invited the current pontificate to come to Ukraine. Head of the UGCC Patriarch Sviatoslav said that His Eminence Lubomyr (Husar) often recalled the words of Pope John Paul II, who was impressed by meeting with AUCCRO members and called Ukraine the "laboratory of ecumenism."

Archbishop Yevstratii (Zoria), the representative of the UOC-KP, conveyed greetings from Patriarch Filaret and also recalled the words of John Paul II that after long ecumenical theological discussions the time came for common protection of morals, family, and human dignity, that AUCCRO is actually engaged in. "We remain different, but talk about one and the same thing."

Sheikh Ahmad Tamim spoke on behalf of the Muslims of Ukraine. Hennadiy Bilorytskyy thanked on behalf of the Chief Rabbi Jacob Dov Bleich for the efforts of the Catholic Church in

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support of the Jewish-Christian dialogue. He said: "We need peace, but not at any price. Not at the cost of Ukrainians because we have already paid a high price."

In turn, Archpriest Mykolai Danylych, spokesman for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate), expressed hope for the Vatican's balanced position on Ukrainian events. He also mentioned that

during the great wars the Catholic Church found itself in the situation where its congregation was on both sides of the front. Now the faithful of the UOC (MP) are on both sides of the confrontation. Like the Vatican, they stand for territorial integrity of Ukraine.

President of the Council Valeriy Antoniuk, chairperson of the Ukrainian Union of Baptist Churches, thanked the

Catholic Church for the good initiative, readiness to serve Ukraine. In the follow-up to the previous speakers – the council members and representatives of the government, he invited Pope Francis to visit Ukraine again.

Expressing gratitude for this meeting, Cardinal Parolin could not withhold admiration of the Council's work and the level of dialogue. He also called for more

active joint actions relying "on the great resource that you have - the people." The whole country is suffering, but he saw people's solidarity, joy and desire to help each other. It is the communication with people that was the best experience of the Vatican's guest in Ukraine.

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Bishop Soter Stephen Ortynsky: Genesis of the Eastern Catholic Churches in America – by Ivan Kaszczak

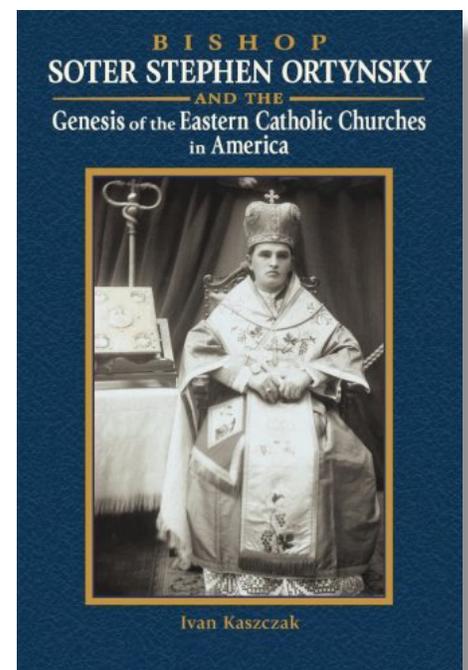
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