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Torrential Rains Cause Devastating Flooding in western Ukraine; Archieparchial Faithful Asked to Financially Assist in Flood Relief

Lviv-- Mother Nature sent torrential rains June 22-June 24 to western Ukraine and the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains which resulted in devastating and deadly flooding in the areas of Ivano-Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, Lviv, and Ternopil. Over 300 villages and towns have suffered from flooding in these four western regions alone cutting off gas supplies for about 10,000 people. At least three people were killed in the Ivano-Frankivsk region as a result of the natural disaster.



Photo from Ivano-Frankivsk region

<https://www.president.gov.ua/en/news/u-postrazhdalih-vid-poveni-rajonah-vidnovleno-proyizd-po-vsi-61877>

Ukraine, suffering from the ongoing war in the east with Russia and coping with the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, is now confronted with

providing emergency relief, including food, water and shelter for the thousands of homeless people who have

experienced the loss of their houses and their livelihood.

Minister Arsen Avakov says the floods in western Ukraine have

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completely destroyed 22,000 homesteads and flooded 5,000 houses. "I just want to mention a whopping figure – I want you to think about it: 22,000 household plots, vegetable gardens and orchards in four regions have been destroyed," he said in a televised interview. Over 25,000 acres of agricultural land were underwater, destroying this year's crops.



Photo: <https://www.bbc.com/ukrainian/features-53169074>

At least 5,000 wells that provided drinking water were flooded. Because of inaccessibility due to the flooding, rescue workers of the State Emergency Service had to deliver fresh water and basic necessities to the residents by helicopter.

More than 450 miles of roads and 360 bridges have been damaged making all recovery efforts extremely difficult. Dams, bridges, dikes and roads had been washed away within the Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv and

Chernivtsi areas. Gas and electric power lines have been damaged or destroyed in many areas. For parts of western Ukraine the task ahead is becoming a matter of survival. Authorities will now have to fortify river

banks and clean up river beds, build reservoirs in the mountains and protect the forests that remain to prevent the likelihood of future flooding.

Pope Francis Prays for Victims of Ukraine Floods

Following the Angelus prayer on Sunday, June 28 at the Vatican, Pope Francis appealed for prayers for the people of western Ukraine, suffering from the torrential rains and flooding. "May they experience the Lord's comfort and the care of their brothers and sisters," Pope Francis prayed.



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Patriarch Sviatoslav Issues Worldwide Appeal for Flood Relief for Victims

In an appeal letter addressed to the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and people of good will in Ukraine and throughout the world in response to the flooding in western Ukraine dated June 25, 2020, Patriarch Sviatoslav states: "One of the elements which gives us and all that surrounds us life, and provides comfort in our homes, in these past days in areas of western Ukraine has been transformed into a veritable disaster that is being characterized as the worst flood over the past century. Over 300 inhabited towns

and villages are under water. Key transportation arteries have been ruined, railways and bridges have been damaged, thousands of buildings are without power. But the greatest disaster – human casualties. And so, at the opening of this appeal I express my sincere condolences and assurances of my prayers for those who lost their loved ones."

Patriarch Sviatoslav continues in his letter, "Every calamity that people experience in their lives is an opportunity to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I

call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable foundation 'Caritas,' to organize rescue for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel, to support those who are now deprived of their home and have come face-to-face with misfortune.

"I direct my request to the world community and to international organizations: be open to respond to the needs of those who have become victims of the disaster that has afflicted regions in Western Ukraine."

help. Patriarch Sviatoslav has sent a letter of appeal asking us, 'to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible.'"

They further write, "In response to our Patriarch's request and in the spirit of Christian love and fellowship, we are announcing a campaign to raise funds for people who lost everything due to the floods and now need food and basic necessities. We ask you, dear Fathers, that every parish have a special collection taken on Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, and July 4-5. Please remit the funds as soon as possible. . . Please act now since time is of the essence."



Father Viktor Pryydun delivered some drinking water and food supplies for people living in the three villages of Ivano-Frankivsk region.

Metropolitan Borys and Bishop Andriy Appeal to the Faithful of the Philadelphia Archeparchy

In an Appeal Letter to the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Philadelphia Archeparchy dated June 26, 2020, Metropolitan Borys and Bishop Andriy write, "This is the time when our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need

July 2 Archeparchy Wires \$25,000 to Ivano-Frankivsk Archeparchy, Kolomyia and Chernivtsi eparchies.

The Philadelphia Archeparchy on July 2 wired the first tranche of \$25,000 to Ivano-Frankivsk Archeparchy, Kolomyia and Chernivtsi eparchies. As of that

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date, more than \$32,500 was raised through a fundraiser site on archieparchial Facebook page and mailed-in individual donations. The Archeparchy has decided to make the first distribution of funds to help the affected as soon as possible. Subsequent transfers will be made as funds are received. Pastors of the Philadelphia Archeparchy were also asked to take up collections on June 27-28 and July 4-5 in their parishes.

"The geography of donors to our Philadelphia campaign is wide and impressive. Not only the faithful of our archeparchy

responded generously to our appeal, but so did people of goodwill from 21 states in the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Great Britain, Belgium, Italy, and even Ukraine. More than 400 people made contributions to the Facebook fundraiser. About 90% of the funds come from Ukrainians living abroad wishing to help their brothers and sisters who have been affected by the flood," explains the Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia Andriy Rabyi.

Since it is difficult to respond to the particular needs of the victims remotely, the



Father Viktor Pryydn, Finance Officer for the Eparchy of Kolomyia, sent pictures of villages of Ivano-Frankivsk Region: Zarichchia, Mykulychyn and Bili Oslavy.



Archeparchy decided to transfer funds to the local eparchies. "Financial support allows us to be both quick and flexible. Affected regions are primarily agricultural. People do not have high income and depend mainly on their farms. They lost crops, their houses are partially destroyed. It is our Christian duty to help them in any way we can - spiritually and

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materially. They are in our prayers daily. And since we do not know their specific needs, we trust and rely on the competence of local church relief agency "Caritas" to provide help to those who need it most," emphasized Bishop Andriy.

He noted that the Archeparchy has a long history of helping Ukraine in crisis: there were collections to help military and chaplains, for purchase medical supplies and other needs of individual eparchies and parishes. Faithful of the Archeparchy and all the eparchies in the USA also supported the construction of the Resurrection Cathedral in Kyiv.

Besides the parish collections, individual donations are received daily by mail and on Facebook; the fundraising campaign is going strong. The Archeparchy will present financial reports on the funds collected and how it was distributed to help flood victims in Ukraine.



Caritas-Chernivtsi is already on the ground delivering some food supplies and water. Photo: Father Lubomyr Ivanochko

Your Help Is Needed and Appreciated

If you would like to make a donation, you may do so

- by making a check out to "Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia" and send it to the chancery office of our Archeparchy located at 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123. Please mark your check "Flood in Ukraine";
- by leaving your donation in your parish collection basket, which will be sent to the chancery office along with other donations;
- you may donate on the Archeparchial FACEBOOK page, where a special fundraising campaign will be set up.

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/331783401165290/10217614950741809/>

No donation is too small or too large. However, your donation will change someone's life and God will repay a cheerful giver hundredfold. Please keep the people of the affected areas in your prayers! Thank you!



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June 26, 2020

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Fathers, Venerable Monastics and Beloved Faithful of the Philadelphia Archeparchy!

As you may already know, parts of western Ukraine are under water due to strong torrential rains that have been falling for several days earlier this week. Two regions, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi, were affected the most. In the Ivano-Frankivsk region, over 4600 houses are lost or flooded, 550 kilometers of roads are damaged or washed away and 90 bridges are gone. In addition, at least three people lost their lives. Thousands of people had to be evacuated leaving their homes and properties behind. Many have lost their belongings and savings.

This is the time when our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need help. Patriarch Sviatoslav has sent a letter of appeal asking us, “to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable organizations “Caritas” to organize collections for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, to act in the spirit of the Good Samaritan of the Gospel, to support those who are deprived of their homes and have come face-to-face with misfortune.”

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Flood Appeal from the Archeparchy of Philadelphia

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May God bless you always!

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,

+ *Borys Gudziak*

Most Reverend Borys Gudziak
Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians
Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+ *Andriy Rabiw*

Most Rev. Andriy Rabiw
Auxiliary Bishop for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia

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\$5.00	Dzidzitsky, Marko/ Connecticut	\$20.00	Dmytriv, Vasyl
\$5.00	Dzyadevych, Tetyana/ Florida	\$20.00	Fedor, Kristina/ Pennsylvania
\$5.00	Feygin, Andrey	\$20.00	Gaydutska-Chubak, Nataliia/ New Jersey
\$5.00	Ivankovych, Iryna/ Pennsylvania	\$20.00	Gvozdiova, Katia/ Norway
\$5.00	Matselyukh, Andriy/ Connecticut	\$20.00	Hanya Anna/ Pennsylvania
\$5.00	Shapovalenko, Kate	\$20.00	Herasymishyn, Roman/ New York
\$5.00	Soltys, Khrystyna/ Wroclaw, Poland	\$20.00	Ianko, Ivan
\$5.00	Vance Preston, Lynn	\$20.00	Kalakunyak, Mariana
		\$20.00	Kaspshyshak, Halyna/ Pennsylvania
\$7.00	Katsemba, Tetyana/ Ontario, Canada	\$20.00	Kolodij-Mertzner, Romana/ Pennsylvania
\$7.00	Sok, Anna/ Canada	\$20.00	Kostych, Oksana/ New Jersey
		\$20.00	Kostyshyn, Vira/ New Jersey
\$10.00	Anonymous	\$20.00	Kyl, Anna
\$10.00	Borys, Taras/ Pennsylvania	\$20.00	Lernatovych, Anya
\$10.00	Branch, Gene/ New Jersey	\$20.00	Leskiv, Ulyana/ New Jersey
\$10.00	Colopelnic, Taras/ New York	\$20.00	M-a, Iryna/ Pennsylvania
\$10.00	Dovbush, Oleksa/ Norway	\$20.00	Mac, Andrew/ Washington, DC
\$10.00	Dunwell, Ruth Ann/ New Jersey	\$20.00	Mainford Ragus, Maria/ South Carolina
\$10.00	Englot-Ferrato, Christine/ Pennsylvania	\$20.00	Mykhaylyshyn, Bohdan/ Pennsylvania
\$10.00	Lakianchyk, Tetiana	\$20.00	Nalivayko, Julia/ Pennsylvania
\$10.00	Melnychuk, Zoriana/ New Jersey	\$20.00	Oleksiv, Galyna/ New York
\$10.00	Muzychko, Liuda	\$20.00	Olia Olya/ New Jersey
\$10.00	Orest Orest/ California	\$20.00	Onysko, Nataliya/ Illinois
\$10.00	Paslavska, Oksana/ Connecticut	\$20.00	Osiv, Vitalii/ New York
\$10.00	Prysljak, Vasyl/ Illinois	\$20.00	Petryshyn, Liliia/ Illinois
\$10.00	Salo, Tetiana	\$20.00	Pidlisna, Yulia/ Norway
\$10.00	Sh, Iryna	\$20.00	Polishchuk, Taras
\$10.00	Sharopynska, Nadiya/ Washington, DC	\$20.00	Prysiashniuk, Olena
\$10.00	Vasylytsiv, Andriana/ New York	\$20.00	Salovska, Kateryna/ Lviv, Ukraine
		\$20.00	Shchur, Larysa/ Pennsylvania
\$11.00	Dutka, Diana/ Germany	\$20.00	Simonov, Mykhaylo
\$11.00	Roiuk, Nikolay	\$20.00	Timofieiev, Andrii/ New York
\$11.00	Shyika, Ivan/ Lviv, Ukraine	\$20.00	Tomalishchak, Yuriy/ Pennsylvania
\$11.00	Tymchyshyn, Olia/ Paris, France	\$20.00	Tumak, Iryna/ Pennsylvania
		\$20.00	Tur, Oksana/ Pennsylvania
\$15.00	Dushchak, Olga/	\$20.00	Vlasenko, Lika
\$15.00	Grishna, Natalya/ Regina, Saskatchewan	\$20.00	Vov Ka
\$15.00	McKay, Laura/ Winnipeg, Canada		
		\$21.00	Bigun, Inna/ Sweden
\$18.00	Hagen, Oksana / United Kingdom		
\$18.00	Krupa, Anna	\$22.00	Filimonova, Nastya/ Germany
		\$22.00	Panasiuk, Oleksandra/ Austria/Switzerland
\$20.00	Bloshchynskyy, Fr. Ihor/ Pennsylvania	\$22.00	Savchuk Viktoria/ Berlin, Germany
\$20.00	Boychuk, Lyuba/ New York	\$22.00	Semenova, Anastasia/ France
\$20.00	Bronshteyn, Illya/ Kansas	\$22.00	Zyuber, Petro
\$20.00	Charkewycz-Dziuk, Christine/ Illinois		
\$20.00	Chornodolsky, Volodymyr/ Virginia	\$24.00	Shpook, Anna/ New York
\$20.00	Cokolovska, Mariya/ Pennsylvania		
\$20.00	Danyliv, Mariana/ Pennsylvania		
\$20.00	Demchuk, Sofii/ Illinois		
\$20.00	Derzhko, Oles/ Pennsylvania		

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\$25.00	Bailey, Anne/ New York	\$31.00	Petryshyn, Khrystyna/ New York
\$25.00	Bitcon, Vera/ New York		
\$25.00	Dishchuk, Oleksandr/ Pennsylvania	\$34.00	Gutsuliak, Mykhaylo/ Germany
\$25.00	Dmytriv, Oksana/ Pennsylvania	\$34.00	Ltv, Yuliya/ France
\$25.00	Fedchak, Ivan/ Warsaw, Poland	\$34.00	Sinkevych, Nataliia/ Tubingen, Germany
\$25.00	Hayda, Dzvinka/ Pennsylvania	\$34.00	Slojkowski, Olya
\$25.00	Iyrchyshyn-Makarova, Oksana/ PA		
\$25.00	Karmazyn, Sonia	\$35.00	Dilai, Iryna/ Pennsylvania
\$25.00	Kashchenko, Olga/ New York	\$35.00	Kostyuk, Maria/ Pennsylvania
\$25.00	Kelly, Ann/ Pennsylvania	\$35.00	Luchenko, Svitlana
\$25.00	Kobuley, Dmytro/ Pennsylvania	\$35.00	Taratula-Filipenko, Ivanna/ California
\$25.00	Kosacz, Chrystyna/ Illinois	\$35.00	Vengrenyuk, Roman/ Pennsylvania
\$25.00	Lesya Lesya/ Connecticut	\$35.00	Zuber, Anastasia
\$25.00	Lisowitch, Olha/ Connecticut		
\$25.00	Loda, Mariya/ Pennsylvania	\$36.00	Markiw, Marie/ Canada
\$25.00	Matiieshyn-Bortkevych, Marianna/ PA	\$36.00	Myts, Fr. Pavlo/ British Columbia, Canada
\$25.00	Penchak, Yaroslav/ Pennsylvania	\$36.00	Trofimyak, Nazariy/ Saskatchewan
\$25.00	Plugator, Lesya/ Illinois		
\$25.00	Poruchnik, Dmytro	\$40.00	Hlushko, Anna/ Pennsylvania
\$25.00	Reinhardt, Nancy	\$40.00	Kravchuk, Myron/ Massachusetts
\$25.00	Shyshko Buts, Oksana/ New York	\$40.00	Madi, Svitlana/ Pennsylvania
\$25.00	Staszkiw, Iryna/ New York	\$40.00	Uke, Oleh
\$25.00	Tobal, Jessi/ New Jersey	\$40.00	Velychko, Misha/ New York
\$25.00	Vdoviak, Tetiana	\$40.00	West, Maxx
\$25.00	Zelenchuk, Oleksandra	\$40.00	Worobij, Nadia/ Pennsylvania
\$28.00	Machynskyi, Ivan/ Wien, Austria	\$45.00	Deychakivsky, Mykola/
\$28.00	Zanko, Yuta/ France		
		\$50.00	Babiy, Ivan/ Connecticut
\$30.00	Feduniv, Yuliya/ Connecticut	\$50.00	Babiy, Luba/ Connecticut
\$30.00	Grytsiv, Petro	\$50.00	Babiychuk, Lyubov/ Pennsylvania
\$30.00	Havrylchuk, Ivan/ New York	\$50.00	Basaraba, Nadiya/ New York
\$30.00	Huver, Nadiya/ Ohio	\$50.00	Baziniak, Maria
\$30.00	Korchynska, Svitlana/ New York	\$50.00	Bodnarchuk, Taras/ Pennsylvania
\$30.00	Korenovska, Olena/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Brennan, Sean/ Pennsylvania
\$30.00	Krivos, Valentina	\$50.00	Buniak, Lida/ New York
\$30.00	Kushchiiy, Kate	\$50.00	Chaikovsky, Daria/ California
\$30.00	Mel, Tatyana/ Illinois	\$50.00	D'Avignon, Tania
\$30.00	Moroz, Olha/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Demkiv, Fr. Ivan & Myroslava/ Pennsylvania
\$30.00	Pasynkova, Lyubov/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Deshko, Iryna/ New York
\$30.00	Portyanko, Anna/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Deyneha, Miroslava/ Pennsylvania
\$30.00	Romanko, Olya/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Diakiv, Andriy
\$30.00	Sabadashka, Lyudmyla/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Donnelly, Marissa/ Pennsylvania
\$30.00	Shkrobut, Olenka/ New Jersey	\$50.00	Dosyak, Mariya/ Pennsylvania
\$30.00	Siredzhuk, Halyna	\$50.00	Dudkevych, Fr. Andriy & Maria/ NJ
\$30.00	Skachkov, Serhiy/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Dukh, Yulia
\$30.00	Stasiuk, Mariana/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Dutka, Ulyana
\$30.00	Svitlana		
\$30.00	Tanichka Tanushka/ West Virginia		
\$30.00	Terletski, Dima/ Pennsylvania		
\$30.00	Volochiy, Oksana/		

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\$50.00	Falenchuk, Oksana/ New York	\$50.00	Vovk, Svitlana/ New Jersey
\$50.00	Falendysh, Lesya/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Vozniak, Halyna/ New York
\$50.00	Fedyshyn, Yaroslav/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Yermolaiev, Serhii/ New York
\$50.00	Gajecky, Tatiana/ Colorado	\$50.00	Yurchyshyn, Zinoviya/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Gojaniuk, Zory	\$50.00	Zahrotska, Iryna/
\$50.00	Halan, Nataliya/ Pennsylvania	\$50.00	Zharptycyca, Olenka/ Massachusetts
\$50.00	Hiriak, Nicholas/ Pennsylvania		
\$50.00	Holubets, Roman/ Pennsylvania	\$51.00	Myklebust, Amund/ Oslo, Norway
\$50.00	Hotsko, Halyna		
\$50.00	Ilkovych, Yuriy/ Pennsylvania	\$52.00	Spetruk, Natalie/ Zurich, Switzerland
\$50.00	Iwanczuk, Rodion/ Virginia		
\$50.00	Kapral, Oleksandra/ New York	\$54.00	Park, Valya/ Canada
\$50.00	Kitsul, Ihor/ Pennsylvania		
\$50.00	Korolevych, Michael/ Pennsylvania	\$55.00	Koval, Alla/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Koval, Iryna/ Pennsylvania	\$55.00	Pravak, Vasyl/ New Jersey
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\$50.00	Kravchenko, Olha	\$56.00	Dellinger, Victoria/ France
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\$50.00	Kuzmenko, Vladyslav/ Washington DC	\$56.00	Shevliuk, Ihor/ Germany
\$50.00	Ladokhin, Alexey/ Kansas		
\$50.00	Lew, Maya	\$60.00	Boiko, Marta/ New York
\$50.00	Loik, Vasyl/ Pennsylvania	\$60.00	Godleski, Helen/ New Jersey
\$50.00	Loziak, Maryna/ New York	\$60.00	Kotsaba, Oleksandra/ Connecticut
\$50.00	Mazurchak, Nataliia/ Pennsylvania	\$60.00	Levytskyy, Orest
\$50.00	Menduyk, Olha/ Illinois	\$60.00	Ngo, Tony/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Misbrener, David/ Pennsylvania	\$60.00	Nynych, Sveta/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Mishchenko, Anna/ Pennsylvania	\$60.00	Sahaidak, Dima/ Florida
\$50.00	Muchant Talaban, Beth/ Texas	\$60.00	Tabaka, Oksana/ New Jersey
\$50.00	Oleksyuk, Lucy		
\$50.00	Patra-Polovina, Tanya/ New York	\$61.00	Jacobs, Fr. Koen/ Belgium
\$50.00	Patrylo, Taras	\$61.00	Ougrin, Dennis/ London, United Kingdom
\$50.00	Pistun, Natalya		
\$50.00	Popovich, Liliia	\$65.00	Dzidzitsky, Tanya/ Connecticut
\$50.00	Pshyk, Iryna/ Connecticut	\$65.00	Grechaniuk, Ievdokia/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Pyrih, Lubomir/ Pennsylvania		
\$50.00	Radziewska, Iryna/ New York	\$70.00	Chystukh, Liuda/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Rojek, Irina/ Pennsylvania	\$70.00	Gouz, Ivanna/ New York
\$50.00	Romanyuk, Julia/ Maryland	\$70.00	Hladka, Alina/ Massachusetts
\$50.00	Sikorskyi, Ivan/ New York	\$70.00	Levytskyy, Taras/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Smith, Paul/ Pennsylvania	\$70.00	Mila, Lyuda
\$50.00	Smuk, Ivanna/ Pennsylvania	\$70.00	Sh, Ihor/ Pennsylvania
\$50.00	Stasiuk-Oprysk, Lisa Ann/ Pennsylvania	\$70.00	Shesternyak, Viktor
\$50.00	Stasiv, Alla/ Pennsylvania		
\$50.00	Stepanenko, Svetik/ New Jersey	\$73.00	Bodnar, Mariyka/ Edmonton, Canada
\$50.00	Svyryd, Lidiia/ Pennsylvania	\$73.00	Dolban, Bohdan/ Canada
\$50.00	Tarik UA	\$73.00	Horodecha, Olha/ Canada
\$50.00	Tarnovecka, Olga	\$73.00	Huculak, Roma Lydia/ Ontario, Canada
\$50.00	Tulika, Vranc/ Texas	\$73.00	Torbin, Ivanna/ Regina, Saskatchewan
\$50.00	Tur, Oksana		
\$50.00	Turyk, Fr. Ivan/ New Jersey		
\$50.00	Vintoniak, Mykhaylo & Maria/ Antwerp, Belgium		

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\$75.00	Bezruka, Natalya/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Anon, Natalya
\$75.00	Bogorodova, Tetiana/ Stockholm, Sweden	\$100.00	Antoniw, Maria/ Ohio
\$75.00	Dubas, Ulana/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Babiy, Tanya/ New York
\$75.00	Figol Shypalo, Romana	\$100.00	Bevskyy, Vasyl
\$75.00	Hyra, Teresa/ New Jersey	\$100.00	Beyzik, Olga/ Pennsylvania
\$75.00	Kotovych, Sergii/ New Jersey	\$100.00	Bialkowski, Nancy/ New Jersey
\$75.00	Kovalskyy, Oleh/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Bobyock, Emil/ Pennsylvania
\$75.00	Kravchuk, Halyna/ New York	\$100.00	Chernatska, Nataliya/ Pennsylvania
\$75.00	Kuchma, Igor/ New York	\$100.00	Chmyrov, Volodymyr
\$75.00	Kunderevych, Fr. Orest & Oksana/ NJ	\$100.00	Clafin, Nancy/ Pennsylvania
\$75.00	Martiak, Yuliya/ New Jersey	\$100.00	Danylyuk, Olena/ Michigan
\$75.00	Onatsko, Roman/ New York	\$100.00	Engel, Anzhelika/ Florida
\$75.00	Shcheglov, Nazar/ New York	\$100.00	Fartachuk, Ruslana/ Pennsylvania
\$75.00	Traversa, Halyna/ Florida	\$100.00	Fastnakht, Yuliya/ Connecticut
\$75.00	Udoenko, Vadym	\$100.00	Fedynsky, Peter/ Ohio
\$75.00	Yurchenko, Alexandra/ New York	\$100.00	Gakalo, Vitaliy/ New Jersey
\$75.00	Zasyedko, Andriy/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Hnidj, Irene/ New Jersey
		\$100.00	Kaniewska Gamkiv, Irena
		\$100.00	Kardasz, Anna
\$80.00	Chalupa, Andrea/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Kathryn Roxanna/ Pennsylvania
\$80.00	Diakun, Irina/ California	\$100.00	Kliachkivski, Roman/ Pennsylvania
\$80.00	Dorosh, Iryna/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Kochan-Serbun, Christine
\$80.00	Krutiak, Paul/ Illinois	\$100.00	Komarynsky, Irene/ Connecticut
\$80.00	Krystyna ta Anatolij/ Illinois	\$100.00	Kowaliwskyj, Vladimir
\$80.00	Leshak, Iryna/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Kryvutska, Marta/ Maryland
\$80.00	Monzer, Natalie/ California	\$100.00	Kuzewycz, Nicholas & Olga/ Pennsylvania
\$80.00	Tomalishchak, Nestor/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Kuzhanov, Serhiy/ Delaware
		\$100.00	Larcom, Mary Jo
\$85.00	Dorfman, Alla/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Levus, Svitlana/ New Jersey
\$85.00	Habura, Volodymyr	\$100.00	Lewko, Michael/ New Jersey
\$85.00	Hrybowych, Natalia/ New Jersey	\$100.00	Lingor, Margaret/ Pennsylvania
\$85.00	Kovaliv, Ihor/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Lonchyna, Vassyl/ Illinois
\$85.00	Pandrak, Maria	\$100.00	Lysay, Tetyana/ Illinois
		\$100.00	Makarukha, Adriana/ Pennsylvania
\$90.00	Balkovyy, Igor	\$100.00	Martynyuk, Ulana/ Pennsylvania
\$90.00	Goian, Peter	\$100.00	Melnyk, Clair/ Pennsylvania
\$90.00	Kerod, Oksana/ Pennsylvania	\$100.00	Mykhayluk, Olha/ Pennsylvania
\$90.00	Stefaniv, Igor	\$100.00	Mykytyn, R. Lidia
		\$100.00	Oleksyshyn, Bogdan/ New York
\$95.00	Dyak, Oksana	\$100.00	Pechenyak, Bohdan/ Pennsylvania
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\$100.00	Stryj, Natalochka/ Pennsylvania	\$105.00	Herterich, Anoma/ Switzerland
\$100.00	Sukhanych, Mariya/ Indiana	\$105.00	Olynec, Natalia
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		\$500.00	Grinivetskiy, Oleg/ New York
		\$500.00	Karpiy, Uliana/ New Jersey
		\$500.00	Kovalsky, Gene/ Illinois
		\$500.00	Lissy, Igor & Daria/ Pennsylvania
		\$500.00	Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak/ Pennsylvania
		\$500.00	Kuzyshyn, Bohdan & Oksana/ NJ
		\$2,500.00	Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God/ Pennsylvania

*Thank
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\$29,307.00 Total as of July 2, 2020



Bishop Andriy Rabyi speaks about Flood in Ukraine (Videos)

(English version)

<https://youtu.be/x7uFaKLopM8>

(Українська версія)

<https://youtu.be/fFS0R-zDVfk>

Summer Camp Cancellation

While we were very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Spirituality Center and monastery grounds, we are cancelling our summer camp due to COVID-19. Education, especially of youth, is a fundamental dimension of the ministry of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great. Yet we must prioritize the safety and well-being of campers and their families.

We are praying each day for the health and flourishing in Christ of all those we serve. And we look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM
Provincial Superior



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As the Coronavirus Restrictions Have Lessened Archbishop Borys Resumes Visits of the Parishes in the Archeparchy



Archbishop Gudziak at Holy Myrrh Bearers, Swarthmore, PA

Archbishop Borys Gudziak travelled through three states and visited six parishes in our Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY in the past two weeks. The six parishes he visited were in Swarthmore, Philadelphia, Ramsey, Bayonne, Hillsborough, and New Brunswick.

All parishes in Pennsylvania were allowed to start having public Divine Liturgies on June 6 and 7 as Coronavirus restrictions have lessened. On the weekend of June 20-21, the Metropolitan resumed parish visits

that been on hold for three months due to the pandemic.

On Saturday, June 20, Archbishop Borys celebrated Divine Liturgy at Holy Myrrh Bearers in Swarthmore, PA. From the parishioners it was clear that the pastor of the parish, Msgr. Peter Waslo, who serves as Chancellor of the Archeparchy, has demonstrated zeal and prudence and is greatly respected by his flock. During his homily on the Gospel of the Sermon of the Mount, the Archbishop emphasized how God takes care of the world, birds in the air, and flowers in the fields. God's people are the

Lord's greatest treasure. "Don't worry" is Jesus's message even in the midst of turbulent times. Focus on the Kingdom of God. After the Divine Liturgy, parishioners shared the story of their community and described their activities.

On Sunday, June 21 the Archbishop celebrated Divine Liturgy with Fr. Yaroslav Kurpel on Father's Day at Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church in Philadelphia. In his greetings to the people, Archbishop Gudziak thanked the community for the four priestly vocations that this parish gave to the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Fr. Roman

Mirchuk, Fr. Andrew Onuferko, Fr. Michael Loza, and Fr. Ihor Midzak. All four priests are outstanding in their own right. Fr. Mirchuk built parishes in our Archeparchy and over the last three decades has conducted selfless missionary service in Ukraine. Fr. Dr. Onuferko, one of the leading experts on the Bible in our Church, served as a professor and director of the Sheptytsky Institute as well as a professor at the Ukrainian Catholic University. Over the last decade he worked with our Church's global Pastoral Strategy 2020 task force, and today

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is procynellus (vicar general) of the Toronto Eparchy. Fr. Loza is pastor of one of the most dynamic Ukrainian Catholic parishes in North America (St. Joseph's in Oakville, Ontario) that has been growing by some 40 families per year. Mitered Archpriest Midzak, besides serving as vicar general of the Stamford Eparchy, is president of our Providence Association in Philadelphia. That Sunday was Father's Day, and among all fathers, Fr. Yaroslav greeted the Archbishop as spiritual father of the Archeparchy.

All parishes in New Jersey were opened for congregational celebrations on Father's



Christ the King Ukrainian Catholic Church, Philadelphia, PA

Day weekend June 20-21. On Tuesday, June 23, Archbishop Borys made a spontaneous visit to St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in



St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ramsey, NJ

Ramsey, NJ. Maria Kiniuk, a parishioner, businesswoman, and generous donor who was hard at work beautifying the church conducted an impromptu tour of the church and its premises. She explained the sociology of the parish and its history, giving the latest news of the parish activity and maintenance work both completed and planned. Archbishop Gudziak was impressed by the cozy church which is made out of river stone. The pastor of the parish is Fr. Wasyl Kharuk whose piety and

gentle demeanor impress all who meet him.

Then on Friday, June 26th, the Archbishop visited the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY. He expressed his condolences on the loss of two of the Sisters Servants who have recently entered into eternity, Sr. Mary Ann Botsko and Sr. Rose Margaret Carolyn Kanski. Archbishop Borys also spoke with Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI provincial,

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bayonne, NJ

about St. Joseph's Adult Care Home for seniors under the direction of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and about the pilgrimage that the

Sisters conduct on the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God. The adult care home, unlike many others in the country, so far has

succeeded in protecting all of its residents from COVID-19. Recently, the residents celebrated their 100th day in lockdown due to the Pandemic. During that celebration there was musical entertainment with Sr. Zenovia, SSMI playing the piano and residents holding festive balloons. Regarding the pilgrimage, the biggest such celebration of Ukrainian Catholics in the US, will not be conducted as usual because of the pandemic. Like with many events during the quarantine, participation will be possible online.

On Saturday, June 27, Archbishop Borys visited Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Bayonne, NJ. Rev. Vasyl Putera is the dedicated pastor of the parish. This was the first Divine Liturgy Archbishop Borys celebrated in New Jersey after pandemic restrictions were eased. In his homily, he paid special attention to the new blessed Martyrs of Ukraine beatified this very date by Saint John Paul II during his visit to Ukraine in 2001. After the Liturgy, Archbishop



St. Joseph's Home, Sloatsburg, NY celebrating 100th day in lockdown due to the Pandemic

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St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church, Hillsborough, NJ

had an opportunity to speak to the present people hearing the stories of their life during the pandemic.

Concluding of his nine-day parish pilgrimage, the Metropolitan celebrated Divine Liturgies on Sunday, June

28 at two parishes under the spiritual care of Fr. Orest Kunderevych. The first was at St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian

Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ. In his homily on the Sunday of the All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine he recalled the history of the first canonized Ukrainian Saints: Holy Princes Borys and Hlib. "It is remarkable that the young Kyivan Church, established by St. Volodymyr the Great in 988, canonized as their first saints the two sons of St. Volodymyr, who followed Christ radically out of love for their brother. After Volodymyr's death in 1015 one son, Sviatopolk the Accursed, who sought to secure his place on the Kyivan throne, attacked his brothers,



Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, New Brunswick, NJ

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first Borys and then Hlib, who in turn witnessed selfless love following the non-violent example of Christ. They did not raise their swords against their brother and were cruelly slain. Today, with all the violence, social discord, racial injustice, fear, and competition the sacrifice of Christ and such followers as Borys and Hlib are paradoxical signs that either can confound or inspire us. The choice is ours to make, but Christ's example and proposal is clear.

The Archbishop then visited Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey. In his homily he spoke of the New Martyrs of whom the feast was the day before.

"The 1000-year history of holiness from our first canonized Saints Borys and Hlib almost 1000 years ago to the most recent ones canonized in 2001 by St. Pope John Paul II encourage us to persevere in difficult circumstances. God helped them maintain their faith under political pressure and in the face

of totalitarian ideology," concluded the homilist. Archbishop Gudziak noted that the New Brunswick church was a unique architectural monument—an inspiring, towering space with decorous chandeliers and stunning Tiffany stained glass windows. On his way back, he prayed with Father Kunderevych at the graveside of Fr. Basil Tanczak, the founder of the New Brunswick parish. Archbishop Borys was accompanied throughout the tour of communities by Deacon Volodymyr Radko, and both were graciously hosted by Fr. Orest, his wife Oksana and two sons Volodymyr and Mykola, who was

celebrating his birthday on Saturday.

All Divine Liturgies on the weekend of June 27 and 28 were followed by a Panachyda requiem for all victims of the coronavirus and ethnic and racial injustice and social violence. This service had been mandated by the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the United States and was to be celebrated in all of our parishes in the US.

Archbishop Borys plans to visit more communities in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia in the coming weeks.



At the graveside of Fr. Basil Tanczak



Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, New Brunswick, NJ

Day of Prayer on Sunday, June 28

The Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the United States invited all to pray at a Panakhyda on Sunday, June 28th to remember all the victims of the COVID-19 virus, those who died as a result of racism or acts of police brutality, and the victims of recent protests.



Pictured at Panakhyda services are Fr. Roman Pitula at the Cathedral in Philadelphia and Archbishop Borys Gudziak at Hillsborough, NJ.

June 19, 2020

An Invitation to Remember and Pray throughout our Metropolia on Sunday June 28 in Solidarity with Victims of COVID-19 and Racism as We Return to our Churches

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Reverend Clergy,
Venerable Monastics
and our Beloved Faithful!

The last four months have been tumultuous and tragic, shocking our country and the world. The COVID-19 virus spread globally. Millions who got infected were hospitalized and suffered physical and psychological torment before a thankful recovery. Many corona

victims have lasting, debilitating after-effects. Despite the heroic efforts and dedicated care of doctors and nurses, family members, parishioners, friends, and acquaintances succumbed to the pandemic —over 120,000 in the US and one half million globally, not counting unconfirmed cases. Among them was our Metropolitan Emeritus, Archbishop Stephen Sulyk, of blessed memory. Painfully, many

persons passed away in isolation from their loved ones who could not be at their bedside, while clergy could not administer the Sacraments. Funeral rites were abridged, and those attending were limited in number. Among the deceased are medical martyrs who put their lives on the line helping their patients. Their sacrificial service and love will always be admired and remembered. Indeed, “no one has greater

love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends” (Jn 15:13). Before the Lord we remember all the victims of the pandemic and pray for the sick and their caregivers.

American society was equally shocked by the tragic and appalling killing of George Floyd. The gut-wrenching white and black image of the

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An Invitation to Remember and Pray throughout our Metropolia on Sunday June 28

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suffocating knee on the neck and the desperate plea “I can’t breathe” outraged the nation and world, prompting an unprecedented wave of civil rights protest against racism and police brutality. Many Americans are seeing what we did not see before, recognizing responsibilities that we can no longer ignore. Many have come together to manifest solidarity with Black Americans and with all victims of racism. Many are praying in a new way for a new world, a renewed nation. Some demonstrations, heartbreakingly, turned violent. Innocent people, including police officers carrying out the essential mission of protecting society from criminals, were hurt or even killed. Large and family-owned businesses were torched and robbed, including those owned by or serving Afro-Americans.

The Lord calls our nation to a deep examination of conscience— to see and purge persistent patterns of bigotry and hatred, to acknowledge injustice, to cleanse our hearts of evil passions. The Lord calls us to face our future with prayer. Through prayer we will move to authentic solidarity with our discriminated-against brothers and sisters. Only with the Lord, in Him, and through Him can we overcome the sinfulness of our human nature. We pray and remember, so that we can grow in authentic integrity since “from one ancestor He (God) made all nations to inhabit the whole earth” (Acts 17:26).

Week by week, we have been returning to regular Sunday services. Most of our parishes are now open. We rejoice that we can finally be together in prayer. Thus, as we begin again, carrying with us the experience of

the last months we call all to a deep spiritual reflection on the signs of the times.

On Sunday June 28 we invite all the clergy, religious, and faithful together to remember all the victims of the COVID-19 virus, those who died as a result of racism or acts of police brutality, and the victims of recent protests, in all our parishes throughout the country by celebrating a Panakhyda requiem service at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, friends, relatives, neighbors, doctors, nurses, first responders and medical personnel who have died of the virus.

Let us also pray for Mr. George Floyd and others like him who died as a result of injustice, let us pray for those who died

in the bonds of slavery or other expressions of racism.

Let us pray for the victims of riots and unbridled passions.

Let us pray that the Lord grant peace, physical and psychological healing, reconciliation, and tolerance and true justice!

+Borys Gudziak
Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the US

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Eparch of Stamford

+Benedict Aleksiychuk
Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago +Bohdan J. Danylo
Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

+Andriy Rabiychuk
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia



Washington, DC parish is now open to the public for Divine Liturgies

Photo: Fr. Robert Hitchens celebrates the Divine Liturgy on June 28, 2020.

Manor College Hosts Car Parade for Essential Workers and Sisters of St. Basil



On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, Manor College President Jonathan Peri and Manor College staff drove around the Manor College campus and the Basilian Motherhouse to honor essential workers and the Sisters of St. Basil.

The car parade was delightful for all yet especially meaningful for those who have not left the convent since March. The Sisters of St. Basil are grateful for the Manor College community's effort in organizing the event.

Photos by Sean McLaughlin

Bishop Andriy Rabiw Moderates Zoom Meeting with Archieparchial Clergy

Philadelphia, Pa.-- On June 24, Bishop Andriy Rabiw, auxiliary bishop and vicar general of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, moderated a Zoom teleconference meeting for archieparchial clergy. This year because of the coronavirus social restrictions, the annual spring clergy conference was not able to be held.



After an opening prayer, Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak made some introductory remarks and shared some reflections on the current situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic and also the demonstrations and civil unrest in the United States.

Bishop Andriy shared pertinent information in many areas of parish life and led a discussion with the clergy.

Some of the topics discussed included the following: a need to have religious education in parishes for all age groups; a review of

parish finances including cost of medical and property insurance and making parish diocesan payments; safe environment and sexual abuse policy, including background checks and updated training for all archieparchial clergy, personnel, parish employees and

volunteers.

Monsignor Peter Waslo, vicar judicial, reviewed annulment procedures and encouraged priests to assist the faithful seeking an annulment, to explain details and, if necessary, to direct them to the appropriate tribunal personnel for further guidance in the annulment process.

Bishop Rabiw also reminded the priests to properly maintain their parish cemeteries, which are sacred places of the church for our faithful who have fallen asleep in the Lord.

After a question and answer session, the two hour meeting concluded with the singing of a hymn.



Saint Basil Academy Celebrates the Class of 2020

Jenkintown - Saint Basil Academy, a private all-girls high school located in Jenkintown, PA and owned by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2020 – twice. This unusual school year, marked by COVID-19 social distancing requirements, did not allow for a traditional graduation, but led the school to seek other ways of congratulating the graduates for four years of academic, athletic, spiritual, service, and social achievements.

On June 3, the Academy welcomed each graduate individually, along with her parents or guardians, to walk onto the beautifully decorated stage, have her name

announced by Principal Connie D’Angelo, and receiving her diploma from her parents/guardians, who joined her on the stage. This was captured on video for a special graduation video awaiting the students, and was followed by other attractive photo

opportunities for each student and family. A gift bag with SBA mementos, certificates of achievement, and special Parents’ Club gifts left students feeling special during this challenging time.

The second opportunity

for continuing graduation celebration was on June 24, with a “parking lot” graduation. The beautiful day ushered in the graduates and families to experience one last time of “Sisterhood,” as the Class of 2020 were welcomed by Principal Mrs. D’Angelo’s congratulatory message. Mrs. D’Angelo spearheaded the plans for both graduation events, following the dictum of social distancing, but focusing on creating memorable and meaningful experiences.

Father John Ciurpita’s inspirational words of prayer wished the

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Saint Basil Academy Celebrates the Class of 2020

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graduates God's blessings and strength to overcome the world's and life's challenges, the knowledge and fortitude to create change for the better, and God's joy of life and what it brings. Father John's prayer followed into the National Anthem, sung by graduate Mary Grace Guerin. Valedictorian Regina Campion, Salutatorian Erica Miller, and Class President Grace Comas's speeches continued in the vein of understanding that life is not merely about personal successes, but living for each other, serving one's brothers and sisters, and using one's knowledge and talents for the betterment of the world. As representatives of their Class of 2020, the

speakers emphasized the role of COVID-19 requirements as changing limitations to opportunities. As Mrs. D'Angelo announced each of the 54 graduates, the salutes included not just applause, but happy blaring of car horns for each student. Cheers continued for the recipients of three special awards: the Helen Lou Mahoney Memorial Award recognizing the spirit of school and community service of Sophie Mancini, and the Joseph Garvey Memorial Award recognizing the school and community service of Grace Comas. The Saint Macrina Award, bestowed upon the student who most embodies generosity

of heart, leadership, Christian compassion and caring for others and a permeating attitude of faith and love of God, was presented to Morgan Shissler. Saint Macrina, sister of Saint Basil the Great, lived a life dedicated to God, and was very influential on the spiritual development of Saint Basil.

The accolades continued as the Top Ten academic awards were announced, and new members of the Saint Macrina Chapter of the National Honor Society were welcomed. Recipients of department awards were recognized by Mrs. Theresa Dillinger, SBA alumna and drama director, and emcee of the awards section.

The athletic program at Saint Basil Academy is very strong and growing, as shared by Athletic Co-Directors Hugh McGovern and Steve Sonneborn. In congratulating the graduates, they underscored some of the highlights of this past year, the numerous championships and District 1 Titles, medals, recognitions, and athletes selected for All-

Catholic teams.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 for their \$13,377,000 total merit scholarship awards. The colleges and universities that the graduates will be attending include Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, The Catholic University, Drexel University, Holy Family University, Lock Haven University, Loyola University of Maryland, Neumann University, The Pennsylvania State University, Saint Joseph's University, Temple University, Thomas Jefferson University, and West Chester University.

Graduates expressed their gratitude to the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, the Saint Basil Academy administration and staff, faculty, coaches, their parents and guardians, families, and their fellow classmates for four happy, wonderful high school years. God Bless them on their road in life! Mnohaya Lita – Many Happy Years!

**Submitted by:
Lesia Penkalskyj**



Father John Ciurpita

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Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha

Prayer: don't stop!

Saint Paul said that we should "pray without ceasing." Have you heard this before? What's up with that? How can a person pray without stopping? You are probably thinking, "I go to Divine Liturgy each Sunday. I say my morning and night prayers, but I have homework to do, chores to finish and friends to play with.

Do you remember the three parts of the Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church? I hope you remember that the second part is called **The Prayer of the Church**. Let's look at that section and see what we can learn. You will see that there are many different types of prayer.

The first chapter of this section tells us about the prayer of our Christian community. This is our prayer as we gather together in church.

Attending Divine Liturgy each week is very important. We learn that **the Divine Liturgy is the foundation and summit of the life of our Christian community**.

The **foundation** is what something is build on. Houses are built on a foundation that is strong, maybe brick or cement. The house rests on the foundation and is supported by its foundation. If the foundation of a house should crack and break apart, what do you think would happen to the house? Correct! It would fall down.

The Divine Liturgy is also the **summit** of the life of the Church. A summit is the highest point of something. Think of the summit of a mountain. It is the very top. It is what mountain climbers reach for. It is the goal. The Divine Liturgy is the very top our Christian life.

Now, think about this again. The Divine Liturgy is the foundation **and** the summit. How cool is that! It is the bottom that everything rests on and the top that we reach for. But when Divine Liturgy is over **don't stop there!**

There are other things also we celebrate in our churches besides the Divine Liturgy. We are also

blessed with the seven Holy Mysteries. We have already received the Holy Mystery of Baptism and the Holy Mystery of Chrismation. We receive Christ Himself in the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist. We receive God's forgiveness in the Mystery of Repentance when we confess our sins to a priest. We know that the church will be there with the Mystery of Holy Anointing in times of suffering and illness. When we are grown, the church will be there to strengthen us in our vocation, maybe as a married couple called by God to create a Christian family or perhaps in the Mystery of Holy Orders, where a young man is called to serve God as a deacon, priest or bishop. But if we are to pray without ceasing, our prayer should not end when we leave the church. **Don't stop there!**

Families should gather each day to pray together. Many families have an icon corner where they gather for prayer. Each family becomes a little church. We call it the "domestic Church." They gather together for prayer or the reading of Holy Scriptures. But if we are to pray without ceasing **don't stop there!**

Finally, we come to your own personal prayer. Do you say prayers each morning and each night? I hope so, **but prayer should not stop there either.**

As we begin each new day, we can try to pray without stopping. We can do this using short prayers. You can read about these short prayers beginning on page 223. Our beautiful Christian greetings are a kind of short prayer. When we greet each other, we prayerfully say, Glory to Jesus Christ—Glory to Him forever! The Sign of the Cross is also a short prayer.

It is good to keep these short prayers very simple. One of the best known short prayers is this: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. We can repeat this slowly, with love, throughout the day, offering our day to God by this prayer.

Saying this prayer throughout the whole day will help you remember that God is present, in our heart and in our life. We can say this prayer when we do our homework, do our chores and play with our friends. We can bring prayer closer and closer to the work we do each day. They become united. As we for ourselves and for others, the Holy Spirit helps us to pray. The Holy Spirit prays in us. The Holy Spirit unites our personal prayers to the prayers of the Church.

- Give it a try!
- **And don't stop!**

YOU CAN *Live Monastically*

FOUR WAYS YOU CAN LIVE MONASTICALLY AT HOME

1. DEDICATE YOURSELF TO GOD:

Wear a prayer rope, your baptismal cross, or another sacramental to remind yourself of the promise you made at your baptism, "to believe in Christ and promise to serve Him." Make a simple prayer rope.

You will need:

- some woolen yarn
- matching embroidery floss
- 21 pony beads

First, cut two pieces of yarn and a two piece of floss to measure at least 12 inches. Pair each length of yarn with a piece of floss (the floss will keep the yarn from stretching too much and give added durability to the finished product). Then wrap each end of them together with a piece of transparent tape (like a shoelace, in order to facilitate the pushing of the yarn through each bead) to form two cords. Push both cords through one bead (I used a red one here), and place the bead in the center of the cords, knotting the bead in place on each side. This will become the center point of the chotki.

On each side of the center bead, you will string 10 pony beads in the following manner. Take the bead, and push one cord through from the right side, and the other through from the left, and pull it into place toward the center bead. Continue with the other beads, on each side, until all 20 beads are strung.

After all the beads are strung, knot the cords together behind them, forming a large strong knot, and making a circular set of beads. Cut off the excess yarn to form a tassel. The tassel is traditionally used to dry the penitent's tears as he prays!

2. DEDICATE YOUR HOME TO GOD:

Set up a prayer corner in your home!

Every family should have such a place dedicated to God! It can be fun and easy to create and doesn't have to be at all expensive. Traditionally, the icon corner is placed in a prominent spot, preferably facing east. Icon corners usually center around icons of Christ the Teacher (on the right) and the Theotokos (on the left), just as on the iconostasis in the church. A shelf may be installed there to accommodate service books, a copy of Scripture, prayer ropes, relics and other sacramentals.

Often, a votive lamp is hung just in front of the icons for lighting a blessed candle, and a holy water font can be placed there as well. Children love to set flowers before the icons as an offering to Christ, His Mother, or a favorite saint. They also love to change the linens, which can be made from fabric napkins and collected in all the liturgical colors, reflecting the feast of the day. In order to make the icon corner a useful teaching tool, a family may opt to purchase an inexpensive 11x14 frame and print out copies of various icons to display for the feasts, changing them throughout the year as necessary.

There are as many different icon corners as there are Christian families and there is no wrong way to do it, as long as it reflects the family's love for God. It's as simple as collecting all their spiritual treasures in one place.

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3. DEDICATE THE WEEK TO GOD

In Eastern Christianity, each day of the week is dedicated to a different theme. Learn the commemorations for each day and remember to keep them in mind as you say your daily prayers!

MONDAY: All the Holy Angels

TUESDAY: St. John Baptist

WEDNESDAY: The Cross

THURSDAY: Apostles & St. Nicholas

FRIDAY: The Crucifixion

SATURDAY: The Departed

SUNDAY: The Holy Resurrection

4. DEDICATE YOUR DAY TO GOD:

In the monasteries, monks and nuns gather many times during the day and night to offer prayers to God. Here is a simple way that we can join in those same prayers at home every day by reciting one verse from them at the appropriate times!

FIRST HOUR (USUALLY AT 6AM)

Upon waking up and seeing the light of day, we can consecrate our day to Christ, the True Light of the World, and promise him our prayers of the day by reciting this verse from Psalm 5:
"You will hear my voice in the morning, O Lord!"

THIRD HOUR (USUALLY 9AM)

When you sit down to breakfast you can remember that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles at about that time of the morning, and ask the Holy Spirit to come upon YOU TOO! Recite the verse from Psalm 50 that asks,
"Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew in me a steadfast spirit"

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SIXTH HOUR (USUALLY AT NOON)

When we sit down to lunch we can remind ourselves that it was at noon that Christ ascended the Cross in order to save us. In gratitude for that we can pray a verse from Psalm 53,
"I will praise Your name O Lord, for it is good"

NINTH HOUR (USUALLY AT 3PM)

When you take a break for a snack in the afternoon, or when you arrive home from school, you can call to mind that that was the hour that Christ accomplished his work of salvation on the cross when all the souls were released from Hades and could enter the Kingdom and be home at last with God! Pray a verse from Psalm 83,
"Blessed are they that dwell in Your house"

VESPERS, (USUALLY AT 6 PM)

When we gather together with our family for dinner each night, it is customary to say a prayer in gratitude to God for the food as well as for the blessings of the day. We can call to mind the vespers prayer from Psalm 140:
"Let my prayer ascend to you like incense and the lifting up of my hands, like an evening sacrifice!"

COMPLINE: (USUALLY BEFORE BEDTIME, AT AROUND 9PM)

Before we lie down at night we can say a prayer to entrust ourselves to God's care while we sleep and pray from Psalm 69:
"You are my help and my deliverer O Lord"

-Written by Lynne Wardach



I SPY IN MY LITTLE "I"CON

SAINT ANTHONY

This is Saint Anthony the Great, the father of monasticism. He is famous for his "temptations" which inspired many stories and works of art. His written thoughts are collected in the Sayings of the Desert Fathers.



ST. ANTHONY BY FR. VLADIMIR LYSAK

Do you see the scroll with the writing on it?

This is a famous quote of St. Anthony.

Do you fear God?

Do you Love God?

Can we do both or just one?

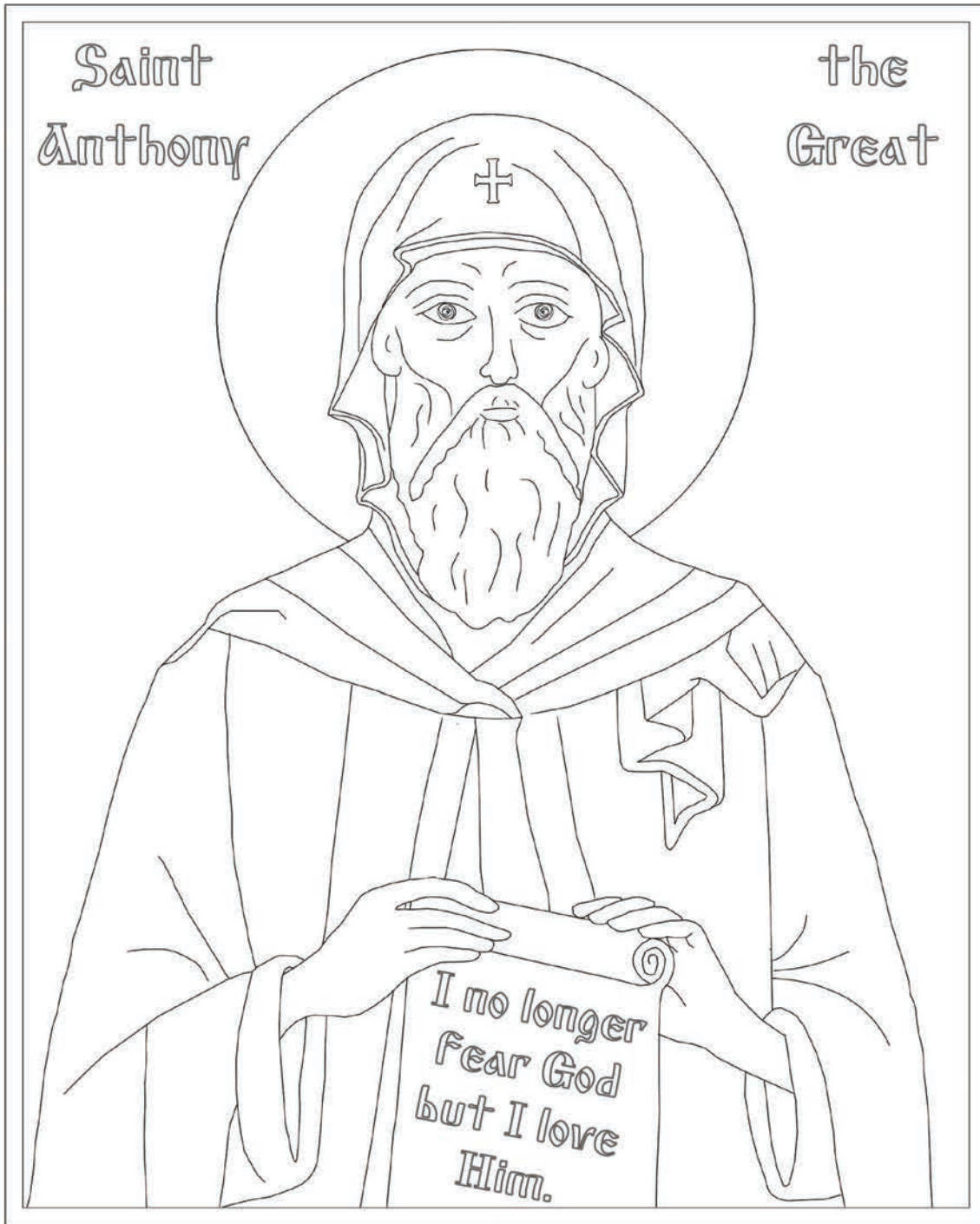
He is often depicted surrounded by wild, repulsive beast representing demons. He also wears the simple monastic hood adorned with a cross, dark mantle, and a lighter tunic belted around the waist.

Can you think of what animal might represent the vices?

What kind of animal would you choose for greed, fame or power?

What virtues do you need to overcome these animal vices?

Let us pray that St Anthony will intercede in helping us to overcome our own temptations in life.



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The Prayerful Words of a Centurion and a Publican

**A Reflection for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost—
All Saints of Rus' Ukraine-Sunday, June 28, 2020**

Gospel Readings
Matthew 8:5-13, (All Saints)
Matthew 5:1-16

On the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, our Ukrainian Catholic Church remembers All Saints of Rus' Ukraine.

In the tropar of All Saints, we learn that these were virtuous men and women “who glorified Christ: princes and bishops, monastics and martyrs, and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times.” They lived the beatitudes taught to us by Jesus Christ in His Sermon on the Mount.

The saints “shine as bright beacons. . . . By their encouraging example, they serve communities of faithful throughout the Christian world.” (Kondak of All Saints)

The saints are ordinary people who led extraordinary, virtuous and holy lives, who are honored by the church. They are exemplars for us to follow and emulate and they also serve as

intercessors for us in heaven.

In his three year public ministry, Jesus encountered many ordinary people from all walks of life—fishermen, Pharisees, adulterers, tax collectors, centurions—and all nationalities—Jews, Gentiles, Samaritans. He also cited ordinary people in the many parables He used to illustrate lessons as He taught His audiences and His disciples.

In the Gospel for today, the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, a centurion approaches Jesus with a request to heal his servant. The centurion, a person who had 100 soldiers under him, hence the name centurion, was a military officer in the Roman legion that occupied the territory of the Jews. Yet he approaches this Jewish Teacher for help. When Jesus replies, “I will come and cure him” the centurion, in his humility says, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed.” (Mt. 8:8)



And how does Jesus respond? He comments on the quality of the centurion’s faith. When Jesus heard this, He was amazed and said to those following Him, “Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.” (Mt. 8:10)

Jesus often comments on the quality of one’s faith, even if one’s faith is only the size of a mustard seed.

In one of the preparatory Sundays before the Great Fast, we recall Jesus’ parable of the Publican

and the Pharisee which tells the story of two men going up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee was a religious leader; the publican was a tax collector for the officials of the Roman Empire. What does Jesus emphasize? The humility and prayerful attitude of the Publican, whose simple prayer was “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” (Lk 8:13)

Let each of us ask ourselves, if we would encounter Jesus today,

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how would He evaluate the quality of our faith and the humility of our prayer? In the Gospels, He emphasized these aspects of faith to the many people he countered and in His teaching parables. Would we be comfortable with Jesus's assessment of the quality of our faith?

The words of both the Centurion and the Publican have been immortalized in the liturgical prayer of the church.

In the Roman Eucharistic Liturgy, before the reception of Holy Communion, the faithful recite the words of the Centurion: "Lord, I am

not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

In our Divine Liturgy, we remember the words of the Publican when we recite the Prayer before receiving the Holy Mysteries, which

includes, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Two ordinary people, a Centurion and a Publican, whose humble and sincere expressions of faith, articulated through simple words, have become prayers of the Church.

Fr. John Fields

Embracing the Truth in These Troubled Times

A Reflection for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost—Independence Day Weekend

Gospel Reading Matthew (8:28-9:1)

In one of the most significant trials in human history, the trial of Jesus before Pilate, Pilate asks Jesus, "What is Truth?"

In the Gospel of John, we read "Pilate said to Him, 'Then You are a king?' Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this, I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice. Pilate said to Him "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)

What is truth? What a profound rhetorical



Declaration of Independence picture in Washington, DC

question?

When one reflects on the meaning of truth, one realizes that truth is

immutable, it does not change. It is an absolute. Think of a witness in the courtroom-- the witness places a hand on the

Bible and swears to tell the truth, the whole

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truth and nothing but the truth.'

But what is the source of ultimate truth in this life?

It is Christ Himself—for Jesus tells us "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters two possessed men and drives the demons out of them into the swine and they meet their doom. The Truth, Jesus Christ, by encountering evil destroys evil. Truth overcomes evil.

The importance of truth for us as moral human beings is beautifully expressed in the encyclical of St. John Paul II entitled "Veritatis splendor—the Splendor of Truth."

"The splendor of truth shines forth in all the works of the Creator and, in a special way, in man, created in the image and likeness of God. Truth enlightens man's intelligence and shapes his freedom, leading him to know and love the Lord."

From the truth that we discern and with which are consciences are formed, we increase our understanding of human existence and ultimately our relationship to our Creator, Almighty God.

The prophet Micah reminds us, "You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: "Only to do justice and to love goodness and to walk humbly with your God."(Micah 6:8)

To do justice and good, one must know the truth.

Sounds simple! Yet we human beings find such advice hard to follow.

One cannot do justice and love goodness without knowing the Truth—the revealed truth of Jesus Christ and what God, the ultimate lawgiver, provides for us in Holy Scripture.

Think back again to the trial of Jesus before Pilate.

After His scourging, Jesus again came before Pilate, and Pilate asked him, "Where are You from? Jesus did not

answer Him so Pilate said to Him "Do you not know that I have power to release You and I have power to crucify You?" Jesus answered "You would have no power over Me if it had not been given to You from above." (John 19:9-11)

What is Jesus telling Pilate? Any power Pilate has comes from God. That Almighty God is the source of our human governance. St. Paul states this principle in his Epistle to the Romans, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established from God." (Romans 13:1)

The ultimate lawgiver is Almighty God.

Our Founding Fathers knew this principle and expressed this reality in these immortal words from the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that

among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

The brave men gathered in Philadelphia in 1776, who risked their lives and their sacred honor to establish this nation, a bold experiment in democracy, acknowledged that all rights are derived not from kings or presidents, or parliaments or congresses. Human beings are endowed with these rights by their Creator, Almighty God.

This Independence Day weekend, let us be grateful and thankful to Almighty God for inspiring our Founding Fathers with the truth and the courage and wisdom to establish for themselves, for us and our posterity this great nation, the United States of America.

And as we enjoy the blessings of liberty, let us walk the Way of Jesus Christ on our journey to eternal life, as we come to know, understand and embrace Him, the Truth of the world.

Fr. John Fields

FEAST OF SAINT OLHA, PRINCESS OF KYIV (July 11, 24)

"We joyfully celebrate feast of St. Olha the wise, singing a festive hymn to Christ, who crowned you with a crown of incorruptibility." (Canon of St. Olha).

Numerous saints in the Church shine like the stars in the heavens and among them are the saints of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. One such saint is the saintly Princess Olha of Kyiv. The author of the "Chronicles" praises Princess Olha as an early star before the rising sun and like a star before the break of dawn." Following her death, she prays to God for Rus.

St. Olha is the first Christian to sit on the throne of Kyiv, the first educator and teacher of the Christian faith in Rus-Ukraine. Her baptism opened a wide path to the acceptance of Christianity in the Kyivan state.

SAINT OLHA WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY PERSONALITY

Saint Olha is one of the most illuminous woman rulers of our princely state. She was distinguished by a bright character, strong will and extraordinary wisdom in governing Rus. She was a woman with a great statesmanship. Our Chronicles call her

"the wisest amidst all persons."

Following the death of her husband, Prince Ihor († 945), Olha ruled with great power. She did so for many years on behalf of her young son Sviatoslav. The historian Natalia Polonska-Vasylenko pays tribute to Princess Olha, who for two decades had shone as an illuminating halo of wisdom and womanly charm or "charisma". (History of Ukraine, 2. I, p. 101).

The profound wisdom of St. Olha was manifested in the fact that she accepted the Christian faith. Thus, she greatly elevated her own authority and that of her nation in the eyes of Byzantium and also in the eyes of all the Christian rulers in Western Europe. "The historian Mykola Chubaty states that Olha stood at the crossroads of the religious and cultural history of Rus-Ukraine" (History of Christianity in Rus-Ukraine, I, p. 186).

Our Church in the liturgical propers for the Feast praises St. Olha, saying: "Like the sun,

your glorious memory has shone on us, Olha the divinely wise one, the mother of Rus princes, the instrument of Christ... strong like a lioness clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit, An untainted teacher of the law and instructor of the Christian faith, receive praise from us, unworthy servants, and pray to God for us as we solemnly celebrate your memory. "

BAPTISM OF SAINT OLHA

There were various influences persuading St. Olha to accept the Christian faith. It was primarily the political, cultural and trade relations of Rus with Christian Byzantium and the other Christian states of the West. Already in the time of Prince Oleh († 912) there were Vikings-Christians in Kyiv and throughout Rus. During the reign of Prince Ihor Christians already had their own church, that of St. Elijah in Kyiv. In this church, a peace treaty was signed between Rus and Byzantium in 944. The Christians living in the Kyiv region swore



allegiance to Prince Ihor, the husband of Princess Olha. Olha also saw the honest and highly moral life of Christians in Kyiv. So it is not surprising that she also had a desire to become a Christian. Prof. M. Chubaty writes about Olga's motive to accept the Christian faith: "There is no doubt regarding her innate intelligence to observe the world around Rus and her relations with Christians, of whom there were many in Kyiv, especially among the Vikings. They slowly led her (Olha) to personally accept Christianity" (Cit. . Chronicles 174).

The date of the baptism of Princess Olha has not been ascertained,

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reported with certainty, But the Chronicles say that Olha was baptized in Constantinople in 955. However, Greek sources describe with detail the stay of Princess Olha at Constantinople in 955-957. They do not mention her baptism. They would not have avoided such an important event such as the baptism of the ruler of Rus. The sources would not have remained silent. Most historians believe that Olha was baptized in Kyiv circa 954-955. After Princess Olha had become a Christian, she was greatly noted by those in Constantinople.

The Christian faith greatly influenced the personal life of Princess Olha and also those around her. As a practicing Christian, she had begun to do many a work of mercy. Some documents report that Olha built the Church of St. Sophia in Kyiv and gave money to build the Church of the Holy Trinity in Pskov. In 959 Olha sent ambassadors to King Otto I of Germany. Western historians claim that Princess Olha asked the King to send to her a bishop and some priests. The attempts of Princess Olha to convert her son Sviatoslav to the Christian

faith were unsuccessful. In the Chronicles, we read: "Living with her son, Sviatoslav, Olha taught him the need to be baptized, but he did not adhere to it nor did he accept it.. Olha never stopped trying to influence her son to likewise accept the Christian faith. She felt it would be a great source of joy and consolation. Nonetheless, he did not heed the message.

Princess Olha wanted her son Sviatoslav to enact a law for the peoples of Rus to accept baptism and Christianity. Olha sought to persuade him, saying: "When you are baptized, everyone will do the same." The Prince did not listen to his mother, instead he created new pagan customs. But, not even this could stop Olha from still loving her son Sviatoslav. The saintly Princess prayed that the Holy Will of God be done. Olha prayed that when the Lord wanted to have mercy on her family and the land of Rus, He would touch their hearts and turn them to God, just as the Almighty did with her. Night and day, Olha prayed.

Although Olha did not succeed to convert her son Sviatoslav to the Christian faith, her influence remained great. The historian M. Chubaty notes that Prince Sviatoslav had become tolerant with those of the Christian faith. His loyalty to his mother Princess Olha remained constant. As we read in the Chronicles, Princess Olha gave the work of her son's conversion completely over to the Holy Will of God.

Princess Olha herself had accepted baptism and had become a Christian. She wanted others to do likewise. The Baptism of Rus would occur when her grandson, St. Volodymyr the Great, accepted the Christian faith and was baptized in the Dnipro River.

Princess Olha had left specific instructions regarding her burial. It was to be completely according to Christian ritual and with no pagan ritual at the grave. She died in 969. Future generations would recall her great zeal for the Christian faith. Truly, St. Olha, Princess of Kyiv, is one of the great saints of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, whose life we honor, respect and affectionately recall to mind and celebrate and in the spirit of Christ go and do likewise.

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FEASTDAY OF SAINT VOLODYMYR THE GREAT: THE APOSTLE OF THE HOLY FAITH & THE BAPTISM OF RUS-UKRAINE (July 15, 28)

*"Come, faithful, let us sing a spiritual song and glorify Christ,
Whose light glorified the venerable Prince Volodymyr the Great "*
(Canon of the Matins of the Feast).

Among the illustrious leaders of the Kyivan state was St. Volodymyr the Great. His name is remembered in the history of Rus-Ukraine not only as a powerful and able ruler, but most of all as a baptizer, educator and zealous apostle of the Christian faith. The holy faith, which he accepted from Byzantium, eventually had become the heart and soul of the Ukrainian people and nation. Christianity was the moral basis of our government, our culture, our customs and rites, especially in the days of suffering and tribulation. Especially during the time of persecution under the godless rule of Communism, our faithful people were strengthened in their common Christian faith. And this is precisely the great merit of St. Volodymyr the Great, who gave our people a valuable treasure of the holy faith to preserve for generations to come.

The Christian faith was not something foreign and unknown to Volodymyr the Great. There were

already Christians in Kyiv who had their own church under Prince Ihor. His grandmother, St. Olha, Princess of Kyiv, had raised and educated him. Princess Olha was a Christian. Instead of introduce the Christian faith throughout her country, Olha influenced her grandson, Volodymyr the Great. He not only received Holy Baptism himself, but also baptized all the people of the Kievan state.

Prince Volodymyr decided to accept the holy faith from the East, from Byzantium. He had close political, cultural and economic relations with both Byzantium and Bulgaria. He felt in his heart that the Christian faith by way of Byzantium would best corresponds to the mentality of our Ukrainian people. The prayers of Christian faith written in the liturgical and worship books would be in a language understood by the people. Volodymyr the Great, according to our chronicle, was baptized in 988 and was given the name "Basil" at the



time of Holy Baptism

By his order, the capital city of Kyiv and the whole nation were baptized. Metropolitan Hilarion reported that Prince Volodymyr ordered them, "to be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit throughout his land, that the name of the Holy Trinity might be glorified in all cities."

Prince Volodymyr desired that all should become Christians, "small and large, servants and free, young and old, boyars and peasants, rich and poor." Prince Volodymyr the Great died on July 15, 1015. He was buried in the Tithe Church in the chapel of St. Clement, where his wife Anna,

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FEASTDAY OF SAINT VOLODYMYR THE GREAT: THE APOSTLE OF THE HOLY FAITH & THE BAPTISM OF RUS-UKRAINE

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who died in 1011, was already buried.

Prince Volodymyr had become a zealous apostle, missionary of the Christian faith. A main achievement after his baptism was to establish a church hierarchy, build God's temples, and establish Christian schools. In 989, the year after his baptism, he began building a church in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, also called the Tithe, because he allocated a tenth of his princely income to maintain it. Thus he began the construction of God's churches in Kyiv and throughout Rus. Metropolitan Hilarion writes in his "Word": "Throughout the land of Rus. Volodymyr erected churches for Christ and appointed ministers for worship." The monk Jacob, a contemporary of St. Theodosius of Pechersk, had written the work, "Praise" in honor of Prince Volodymyr. He wrote: "All the land of Rus and all the gardens, he (Volodymyr) decorated with holy churches."

The Christian faith had a

wondrous effect on the heart, soul and character of Volodymyr. He was deeply concerned with faith. He lived and practiced it in his daily life. Volodymyr emphasized just how much the Christian faith had changed his life. The monk Jacob reported: "And blessed Prince Vladimir loved God with all his heart and soul and appreciated and kept His commandments." His love for his neighbor was manifested primarily in the various manifestations of mercy. In his work, Metropolitan Hilarion praised the Prince's charity: "You gave alms to those who asked, clothed the naked, fed the hungry and gave drink to the thirsty, helped the sick, redeemed debtors, and freed slaves. Your bounties and alms are still remembered by all the people. "The monk Jacob said: "I cannot enumerate all his alms... not only in Kyiv, but throughout the land of Rus. "

"All modern sources agree," says Prof. M. Chubaty - that after his baptism Volodymyr

completely changed his previous life and was imbued with the gospel truths of mercy and charity, love of neighbor. He turned his wealth not only for state needs and the construction of churches, but also to help the poor, the sick and widows." (History of Christianity in Rus'-Ukraine, TI, p. 279)

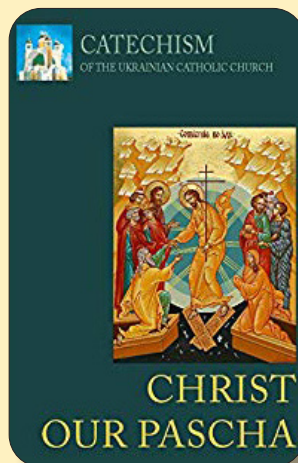
Our Church in the liturgical propers for the feast of St. Volodymyr describes the saintly Prince as "another Constantine in word and deed", "a true preacher",

"a pillar of the true faith", "exemplar of piety and an avid preacher of the faith", "another (St.) Paul", "an equal to the Apostles", "a lamp of light", "a glorious follower of Christ", "a zealous apostles", and "Teacher of the Faith".

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Catechism



In the Ukrainian Christian tradition, the symbolism of Jordan water is closely connected with the memory of the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine by Grand Prince Volodymyr. The river Dnipro, in which the people of Kyiv were baptized, is figuratively called the "Ukrainian Jordan." On the feast of Theophany in Ukraine,

an ice cross is erected as a sign and a memorial of baptism.

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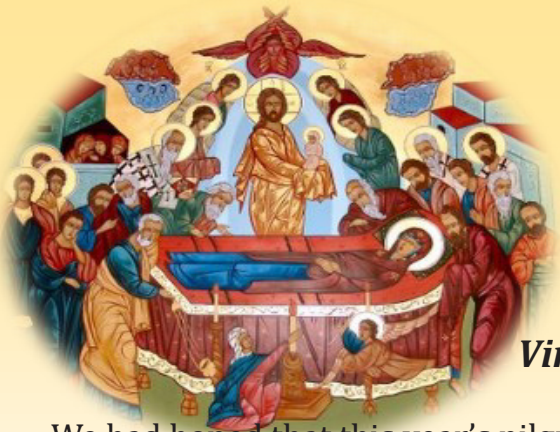
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UPDATE: *Due to the Coronavirus, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate Announce that the 66th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage August 8 - 9, 2020 will be a Virtual Pilgrimage (via internet) this year.*

We had hoped that this year's pilgrimage would have been a place of sanctuary where all of us could gather to replenish our souls after the devastating effects of this pandemic. However, there is still uncertainty as to when travel and gathering in large groups will be safe.

We plan to live-stream Divine Liturgy for that weekend as well as offer other opportunities for the faithful to receive spiritual graces. We will try to have the Divine Liturgy also broadcast on television.

We hope to provide opportunities for those who do not have internet access.

Please watch for details in the near future.

Оновлення: *Сестри Службниці повідомляють, що через ситуацію з коронавірусом COVID 19, 66-а Успенська Проща у Слоцбургу, 8-го і 9-го серпня 2020 року, відбудеться у віртуальному форматі.*

Ми сподівалися, що цьогорічна проща стане для нас місцем прибіжища, куди кожен із нас зможе прийти та відновити духовні сили після виснажливих умов життя в часи пандемії. Проте, ситуація досі залишається невизначеною і невідомо коли зібрання великої кількості людей будуть безпечними.

Ми плануємо транслювати «наживо» в мережі Інтернет та, по можливості, на телебаченні Святу Літургію та інші богослужіння, з яких би наші вірні могли користати духовно.

Сподіваємося, що нам вдасться не оминати нікого, навіть тих у кого немає доступу до Інтернету.

Слідкуйте за нашими повідомленнями





*The Annual
A Call to Prayer
Marian Pilgrimage
Scheduled for Sunday,
August 30, 2020*

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
Centralia, Pennsylvania**

Has Been Canceled

“A Call to Prayer Marian Pilgrimage” in Centralia, Pa. is canceled this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

July 2020 Schedule of Zoom Talks

- Understanding the Old Testament**
WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 The Old Testament, properly known as the Hebrew Scriptures, began from oral tradition and was gradually written down over a period of more than one thousand years. It includes multiple languages, genres, and cultures of the ancient Near East. How can we begin to understand these biblical books and their messages?
- Understanding the New Testament**
WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 The New Testament was written in Greek by a number of authors over a period of fifty to sixty years. The twenty-seven books draw heavily from the Hebrew Scriptures but also from Greco-Roman philosophy and rhetoric. How is the New Testament Structured? Who determined the books contained by it?
- Christianity and the Beginnings of Islam**
WEDNESDAY, July 22, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 Islam began in the 7th century and spread with incredible speed throughout the Near East and other regions with ancient Catholic populations. What does the documentary evidence suggest about early interactions between Christians and Muslims? What can we know about the formative centuries of Islam?



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**SOUTH
ANTHRACITE
DEANERY**

Youth Gathering at Knoebels on Sunday, July 12th, 2020 is canceled.

This is due to the coronavirus pandemic and the delayed opening of Knoebels amusement park.

We will schedule a youth gathering for next year.





Honorary Consulate of Ukraine in Philadelphia will have a consul's day on Saturday, July 25, at Ukrainian Educational Center (700 North Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA) for anyone who would like to apply or renew Ukrainian international passports, notarize affidavits, receive documents proving citizenship of Ukraine, etc. Consuls of the General Consulate of Ukraine in New York will be present to meet everyone. Please make an appointment prior to the meeting by calling 267.738.5778.

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ ДО УВАГИ ГРОМАДИ! Почесне консульство України буде проводити консульський день, коли можна буде подати документи на оформлення або поновлення закордонного паспорту, зробити довіреності, документ встановлення громадянства, тощо. Прийом буде проводитись в суботу, 25 липня в приміщенні Українського Центру в Дженкінтауні, консулами з Генерального Консульства України в Нью Йорку. Прийом тільки за попереднім записом по номеру 267-738-5778.

Summer Divine Liturgy in Lewes, DE

Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church will celebrate Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at St. Jude the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Lewes, DE at 5:30 PM on Sundays: July 26 and August 30, 2020.

For more information, please call at 302-762-5511.

St. Jude The Apostle Roman Catholic Church is located at 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958.



2020 South Anthracite Deanery Ukrainian Seminary Day

Our Ukrainian Seminary Day is Canceled.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions our Yearly Celebration of Ukrainian Seminary Day is canceled. In order to maintain the deanery tradition of praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, the Bishop along with the clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery will join to celebrate the Divine Liturgy for vocations to the priesthood and religious life at 11 AM on Sunday, July 26, 2020 in St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah, PA, the first Ukrainian Catholic parish founded in the United States. This special Liturgy will be closed to the public but planning for live-streaming.



Fr. Mykola Ivanov - Dean and clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery.

Alcoholics Anonymous

**There is a Ukrainian-language Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets in "Zoom."
For information please contact Taras at 1-347-722-4130 or email aa@aa.lviv.ua .
More information is available at www.aa.lviv.ua .**

НАДІЯ ЗЦІЛЕННЯ ВІД АЛКОГОЛІЗМУ

Вітаю всіх із 85-ю річницею Спільноти Анонімних Алкоголіків, завдяки якій тисячі чоловіків і жінок знайшли ТВЕРЕЗІСТЬ, позбулися згубної звички пияцтва. 85-років !

Я вдячний за цей шлях, який відкрився мені і маю надію на вільне і щасливе життя !!!
Офіційною датою створення спільноти Анонімних Алкоголіків вважається 10 червня 1935 року. Але перша «зустріч взаємодопомоги» відбулася місяцем раніше - 12 травня.

Нью-йоркський маклер Уїльям Вілсон в цей день був у відрядженні в місті Акрон, штат Огайо, і відчував нестерпне бажання напиться. У спробах приборкати спокусу він звернувся до місцевого відділення Оксфордської групи - товариства поборників християнських заповідей.

Там йому порадили обговорити свої проблеми з місцевим хірургом Робертом Смітом, який також прагнув зав'язати з випивкою.

Замість запланованих 15 хвилин Уїлл і Боб проговорили 7 годин. І мало того що вони не напилися, так ще й поділилися своїм досвідом з іншими.

До 1937 року група з промовистою назвою ААА (Асоціація Анонімних Алкоголіків) налічувала вже 40 учасників,

А коли послідовників Програми вже було більше 100 осіб, - створили організацію, щоби буде надавати допомогу іншим подолати шкідливу пристрасть до алкоголю.

Станом на сьогодні відділення спільноти є в 180 країнах світу і відвідують їх засідання більше 2,5 млн осіб.

В Україні є більше 130 груп АА.

- у США україномовна група збирається у месенджері ZOOM, що середі та що п'ятниці, а також є жива група АА, яка має свої зустрічі що середі у Чикаго.
За інформацією можна звертатися до Тараса +1-347-722-4130 або на е-мейл: aa@aa.lviv.ua. Більше інформації можна отримати на www.aa.lviv.ua



APPEAL OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

To the faithful of the UGCC and people of good will in Ukraine and throughout the world in response to the flooding in Western Ukraine



Friday, June 26, 2020

Your Graces and Excellencies, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Venerable Brothers and Sisters in monastic and religious life Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the elements which gives us and all that surrounds us life, and provides comfort in our homes, in these past days in areas of Western Ukraine has

been transformed into a veritable disaster that is being characterized as the worst flood over the past century. Over 300 inhabited towns and villages are under water. Key transportation arteries have been ruined, railways and bridges have been damaged, thousands of buildings are without power. But the greatest disaster – human casualties. And so, at the opening of this appeal I express my sincere condolences and

assurances of my prayers for those who lost their loved ones.

If the coronavirus pandemic restricted us to our own residences, this flooding has deprived thousands of people of that protection. Inclement weather has devastated harvests, destroyed planted fields and private gardens. People have lost their means for existence. Tens of thousands of hectares of land are covered with

water and mud. People are being evacuated from their residences in large numbers in an effort to safeguard their lives. Hospitals have been inundated including facilities providing treatment to those infected by the coronavirus.

The effects of this flood in the present economic crisis, compounded by the pandemic, carry

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APPEAL OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

In response to the flooding in Western Ukraine

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the threat of real social trouble on a national scale. If quick and decisive action is not taken, then before the winter we may find ourselves facing a humanitarian catastrophe.

In this pastoral appeal I reach out to all who have suffered from the flood, who experienced fear for their lives, pain and a sense of helplessness, especially to those who even now find themselves in the midst of this turbulent event, with the words of Jesus Christ: "Fear not!" Your Church, which constantly prays to the merciful God, is with you in this difficult time, and seeks to embrace you with her warmth, concern, and care. I wish to assure you, that she is and will be your voice and protector before the mighty of this world, and will carry the truth about your distress and despair to the global public and to the world Christian community.

Every calamity that people experience in their lives is an opportunity to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that

those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible.

Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable foundation "Caritas," to organize rescue for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, in the spirit of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel, to support those who are now deprived of their home and have come face-to-face with misfortune.

I direct my request to the world community and to international humanitarian organizations: be open to respond to the needs of those who have become victims of the disaster that has afflicted regions in Western Ukraine.

As we look at the consequences of this catastrophe, we must at the same time reflect on what brought it about. Pope Francis says: "God always forgives, we men forgive sometimes, but nature never forgives." The cause of this disaster

that we are experiencing is this predatory attitude of humans towards the environment. Climate change on a global scale and uncontrolled destruction of Carpathian forests forced nature to raise its menacing voice, before which we cannot remain silent.

In this period of Peter's fast, taking into account the present dramatic situation, I call on you to rethink your attitude towards your surrounding environment, a rethinking which should include being conscious of the danger of ecological sin, and repentance before the fact of God the Creator, in order that we may learn to care responsibly for our common God-given home and increase nature's inheritance.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Those who have suffered from this calamity need our prayers and sympathy. I sincerely ask that this Sunday at Divine Liturgy we pray for all the victims of the flood and for those rescue workers who are dealing with its consequences.

May our Lord, who is with us always, in the joys and hardships of our life, help us overcome this trial with the dignity of God's children. May the protection of the His Most Pure Mother, glorified in so many churches of our hospitable Carpathians, cover all who have become hostage to this aquatic calamity. Appealing to the Lord to send generous gifts upon those, who will help the victims, I pray that He might be merciful to all of us.

+ SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv, at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, on the leaving day of Feast of the Holy Eucharist, June 25, 2020 A.D.

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His Beatitude Sviatoslav: I thank all of you who so strictly follow the rules of the quarantine

Monday, July 6, 2020

His Beatitude Sviatoslav thanked those who follow the rules of quarantine. In his speech at the end of the Divine Liturgy in the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ on Sunday, July 5, His Beatitude, in particular, stressed the importance of wearing masks, disinfecting hands, and maintaining social distancing.

"Let me sincerely thank all of you for the fact that today we could still rejoice in praying together," said the

Head of the Church, addressing the faithful.

Expressing gratitude for the observance of the quarantine rules, His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted that nowadays wearing a mask is a sign of respect for another person, for his life and health. "Thank you very much to all those who are wearing these protective masks in the church today. Thank you for keeping a social distance, disinfecting your hands with the sanitizers at the entrance to the church," the Bishop emphasized.

"May the Lord God grant us all good health during such a difficult time which tests our discipline, our Christian and national consciousness," the Head of the Church wished at the end of the prayer.

It should be recalled that the UGCC Anti-Crisis Center has recently published Liturgical Recommendations for the Time of Pandemic

They include rules for personal hygiene, behavior in the church, the way of administering the Holy Sacraments, worship,

pilgrimages, etc. The recommendations are not binding but advisory. Their observance, as noted in the Anti-Crisis Center, testifies to the responsible attitude of Christians to the new challenges.

The UGCC Department for Information

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Pope Francis prays for those suffering in Yemen and Ukraine

June 28, 2020

Pope Francis expresses his closeness and prayers for the people of war-torn Yemen and for those affected by flooding in western Ukraine.

By Devin Watkins

Following the Angelus prayer on Sunday, Pope Francis invited everyone to pray for the people of Yemen and Ukraine.

"I invite you to pray for the people of Yemen,

especially for children, who are suffering due to the serious humanitarian crisis," he said.

Pope Francis also appealed for prayers for people in western Ukraine, which has

seen torrential rains and flooding.

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“May they experience the Lord’s comfort and the care of their brothers and sisters,” he prayed.

At least 3 people have died in the flooding, and hundreds have

been forced from their homes. Several villages have been cut off from surrounding areas.

Prime Minister Denys Shmygal toured the region earlier this week.

“The situation in five regions is critical. The Ivano-Frankivsk region suffered most,” he said. “The last such flood was in 2008.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-06/pope-francis-angelus-appeal-for-yemen-ukraine.html>

Syncelli of social services from all eparchies of the UGCC in Ukraine held an online meeting to support people suffered from flood

Monday, June 29, 2020

In response to an appeal made by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, on Saturday, June 27, head of the Department of Social Affairs UGCC bishop Vasyl Tuchapets called an online meeting with syncelli of social services of all eparchies and exarchates of the UGCC. Priests of Ivano-Frankivsk metropolia, which suffered the most from the flood, discussed a situation mentioning that some 6 or 8 thousands of dwellings have been flooded. Urgent needs consist of drinking water, food, rubber boots, clothes, blankets.

Church institutions have already provided their assistance. Particularly, the initiative group in charge of an economist of Ternopil and Zboriv

eparchy with a blessing of bishop-metropolitan Vasyl Semeniuk sent aid to the victims of their archeparchy in Monastyrskiy and Kolomyia districts.

Eparchial charity funds “Caritas – Ivano-Frankivsk” and “Caritas – Kolomyia” together with parochial philanthropic communities of the eparchy have already joined hands in the

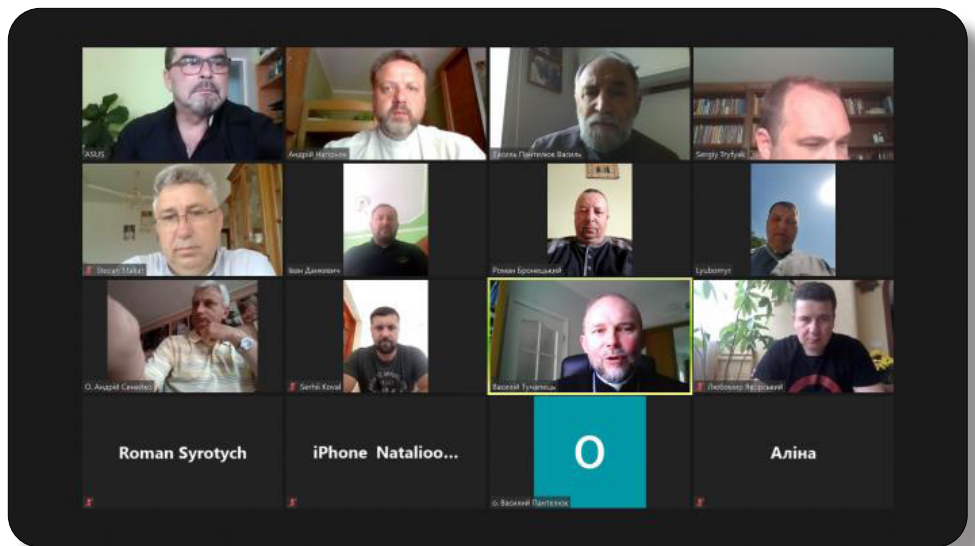
process of providing help, delivering food, water, detergents, clothes.

At the end of the meeting Bishop Vasyl Tuchapets thanked all for their growing willingness to serve and help the victims and informed that in order to uphold an appeal made by His Beatitude Sviatoslav, it has been settled to organize donations

within eparchies under the guardianship of the Patriarchal Curia of the UGCC.

The UGCC Department for Information

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New Directory for Catechesis is “a joyful event in the life of the Church”

The Pontifical Council for Promotion of the New Evangelization presents the new Directory for Catechesis during a press conference held in the Vatican on Thursday.

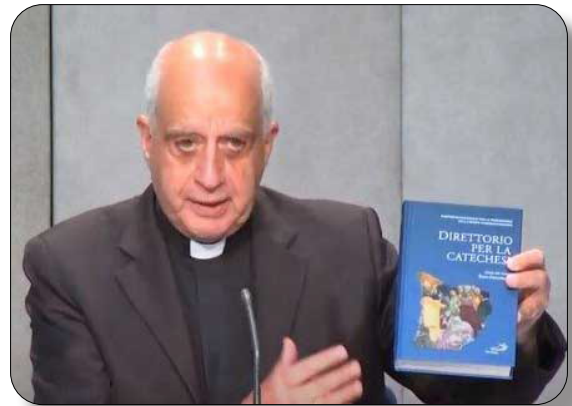
By Vatican News

“The publication of a Directory for Catechesis is a joyful event in the life of the Church.” These were the opening words of Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the Pontifical Council for Promotion of the

New Evangelization, during a press conference in the Vatican organized on the occasion of the release of a new Directory for Catechesis on Thursday.

Presenting the Directory, Archbishop Fisichella said the new edition, the third since the Second Vatican Council, is the result of a wide international consultation.

The new Directory for Catechesis was released in Italian on Thursday. It will be also published in other major languages.



Other speakers at the press conference included Archbishop Octavio Ruiz Arenas and Bishop Franz-Peter Tebartz-van Elst, Delegate for Catechesis and Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promotion of the New Evangelization respectively.

Read the entire article at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-06/archbishop-fisichella-new-directory-for-catechesis-is-a-joyful.html>

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