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Celebrating Our Missionary Sisters



The Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God celebrated their 75th Anniversary on October 10, 2020 at their Motherhouse in Philadelphia. Photo (l to r): Sr. Yosaphata, Deacon Paul Makar, Sr. Thomas, Archbishop-Metropolitan Borys Gudziak, Sr. Maria, Bishop Andriy Rabiyy and Sr. Timothea

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Word from the Metropolitan

Celebrating Our Missionary Sisters

On the Feast of the Patronage of the Mother of God, our Archeparchy, within the limitations placed by the pandemic, unassumingly and intimately, commemorated the anniversary of the founding of the Missionary Sisters. A Divine Liturgy of thanksgiving and a Panachyda for deceased members of the community was at the heart of the last week's quiet and prayerful celebration.

Founded on the Feast of the Patronage of the Mother of God, by Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky and Auxiliary Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn, this tiny community of religious sisters —14 full-fledged members over the 75 years—had a noteworthy spiritual impact and continues quietly to inspire many people in our Archeparchy.

When one reflects on the rich legacy of their activities, it is a wonder — how was it possible? The Sisters founded the Mother of God Academy in Stamford, Connecticut; organized and operated



Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn with the Missionary Sisters

two nursery schools (Philadelphia and Stamford) and our Ukrainian Catholic school in Perth Amboy; conducted summer schools and weekend religious and catechetical classes; published sacred art projects; embroidered beautiful vestments; embellished pysanky with studious detail and great tenderness; published books for children; and recorded liturgical singing for the community; all the while continuing supporting

the bishops with meals and tending to their daily needs.

Our Missionary Sisters continue to fulfill their mission, generations of service for the spiritual enrichment of those they serve — forming youth on the basis of Christian principles in the Byzantine-Ukrainian rite. Joyous voices of the children they taught can still be heard echoing in their home on Franklin Street adjacent to the Ukrainian cathedral.

Sadly, the house is now only half-full due to the absence of new vocations. The Sisters had to curtail many of their activities. However, with characteristic humor and deep faith the Sisters claim that now they are in perfect harmony: with 7 in the Heavenly Kingdom and 7 who continue to serve, witnessing to this Kingdom here on earth.

It is not clear what the fate

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of the Sister's community will be. It is not clear if there will be a 100th anniversary. But maybe that is not essential in God's plans. I was deeply encouraged by Archbishop Ambrose's words that "even if the Sister's community were to end in my lifetime, their efforts are impactful and worthwhile, since much has been accomplished". I can say the same.

Upon reflection in the spiritual context what was accomplished?

Praise of the Lord has been rendered, prayers and petitions answered. The primary goal of the newly created congregation in 1944 (the 75th anniversary is year-long commemoration), was "to seek the Glory of God through the sanctification of its members bound by the three vows and the observance of the constitution." Without canonizing any one individual but recognizing the Sister's community as a whole, I wish to share what I have said at a Permanent Synod of our Church. One of the most uplifting experiences in my short and modest service in Philadelphia



has been spending time with the Missionary Sisters who pray with us daily and who, in this confusing time, with all their frailty and the scarcity in numbers, remain truly joyful in the Lord.

There were never many disciples around Jesus. As I have mentioned in my previous article, the first-century Churches to which Paul preached were the size of many of the parishes in our Archeparchy. Not much

to write home about.

The Kingdom of God is not about quantity but quality: the quality of living and believing together, and the quality of mutual support. It is the type of quality we see in our Missionary Sisters. Most recently we saw it when through the grace of God and patient nursing of her co-sisters Sister Evhenia rose up from her deathbed. In February Sister was given one month to live! The loving kindness of

the community was the instrument the Lord used to revive her. It was not broadly broadcast by Fox News or written up in the New York Times. In the spirit of the Sisters, a quiet miracle occurred for those with eyes to see.

The Missionary Sisters gave up much of what our world values — power, fame, financial well-being. Everything

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they stand for, everything they do and manifest, is a sign of the sisters' desire to live with Christ and give everything to Christ. For those of us who stand near them, their witness inspires. Consciously or not, every time we engage with them, we realize that through these religious women the Lord is speaking to us and to the world. Whether it is in the hidden service to frail sisters in their own home or by quietly sitting in the cathedral for hours waiting for the lonely person in need of spiritual counsel. The sisters render witness.

Reflecting upon the discrete service and rich history of the Missionary Sisters, I am filled with gratitude. We thank God for our Sisters' vocation. Jesus called a young girl from Chicago, a few from Brazil, even one from Syracuse, my home town; a Ruthenian, a Ukrainian, an American, each one left everything, and became His follower — these amazing women heard Christ's call.

Beloved Sisters, we thank you for your generous response.

+Borys



Renewing Vows on October 10, 2020 at their Motherhouse

Good Samaritan Pantry Is Being Inaugurated in the Philadelphia Archeparchy



Philadelphia, Pa.— At a meeting of the Philadelphia Deanery clergy on Thursday, October 8, 2020 here in the conference room of the Archieparchial Chancery offices, Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Raby and Sister Theodora Kopyn, OSBM and Mr. Sean McLaughlin, representing the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, presented preliminary plans for the Good Samaritan Pantry, a new social service project being inaugurated in the region. They have been serving as the organizing committee for the program.

Bishop Raby explains “The Good Samaritan Pantry is inspired by the

teaching of Jesus in the Parable of the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke. In answer to the question, ‘Who is my neighbor’ Jesus gives us the example of the Samaritan who took care of the needs of a complete stranger. The Samaritan, with compassion, treated the man as a neighbor. Jesus then commands us ‘to go and do the same.’

It is being organized and sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, Fox Chase, Pa. Parishes of the Philadelphia Deanery are major participants.

Present plans envision operating out of two centers—the Cathedral Social Hall, North Franklin Street in Philadelphia and the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase, Pa.

The program will primarily consist of the ongoing collection of non-perishable food items as well as personal care items for distribution to individuals and families in need.

Parishes and parishioners will be encouraged to enthusiastically support the Good Samaritan Pantry by their contribution-in-kind of food and personal care items, monetary contributions, and

volunteering of time and talents in assist in the collection and distribution of the items collected for those in need.

During this initial organization of the Good Samaritan Pantry, many details and logistics will be developed and refined as the program is implemented. Additional contact points may be established.

The target date for the inauguration of the program is November 15, the beginning of Philip’s Fast, which is also the Fourth World Day of the Poor announced by the Holy Father Pope Francis.

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In his message, Pope Francis reminds us, "Stretch forth your hand to the poor." (Sir 7:32). Age-old wisdom has proposed these words as a sacred rule to be followed in life. Today these words remain as timely as ever. They help us fix our gaze on what is essential and overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always appears in a variety of guises, and calls for attention to each particular situation. In all of these, we have an

opportunity to encounter the Lord Jesus, who has revealed himself as present in the least of his brothers and sisters (cf. Mt 25:40)."

This year, as in the past two years, the parishes of the Philadelphia Archeparchy will also continue their Christmas Social Projects to help their local communities during Philip's Fast.

Good Samaritan Pantry flyers and brochures with additional information

will be made available through parish bulletins and social media websites.

Anyone wishing to volunteer their time and talents may contact Bishop Andriy Raby, by mail at: Archbishop's Chancery, 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19123; email at: vicargeneral@ukrcap.org, or by telephone at 215-627-0143.

Bishop Raby commented,

"In the discourse on the Last Judgment, recall when Jesus being asked, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or homeless, or naked?' Jesus answered and teaches us 'Whatever you did for the least among you, you did for Me.' Through the Good Samaritan Pantry, we will live the message of the Gospel that we have heard proclaimed to us as people of faith."



Bishop Andriy Raby at the Meeting

Sister Elizabeth Bertoldi, OSBM Enters Eternity

**Sister Elizabeth Bertoldi, OSBM
Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province
1931 – 2020**

On Wednesday, October 14, 2020 Sister Elizabeth Bertoldi died at Germantown Hospital where she had been transferred from St. Joseph's Villa Nursing Home.

Sister Elizabeth (Marie Thomas) entered the Order of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great in 1953 after graduating from High School in Atlas, PA. Sister was baptized and chrismated at SS Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mt. Carmel, PA. The only daughter of Edward Bertoldi and Eva Horashak, Sister grew up with three brothers – Michal, Thomas, and Edward.

After taking her first vows in 1956 Sister was assigned to St. Vladimir's School in New Kensington, PA. She went on to serve at St. John the Baptist Church in Northampton, PA (1956-1959); St. John the Baptist in Newark, NJ (1959-1960); SS. Peter and Paul, in Auburn, NY (1960-63); St. John

the Baptist in Pittsburgh, PA (1964-1969) Immaculate Conception in Hamtramck, MI (1969-1971); St. Nicholas in Philadelphia PA (1971-1972); Saint Basil Academy in Fox Chase (1972-1981); St. George Academy (1981-1982); (Province Treasurer) (1975-1983); and the Generalate in Rome as Treasurer (1984-1989). In the nineties Sister responded to the call to begin a new ministry in Pastoral ministry serving in Mahanoy City and McKees Rocks, PA where she ministered to the sick and shut-ins and conducted sessions in Adult Eastern Christian Spiritual Formation. In addition to the all the above Sister was also appointed to the staff of the Office of Religious Education in upstate New York.

Sister served in each of her ministries faithfully and generously until she suffered a stroke in 2007 limiting her mobility and availability for ministry. Never discouraged Sister continued to



have a devotion to her Basilian community, the Associates of the Order, and her family. Sister always was interested in and continued to participate in community meetings and celebrations in as much as she could.

The Sisters mourn her passing but are thankful for her sharing of self, time and talents for the good of the Order and

in service to the Church. May we say of her that she is not just holy, or loving...or she is free but, for the glory of God, all of these and more.

Due to the pandemic there will be no viewing but only a graveside service. The Divine Liturgy will be offered at a later date.

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Saint Basil Academy Announces Intent to Close After 2020-2021 School Year

Jenkintown, Pa. (October 8, 2020): We are deeply saddened to share with our Ukrainian community, that Saint Basil Academy, the all-girls Ukrainian Catholic High School founded in 1931, has announced its decision to close at the end of the 2020-2021 school year, due to prolonged financial strain and decreasing enrollment trends.

Upon their arrival to the United States in 1911, the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, in collaboration with His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Bohachevsky, staffed parish schools and hoped to eventually establish an Academy for girls. That dream was realized in July 1931, when St. Basil Academy opened its doors to educate young women who were entering the Order. As the school’s reputation grew, the doors were opened to day students in 1948.

During the past eighty-nine years the school flourished, initially with students coming mostly from the Ukrainian community. As its reputation of excellence grew, the Academy became a desired high school destination for many girls from Philadelphia and its suburbs. The welcoming community of Saint Basil Academy has empowered young women to enter the world equipped with exceptional knowledge, great character, and a good Catholic foundation.

Last year, we shared with the extended SBA community the harsh financial realities facing our school—that we can no longer sustain Saint Basil Academy on tuition alone—and we launched a vigorous Sustainability Campaign to implore families, alumnae and other contributors to help us try and address these dire financial needs and save our school. While the Sustainability Campaign showed some promising results, it ultimately fell short of its goals: establishing a \$3-5 million endowment, generating \$300,000 in annual giving and retaining at least 60 students for the freshman class.

“Despite the considerable generosity of our community of families and alumnae, and after careful and exhaustive evaluation, the Sisters of Saint Basil recently made the painful, but necessary decision to close Saint Basil Academy at the end of the 2020-2021 school year,” said Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great.

Among other Catholic schools, public, charter, and private, Saint Basil Academy has long faced a challenging financial picture, due in part to increased competition among other schools for students and funding and, most recently, the financial burden of the coronavirus pandemic. “Last year, we came to the realization that our school could no longer sustain itself on tuition alone,” said Sister Dorothy Ann. “We simply cannot overcome the monumental financial challenges facing our school. As we close this last chapter in our school’s history, we will greet this moment with care and compassion, and we will work diligently to provide for our families and staff until the moment our doors must close.” Throughout this year, school leaders will aim to honor the school’s legacy and the cherished memories held by its students, faculty, administration, staff and alumnae.

About Saint Basil Academy

Saint Basil Academy is a college preparatory high school that promotes building the minds of young women leaders through service and compassion. Established by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great and rooted in the Ukrainian Byzantine tradition of the Catholic Church, the Academy is dedicated to academic excellence and educating the whole person by integrating faith and life.

Hollywood Comes to Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy in Philadelphia



Filming for the movie “Hustle” was done at night on Thursday, October 15th on the grounds of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Philadelphia-- A little bit of Hollywood came to Franklin Street and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia from October 14-16.

For two days, the Chancery Offices, the former cathedral parochial school, had a new name with a new sign over its entrance “St. Francis Roman Catholic High School.”

The site became a

location shoot for a new Netflix movie called Hustle, starring Adam Sandler. It is a basketball movie where Sandler plays an NBA scout and he discovers a player in Spain and brings him to America.

All filming was done outside Thursday night and was completed by 1:15 a.m. Friday morning.

Special interior lighting was used to light up

the windows of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral for the exterior shoot. The set dressers added shrubbery and greens in front of several buildings and decorative light fixtures.

Fourteen tractor trailer trucks, which transported equipment, served as make-up, hair, wardrobe, cafeteria and dressing rooms, lined Franklin Street, Eighth Street and Brown Street.

Sandler recently said on a television show that the movie will feature Toronto Raptors’ star point guard, Philadelphia native Kyle Lowry, LeBron James and “loads of NBA guys.”

According to a report printed in The Philadelphia Inquirer in July, Hustle will follow an American basketball scout who was fired after

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discovering a 'once-in-a-lifetime' player outside of the country, prompting him to bring the player to the United States and groom him for the NBA, in efforts to prove naysayers wrong.

The film is being produced by Adam Sandler and LeBron James. It is scheduled to shoot from October to December.

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(In the pictures attached you can see the St Francis Roman Catholic High School sign on the Chancery building and in the wide shot, in the foreground near the pole is the aerial lift for the cinematographer. Also attached are pictures of the trailers, the Cathedral, Chancery and Cathedral social hall at night.)



Trailers behind Cathedral



Beginning to transition Cathedral grounds to St. Francis High School for the movie

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Jesus is the light of the world!

Eleven lights were set up in the Cathedral near the Resurrection Icon to light up the windows for the filming at night



Orange plastic sheets placed over Cathedral outdoor lights

Despite the Covid-19 Pandemic, Pa. South Anthracite Deanery Surpasses One Million Dollar Mark in Funds Raised Since 1985 for Support of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary

Long Branch, NJ—

During the annual clergy retreat held here September 21-23 at San Alfonso Retrerat House, the South Anthracite Deanery clergy presented Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak and Bishop Andriy with a check in the sum of \$22,500 which represented proceeds raised this year by the deanery for the support of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, D.C.



Since 1985 until 2019, the Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day celebration of faith, spiritual and cultural heritage has raised \$987,600 and with the funds from 2020, that total since 1985 is now \$1,010,100.

The year 2020 was a very different and difficult year coping with the coronavirus pandemic and the resulting safe distancing guidelines. The South Anthracite Deanery clergy and faithful were confronted with the dilemma—how to continue the tradition this year without jeopardizing the health and safety of the faithful.

The clergy under the leadership of Very Reverend Mykola Ivanov, protopresbyter of the South Anthracite Deanery, decided that this year, Sunday, July 26 would be a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life since the traditional festival could not be held at Primrose.

“We decided to celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, July 26 in St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah, Pa., the first Eastern Catholic church founded in the United States.,” he said.

Father Ivanov explained that as we prayed for vocations, we returned to the birthplace of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States.

This year funds were raised from appeal letters that were sent to the parishes and a “Lucky Three Raffle” was also conducted. The “Lucky Three” winners were: First Prize: Ticket # 0168 Kathy Kraft - \$500.00; Second Prize: Ticket # 0839 Georgine Borchick - \$200.00 and Third Prize: Ticket # 0225 Mike Semanchik - \$50.00.

Since 1933, when then Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky was the inspirational leader for the first Ukrainian Day for the establishment of the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in the United States, generations of faithful gathered every year on the last Sunday in July in Lakewood Park, Barnesville, Pa. until 1983 to pray for vocations and support the seminary.

After Lakewood Park closed in 1983, without a home, there was no Ukrainian Day in 1984.

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Very Reverend George Dubitsky, dean and Very Reverend Frank Patrylak, vice-dean, in response to an appeal from Metropolitan-Archbishop Stephen Sulyk in 1985, and with the support of the clergy, faithful and South Anthracite Deanery Holy Name Societies, relocated

the annual event to St. Nicholas Grove, Primrose, just outside of Minersville, Pa. On Sunday, July 28, 1985 Ukrainian Seminary Day, with a new format, was once again a reality in Schuylkill County in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania.

This year despite the covid-19 pandemic, the tradition of prayer for vocations and financial support for St. Josaphat Seminary continued.

The deanery is comprised of 12 churches in the Pennsylvania counties of Schuylkill (Frackville, Maizeville,

McAdoo, Middleport, Minersville, Saint Clair and Shenandoah), Luzerne (Hazleton), Northumberland (Marion Heights, Mount Carmel and Shamokin) and Columbia (Centralia).

“Transforming Calamity into Unity, Dignity & Healing” Online Conference Reaches Over 300 Registrants!

On October 10, 2020 an online conference was held titled “Transforming Calamity into Unity, Dignity & Healing.” This conference was sponsored by the League of Ukrainian Catholics and Mothers in Prayer. There were over 300 registrants from all over the USA and countries including: Poland, France, Canada, Belgium, China, Ukraine, Netherlands, and more.



Panachyda for the deceased members of League of Ukrainian Catholics & Mothers in Prayer: Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Father Bohdan Tymchyshyn, seminarians Vasyl Vorokh, Taras Pashchak, Markiyan Dmyterko, Gregory Bliss, Nazariy Dmyterko.

Panachyda celebrated by Bishop Paul Chomnycky at the Online Conference

The conference had video recorded messages from all the presenters. The program began with an Opening Prayer by V. Rev. Archpriest Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director League

of Ukrainian Catholics of America, followed by remarks by Sophia Shchur, National Board President of the League of Ukrainian Catholics

of America and Lesya Muraszczuk, Regional Coordinator of Mothers in Prayer of North America.

The Keynote Address was given by Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak followed

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by presentations by Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk and Bishop Andriy Rabyi.

The program concluded with a Panachyda offered by Bishop Paul Chomnycky for the deceased members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics and Mothers in Prayer groups.



You can watch the presentation online on the League of Ukrainian Catholics website at the following link.

<https://leagueofukrainiancatholics.org/october-10-2020-presentation-1>

“Transforming Calamity into Unity, Dignity & Healing” Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak’s Keynote Address

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear sisters and brothers!

It is good to be at home. It is good for things to slow down. It is good to be in silence, at rest. During this day of spiritual reflection, listening to the Word of God, to the voice of the Lord, as the Lord speaks to us, I invite you to slow down. Turn off your phones, resist the temptation of your computer, unplug the noise and the news, and be with the Lord. It is good to be with the Lord. Though, He’s

always with us, but we are frequently distracted, running around, busy, talking, yapping and yelping. It’s no wonder that we do not always hear His voice.

We may think that our present time is unique. And perhaps it is. Each moment is unique, because each moment is alive, and life is full of dynamism and change. We never step in the same water in the river, as it’s always flowing. But it is a river and it is water. The tumultuous waters of our time have



analogies in the past.

I do not know about you, but I’ve heard tales of unspeakable devastation, either in the Syracuse or New York City living room, where I would listen to the stories

of my grandfather during World War I. He would describe grotesque scenes of carnage. He was in the cavalry, or rather in a canon

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Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak's Keynote Address

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division, as a blacksmith he had to shoe the horses and fix the artillery. Then, he would tell me his stories from World War II, when he lost his wife, my 44-year-old grandmother, from a debilitating disease, and then his 20-year old daughter, my aunt, who perished in the anti-Soviet resistance. When I reflect upon his tales, now it's a memory, it doesn't hurt, I don't feel his pain. It is the past, and it has found its peace in my mind, like the emblematic peace we experience when we go to war memorials or cemeteries.

Again, we may think that our present time is unique, as we are engrossed in complex global and national events. We are experiencing a global pandemic; perhaps we have lost our job; we helplessly watch an insidious war in our motherland of Ukraine; we observe unrest and injustice for many Americans because of their belief in God, the color of their skin, their gender, or social-economic status, when good citizens, policemen and priests are condemned for the

failings of the few; and finally, perhaps our children are far away from us if not physically then in terms of very different values and world views. To the latter points, deep problems in our families is the turbulence that hit us deeply: the death of the loved ones, the loss of friends. These are real storms, and the pain is real and piercing.

So, I reach out to you, during this day of reflection and retreat, I encourage you to slow down and listen to how the Lord speaks and works. The Lord is the spirit unity. It is not a superficial unity, it's not just a local unity. It is a universal unity of all people who embrace Him. Fundamentally, the Lord wants His creatures and His creation to be united both on heaven and earth. All of our times united with eternity. All people with Him personally, with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord gives us freedom and we often walk away. The Lord gave freedom to angels and some became

demonic. And the devil, diabolos in Greek means "to divide". To the points identified earlier, we are all experiencing personal and global strife; and it's at these times we need to make the time to focus on the Lord. To allow God to heal us, and make us whole, to restore our integrity, to lift up our dignity.

This is the meaning of today's message, and embracing opportunity to slow down.

This is the meaning of today. This is a great opportunity. Slow down. You may have noticed (pointing behind his back), we made the clock stop. We can't hear the ticking. We are not worried about racing forward. Again, slow down, we are not going anywhere. Just stop to listen to the voice of the Lord in our hearts.

My grandfather lived for 104 years. He lived in three centuries. He was born in 1898 and died in 2002. He was a man of peace. He'd gone through two World Wars, he had seen great carnage, he saw his family torn apart. He

had to flee multiple times from armies and security agents that sought to have him inform on neighbors. So, he fled crossing international lines, more than once. And then, DP camps, in the end he immigrated, but along the way witnessed the death of member of the family. Never did he return to see his home and his blacksmith's shop. But in his life's journey, he found peace. And with me, and with my brother, his grandsons, he shared humor and hope.

I hope this day will be a day for a relaxed heart, a gentle smile, and a day of inspiration for real hope and finding your peace in God.

We are, as our Holy Father says, all brothers, Fratelli Tutti. We are all sisters and brothers of Jesus. And we are all children of the Father.

May the blessing of the Lord be upon us. May the mantle of the Mother of God cover us. Glory to Jesus Christ!

**+Borys
Metropolitan**

Exploration Underway for a New Mission Church in the Virginia State Capital Region

Henrico, VA—A preliminary meeting was held on Wednesday September 30, with Ukrainian Catholic faithful to explore the possibility of establishing a new mission for the Virginia State Capital region. A group of 27 people met with Fr. Robert Hitchens, dean of the Washington Protopresbytery, and Fr. Alexander Dumenko, pastor of Holy Trinity, Silver Spring, MD, and Annunciation, Manassas, VA.

If you are living in this region, or know of family or friends who have moved to Richmond and the surrounding areas of this part of Virginia, please email any contact information to ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com.

Our Archeparchy of Philadelphia is interested in spreading the Gospel of Jesus to our people where they may now be settling or relocating to and anyone who would like to be part of a Church that has a truly Sacred Divine Liturgy, Mystical Spirituality, and so many rich traditions and customs.



There is a possibility of establishing a mission parish in the Richmond, Virginia area. Anyone in the Richmond area who might be interested in finding out more about the possible mission parish can contact Fr. Robert Hitchens at ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com

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Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church:

The Holy Mysteries of Service

Over the past several months, we have been studying **The Seven Holy Mysteries**. We learned about the Holy Mysteries of Initiation, do you remember those three mysteries? They are Baptism, Chrismation and the Holy Eucharist. We also learned about The Holy Mysteries of Healing. Do you remember them? They are the Holy Mystery of Anointing and the Holy Mystery of Repentance. Some of our Catholic friends might call these seven mysteries, the seven Sacraments. Holy Mysteries and Sacraments are the same thing.

This month we are going to learn about the Holy Mysteries of Service.

When God created mankind, He created two types of people: male and female. There were reasons for this. Firstly, Adam did not find among the animals one that he really could call his equal, someone that he could confide in, and that could be a helpmate. So from Adam's rib, God fashioned one like himself, coming from his own body, yet somewhat different that he was. He made Eve. This was the other half of mankind--woman.

Another reason that God created woman, was so that man and woman could unite in order to raise children and continue the human race. But while the union of man and woman in a permanent relationship is a natural occurrence, Jesus raised this natural union to a mystery. Through **The Holy Mystery of Crowning**, the man and woman express their permanent love for each other publicly and receive the special help of God's grace to be able to always love each other and the grace to raise the children God gives them. The ritual of Crowning begins on paragraph 477 in the

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ Our Pascha. It is interesting to read about this beautiful ceremony.

In the Mystery of Crowning, the crowns placed on the heads of the man and woman show their great dignity. God has created them, "a little less than the angels." It also shows them that they will have the strength to accept martyrdom if necessary. Men and women want to get married when they "fall in love" with each other, But marriage is a serious commitment. Love is not an emotion, as we hear in modern songs. It is an act of the will. Among the many symbols that the crowns present, one of them is Christ's love for the couple, which is intense and infinite. The spouses are expected to mirror this love until death separates them.

The other Mystery of Service is the **Holy Mystery of Orders**. It is through this mystery that we get the Holy Priesthood. It is through the priesthood that we also receive the other mysteries, because they must be administered by a priest.

The priest is called to preach and to sanctify. He must go through years of education in order to learn theology and spirituality in order to pass this on to the people under his care. The sanctification comes through the administering of the holy mysteries, and especially through the Holy Eucharist which the priest brings about at the Divine Liturgy. It is in the Holy Mysteries, brought to us by the priest, that the fruits of Christ's life, death and resurrection are distributed to us Thus raising us up to be able to be more in the likeness of God.

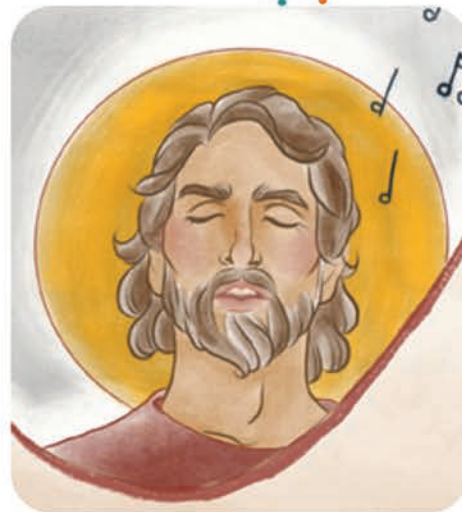
As you grow older, you will start to think about and pray about your place in the world. Many of you will get married and raise beautiful, wonderful children. You will teach them about God and start them on the road to heaven. There will be some boys who might be called by God to serve Him as a priest. Well, where do you think you might fit in?

Written by Dr. William R. Luckey

Saint Romanus

THE MELODIST

Back in the fifth century, in Constantinople, there lived a Syrian monk named Romanus who was the sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. Romanus loved to pray and spent many hours alone in prayer and service to God. Once, on Christmas Eve, he was asked to read the Kathisma verses during the services and did such a poor job that another cantor had to be called in to take his place. He was so ashamed of his poor performance that he mourned all night as he could not sleep. In the morning, he got up early and went to pray before the icon of the Theotokos and pour out the troubles of his heart. To his surprise, she appeared before him in a vision in which she handed him a paper scroll, commanding him to eat it. When he did so he was given the ability to understand music! To his surprise, he began to understand composition, musical theory and hymnography in a way he was never able to do before! This boosted his confidence so much so that he returned to the Church where there was an All-Night-Vigil, and Romanus sang his first Kontakion,



"Today the Virgin gives birth to perfect essence, and the earth offers a cave to the inaccessible. The angels sing His glory with the shepherds; the wise men journey with the star, for there is born for us an Infant Child, God eternal!..."

From then on, Romanus wrote many hymns, which we continue to sing to this day, called Kontakia. His musical talent and service to the church were rewarded as he was ordained a heirodeacon. He served as a choirmaster for the Church for the rest of his life, composing nearly a thousand hymns, eighty or so of which we still use to this day. His feast is on October 1st.

-Written by Lynne Wardach

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I SPY IN MY LITTLE "I" CON

ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST

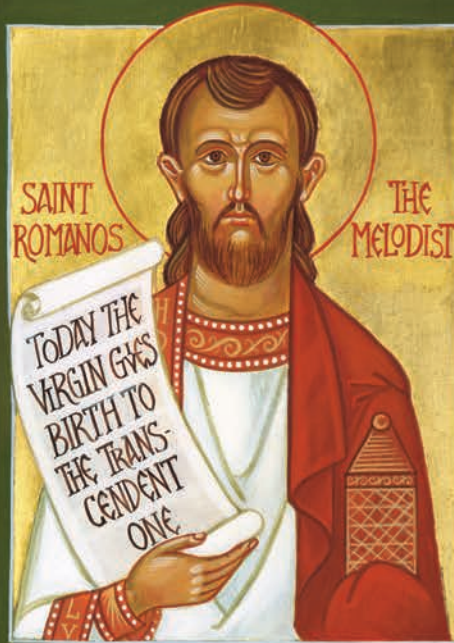


St Romanos the Melodist is the patron saint of church singers and is most famous for his vision of the Theotokos and the subsequent kontakia that he wrote.

Do you recognize the kontakion written on his scroll?

Can you sing it?

Often St. Romanos is depicted dressed as a deacon but he was not a deacon, he was a reader and a cantor. In ancient times readers had their own outfits, which were short red tunics.



ST. ROMANOS THE MELODIST // FR. VLADIMIR LYSAK

Why do you think his hand is covered? Priests and deacons often cover their hands when holding holy things. Can you think of a time when you saw someone cover their hands when holding something holy?

Which feast day is this kontakion written for?

Do you see the small box that he is holding? It is called a Zion and was often in the shape of a church and carried by the deacon. Sometimes it would be used to carry the Eucharist and other times it was used to carry incense or even the church collection. This practice has fallen away and if you see one used now, it is for ceremonial purposes and is most likely empty.

-Written by Kim Bombak



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SAINT LUKE, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (October 18th)

St. Luke was one of the four Evangelists - Gospel writers. The other three Evangelists were: Matthew, Mark and John. Luke is also recognized as the writer of the Acts of the Apostles. Little is known about the life of Luke from Sacred Scripture and early church history. Eusebius, an early church historian states that Antioch, Syria was the birthplace of Luke.

Sacred Tradition teaches that Luke was a Greek and a Gentile. From Sacred Scripture, St. Paul in his Epistle to the Colossians, we read about St. Paul referring to his friends - "those of the circumcision," namely those who were Jews. (10:14) Since Paul does not mention Luke in this group, Luke is believed to be a Gentile. Nonetheless, St. Paul does refer to Luke as "the beloved physician." (v.14) Eusebius, an early church historian, St. Jerome, St. Irenaeus, and Caius, a second century writer also concur that Luke was a physician.

Luke's ministry was focused on the evangelization of the

Gentiles. There is great emphasis on this throughout the Gospel according to St. Luke. Luke has a unique perspective, In Luke's Gospel is recorded six miracles and eighteen parables that are not found in the other Gospels. Luke expresses a desire and hope for social justice towards the poor. In the Magnificat (Luke 1:52-53), Mary proclaims that God "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name, His mercy is from age to age to those who fear Him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty-handed."

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is shown to have great and special sensitivity towards the Gentiles who answer the call to faith. In the Gospel of St. Luke, we hear the parable of the Good Samaritan (the only one who stops to help the victim, the man



robbed and left half-dead near the roadside. (Luke 10:33-37) Our Lord praises the faith of the widow of Zarephath and also that of Naaman the Syrian. (Luke 4:25-27) Also, Our Lord notes that only one person who is cleansed returns to give thanks to God: "Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Luke 17:18-19)

Luke's inspiration and information for writing the Gospel came from his close association with St. Paul. In the Acts of the Apostles, we can

follow the trail of Luke's ministry of evangelizing others to the Christian faith. If we look at the language used by Luke in describing his ministry, we can get a good sense of when and where St. Luke joined St. Paul in evangelizing the faith. Namely, we can note when Luke uses the third person "they" and when he uses the word "we."

Up to chapter 16, St. Luke writes the book of Acts in the third person as an historian. He first uses the term "they": "So they crossed

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SAINT LUKE, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

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through Mysia and came down to Troas. During [the] night Paul had a vision. A Macedonian stood before him and implored him with these words, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." (16:8-9) Luke had not yet accompanied Paul in his missionary work to the various Christian communities.

Suddenly in verse 10 of chapter 16, Luke uses the term "we" instead of "they." St. Luke had joined St. Paul: "When he had seen the vision, we* sought passage to Macedonia at once, concluding that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas, making a straight run for Samothrace, and on the next day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, a leading city in that district of Macedonia and a

Roman colony. We spent some time in that city." (16:10-12)

It was at Troas that Luke first joined Paul in about the year 51 AD. The locations to which they travelled together was Samothrace, Neapolis, and then Philippi. When Paul left Philippi, Luke staid behind in order to encourage the Christians there. Shortly afterwards, Paul is imprisoned shortly afterwards and Luke then uses the term "they" indicating that he Luke did not get imprisoned with Paul. After seven years pass, Paul returns to his missionary journey.

Luke left Philippi to join Paul in Troas in the year 58 AD. Troas was the place where Paul and Luke first met. Luke then travelled along with Paul through Miletus, Tyre and Caesarea to Jerusalem.

Luke is the loyal co-worker, companion of St. Paul. When Paul is imprisoned circa 61 AD in Rome. Luke stays with Paul during this imprisonment and Paul notes this while all others abandon Paul at the time of his suffering and final imprisonment: (2 Timothy 4:11): "Luke is the only one with me."

It is uncertain what happened to Luke after Paul's death. The earliest tradition says that Luke died in Boeotia after settling there in Greece to write the Gospel according to st. Luke. Luke expressed the bountiful mercy of the loving God Who waits patiently for the wayward sinner to return (Parable of the Prodigal Son). Luke the Evangelist also shows what great respect Our Lord had towards women Whom He placed on an equal

level with man. Both genders, men and women, are invited to become inheritors of the Heavenly Kingdom. Luke emphasizes the role of Mary in Salvation History. Luke is the only Evangelist to write about the Annunciation and the Magnificat (Mary's response). Parts of the prayer "Hail Mary" come from that account: "Hail Mary, full of grace" and "Blessed are You among women." (Luke 1:46-56)

St. Luke today is regarded as the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. In church art, Eastern-rite icons, Luke is depicted with an ox, which is a symbol of sacrifice. For Jesus Our Lord made the supreme sacrifice on the Cross to save mankind from sin.

Fr. D. George Worschak, Assistant Editor

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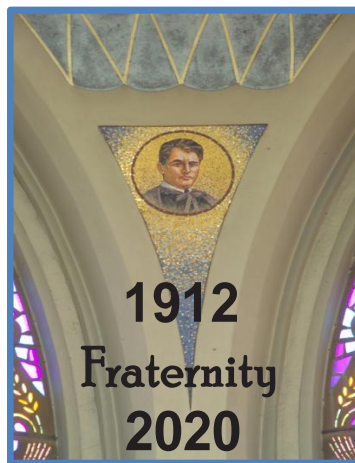
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- **Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy (Mass)**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

The Divine Liturgy of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church brings heaven and earth together in the celebration of the Eucharist. Icons, incense, and chant engage the senses, drawing congregants deeper into the Holy Mystery. The liturgical heritage of Ukrainian Catholicism derives from medieval Kievan-Rus' and ultimately the 4th century Byzantine East, especially Constantinople and Asia Minor. Questions/topics to be addressed: What to expect at a Ukrainian Catholic Divine Liturgy (Mass); Ukrainian Church art and architecture; and the ancient roots of the Ukrainian Catholic Liturgy.

- **Life beyond COVID-19**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

COVID-19 affects nearly every aspect of daily life, from religious worship to grocery shopping to voting. It is almost difficult to imagine how things were before. Interestingly, there are many parallels with two historical health crises: the 1918 Flu and the medieval Black Plague. The former is often mentioned as a point of reference for today's psychological and social effects, while the latter has also received renewed attention. Questions/topics to be addressed: How does the 1918 Flu Pandemic compare to COVID-19? What was the Black Plague? What are the social effects of widespread health crises? What commonalities do these three events share?

- **Second Annual Talk on Halloween and Theology**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

The Church has always taught the existence of angels, demons, and the devil. In fact, priests are still trained as exorcists as they have been for countless centuries. How does the Church explain the existence of these incorporeal entities? Is there any conflict between ancient Catholic doctrine and the scientific outlook of the 21st century? Questions/topics to be addressed: What are angels, demons, and the devil? What are ghosts and hauntings? Why would an exorcism be necessary?

- **What does the Church Teach about Sexuality and Why?**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

It has been argued recently that the mass exodus from the Catholic Church can be attributed largely to sex. In other words, those who leave the Church often do so because they reject Catholic doctrine on issues of sexuality, including sexual activity before marriage, contraception, and homosexuality. What does the Church say about these issues and why? What are the foundations for Catholic sexual morality? Questions/topics to be addressed: sexuality, morality, and the role of the Magisterium.

- **Who was the Historical St. Nicholas?**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 | 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Nicholas of Myra (270-343) was a bishop in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) long remembered for his generosity and miracle working. He remains a highly visible saint in the Byzantine East, comparable in popularity to Francis of Assisi. Today most of us in the United States know him as Santa Clause! Who was St. Nicholas and how did he become the basis for the personification of secular Christmas? Questions/topics to be addressed: early Church history, ecclesiology, as well as sanctity and sainthood.

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On Thursday, November 12 Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak will present a program entitled: Quo Vadis: The Direction of Eastern Catholic Theology, a Pastoral Perspective for the 21st Century.

The Most Rev. Borys Gudziak (Ph.D. Harvard University, S.E.O.I Pontifical Oriental Institute) is Archbishop-Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Archbishop Gudziak also serves as a member of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and as a head of the Department of External Church Relations. Before

being appointed to the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, Archbishop Gudziak served as bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Switzerland. He has spoken and written widely concerning theology, education, and political, cultural, and religious affairs. He is author of *Crisis and Reform: The Kyivan Metropolitanate, the Patriarchate of Constantinople, and the Genesis of the Union of Brest* (Harvard University Press, 1998), as well as numerous articles in European and North American academic journals. Archbishop Gudziak has played an integral role in reviving the Ukrainian Catholic Church following the collapse of the Soviet Union, including helping to re-establish the Ukrainian Catholic University, eventually serving as its rector from 2002-2013, and as its President starting in 2013. He is the recipient of the Antonovych Prize (2006), the Jan Nowak-Jezioranski Award (2016), and the Notre Dame Award, presented by the University of Notre Dame (2019). He was made a Knight of the French Legion of Honor in 2015.

<http://lumenchristi.org/news/2020/08/Eastern-Catholic-Theology-in-Action>

Pope urges science, technology to create inclusive society

07 October 7, 2020

Pope Francis sends a message to the plenary meeting of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, which is discussing the contribution of science for the survival of humanity in light of the pandemic and other issues.

By Robin Gomes

At a time when the pandemic has roiled the social, economic and spiritual fabric of society, Pope Francis hopes that advances in science and technology will help create a more equitable and inclusive society, where the neediest and most vulnerable are given preference.

"How wonderful it would be if the growth of scientific and technological innovation could come along with more equality and social inclusion," the Pope said. "How wonderful would it be, even as we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters who orbit around us!" he said, citing from his latest encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, on fraternity and social

friendship, released on Sunday.

The Pope made the remark in a message to the plenary session of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences which began on Wednesday.

The 7-9 October virtual meeting is focusing on the notion of science at the service of people for the survival of humanity, in light of the SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 pandemic and other global issues.

Working together

In his message, the Pope noted that despite "all our hyper-connectivity", the pandemic has laid bare not only "our false securities" but also the "inability of the world's countries to work together" to resolve problems that affect us all.

The virus, he pointed out, is not only affecting peoples' health but also the entire social, economic and spiritual fabric of society. It is paralyzing human relationships, work, manufacturing, trade and even many spiritual activities.

Starting with the least

The impact of the crisis

on the world's poor is great, the Pope said. "For many of them, the question is indeed one of survival itself."

With great numbers of children unable to return to school, he said, there is the risk of an increase in child labour, exploitation, abuse and malnutrition.

"The needs of the poorer members of our human family," the Holy Father said, "cry out for equitable solutions on the part of governments and all decision makers."

Healthcare systems need to become much more inclusive and accessible to the disadvantaged and those living in low-income countries. "If anyone should be given preference," the Pope said, "let it be the neediest and most vulnerable among us."

And when vaccines are available, there should be equitable access to them regardless of income, always starting with the least.

Ecology

In his message to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope Francis also addressed issues of global warming, the

ecological crisis and the dramatic loss of biodiversity in the context of the pandemic.

He said this moment of crisis is a summons to the human family to repent and undertake an ecological conversion.

Weapons of mass destruction

Pope Francis also spoke about scenarios that could arise from experiments in the world's advanced physics and biology laboratories. In this regard, he said, scientists, like politicians, also have a responsibility "to halt not only the manufacture, possession and use of nuclear weapons, but also the development of biological weapons, with their potential to devastate innocent civilians and indeed, entire peoples".

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-message-academy-sciences-plenary.html>

Pope urges Catholics to pray the rosary amid "looming threats"

October 7, 2020

Holding his Wednesday General Audience on the feast of the Our Lady of the Rosary, 7 October, the Pope shared his thoughts on the Marian prayer.

By Robin Gomes

Marking the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Wednesday, Pope Francis urged Catholics to pray the Marian prayer, especially amid the "looming threats to the world", such as the pandemic. He made the call during his first General Audience in October, the month traditionally dedicated to the rosary.

He spoke about the Marian prayer while addressing the various language groups present at the audience in the Vatican, as well as those following him on the media.

The pandemic

"In her apparitions, Our Lady often exhorted the recitation of the rosary, especially in the face of looming threats to the world," he told Polish-speaking pilgrims. "Even

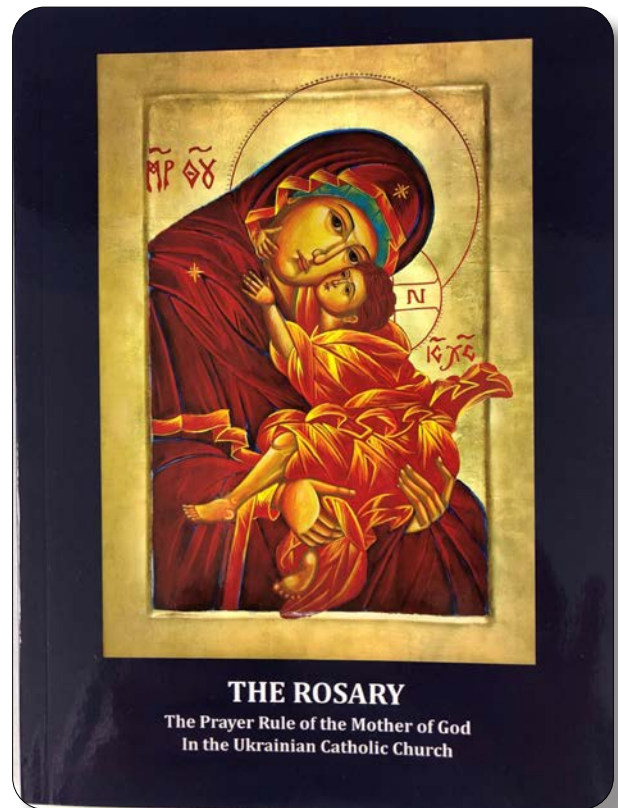
today, in this time of the pandemic, it is necessary to hold the rosary in our hands and pray for us, our loved ones and all people," he said.

Addressing Spanish-speaking pilgrims, the Holy Father prayed that through the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Lord might make "our life, in the midst of this time of the pandemic, a loving service to all our brothers and sisters, especially those who feel abandoned and unprotected."

Mysteries of salvation

Greeting the Arabic-speaking faithful, he invited them to pray the rosary and carry it in their hands or pockets. The rosary, he explained, is the most beautiful prayer that we can offer to the Virgin Mary. "It is a contemplation of the stages of the life of Jesus the Saviour with his Mother Mary and it is a weapon that protects us from evil and temptation."

The Pope also spoke about the rosary as a "contemplative prayer", saying that, in meditating on the mysteries of salvation, "the loving



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face of God Himself, whom we are called to contemplate in eternity, is increasingly revealed to us."

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7 October, the anniversary of the decisive victory of the combined fleet of the Holy League of 1571 over the invading Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto. Pope St. Pius V attributed the

victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle with the rosary.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-rosary-general-audience-pandemic-faith-contemplatio.html>

Take up a cross means to enter a community of people who have taken up a responsibility, - His Beatitude Sviatoslav

October 7, 2020

Christ invites to face everyday reality. If I don't leave my own world of illusions and change my conception of the world I live in, I will not be able to find myself and God in this world. Furthermore, I won't manage to take the first step on a way of a Christian life. Only when a person faces the truth, they have a chance to see the presence of a living God. It was emphasized by Father and Head of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav during his homily to the faithful on Sunday, October 4, 2020.

The Head of the Church mentioned that after the day of Exaltation of the Cross we have an opportunity to comprehend the sacrament of the Holy Cross more profoundly.

The Major Archbishop assumes that words from Gospel of Mark "Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" is the oldest depiction of a Christian life.

"If we put these words into the context of the whole Gospel we will see that denying oneself means to build up proper

relationships with a reality we are surrounded with. Since, we often escape reality. We see and hear what we want to. We are more focused on ourselves and think as if we create our reality by ourselves, and live there as we want to", explains His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

Head of the UGCC also mentions that people tend to close themselves in a shell, while facing different challenges, as an answer to neighbor's pain and sufferings. Nevertheless, if we don't manage to leave ourselves and face a person standing next to us, we won't cope with

our Christian vocation.

Another step in our Christian life is a cross as our personal road, place and our vocation in the world. We can understand how to live and act only when we accept reality as it is and find ourselves within it.

As for His Beatitude Sviatoslav, today we have more types of loneliness and poverty due to social isolation. He believes that Coronavirus pandemic forces us to realize how much we are dependent on each other. "We could become better after the pandemic, when we will learn one more time how to stay together, once we cast aside our loneliness and egoism and meet another person, take our cross and follow Christ to the places where He leads the history of a mankind", explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

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