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The Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church elected Most Rev. Sviatoslav Shevchuk Major Archbishop

Lviv, Ukraine, 25 March 2011: Most Reverend Sviatoslav Shevchuk has been elected Major Archbishop at an Electoral Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Lviv/Bruhovitchi 21-24 March 2011, in accord with the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches and the Particular Law of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC).

His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI confirmed and blessed the election of Bishop Sviatoslav according to the decision of the Electoral Synod of Bishops of the UGCC on 23 March 2011.

Since April 2010, Bishop Sviatoslav, 40 years old,

has been the Apostolic Administrator of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of the Protection of Mother of God in Argentina since.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the newly elected Head of the UGCC made his profession of faith and promise to carry out faithfully his office in the presence of the bishops of the Electoral Synod.

The ceremonies of the enthronement of His Beatitude Sviatoslav as Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych will take place in Kyiv (Ukraine), on Sunday, 27 March, during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the patriarchal Sobor of the Holy Resurrection of Christ. This Divine Liturgy

beginning at 10:00 AM will bring to completion the Electoral Synod.

The Electoral Synod was called as a result of the announcement of the retirement of **His Beatitude Lubomyr Cardinal Husar** on 10 February 2011 due to his deteriorating health. His Beatitude Lubomyr had been elected Major Archbishop at an Electoral Synod in Lviv, in January 2001.

Most Reverend Ihor Vozniak, Archbishop of Lviv, was appointed Administrator of the UGCC and will continue this role until the official enthronement of His Beatitude Sviatoslav.



The Electoral Synod followed a day of prayer and reflection by the membership of the Synod. Sunday, 20 March, Archbishop Ihor along with the bishops celebrated a Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral Sobor of St. George, in Lviv. After the Divine Liturgy the bishops visited the crypt at St. George's Cathedral and prayed at the tombs of the Servant of God Metropolitan Andriy Sheptytsky, Patriarch Josyf Slipij, Major Archbishop

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Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubabivsky as well as other church leaders of the UGCC. Very Rev. Doctor Borys Gudziak, rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv led the bishops in their day of spiritual reflection.

Forty bishops of the UGCC under the leadership of Archbishop Ihor took part in the Electoral Synod. All of the ruling bishops of the UGCC from Ukraine, Poland, Germany, France, Italy, England, Canada, United States of America, Brazil, Argentina and Australia were in attendance. Five emeritus bishops of the UGCC also participated in the Synod. Including the emeritus bishops there are a total of 51 Ukrainian Greek Catholic bishops worldwide, with more than seven and a half million faithful.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is the largest Eastern Church in

full union with the Holy See. On 30 March 1991, Major Archbishop Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky ended his exile in Rome and returned to Lviv. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church ended its forced clandestine existence in 1989 after a period of more than 40 years of persecution by the Soviet Authorities.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav was born in Striy, Ukraine on 5 May 1970. Between 1991-1992 he studied at the Don Bosko Centre for Philosophy and Theology in Buenos Aires, Argentina and then later at Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv 1992-1994. He was ordained a deacon for the Archeparchy (Archdiocese) of Lviv on 21 May 1994 by the late Bishop Phileomon Kurchaba C.Ss.R. and a priest of the Archeparchy of Lviv by Major Archbishop Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky on 26 June

1994. He completed his doctoral studies in Theological Anthropology based on the Byzantine moral and theological tradition at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome in 1999 receiving *Summa cum laude*.

Between the years of 1999 and 2009 he served as prefect, vice rector and rector of Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv. In 2001 he was appointed vice-dean of the theological faculty of the Lviv Theological Academy (later the Ukrainian Catholic University). From 2002 to 2005 he was the chief of staff and personal secretary of His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar and the director of the Patriarchal Curia in Lviv.

On 14 January 2009, His Holiness Benedict XVI, confirmed the decision of the Synod of Ukrainian Greek Catholic Bishops to nominate him auxiliary

bishop of the Protection of Mother of God Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy in Buenos Aires, Argentina, titular bishop of Castra di Galba. His Episcopal ordination took place on 7 April 2009 at St. George's Cathedral Sobor in Lviv. The main consecrator was Archbishop Ihor Vozniak along with co-consecrating Bishops Mykhajlo Mykycej (Buenos Aires) and Julian Gbur, (Striy). On 10 May 2010, Bishop Sviatoslav was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of the Protection of the Mother of God in Buenos Aires. He is currently the head of the Synodal Committee for Clergy.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav's native language is Ukrainian. He is fluent in English, Italian, Polish, Russian and Spanish.

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Other Pontifical Acts

- Granted the confirmation requested of him in accordance with canon 153 of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches by Archbishop Sviatoslav Schevchuk, canonically elected as major archbishop of Kyiv-Halyc, Ukraine, by the Synod of Bishops of the Greek-Catholic Ukrainian Church meeting in Lviv, Ukraine, on 23 March. - VIS 20110325 - V.I.S. - Vatican Information Service

Pictures from the Synod



Rev. Dr. Borys Gudziak, the rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, delivered the sermon at St. George's Cathedral in Lviv on March 20, 2011.



The bishops prayed in the crypt of St. George's Cathedral, where the remains of three UGCC leaders in the past century are lying: Metropolitan Andriy (Sheptytsky), Patriarch Josyp Slipyj and Patriarch Myroslav Ivan (Lubachivsky).



Group photo outside St. George's Cathedral.



Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten, who is the oldest by Episcopal Ordination, read the oath on behalf of all the members of the Synod.

March 27, 2011



Synod meeting

(Photos: www.ugcc.org)

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S REFLECTION AS TO LEADERSHIP CHANGE

As I depart for the special Electoral Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, I thank the clergy, religious and faithful for your prayers for the successful election of our new Major Archbishop for our Church. As you read this, we will be preparing for his installation in Kyiv on Sunday, March 27th. The Metropolitan and the members of the Permanent Synod will then accompany the newly elected Major Archbishop to Rome to visit with the Holy Father and with the Cardinal of the Congregation for Eastern Churches. These are historical times involving new challenges and opportunities.

The hearts of all of the hierarchy, clergy, religious and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan See of Philadelphia are grateful to our Major Archbishop Emeritus Lubomyr Cardinal Husar. He has guided our Church in difficult times with much God-given wisdom, foresight, courage and gentleness. His perseverance in the development of a vision for our Church will continue to exercise a significant positive influence on our Church for the decades ahead. Under his leadership, our Church has returned to its roots with the building of the Patriarchal Cathedral and Center in Kyiv. Lubomyr Cardinal Husar is valued by all Ukrainians for his wisdom and integrity, providing for needed moral leadership for all. We all anticipate that he will continue this valued and needed ministry as the Major Archbishop Emeritus living in Kyiv.



*Photo: November 2002 at the
Cathedral in Philadelphia*

Foundations laid during the tenure of Major Archbishop Lubomyr Cardinal Husar will be built upon by the newly elected spiritual leader together with the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops. Of particular importance is the planning initiated for the development of a vision for our Ukrainian Catholic Church for 2020. The Bishops have undertaken a process of discerning priorities for the Church and the development of strategies to achieve those priorities. This will especially assist with the allocation of our resources, manpower and material. The process is designed to provide for greater accountability and transparency in the administration of the Church. Enhanced communication methods are also envisioned. This involves the leadership of the Church in a process of a critical self-evaluation, so that we may be more effective, primarily in the evangelization efforts of the Church. The Bishops have responded favorably and are hopeful as to the success of this major endeavor.

There is much reason for hope for our Ukrainian Catholic Church, thanks to the foundations laid by Major Archbishop Emeritus Lubomyr Cardinal Husar, and the energetic commitment of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops to this process of renewal. Pray for the newly elected Major-Archbishop as he leads with the grace of God our Ukrainian Catholic Church into an exciting and challenging future.

+Stefan Soroka

Metropolitan Stefan's Schedule for April

April

- 1 - 2 Visit with newly elected Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Church to the Holy Father and to the Congregation for Eastern Catholic Churches, Vatican City
- 3 Concelebrate Pontifical Divine Liturgy at St. Sophia Ukrainian Catholic Church, Rome, Italy
- 6 Meeting of Archieparchial Finance Council
- 8 -9 Annual Meeting of the Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics
- 12 Meeting of Religious Leaders of Philadelphia
- 13-14 Meeting of Eastern Catholic Bishops of USA in Maronite Center, St. Louis, Missouri
- 19 Concelebrating in Installation Mass for Most Rev. Mark Bartchak, Latin Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
- 21 Holy Thursday Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts, Blessing of Holy Chrism, and Washing of Feet at Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ
Participate in evening Reading of the Twelve Gospels at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia
- 22 Exposition of the Holy Plashchanytsia at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia
- 24 Resurrection Matins and Easter Sunday Pontifical Divine Liturgy at Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia
- 25-26 Oversee Election of Mother Superior of Missionary Sisters of Mother of God in Stamford, CT
- 27 Board Meeting of Ascension Manor I and II
- 29-30 PA Convention of Knights of Columbus, Lancaster, PA

Sister Sozonta, SSMI, celebrates 100th Birthday

Childhood loss leads to life devoted to mending others' pain

When Sister Sozonta Iskiw, who turns 100 on Saturday, March 5) speaks about her early childhood, it sounds more like a young girls' nightmare.

Indeed, in many ways it was, but it was also what launched her on a life of service to others in the name of God.

Little Tekla Iskiw's mother Annie Iwaniv had died when she was just 3 years old and before too long, it became impossible for her father, Elias, who battled acute emphysema, to care for her.

He brought her from home in Innisfree, Alberta, Canada, to the orphanage in Mundare, Alberta, run by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, a Byzantine Catholic congregation founded in Ukraine in 1892.

"I was just 4," she says, and "my little heart was breaking. It was the beginning of a loneliness that lasted all my life".

Her adjustment wasn't easy, but her life changed forever, thanks to one of the Sister Servants. "A nun tried to pacify me," she says, "and gave me a



little comb. It was a sign of someone who loved me."

That's a love for others that she has paid forward for the rest of her life, ministering on the street, on the subway, in parishes and in letters she writes to those who share the kind of heartbreak she knew as a young girl.

She was raised at the orphanage and so, when she was a teen, it seemed logical that she, too, would join the community of Sister Servants. On July 9, 1925, at 14, she became Sister Sozonta.

Last August, Sister Sozonta's 85 years as a Sister Servant was cause for celebration and so it will be Saturday - her actual 100th birthday. Celebrating with her at a Mass of Thanksgiving and a

dinner in her honor will be Bishop Paul Chomnycky of the Ukrainian Diocese of Stamford, Canadian Provincial Superior Teresa Ann Slota and Superior General Janice Soluk, who is coming from Rome.

The congregation dispatched its first sisters from Canada to the U.S. in 1935, and Sister Sozonta followed two years later.

"One would assume there was a sense of fear and trepidation for her," says Sister Michele, who as Provincial Superior has headed the Sister Sisters in the U.S. for the past 15 years. Despite that, she

ways, Sister Sozonta "obediently accepted her first mission that would be the beginning of a lifetime of caring and loving service to God's people"

She worked in parish ministry for six years in Minneapolis, but soon found herself in charge of the congregation's new property in Sloatsburg, purchased in 1941. The original parcel was the Table Rock estate, developed by descendants of both Alexander Hamilton and J.P. Morgan.

Sister Sozonta arrived in 1944 and until 1950, Sister Michele says, "she planted the seed for all that one sees today" on a

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property that covers 265 acres, including a sweeping stone grotto - a replica of the grotto of Lourdes - and Stations of the Cross with a commanding view of the Ramapo Mountains.

In those days there were about 100 sisters living in Sloatsburg. Sister Sozonta was the field general who deployed them into the New York City subway system, seeking donations from riders to allow the sisters to do their work - teaching, adult care, pilgrimage, operating a retreat house and supporting the Byzantine diocese.

Once on the platforms, the sisters also ministered to the poor, lonely and homeless, listening to their concerns and sorrows and offering prayers. The work earned the sisters a nickname - "the angels of the subway."

From 1944 to 1978, the sisters ran a boarding school for girls, St. Mary's Villa Academy, in Sloatsburg. There are still weekend religious retreats on the grounds much of the year. For part of the summer, most of the remaining 31 Sister Servants in the U.S. visit the Sloatsburg motherhouse. Each August, the congregation hosts thousands of pilgrims just before the Feast of the Assumption. The congregation also operates St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, a 31-bed facility where Sister Sozonta now lives. The home will make 70 years serving the Rockland area in 2012.

One-to-one ministry has always been central to Sister Sozonta's work.

When she worked in Minneapolis, she met a troubled young woman



and devoted her time to counseling her and helping her through life's trials. Eventually, the young woman followed Sister Sozonta's path into the Sister Servants, becoming Sister David. Later, Sister Sozonta longevity permitted her to help friends, advocating for her in her final days in a nursing home.

Those who are called to the religious life, muchlike those who serve in the military, move often as their assignments and roles change. Unlike most, Sister Michele says, Sister Sozonta accumulated friends rather than shedding them as she moved about.

Over the years, Sister Sozonta worked in teaching and school administration, earned a

nursing degree and worked as a licensed practical nurse. She worked in parish ministry until 2002 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia.

As her hearing has deteriorated, Sister Sozonta carries her ministry by constantly writing letters, especially to the elderly and alone, but also to young people who are ill. In the case of one young boy, she says, "The doctors help him physically, but not emotionally, I try to fill that gap."

"They prayed for me and I prayed for them," she says, "It made kind of a nice union".

(taken from Rockland Journal News , editor Bob Baird)



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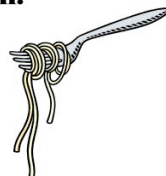
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EASTERN CATHOLIC BISHOPS PLAN “ENCOUNTER 2012”

St Louis, MO—March 17, 2011 An intensive two-day meeting was held this week within sight of the city’s iconic Gateway Arch and the forward-looking Museum of Westward Expansion.

For it was in this setting that delegates from Eastern Catholic Churches from across the country gathered to formulate plans for a trend-setting event scheduled for next year.

Groundwork for the gathering was begun more than a year ago when members of ECED (Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education) formed a sub-committee to explore ways to convene catechists and other interested persons for a program designed to share experience and expertise in communicating the Gospel message to the perhaps million-plus members of the country’s varied Eastern Catholic Traditions.

Twice before similar “Encounters” were convened. The first, organized by Rome, was held in 1999 in Boston, open primarily to bishops of the multi-ritual Eastern Catholic Churches with parishes in the United States of traditions that



The planners for the “Together in Christ” Encounter of 2012 are:
Seated (L-R) Sr Marion Dobos, OSB; Bishop Nicholas Samra; Dr Barbara Y. Lutz; Sr Jean Marie Cihota, OSBM. **Standing (L-R)** Fr John Lucas; V Rev George David; Mitred Archpriest John Kachuba; Msgr Peter Waslo, V Rev Gregory Noga; Mr Nazar Sloboda; Archimandrite Nicholas Zachariadis; Rev Paul Voida; Rev Edward Cimbala.

include the Armenian, Byzantine and Syriac liturgical families.

In 2006 in Chicago, the “Encounter” was broadened to present a program that was open to a larger number of participants—primarily those in eparchial (diocesan) catechetical offices. Here, too was commemorated the 35th year of collaboration between Eastern Catholic Churches whose combined resources produced texts, audio and visual products and other items to present authentic Eastern theology. The resultant endeavor supplies educational material distributed by

God With Us Publication, the product of the work of ECED, the publishing arm of ECA (the Eastern Catholic Bishops of America.)

ECA forms Region XV of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For the third “Encounter” on the theme “Together in Christ,” the thrust is to involve as many of those involved in education and evangelization programs of these Eastern Catholic Churches. Since the material produced by God With Us provides a PreK-8 series of texts and teacher manuals, as well as a wide assortment of

material for high school, college or other adult enrichment programs, this planned “Encounter” is an outgrowth of the Churches’ mission to “teach all nations.”

This week’s delegates were chosen by the hierarchs of the Eastern Catholic Churches to come together for the purpose of providing a program that assists that mission.

The sub-committee of ECED had met four times already: in Orlando, Florida, Sybertsville, Pennsylvania, Detroit, Michigan and Houston, Texas, to form a

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framework upon which the delegates can build. The sub-committee includes Bishop NICHOLAS (Samra) of the Melkite Greek-Catholic Church, (Newton, Massachusetts); Very Rev, Gregory Noga and Dr Barbara Y. Lutz of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic (New Jersey); and Fr John Lucas of the Byzantine Ukrainian Eparchy of St Nicholas in Chicago, each of whom explained aspects of the program.

Upon the conclusion of the meeting in St Louis, the delegates were assigned tasks to provide a working plan with details to be made available as soon as there is specific information to report.

The original concept is to hold a week-end (Friday-Sunday) "Encounter" in three geographic areas of the country with sizeable

populations of various Eastern Catholics: for the East Coast, the New York/New Jersey area; in Cleveland (to serve Detroit, Chicago and Pittsburgh areas); and a West Coast site in Southern California. The planning process has a target date of late summer, early fall, 2012 for the three "Encounter" sites.

Along with the co-chairs, delegates able to be present were: Sr Jean Marie Cihota, OSBM, Byzantine Ruthenian Eparchy in Phoenix; Rev Edward Cimbala, Byzantine Ruthenian Eparchy of Passaic; Very Rev George David, Byzantine Romanian Eparchy of St George, Canton OH; Sr Marion Dobos, OSB, Byzantine Ruthenian Archeparchy of



Pittsburgh; Mitred Archpriest John Kachuba, Byzantine Ruthenian Eparchy of Parma, OH; Mr Nazar Sloboda, Byzantine Ukrainian Eparchy of St Nicholas, Chicago; Fr Paul Voda, Byzantine Romanian Eparchy, Canton; Msgr Peter Waslo, Byzantine Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia; and Rt Rev Archimandrite Nicholas Zachariadis, Byzantine Romanian Eparchy in Canton. Unable to attend were Rev Frank Kalabat, Chaldean Diocese of St

Thomas, Bloomfield, MI and Sr Ann Laszok, OSBM, Byzantine Ukrainian Eparchy of St Josaphat, Parma, OH.

Insofar as a number of Canadian Eastern Catholics have expressed interest in the events surrounding the planned "Encounter 2012," the information is being made available to them, and an invitation extended to those who wish to participate.

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Rev. Paul J. Makar

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Archbishop-Metropolitan Stefan Soroka
will be a principal celebrant at the Liturgy.

This solemn ceremony is the commemoration of Jesus washing the feet of his 12 disciples, just before his betrayal and crucifixion. Archbishop Stefan will wash the feet of 12 priests, in imitation of Christ and the 12 Apostles. The myrrh (chrism) will be consecrated on this day, made from olive oil (for mercy), wine (for Christ's Blood), and many kinds of herbs for the manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit).

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the service that in the past was done only at the cathedral in Philadelphia.

All are invited.

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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School Donates to the Parish

On Sunday, March 20th, the St. Nicholas School PTA and parents presented Fr. Andriy Dudkevych with a check for \$25,000.00 in gratitude for the continued support of the school by the parishioners. St. Nicholas School, Passaic, NJ, is one of the few remaining Ukrainian Catholic elementary schools in our Archdioceses.

It was through their continued hard work at fundraising, that the PTA was able to make such a donation. This

year a new event, a carnival, is being added to their repertoire of fundraising events. The carnival is a 4-day fun filled, family friendly event. Children's rides and games, as well as food will be available. Local fire protection services will drop by with a genuine fire engine. The event will run from Thursday, May 5th through Sunday, May 8th. We hope to see you all at our carnival!



Bishop Yulian Gbur (Eparch of Stryj) has fallen asleep in the Lord on March 24, 2011

He was born on December 4, 1942, in the village of Bryzava, near Przemysl (Poland). In 1947 together with his parents during Operation "Visla" he was re-settled in northern Poland. He received secondary education in the Society of the Divine Word (Verbist) seminary in Nisi. He studied philosophy and theology in the Verbist major seminary.

He was ordained a priest on June 21, 1970, by Archbishop Adam Cardinal Kozlowiecki, S.J., in Zambia.

During 1964-65 he served in the military. After completion of theological studies he served as

pastor of the Greek-Catholic parishes in Krakow (1970-1973). From July 10, 1973, he was pastor of the Ukrainian parishes in Gurowo-Ilawecke and Ostryj Bard (Poland) until 1983. In a year he additionally gained responsibility for the parish in Pjenenzno, serving as pastor until 1993. In 1982-1991 he fulfilled the obligations of the dean of the Olsztyn Deanery.

By the decree of Primate of Poland Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski on June 11, 1983, he was appointed visitator for Greek-Catholics in Poland and the consultant of the Primate in matters of administration of the

Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church.

On April 26, 1991, was appointed the protosynkellos (chancellor) of the Eparchy of Przemysl.

On July 7, 1994, in the Cathedral of Saint George in Lviv the ordination of Bishop Yulian took place. He was ordained by His Beatitude Myroslav Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky. In July 1994 he was appointed protosynkellos of the Lviv Archeparchy.

In 1995 the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC elected him as Secretary of the Patriarchal Cathedral of the UGCC. He was given the responsibility of preparing



and conducting the First Session of the Patriarchal Council of the UGCC. In October 1996 he was elected as Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC. Since November 18, 2000, he has been the eparchial bishop of the Stryj Eparchy.

During the Synod in 2001 he fulfilled the duties of the Secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC. (www.ugcc.org)

Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel (March 26)

As Jesus walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mk. 2, 14-17)



Mosaic in Shenandoah, PA

On March 26th, on the second day after the feast of the Annunciation, the Church celebrates the synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel.

The archangels are intermediaries between God and men, they reveal to people the mysteries of faith, the prophecies, and an understanding of the will of God, they announce great and glorious things: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the triumph of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds..." (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

The Archangel Gabriel was chosen by God to announce to the Holy

Virgin Mary, and together with Her to all people, the great joy of the incarnation of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is precisely for this reason that on the day following the Annunciation, which glorifies the Holy Virgin Mary, in thanks to the Lord the Christians venerate the Archangel Gabriel, who participated in the sacrament of our salvation.

Even in the Old Testament there are testimonies of the seven highest angels (archangels) of God, equal in rank and honor. If the count of the Archangels begins with Michael, the warrior and conqueror of God's enemies, then Gabriel stands in second place. He is sent by the Lord to announce and explain the Divine Mysteries.

When the prophet Daniel was sent a vision from God concerning the fate of the Jewish people, but did not

understand it, it was the Archangel Gabriel who was sent to explain the vision to him. The Archangel Gabriel himself testifies to the high priest Zacharias, announcing to him the forthcoming birth of his son John: "I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God, and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings" (Luke 1:19). This shows that the Archangel Gabriel is extraordinarily close to the Lord and is sent by Him to announce the greatest mystery relating to the salvation of mankind.

According to Church tradition, it was Archangel Gabriel who announced to the righteous Joachim and Anna the birth of their daughter, the Virgin Mary, and it was he who announced to the Holy Virgin Mary Her glorious dormition and ascent to heaven.

When on the eve of His suffering on the Cross the Lord Jesus Christ prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane to the point of bloody sweat, it was the Archangel Gabriel who, according to Church tradition, was sent from the heavens to fortify Him.

The myrrh-bearing women heard the joyous tidings of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from two angels, one of whom was the Archangel Gabriel.

On icons he is usually depicted with a flowering branch from paradise, brought by him to the Holy Virgin.

(www.holy-transfiguration.org)

Children at the Cathedral learned how to make Pysanky

The children in the Sunday Catechism class at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA, learned how to make pysanky on March 20, 2011.

Ukrainian Easter eggs are known in the Ukrainian

language as pysanky. One egg is called a pysanka and several eggs are called pysanky. Pysanka comes from the Ukrainian word *pysaty*, which means "to write."

The class was led by John Drozd, Jr. with the help of Rev. Archpriest Daniel

Troyan, Sr. Timothea, MSMG, and Sr. Evhenia, MSMG.

The children had fun learning about the meaning of different symbols that are drawn on pysanky: the **triangle** symbolizes the Holy Trinity because of its three points,

netting reminds us that Jesus was a fisherman, and a **fish** is a common symbol for Christ.

Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan also explained to the children that the egg is a symbol of new life used during the time of the Resurrection.

Watch a video from the pysanky class on our blog at www.thewayukrainian.blogspot.com

(Photos: Teresa Siwak)



Sr. Timothea helps the children put beeswax into their "kistka". "Kistka" is the Ukrainian word for the writing tool used to decorate pysanky.



Sr. Evhenia helps a student make a pysanka.

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Dying the Pysanka different colors.



Rev. Archpriest Daniel Troyan removes the wax from the pysanka.

"THE WAY" Pysanka



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

March 27, 2011: Potato Pancake Dinner, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, 3015 W. 3rd St, Chester, PA, 610-494-8734

April 1-3, 2011: Men's Vocations Discernment Retreat, Philadelphia, PA. For information call Fr. Paul J. Makar 215-627-0143 or email ukrvocations@catholic.org

April 3, 2011: Ukrainian Cultural Exhibit & Craft Sale, Ss. Peter & Paul, 20 Nottingham St, Plymouth, PA. For information call Janina 570-759-2824.

April 3, 2011: Lenten Afternoon of Private Prayer 2-4pm. Basilian Spirituality Center, Fox Chase Manor, PA, 215-780-1227.

April 8-10, 2011: Resurrection Matins Liturgical Music Workshop, Philadelphia, PA. For information call Fr. Dan at 215-922-2917.

April 9, 2011: Centennial Celebration Spring Symposium - Our Basilian Heritage - Basilian Spirituality Center

April 10, 2011: Pysanka Workshop and Easter Bazaar at Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, 4250 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC 20017 <http://www.ucns-holyfamily.org>

April 10, 2011: Spaghetti Dinner at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, 315 4th Street, West Easton, PA 610-252-4266

April 16, 2011: Easter Bazaar at Nativity of the BVM, 630 Laurel St., Reading, PA (12-4)

April 21, 2011: Holy Thursday Service (Washing of Feet) at Assumption Catholic Church, 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ. 732-826-0767 or www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net

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May 23-25, 2011: Spring Clergy Conference in Hershey, PA.

June 5, 2011: The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education will hold the 1st Annual Festival of Children's Religious songs, at the Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA. Please contact Fr. Volodymyr Popyk at 215-627-0143 or Ukrainian Catholic Priests.

June 18, 2011: Centennial Open House - Basilian Motherhouse

June 26, 2011: 12 to 6 pm - Ukrainian Festival and Dinner at St. Anne's Ukrainian Catholic Church - 1545 Easton Road - Warrington, PA 18976

September 26-29, 2011: Clergy Retreat in Long Branch, NJ.

October 2, 2011: Centennial Pilgrimage - Sisters of St. Basil the Great

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

Be sure to check out the Archeparchy's website to find the latest news and updates from the Evangelization, Vocations, and Religious Education Offices at www.ukrarcheparchy.us



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