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12 April 2019 – Venerable John of the Ladder

Dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Clergy and Laity of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA:

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

According to the Constitution of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, I hereby call and bless the convocation of the **REGULAR SOBOR - XXII** of our Church. The Sobor will take place at our Metropolia Center of St. Andrew in South Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ, 16-19 October 2019. It will be preceded by a Metropolitan Council Meeting on 15 October and a half-day Clergy Conference on 16 October.

The theme for our Sobor is: **“Lord, I love the Beauty of Your House and the Place where Your Glory dwells.”** (Ps. 26:8). The author of the Psalms, King David, was not speaking of the Temple in Jerusalem, which his son, Solomon, built after him. He was speaking of the temporary tent utilized for worship in which was found the Holy Tabernacle (containing the tablets of the Ten Commandments and the Manna from Heaven, which sustained the people during the 40 years wandering in the desert) – the “dwelling place of God”. The House of Beauty is the place where the faithful – the truly faithful – people of God gathered together before the Holy Tabernacle speaking with one voice to Him and supporting one another, as opposed to those earlier in the Psalm who sought to defile the King. We, the people of God of the New Covenant, share this “love of the Beauty of the Lord’s House and the Place where His Glory dwells – in the altars before which we worship and adore Him. We have been blessed with much of that Beauty and Glory at our Metropolia Center where we have gathered for the past sixty-eight years.

We have much to consider during this Sobor. We stand at a crucial crossroads in the life and history of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. You have heard such words from all my predecessors over the first one hundred years of our ecclesiastical life, but rarely have they been spoken with such dire urgency as now, because of the circumstances



of life in our Church as we enter our second century of service to God. We have weathered many storms through the decades, always counting on the provision of our Lord and we still do count on His magnificent and complete love for us. As always, however, we realize that we must make our own contribution to our welfare and stewardship of the gifts He has presented to us. We must be willing to climb the mountain, hoping to come face to Face with God to offer our gratitude to Him and to beseech His continued mercy and generosity.

Your participation in all aspects of the Sobor is an absolute necessity. Your contribution to the strengthening of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church here in the United States of America is essential. Our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents came to build a new life in this great nation and they centered that life on the Truth of God’s Word – in far more difficult circumstances than we know today. Throughout all, they never

wavered in their “love for the Beauty of God’s house and the Place where His Glory dwells”. Let us follow their example now, living in the blessings of God – to ensure the legacy we must pass on to our own children and grandchildren! During our Sobor we will face **VERY, VERY IMPORTANT DECISIONS** about our Metropolia properties, and our staffing, which may affect our future operations significantly.

The election of parish delegates, which must be accomplished, according to our Church Constitution, at a parish meeting, should be completed by the end of June so that those delegates might well prepare for the work of this Sobor. Our future depends upon representation from all our parishes. The Pre-Sobor commission has begun the task of preparing for our triennial convocation and you will receive all necessary and detailed information from them. I ask that you adhere to all deadlines set for the Sobor.

May the Holy Spirit guide all our deliberations and efforts during this Sobor, uniting us in “one mind and one heart” so that all we attempt to accomplish will be for the Glory of God and the salvation of souls.

In our Lord’s All-Encompassing Love,
+ANTONY

By the Grace of God, Metropolitan

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From the Consistory Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Since the last Consistory Circular, the OYM has been very busy with new endeavors for the faithful of the church. We are excited to share these resources with you!

New Website – A new user-friendly website was launched in February as a resource for youth workers and parents. The reorganized and updated site offers information on national programming, resources such as curriculum, youth worker training and parish outreaches. We encourage you to utilize the new site at www.uocuyouth.org.

Christ IS Risen! Resource Curriculum – The newest resource/curriculum of the OYM is now available. It has been developed for three age groups and is built around our philosophy of holistic youth ministry incorporating traditional learning/session methods and praxis/living theology.

Through this theme we hope our youth gain a deeper understanding that Christ IS Risen! The accounts of His friends and witnesses prove that He actually rose from the dead. Christ IS Risen- We say IS because the Resurrection continues for eternity. Christ IS Risen- Christ fulfills the Old Testament Prophecy of the coming Messiah. Christ IS Risen! Each and everyday of our lives. The resource is available from the OYM website.

2019 Summer Camping Season – We are pleased to announce that the 2019 summer camping season is open for registrations. Programs are offered for youth ages 4-18, families and all faithful of the church. We are also looking for paid and volunteer staff to ensure quality offerings. To learn more about our camping ministry and what we have to offer, visit the OYM website.

St. Nicholas Program- Special Needs Family Camp – Our special needs camping program has been adjusted to serve individuals of ALL ages with disabilities and their family members. We are pleased to welcome Fr. Myron Oryhon as Spiritual Father to the program and PM Linda Oryhon to the team. St. Nicholas Program takes place June 14-17, 2019.

Great Lent Giveaway – Once again, the OYM along with the Jr Ukrainian Orthodox League is sponsoring the Great Lent Giveaway. The GLG is a Lenten alms-giving and learning project for the youth of our parishes. This year our efforts will benefit Heifer, International a worldwide humanitarian organization. We hope to raise \$2000 for Heifer Int.

In addition to raising awareness and funds, we will be producing informational video to help deepen the faith of our youth. Corresponding sessions are available from the OYM website.

St. Thomas Sunday Pilgrimage – The annual Ice Cream Social with the Hierarchs will take place on Sunday afternoon at ST. Sophia's Seminary. This free event is a favorite for the annual visitors to our Metropolia Center.

From the Consistory Office of Religious Education

The Office of Religious Education, per Fr. Harry's involvement in the last meeting of the Orthodox Christian Education Commission, is cooperating in the updating of educational materials of the OCEC, which have not been updated for many decades. Also, the Office of Religious Education is also involved in a continued dialogue of the OCEC on a needed "move" from printed materials for purchase to a cooperative pan-Orthodox effort to move to other mediums that are relevant to our culture.

The Office of Religious Education recommends that parishes who have not already try some level of the Generations of Faith model. Christian Education in the parish alone simply is not working—there needs to be an interaction of families that they take home. But in order for this to happen, parents, grandparents, and the family structure all need to gain a deeper appreciation for the pearl, and why it is of great price.

Finally, the Office of Religious Education is working on a "Lenten retreat" structure for parishes to do at least once during the Lenten periods where the parish is encouraged to come together on an evening for a service (Presanctified or Great Canon during Great Lent, for example), followed by a Lenten meal with a talk during the meal, followed by various breakout sessions doing age appropriate related activities but come together again for a general discussion. Making it four times a year and emphasizing it as a special event will enable the parish in greater numbers to together attend these special services and have a meaningful evening of faith bonding.

From the Consistory Office of Stewardship

The resources available at : www.orthodoxsteward.com and the podcasts on stewardship (<http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/firstfruits>) offered on Ancient Faith will be updated by Holy Week.

A series of pamphlets and informational materials, specifically on Ukrainian Orthodox stewardship is available by contacting Fr. Robert Holet, the Office Director, at stewardship@uocusa.net or 434-973-2500.

Strategic Plan 7.2 Missions

Another conference call to promote participation on the Goal to foster new mission parishes will be convened by early May. The saving mission of bringing souls to Christ needs to be fostered by the training of mission-minded Orthodox faithful in our parishes, who can then serve as an inspiration to the parish communities that will support mission activities.

If you have a heart for sharing the Gospel in a mission context, and would like to participate in this goal for our Church and the Strategic Plan, contact Fr. Robert Holet at fr.r.holet@uocusa.net.

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From the Consistory Office of Christian Charity

We wish to acknowledge all the work of the faithful and individual parishes that continually strive in charitable ministry within their parish communities and beyond the doors of their local church. Charitable outreach is an active ministry within our Church. Some communities do this in organized fashion, others on a very individual and fluid basis. Unfortunately, not all communities are engaged. Our challenge is to engage all our faithful in philanthropic work. It is difficult to accurately evaluate and acknowledge the outreach being accomplished by our faithful and parishes. Information often comes indirectly to the leadership of the Church and often through secondary channels. We have attempted to survey and solicit data of charitable local ministry, but the response was very minimal. Recently, a financial report of the charitable work for 2018 for just one parish exceeded \$30,000. And that is unknown to most of us. We are lacking in coordinated and cooperative ventures of this ministry.

Some faithful and individual parishes participate in charitable outreach through the OCMC, IOCC, ZOE for Life, Prison Ministry, FOCUS North America, OCAMPR and local Orthodox and non-Orthodox efforts. Our Church is well represented in pan Orthodox charitable and mission agencies of the Episcopal Assembly of Orthodox Bishops.

We have continued our humanitarian and financial assistance to refugee and medical projects during the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Under the personal care of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel and the Consistory, this assistance has been supervised and forwarded.

The ongoing Orphanage Project of our Church is well supported and funded. We continue our funding of educational programs, teachers and various minor facilities projects at the orphanages in Ukraine, particularly in Znamianka. In conjunction with the Office of Youth Ministry, we continue to plan and send teams to work at the orphanages in Ukraine. The Mission Trip in June of 2018 was successful and another team is schedule to travel to Znamyanka orphanage in August of 2019.

As President of St. Andrew's Society, Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay actively involved himself with the charitable outreach of the Society which is the primary focus of this organization at this time. During these many years, St. Andrew's Society has provided humanitarian aid with projects such as the soup kitchens, needy children support, and continued to support qualified seminarians from Ukraine with scholarships. (Please see the report of St. Andrew's Society). Since 2014, aid has been increased in the war torn region of Ukraine (Center in Mariupol). We have added another center in Kyiv that feeds the needy. I have engaged parishes and individuals in promoting and supporting our charitable work. I have participated and promoted the activities and work of the Missions and Care-giving Committee of the Senior and Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. The Ukrainian Orthodox League has been active in its charitable outreach with a Thanksgiving Tithing project which promotes local philanthropy, "Souper Bowl" Sunday collection for Soup Kitchens, and a Great Lent Giveaway Project.

Update on the Strategic Plan

- The Stewardship group has developed a survey that they will send out to parishes to understand parish financial situations better. In addition, follow-up phone calls will be made by members of the team in an effort to determine financial models that have been (and have not been) successful in parishes.

- Healthy Parishes has developed a position paper explaining what it takes to become a healthy parish and steps that can be used in the process. This paper was devised by Linda Hnatow and Linda Winters and was placed on Basecamp for everyone to read and comment. Excerpts from it will be prepared for publication. The Ukrainian Orthodox Word and the UOL Bulletin have offered space for the work to be disseminated.

- Several updates have been made to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Life app. All members of the Church are encouraged to download it and use it to aid in spiritual growth.

- Other teams have met by conference call and continue to progress. A planning retreat is in the works to assess "where are we and where do we go from here" to be held sometime after Pascha.

From the Vocations Director

We are coming to the close of the 2018-2019 seminary year. This year, we expect to graduate two students from our three-year priestly formation (weekend) program and five students from our youth ministry certification program. We expect to have eight students continuing on to next year in our distance learning (diaconal formation) program and five students continuing on in our priestly formation (weekend) program.

Enrollment is currently open and while we have not received in applications, we are in correspondent with people who are interested in our programs. Our end of year residency is scheduled for the end of May 2019. We also have a Diaconal Retreat tentatively scheduled for 19-22 December (*this is also the proposed date of our Fall residency for the distance learning program*).

St. Sophia Library Update:

Over the last few months, our staff have been busy assisting all patrons to the Library: we have been working on cataloging new acquisitions, assisting individuals who come to use our facility in researching topics such as the Famine of Ukraine, Liturgical services and music, the lives of the saints, and the history of Kyivan-Rus.

Need to conduct in person research? Schedule an appointment to browse our circulating and non-circulating collections. You don't need to be a seminarian to browse our rich collection, which can be accessed by visiting the webpage of the library (<http://www.uocofusa.org/library.html>) and click on the link "ON-LINE CATALOG".

A note from St. Andrew Cemetery

With a begging of spring here in Metropolia Center the most important is to make preparations for Pascha Season and St. Thomas Sunday after long winter at Saint Andrew Cemetery.

St. Thomas Sunday is main event at the sacred grounds and many people visit the places of rest of their relatives. Cemetery Administration tries to keep the cemetery grounds well maintained and provides different services such as: Removing Copings, Power Wash, Putting more Top Soil and Seed etc. Don't hesitate to call and ask us to clean up around the graves of your loved ones at 732-356-0090.

For this summer there are a couple of main projects to be worked on. First, at the old grounds of the Fisher Family Cemetery fence has to be extended for another 20 feet back. Last year we had scanned the grounds in the area of the old cemetery with GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) and there were some burials at the depth of 7-8 feet. Second, we are trying to remove copings from the old graves that are not maintained by the families, especially in the older sections of the cemetery. Third, we will be planting small decorative trees donated by the families in memory of their loved ones.

Last year for the first time grave blankets were decorated and placed at the graveside by our cemetery staff and this past winter we were involved in the same project. This is something we are planning on doing every year to help out families who live far away and are not able to come to the cemetery for Christmas Season. Also, we were taking pictures of the gravesides with the grave blanket and sending to the people who had placed an order with us.

Once again the letter of appeal was sent to the families of those who are buried here asking for the donation towards road repairs. Cemetery Administration would like to express a big gratitude to those, who had responded to the appeal.

The contact phone number is listed above. We look forward in helping you out.

**ST SOPHIA SEMINARY RECEIVES SEVIS
RECERTIFICATION**

In the summer of 2018, the administration of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary was contacted by SEVIS - the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System of the US Department of Homeland Security about the recertification process that each higher education institution in USA that educates foreign students must undergo. The lengthy process, which required the submission of over 380 pages of evidence documentation was completed by Archbishop Daniel, PDSO (*Principal Designated School Official to SEVIS*) and Rev. Vasyl Pasakas, Dean of Students.

At the end of 2018 - St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary was once again formally approved to welcome students from other countries to receive theological training in the US. Presently, our Seminary educates 9 full time foreign students and about 18 part-time students.

The UOC of USA Office of Archives

The mission of the UOC of USA Office of Archives is to maintain the institutional records of the Church. Whether as individuals, members of parishes, or as members of the governing bodies of the UOC of the USA, we are all "making history" right now. It is the job of institutional archivists and records managers to maintain those non-active records of their institution that are necessary for administrative, financial, legal, and (ultimately) historical purposes.

The UOC of USA Office of Archives maintains a wide range of records. For example, these include:

The proceedings of regular and extraordinary Sobors, including all reports and sealed envelopes of ballots

Metropolitan Council meeting minutes and associated documents

Consistory meeting minutes and associated documents

Legal documents and financial records that have a retention requirement

Personal and Official papers and correspondence of all hierarchs and clergy of the UOC of USA and Diaspora

Personnel information, including files on deceased clergy

Correspondence between the Consistory and UOC of USA parishes, non-UOC of USA individuals and organizations, and other Orthodox and non-Orthodox Church jurisdictions

Non-active records of St. Andrew Cemetery

Non-active records of St. Sophia Seminary

Non-active records of all Consistory Offices of Ministry

Non-active deposited records of UOC Central Organizations

Photographs, public communications, and materials documenting major events in the life of the Church

With this range and volume of materials, it is essential to retain only those files that are necessary or of lasting historical value. At times, this involves careful and judicious discarding. For example, recent Sobor records had been deposited in the archives with multiple copies of reports, duplicate copies of minutes, and other clearly redundant materials. By "weeding" these files, I was able to reduce their volume by a factor of two (or even three), allowing for the more effective use of limited storage space. The other key aspect of archives is that the institution needs to know what it has and where it is. This requires the records and their contents to be described in a succinct but useful way. For example, I am currently working on describing the seven filing cabinets full of working records that were in Patriarch Mstyslav's office at the time of his repose.

While the records of the UOC of USA as a whole are not open to the public, there is one very important resource which is accessible, namely, the information forms which were completed in 1951 and 1962 by UOC of USA clergy members in good standing. These forms contain information that can be of great value to genealogists, including the clergyman's birthplace, his parents' and spouse's names, year of arrival in the United States (if they were an immigrant), educational history, ordination history, parish assignments, and other details. Since they normally do not contain any sensitive information, these forms can be provided to family members or researchers upon request.

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Ukrainian History and Education Center

On view now at the UHEC Library Gallery is *Rushnyky: Ritual Cloths of the Cossack Lands of Ukraine*. This exhibition features handcrafted wedding *rushnyky* from central Ukraine made from the end of the 19th to the middle of the 20th centuries. The exhibition is a result of a joint effort by the UHEC and private collectors Yuri Mischenko and Natalie Pawlenko, who loaned *rushnyky* from their extensive collection and which are being exhibited for the first time in the United States.

Rushnyky: Ritual Cloths of the Cossack Lands of Ukraine is dedicated to the 5th anniversary of the Maidan Revolution of Dignity in Ukraine, to the memory of those who lost their lives in that protest, and to those who have perished in the current war against Russian aggression in Eastern Ukraine and Crimea. Many of the young men and women who sacrificed their lives for a free Ukraine never had the opportunity to make use of a wedding *rushnyk*, but instead were buried with one.

The exhibition is open Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm and the first Saturday of the month through August 31, 2019. Groups by appointment. Special St. Thomas Pilgrimage weekend: May 4 and May 5, 2019 noon to 4pm.

Visit ukrhec.org for additional information.

Nashi Predky 2019 Online Lecture Series

The UHEC Nashi Predky-Our Ancestors Family History Group brings together aspiring genealogists with a wide range of worldwide experts on the various ethnic groups in current day Ukraine and southeast Poland.

In response to the many Ukrainian genealogy researchers who cannot make it to New Jersey for our live events, we are presenting a series of special-topic lectures online throughout the year. The speakers include nationally-known experts, as well as specialists in particular topics that may be of interest to the Ukrainian genealogy community.

Saturday, June 29th, 2019: Ukrainian-Canadian Genealogy (webinar). Nashi Predky welcomes members of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group of the National Capital Region in Ottawa, Ontario, who will present an online talk on Ukrainian genealogy resources in Canada.

Saturday, September 14th, 2019: Ties of Kinship: Genealogy and Dynastic Marriage in Kyivan Rus' (webinar). The Nashi Predky 2019 Online Lecture Series welcomes the historian Dr. Christian Raffensperger.

Tuesday, November 12th, 2019: Movement Between Towns in Eastern Europe (webinar). The Nashi Predky 2019 Online Lecture Series concludes with the noted Eastern European Jewish genealogist Lara Diamond, who will consider how "Ancestral Towns May Not Have Been So Ancestral".

Visit nashipredky.org for additional information and webinar registration.

New UHEC Member Benefit: Member's Only Section on UkrHEC.org

As a UHEC member you receive free exhibit access, biannual educational newsletter, and discounts on conferences, workshops and webinars. Now there is a Member's Only section on the UHEC website, UkrHEC.org. By signing into your account, you can access a growing collection of resources on Ukrainian history, culture, and genealogy. For those members who are unable to participate in our programs in person, one can view several video presentations of UHEC events online.

Current offerings in the Members Only section:

- *Patriarch Mstyslav Memorial program*
- *Introductory Ukrainian genealogy: beginning your search and using church records*
- *Historical overview of Ukraine for genealogists*
- *Introduction to Ukrainian Genealogy*

For membership information, click on the JOIN and INVEST tab on UkrHEC.org.

UHEC Archives

The UHEC Archives are pleased to announce several new acquisitions and the opening of a number of newly-processed collections, as well as its participation in two international exhibitions.

Christina Kotliar, whose father was in the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), recently donated her family papers. Some of you may remember Christina from her UPA history displays in the Ukrainian Cultural Center during St. Thomas Sunday Weekend Pilgrimages in past years. In addition to UPA-related materials, publications and other documentation of her family's activities, the collection also includes records regarding the establishment of the UPA section in St. Andrew Cemetery in South Bound Brook.

Dn. Ihor Mahlay recently donated the records of the "Fund to Aid Ukraine" (based in Cleveland, Ohio), which document that non-profit's activities providing medical and dental equipment, clothing, and other humanitarian supplies to municipalities, schools, orphanages, and other institutions in Ukraine in the 1990s.

The Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul in Carnegie, Pennsylvania forwarded the papers of Fr. Andrew Beck that had been in their custody since Fr. Andrew's repose. The materials include his personal and family photographs, memorabilia, audio recordings and motion picture film records of events, scrapbooks, and other documents that provide a snapshot of his life and ministry. These documents are among the numerous portions of the UOC of USA Archives on deposit with the UHEC for processing and research access.

Due to researcher interest, the processing of Archbishop John's chancery records from 1924 to 1930 has been completed, and is now open for researcher use. This collection contains a trove of information regarding the complex early years of Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the United States. These documents are among the numerous portions of the UOC of USA Archives on deposit with the UHEC for processing and research access.

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Other recently opened collections include:

· The Liudmyla Ivchenko papers: Liudmyla Ivchenko was a writer, radio journalist, and an organizer and first president of the United Ukrainian Orthodox Sisterhoods. She worked for the Ukrainian service of the Voice of America as a writer and translator in the 1950s and '60s, and her collection contains radio scripts and other Voice of America records, as well as manuscripts, proofs, and translations of some of her later literary works.

· The Kira Arkhimovych papers: Kira Arkhimovych was a botanist who specialized in tomato breeding. Her collection consists of a photograph album documenting her work from the 1930s to the 1950s, original botanical drawings, and her doctoral thesis.

· The Maria Hrebiniets'ka papers: Maria Hrebiniets'ka was a Ukrainian American singer and music educator. Her collection primarily contains materials related her performing and teaching career, including original concert programs and advertising fliers from the 1920s and '30s, photographs, and sheet music. This collection was "discovered" during the processing of the much larger collection of Yuri and Olha Perkhovych. This work is still ongoing, and is being done by UHEC archivist Michael Andreu with the assistance of Rutgers University Public History Program intern Kathryn Todaro. Stay tuned for more "discoveries" that have arisen from this project!

Details about the archives collections at the UHEC can be found online: <https://www.ukrhec.org/collections/archives/finding-aids>. We thank all who have donated personal, family, or institutional records, and to those who have contributed financially to help preserve and make these archives accessible today and for generations to come.

The UHEC was recently honored to participate in two international exhibitions related to Ukrainian history.

In March, the UHEC joined the state archives of Ukraine and the Czech Republic, the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, the Shevchenko Scientific Society, and other institutions in contributing to an exhibition on the anniversary of the declaration of independence by Carpatho-Ukraine organized by the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance in Kyiv. The UHEC provided photographs that depict various people and events in Transcarpathia, including an extremely rare family photograph of the young Fr. Avhustyn Voloshyn (who would later become the president of Carpatho-Ukrainian).

The exhibition "FULL CIRCLE: Ukraine's Struggle for Independence 100 Years Ago, 1917-1921" opened at the Ukrainian Museum in New York City in April. It is built around items from museums, archives, and private collections in Ukraine, Poland, Switzerland, Bulgaria, and the United States - including the UHEC. The UHEC contribution is a uniquely important greeting from the Ministry of Education to the newly-installed "Directorate" government. This certificate was hand-lettered in 1918 by the noted Ukrainian graphic artist Heorhii Narbut, and was preserved through the family of Patriarch Mstyslav.

Ordinations & Elevations...

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony formally marked the 6th Anniversary of Enthronement as the 4th Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA on January 26, 2018 - *Axios!*

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel formally marks the 11th Anniversary of Consecration as a hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA on May 10, 2018 - *Axios!*

Subdeacon Oleh Kravchenko Ordained to Deaconate by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel at the Nativity of the Birth-Giver of God Parish, South Plainfield, NJ on December 25, 2018 - *Axios!*

Subdeacon Valentine Olynyk Ordained to Deaconate by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel at the Three Holy Hierarchs Chapel of St. Sophia Seminary, South Bound Brook, NJ on February 9, 2019 - *Axios!*

Subdeacon Clinton Kifolo Ordained to Deaconate by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel at St. Anthony of the Desert Parish, Las Cruces, NM on March 3, 2019 - *Axios!*

Subdeacon Alexander Smoktunowich Ordained to Deaconate by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel at Sts Peter and Paul Parish, Munich, Germany on March 16, 2019 - *Axios!*

Subdeacon Frank Lucero Ordained to Deaconate by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel at Venerable Job of Pochaiv Parish, Los Alamos, NM on April 14, 2019 - *Axios!*

Pastoral Changes...

Protopresbyter Taras Chubenko relieved from his pastoral duties of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret, NJ as of March 3, 2019 and retired from active ministry of the Church.

Rev. Fr. James Cairns assigned as pastor of St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Carteret, NJ as of March 3, 2019.

Received Clergy...

Deacon Theodore Brinegar was canonically received into the Ranks of the Clergy of the UOC of the USA from the Orthodox Church of America as of April 18, 2019 and attached to St. Anthony of the Desert Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Las Cruces, NM.

Memory Eternal...

Pani-Matka Julia Sikorska (wife of Rev. Fr. Juriy Sikorsky, who reposed in the Lord in December of 1969) reposed in the Lord on April 19, 2019 - *Memory Eternal!*

2019 Holy Land and Constantinople Pilgrimage

With the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the 2019 Pilgrimage to Holy Land and Constantinople will take place on 4-16 November, 2019. Archbishop Daniel will serve as a Spiritual Father of the Pilgrimage along with several clergy of the UOC of the USA.

For more information or to register, visit: https://www.uocofusa.org/news_190501_2.html