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Милістю Божою епископ та брат у Христі.
Дорогі брати і сестри у Христі!

Лиш кілька днів тому Собор Епископів Української Православної Церкви США висловив стурбованість з приводу останніх декількох місяців політичної невизначеності в Україні, яка являється батьківщиною багатьох українських християн в Сполучених Штатах Америки і по всьому світу.

Сьогодні ми бачимо абсолютно нову реальність. Це не більше мирний протест на головній вулиці Києва, що привертає увагу світової спільноти - але це є образ збройного конфлікту, що стурбував українську громаду (і світове співтовариство). Суть не в вимогах опозиції і відповідях чиновників, які ми повинні розглянути і зробити логічні висновки. Але тепер - це образ зловживання над людською гідністю та правом на свободу, це є тим чим переживає українська громада в дні політичної нестабільності, які продовжують розвиватися швидкими темпами.

Ми знову нагадуємо, що шляхи для вирішення конфліктних питань повинні бути, дипломатичні та врівноважені. Потрібна сміливість, щоб вийти поза межі конфлікту та брати до уваги людську гідність інших так, щоб єдність переважала над конфліктом і саме тоді можна буде будувати шляхи до співрозуміння над розбіжностями та конфліктами. Політична демагогія, жорстокість і насильство повинні бути негайно припинені. Відео і фото зображення, які знаходяться в соціальних мережах підкреслюють велику неповагу до святості людської гідності та людського тіла і свободи.

У цьому світлі переживань, ми нагадуємо всім, що кожна людина несе в собі Богом дану людську гідність та повагу, що завжди повинна бути присутньою. Церква також обережно підкреслює, що зловживання та всі види фізичного і морального насильства є незаконним, заборонені міжнародними законами. Ми просимо керівників українського уряду негайно вжити відповідних заходів і забезпечити безпеку українських протестувальників, а також співробітників міліції і військовослужбовців у ці часи великої невизначеності та небезпеки.

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Перед обличчям цього небезпечного стану, українська нація не повинна наслідувати моралі які засновані на таких засадах як "Відчайдушні часи вимагають відчайдушних заходів" або "мета виправдовується засобами". У зв'язку з цим, діалог повинен переважати і стати позитивним знаком миру, і ми надіємось на те, щоб обидва - урядові чиновники та лідери української опозиції, з підтримки міжнародного співтовариства, прийматимуть сміливі рішення, спрямовані на пошук справедливого і міцного врегулювання конфлікту, який потрібно терміново зупинити.

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Пам’ятайте, демократичне майбутнє країни залежатиме від діалогу і можливості слухати голосу громадян України. Дуже важливо, щоб логіка і спокій переважали і стати позитивним знаком миру.

З молитвами за наших братів і сестер в Україні.

+ Антоній,
Митрополит Української Православної Церкви США
Місцеблюститель Української Православної Церкви в діаспорі
+ Даниїл
Епископ Західної єпархії та голова Консисторії Української Православної Церкви США

З молитвами за наших братів і сестер в Україні.
Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ!

It has been only a few weeks, and most recently just two days since the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA expressed its concern over the past several months of political uncertainty in Ukraine, the ancestral homeland for so many of Ukrainian Christians in the United States of America and throughout the globe.

However, today we are faced with a totally new reality. It is not longer the peaceful protest on the main street of Kyiv that draws attention of the world community – but it is an image of armed conflict that devastates the Ukrainian community (and greater world community). It is no longer about the demands of opposition and the answers of the government officials that we must examine and make logical conclusions. But now – it is an image of total abuse of human dignity and the basic rights of freedom that the Ukrainian community faces as the events of political instability continue to develop.

We solemnly remind that the way to resolve conflict questions must be that of diplomacy and dialogue. What is needed is courage to go beyond the surface of the conflict and to consider others in their deepest dignity, so that unity will prevail over conflict and it will be possible to build communion amid disagreement. The political demagoguery and brutality and abuse must cease immediately. The video and photo images that have surfaced in the social media underline the basic disrespect to the sacred dignity of human body and freedom.

In light of these concerns, we remind everyone that every human person bears a God-given dignity; respect for that dignity must always be present. The Church also is careful to point out that abuse and all kinds of physical and moral torture are illegal, prohibited under international laws. We ask the leaders of Ukrainian government to immediately take appropriate actions towards the reestablishment of the peaceful and dignified ability for Ukraine's citizens to express their voices.

We share the concern of lawmakers and citizens for the safety of Ukrainian protestors and also of police and military personnel in these times of great uncertainty and danger. In the face of this perilous climate, the Ukrainian nation must not embrace a morality based on an attitude that “desperate times call for desperate measures” or “the end justifies the means.” In this regard, the dialogue must prevail and become a positive sign of peace, and we express our hope that both - the government officials and leaders of Ukrainian opposition will resolve, with the support of the international community, to take courageous decisions aimed at finding a just and lasting solution to a conflict which urgently needs to end.

Remember, the country's democratic future will depend on dialogue and the ability to listen to voice of Ukrainian citizens. It is essential that logic and calm prevail. No physical force will ever succeed in eliminating the free will and the voice of the citizens! All the leaders and citizens of the Ukrainian nation must, as Saint Paul reminds us, clothe themselves in “heartfelt mercy, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.” (Col. 3:12)

With prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine,

+Antony,
Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
Locum Tenens of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora

+Daniel,
Bishop of the Western Eparchy and President Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
Dear readers,

Our Church’s official magazine – “Ukrainian Orthodox Word” has a long distinguished history of serving the pastoral and educational needs of Ukrainian Orthodox parishes throughout the United States of America, Great Britain, Belgium, South America, Australia, New Zealand and Ukraine.

Begun in the 1950s, it has been published monthly ever since, informing parishioners of Church and community news, and all past copies are held in an archives at the Library of St. Sophia Seminary of the Historical and Educational Center of the UOC of the USA, providing fascinating insights into the life of the Church communities. Since those early days, the Church has changed immensely, particularly in the metropolitan areas of our country, where more and more immigrants from Ukraine and other countries seek presence of our Lord in their lives. Moreover, the parishes of the Church that are in suburban areas and throughout the country begin to attract more and more people of our ethnic backgrounds, especially converts from various religious backgrounds. The magazine has, over the years, successfully blended contributions from the Church with news from parish families and organizations, and currently the mailing list consists of 6000 households.

The Council of Metropolia, leading into the deliberations of the 20th Regular Sobor of the Church, discussed the magazine, and had decided to cease physical printing of the magazine in order to explore digital opportunities. However, listening to the feedback of the faithful and taking into consideration the importance of the official publication of the Church and its mission among the faithful of our parish families, which consist of people from various generations (with more or less computer access) the Council of Metropolia, at the most recent (February) meeting, has decided on a major change in order to adapt to realities within the Church, - the magazine will continue its ministry in a printer format, while the editorial board explores various possibilities on how to decrease the publication’s costs that amount to about $70,000 annually.

Because of this decision, with this issue onwards, the UOW will be delivered six times a year to all households of the Church. In addition, the Editorial Board will open the pages of the magazine to various sponsors, offering them valuable space on the pages of the publication to advertise their services. There is a small number of subscribers of the UOW, who will also have the opportunity to continue to receive the magazine, and postal copies will be available with a fee payable to cover postage. It will also be online, as before. The printing and the delivery of the magazine will be outsourced to local firms. Hopefully, the costs of production will be met by advertising revenue and from your generous donations to the UOW Press Fund.

We are all most grateful to those who have given of their time in both the production and delivery of the magazine, especially to the sick and infirm of our parish communities. It is most spiritually uplifting to read various notes of gratitude that we receive from the faithful of our Church that are home bound or in nursing homes, who receive the magazine either through subscription or generous ministry of the local parish.

We realize that the times have changed and clearly – this step is a major change, but one which we believe will safeguard the sacred ministry of the Church and her magazine for the future and which will help to bring our parish families and parishioners closer together, in one Church, with our Savior as the focal point. Do please continue to send in your news, pictures and reflections.

With prayers,

+Daniel,
By the Grace of God bishop and your brother in Christ
Over a thousand faithful from across Brazil and Paraguay gathered at the site of the soon to be constructed Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Papanduva, Parana province of Brazil for the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Holy Priesthood of the Ruling Hierarch of the Eparchy of South America – His Eminence Archbishop Jeremiah.

Upon the invitation of Archbishop Jeremiah, both hierarchs of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA – Metropolitan Antony and Bishop Daniel traveled to a distant Parana province for the celebration of the silver anniversary of Archbishop Jeremiah.

This was the first official visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, as a Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the Locum Tenens of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora to South American Eparchy. Greeting the Primate of the Church at the airport in Curitiba, Archbishop Jeremiah expressed his sincerest welcome to the Metropolitan who is a spiritual father for so many Ukrainian Orthodox Christians in Latin American countries, especially Brazil. One must note that the earliest records of presence of Ukrainian Orthodox Christians in Brazil date back to 1895.

The four days visit to Brazil was well scheduled for both bishops of the UOC family, all three hierarchs at the same time had a Memorial service on the grave of the first pastor of St. Volodymyr's parish family – Very Rev. Dimitrio Sidlesky, who fell asleep in the Lord in October of 1945. This was also a very first visit for His Grace Bishop Daniel to the area, where he was able to learn about a challenging past of so many Ukrainian Christian immigrants from Ukraine to a distant Brazil, where they settled and established first Ukrainian Orthodox communities.

Upon arrival to Papanduva, Metropolitan Antony held a meeting with the clergy of the South American Eparchy that arrived from across Brazil and Paraguay for the celebration. Addressing the pastors of the parish families on South American continent, the Metropolitan called upon them to stay closely connected with each other as they share in the ministry of Christ. One must note that some of the parishes of the Eparchy are as reflecting upon the events in the life of Ukrainian nation.

On Saturday afternoon, prior to the beginning of all formal festivities, associated with Archbishop Jeremiah’s 25th Anniversary, all three hierarchs visited a local Papanduva cemetery of St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Probably for the very first time in the history of that parish family, all three hierarchs at the same time had a Memorial service on the grave of the first pastor of St. Volodymyr's parish family – Very Rev. Dimitrio Sidlesky, who fell asleep in the Lord in October of 1945. This was also a very first visit for His Grace Bishop Daniel to the area, where he was able to learn about a challenging past of so many Ukrainian Christian immigrants from Ukraine to a distant Brazil, where they settled and established first Ukrainian Orthodox communities.

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scattered from each other for thousands of miles away. The Metropolitan also addressed a deacon of the Eparchy - Rev. Deacon Gregory (Edson) Filakoski, who was about to be ordained to the Holy Priesthood during Sunday’s Divine Liturgy. Vladyka Antony called upon Deacon Gregory to participate in the ministry of Christ with every fiber of his being, remaining true to the ancestral traditions of Ukrainian Orthodox Christians in Brazil.

In the afternoon of the same day, His Grace Bishop Daniel held a meeting with a group of Ukrainian Orthodox Christians from Fram, Paraguay, whom he met in September of 2013, while attending the 13th Regular Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of South America.

Following the Vespers service, which was served by Rev. Fr. Eugene Gulievich, a graduate of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary (South Bound Brook, NJ – USA), Metropolitan Antony offered a short reflection to those in attendance about the importance of the sacred office of a bishop, referencing in his reflections the early writings of St. Paul and the Fathers of the Church.

As the Vespers service came to conclusion, some 200 people gathered for a late dinner in honor of Archbishop Jeremiah’s anniversary.

Even though the rain storm somewhat created additional travel concerns for those who were driving in for the Sunday Divine Liturgy from a distant Paraguay (27 hours of driving time), the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 26, 2014 began promptly at 10am with over 500 hundred Ukrainian Orthodox Christians in attendance. The members of the parish’s family, as well as the clergy of the South American Eparchy welcomed Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Jeremiah and Bishop Daniel to a temporary parish space. Traditional flowers, bread and salt were presented to the bishops, who in turn called upon those in attendance to offer their unconditional prayers for their eparchial bishop.

A choir of 50 members chanted the responses in Ukrainian, Portuguese and Spanish languages. Following the Litany of Fervent Supplication, with the blessing of His Eminence Antony, Bishop Daniel led the congregation of 600 faithful, who lowered their knees and heads, in prayer for Ukrainian nation, as the political uncertainty continues to escalate in the ancestral homeland of so many faithful in attendance. Archbishop Jeremiah summarized the prayer in Portuguese language for those in attendance from other cultures and ethnic background.

Following the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the entire congregation witnessed an ordination to the Holy Priesthood of Deacon Gregory. Kneeling in front of the Altar of the parish family, the very sacred Altar that was constructed by the early immigrants, priest Gregory offered himself to a service of unconditional love of Christ for all who shall thirst for His presence and love.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence Metropolitan Anton delivered a sermon in Ukrainian and Portuguese languages, reflecting upon the son of South American Eparchy – Archbishop Jeremiah, who started as a youth in Brazil, traveled to the United States of America to study Theology and Ukrainian language, returned back to His native country and accepted Archpastoral service/leadership of his beloved flock. The Metropolitan offered sincerest gratitude to the Archbishop’s mother - Mrs. Theresa Ferenz, who shared her son with the rest of the Church and offered him in the service of Christ.

Upon the completion of the Divine Liturgy, His Grace Bishop Daniel, speaking on behalf of the faithful and clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, presented His Eminence Archbishop Jeremiah with the gift – an archpastoral panagia. While Metropolitan Antony was bestowing the panagia upon the Archbishop the entire church prayerfully exclaimed – AXIOS!

Following the chanting of traditional
“God, grant you many years! – Mnohaya Lita” the Archbishop offered his gratitude for those in attendance, reflecting upon his journey of faith. Vladyka Jeremiah made reference to the early years of his seminary education and the importance of Vladyka Antony’s presence at the celebration, as he was the ordaining bishop to the Holy Deaconate of back then deacon Jeremiah. Concluding his remarks, Archbishop Jeremiah presented His Grace Bishop Daniel with the icon of Archangel Gabriel, prayerfully written by the iconographers of St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Papanduva. However, the biggest surprise was prepared for the Primate of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora – His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, a well known and respected iconographer and artist of Parana province, and all Brazil, Mr. Luiz Branco masterfully created a bust of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, commemorating his election to the most sacred office of the Metropolitan of the Church. The South American Eparchy presented the gift exactly on the day of the first anniversary of Enthronement of Vladyka Antony as a Metropolitan of the Church.

As always, the day concluded with a formal banquet in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Archbishop Jeremiah’s ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Over 1000 participants arrived for the banquet, bearing gifts of love for their archpastor. The highlight of the banquet program was a presence of the well-known Ukrainian Orthodox Dance Company – KALYNA, from Fram, Paraguay. One must note that most dancers in the group range in age from 50 to 75 years old. Yet, there are determined to preserve their ethnic traditions and pass them to the younger generation.

The day concluded with many farewells and wishes of safe journey back to the United States of America for Metropolitan Antony and Bishop Daniel. However, the most important mission was accomplished by the hierarchs, clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – they gathered together in prayer to offer gratitude to Almighty God for the dedicated service of His Eminence Archbishop Jeremiah to the faithful of South American Eparchy.
Our sacred Christian faith, properly interpreted and preached in our midst, was never intended, of course, to soothe or to coddle the moral ills and failures of man. On the contrary, the truly Christian message is a challenging message and not the sweet spiritual lullaby that lulls us to sleep, as some of us have taken the words of Christ.

If the truths of God embarrass us and irritate us, cause us to feel guilty for our wrong doings, then we really ought to rejoice because the Word of God is apparently penetrating the thick shell of our religious indifference and we can therefore hope that in due time, at least, the challenge will be met.

The Son of God was not made man to be subsequently reduced only to a saintly vagabond or a simple story teller to be followed by innocent children or simple-minded people and old folks. He came to deliver His Saving Message with His Own Blood. He came to jolt us out of our lethargy, to disturb our false tranquillity, to awaken us from a deep sleep that had numbed and paralyzed our moral vigilance, the lethargy that saps away and deteriorates the character and integrity of man, that destroys the possibility of his ever becoming a citizen of God’s Heavenly Kingdom.

So jolting was the Lord’s message to the Jews and Romans of His time that after three short missionary years in Palestine, His voice was silenced by force, only to make His resounding words echo forever in the great span of time, centuries and centuries.

Well, you can imagine the thoughts that must have run through the minds of His audience when the Lord Jesus Christ was prompted one day to say, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God,” and “For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.”

The first reaction to these words of our Lord is probably a jolting one, because it might be inferred here by the fault finders that God condemns the wealthy, or that God will not permit the rich to inherit His Heavenly Kingdom. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth, if only we will take the time to explore the implications of this revelation uttered by Christ.

Money and wealth of and by itself, its overabundance or complete absence in one’s life, can never become a determining factor, whether or not we shall be deemed worthy to inherit God’s Kingdom. The Lord sought simply to emphasize how terribly difficult it would be for people of more-than-average means to gain Eternal and Everlasting Life, difficult because of the distractions, the great temptations, the false sense of security that wealth invariably creates in the mind of the beholder. You’ve seen what this sort of temporal independence has done to otherwise pious and God-fearing
men in our society.

The revelation of Christ is issued as a fair warning, particularly to those of us who, dominated by worldly possessions, have over-emphasized the value of materialism and who have long forgotten the real meaning of life, now and in the hereafter.

When the Lord Jesus Christ said, “How difficult it is ...,” He was confronted then by a certain man completely possessed by his material wealth. And despite his wealth he did nothing to alleviate community problems, nothing to encourage noble works. Nothing moved him, neither the needs of the suffering and indigent, nor the misery of the afflicted. Surrounded by his richness, he remained content and unperturbed.

In the race for worldly goods, the man forgot that money and wealth are merely the means to an end, but never the end itself; an instrument to be employed with prudence if we are to climb the ladder of our moral and spiritual enrichment, with acts of mercy and deeds of compassion.

In the race for worldly possessions, the man forgot that God and God alone raises mortal beings to the rank of Steward and as a true Steward of God he is thus commissioned to spread some comfort beyond the limited realm of his own ego and his selfish circle.

What man will claim one, single talent or virtue that did not come to him from Heaven? What man can honestly say he made it all the way on his own, with no help from anyone, even God? The man who will, is a mortal fool, because what we are, what we hope to be, is but achieved through the Grace of God Who has surrounded us with His Divine Providence and Who has endowed us from the first moment of our conception with countless talents that make us what we are finally.

All these material things, therefore, money, security, worldly goods, the finest and most luxurious that man can own, all these things are but a means to an end, the end finally being our inheritance of God’s Heavenly Kingdom - utilizing the things at our disposal according to God’s Will and Divine Commandments. You see, then, how responsible wealth can make man suddenly. How shall he react to it, if he is to prove himself a worthy Steward of God?

You recall the parable of the rich man whose land produced more than his warehouses could hold? He tore them down only to expand them for the surplus. And just as he was settling down one night to relax it was suddenly all over. All his ingenuity couldn’t prevent his death. He died just as he began to enjoy life. Yes, of all the material comforts that we acquire, how long can the best last? Hardly long enough when one day we shall be called to leave everything behind, either to continue the good for which it was employed, or the evil, either to honor our memory or to disgrace it.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was prompted to say, “How difficult it is ...,” let us appreciate the purpose for which these prophetic words were said. All the good things in this world are granted to man by God but not to be spent selfishly but spent prudently in God's name, furthering God's work in society, in addition to satisfying our own personal needs and wants.

This stewardship, therefore, places a heavy responsibility upon those who are extraordinarily favored by God. These wealthy people have been chosen by Divine Providence to serve in this world as instruments of God's love, compassion and goodness. The needs are many - all crying out for attention.

And day by day we draw closer and closer to that threshold that divides this life from the next, and each of us has been born to cross that threshold.

What then will be the record of our stewardship when the grand total is drawn? “For what shall it profit a man,” the Lord says, “to gain the whole world and to lose his soul?”

REV. JOHN A. LIMBERAKIS

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Carnegie Parish honors deceased Veterans

On Sunday, November 10, 2013 parishioners of St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie, Pennsylvania braved the cold and wind to honor deceased veterans. As pastor, Fr. Steve Repa, reminded everyone those who served braved wind, cold, snow, rain, mud, etc. for long periods of time. A few parishioners went through the cemetery a few days before to write down the names of the veterans and their names were read during the Panahida along with any other names provided to Father. Following the Panahida Vestryman Cliff O’Neil dusted off his trumpet and played taps.
The Holy Spirit has a peculiar and wonderful way of tying loose souls into knots of remorse once He has them firmly fixed under the pulpit, listening to the tremendous truths of sin and judgment. Other projects in the Church may effect great good in saving or reclaiming the lost; but there is nothing that can compare with the power of church attendance for softening hearts that were hard and opening eyes that could not see. But the problem is to induce the hardened and the blind to attend Church.

The priest who tries to induce the strayed to come back to their Father's house undertakes quite a job. Rare is he who can say that his success in this special form of stray sheep-seeking is spectacular. Saul may have won his thousands and David his tens of thousands; your priest would be content to be able to speak in terms of hundreds or even scores for whom he had been a harbinger of the grace of conversion. Of course, the grace of God sometimes works slowly and invisibly, and no laborer among souls has any call to ask that the results of his work be made manifest to him. And he is amply rewarded for having called on fifty people with no apparent result, if the fifty-first eagerly seize on the grace of God.

However, even though a priest may not have had great apparent success in saving the lost and straying sheep on whom he has called, he has had extraordinary success in gathering a dossier of strange excuses and alibis from the lips of unfortunate men and women anxious to sidestep his willingness to lead them back to God. People always have excuses for not surrendering to divine love, just as the people in the Lord's parable who would not attend the banquet to which they were invited.

We have never met a single fallen-away Orthodox who told us that he gave up the practice of Orthodox religion because he was convinced after long study and deep prayer that the Orthodox religion was not the religion of Christ. Many have said that they were convinced that the Orthodox religion was wrong in some things; but there was nothing of long study and deep prayer in the statement, and a question or two always proved that there was little or nothing of long study and deep prayer in fact. There may have been long study over the divine charms of a certain young lady of strong anti-Orthodox tendencies who refused to tolerate the idea of marriage before an Orthodox priest, or of cooperation with an Orthodox in any of the duties imposed by his religion. Or a girl may have had her heart fixed more firmly on marriage than on heaven, and when a man came along with a proposal of the former, could not resist him even though he was the kind of a man for whom she would have to sacrifice the latter. Of course, that is not the way they tell the story. They found out that the Orthodox Church was wrong in the exact moment when they chose to marry outside her pale.

No weak Orthodox has ever said to the priest that he was certain of the falsity of the Orthodox religion because of her insistence on the necessity of good works as well as faith, or because of her teaching that tradition, together with the Bible, was a font of revelation. All the defenses of the theologians were so much Greek to most of them, in so far as they were able to quote them or even to suggest them. No, it was always some picayune argument that they themselves had probably answered a hundred times when they were in grade school, before the issue became confused by love's young dream or some other form of passion.

There were many who gave up the faith or became careless in its practice, because of priest trouble. The priest talked too long in his sermons, or he did not talk long enough. The priest visited his parishioners too much or he did not visit them enough. The priest played ball with the boys and girls in the public park, or the priest never played anything with anybody in any park. The priest talked too much about rights of labor and
social justice, thus taking sides with the “racketeers,” or the priest never said anything about social problems, thus taking sides with “entrenched capitalists.” The priest was too old to understand modern problems, or too young to have had any experience.

There was the case of the family that lived within a few blocks of the church and whose members have not darkened the door of the Orthodox Church for twenty years. The father repeatedly denied the Orthodox Church, didn’t believe in the sacraments, said that he preferred being with a Protestant congregation. When he died, the son came to the church office to arrange for an Orthodox church funeral; the priest had to refuse this service, rightly assuming that the dead man’s life, actions, and words showed that he had no use for the Church. That was enough to convince the son that the Orthodox Church was not the true religion; neither he nor any member of his family has attended the Liturgy since.

The priest and money afford the weak the strongest argument for their weakness. It is said that the most tender part of a man is his pocketbook. This is definitely true of those who base the divinity of their religion on whether or not their pocketbook is mentioned by a priest in or outside the church. The priest may be begging money for a much needed church and school so that (in the words of his parishioners) “we won’t have to send our children to a fire-trap.” He may even be trying to get enough money together to patch a leaking roof, so that his parishioners may not have to raise umbrellas in church. It makes no difference what his purpose is; the cry is raised by the slipping and falling that all the priest talks about is money. And when a priest approaches a certain man who has been prodigal with his pennies when the collection baskets were passed around, and suggests that it would be a good idea if he used the Sunday envelopes for a regular offering like the rest of the people, the man sometimes finds this a sufficient reason for severing ties with the ancient faith.

Or there is the case of the family that has lived in the vicinity of the church for twenty years and has never become a “member” because that would involve thirty dollars a year! Once or twice a year they would attend Church and throw a quarter in the collection plate. One of the daughters became engaged and wanted a church wedding; when the priest asked them to become members of the church and contribute for the upkeep of the institution from which they requested services, they were insulted and this insult disproved the Orthodox religion. They were married by a Holiness minister and are devout “Holinesses” today.

Then there are those who cannot go to church of the sacraments because they know so many sinners who go to church. Sometimes just the general statement is made that “every time you go to church you find it full of hypocrites and sinners, and a good person would not want to be found dead with them.” At other times there is just one sinner in the parish who goes to the Liturgy, and thereby makes it impossible for a respectable citizen to go. “I’ll tell you why I don’t go to the Liturgy. It’s because one of the biggest hypocrites in the community is right up there in the front seat every Sunday. If the Church can tolerate him, it will have to get along without me.” Sometimes a personal enmity is made the occasion for giving up the practice of religion.

It would require a full sized book to recount all the flimsy excuses that the fallen away have given when the priest tries to lead them home. They were always so tired on Sunday morning. They really felt they needed the extra rest. Or, it escaped their minds entirely to wind the alarm clock on ten consecutive Sundays. Or they didn’t do anything wrong like killing people or stealing money, and therefore they did not feel the need of running off to church every Sunday; in fact, they were a lot better than their neighbors who never missed the Liturgy.

The real reason, of course, was one of two or both. They were abysmally ignorant of the obligation of serving God in God’s way and not in their own; or there was an obstacle to practicing the faith that they did not want to remove and which they would have to remove if they were to be reconciled: an invalid marriage; a sinful attachment; a program of injustice; a hatred. Conscious neglect gradually grew into tepidity until they were so indifferent that they no longer even cared how foolish their excuses for not serving God really sounded.

Some of those who had been invited to become conscious members of the Church and refused, died sudden and awful deaths. That is why we should be praying especially hard for those who have been and are invited to the Church and are refusing to join....

REV. JOHN HONDRA
З лона Отчого зійшовши і ставши для нас, православних християн, дорогою спасіння, Господь ласкавим і божественним Своїм словом навчає нас покаяння, кажучи: «Я прийшов не праведників, а грішників призвати до покаяння» (Матв. 9:13); і ще: «Не здоровим треба лікаря, а недужим» (Луки 5:31). А коли ж говорить Сам Господь, то хто може знехтувати цим, не дбаючи про життя своє? Коли ми усвідомлюємо в собі, що в середині наші є болячки помислів і вчинків, то чому не дбаємо про сховані вади свої? Чому лякаємось Лікаря? Він не жорстокий, не безспівчутливий, не безжалісний; не застосовує він заліза чи міцних ліків та припікання, лікує самим словом. Якщо хочемо прийти до Нього, то він повний доброти, багатий на милосердя. Для нас прийшов Він з Отчого лона. Для нас тіло прийняв, щоб приступали ми до Нього без страху, для нас людиною став, щоб загоїти наші тяжкі рані. З великою любов’ю та з усякою милістю Він кличе нас до Себе.

Приступаймо, віруючі, зціляйте без труду! Скидайте з себе тягар гріхів, приносять молитву і обмінюємо сльозами загнілі рані! Адже цей небесний Лікар, як милостивий, сльозами і зітханнями виліковує рані. Приступаймо, віруючі, увійти, поки їх не зачинено. Не дасть Він часу для нашого недбальства, та й самі двері, зауважуючи нашу безтурботність, не чекатимуть, поки триватиме наша неуважність. Чому зненавидів ти життя своє, нещасний? Що вище за душу твою, людино? А ти, віруючий, знехтував нею. Не знаємо, улюблені, коли саме небесний Лікар звели чинити двері Свого лікування. Приступаймо, блаже вас, постараймося уздоровитися.

Слово про покаяння святого отця нашего Єфрема Сиріна

Він хоче нашим покаянням обрадувати небесне воїнство. Сонце досягло вже пори вечірньої, і для нас тільки затримується, щоб ми дійшли до оселі.

Послухайте, улюблені, спасенного голосу, який промовляє щоденно: «Прийдіть до Мене, всі струджені й зненавидів, і Я заспою вас. Візьміть яче Мое на себе, й навчіться, бо Я безмовний, лагідний, милосердний і смиренний серцем, і знайдете спокій душам вашим» (Матв. 11:28 - 30). Він сповідає нам заспокоєння і день у день обіцяє життя. Приступаймо, не біймося! Владика милосердний ні в чому не має потреби, не вимагає записи всіх гріхів. Він – пристановище від усякого лиха, лікує болячки, і життя дає ще в чудовому, як милосердний; охоче приймає тих, що припадають до Нього. Адже Він великий Бог і все відоме йому, він знає всі помисли наші, і коли хто приходить до Нього, щоб зцілитися, бачить серце і всю щирість його.

Коли той що приходить має незмінне, побожне життя, тоді Сам милосердний Бог, з ласки Своєї, відразу відкривається для нас, перше, ніж людина підймуть очі до Бога, і перше, ніж наблизитися до Нього, розкриває скарб перед тим, хто шукає його, і перше, ніж попросить, примиряється з людиною; перше, ніж попросить, утворюється, удостоює милості. Не бариться вислухувати тих, що приходять до Бога поправді. І не карає нечестивця, коли він приходить: «Навіщо ти добровільно знёслався Мене, Владику?» Не
дошукується, скільки часу минуло, а тільки на покору, слюзі й зітхання того, що звертається до Нього, дивиться Вдадика.

Тому Він, знаючи наперед усе, як Бог і Творець наш, відразу прощає всі гріхи, всі помилки в думках і вчинках, і каже, щоб принесли йому одежду найпершу і ще перстень на правицю, і всім ангелам наказує радіти, що знайдено цю душу гришка ...

Отже, приступаймо, християни, будемо молитися, поки є на це час! Тут, поки ми в цьому житті, завжди можемо умилостивити Бога. Неважко здобути нам прощення, є час для нас стукати в двері його милосердя. Проливаймо сльози, поки є час приймати сльози, щоб, перейшовши в потойбічний вік, не плакати надаремно: там бо нічого не варті сльози ... Багато святих, ставши праведними й преподобними, відцукнулися принад цього світу добрим виявленням духовної свободи і в певній надії на заповіді Божі дійшли переконання, що матимуть блага Божі в раю насолоди. Полюбивши бо Христа, вони віддали йому перевагу над усім тлінним, тому щодня радіють в Бозі, просвітлюються в Христі, безперестанно радіючи в Дусі Святому. Веселиться за них Свята Тройця, веселяться за них ангелі й архангелі, веселиться за них рай насолоди. Вони по правді достойні похвали й слави, завжди блаженні. Ангелі й люди прославляють їх, бо любові Божій вони віддали перевагу перед цілим світом. І святий, праведний, істинний Бог дарував їм царство Своє, і ще дав їм більшу славу – разом із святими ангелами завжди радіюти вічним життю за труд вашого подвижництва! Покінчивши, побачте Христа Царя, безсмертного Жениха, Якого ви любили! Адже, полюбивши його, стали ви мандрівниками на землі. Прокиньтесь, побачте царство його, яке Він наготовував для вас! Прокиньтесь, побачте жаданого Христа! Прокиньтесь, ненаситним оком погляньте на Господа, Якого ви полюбили, заради Якого терпіли скорботи, для Якого подвізалися! Приступайте тепер, і з великою сміливістю дивіться на Нього, поки є на це час вічної життя за труд вашого подвижництва! Які діяти буде, якщо не приготується до цього часу Божої милості? Бог милує достойних.

Затрубить з неба труба і скаже: прокиньтесь, єдні безсмертні: прийміть, бо Царівна прийшла на світ, як інша людина, але вона прийшла не для себе, а платить гріхи світу, щоб люди могли прийняти смерть безстрашно. Прокиньтесь, побачте безсмертного Царя, якого ви любили! Адже, полюбивши його, стали ви мандрівниками на землі. Прокиньтесь, побачте жаданого Христа! Прокиньтесь, ненаситним оком погляньте на Господа, Якого ви полюбили, заради Якого терпіли скорботи, для Якого подвізалися! Прокиньтесь, побачте безсмертного Царя. І багато святих, ставши праведними й преподобними, відцукнулися принад цього світу добрим виявленням духовної свободи і в певній надії на заповіді Божі дійшли переконання, що матимуть блага Божі в раю насолоди. Полюбивши бо Христа, вони віддали йому перевагу над усім тлінним, тому щодня радіють в Бозі, просвітлюються в Христі, безперестанно радіючи в Дусі Святому. Веселиться за них Свята Тройця, веселяться за них ангелі й архангелі, веселиться за них рай насолоди. Вони правді достойні похвали й слави, завжди блаженні. Ангелі й люди прославляють їх, бо любові Божій вони віддали перевагу перед цілим світом.

Так, Господи Царю, даруй мені бачити провини мої і не осужувати брата мого, бо Ти благословен єси на вікі вічні. Амінь.
It has been a bit over a year since we lost our church building to fire. When the Israelites wandered in the desert, the High Holy Place was in a tent; ours is on the stage in our parish hall. When the Israelites wandered in the desert, they were assured of God’s plan for them by His Presence in the Fire and Wind; we are reminded by His Presence in the Holy Mysteries, and especially in the Eucharist. Nonetheless, their time in the desert was hard and brought many temptations. Our trials pale in significance to theirs, but it is still hard. So much of our experience of God is tied to the sanctified space in which we worship; we know that God is with us wherever we gather in His Name, but there is a temptation for us to regard our Liturgy as something less than it could or should be. There are also temptations to complain about the pace of rebuilding, temptations for parishioners to doubt their leaders, and temptations for leaders to doubt themselves. The Evil One tries to work his way into these spiritual crevices and turn them into schisms. Your prayers have helped us keep the Evil One at bay and maintain our unity in Christ, but we are tired and the constant vigilance has taken its toll on all of us. It has been a long year, and the coming one promises even more of the same.

And so it is that in the midst of our trouble, God manifested Himself to us in an amazing way: on the 29th of December he sent His servant Antony, the Metropolitan of the UOC-USA and archpastor of our diocese and parish, to ordain one of the children of our parish, Sdn. Paul Cherkas to the diaconate.

About Deacon Paul Cherkas

Paul Cherkas was born into the community of St. Michael the Archangel. He served in the altar as a boy, and it was in that altar that God first stirred within his heart a desire to serve Him in formal ministry. Paul had a chance to test that vocation as a Chaplain’s Assistant in the rivers and jungles of Vietnam. That was a very difficult time for him and for this country. When he got back, “life happened”, and Paul put off his calling; but not his love of God.

Many priests helped him work his way back to the altar. Over the last few years, that movement really picked up. With the support of his wonderful wife, Mary Ann, Paul took on the formal duties of tonsured Reader in 2008 and as a subdeacon just a couple of years later. He graduated from the St. Stephen’s program last year as Valedictorian. He was never just a “Sunday Subdeacon.” Even before his retirement earlier this year, Paul spent many extra hours each week in service to our community. For instance, he created a youth ministry to shut-ins, taught the parish pre-marriage course, helped teach our children and youth, is a regular part of the kitchen work team, and generally finds ways to help every chance he gets.

The beauty of the ordination

His Eminence, Metropolitan Antony came to Rhode Island on Saturday, December 28th. That afternoon, the parish board briefed him about the progress on rebuilding during a working dinner hosted and arranged by board member and former board president, Cindy Charest. That was followed by the Vigil service and a reception at the parish rectory.

The Hierarchical Liturgy on Sunday set records. The hall was packed with parishioners and the friends and family of the diaconal candidate. The altar was also packed: in addition to the parish priest, Fr. Anthony Perkins and his regular servers, Subdeacon Joshua Bourgery and Adam Teper, were the two seminarians who are staying with the parish over the Nativity break, Eduardo Mourov and Volodymyr Yavorkyi, and FIVE VISITING DEACONS; Hieromonk
Кожного року 22 січня вся Україна та українці в Діаспорі святкують День Соборності. Яке ж значення має для нас, українців, це свято? Адже проголошений Акт злуки УНР та ЗУНР був політичним та юридичним, проте не відбувся на державному рівні, Україна продовжувала бути епіцентром загарбницьких війн. Це свято є дуже символічним і несе за собою ідею єдності українського народу. Цю єдність ми сьогодні можемо бачити у людях, які вийшли на майдани по цілій Україні, щоб відстоювати те, за що наші прадіди боролись, відстоювали та віддали свої життя і заповідали нам робити так. Саме тому ми так урочисто щороку піднімаємо прапор у супроводі гімну і віддаємо шану цьому дню.

Український народ століттями потерпав від нападу ворогів з різних сторін, які, роздирали українські землі. Так, Західна Україна довший перебувала під владою Польщі та Австро-Угорщини, а Східна - під владою Російської імперії.

22 січня 1919 року на Софіївській площі під тріумфальною аркою, прикрашеною старовинними гербами, розпочалась урочиста церемонія проголошення Акту злуки. "...Віднине во єдино зливаються століттями відірвані одна від одної частини єдиної України — Галичина, Буковина, Закарпаття і Наддніпрянська Україна. Здійснилися віковічні мрії, для яких жили і за які вмирали найкраші сини України. Віднині є тільки одна незалежна Українська Народна Республіка. Віднині український народ увільнений могучим поривом своїх власних сил, має змогу об’єднати всі зусилля своїх синів для створення нероздільної, незалежної української держави, на добро і щастя українського народу." (З Універсалу Директорії).

Отож, сьогодні всі свідомі українці так само урочисто святкують цей великий День духовного об’єднання свого народу.

Не оминуло це свято і осередку Митрополії нашої Святої Української Православної Церкви США у Савт Баунд Бруку, Нью-Джерсі. О полудні, як і 95 років тому, у Церкві-Пам’ятнику св. Андрія Первозванного зібралися парафіяни, працівники Консисторії та гості, щоб відслужити молебень за мир та добробут України та її народу, особливо щодо протестів по цілій Україні. Молебень відслужили настоятель Церкви-Пам’ятника протоієрей Юрій Сівко та місцеве духовенство о. Василь Довган та о. Василь Пасакас.

На богослужінні були присутні представники генерального консульства України в Нью-Йорку — генеральний консул Ігор Сибіга та віце-консул Константин Ворона та представники Постійного Представництва України при ООН. Після молебня представники консульства та духовенство відправилися до хреста, щоб покласти квіти та вшанувати пам’ять тих, які загинули в боротьбі за волю України.
"We hope that it will become a pious tradition for our Eparchial Bishop to celebrate the Great Feast of Theophany of our Lord with the faithful of the Western Deanery..." – with such words of welcome to St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Pro-Cathedral in Los Angeles, CA, Very Rev. Fr. Vasile Sauciu greeted His Grace Bishop Daniel, the Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA, as the bishop entered the parish temple on Sunday, January 19, 2014.

On the eve of the feast-day of Theophany (January 18) Ukrainian Orthodox Christians from across San Diego, CA area gathered at Protection of the Birth-Giver of God Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Spring Valley, CA to celebrate the traditional Theophany Eve and the Great Blessing of the Water. This event is part of Theophany/Epiphany celebrations by Orthodox Christians around the world and this year it was organized by Western Deanery of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and graciously hosted by the parishioners of Pokrova of the Mother of God parish. It was also a truly ecumenical prayer service, as a local Ukrainian Catholic community joined the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in their prayers on the feast day of Theophany for the wellbeing of Ukrainian nation in times of political and economic uncertainties.

Very Rev. Fr. Myron Mykhayluk, a pastor of Pokrova parish welcomed the hierarch and the visitors to the parish's sacred space, making references to the importance of the notion of spiritual fatherhood of the bishop with his spiritual children. Subdeacon Gary Gebet, who serves a president of the parish's board of administration along with the members of the Sisterhood presented Vladyka Daniel with traditional bread and salt, referencing the ancient traditions of Ukrainian hospitality of Theophany Eve.

«At Your Baptism in the Jordan, Lord, the Worship of the Trinity was Made Manifest...»

In his sermon, Bishop Daniel, reflecting of the Sacred season of Nativity of our Lord stated: «...The challenge of the Nativity/Theophany season is to take all that we believe and live it 365 days a year ... do it for the poor and the sick and the lonely and the unemployed. Do it for those who feel life isn't worth living anymore... The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of what is called the «public» ministry of Christ. He was thirty years old. He died His redemptive death at Golgotha when He was only thirty three. However, He also spent thirty redemptive years of life in what writers have sometimes called His «hidden years» in Nazareth’s school, «growing in wisdom and stature». (Luke 2:52) Those years were not hidden in the sense of unimportant. It simply means that we do not find much about them in the Gospel accounts. However, they are rich with meaning, revealing the deeper truths of our faith and its invitation to each one of us who bear the name Christian to live our lives now in a new way by living them in Him..."
This Feast - together with Pascha and Pentecost - make up the three great Feasts of the ancient Church. Through the Baptism of the Lord the Most Holy Trinity has been revealed to the world. God the Father spoke from Heaven about the Son. The Son was baptized by the Lord's holy Forerunner, John. And the Holy Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a Dove. . . .

Following the Great Blessing of Water, the entire congregation gathered in a parish hall for a traditional Theophany Eve meal, beginning it with the spiritually uplifting carol “God Eternal…”

Later in the day, Bishop Daniel, escorted by Very Rev. Vasile Sauciur returned to LA in order to prepare for the celebration of the Feast of Theophany at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Pro-Cathedral.

As the early hours of Sunday morning arrived, the Feast of Theophany of Christ, about 150 faithful of the parish family gathered around the Church to welcome their bishop. The pastor of the parish community, Fr. Vasile Sauciur, along with the members of the parish board of administration, members of the choir, parish's sisterhood - formally welcomed the bishop, presenting his with flowers from the children, bread and salt from the community and a hand cross for veneration from the pastor of the parish.

“We're blessing the waters as a physical reminder of the responsibility we have to care for the earth,” said the bishop in his homily during the Liturgy. “Each year, we place a cross into the waters asking Jesus Christ to send down the Holy Spirit for the cleansing and sanctification of the water... The triple miracle which took place on this occasion — the opening of the heavens, the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and the testimony of God the Father — completely convinced Saint John that Jesus Christ was the awaited Messiah. The visible descent of the Holy Spirit on the Messiah was exactly what Saint John was waiting for, because at the very beginning, when he was sent to preach as a prophet, God told him: «Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.» Consequently, from that moment John the Baptist could unmistakably and without the slightest doubt testify to all that Jesus is the Messiah and the Lamb of God that takes upon Himself the sins of the world. Soon after the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, John sent some of his disciples to Him: the brothers Andrew (the First-called Apostle) and Peter and the brothers James and John (the Theologian). They joined Christ and became His first disciples and apostles... The Feast of the Theophany, or the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ, is, along with Pascha, one of the most ancient Christian holidays. It is dedicated to our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River. From ancient times Christians celebrated this feast day with great enthusiasm, because it reminded them of their own baptism and stirred them to a deeper consciousness of the power of this Mystery... As we celebrate today the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan, let us thank God for the free gift of salvation through the grace of baptism. Let us also earnestly ask him for the grace to keep us faithful to our baptismal promises to say no to Satan and all his false promises and to say yes to God even unto death.”

Following the liturgical services, everyone in attendance gathered in a social hall of St. Vladimir parish for a festive luncheon, skillfully prepared by the parishioners of the parish family.
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and the parish sisterhood.

The feeling of festal joy was uplifting as the hymns of Theophany were sung in the candlelit church; as His Grace blessed the temple; and as the parishioners prayerfully greeted their archpastor and drank deeply of the newly-blessed waters. All appreciated the time Vladyka spent with the parish, manifesting the episcopal ministry through his prayer, teaching, encouragement, and fellowship, and especially on this, the Great Feast of Theophany.

Later in the afternoon, upon the invitation of Ukrainian Cultural Center of Los Angeles, CA, the Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA paid a visit to the center and participated in a traditional Schedryj Vechir (Holy Supper) meal. Being welcomed by the members of the Board of Administration, the bishop shared a few moments of his personal time with the guests in attendance and in conclusion of the festive program made a short presentation, calling upon the community to offer unceasing prayers for the brothers and sisters of Ukrainian nation as political uncertainty continues the develop. Bidding farewell to Ukrainian-American community of Los Angeles at the Cultural Center, the bishop greeted everyone with the Feast of Theophany and sprinkled with Holy Jordan Water those in attendance.

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Українське Православне Слово

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США і гостинними членами парафії св. Покрови. Насправді то було екомунічне богослужіння, так як місцева українська католицька громада приєдналася до вірних Української Православної Церкви в своїх молитвах на свято Богоявлення за благополуччя українського народу в часи політичної та економічної невизначеності.

Протоієрей о. Мирон Михайлюк, настоятель парафії св. Покрови привітав ієрарха і відвідувачів парафії, наголошуючи на важливості поняття духовного батька єпископа та його духовних дітей. Іподиякон Гері Гебет, голова парафіяльної управи разом з членами сестрицтва традиційно з хлібом та сіллю привітали Владика Даниїла, посилаючись на стародавні традиції української гостинності в вечір перед Богоявленням.

«Коли в Йордані хрестився, Ти Господи, відкрилося поклоніння Святій Трійці...»

У своїй проповіді єпископ Даниїл, відображаючи святість Різдва Христового наголосив: «...

Ця духовна віднова у дні Різдва/Богоявлення закликає прийняти те все, що ми віримо і жити цим 365 днів у році ... робити це для бідних хворих і одиноких та безробітних. Зробіть це для тих, хто втратив надії на життя ... Свято Хрещення Господнього являє собою початок того, що називається “служінням серед людей” Христа. Йому було тридцять років. Він помер викупною смертю на Голгофі, коли йому було тільки тридцять три роки.

Також він провів тридцять років життя, святі отці іноді їх називають “прихованими роками” в школі Назаретy, “виростав в мудrosti” (Лк. 2:52) Ті роки не були приховані тільки тому, що ми не знаходимо багато про них у Євангелії. Проте, вони багаті змістом, виявлення глибоких істин нашої віри і це запрошує кожного із нас, хто носитиме ім’я християнина, жити наше життя тепер по-новому, в Христі... Це свято - разом з Великоднем і П’ятидесятницею - складають три велики свята давньої Церкви.

Через Хрещення Господа нашего Ісуса Христа свята Трійця явилася світу. Бог Отець промовляв з небес про Сина. Син хрестився від святого Передвісника Господнього, Іоанна Предтечі. І Дух Святий зійшов на Сина у вигляді голубиному .... “.

Після Великого освячення води, всі люди зібралися в парафіяльному залі на традиційну вечерю, починаючи з духовно сповняючою колядкою - “Бог Предвічний ...

Пізніше, в той же день, єпископ Даниїл, у супроводі протоієрея Василя Савчура повернувся в Лос-Анджелес для того, щоб підготуватися до святкування свята Богоявлення у Свято-Володимирському Українському Православному Про-соборі. Як тільки рано-вранці владика прибув, на свято Богоявлення Христового, близько 150 вірних цієї парафіальної родини зібралися навколо церкви, щоб вітати його епископа. Настоятель храму, о. Василь Савчур, поряд з членами парафіяльної управи, члени хору, сестрицтво парафії - офіційно вітав епископа квітами — від дітей, хліб і сіль — від спільноти і ручним хрестом на знак шані від настоятеля парафії.

«Ми благословляемо води як матеріальнє нагадування про відповідальність дбати про землю», сказав епископ у своїй проповіді під час литургії, “Кожного року ми занурюємо хрест у воду і просимо Ісуса Христа дарувати Святого Духа для очищення й освячення води ...

Потрійне чудо, яке відбулося з цього приводу - відкриття небес, зішестя Святого Духа у вигляді голуба і свідоцтво Бога Отця - повністю переконало св. Івана, що Ісус Христос був довгоочікуваним Месією. Видиме зішестя Святого Духа на Месію було саме те, на що чекав св. Іван, оскільки на самому початку, коли він був відправлений проповідувати як пророк, Бог сказав йому: “На кому побачиш Духа, що сходить і перебуває на Ньому, це Той, Хто хрестить Духом Святим”. Отже, з цього моменту Іван Хреститель міг безпомилково і без найменшого сумніву свідчити всім, що Ісус є Месією і Агнець Божий, який бере на себе гріхи світу. Незабаром після Хрещення Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, Іоанн послав деяких своїх учнів до Нього: братів Андрія (Первозванного апостола) і Петра і братів Якова та Іоанна (Богослова). Вони приєдналися до Христа і стали його першими учнями і апостолами ... Свято Богоявлення, або Хрещення Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, є, разом з Великоднем, одним з найдавніших християнських свят. Воно присвячене Хреченню нашого Господа в річці Йордан. З давніх часів християнські святували це свято з великим ентузіазмом, бо воно нагадувало їм їх власне хречення, що зумовлювало їх до глибшого розуміння сили цього Таїнства... Оскільки ми святкуємо сьогодні хречення Господа нашого Ісуса Христа в Йордані, дякуємо
The beauty of the service was further augmented by the wonderful performance of the parish choir under the direction of Donna Eichorn. Not a week goes by when we do not thank God for the strength of our music ministry! Reader Nicholas Perkins, who was home for a couple of weeks for Christmas break, chanted the Epistle as beautifully as any had ever heard.

After the service, we reconvened at a nearby restaurant for the reception. During the next few days, Deacon Paul began applying his theoretical knowledge of diaconal rubrics by serving Divine Liturgy with Fr. Anthony every morning. This included two mornings at local nursing homes where parishioners reside. This was a perfect blending of Deacon Paul’s service to the sick and shut-ins with his new liturgical duties and, like his ordination, it brought a great deal of joy to all those involved.

May God grant to his newly ordained deacon, Paul and to his wife, Pani Matka Mary Ann: peace, health, happiness, and the strength to serve for MANY BLESSED YEARS!
Center Launches Family History Group

Ruthenian immigrants from the Austro-Hungarian province of Galicia and Ukrainians from the Russian Empire first began arriving in the U.S. in large numbers at the end of the 19th century. Since then there has never been one place here to learn about how to track down information on individual families with their ancestral roots in Ukraine and southeast Poland. The Ukrainian Historical and Educational Center of New Jersey plans to change this through the launch of its Family History Group in 2014.

The purpose of this new program is to bring together people who have a keen interest in genealogy with a wide range of worldwide experts and will cover various ethnic groups in current day Ukraine and southeast Poland. The goal is to help Ukrainians, Jews with Ukrainian roots, Lemkos, Boykos, Rusyns and others in the U.S. learn about their own family histories, collect stories and documents about their immigrant ancestors, get advice on preserving family records, and offer workshops on how to trace lineage in both Ukrainian and Polish archives. Despite the ravages of war and ethnic conflict, a wealth of original documents going back to the 1700’s still exist that can provide family documentation for those with ancestry in Galicia and Ukraine.

The 2014 program schedule will consist of two major events as well as other in-person and online meetings where expert speakers will offer unique insights on various topics related to Eastern European and U.S. immigration history, family research and the archives available in Ukraine and Poland.

A half-day session (9 AM – Noon) will take place on Saturday, March 22nd at the Ukrainian Historical and Educational Center in Somerset, New Jersey. Topics will include:

- Researching Your Immigrant Ancestors
- Scattered: The Forced Relocation of Poland’s Ukrainians after World War II
- Resources at the Ukrainian Historical & Educational Center

A full-day conference (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM) will be held on October 25th.

The program will be coordinated by Michelle Tucker Chubenko and Mike Buryk, with the help of the Center’s archivist Michael Andrec and museum director Natalia Honcharenko.

Michelle is a professional genealogist with 22 years experience in researching families in Mid-Atlantic states, and Oklahoma/Indian Territory and has Ukrainian roots in Poland. She has presented genealogical lectures to audiences on a local, county, state and national level and appeared on the television show “Who Do You Think You Are?” in 2009.

Mike is a writer and speaker whose research focuses on Lemko and Ukrainian genealogy and the history of Ukrainians in the United States. New Jersey-based FAMILY HISTORIAN TV featured Mike in a half-hour program that focused on Ukrainian genealogy in 2012.

For more information about the new group, please visit the Ukrainian Historical and Educational Center website (www.UkrHEC.org/family-history-group), or contact the Center by email (genealogy@UkrHEC.org), telephone (732-356-0132), or postal mail (135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873). You can contact Mike Buryk at michael.buryk@verizon.net and visit his web site at www.buryk.com/our_patch. You can reach Michelle Chubenko at michelle@jerseyrootsgenealogy.com and visit her web site at www.jerseyrootsgenealogy.com.

Register online for the March 22nd workshop: www.UkrHEC.org/events!
The frigid temperatures outside St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ on Tuesday morning, January 7 2014, were no match for the warmth found inside as the Divine Liturgy was celebrated on the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

With some 300 hundred people in attendance at the main church of the Metropolia Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, His Grace Bishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA led the Nativity of our Lord Divine Liturgy on January 7, 2014.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Prime Hierarch of the UOC of the USA presided over the Great Compline/Matins services on Christmas Eve, January 6th, as the low temperatures covered most of Mid-West and East coast of the United States of America.

As the Liturgy was led by Bishop Daniel with Very Rev. Fr. Yury Siwko and Rev. Fr. Vasyl Pasakas concelebrating, the church brimmed with faithful turning up in large numbers to attend the special morning Divine Liturgy, marking the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Chanting of the choir of St. Andrew Memorial Church, under the leadership of Michael Andrec, Christmas tree and decorations with the candles lit in front of the icons added more charm.

In his homily, the bishop exhorted the faithful to follow in the path of Christ and said that, “Things like Christmas trees, stars, carols give us happiness superficially, but we must celebrate Christmas meaningfully and feel it within us by following the teachings of Jesus Christ. Give space in your hearts, open the doors of your houses for others.” He added, “Remember - our Savior Jesus Christ gave us the message of love, brotherhood and peace. We must live together as God’s children. Christ died for us, which indicates how much he loves us, and so we must love each other. We must make real Christ’s message in our daily life, live like Him, follow Him and abolish any sense of social/moral/political discrimination between the children of God. We must treat everyone equally...”

He further said that “in this modern world we forget our duties, we do not get time to pray, we do not know who is our next door neighbor... We go to the church and go back home and sit inside our houses without helping the needy...”

While concluding Bishop Daniel said, “Christmas is a time to spread joy, peace and harmony but how much joy we are spreading around us has to be introspected. Do not harden your heart, be more human and help the poor and the needy and celebrate a true Christmas”. The bishop also wished everyone a very happy and peaceful new year.

Once the liturgical celebration concluded, the choir of St. Andrew Memorial Church and the faithful prayerfully sang carols, while Bishop Daniel, assisted by Fr. Yuriy Siwko and Fr. Vasyl Pasakas anointed the faithful and offered them prayerful greetings.

The early hours of Christmas afternoon arrived, yet the carolers remained at St. Andrew Memorial Church to proclaim the great feast of the Nativity to the world, by sharing with each other the traditions of Ukrainian Orthodox Christmas carols, especially treating His Grace Bishop Daniel to his favorite Christmas carol “Heaven & Earth - Nebo i zemlia...”
“Бо прийдуть до тебе три
празники в гості,
Радуйся!...”

Діти не люблять повертатися
dо школи після свят, але цього не
можна було сказати про учнів Школи
Українознавства при Українському
Православному Катедральному
Соборі Святого Князя Володимира.
Невід'ємною частиною навчання у
нашій школі, поряд з українською
мовою та літературою, є вивчення
української культури та традицій:
тож субота 11 січня виявилася днем
незвичайним.

Із самого ранку, не зважаючи
на негоду, група учнів старших
класів разом з учителями, батьками
та настоятелем Катедри о. Іваном
вирушила у дорогу. Від 1949 року
різдвяне колядування залишається
прекрасною традицією нашої
школи, тому більшість українських та
інших установ околиці, а особливо
ті, які розташовані на Western та
Chicago Avenue, уже чекали на
колядників. Дзвінко лунали колядки
та віншування, побажання щастя,
здоров'я та успіху господарям та
працівникам закладів. Господарі
пригощали дітей солодощами та
складали свій щедрий дар на Школу
Українознавства та на Катедру Св.
Кн. Володимира.

Перед поверненням до
школи, майже о 1 годині пополудні,
колядники завітали і до оселі
настоятеля собору, отця Івана
Лимара, щоб побажати йому і його
родині щасливого Нового Року.
Втомлені, але веселі повертались
учні до школи, сповнені пошаною
та любов'ю до українських традицій.

Написала Добродійка Ліля Лимар
Світлини Олени Лимар

When His Grace arrived on Friday he had dinner with the teenagers at the hall. Following dinner they moved to the Church School rooms for an enlightening discussion. He talked about being a genuine person and not role playing or imitating others.

Saturday was the St. Matrona Ladies Society 10th Annual Cookie Walk. His Grace and Seminarians had a “hands on” experience by helping to wait on customers and pack their boxes with cookies along with helping to serve the coffee/tea/hot chocolate in the upstairs of the hall to those who were waiting for their numbers to be called. His Grace waited on Carnegie Mayor Jack Kobistek and then had a discussion talk with him about our parish. Mayor Kobistek informed His Grace about the good work the parish does around the community. His Grace was pleased to see how many parishioners (young and old) worked together to make the Cookie Walk a success. One little girl was heard saying that she had to write a Christmas story about her favorite holiday tradition. She wrote about the past few years coming with her family to our Cookie Walk. She got an “A” for the story!

The bishop along with the seminarians were treated to a detailed explanation about the iconography project upon which Michael Kapeluck is working for one of the Ukrainian Orthodox parishes in Canada.

Later in the day, His Grace Bishop Daniel along with the Seminarians, Very Rev. Steven Repa, and some of Metropolitan Constantine’s relatives, held a memorial service at the gravesite of Metropolitan Constantine of blessed memory.

Saturday evening the Parish Council went to dinner with Bishop Daniel and the Seminarians to a local restaurant. Following dinner His Grace held an informal discussion with the Council members. Some problems and concerns were discussed. His Grace stated that a parish that is also community-oriented is a thriving parish. He relayed his discussion with the Mayor and pointed out our community participation. Besides our Cookie Walk, Pysanky Sale, and Ukrainian Food Fest, our parish hosts a free Thanksgiving Dinner for the parishioners and community (this year we served ~250 dinners between those who attended, the take-outs, and 30 deliveries). Left over food has been donated to FOCUS Pittsburgh. We sponsor the St. John and St. Martin’s Closet in which we collect new/gently used clothing and bedding and on the third Sunday of the month we put the clothing out and anyone from the community can come to chose clothing to take home. Parishioners other individuals and organizations from the community donate clothing. His Grace stated they have an overabundance of children’s clothing at the Consistory (too much to send to the orphanages in Ukraine); we can come and get them for the closet. Two members volunteered to drive out to New Jersey and bring back the clothing. In conjunction with the Closet we have an Angel Tree in which the parents write out a wish list for their child(ren) and the parishioners take one or more angels to purchase gifts for the children which will be given out at the Christmas Party. Other activities include a Christmas Eve Supper in which Fr. Steve Repa, Dr. Steve Sivulich, and Alice Sivulich invite parishioners (especially those who are alone or have no place to go) to supper followed by Complies; a Theophany Eve dinner sponsored by St. Matrona’s for all parishioners; and a Lenten Mission in which we invite a guest speaker and other local clergy.

Sunday was a wonderful Hierarchical Divine Liturgy. It was very enlightening to have His Grace and the Seminarians serve. Assisting His Grace were Fr. Repa, Fr. Robert Popichak, Deacon Dennis Lapushansky, and Altar Servers. Responses were under the direction of Choir Directress Cynthia Mycyk. New vestments for Deacon Dennis and new altar cloths were blessed. Following Liturgy everyone proceeded to the hall for a delicious luncheon.

In honor of the three Seminarians and to thank them for visiting us the St. Matrona Ladies Society is sending a donation of $200 to the Seminary Support Fund. The parish is also donating $600 to the Seminary Support Fund in honor of Fr. Steve Repa’s 30th Anniversary of Ordination into the Holy Priesthood.

The entire parish thanks His Grace Bishop Daniel for gracing us with his presence and hopes he and the Seminarians can visit with us again in the future.
Під час Святвечірньої вечери 6-го січня 2014-го р. в залі Української Православної Катедри Св. Покрови (Катедра), до залі зайвов Вертеп (пересувний театр) Школи Релігії й Українознавства ім. Лесі Українки (Школа) при Катедрі. У Веретеп брали участь учні Школи, їх батьки, вчителі і прихильники.


Цигани хотіли розпочати торгівлю: «...Вечір добрий, вечір файний! Торг тут нині надзвичайний...» (читці: Денис Слюсар, Люба Слюсар). Але ангел їх зупинив: «О, ні! Того вже не буде! Не такі сьогодні люди, щоб з тобою гендель мати і про Бога забувати!» (читці: Таня Легуняк, Іван Зарицький). Розлючений Ірод кличе смерть: «...Гей смерте! Смерте моя мила, вірно ти мені служила. Хай непокірних кров тече рікою, махни своєю гострою косою. Смерть (Оля Лісківська в ролі смерті) заперечує Іродові: «...Ох, не буде цього царюю... я косою їх не вдарю!... Твою душу мушу взяти, в пекло чортові віддати!» Ірод пробує викрутитись: «...Я могучий і багатий, Янукович (мене звати)! На, ось золото мое, тільки не коси мене!» Але смерть неможливо підкупити: «...Ніщо безкарно не пройде, і ніщо не зникає, і над катом кожним меч долі звисає!»

Підсумок того що сталося був: «Поборено зло, лютий цар відступив! Звалив його молитвою до волі порив. Хай згода й любов поміж вами панує, хай справами вашими серце керує... Прощавайте добрі люди, вже спокій від нині буде. Щиро Господа благайте. Своїх діток научайте.» (читці: Таня Легуняк, Іван Зарицький). Учасники Веретепу заспівали колядку: «У Вифлеємі дивна новина». Директор Школи, Надія Пестрак повіншувала присутнім в залі: «Вішуєм вам нині, усі добрі люде, нехай поміч Божа завжди з вами буде. Хай кожної днини, кожної години, Бог благословить вас, біда нехай згине! Бувайте здорові разом з діточками, хай смутку і горя не буде між вами... Христос ся рождає!» На закінчення виступу Веретепа, пролунала колядка «Небо і земля» і Веретеп вийшов.

(Використано сценарій, який приготували Галина Яловенко, Марія Зеленько і Надія Пестрак).

(На фото: учасники Веретепу).
“Well done, good and faithful servant”
Matthew 25:23

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SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014

Speakers include:
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“LENT - A FAMILY AFFAIR”

Saturday, March 29, 2014

Begins at 9:00 AM

**Speakers include:**
Fr. Vasyl Sendeha
Fr. John Harvey
&
Family Lenten Survival Kit

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**Registration Deadline:** March 10th

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November 10–22, 2014, 13 days

$3,245.00 per person from JFK airport

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Monday Nov. 10 Day 1 – DEPART ON AN OVERNIGHT FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV from JFK airport

Tuesday Nov. 11 Day 2 - Arrival Tel Aviv - Transfer to Sea of Galilee
Upon arrival in Tel Aviv the group is met by our Orthodox tour escort who will accompany the group for the entire trip in the Holy Land. We are transferred to the Sea of Galilee area for an overnight. Open buffet dinner at the hotel. (D)

Wednesday Nov. 12 Day 3 - Nazareth - Cana – Mt. Tabor
Open buffet breakfast. We proceed to Nazareth, visiting the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and Gabriel’s Well. Next we visit Cana of Galilee including the Greek Orthodox Church, where we see two of the six jars that Jesus used in the first miracle of turning water into wine for the wedding feast. Our final stop is Mt. Tabor to pray at the Greek Orthodox Monastery of Transfiguration. Dinner and overnight Sea of Galilee. (B.D.)

Thursday Nov. 13 Day 4 - Ministry on the Sea of Galilee
Open buffet breakfast. We start the day early with boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. We then visit the Greek Orthodox Church at Capernaum followed by visit of the ancient Synagogue where Jesus preached. Our next visit is to the Mt of Beatitudes and the Church of the Multiplication of Fish and Loaves where we see the fabulous Byzantine Mosaic showing the five loaves and the two fish - the same caught in the Galilee and partaken of by Our Lord and the Holy Apostles. We enjoy lunch of St. Peter’s fish in a local restaurant. Dinner and overnight in the Sea of Galilee area. (B.L.D.)

Friday Nov. 14 Day 5 – Caesarea- Ein Karem- Jerusalem
Open buffet breakfast. This morning depart for Caesarea travelling along the Plains of Sharon. We have a guided tour that includes the Theatre, Herod’s Palace, Hippodrome Port and Aqueducts. Enjoy a coffee stop in a café on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. We drive to Ein Kerem to see St John Ba Harim “birthplace of John the Baptist”, Mary’s Spring where Mary came to share the good news announced to her by the Archangel Gabriel with Elizabeth, her cousin, the mother of John the Baptist. Arrive Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

Saturday Nov. 15 Day 6 - Jericho to include Mt of Temptation – Dead Sea – Jordan River
Open buffet breakfast. After buffet breakfast we take a full day excursion to the city of Jericho, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. We take a cable car to the Greek Orthodox Monastery at Mt of Temptation for a visit of the Monastery – from here you will have a great view over Jericho – Dead Sea, Mt Moab and Mt Nebo in Jordan. Then we take a swim in the mineral rich waters of the Dead Sea. Stop at the Jordan River Baptismal site. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

Sunday Nov. 16 Day 7 - Bethlehem - St Sabas – Shephard Field
Open buffet breakfast. We have the day in Bethlehem to visit the Church of Nativity and celebrate Divine Liturgy. We visit the Shepherd field (Orthodox church) followed by lunch on your own. Men will visit the Monastery of St. Sabas in the desert (TBC), while women have shopping time in Bethlehem at the Kando family store and also the Palestinian Heritage Center where we see the traditional crafts made by local women. Dinner and overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D.)

Monday Nov. 17 Day 8 - Jerusalem - Bethany - Mt Olives - Mt Zion
Start our visit this morning with the Greek Orthodox Church at Bethany marking the place where Jesus met the Sisters, at the entrance of the town,
followed by a visit to the Greek Orthodox Church built over Lazarus tomb. Ascend Mt of Olives visiting the Ascension chapel, then walk down the Palm (Willow) Sunday road stopping at the church of Mary Magdalene. We visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Grotto of Gethsemane built at this holy place. On route to Mt Zion we pass St Stephen Church marking the area where the first Christian Martyr was stoned to Death. Lunch is on your own, after which we visit St Peter in Gallicantu, Upper Room, King David’s Tomb and Dormition Abbey. Overnight and dinner in Jerusalem. (B.D.)

**Tuesday Nov. 18 Day 9 - Patriarchy- Holy Sepulchre- Wailing Wall- Temple Mount - St Ann’s Church – Monastery of the Cross**

Open buffet breakfast. We participate in the Divine Liturgy at the Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Today we visit the Old City including Ecce Homo, a church and convent along the path (Via Dolorosa), where Pontius Pilate presented the tortured Christ to the masses and washed his hands of him. We will see the prison where Christ our Lord was tortured and humiliated with a crown of thorns before he was forced to carry his cross along the Via Dolorosa-the Path of Suffering. We enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which is so large that both the Golgotha (the site of Crucifixion) and the Holy Tomb of Christ are located here. Continue to the Temple Mount where we visit the Mosque and to the Pools of Bethesda and the Wailing Wall. The remainder of the day is at leisure in the Old City for shopping. Tonight we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Jerusalem. (B. Special Dinner.)

**Wednesday Nov. 19 Day 10 – Jerusalem – Constantinople**

Early this morning we are transferred to the airport for the short flight to Constantinople. Upon arrival around noon time, you are greeted by the local guide and transferred to the hotel. Following our check in we are transferred to the magnificent Top Kapi Palace. We tour the former home of the Turkish sultans, see the Harem and see where the relics of St. John the Baptist are housed. Overnight in Constantinople. (B.D.)

**Thursday Nov. 20 Day 11 - Constantinople**

Following breakfast we have a city tour in the morning visiting St. Sophia Church, the Underground Basilica next door, Chora Church and the Church of the Protection of Mother of God. The afternoon is free to enjoy shopping in the Grand Bazaar or the smaller but just as interesting Spice Bazaar. Overnight in Constantinople. (B.D.)

**Friday Nov. 21 Day 12 – Constantinople**

This morning we travel to the Patriarchy where we celebrate Divine Liturgy and have a visit. We also see the Bulgarian church nearby. Rest of the afternoon is at leisure to explore the city on your own. This evening we gather for the farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B. Special Dinner)

**Saturday Nov. 22 Day 13 – Constantinople-USA**

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our non-stop flight home. (B)

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Session 4  Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me Camp I
July 28 - August 1
Ages 4-8 and Parent(s)
Session 5  Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me Camp II
August 18 - 22
Session 6  Family Fest - Labor Day Weekend
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Saint Thomas Sunday

Come and share in the light, grace and Gospel of the RISEN LORD with others!

Bright Saturday: 26 April, 2014

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy in St. Andrew Memorial Church
6:00 PM Vespers and Confessions in Seminary Chapel

Sunday: 27 April, 2014

9:30 AM Eucharistic Liturgy. Celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Bishop Daniel and pastors of local and distant parish communities.
11:30 AM A procession to the Cemetery’s Great Memorial Cross for the celebration of a Panakhya for the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God, His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav, Metropolitan John, Metropolitan Constantine, and all departed hierarchs, clergy and faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA, along with the victims of Stalin’s genocidal famine of 1932-33, the victims of the Chornobył disaster, those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and independence of Ukraine and the USA and the victims of the 11th September 2001 terroristic attack upon America as well as our fallen soldiers throughout the world.

May the souls of our beloved find rest among the saints and their memory be eternal!

Activities:
Sat. & Sun. afternoons: Ukrainian Food and Crafts
Sat. & Sun. afternoons: Youth Activities
Sat. 3:00PM: Picnic at St. Sophia Seminary

PARKING REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

As directed by the Consistory, all parking on Memorial Church and Cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited on Saturday, 26 April and Sunday, 27 April. Parking is permitted only on Consistory grounds located at 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, N.J. Round trip transportation of pilgrims to the Memorial Church and Cemetery will be provided.

Cultural exhibits and all commerce will take place on Saturday, 26 April, 2014 from Noon to 6 pm and Sunday, 27 April, 2014 from Noon to 6 pm in the main auditorium of the Cultural Center. Permits for sales must be obtained from the Consistory. No business will be transacted during the Liturgy and Panakhya. Any individuals conducting unauthorized sales will be removed from the property.

The Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, the clergy and the Office of Youth Ministry encourage children and youth of our Holy Metropolia to enrich their lives by participating with their parents and family members in the various liturgical services, especially the Holy Mystery of Confession and the Holy Eucharist during this year’s Holy Pilgrimage. Youth activities scheduled for Sunday, 27 April, 2014 will emphasize a relationship based on our relationship to Christ.

All other Panakhdy (Memorial Services) are permitted only after the conclusion of the above Panakhya at the Great Cross.

PLEASE NOTE: MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING BRIGHT WEEK - MONDAY TO FRIDAY (21 – 25 April, 2014). THESE DAYS ARE RESERVED FOR GRAVE CLEANING AND CEMETERY PREPARATION FOR ST. THOMAS SUNDAY (PROVIDNA NEDILA).

Bright Saturday: 26 April, 2014

10:00 год. ранку – Божественна Літургія в церкві-пам’ятнику св. Андрія
6:00 год. вечора – Вечірня і сповідь у каплиці семінарії.

Неділя: 27 квітня 2014

11:30 год. р. Присвячення престолу і освячення нового семінарського двохповітряного будівництва.
13:30 год. р. Наши души насичені улюбленною зі святыми спочивають, а пам’ять про них буде з роду в рід!

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Фомина Провіано Неділя

Світла субота: 26 квітня 2014

10:00 год. ранку – Літургія в церкві-пам’ятнику св. Андрія
6:00 год. вечора – Вечірня і сповідь у каплиці семінарії.

Неділя: 27 квітня 2014

9:30 год. р. Божественна Літургія, очолена Високопреосвященим Митрополитом Антонієм та Єпископом Данилом у співслужжні місцевого та приїжджого духовенства.
11:30 год. р. Після Літургії відбудеться похід до хреста-пам’ятника і Панахіди за спокій душ служителів св. п. Патріарха Мстислава, Митрополита Іоана, Митрополита Константина та всіх спочилих єпископів, священиків і вірних УПЦеркви, а також за спокій душ жертв геноцидного голодомору 1932-33 р.р., Чорнобильської трагедії, всіх тих, що жили та служили в боротьбі за волю і незалежність України і США, за жертви терористичного нападу на США 11 вересня 2001 р. та всіх загиблих воїнів.

ЗАГАЛЬНІ ПРАВИЛА

Консисторія повідомляє, що паркування авт в суботу 26 квітня та неділю 27 квітня 2014 року буде тільки на площі Консисторії при 135 Davidson Ave. Для транспортування багажу між паркувальною площею і цвинтарно-пам’ятниковим цвинтарем центральної можуть вкати спеціальні авт (Consistory vans). Паркування авт біля цвинтаря заборонено. Виставки і продаж різноманітних товарів будуть відбуватися в суботу і неділю від 12 год. до 6 год. вечора в головному залі Культурного центру, за попередньою отриманням від Консисторії зв’язком. Ті, хто будуть пробувати торгувати без дозволу, будуть позбавлені права торгівлі. Продаж товарів не дозволяється проводити під час Св. Літургії та Панахиди.

Собор Єпископів УПЦ в США, духовенство та Відділ служби молоді закликають дітей і молодь нашої Митрополії збагатити цього року своє життя, разом з членами своєї родини, у різні вагітності, особливо в Тайнствах св. Загань і св. Причасття. Молодняк, який присутній на навчаннях, підкресливши співідносини, зосереджений на нашому відношенні до Христа.

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**Scotti, Daniela Maria** baptized and chrismated on October 25, 2013 in St. John the Baptist Church, Sharon, PA. Child of David Byerly and Elizabeth Ann Vanditta. Celebrated by Fr. Andriy Matlak.


**Tkachenko, Natalia** baptized and chrismated on November 2, 2013 in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Millville, NJ. Child of Serhiy Tkachenko and Nad liability Lopatchenko. Sponsors: Igor Drugov and Anna Kurdyna. Celebrated by Fr. Georgiy Tyapko.


**Tkachenko, Anna** baptized and chrismated on November 11, 2013 in St. Michael and St. George Church, Minneapolis, MN. Child of Tom Emery Elbert and Kristina Daschian. Sponsors: Andrew Truelson and Zhanna Erokhina. Celebrated by Fr. Evhen Kumka.


**Makhobei, Coco Renee** baptized and chrismated on November 1, 2013 in St. Andrew Memorial Church, South Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Anatoli Tcherneta and Angela Makhobei. Sponsors: Oleksandr Chervinskyi and Svitlana Dobrikova. Celebrated by Fr. Yuurj Siwko.


**Sundermier, Dorothy Ann** baptized and chrismated on November 16, 2013 in Holy Trinity Church, Trenton, NJ. Child of Axel Herbert Peterson and Ann Harris Hawrysevich. Celebrated by Fr. Zinovy Zharsky.

**Thomsen, Mena Marie** baptized and chrismated on October 27, 2013 in St. Mary Protectress Church, Bridgeport, CT. Child of Gregory Thomsen and Amy Marie Sabas. Sponsors: Joseph Anthony Sabas and Molly Ann Sabas. Celebrated by Fr. Stephen Maslik.


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Asleep in the Lord as of 01/02/2014

Bilous, Lidia of New Hope, PA on December 16, 2013 at the age of 84 years, officiating clergy Fr. Volodymyr Khansas of St. Mary Protectress Parish, Philadelphia, PA.

Chaharyn, Anna (Iwasko) of Pascoag, RI on August 25, 2013 at the age of 97 years, officiating clergy Fr. Anthony Perkins of St. Michael Parish, Woonsocket, RI.

Diachuk, Miron of Schuylerville, NY on November 24, 2013 at the age of 65 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Semko of St. Michael Parish, Pascoag, RI.

Drozd, Maria (Lissak) of East Hartford, CT on November 15, 2013 at the age of 90 years, officiating clergy Fr. Andriy Pokotylo of Nativity of the Holy Theotokos Parish, Woonsocket, RI.

Evanitsky, Mary Cherchotown of Ambridge, PA on November 23, 2013 at the age of 93 years, officiating clergy Fr. Michael Kochis of St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA.

Hornack, Andrew of Monessen, PA on December 1, 2013 at the age of 99 years, officiating clergy Fr. Roman Yatskiv of St. Michael Parish, Parma, OH.

Huzva, Anna of Lansdale, PA on November 25, 2013 at the age of 75 years, officiating clergy Fr. Volodymyr Khansas of St. Mary’s Protectress Parish, Philadelphia, PA.

Kondratiuik, Michael of Kearsney, NJ on October 18, 2013 at the age of 84 years, officiating clergy Fr. Myroslav Schirata of St. Sophia Parish, Bayonne, NJ.

Kostiuk, Stefan Andre of Oklahoma City, OK on October 13, 2013 at the age of 57 years, officiating clergy Archimandrite Raphael Moore of St. Mary Dormition Parish, Jones, OK.

Leschishin, Iris Nadia (Chehowy) of Waioloe, MA on December 4, 2013 at the age of 87 years, officiating clergy Fr. Anthony Perkins of St. Michael Parish, Woonsocket, RI.

Woonsocket, RI.

Losko, Romana Tamara of Chicago, IL on October 25, 2013 at the age of 65 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Lymar of St. Volodymyr Cathedral Parish, Chicago, IL.

Matalyck, Anna of Parma, OH on December 15, 2013 at the age of 88 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Nakonachny and Fr. Michael Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH.

Melnik, Marian Spivak of Chicago, IL on October 3, 2013 at the age of 90 years, officiating clergy Fr. Vasyly Sendeha of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL.

Otroshko, Lidia of Chicago, IL on November 7, 2013 at the age of 97 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Lymar of St. Volodymyr Cathedral Parish, Chicago, IL.

Papinchak, Jean Ostaffy of Wexford, PA on November 1, 2013 at the age of 86 years, officiating clergy Fr. Michael Kochis of St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA.

Pihota, Paul of Belle Vernon, PA on November 16, 2013 at the age of 89 years, officiating clergy Fr. Roman Yatskiv of St. Nicholas Parish, Monessen, PA.

Piatosz, Wasyl of New Britain, CT on November 17, 2013 at the age of 93 years, officiating clergy Fr. Andriy Pokotylo of Nativity of the Holy Theotokos Parish, New Britain, CT.

Radio, Corlyn of West Chester, PA on November 24, 2013 at the age of 92 years, protecting clergy Fr. Myron Oryhony of Protection of the Holy Theotokos Parish, Allentown, PA.

Sereda, Petro of Parma, OH on November 10, 2013 at the age of 90 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Nakonachny and Fr. Michael Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH.

Sharfal, Ann M. of Austintown, OH on December 1, 2013 at the age of 95 years, officiating clergy Fr. John W. Harvey of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Youngstown, PA.

Sienczenko, Emilia of Vineland, NJ on October 10, 2013 at the age of 87 years, officiating clergy Fr. Anatoly Dokhvat of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Millville, NJ.

Stepanek, Myron of Parma, OH on December 3, 2013 at the age of 93 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Nakonachny and Fr. Michael Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH.

Thomas, Nina of Scotchtown Township, NJ on October 8, 2013 at the age of 55 years, officiating clergy Fr. Myroslav Schirata of St. Sophia Parish, Bayonne, NJ.

Ukraine, Olga of Waltham, MA on October 20, 2013 at the age of 89 years, officiating clergy Fr. Roman Tarnavsky of St. Andrew Parish, Boston, MA.

Zusman, Yelena of Bellingham, WA on June 12, 2013 at the age of 54 years, officiating clergy Fr. Anthony Perkins of St. Michael Parish, Woonsocket, RI.
JANUARY - СІЧЕНЬ

20th 1990 - ARCHBISHOP WOLODYMYR (DIDOWYCH)
28th 1942 - PROTOPRIEST ISIDORE KOSTIUK
27th 1955 - PROTOPRIEST JOSEPH BODNAR
6th 1958 - PRIEST STEFAN VULCHYN
9th 1968 - PROTOPRESBYTER JOHN SAWCHUK
9th 1968 - PROTOPRESBYTER LEV WESOLOWSKY
26th 1974 - PROTOPRESBYTER ALEXANDER DOWHAL
9th 1984 - PROTOPRIEST MYKOLA UHORCZAK
28th 1990 - PROTOPRESBYTER JURIJ HULEY
17th 1996 - PROTOPRIEST TYT MELNYCHUK
13th 1996 - PRIEST GREGORY WOLKOWYNsky
19th 1999 - PROTOPRIEST MYKOLA HODYNSKY
10th 2002 - PROTOPRESBYTER PETRO BUDNYJ

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FEBRUARY - ЛЮТИЙ

23rd 1934 - BISHOP JOSEPH (ZHUK)
12th 1970 - BISHOP ALEXANDER (NOVYTSKY)
19th 1974 - ARCHBISHOP IOV (SKAKALSKYJ)
3rd 1998 - BISHOP PAISIJ (IWASCHUK)
17th 1965 - PROTOPRIEST ANTONY BERYK
12th 1966 - PRIEST LEONTIJ KWARTYRIUK
16th 1986 - PRIEST JOHN ZAZWORSKY
18th 1989 - PROTOPRIEST DMYTRO SAWKA
2nd 1990 - PROTOPRESBYTER ANDREW BECK
20th 1991 - PROTOPRESBYTER MYKOLA CHERNIAWSKY
25th 1991 - PROTOPRIEST MYRON PACHOLOK
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13th 2006 - MITRED PROTOPRIEST MYROSŁAW HLYNSKY
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