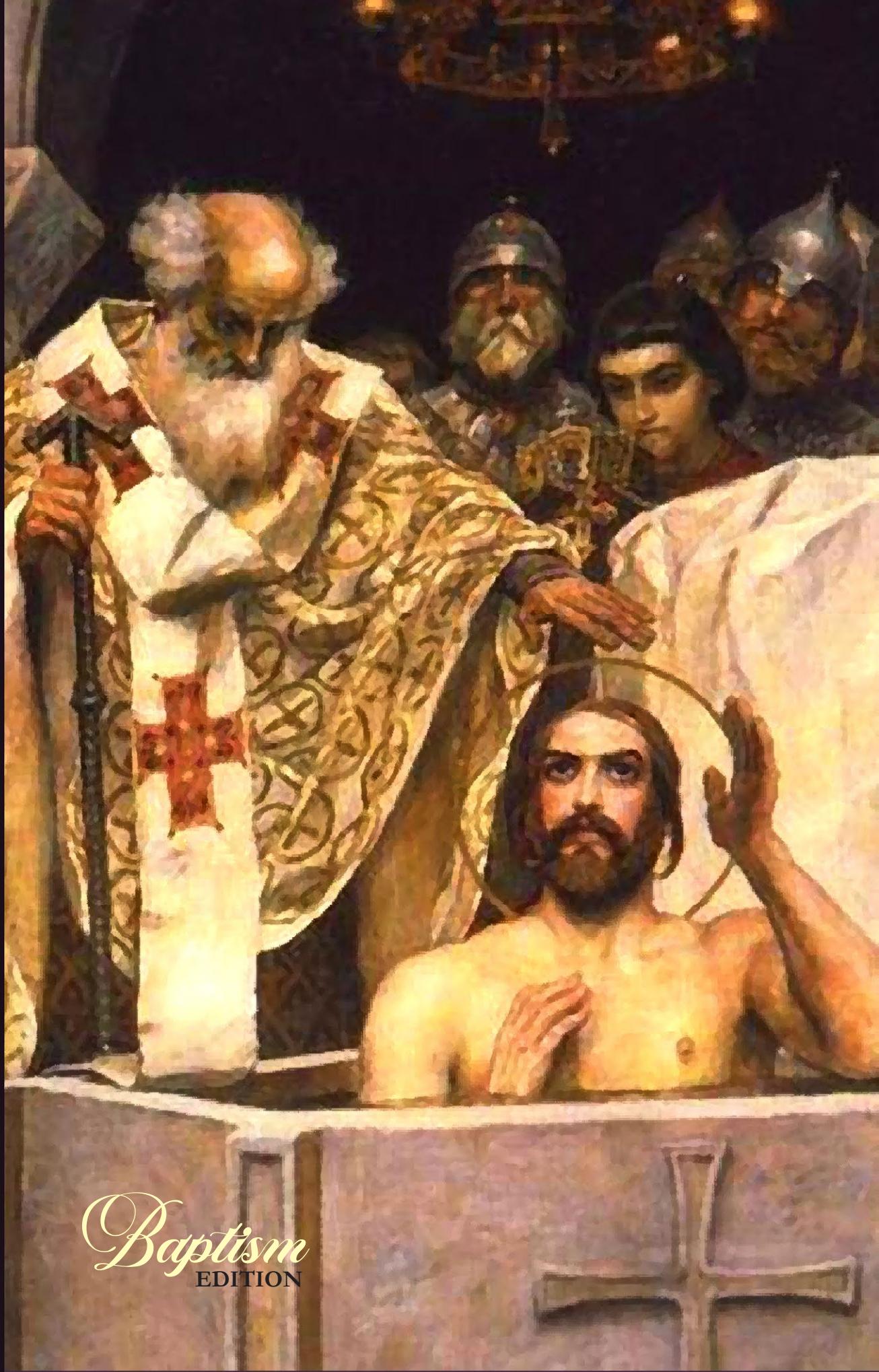


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**Christ in the middle, is wearing little clothing. When God created man and woman in His image, they were both beautiful and clothed in the glory of the "image" of "likeness" of God. Having fallen into sin, they hid their shame by putting on garments given them by God. The garments represent the sinful tendency that now obscures our true nature.**

**Christ represents the second Adam. While Adam hid with shame, Christ comes in majesty, both as God and man, both in glory and nakedness completely unashamed, representing the beauty of the undefiled human.**

**The River Jordan. While Christ was being baptized by St. John in the River Jordan, it was the river that was being baptized in Christ.**

*"At Thine appearing in the body, the earth was sanctified, the waters blessed, the heaven enlightened, and mankind was set loose from the bitter tyranny of the enemy."*



### A bit of information on the Icon of the Baptism of Christ (Theophany)

The Holy Spirit is descending upon Christ as a dove. He is depicted in a Mandorla (uncreated, eternal light of God).

The angels on the right are waiting to attend and dress Christ after His baptism. Note how their hands are modestly covered.

St. John the Baptist, while baptizing Jesus is looking up at the Holy Spirit, acknowledging that it is God that baptizes and saves. The Forerunner, is now passing on the responsibility of saving humanity to the Lord.

There is an axe leaning against a tree located behind St. John. The ax is a

reminder of the warning that our lives must bear fruits of the Spirit, or we will be cut down as useless. We must never be spiritually lazy.

Jesus is standing in the water, but, not submerged in it, for creation was baptized in Him, not vice versa. Christ right hand is seen blessing Creation.

The little creatures riding fish in the river at the bottom of the icon represent the Jordan River and the Sea, fleeing at the sight of something so much greater than them. Tradition says that the river flowed backwards in awe.

*"But concerning baptism, thus baptize ye: having first recited all these precepts, baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, in running water; but if thou hast not running water, baptize in some other water, and if thou canst not baptize in cold, in warm water; but if thou hast neither, pour water three times on the head, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

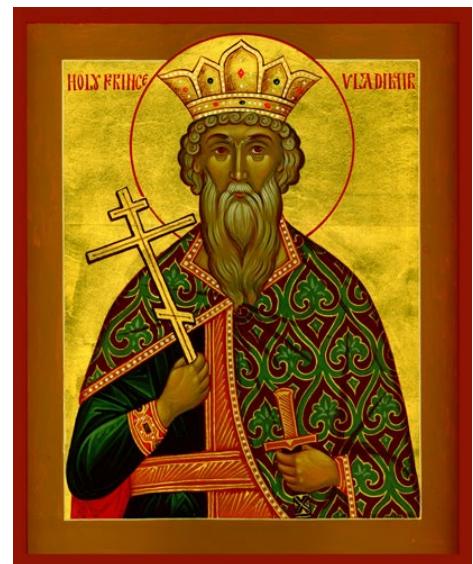
*"But before the baptism, let him who baptizeth and him who is baptized fast previously, and any others who may be able. And thou shalt command him who is baptized to fast one or two days before."* + *The Didache (Teaching of the Twelve), Chapter 7*

### ST. VOLODYMYR THE GREAT EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES

St. Volodymyr was a devout pagan in his early life. He was a great conqueror who had many wives and erected many pagan statues in the lands that he ruled over. Upon finding out that other Faiths existed beyond his own paganism, he decided to send his envoys out into the world to find the True Faith. His envoys met with representatives and partook of services of various religions including Muslims, Jews, Roman Catholics, etc. however, none of these Faiths made much of an impression on the pagan envoys.

Everything changed, however, when the envoys arrived in Constantinople. Upon attending Divine Liturgy in Hagia Sophia, the envoys said, "We no longer knew whether we were in heaven or on earth." Impressed by the emotional reviews of Orthodoxy by his envoys, St. Volodymyr had himself and his nation baptized into the Orthodox Christian Church.

St. Volodymyr changed completely after his baptism. He destroyed all the pagan statues that stood in Kyivan Rus and replaced them with churches. He also attempted to live in peace as much as possible with his neighbors.





## INTERNATIONAL HOLODOMOR FORUM

The Renaissance Airport Hotel, Philadelphia was the venue for an International HOLODOMOR FORUM on 4-6 October. The full-day conference was organized by the National Holodomor-Genocide Awareness Committee of the USA, the body responsible for the establishment of the permanent National Holodomor Memorial located just steps away from the United States Capital Building on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C. The conference brought together Holodomor scholars and members of action committees from all across the USA and Canada. Metropolitan Antony of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA participated in the Forum as did Metropolitan Boris of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the USA. A special guest and speaker at the

conference was Former Congressman Sandor Levin of Michigan. He was a co-founder of the Ukrainian Caucus of the House of Representatives in 1997 and worked tirelessly until his retirement in 2019 as a forceful supporter and sponsor of the National Memorial, seeing it through to completion. The Congressman is pictured here with the two Metropolitans.

The FORUM workshop sessions included: "Curriculum" – Materials available for teaching in any educational system about the HOLODOMOR and their dissemination; "Duranty and Advocacy" – a full discussion about the New York Times reporter who published completely fraudulent articles denying the existence of the famine and its consequences, for which he received a

Pulitzer Prize and which the NYT refuses to return. The workshop contemplated the ways to move beyond these facts and to prove the deceit he employed in support of the Soviet Regime; "Media Awareness" – a very informative workshop discussing the most effective methods for expanding knowledge and understanding of the HOLODOMOR as GENOCIDE and encouraging the US Government to formally declare that it was an act of Genocide perpetrated against the Ukrainian nation by Josef Stalin. The US Congress has made such a declaration, but the Executive Branch has not done so; "Holodomor – Lessons for the World" and "The Fifth Anniversary of the Holodomor Memorial".



## HIERARCHS OF THE UOC OF THE USA VISIT THE CAMPERS AT THE DIOCESAN CHURCH SCHOOL ENCAMPMENT AT ALL SAINTS CAMP IN EMLENTON, PA

A small portion – about 100 acres - of land detached from heaven (paradise), the dwelling place of God, decorated and protected by mountain views of trees. As you enter the campgrounds the silence and beauty captivate you, taking your cares away. Silence and the hush-hush sound of the trees simply captivates you: You have arrived at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA: A Portion of Paradise.

The Camping Ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA began on Friday, June 14, 2019. The first session, St. Nicholas Program, provides an Orthodox camping experience for families with children with disabilities of ANY age. The campers are introduced to camp life at All Saints Camp and the parents are given the opportunity to meet fellow Orthodox parents who are tackling the same challenges in today's world.

The second session, Diocesan Church School Camp, which started on June 23, 2019 - offers an amazing program for children between the ages of 9 and 13. About 100 campers and staff are enjoying fun-filled and faithful days.

On June 25, 2019, the feast day of Venerable Onufrios the Great, the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA - His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, traveled to Emlenton, PA to visit the campers of the Diocesan Church School Camp at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp.

...The winding highway 80 brings you up to the camp exist and a short ride on a rode with twists and turns. But the road that leads to Camp, your final destination, has chipmunks and birds chirping as you drive in. The Susquehanna River views dominate your first glance and your soul is humbled. Soon you realize that our campgrounds is a little Paradise and you are eager to pray on bended knee,

thanking God for the beauty of this camp setting.

The beauty of the surrounding open space, football field, campfire at night, and the graceful mountain deer with their babies, excites your heart and opens your soul for the wonders that will happen throughout your stay. The camp staff, counselors and clergy welcome you with big smiles and open arms. It is simply astonishing. Bravo to them!

Mrs. Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon – the director of the Consistory Office of Youth and Adult Ministry along with the staff of the encampment prepared a two week long program for the campers. Rev. Fr. Ivan Tchopko (pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Youngstown, OH) and Very Rev. Fr. Taras Naumenko (pastor of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral; Philadelphia, PA), who serve as spiritual fathers of the encampment lead numerous prayer services of the campers and staff of the encampment.

Upon arrival to All Saints Camp, Metropolitan Antony and Vladyka Daniel surprised everybody at the recreation area, where the campers started preparing for their dinner following a full day of activities.

Meal hours are extremely special, as the cooks of the Encampment – Carol Novosel and her helpers prepare feasts for the “hungry” congregation. All children with gratitude in their eyes and on their lips approach several times a day the buffet style tables in order to get nourishment for their physical bodies.

Having given blessings to the campers, the hierarchs shared a meal with the staff and campers of the encampment. During the meal, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony called everyone’s attention to the long history of All Saints Camp: “The dream of having our own church camp began decades ago when concerned and dedicated persons with vision and a sense of responsibility for the future of our people and children took the original first steps, initiated by the faithful and the clergy of the UOC of the USA...”

Vladyka Antony named various individuals that have offered their time in caring for the youth of the Church. Among such individuals, His Eminence singled out the present director of the Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry Mrs. Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon. Vladyka-metropolitan offered sincere gratitude to Natalie for her dedication and over 20 years of service to the youth of the Church. On behalf of the Council of Bishops of the Church, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony presented Mrs. Kapeluck-Nixon with the Centennial Award – medal of St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle. The entire congregation of campers immediately started cheering and along with the seminarians of St. Sophia Seminary (who are also serving as counselors during the encampment) sang prayerful and joyful “God, Grant you many blessed years – Mnohaya Lita!”

Later in the evening, the entire chapel of Holy Apostle Thomas was filled with the chanting of Evening Prayers. It was beautifully done by all of the campers, under the leadership of the counselors and the staff of the Encampment. The evening hours of the day became even more special, once with the blessing of Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel addressed the campers, talking to them about the need to be truly equipped with the Grace of the Holy Spirit in order to live the life of a Christian. Vladyka Daniel spoke about the “Armor of God” – the teachings of Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-20). Archbishop reflected on the most recent baptism of the child that he served and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that come upon us at the Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation. The campers enthusiastically participated in the dialogue with their bishop, often offering remarks and asking questions. Finally, Archbishop Daniel called upon the campers to dress themselves the true armor of Faith: the Belt of Truth, The Protecting Gear of Righteousness, The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, The Shield of Faith, The Helmet of Salvation, the Sword of the Spirit – truly preparing themselves for the life of prayer and Christian love.

In conclusion of the evening, the campers spent an hour with the hierarchs, asking various questions and having time for the veneration of the numerous icons of the chapel.

While the staff of the Camp and campers prepared the setting for the evening camp fire, Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, escorted by Fr. Ivan Tchopko and Mr. Josua Oryhon, All Saints Camp Director, visited the newly-remodeled Millennium building, often remarking on the outstanding job that was done by the Camp staff and numerous volunteers of All Saints Camp Committee.

Bidding farewell to the campers, Metropolitan Antony gave his final blessing to the campers, while some of the younger generation of campers challenged Archbishop Daniel to a few military-style push-ups, to which bishop joyfully agreed and fulfilled the challenge.

Diocesan Church School Camp is a program of the Ukrainian Orthodox Camping Ministry and the Consistory’s Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry for children between the ages of 9 and 13. Applications are always available in February of each year.

The second session of the camping ministry, Teenage Conference begins on July 7 for teenagers. The Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me session for parents and children ages 4 - 8 is still accepting applications, and it begins on July 28th. The applications may be downloaded at [www.uocyouth.org](http://www.uocyouth.org). Family Fest will take place Labor Day Weekend.



We ask that you keep the remainder of our Church's Camping programming in prayer for the rest of the summer!

To learn more about the Patron Saints of the Youth of the UOC of the USA, visit the web page of the Consistory Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at <https://www.uocyouth.org>

Today the hierarchs of the UOC of the USA, with their visits to All Saints Camp and the parish communities of the Church deliver their message to the campers and the entire membership of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. It is a message that resounds in the young hearts of the youth of the Church and becomes the seeds for their service to the Church.

We thank the clergy of the Metropolia, teachers, parishes, local workers and volunteers for assistance and their participation by coming up to camp and establishing and nurturing the warm family relationship.

As we stand in worship at All Saints Camp, following a full-day's activities, many times the gentle deer would be by us as a reminder that this is their own territory and in this "portion of paradise" the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA spirit is alive and will continue to stay alive for future generations to enjoy.

God bless our UOC of the USA and this "portion of paradise" known as All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp in Emlenton, PA.

*Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Bilohain*





## 72ND ANNUAL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE CONVENTION CONVENES AT ALL SAINTS UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CAMP IN EMLENTON, PA

For the Seventy-Second time in history of the Ukrainian Orthodox League of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, delegates from various chapters of parish families from across the country gathered for the first time at All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp in Emleton, PA for their annual Convention.

About 150 delegates (including clergy) represented chapters of our UOC of USA's oldest central organization and participated in this year's convention. His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel actively took part in daily sessions of the Convention.

The convention began on a spiritual note with the prayer offered before the first business session was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1st. Following the Invocation offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Pledge of Allegiance to the USA flag, the singing of the USA National Anthem, opening remarks

and greetings were expressed by Senior and Junior UOL National Executive Board Presidents John Holowko and Alexis Naumenko. Convention Spiritual Advisor and Sr. Convention Committee chairperson welcomed the guests to All Saints Camp and offered the full services and assistance on behalf of the entire organizing committee.

The first formal session of the day concluded with the approval of formal Agenda, Minutes, Financial Records and Audit Reports.

The second day of this year's Convention began with the Divine Liturgy that with the blessing of Metropolitan Antony was served by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Very Rev. Fr. Taras Naumenko, Rev. Fr. Mark Swindle, Rev. Fr. Philip Harendza, Rev. Fr. John Charest, Rev. Fr. Ivan Tchopko, Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay and Deacon Paul Cherkas. Following the Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel offered a spiritual reflection, calling upon the

delegates of the Church to immerse themselves into the spiritually rich and uplifting treasury of Christ's presence in our lives.

Splitting into several groups of participants, the delegates spent the afternoon reflecting and setting goals for the projects of the Organization that will address the need for a quality Christian Leadership and Charitable Outreach "Caring for One Another".

St. Andrew Society, the second largest Central Organization of the Church became a recipient of this year's "Souper Bowl Sunday" that was presented by the President of Sr. UOL John Holowko to Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay, President of St. Andrew Society. Accepting the donation, Protodeacon Ihor spoke of the common ministry of both organizations and the great part that UOL has played in helping St. Andrew's Society to raise and distribute about \$1,300.000.00 for charitable projects in the past 25 years of St. Andrew Society's ministry.

Very Rev. Fr. John Haluszczak, chairperson of All Saints Camp Committee addressed the delegates of the Convention, sharing with them the successes of this year's Camping Ministry and asking the general UOL membership to be the moving spiritual force behind the spiritual and physical improvements at the Camp.

Senior National UOL Board presented the UOL Essay Contest Awards on behalf of UOL Executive Board to this year's winners and participants, many of whom are the members of Jr. UOL chapters and parishes across the country.

The last day of the 72nd UOL Convention at All Saints Camp in Emlenton, PA began with the early morning Akathist Service in front of the icon of Pochaiv Mother of God. The chanters from various parishes and chapters joined in singing the uplifting praises to the Mother of God during the liturgical service served by Rev. Fr. Ivan Tchopko.

Upon the conclusion of the service, Vladyka Daniel addressed the delegates of the Convention. The morning service concluded with the veneration of the icon of Pochaiv Mother of God, while the Camp singers chanted prayerful hymns to the Birth-Giver of God.

Several Committee reports were presented, discussed and adopted. It was determined that 2020 Annual UOL Convention will be hosted by Sr. and Jr. UOL Chapters of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA.

In the late hours of the morning sessions both Senior and Junior UOL Convention bodies elected their Executive Boards:

Senior UOL: President – Karen Ferraro of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of Philadelphia, PA; 1st Vice President – Oleh Bilinsky of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of Philadelphia, PA; 2nd Vice President – Patricia Walton of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox parish of Troy, NY; Corresponding Secretary – Lisa Ryan of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Parma, OH; Recording Secretary – Anna Anderson of Sts Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Youngstown, OH; Financial Secretary – Jack Roditski of Holy Ascension Ukrainian Orthodox parish of Maplewood, NJ; Treasurer – Daria Pishko Komichak of Holy Ascension Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Maplewood, NJ; Auditor – Joseph Goodge of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox parish of Sharon, PA; Immediate Past President – John

Holowko of Holy Ascension Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Maplewood, NJ; Bulleting Editor - Natalie Bilynsky and 73rdUOL Convention Chair – Andrea Swan of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA.

Junior UOL: President – Alexis Naumenko of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA; Vice President – Madeline Zetick of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA; Treasurer – Hrystyna Petrylo of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Pittsburgh, PA; Financial Secretary – Rachel Harendza of Holy Archangel Michael Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Scranton, PA; Recording/Corresponding Secretary – Natalia Hrytsay of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Pittsburgh, PA.

After a few other announcements, the 72nd Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention was adjourned, and the delegates began their preparations for the Vespers.

The day concluded with a formal banquet. The traditional awards were presented, as the final official acts during the Convention, by the Jr. and Sr. UOL Presidents and Seminarian Scholarships were announced. Seminarians of the Church were awarded scholarships from the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund.

The Annual UOL Convention came to a formal conclusion on Sunday, August 4, 2019, as the delegates gathered at the main Dining pavilion of the Camp and processed with the hierarchs of the Church for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

As the procession of clergy and hierarchs to the Camp Chapel of Holy Apostle Thomas took place, the Senior UOL President John Holovko and Junior UOL President Alexis Naumenko presented the hierarchs with the traditional Ukrainian Bread and Salt. The clergy of the chapel sincerely offered words of prayerful welcome to



Metropolitan Antony and Archbishop Daniel, asking them to pray for the success of numerous ministries of the Church's central organization.

As the Liturgy progressed, over two hundred people approached the Chalice and received the Holy Eucharist at the Divine Liturgy. Parishioners from the local Ukrainian Orthodox communities as well as from other Orthodox jurisdictions participated in the services of the day.

At the conclusion of the service, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel called upon the newly elected executive boards of the Senior and Junior UOL to come forward in order to be presented to the His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Prime Hierarch of the UOC of the USA for a formal induction into their service in the life of the organization and the Church. Holding candles in their hands, the officers of the organization made a solemn promise to work for the Glory of God and the fulfillment of the mission of the organization: "Dedicated to the Church; Devoted to Her Youth!"

Following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Antony presented Centennial Awards to the members of All Saints Committee in attendance: Michael Nanonachny, Stephen Sheptak, Eric Senedak, Chris Mills and Rob Prokopchak.

Finally, before departure, everyone was treated to a farewell brunch prepared by the local OH-PA UOL chapters and parish congregations. Departing the sacred grounds of All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Camp (Emlenton, PA), Archbishop Daniel blessed every vehicle for a safe and blessed trip home.

To learn more about the 72nd Annual UOL Convention, read the latest edition of the UOL Bulletin.



*Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Bilohan*



## ST. VLADIMIR UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL IN PARMA, OH MARKS THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY

As the sun rose on Sunday, July 28th, 2019, the sleepy city of Parma, Ohio, yawned beneath soft white clouds as the bells of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral rang, echoing down the streets of the drowsy town. The faithful of the parish gathered on the steps of the church, happily awaiting the arrival of their beloved hierarchs, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan & Prime Hierarch of UOC of the USA and Diaspora; and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy and Consistory President.

Everyone's joy was palpable as the procession turned the corner and headed towards the church entrance. Joining the procession were seminarians from the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yaroslav Bilohan, Ivan Venhryna and Pavlo Vysotskyi. The first to greet the hierarchs was the Parish President Serhij Nahornij who presented the bishops with a lovely korovay lovingly baked by Olena Vyhovska, followed by the youngest of the flock, the youth of the parish - Julia Hontaruk and Christina Logvynyuk.

Parish Pastor, Fr. Ivan Nakonachny welcomed the hierarchs to the parish, thanking them for attending their 95th anniversary celebration.

As the hierarchs sprinkled everyone with holy water and entered the church, the cathedral choir, under the direction of Markian Komichak burst out in song, their voices spiraling through the cavernous nave to envelope everyone below.

As the hierarchs stood in the center of the nave, flanked by parish priests Very Rev. John Nakonachny, and Very Rev. Michael Hontaruk, Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay declared in a loud and resonating voice that it was time to serve the Lord. As the Divine Liturgy commenced, guest clergy - Very Rev Roman Yatskiv, of St. Nicholas Parish, Monessen, PA, and Very Rev. Dmitri Belenki, of St. Mary Dormition Parish, Lorain, OH, were joined by hundreds of parishioners and guests, who flocked to celebrate the anniversary of this historic parish.

Having heard the day's reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew 9:1-8 where Christ heals the paralytic, everyone was

filled with renewed hope. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel descended from the ambo and delivered a sermon, stating:

"There is a new breed of thieves. They steal the identities of persons. These are people who use the tools of the information age to impersonate other persons, some of them dead, and order hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise in their names. I saw the headline in USA TODAY just a few months ago: "IN INTERNET AGE, IDENTITY THEFT HAPPENS 'ALL THE TIME.'"

The article went on to tell of a number of instances in which cyberspace criminals literally stole the identities of living and recently deceased business executives by getting access to bank and credit card account numbers, Social Security numbers, and other vital information, which was then used to carry out wire transfers of funds and order diamonds and Rolex watches, which were delivered to hotel addresses where the thieves picked up their booty. The good news was that two men had been arrested and charged with 29 counts of such theft. The bad news is that "identity experts say this kind of theft is relatively easy and 'happens all the time.'

None of us here would want to have his or her identity stolen in that manner. None of us would want to lose the identifying marks of who he or she is in this way. Our identities are important to us, and we want to maintain them.

That is certainly true of us as individuals. I believe it is also true of us in other ways. For instance, I believe that the identity of institutions is also vitally important, and I want to explore with you on this 95th anniversary Sunday some aspects of the identity of this institution we know as St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church. First, a bit about the importance of identity.

Jean Paul Sartre, the existentialist philosopher, could be said to have lived by the philosophy that “to be is to do.” Descartes, the philosopher famous for the phrase, “I think, therefore I am,” could be said to have lived by the philosophy that “to do is to be.”

It's a basic issue of life: the relationship between “do” and “be” - between doing and being. The question is simple: does our doing reflect our being? Does what we do, how we act, the manner in which we live, truly reflect who we are, our true identity? Are we true to who we are? If not,

it may not be that our identity has been stolen - but that we have given it away.

Have you noticed how often Jesus defined himself not by what he did but by who he was? Look at the numerous times in the gospel of John when Jesus referred to his own identity, his being. He referred to himself in significant ways, saying in these instances, “I am”

-Messiah, he who is called Christ (4:25-26)

- the bread of life (6:35, 41, 51)
- the gate for the sheep (10:7 & 9)
- the good shepherd (10:11 & 14)
- the resurrection and the life (11:25)
- the way, the truth, and the life (14:6)
- the true vine (15:1 & 5)
- and, twice to the soldiers looking for Jesus of Nazareth, “I am he.” (18:5 & 8)

It is obvious that Jesus regarded his identity as important.



Jesus was also concerned with the identity of his disciples. The gospel text from Matthew makes that abundantly clear. It comes from The Sermon on the Mount. Following the Beatitudes, those pithy summaries of the kinds of living which Jesus tells us characterize lives committed to the rule of God, Jesus gives us two admonitions which are words about identity: "You are the salt of the earth .... You are the light of the world." It's as if Jesus is saying, "You are to flavor the life of the world by your own lives, by your faithfulness to this life of which I have spoken. And you are to bring light to the world by your own lives, your faithfulness to the life I have taught you. The key is whether his disciples remain true to their identities - whether they remain true to their calling. The key is identity. It's another way of Jesus telling his disciples that when they remember who they are the role of God is extended in the world. "Remember who you are! The work of God depends on it.

So I say to this congregation on this anniversary Sunday - as you celebrate 95 years of ministry and step into the next 5 and more: Remember who you are! Hold fast to your identity! Don't let it be taken from you! And don't give it away by simply not remembering! The work of God in this place depends on it. The thing that will keep you faithful into the future is the thing that has kept you faithful in the past! Remember who you are!

And what a marvelous identity it is! You are A COMMUNITY GROUNDED IN JESUS CHRIST!

This congregation, founded in 1924, moved quickly to build this structure in which we are gathered for worship today. Groundbreaking was held and the cornerstone for this sanctuary was laid.

Recently, I traveled on a Mission to Ukraine and had a chance to visit a church that my classmate is building. I met him in a village with a group of members of the Church. They took

him to their church building, which was under construction. They were making the bricks for it themselves, and they had already made 60,000 bricks. They had laid the foundation with stone gathered from the surrounding fields, and inside the foundation they had placed dirt and rocks to make the floor. The next step was to be the raising of the walls. They wanted me to pray for their church. I began to bow my head to pray, and they stopped me - until we could all gather INSIDE the foundation. Then I prayed. I have no doubt about the vitality of that congregation. They will never build a structure as magnificent as this one in which we are gathered this morning, but there is no question about the magnificence of their spiritual foundation. It is the same as this one. Two congregations: One in a village in Ukraine, with a hundred persons at the most, in a rock, dirt, and homemade brick building constructed by the worshipers. One on the main street of the Ukrainian Village of Parma, OH, worshiping today in a sanctuary constructed and paid for by persons long since gone to glory. But both of them grounded in Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church. You know the truth of what we often say: "The Church's One Foundation Is Jesus Christ Her Lord." You are A COMMUNITY GROUNDED IN JESUS CHRIST!

And you are A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN NURTURED THROUGH WORSHIP! For 95 years you have been nurtured in worship - weekly worship.

Liturgical worship has been called the most distinctive identifying aspect of the church. The worship of God is the one thing the church does that no other institution in our society does. There are other institutions which provide educational experiences. There are other institutions which serve the needs of people. But the church is the only institution in our society which regularly, as part of its identity and life, gathers for the worship of God.

Think for a moment about the power of worship in this place over 95 years. It has not been the same for all those years. The sanctuary itself has changed... The order of service has changed numerous times over the years. There have been changes - these and others. But the essential thing is that there has been worship here at St. Vladimir's for 95 years, at the center of the life of this congregation.

When in Ukraine a few years ago, I visited a few regions that took care of the wounded Ukrainian soldiers. I saw the elementary and high schools in small towns, and the machine shop



where students are taught welding, auto repairs, small engine repair, and where they maintain all the vehicles of the Christian Mission Outreach Center. Then I visited the local hospital - 124 beds, serving 130,000 people in the region of Lviv. One of three physicians who were there at the time was Dr. Rudy from Wisconsin. When he retired from practice in Wisconsin he went to Ukraine, his second tour there. He and the other physicians and nurses deliver babies. The physicians handle the Caesarean and problem deliveries; midwives care for all the rest. There is a "Waiting Mothers Home" with 24 beds for women in the last month of pregnancy. They care for themselves, cooking their meals communally on open air stoves under a covered outdoor shelter. Two of the wards in the hospital deal with tuberculosis; 90% of those patients are HIV positive. Dr. Rudy talked about the shortage of staff, the problem of aging equipment, the challenge of treating patients the majority of whom will die from preventable diseases (AIDS, etc.). I asked him how he coped with all those challenges, and in response he showed me the chapel, where the hospital staff worship together every day from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. Remarkable! The power of worship to nurture and renew life, to strengthen us for the challenges, to bind us into community.

What has it meant that for 95 years, at this place, the people of God in this congregation have gathered to worship? What has it meant in terms of encouragement for life's challenges, direction in focusing service, nurture in the shaping of values, the deepening of the life of the spirit, the transformation of minds from conformity to the ways of the world to conformity to the will of God, undergirding for families in times of celebration and of crisis? You are A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN NURTURED THROUGH WORSHIP. And the power of that identity promises to continue for the near and distant future. Never underestimate the power of that identity.



**You are A COMMUNITY  
GROUNDED IN JESUS CHRIST.**

**You are A COMMUNITY THAT HAS  
BEEN NURTURED THROUGH  
WORSHIP**

And there is one more thing: You are A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN DEFINED BY MISSION! That is one of the remarkable things about this congregation - your commitment to mission, your commitment to reach out beyond yourselves and touch the needs of persons whom you will never know with the grace and love of Jesus Christ.

Let me go to Ukraine one more time - to the three orphanages that our Church sponsors in Ukraine. I am thrilled to say that you have provided an enormous amount of support for our Church's work with the orphans: both financially and by sending missionaries from your parish.

I have heard that you are in the planning stages of a new campaign - to repair the parking lot, and other changes, expanding ministries of this church.

How do I respond to hearing that? I said, "Of course! That's who this church is." – a Living Organism and grows and changes, changes, and goes in tact with the times and the needs of the community.

**You are A COMMUNITY THAT HAS  
BEEN DEFINED BY MISSION**

So today we celebrate: 75 years of ministry. We celebrate that past and its identity:

**-GROUNDED IN JESUS CHRIST;  
-NURTURED THROUGH WORSHIP;  
-DEFINED BY MISSION.**

Out of that past you will create your future. "To be is to do?" - "To do is to be?"

What a past to celebrate! What a future to create!

Vladyka Daniel continued by pointing to the children of the parish who were squirming in their fathers' arms, sleeping on their mothers' shoulders, or tripping up and down the church aisles. These children are the future of the Church, and as our ancestors worked together to leave us the legacy of this magnificent cathedral, so, now we have the responsibility to preserve this church, and the Holy Orthodox Faith, so that one day we can entrust them to the future generations.

The service continued as prayers were humbly raised to the Lord for His mercy upon the faithful, the parish, and the Church. At the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, having been recited by everyone present in unison, the Royal Gates closed, and the youngest children began to assemble for Communion. The crowd was so great, that the clergy emerged with three chalices to ensure that everyone was able to partake of the Eucharist on this memorable occasion.

The Liturgy concluded with the singing of Bozhe Velykyj Yedynyj and a beautiful rendition of God Bless America, which were followed by Mnohaya Lita, wishing many years to the hierarchs, the parishioners, the cathedral and all those who were named for St. Volodymyr the Great, whose feast day was being celebrated.

Before gathering everyone in front of the church for a group photo, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony asked Fr. John Nakonachny to join him on the ambo. His Eminence praised all the hard work Fr. John had dedicated over the many years of service to this parish. As His Eminence Archbishop Daniel pinned the honorary Centennial Award to Fr. John's vestments, Metropolitan Antony announced that in gratitude for all his sacrifices, Fr. John would now be elevated to the clergy ranks of Protopresbyter. Once again everyone broke out in a loud and joyous rendition of "God grant you many years", honoring their parish pastor.

With the conclusion of the service the faithful poured out of the church, exiting below the grand mosaic of St. Volodymyr the Great baptizing his people in the Dnipro River. While some stopped to catch up with friends, others walked around the side of the church, pausing for a moment before the black granite monument erected as a memorial to the victims of the Holodomor, before finally walking across the parking lot to the parish hall to participate in the celebratory banquet and program.

With the room filled to capacity, the hierarchs took their places at the head table along with the parish priests and their wives.

The afternoon flew by as everyone enjoyed the delicious meal, great camaraderie, and a wonderful program emceed by Lucy Komichak. Parish President Serhij Nahornij spoke in English thanking everyone for joining in the patronal feast day celebration. He was followed by Fr. Michael Hontaruk who in Ukrainian thanked the hierarchs, clergy, parishioners and guests for their patronage.

During the event several awards were rewarded to deserving individuals. First was the 2018 Parishioner of the Year Award which went to Alex Pihulyak who dedicates much of his time and talents caring for the parish campus. Additionally, the parish brotherhood awarded scholarships to recent High School graduates – John Meaden, Sophia Shilling and Julia Honatruk.

Having concluded the meal, everyone settled in for the afternoon's entertainment which consisted of several dances performed by the St. Vladimir Dance group under the direction of Oksana Logvynuk. Everyone was awed by visiting Bandura player from Ukraine, Oleh Sozansky. He had everyone clapping and crying, as he plucked the

strings of his bandura, and seemed to pluck the very strings of the hearts of his audience.

Everyone was once again impressed as three beautiful young women took the stage to sing a number of ballads – Julia Hontaruk, Christina Logvynuk and Taisa Kulyk. The girls' sweet voices brought soft smiles to everyone's lips.

Protopresbyter John Nakonachny concluded the ceremony with a short speech. He took the opportunity to remind everyone how much this parish has contributed to the lives of its parishioners, the greater community, and the Church. He asked that everyone consider donating to ensure the parish can continue its traditions, and service to the public.

At the conclusion of the benediction, everyone slowly began to gather their things, pausing for final hugs and goodbyes before leaving for their homes.

As the last guests drove away, the quiet returned to the parish campus. The sun, now setting in the west, glinted brightly off the cathedral domes. Below, the mosaic of the Baptism of Ukraine seemed to glow in the evening light, the haloes of the saints glimmering gently in the fading sunlight. While the day's celebrations had concluded, the parish remains robust and full of promise for the future. Tomorrow the sun will once again glisten off the domes, as it will for many years to come, smiling down at the parishioners who will come to the cathedral to worship the Lord, to raise their children in the Faith, and to work towards the salvation of the world.

Mnohaya Lita!

*Text by Elizabeth Symonenko*

*Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Bilohans and Elizabeth Symonenko*





## ARCHBISHOP DANIEL VISITS THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX COMMUNITY IN MONESSEN, PA FOR THE FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD

A small town of Monessen, PA, population of which is 7,720 according to 2010 Census of the US government is a home for the parish family of the Ukrainian Orthodox community of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.

On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, the Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America, made a pastoral visit to Monessen, Pennsylvania. He was accompanied by a seminarian of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary (South Bound Brook, New Jersey) Yaroslav Bilohan.

The congregation was excited to have the honor of hosting their hierarch, but it was also the day for two of its faithful to be recognized. Upon the entrance to the temple, Fr. Roman Yatskiv, administrator of St. Nicholas parish, greeted Vladyka Daniel. As His Eminence served the Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, the church was filled with warmth as the church choir sang the responses, under the direction of cantor - Margie Druash.

In his sermon, the archbishop reflected upon the historical account of the feast of the Falling Asleep of the Theotokos

and encouraged the faithful in attendance to reflect upon their path of life, finally stating that the earthly journey of the Mother of God: "... Her journey covers the distance between life and death, tears and joy... and the vehicle for her travel through life was untiring hope, true love and persevering prayer..."

The prayers were offered for all clergy, people, the sick, the suffering, and especially to all of the armed forces who have served, are serving, or those who have given their lives for the freedom of all.

Following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Vladyka Daniel blessed the flowers and herbs prepared by the congregation that adored the sacred icon of the Dormition.

Vladyka Daniel addressed all in His Archpastoral greeting and passed on the blessing of the Primate of the UOC of the USA - Metropolitan Antony.

As the Liturgy concluded, Archbishop Daniel addressed the faithful in attendance on behalf of the Council of



Bishops of the UOC of the USA and presented two Centennial Medals of St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle to Marjorie Druash and Helen Guzensky in recognition of their selfless dedication to the ministry of the local parish family and the greater Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA.

Following the services, all gathered at a local restaurant, where once again all shared in the love and fellowship with each other and the blessing of His Eminence.

This visit of Vladyka Daniel is a blessing that the parishioners of St. Nicholas Parish will cherish and always remember.

*Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Bilohain*





## ARCHPASTORAL VISIT OF VLADYKA DANIEL TO ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH IN TROY, NY

АРХИПАСТИРСЬКИЙ ВІЗИТ АРХІЄПІСКОПА ДАНИЇЛА ДО УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ  
ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ПАРАФІЇ СВ. МИКОЛАЯ У МІСТІ ТРОЙ, ШТАТ НЬЮ ЙОРК

On Sunday June 2, 2019 our parish was blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Daniel lead the Divine Liturgy. The special day of prayers started with Fr. Vasyl Dovgan receiving his first ecclesiastical award - AXIOS!!! Our parish has been blessed to have Fr. Vasyl as our priest for 5 years! Vladyla Daniel gave Father Vasyl a blessing and presented him with the ecclesiastical sword. We look forward to many more years and blessings with Fr. Vasyl.

The Divine Liturgy continued with Zoryana and Roman Petroff receiving the Holy Mystery of Confession. What a wonderful blessing for them and our parish to have Archbishop Daniel celebrate this special moment with them. Father Vasyl and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel presented them with gifts from the church which included icons, prayer books and a Bible. May God bless them and protect them as they continue their spiritual growing.

His Eminence Archbishop Daniel presented the worthiest parishioners of our parish the Centennial Medal of

the UOC of the USA. The award was given to 3 parishioners who have given much of their time to volunteering in the church, in our parish in various ways for many years. The awards were presented to Helen and Theodore Pershyn, Sonya Czerpak and Natalia Rubych. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for our parish. Your dedication is really appreciated, and it means a lot for younger generation.

Archbishop Daniel and Father Vasyl presented the children of the parochial school Certificates of Completion of their catechetical program. The children attended religion classes on Saturday mornings during the school year. Father Vasyl and Ilona Dovgan look forward to the children and all children in the parish to come and continue their spiritual growth.

We were blessed to have His Eminence Archbishop Daniel and the seminarians: deacon Svyatoslav, Pavlo, Yaroslav and Ivan join us for coffee hour and visit with all who were there.

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners and visitors in our church on Sunday... May God Bless you all!

У неділю 2 червня 2019 року наша парафія св. Миколая благословилася візитом Високопреосвященнішого Архієпископа Даниїла, який очолив Божественну Літургію. Особливий молитовний день розпочався з першої священичої нагороди отця Василя - АКСІОС!!! Наша парафія благословенна служінням о. Василя вже протягом 5-ти років! Владика Даниїл поблагословив отця та нагородив його палицею. Сподіваємося на спільне служіння з отцем Василем ще багато років.

Богослужіння продовжилося Тайнством першої Святої Сповіді наших маленьких парафіян Зоряни та Романа Петрофф. Це велика честь для них та нашої парафії розділяти цей особливий день з єпископом нашої Церкви. Спільно з отцем Василем Владика вручив їм подарунки від парафії: маленькі ікони, молитовники

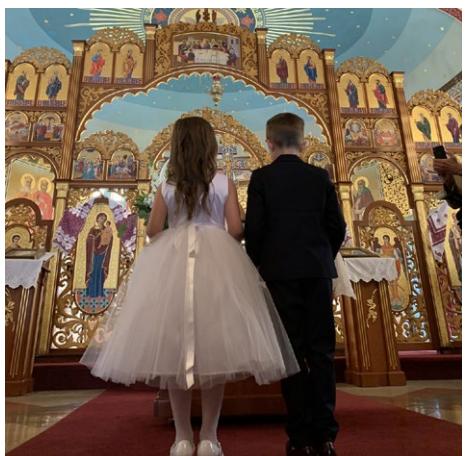
та Біблії. Хай Всевишній Господь благословляє та оберігає їх на шляху свого духовного зростання.

Також Високопреосвященніший владика презентував особливі нагороди-медалі з нагоди сторіччя УПЦ СІА та вручив їх трьом нашим відданим парафіянам за заслуги та тривалий труд на благо Христової Церкви та нашої парафії зокрема. Ними стали: сім'я Гелен та Теодор Першин, Соня Черпак та Наталія Рубич. Висловлюємо їм щиру подяку за все що робили і продовжують робити для Церкви та наступних поколінь православних християн.

На завершення Владика Даниїл та отець Василь вручили сертифікати про завершення катехитичної програми, що проводиться при нашій парафії щосуботи протягом пікільного року. Отець Василь та добродійка Ілона сподіваються знову побачитися з дітками в наступному навчальному році та заохочують всіх інших приєднатися до програми духовного зростання.

Ми були безмежно раді візиту Високопреосвященнішого Архиєпископа Даниїла та семінаристів : диякона Святослава, Павла, Ярослава та Івана. Неймовірно приемно було бачити багато гостей. Все це подарувало нам урочисте духовне піднесення та збагачення! Нехай благодать Божа завжди перебуває між нами!

*Photos by Seminarian Yaroslav Biloban*





## ХРАМОВЕ СВЯТО В УКРАЇНСЬКІЙ ПРАВОСЛАВНІЙ ПАРАФІЇ ВСІХ СВЯТИХ В НЮ ЙОРКУ

23 червня 2019 року Божого в Українській Православній Парафії Всіх Святих в Нью Йорку відбулося Престольне Свято Всіх Святих!

Ми радо вітали наших дорогих гостей Високопреосвященніших Митрополита Антонія та Архієпископа Даниїла! Божественна Літургія, сповнена благодаті, наповнила серця вірян радістю та миром.

Архієрейська Служба Божа супроводжувалася чудовим співом церковного хору, під керівництвом регента-добродійки Стефанії Годіно, котра в цей день відзначала ще одне свято-свій День народження. Високопреосвященніший Владики ради привітали добродійку, подякувавши їй за багаторічну працю та професіоналізм.

Після Святої Літургії усі мали змогу насолодитися смачними стравами, якими гостинно частвували усіх наші сестриці із Сестринства Святої Марії, та переглядом цікавого концерту в церковній залі який дуже професійно підготували та провели наші талановиті і щирі парафіянини Олег та Тетяна Лапковські.

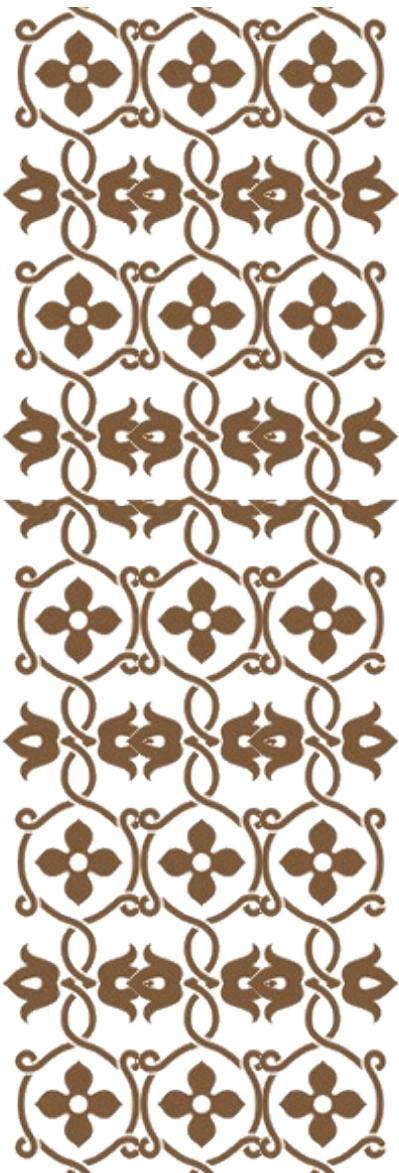


Свято проходило у чудовій, дружній та родинній атмосфері! До нас завітали численні талановиті гості, які порадували нас своєї творчістю. Щиро вдячні усім, хто долучився до нашого надзвичайного Храмового Свята!

Дякуємо голові парафіяльної управи парафії п. Петру Плісаку та Братству Святого Володимира за чудово виконану чоловічу працю по підготовці до свята!

Нехай Боже Слово, почуте у нашому Храмі потрапляє глибоко у ваші серця та плідно проростає міцною вірою, любов'ю, добром та милосердям!

*Photos by the parish community faithful*





## 21 ВЕРЕСНЯ УСЯ ПОВНОТА ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ ЦЕРКВИ СВЯТКУЄ ВЕЛИЧНЕ СВЯТО РІЗДВА ПРЕСВЯТОЇ БОГОРОДИЦІ

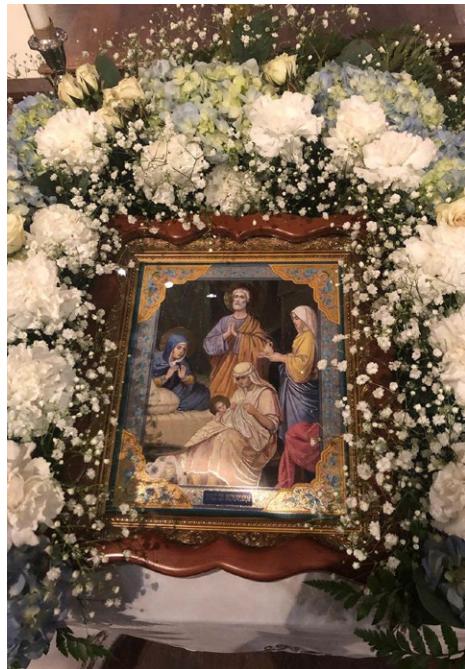
Пресвята Богородиця моли Бога за нас!

З Архіпастерським візитом Владика Даниїл завітав до парафії Святої Трійці в місті Сіетл, шт. Вашингтон. Візит Архиєпископа привів саме на це дванадесяте свято Різдва Пресвятої Богородиці. Святкування розпочалось на парафії з вечірнього богослужіння напередодні свята, під час котрого Архиєпископ

Даниїл особисто взяв участь у літії та освяченні хлібів, вина та елею. Вечірнє богослужіння завершилось елеспомазанням мирян та сповідлю всіх бажаючих приступити до святого Таїнства Причастя наступного дня під час святкової літургії.

У день свята Різдва Пресвятої Богородиці, котре припало у суботу, храм Святої Трійці зібрав чимало вірян. Його Високопреосвященство

очолив Божественну Літургію, з яким співслужив й настоятель храму отець Андрій Матлак. Під час літургії Архиєпископ Даниїл сказав проповідь де розповів людям про те що означало для Пречистої Марії бути Богородицею та наголосив на тому що це надзвичайно важливо для кожного з нас носити в собі Бога. Парафіяни в цей день мали можливість не лише бути присутніми під час служіння Архиєрея, але й могли поспілкуватись з ним за смачним святковим обідом.



Наступного дня, у 14-ту неділю після П'ятидесятниці, у храмі святої Трійці, Архиєпископ Даниїл очолив Архиєрейську Літургію. Разом з ним співслужили настоятель храму от. Андрій Матлак (настоятель громади) та от. Володимир Яворський, котрий разом з парафіянами приїхав на святкування із Портленду, штат Орегон.

Храм був переповнений людьми та прислужниками у вівтарі. Серед присутніх парафіян було багато дітей, котрі радо зустріли Архиєпископа з квітами перед богослужінням. Під час богослужіння, Архиєпископ Даниїл нагородив настоятеля храму от. Андрія правом носити "камілавку". Під час своєї проповіді Архиєрей звернув увагу людей на людські почуття, їх зворушення та піднесення у Бозі.

Після закінчення Літургії, з благословення митрополита Антонія, владика Даниїл вручив медаль св. Андрія Первозванного, з нагоди Століття УПЦ СІА, активній парафіянці громади Оксані Мазур. Okрім того, архієпископ Даниїл повідомив громаду, що на передодні свята Різдва Богородиці, була вручена медаль Цеккви і ще одному парафіянину громади - Василю Піскорському, котрий через недугу не зміг бути присутнім на богослуженні. Настоятель парафіяльної громади о. Андрій та владика Даниїл провідали вдома пана Василя та з родиною помолилися за його видужання.

Опісля зробили традиційне фото усіх присутніх разом з Архиєреєм. Сестрицтво парафії приготувало смачний обід на який запросили усіх присутніх.

Усі бажаючі мали знову можливість особисто поспілкуватись з Архиєреєм та отримати благословення.

*Text and Photos by Subdeacon Mykola Zomchak*





## XVTH SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX EPARCHY OF SOUTH AMERICA MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPIRITUAL MINISTRY IN ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY AND BRAZIL

Over 60 delegates and clergy, representing Ukrainian Orthodox parish communities from Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay, gathered in Papanduva, Santa Catarina region of Brazil for the XVth Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America, marking the 50th anniversary of Eparchy's establishment.

The sacred gathering of Eparchial communities commenced its work with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Primate of the UOC of the USA and Diaspora, who delegated Archbishop Daniel to formally represent the Metropolitan of the Church and preside over the plenary sessions.

On Friday evening, 6 September 2019, Archbishop Jeremiah (ruling hierarch of the South American Eparchy) and Archbishop Daniel presided over the Vespers service in Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr Ukrainian Orthodox parish in Papanduva, Brazil. Sobor delegates from Brazil and Argentina sincerely offered prayers for the clergy and delegates of the parish communities from Paraguay

who were arriving to Santa Catarina region of Brazil, having completed 20 some hours on a bus, bringing over 20 delegates representing parish communities in Paraguay.

On Saturday morning, 7 September, 2019, the formal opening of the XVth Eparchial Sobor took place with the prayerful chanting of "O Heavenly King." and blessing from His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, representing Metropolitan Antony.

In his opening remarks, the eparchial hierarch, Archbishop Jeremiah welcomed the delegates of the parish communities to St. Volodymyr the Great parish and offered sincere gratitude for all in attendance for their dedication and ministerial work for the past three years, following the conclusion of the XIVth Regular Sobor of the Eparchy in Curitiba, Parana in 2016.

Archbishop Daniel delivered formal greeting of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony to the Sobor delegates. In his written remarks, Vladyka Metropolitan called upon the faithful of the parish communities to faithfully respond to the

challenges of their local communities in the countries of South America yet maintaining the sacred traditions of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and passing them to the generations to come. Moreover, Metropolitan Antony expressed his joy to the delegates of the Sobor upon the formal canonical recognition of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, which resulted in the formal granting of the Tomos of Autocephaly.

Greeting the delegates of the Eparchial Sobor, Archbishop Daniel related prayerful well-wishes of the Council of Metropolia and Consistory, clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. In his capacity of the Eparchial hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora, Vladyka Daniel related words of spiritual love and support from the clergy and faithful of the parish communities of Western Europe as well as Australia and New Zealand.

In addition, the chairperson of the XVth Sobor, presented written greeting of His Eminence Metropolitan Tarasius

of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of South America, who is also the Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in South America.

The plenary sessions of the day continued with the individual reports from 27 active parishes of the Eparchy and active Deaneries, representing Northern and Southern Brazil, Buenos Aires Metropolitan area of Argentina, and Southern Paraguay.

Following luncheon, the formal elections to the Offices of Ministry and Administration of the Eparchy took place. The day concluded with the presentation of the Resolutions made by the Eparchial Sobor, making plans to expand their catechetical program, work with the youth of the parish communities, charitable work, preservation of the Faith and cultural traditions of the Church. Moreover, a formal theological program was proposed for establishment, which will properly train the prepare Deacons for the service in the parish communities of the Eparchy.

Vespers service was served in the late hours of the day, thus preparing everyone in attendance for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, celebrating the feast of the Nativity of the Birth-Giver of God (according to Gregorian calendar).

Early in the morning on Sunday, 8 September, 2019 – the Eparchial clergy, in the presence of over 200 people, welcomed Archbishop Jeremiah and Archbishop Daniel in front of St. Volodymyr the Great Ukrainian Orthodox parish for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, thus enabling everyone in attendance to partake in the Holy Mystery of Eucharist.

During the Small Entrance of the Liturgy, Archbishop Daniel, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, presented the clergy in attendance with the Centennial Pectoral Cross of the UOC of the USA, thus showing spiritual connection between the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and the

Eparchy of South America, which is under the spiritual omophorion of the Metropolitan of the UOC of the USA.

Following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence Archbishop Daniel blessed the icon of Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Volodymyr, written and prepared by iconographer Eduardo Mauro, which will be utilized by the local parish community for weekly family visitation, thus insuring the ongoing daily prayer life in the community of Papanduva, Santa Catarina.

A formal farewell luncheon took place in the parish hall of St. Volodymyr

parish community, treating everyone in attendance to a delicious local Brazilian and Ukrainian cuisine dishes, while the youth of the local community performed several Ukrainian ethnic dances.

As the late hours of Sunday afternoon settled, the bus for Paraguay departed, giving signal to all delegates to prepare their way to return to the parish communities in three South American countries.

*Photos by Dorotea Tchopko*





## 5 YEARS LATER.... THE UKRAINIAN-AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY COMMEMORATES THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE - DOWNING OF THE MALAYSIAN FLIGHT 17

The Embassy of Ukraine together with the Ukrainian community of Australia held a very moving ceremony to commemorate the victims of MH17 at national memorial in Canberra, Australia on July 19, 2019 - commemorating 298 people that were killed by Russian terrorist attack, while downing the Malaysian flight 17 over Eastern Ukraine on July 17, 2014: most of those on board the Boeing 777 were Dutch, but others came from 17 countries, including 38 Australians.

Representatives from the Australian government, DFAT, AFP, JIT countries and the grieving nations, as well as the head of the Australian MH17 recovery mission, Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston, First Ambassador of Australia to Ukraine Mr. Doug Trappett, AFP Acting Commander Mark McIntyre, Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Ms. Stephanie Hunt, Chair of AFUO, Mr. Stefan Romaniw and Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Sydney Mr. Jaroslav Duma all participated in the ceremony.

In her remarks Charge d'Affaires of Ukraine in Australia, Mrs. Halyna

Yusypuk underlined that the MH17 monument is set in soil brought back from the crash site by an Australian police officer, that from the very beginning, Ukraine has cooperated in the investigation and that Australian Ukrainians personally have shared the tragedy of victim's families.

Mrs. Yusypuk noted that five years on and the sky over Eastern Ukraine is still closed to flights. And despite the JIT report, MH17 families are yet to hear words of regret and recognition from Russia which took the lives of their loved ones.

"We pray for a day when the war in Ukraine will end and they will be able to visit the crash site and walk around the sunflower fields", said the diplomat.

The commemorative Service was conducted by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Prime Hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora. Metropolitan Antony's words about the

people-to-people approach during the tragedy touched the audience deeply.

The Ukrainian Orthodox community of Australia was represented by the clergy and delegates of the Regular Clergy-Laity Congress/SOBOR of the Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand. Among those in attendance was Very Rev. Fr. Taras Udod, chancellor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, who is a guest at the Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand.

Co-chair of the AFUO Mr. Stefan Romaniw called for coordinated efforts to bring to account those responsible for the MH17 downing and for justice and memory eternal for MH17 victims.

Children from the Ukrainian community of Canberra, Katia Lewis, Polina and Alex Trukhanov laid a wreath of flowers containing 38 sunflowers at the monument, one sunflower for each Australian life lost.

*Photos by Dobrodiyka Sonia Udod*



## XIX'S SOBOR OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CONVENED IN CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

The hierarchs, clergy and faithful of the Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand gathered at Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Parish in Canberra, ACT, Australia on 18-21 July, 2019 for the proceedings of the XIX Triennial SOBOR of the Eparchy.

The Sobor meeting itself was preceded by meetings of the Eparchial Council, the Consistory and a short clergy conference. The participants of the Sobor represented all the parishes of the Eparchy. Metropolitan Antony, prime hierarch of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Diaspora, opened the Sobor with prayer and asked His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, member of the Council of Bishops of the Church in Diaspora – to join him in blessing the Sobor.

The Metropolitan spoke about the extreme importance of the Sobor in the life of Christ's Holy Church. The Church, by the Will of her Founder – our Lord Himself – has the responsibility to continue carrying out the effort assigned to it through the Holy Apostles – “to

bless people and lead them to God's Heavenly Kingdom.” At the Sobor we are the Church, the One Body – the Body of Christ. As we gather at the Sobor we are reminded of our responsibility of love and work, so that our Church will illuminate the faithful with Christ's Truth and give them the strength of salvation. The participants of the Sobor represent the fullness of the Church and filled with the Grace of the Holy Spirit, they must seek answers to all the questions and problems of contemporary society. He called all present to allow the Grace they received through their Baptism and Chrismation and through all the Holy Sacraments of the Church, to be the guiding light of all they think, say and do during the discussions of the Sobor.

Archbishop Daniel greeted the delegates of the Sobor on behalf of the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Western Europe. Addressing the participants of the Sobor and asked for their sincere effort to make decisions during the Sobor, which will have positive effects in the lives of the faithful members

of the Church and those to whom the Church ministers throughout society. He asked for continued prayers for the Church and faithful in Ukraine and for the nation itself during the difficult and dangerous circumstances presently being experienced by the invasion of the Eastern Oblasts. Vladyka reflected upon the importance of active participation of each parishioner and parish family in the living Presence of Christ. The hierarch called upon those in attendance to be attentive to the Voice of Christ, Who calls us to minister via new methods of outreach means in the 21st century.

Very Rev. Fr. Taras Udod, president of the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, being in attendance of the Sobor, greeted the delegates on behalf of Metropolitan Yuriy of the UOCC and wished the participants of the gathering successful deliberations for the benefit of the parish communities in Australia and New Zealand.

Very Rev. Fr. Michael Solomko, President of the Consistory and Wolodymyr Wojtowych, Consistory Treasurer were

elected as the co-chairs of the Sobor plenary sessions and effectively led the presentation of all the reports to the Sobor from various officers and bodies of the church administration, which covered the life of the Church over the previous three years since the last Sobor. The discussion of the reports was very open and positive providing direction for the administration elected at the present Sobor in its work for the coming three years. Of particular importance was the necessity of concentrating of the youth of the Church and reaching out to the thousands of Ukrainian immigrants who have arrived in Australia since the break-up of the Soviet Union and the Independence of Ukraine in the last decade of the twentieth century.

Both days of the Sobor were opened by the liturgical celebration of the Divine Liturgy, led by the hierarchs of the Church and clergy of the Eparchy.

Prior to the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony set aside Reader Arthur Levicks as a Subdeacon of the Church. Presenting the subdeacon with the liturgical oration, Vladyka Antony reflected upon the sacred role of subdeacons in the life of the Orthodox Church and called upon the newly ordained to lead the faithful, and especially the altar servers, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Center in Canberra dedicated to the mission of the local parish community and the greater mission of Christ's Church – salvation od souls.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony presented several awards to the several individuals of the Eparchy for their dedication to the work and ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox communities in Australia and New Zealand:

Subdeacon Arthur Levicks – the medal of Christ the Savior

Wolodymyr Wojtowych – the medal of Holy Apostle Andrew the-First-Called

Olga Buchanan – the medal of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

Dobrodiyka Katherine Solomko – the medal of the Birth-Giver of God

Natalie Solomko – the medal of the Birth-Giver of God

Anatoly Zhurakivsky – the medal of Christ the Savior

The host parish of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker sponsored a banquet in the parish social center following Liturgy, which gave the opportunity for the delegates to express their gratitude to parishes and community organizations that made significant contributions to cover the cost of the Sobor, especially the Karpaty Foundation of Australia.

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## THE 2019 MISSION TEAM OF THE UOC OF THE USA COMPLETES THE WORK OF LOVE AT THE ORPHANAGE IN UKRAINE

The 2019 Mission Team of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA to Znamiyanka Orphanage in Ukraine consisted of 12 Mission Team Members: Very Rev. Fr. Taras Naumenko, Very Rev. Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Subdeacon Mykola Zomchak, Subdeacon Ivan Venhryna, Reader Roman Baker, Natalia Hlushko, Alexis Naumenko, Andrew Powers, Daniel Steliac, Mariya Pavlusyk, Olena Lymar under the leadership of Archbishop Daniel.

His Eminence Metropolitan Antony blessed and commissioned the 2019 Mission Team at the Spiritual Center-Metropolia of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA in South Bound Brook, NJ on Monday, August 5, 2019. Following the blessing, the team departed for a long journey over the Atlantic Ocean to central Ukraine.

Upon arrival to Kyiv- capital of Ukraine, the missionaries had the opportunity to adjust to a time change and see the beauty of an ancient city with its golden dome churches and monasteries. Archbishop Daniel gave a very interesting tour through the city. Lots of walking and lots of interesting places to see and visit. For

some of the group member it was their very first experience of the Ukrainian culture.

After catching some breath, a day later, team of missionaries took a train south towards Odessa to the city of Znamiyanka, Ukraine.

The arrival at the orphanage was as anticipated, the children, who are mobile, were anxiously waiting for the arrival of the group with their favorite “bishop” Daniel.

Hard to describe in words their excitement when the minibus pulled in-front of the main door of the orphanage. Smiles mixed with tears, jumping from excitement, hugs, lots of hugs and of course the words, “You came back! You promised to come again and you came back!” We are so happy that you came back.”

All of a sudden, the tiredness from a long trip and changes of transportation was gone. The excitement of the children was so energizing, that you forgot about the exhausting trip and difference in time.

Children wanted to know for how long the Team was going to stay. They wanted to know if the team members were going to take them out into the town for walks, for shopping, for ice cream. “Of course, we will” said His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, “let us just unpack and get situated.”

The next morning, after Morning prayers, breakfast and orientation, the mission team met with the direct of the orphanage Tatiana Ivanivna Valko and toured the orphanage to meet the staff and the residents. You could tell that for the first-time members of the team, it was emotionally hard to see bedridden children with physical deformities as well as children afflicted with mental illness. Even for the returning members of the team was hard to gaze upon the reality of the life in the orphanage housing 125 children, when most of them have the highest levels of mental disorders.

With prayers and the grace of God, members of the mission team started their mission work-service by interacting with the children. Time was well spent by playing outside games, going for a walk by pushing the wheelchairs, swinging

on a swing set or just talking or simply holding hands. Children were hungry for attention, they were hungry for simple human touch, they were longing for love.

The first day was exhausting, but very rewarding. There was this overwhelming feeling of accomplishing God's will to share His love with anyone without an exception. After delicious dinner prepared by loving hands of kitchen personal of the orphanage, the end of the day was topped off with evening prayers and reflections of the team members. Everyone took turns in reflecting on their first day experience. Sharing personal experience helped team members to overcome obstacles of coming out of comfort zone and be more open in their ministry.

Every day spent in the orphanage brought new experience for the mission team members as well as created great memories for the children. Each morning began with the Morning Prayer Service led by Archbishop Daniel and each evening the day concluded with the Evening Prayers led by either Fr. Taras Naumenko or Fr. Vasyl Sendeha.

Friday, August 9th was a very special day, as children were taken on the bus to go to a popular pizza place - "Chelintano" in the city. The excitement of children was overwhelming, once they learned they were going to go on such a trip and a treat. Minivan can only take so many kids with wheelchairs. There is simply no room. "No problem", mobile older kids, "we will carry those who are in wheelchairs and put them on the bus and carry them into the pizzeria on our hands!" We than came up with the idea of carrying them on actual chairs, which we took from pizza place. It was a fun day with lots of smiles.

Another great activity was making of sandwiches. We have provided all of the supplies for children to be able to learn how to cut and assemble simple meal. What a thrill they had in putting those sandwiches together and later eating them themselves as well as distributing

them to all of the bedridden kids, who can chew and swallow these special treaters.

On one of the afternoons, we took older kids who can walk as well as those who are in wheelchairs out for a walk into a town. One of the requests of many of them was to be able to see the train go by. So we made a special visit to the train station. We were lucky they saw a speed train stop for a minute at the stop as well as local electric train. The outing into the town was culminated by visit to a local grocery store where kids were allowed to get any food or hygiene items they wanted and we would pay for them. They were very excited that they can actually shop on their own. You would think they would try to load cards and cards with stuff, but no. Many of them picked only a few items. It did take them sometime to decide what they would like to buy. As one girl said, I do not want to spend too much of your money.

Paying for the children to shop was a small token in making a change in the life of the orphanage. It didn't cost much at all. Much bigger funds of the mission team were used to buy thousands of diapers of all kinds and shapes. The supplier was literally emptied out of diapers!!!

Another major project that was finances was the purchase of hundreds of

kilograms of meat, which was packed and frozen to be used for future children meals.

Moreover, this year mission team has sponsored a complete remodel of the bakery on the premises of the orphanage that bakes delicious bread daily. Necessary and overdue repairs were done to the bus and a car of the orphanage. New windows and doors for the kitchen of the orphanage were prepaid for. Lots of craft supplies were purchased.

On Monday, August 12, we had a great opportunity to participate in the presentation of a book of poetry "WONDERFUL WORLD - ЧУДЕСНЫЙ МИР" by Valia Nyzhnyk - a young lady in a wheelchair from the Orphanage. His Eminence Archbishop Daniel opened the presentation. Many children and staff of the orphanage gathered in the hall of the orphanage for this joyful event. The author Valia recited her favorite poems as well as members of the mission team read out loud the poems from her book. The books were distributed by Valia to all the present. The book signing took place.

Toward the end of the presentation, Valia had a nice surprise as she was presented with a new for her wheelchair that came all the way from Yuriy and Aimee Zmysly of Orland Park, IL. She was thrilled to sit in a very comfortable and cushioned wheelchair, which was



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Wheelchairs and racing, seems like these two do not go together. Actually, they do, especially if they are carefully planned and run by Sundeacon Mykola Zomchak.

Racetrack had start and finish lines made with chalk on a pavement as well as cons for obstacle course and of course the real finish line tape.

On one of the beautiful hot afternoons, children of the orphanage participated in two different types of Olympic racing; on foot who could run as well as in wheelchairs, those who couldn't walk.

How do you describe an excitement of a boy in a wheelchair who can't talk, but wants to go racing over and over again? Awesome fun! That's smile with missing teeth, drooling and making these sounds and gestures of excitement, are just priceless.

Children didn't want to stop even for a quick rest. They wanted to keep going and to do it over and over again.

Finally, all sweaty and exhausted we called it a day. Toward the end of the Olympic races, all were the winners. There were no first or second places. No one minded that. The most important thing was that they had fun and extraordinary fun and so did we.

On the last full day before the departure, to have the Holy Unction service take place at the orphanage was extra special. Very moving experience.

The Oil has been blessed in the room of two older boys with phocomelia

syndrome (severe disorder of limbs and paralyses from birth) - Artem and Vitaliy.

The whole service was actually done above one of their beds. They have spent the whole life lying in bed. They are best friends for sure. One of them can move his head and see different sides of the room as well as tv on the wall. Another unfortunately is very limited on his view of surroundings. He is paralyzed from head down. He can only see one point, most of the time is a ceiling. However, his roommate describes for him what he sees and what happens around.

Imagine the great joy both of them had, when the room was filled with mission members and some of the orphanage personal and kids for the Holy Unction service.

It was a very Moving moment that stirred up a lot of emotions in many of us as the final prayer was read by His Eminence Archbishop Daniel and the Gospel book was open above them. As the anointing with Holy oil continued from room to room, mission team members were singing "Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom."

Many of the children, hearing the song already knew what was coming. They were ready to receive the anointing with Holy Oil by bowing their heads and putting forward their hands. It was a tear dropping experience to watch as some of them who have little control of their

hands were trying to cross themselves right before receiving the Holy Oil.

I thought that Administering this Sacrament of Holy Anointing to these children, especially bedridden would be very hard, however thanks to God's Grace it was heartwarming experience. You could feel that you are providing a special touch to those kids and they were responding back to it with the confirmation of sincerity and complete openness to the Grace of God, with no guile.

They have benefited from the Sacrament and so did we. It taught us simplicity and openness in front of God is a must if we want to receive His healing Grace.

The personal experience of the team members varied from individual to individual, but everyone would agree that their visit to the orphanage was a life changing experience, which they will never forget.

After saying tearful goodbyes, the mission team departed on their journey back home by walking to catch a train to Kyiv.

The final two days in the capital of Ukraine included visits to the great cathedrals and monasteries of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church: St. Michael the Golden Domes, St. Andrew Church, Monastery of the Kyiv Caves.



A special tribute was paid with the visit to the National Ukrainian Holodomor Memorial, where the Team members toured the museum and learned about the history of the Artificially created Genocidal Famine in 1932-1933.

Bidding farewell to Kyiv and Ukraine, the 2019 Mission Team of the UOC of the USA departed for the United States of America at 3am on Saturday - August 17, 2019.

*Text by Fr. Vasyl Sendeha*

*Photos by Subdeacon Mykola Zomchak and Natalia Hlushko*





## **UOC OF THE USA MISSION TEAM UNVEILS A BOOK OF POEMS OF VALENTYNA NUZHNYK FROM ZNAMYANKA ORPHANAGE**

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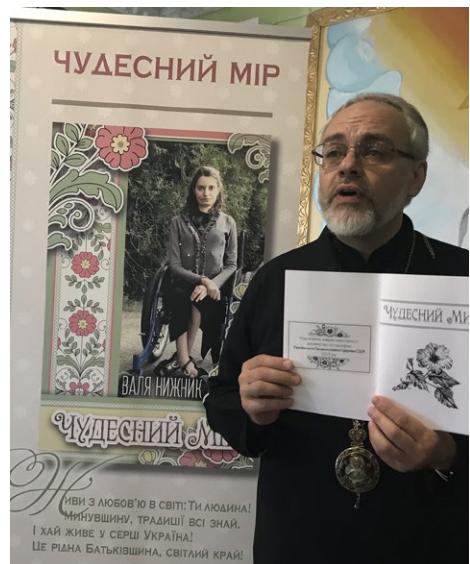
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*Photos by Subdeacom Mykola Zomchak*





# Baptism

Baptism and Chrismation are the two rites of entry into the Orthodox Church. Baptism and Chrismation are two Holy "Mysteries". Through baptism the believer partakes in the Death and Resurrection of Christ.

In like manner, Chrismation is considered the believer's personal moment of Pentecost; through an anointing with oil (being a symbol of fire — as in the oil lamp), the priest seals the person with the "gift of the Holy Spirit". In accordance with the practice of the Ancient Church, Orthodoxy celebrates Baptism and Chrismation as a single complete rite.



## What is needed:

- Birth Certificate of child (especially if priest is not familiar with family)
- Cross (usually a gift from the godparent)
- Baptismal candle
- White cloth
- White baptismal garment to put on newly baptized individual

## Who:

- Godparent must be an Orthodox Christian (in good standing)
- If unknown to priest, the godparent must provide baptismal certificate confirming they have been baptized into the Orthodox Church
- If the one being baptized is male, they require an Orthodox godfather/sponsor
- If the one being baptized is female, she will require an Orthodox godmother/sponsor

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# YOU ARE EXPECTING A BABY... HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...

## On the Day of Birth

As a new soul enters this world, not only should family members be notified, but, the priest (Church) should be made aware, as well. From the moment the new soul arrives, the Church is there to guide, protect and pray for it. The prayers on the day of birth are for the healing of mother, the protection of the mother and child, and thanksgiving to God.

## On the Eighth Day After Birth – the Naming

On the eighth day after a child is born, the priest is invited to the home for the “naming” ceremony. On this day, the child receives his or her name, just as Jesus was named by His mother and adoptive father on the eighth day after His birth.

If the official naming is not done on the eighth day, it is incorporated into the Churching of Mother and child. The child is not “named” immediately, because they receive their name not at their physical birth, but, at their more important spiritual birth when they become a Christian.

It is important the child be given a Christian name of the Saint who will be their Patron Saint throughout their life. “Names” are important. They define “who” we are. The significance of names is evident at the very beginning of Biblical history. God had just made the heavens and the earth in six days, and finally finished His glorious work of creation by fashioning man from the dust of the earth. After Adam (whose name in Hebrew means “earth” or “ground” from which he was made) was created something very interesting takes place. God brings all of the animals which had been made on the previous days to Adam so that Adam can name them (Gen. 2:9). Whatever Adam named the animals is what the animal was called. By naming the animals Adam’s authority over them

was expressed, and Adam imaged God who has first named him. Man was to lead the physical creation in the worship of the Holy Trinity. Shortly thereafter God fashioned a wife for Adam out of his side. Adam called his new wife “woman” because she was taken out of man (Genesis 2:23). Her name showed her very nature as being derived from man (“For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man”, (1 Corinthians 11:8). After the evil serpent tempted our first parents and led them to sin bringing death into the world, God intervened and promised the Redeemer would come from the woman’s seed to crush the serpent and trample down death by death (Genesis 3:15). As a result of this Adam named his wife “Eve”, which means “life” or “life-producer”. Her name explained who she was. She was the one through whom Christ would come, who would give life to the world.

Our Lord Himself was named Jesus because the Archangel Gabriel told Joseph to name Him so. Why “Jesus”? The Angel tells us our Lord was named Jesus “because He would save His people from their sins” (St. Matthew 1:21). Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew “Joshua” which means “the Lord is salvation.” Our Savior was named after that great servant of Moses Joshua who led the people of Israel into the promise land. And so, as the Greater Joshua, our Lord shall lead us into the greater promised land of everlasting life and blessedness to the glory of His All-Holy Name!

## On the 40th Day – the Churching of Mother and Baby

On the first Sunday after the fortieth day of birth, the mother and father bring the child to the narthex of the Church. This usually takes place at the end of the Divine Liturgy, where prayers are

said over the mother and child, thanking God, and dedicating the child to Him.

In ancient Israel, God commanded that the first-born son (“who opens the womb”) be “dedicated to the Lord” in remembrance of the Lord’s sparing of the lives of the first-born sons of the Israelites during the 10th and last plague that killed all the first-born sons in Egypt, “from the pharaoh’s son, who was heir to the throne, to the son of the prisoner in the dungeon” (Exodus 12:29).

So, this event in the life of Christ has its roots in the Old Testament and in the fulfillment of the commandments of the Law given to ancient Israel. The infant Jesus, “the Word made flesh” (John 1:14), is carried in the arms of the righteous prophet Symeon: He who gave the Law in the Old Testament now comes as a small child to the Temple in Jerusalem in order to fulfill that Law in the New Testament.

Orthodox Christians, in order to fully participate in the process of conforming our lives and the lives of our children to the pattern of the life of Christ Jesus – “in whom there is neither Greek nor Jew, slave nor free, male and female” (Galatians 3:28) – bring not only our first born sons but all of our children to the Temple of the Church in order to dedicate and consecrate them to God and to offer prayers of thanksgiving to Him for the new life He has given.

New mothers are also prayed over, thanking God for having preserved them from the dangers of childbirth, and asking for the forgiveness of their sins in preparation for receiving the sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Savior in the Eucharist. By this ancient service the Church affirms and blesses motherhood and family life and formally introduces the newborn child to the mystical life of the Church.

## WHY DOES THE ORTHODOX CHURCH BAPTIZE INFANTS?

We can find plenty of instances of Infant Baptism in the Holy Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 1:16 Saint Paul baptized the household of Stephanus.*
- *Acts 11:3 St. Peter baptized the household of Cornelius.*
- *Acts 16:15 Saint Paul baptizes the household of Lydia.*
- *Acts 16:31 Philippian jailer's household is baptized.*

Here we can see that in the New Testament period, the entire household was baptized.

*"Then little children were brought to Jesus for Him to place His hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.'*

*(St. Matthew 19:13-14)*

Holy Baptism is rooted in an act of command that lies outside time, poised between history and the eschatological present of that moment when the Risen Lord gave the command to His disciples to become a new future, by evangelizing

the whole world through teaching the observance of His commandments and by baptizing new disciples in the threefold and singular name of the Holy Trinity.

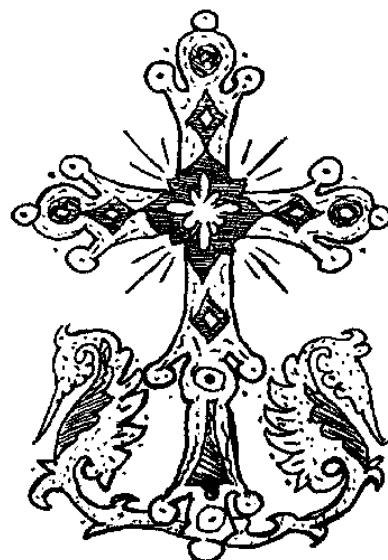
Our Lord taught Nicodemus that baptism, as a spiritual rebirth, was necessary for entrance into the Kingdom of God. And elsewhere the Holy Scripture makes it clear that baptism is a fundamental requirement for Christian initiation.

The Mystery of Baptism is the door into the Church, the Kingdom of grace. It is with Baptism that Christian life begins. Holy Baptism "is the frontier that separates the members of Christ's Body from those who are outside it."

In Baptism the human person is arrayed in Christ, following the words of Saint Paul which are chanted as the newly-baptized is led around the baptismal font: 'For as many of you who were baptized into Christ have put on Christ' (Gal. 3:27).

In Holy Baptism the human person dies to his sinful life and rises again to new spiritual life."

The Orthodox Church encourages the baptism of infants, allowing them to partake of the Eucharist and become full members of the Church. The understanding behind this practice is that children ought not to be deprived of a living, even if not a fully conscious, contact with Christ.



## BAPTISM AND CHRISMATION - THE SACRAMENTS OF ILLUMINATION

Before we partake of the One Body of the Anointed One (Christ), we must ourselves become disciples of Christ, “anointed one’s” and “little Christ’s,” being spiritually reborn in Him and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Chrismation. Just as natural birth and the natural breath of life precedes being fed earthly food in life, so also supernatural Birth and the Breath of Eternal life in the Spirit precedes the partaking of the Heavenly Food.

In the Baptismal service of the Orthodox Church, we find the following order: 1. Repentance and renunciation of the devil and all his works 2. Baptism for the remission of sins 3. Receiving the seal of the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Chrismation.

We find this very same order in the book of Acts: “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call’ (Acts. 2.37-39).

Notice here that the opposition of some protestants to baptizing infants is immediately refuted—“let every one of you be baptized” and again “the promise is to you and to your children and to all who are afar off,” and throughout Scripture we read that the entire families of 3 many, including infants, were baptized by the Apostles and Presbyters of the Church (cf. Acts. 16.15,.33; 1 Cor. 1.16). “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28.19). Baptism literally means “immersion.” Christ was baptized in the river Jordan to show us an example. Normally, when

we immerse ourselves in water, we are seeking to bathe just our body. Because the human person is both body and soul, there is cleansing of both body and soul together in Baptism—the body by being immersed in Spirit-filled water, and the soul being cleansed by the Holy Spirit who indwells the water. Just as the water of our natural mother broke and it is then that we came out of the womb, so also we are spiritually reborn out of the “womb” of our spiritual mother the Church, the baptismal font, also in water. Christ said “Unless a person is born from above...Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God...Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘you must be born again’” (John 3.3-7).

It is here that Orthodoxy differs from Protestantism, which tries to separate being “born again” from the Sacraments of spiritual rebirth established by our Lord. But true and full spiritual birth begins, not as an individual event, but as an event that unites the individual to the fullness of the Kingdom of God in the Church at Baptism. Toward the end if His ministry, Christ became the “first born of the dead” descending to death in the tomb and was resurrected from the same tomb, so also we participate in His death and resurrection by being “buried with Him in Baptism” by going down into the font, and “raised with Him” through the Faith by coming

back out of the font which is the working of God (Col. 2.12). It is our spiritual resurrection in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism is confirmed by the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit in Chrismation, and in it we are made members of Christ’s eternal Kingdom and Priesthood and become “little Christ’s.” Christ means “the anointed one,” meaning the one anointed to be King of Kings and Great High Priest of all mankind. In this Holy Sacrament the Lord “has made us kings and priests to His God and Father” (Rev. 1.6). We are told by the Church Fathers that the name “Christian” refers to the fact that we belong to the Anointed One and that we are likewise anointed kings and priests with Him.

Baptism is confirmed by Chrismation, and Chrismation is sealed by the Eucharist. Thus, just as God is three, and three is the number of perfection, so also “illumination” is a threefold process of being spiritually resurrected or “born again” in Baptism, being anointed a “little Christ” and member of the Royal Priesthood of all believers and thereby united to the Kingship of Christ through Chrismation, and finally fully united to the Body of Christ by partaking of the Body of Christ. Baptism, Chrismation, and Communion are the three basic Sacraments that are essentially and universally received unto salvation by all.



# THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## THE CEREMONY

### THE CHURCHING OF THE MOTHER

(This ceremony takes place on/after the 40th day)

On the first Sunday after the fortieth day of birth, the mother and father bring the child to the narthex of the Church. This usually takes place at the end of the Divine Liturgy, but can also be arranged prior to Holy Communion if the mother so desires. Prayers are said for the mother and the child, after which the child is presented in the Church. This service recalls the presentation of Christ in the temple on the fortieth day.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### Exorcism

**The Exorcism Prayers:** The priest calls upon the Holy Spirit to expel Satan and all his angels from the presence of the candidate for baptism. He prays that the spirits of evil may not lay hold of him/her by temptation or any other torment. The priest breathes on the candidate cross-wise three times to symbolize the exorcising power of the Holy Spirit—the Hebrew and Greek words for “spirit” also mean “breath.”

During the exorcism, which consists of four prayers commanding the devil and all powers of darkness depart from the child, the priest entreats that a Guardian Angel be assigned to the child.

**The Renunciation of Satan:** The candidate and sponsors turn to face the west, the entrance of the church. West is symbolic of darkness, since the sun sets the west. Through this movement the devil, the “Lord of darkness”, is confronted and rejected, along with “and all his works, all his worship, all his angels, and all his pomp.” Satan is renounced three times after which the godparents spit three times as a sign of this renunciation.

**The Acceptance of Christ:** The priest and godparents turn back to face the Altar towards the east where the sun rises and asks the Godparent(s) three times to accept for the child, Him who is the light of the world. “Do you unite yourself to Christ ..., do you believe in Him as King and do you worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided?”. “Bow down also before Him”. The Godparent(s) then recites the Creed, confessing faith in God on behalf of the child. “He who believes and is baptized will be saved”. From henceforth it is the Godparent(s) duty to instruct the child in the Faith to which he answered on his behalf. The adult being baptized, will answer the questions asked by the priest with their Godparent including the recitation of the Symbol of Faith (C “

### The Symbol of Faith

*I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages.*

*Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten, not created, being of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were created.*

*Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became man.*

*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate and suffered and was buried.*

*And on the third day, He rose, according to the Scriptures.*

*And ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.*

*And He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom shall have no end.*

*And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke through the Prophets.*

*In One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.*

*I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins.*

*I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.*

*Amen.*



## The Naming

From the moment the child is received into the Church emphasis is placed on his individuality. He is given his own particular name by which he shall be distinguished from every other child of God. This new name expresses also the new life in Christ received through Holy Baptism. In addition to our own individual name each person receives the name "Christian" at Baptism. From that moment on we bear the name of Christ.

## The Candles

Candles are now handed to the godparents. Baptism remains the sacrament of entrance into the Light. "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father, Who is in heavens". (Matthew 5:16) In the early Church the baptismal candle was lit in the Church for major life events.

## The Water is prepared

Water is used in cleansing. In baptism, it expresses the fact that through this sacrament, Christ cleanses us from sin. The priest blesses the water in the baptismal font making the sign of the Cross three times over it and then anoints it with blessed olive oil. The fruit of the olive oil tree has been a symbol of peace and reconciliation between God and humans, since a dove brought an olive branch to Noah at the great flood described in the Old Testament.

## The Oil of Gladness

The priest takes the Oil and anoints the child with the sign of the cross.

In an Orthodox Life, the first time we encounter oil is at the entry into

the Body of Christ and Church, the Baptism. This first oil used is called the Oil of Gladness. The Priest anoints the following areas of the child being baptized:

- **Chest** - for healing of soul and body
- **Ears** - for hearing of Faith
- **Hands** - Your hands have made and fashioned me
- **Feet**-that they may walk in the way of Your Commandments

*"The servant of God Thomas is anointed with the oil of gladness, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

This is done to strengthen and prepare the new initiate to be ready for the battle that is their spiritual life.

## The Baptismal Font

The priest, child and Godparent proceed to the front of the church to the large baptismal font. The Baptismal Font, in the language of the Church Fathers, is the Divine Womb whence we receive the second birth as children of God. *"But we all who received Him, who believed in His name, He gave power to become children of God, who were born not of blood, not of*

*the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God". (John 1:12-13).*

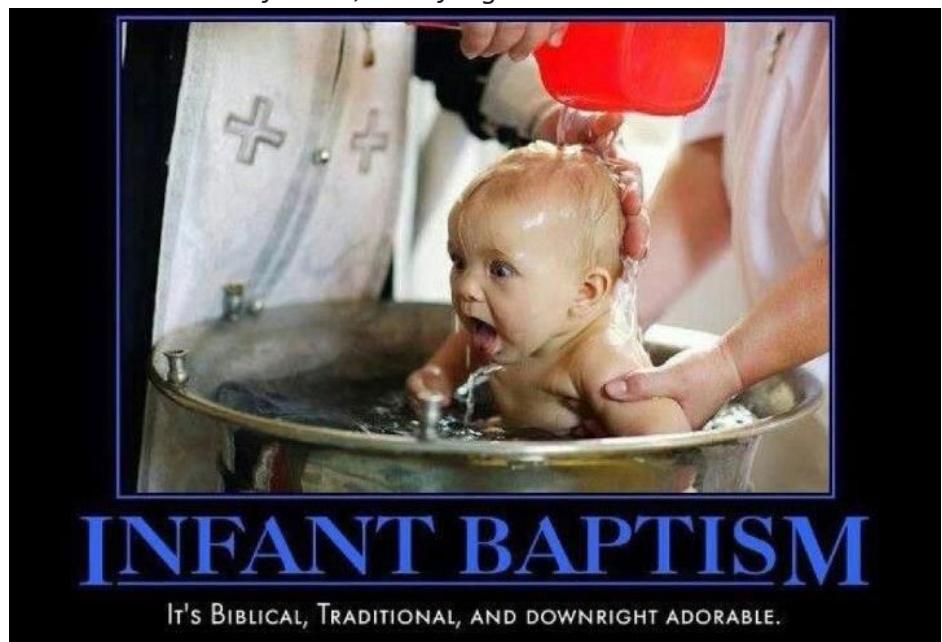
The immersion in water symbolizes death, death to this world, and everlasting life in Christ. The baptized person rises out of the font promising to surrender their life to Christ the Savior. The triple immersion symbolizes the three days spent by Christ in the tomb as well as the Holy Trinity, since the baptismal formula used in the Orthodox Church is *"The servant of God is baptized in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit"*.

The person who has been baptized comes out of the baptismal font without sin, a new person, "dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

## A Garment of Righteousness

After the baptism, the priest vests the baptized in a new white baptismal cloth, symbolizing their new life as a servant of Christ.

*"Grant unto me a robe of light, O Most Merciful Christ, who does clothe yourself with light as with a garment."*



## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CHRISMATION

The Orthodox Church maintains the ancient practice of confirming the newly baptized Christian immediately after his/her baptism. Just as baptism is a personal “Pascha” (Easter) for each of us, making us partakers in Christ’s personal Pentecost, as the Holy Spirit descends upon us, confirming us as full members of the Church.

Chrismation is the ordination of laity. By this Sacrament we are made Christians. According to Orthodox belief, every baptized lay person is ordained a priest by this sacrament and becomes an ambassador for Christ in this world.

The act of Chrismation is done through an anointing with a special oil mixed with spices (Exodus 30:31-34) for consecration (dedicating to God) called “Chrism,” from the Greek word meaning “gift” -as in, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This oil is prepared on Holy Thursday, every Easter by the Patriarch and other Bishops of the Orthodox Church around the world in Constantinople (now known as Istanbul in Turkey). The oil is then applied to various parts of the child’s body to dedicate them to the service of Christ.

And after the Prayer of Confirmation, the priest chrismates the baptized and makes the Sign of the Cross with the Holy Chrism on the forehead, eyes, nostrils, mouth, ears, breast, the hands, and feet.

At each anointing, he says: “*The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*”

### The Religious Walk (Dance)

As the child is clothed in a new white garment (reminiscent of the shining robe in which Christ appeared at the Transfiguration) the choir sings, “*As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Alleluia...*” three times, the “whole man” is now a temple of God. The priest leads the child, held by the godparent, on their first steps as a Christian, as process around the baptismal font three times.

At this moment the angels in heaven express their joy and join in the singing, exuberant that a new soul is registered in the Book of Life. Tradition teaches that it is at this point that God assigns a guardian angel to stay with the newly-baptized person until the end of their earthly life.

### The Epistle Reading

The Reader reads from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Romans - Romans 6:3-11.

*Brethren: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even*

*so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

### The Gospel Reading

The priest reads from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (Matthew 28:16-20)

*At that time, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Amen.*

### The Blessing

The priest blesses the child with water, saying:

*You are justified. You are illumined. You have been sanctified. You are washed: in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of our God.”*

The priest then wipes the Chrism from the child, saying:

*You are baptized. You are illuminated. You are anointed with Chrism. You are sanctified. You are washed, in the Name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

### The Tonsure

After Chrismating the infant, the priest cuts locks of hair from the child’s head, in the shape of the cross. This is an expression of gratitude from the child, who,

having received an abundance of blessings through the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation and having nothing to give God in return, offers part of its hair, which is symbolic of strength and dedication. As a symbolic first-offering, the candidate's hair is cut. Hair, in the Biblical story of Samson is equated with strength; thus the hair offered stands for all the person's strength and potentials given over to God. Through this gift the newly baptized individual promises to serve God with all their strength and dedication.

The cut hair is burned in the flame of a candle, symbolizing the first-offering from the child to God.

### **The Churching of the Child**

Taking up the child, the priest lifts it up, making the Sign of the Cross with the child before the doors of the temple, saying:

*"The servant of God Thomas is churched: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

The priest then carries the child into the center of the nave, as he says, "I will go into Thy House. I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple in fear of Thee." Stopping in the center, he says, *"The servant of God Thomas is churched, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. In the midst of the congregation I will sing praises unto Thee."*

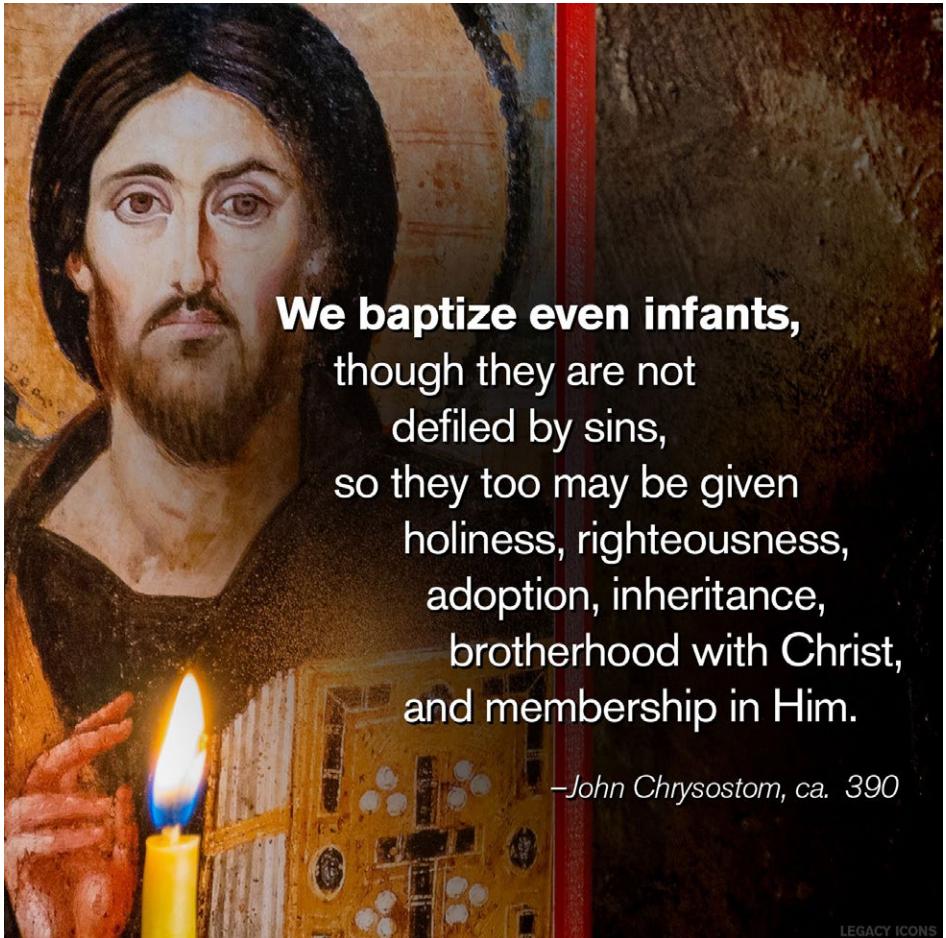
He then walks up to the iconostasis, and stopping in front of the Holy Doors, he says, *"The servant of God Thomas is churched, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

The male child is taken through the south deacon's door into the sanctuary around the holy table, stopping at each side, completing the circuit at the front of the altar. The priest then exits with the child through the north deacon's door and places the baby boy on the solea...for he is now ready to return to the world.

### **Prayer of St. Simeon**

*"Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word: for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared in the presence of all people, a light of revelation to the gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel."*

### **Dismissal**



**We baptize even infants,**  
though they are not  
defiled by sins,  
so they too may be given  
holiness, righteousness,  
adoption, inheritance,  
brotherhood with Christ,  
and membership in Him.

—John Chrysostom, ca. 390

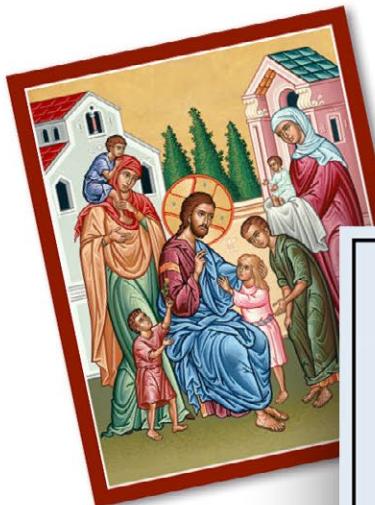
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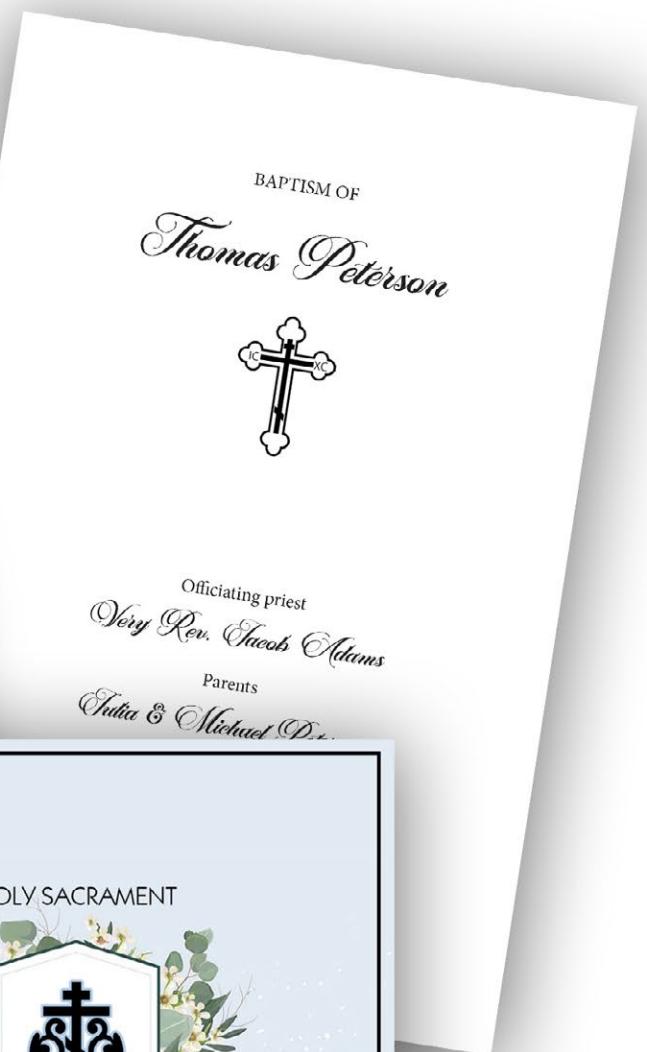
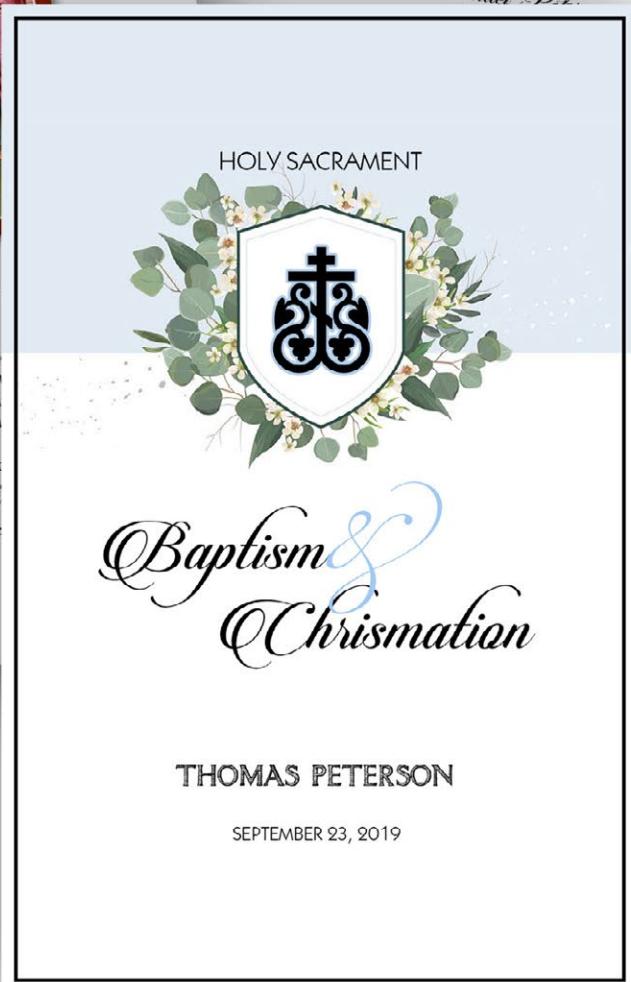
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"He who believes and is baptised  
(Mark 16:16)

"Go therefore and make disciples,  
baptising them in the name of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
(Matthew 28:19)

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless  
a man be born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot  
enter into the kingdom of God.  
(John 3:5)



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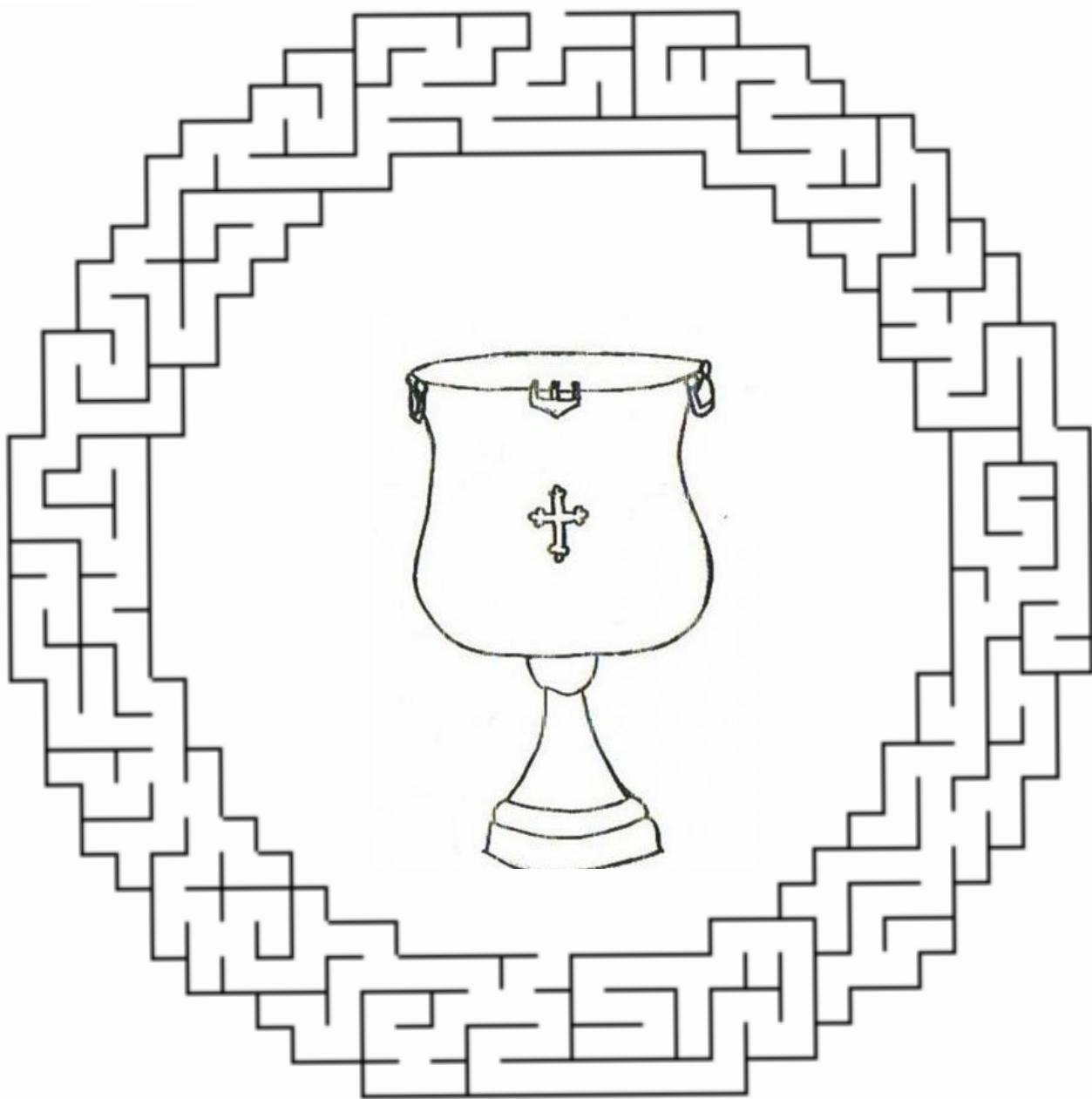


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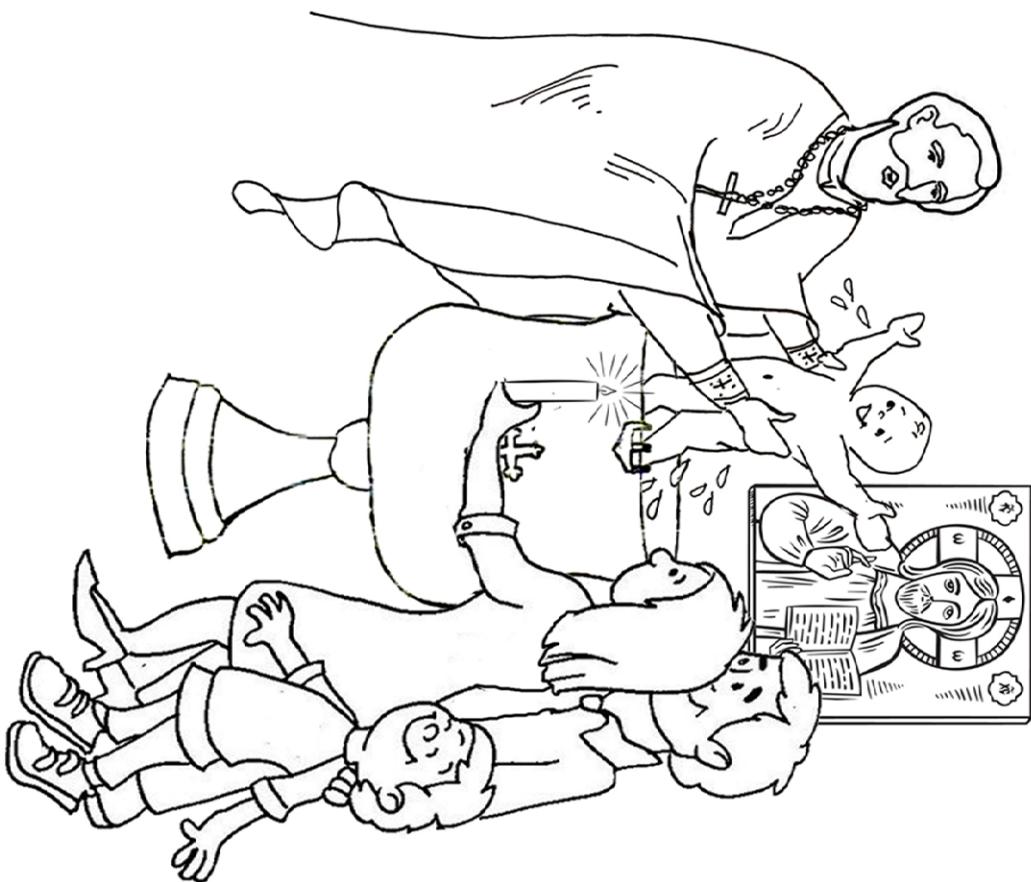
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**Antokhiv, Elizabeth** baptized and chrismated on September 9, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Roman Antokhiv and Yuliia Hutsal. Sponsors: Ihor Hutsal and Mariya Osvitsimska. Celebrated by Fr. Andriy Shelvach.

**Blanda, Waylon Steven** baptized and chrismated on July 20, 2019 in St. Vladimir Church, Ambridge, PA. Child of Chad Blanda and Anya Mikhailova. Sponsors: Nikita Kluyev and Jamie Blanda. Celebrated by Fr. Michael Kochis

**Capecci, Nicholas Stefan** baptized and chrismated on February 17, 2019 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Brian Nicholas Capecci and Stephanie Ana Maria Bughi. Sponsors: Christopher John Bughi / Stephanie Simpson Bughi and Neal Mario Capecci / Kelly Pantuso Capecci. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Coombs, Julia Ann** baptized and chrismated on July 6, 2019 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Thomas Fulton Coombs and Valentyna Panchuk. Sponsors: Gleb Matsulevictz and Oksana Shevchenko. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

**Datsyk, Nicole Veronica** baptized and chrismated on September 9, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Stepan Datsyk and Mariia Leshak. Sponsors: Taras Ostapyshyn and Anna Dyky. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Donoho, Sophia Emma** baptized and chrismated on May 18, 2019 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Timothy Laughlin Donoho and Olga Tetyanych. Sponsors: Jonathan Sean Joseph and Tatiana Shtoland. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

**Donoho, Timothy** baptized and chrismated on May 18, 2019 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of William Donoho and Patricia Laughlin. Sponsors: and . Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

**Dubrowski, Alexej** baptized and chrismated on May 11, 2019 in Holy Trinity UOC Church, Broome Str, NY. Child of Dimitri Dubrowski and Olga Keller. Sponsors: Maksym Gebura and Mariya Gebura. Celebrated by Fr. Todor Mazur.

**Dubrowski, Alissa** baptized and chrismated on April 27, 2011 in Holy Trinity UOC Church, Broome Str, NY. Child of Dimitri Dubrowski and Olga Keller. Sponsors: Claus Dohling and Eleonora Kraus. Celebrated by Fr. Todor Mazur.

**Gladchenko, Nikolai** baptized and chrismated on August 21, 2018 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Oleg Gladchenko and Brigitte Gladchenko. Sponsors: Aleksandr Shyianov and Linda Khzam Hernandez. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Gordon, Janet Dinah** baptized and chrismated on May 6, 2019 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Miller Gordon and Jennifer Merino. Sponsors: Robert Adams and Amy Adams. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Goykhman, Alexandra** baptized and chrismated on May 4, 2019 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Mikhail Goykhman and Victoria Podolyako. Sponsors: Kirill Sazonov and Elena Rosales. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Goykhman, Dmitry** baptized and chrismated on May 4, 2019 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Mikhail Goykhman and Victoria Podolyako. Sponsors: Kirill Sazonov and Elena Rosales. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Greitzer, Nikolas** baptized and chrismated on July 14, 2019 in St. Panteleimon Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Jacob Greitzer and Maria Korochenko. Sponsors: Steward Pearce and Adrienne Parsons. Celebrated by Rev. Stepan Motychak.

**Gurinenko, Nikita** baptized and chrismated on June 16, 2019 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Bogdan Gurinenko and Maryna Sazonenko. Sponsors: Maksym Petrov and Olga Petrova. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

**Harasymlyuk, Timothy Nicholas** baptized and chrismated on February 10, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Ihor Harasymlyuk and Natalia Pocitari. Sponsors: Maxim Vasilenko and Maria Osvitsimska. Celebrated by Fr. Andriy Shelvach.

**Ivanditto, Daniel** baptized and chrismated on May 5, 2019 in Sts. Peter & Paul UOC Church, West Islip, NY. Child of David Ivanditto and Liliya Ivanditto - Gryshchenko. Sponsors: Fr. Victor Wronskyj and Alina Gulak. Celebrated by Fr. Victor Wronskyj.

**Kapustin, Luka Nikolay** baptized and chrismated on November 4, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Anatoly Kapustin and Maryna Riabushko. Sponsors: Yuri Bulgakov and Svitlana Kraynyuk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Katsyuk, Anastasia** baptized and chrismated on May 25, 2019 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Yevgeniy Katsyuk and Daria Katsyuk. Sponsors: Maksym Bober and Elena Tot. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

**Korzhiletskiy, Alexander Samvel** baptized and chrismated on June 8, 2019 in St. Vladimir Church, Parma, OH. Child of Aleksandr Korzhiletskiy and Yelizaveta Perkin. Sponsors: Stanislav Korzhiletskiy and Skirmante Sirvaitis. Celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny.

**Kovaliuk, Daniel** baptized and chrismated on September 2, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Igor Pelekhatty and Svitlana Kovaliuk. Sponsors: Vasyl Savka and Inna Kulba. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Krentsil, Ilya Elon** baptized and chrismated on May 25, 2019 in St. Pantaleimon Church, Brooklyn, NY. Child of Oleg Krentsil and Olga Krentsil. Sponsors: Muroslav Pakulets and Svetlana Grinevich. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

**Lanie, Kara Nichole** baptized and chrismated on November 24, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Mark Lanie and Inna Shumeyeva. Sponsors: Cody Williams and Liliya White. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Lutsak, Anna** baptized and chrismated on July 27, 2019 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Andriy Lutsak and Elena Kolyuka. Sponsors: Sergiy Durytskyy and Olena Shak. Celebrated by Rev. Vasyl Shak.

**Matzek, Natalia Ruth** baptized and chrismated on July 13, 2019 in Holy Trinity UOC Church, Cheektowaga, NY. Child of Matthew David Matzek and Bridget Nicol Petruzzok. Sponsors: Paul Wayne Kurzel, Jr / Victor Zhyba and Christy Danielle Petruzzok. Celebrated by Fr. Yuriy Kasyanov.

**Mayers, Aleksandr Kurtis** baptized and chrismated on August 3, 2019 in Sts. Michael's & George Church, Minneapolis, MN. Child of Kurtis Alan Mayers and Julie Akmatova. Sponsors: Kyle Russel Mayers and Stephanie Marie Mayers. Celebrated by V. Rev. Evhen Kumka.

**Mnykh, Victoria** baptized and chrismated on May 4, 2019 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Vitaliy Mnykh and Iryna Koshyk. Sponsors: Taras Koshyk and Victoria Pylyavskaya. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Naida, Ariana Maria** baptized and chrismated on June 22, 2019 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Iuri Naida and Sukhovirska Svitlana. Sponsors: Igor Tarasenko and Marta Shegera. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

**Nickolas, Kavinskyi** baptized and chrismated on May 25, 2019 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Viktor Kavinskyi and Roksolana Bilohubka. Sponsors: Dmytro Vintonyak and Oksana Doroshenko. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Nunez-Matviiv, Estella Grace** baptized and chrismated on February 2, 2019 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of David Nunez and Victoria Matviiv. Sponsors: Hector Nunez and Zorianna Vaniman. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Ostrovs'kyi, Leo** baptized and chrismated on July 22, 2018 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Vitalii Ostrovs'kyi and Anastasiia Demydenko. Sponsors: Oleksii Lazorenko and Iuliia Safrygina. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Ovsianikova, Mary** baptized and chrismated on August 3, 2019 in St. Michael's Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Maksym Ovsianikov and Nadiia Kapsharina. Sponsors: Andrei Sauchanka and Anastasiya Paukova. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

**Poletz, Victoria Toda** baptized and chrismated on July 14, 2019 in Sts. Michael's & George Church, Minneapolis, MN. Child of Hryhory Poletz and Takako Toda. Sponsors: Zenon Dawydowycz and Zinaida Poletz Gutmanic. Celebrated by V. Rev. Evhen Kumka.

**Pylyp, Olena Solomiya** baptized and chrismated on July 14, 2019 in St. Volodymyr Mission Church, Kerhonkson, NY. Child of George Stefan Pylyp and Tania Wedmid. Sponsors: Anatole Wedmid and Rebecca Wedmid. Celebrated by V. Rev. George Bazylevsky.

**Pylyp, Kalyna Nadia** baptized and chrismated on November 22, 2014 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of George Stefan Pylyp and Tania Wedmid. Sponsors: Alexei Wedmid and Natalia Antoniak. Celebrated by Fr. Yurii Siwko.

**Radko, Kathryn** baptized and chrismated on June 8, 2019 in Church, Jones, OK. Child of Borys Radko and Julia Volkovica. Sponsors: Roman Zhmutsky and Olga Ivanov. Celebrated by Fr. Myron Korostil.

**Romanishyn, Katherine** baptized and chrismated on November 24, 2013 in All Saints Parish Church, New York, NY. Child of Andriy Romanishyn and Iryna Tsikhovska. Sponsors: Sergii Denisov and Maria Kaluga. Celebrated by V. Rev. Mykola Fylyk.

**Romanishyn, Sophia** baptized and chrismated on June 21, 2015 in All Saints Parish Church, New York, NY. Child of Andriy Romanishyn and Iryna Tsikhovska. Sponsors: Alexander Kaluga and Nadiia Zelenchuk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Mykola Fylyk.

**Rublyuk, Matthew** baptized and chrismated on May 4, 2019 in Saint Volodymyr Church, Los Angeles, CA. Child of Maksym Rublyuk and Khrystyna Khomynets. Sponsors: Serhiy Smolin and Yuliya Podolski. Celebrated by Fr. Vasile Sauciur.

**Sacalos, Simion** baptized and chrismated on December 25, 2017 in St. Mary's Church, New Britain, CT. Child of Simion Sacalos and Sylvia Sacalos. Sponsors: Gheorghe Sacalos / Dalma Sacalos and Mihai Smuliac / Anna Smuliac. Celebrated by V. Rev. Andrii Pokotyo.

**Sassic, Nicolas Alexander** baptized and chrismated on July 12, 2019 in St. Vladimir Church, Ambridge, PA. Child of Stefan Sassic and Kristy Saska. Sponsors: Perry Sassic (grandfather) and . Celebrated by Fr. Michael Kochis.

**Severyn, Varvara** baptized and chrismated on May 26, 2019 in Holy Trinity Church, Trenton, NJ. Child of Mykola Severyn and Mariia Tsubera. Sponsors: Sergii Moroz and Lidia Pilarska. Celebrated by Fr. Zinoviy Zharsky.

**Shchur, Adele** baptized and chrismated on June 15, 2019 in Holy Trinity Church, Sacramento, CA. Child of Hryhorii Shchur and Nadiia Zazulia. Sponsors: Ihor Kachanskyy and Halyna Shvets. Celebrated by Fr. Myroslav Turchak.

**Shkapii, Milana Anna** baptized and chrismated on July 13, 2019 in Holy Trinity UOC Church, Cheektowaga, NY. Child of Taras Shkapii and Tetyana Nemirovska. Sponsors: Mykhaylo Pankiv and Iryna Pron. Celebrated by Fr. Yuriy Kasyanov.

**Smovska, Amira** baptized and chrismated on September 1, 2018 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Dmytro Smovskyy and Angelina Meleshko. Sponsors: Sergii Malarchyk and Natalia Smovska. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Svitovy, Alina** baptized and chrismated on August 10, 2019 in St. Vladimir's Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Mykhailo Svitovy and Yulia Fedoruk. Sponsors: Ivan Svitovy and Oleksandra Riumkina. Celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny.

**Syromyatnyk, Yana Maria** baptized and chrismated on August 10, 2019 in St. Mary's Church, New Britain, CT. Child of Yuriy Syromyatnyk and Olga Verbova. Sponsors: Vitaliy Solter and Oxana Grimm. Celebrated by V. Rev. Andrii Pokotyo.

**Tur, Stephan** baptized and chrismated on May 14, 2019 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Serhiy Tur and Anastasiia Radiushyna. Sponsors: Roman Kureyko and Oleksandra Zalesova. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Turchin, Katerina** baptized and chrismated on March 17, 2019 in Holy Trinity Church, Bensenville, IL. Child of Andriy Turchin and Samantha Cooke. Sponsors: Vitaliy Dyadyuk and Iryna Gorinetska. Celebrated by V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk.

**Wobser, Nico Michael** baptized and chrismated on July 25, 2019 in St. Vladimir Church, Parma, OH. Child of Dominick Wobser and Emily Kominko. Sponsors: Anthony Wobser and Melanie Nakonachny. Celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny.

**Wray, Savannah Sophia** baptized and chrismated on August 10, 2019 in St. Vladimir's Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Michael Neal Wray Jr and Lydia Maria Michaels. Sponsors: Matt Massey and Lauren Michaels. Celebrated by Fr. John Nakonachny.





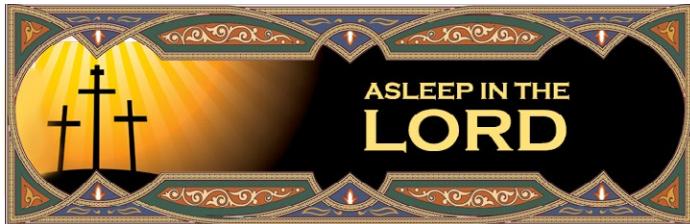
**Brad Vincent Bellomo and Joy Ellen Serednesky** in Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH, on May 18, 2013, witnessed by Stephen Serednesky, Jr and . Celebrant: Fr. John W. Harvey.

**Yuri Buts and Iryna Krekhovetsky** in St. Mary the Protectress Parish, Rochester, NY, on September 2, 2018, witnessed by Orest Omelian and Sara Haight. Celebrant: Fr. Mykola Andrushkiv, Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky.

**Jayne Lee Houck and Lauren Elizabeth Bentley** in Holy Ghost Parish, Coatesville, PA, on September 2, 2017, witnessed by Wesly R. Hatch and Tabetha Bentley. Celebrant: Fr. M. Danczak.

**Lahmer Lynds and Yuliya Babak** in St. Mary's Parish, New Britain, CT, on July 2, 2019, witnessed by Maria Kiritschenko and Irene Blumes. Celebrant: V. Rev. Andrii Pokotylo.

**Vladimir Nachev and Natalia Nacheva** in Holy Trinity Parish, Trenton, PA, on May 18, 2019, witnessed by Cvetan Nachev and Anastasia Belugina. Celebrant: Fr. Zinoviy Zharsky.



**Gebet, Frances M.** of Pittsburgh, PA on February 10, 2018 at the Dobransky, Peter Michael of Endicott, NY on June 10, 2019 at the age of 70 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Synevskyy of St. John the Baptist Parish, Johnson City, NY 13790.

**Dovbush, Charles** of Canton, OH on June 8, 2019 at the age of 87 years, officiating clergy Fr. J. Nakonachny / Fr. M. Hontaruk of St. Vladimir UOC Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

**Dymanyk, Mary Louise** of Minneapolis, MN on May 24, 2019 at the age of 90 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Evgueni Kumka of St. Michael's & George's Parish, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

**Haluszczak, Marlene** of Carnegie, PA on July 28, 2019 at the age of 87 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. John Haluszczak / Rev. John Charest of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA 15106.

**Hryb, Michael** of Youngstown, OH on January 2, 2019 at the age of 79 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Tchopko of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH 44509.

**Hrynkó Yurchyk**, Helen of Youngstown, OH on December 31, 2018 at the age of 94 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Tchopko of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH 44509.

**Hustic, Zeliko "Jay"** of Youngstown, OH on December 20, 2018 at the age of 75 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Tchopko of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH 44509.

**Iordanov, Marie Ann** of Chicago, IL on May 1, 2019 at the age of 51 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL 60464.

**Kocich, Linda Marie** of Greene, NY on July 3, 2019 at the age of 75 years, officiating clergy Fr. Ivan Synevskyy & Fr. Zinoviy Zharsky of St. John the Baptist Parish, Johnson City, NY 13790.

**Kolesnycky, Paul** of Cleveland, OH on August 10, 2019 at the age of 97 years, officiating clergy Fr. J. Nakonachny / Fr. M. Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

**Korduba, Irene H.** of Clarence, NY on July 17, 2019 at the age of 89 years, officiating clergy Fr. Yuriy Kasyanov of Holy Trinity Parish, Cheektowaga, NY 14227.

**Kozikowski, Stella** of South Yarmouth, MA on December 11, 2017 at the age of 95 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Andrii Pokotylo of St. Mary's UOC Parish, New Britain, CT 06051.

**Lindgren, Sylvia (Yawin)** of New Britain, CT on August 1, 2019 at the age of 100 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Andrii Pokotylo of St. Mary's UOC Parish, New Britain, CT 06051.

**Lotinsky Rose, Carol Ann** of Export, PA on May 16, 2019 at the age of 66 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Robert Popichak of Holy Ghost Parish, Suckville, PA 15684.

**Lutskaya, Valentina** of Minneapolis, MN on May 12, 2019 at the age of 89 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Evgueni Kumka of St. Michael's & George's Parish, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

**Mazur, Richard J.** of Baden, PA on August 15, 2019 at the age of 74 years, officiating clergy Fr. Michael Kochis of St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA.

**Muntean, Richard A.** of Poland, OH on May 29, 2019 at the age of 69 years, officiating clergy Fr. Andrew Gall of St. John the Baptist Parish, Sharon, PA 16146.

**Nazarenko, Tamara P.** of Onondaga, NY on May 20, 2019 at the age of 81 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv of St. Luke Parish, Warners, NY 13164.

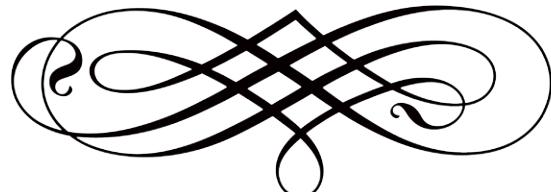
**Paplyk, John** of Parma, OH on January 10, 2019 at the age of 93 years, officiating clergy Fr. J. Nakonachny / Fr. M. Hontaruk of St. Vladimir UOC Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

**Prawdiuk, Alla** of Maplewood, MN on June 17, 2019 at the age of 82 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Evgueni Kumka of St. Michael's & George's Parish, Minneapolis, MN 55413.

**Shcherbatyuk, Oleksandr** of McDonald, PA on June 19, 2019 at the age of 56 years, officiating clergy Fr. Stephan Repa of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA 15106.

**Tybor, Steffie** of Franklin Twp., NJ on April 21, 2019 at the age of 92 years, officiating clergy Metropolitan Antony and Rev. Vasyl Pasakas of St. Andrew Memorial Church Parish, S. Bound Brook, NJ 08880.

**Wachnowsky, Stephen** of Carnegie, PA on June 9, 2019 at the age of 90 years, officiating clergy Rev. John Charest of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA 15106.





# ORDINATIONS

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V. Rev. Anthony Perkins	June 2, 2007	
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V. Rev. Yurij Siwko		September 23, 1982
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V. Rev. Ivan Petrouchchak		September 24, 1995
V. Rev. Roman Tarnavsky		September 27, 1978
V. Rev. John W. Harvey		September 27, 1974
Protodn. Ireney Dziadyk		June 19, 1998
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21st 1948 -	PRIEST JOHN SENCHUK
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30th 1975 -	PROTOPRESBYTER PAWLO SZPIRUK
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18th 2003 -	PROTOPRESBYTER BOHDAN ZELECHIWSKY
6th 2010 -	PROTOPRESBYTER FRANK ESTOCIN
13th 2013 -	PRIEST VLADIMIR IVANOV
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## JULY - ЧЕРВЕНЬ

5th 1952 -	PRIEST PHILIP HALICKE
7th 1967 -	PRIEST LAWRENTIJ SKLONNYJ
6th 1973 -	PROTOPRIEST ILYA NAHIRNIAK
25th 1978 -	PROTOPRIEST JACOB KOSTECKY
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30th 1985 -	PROTOPRIEST DEMETRIUS LESCHISHIN
5th 1988 -	PRIEST LEW PORENDOWSKY
23rd 1989 -	PRIEST FEDIR LEONTOVICH
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2nd 1995 -	PRIEST EUGENE BOHUSLAWSKY
17th 1995 -	PROTOPRIEST DMYTRO TELENSON
10th 1996 -	PROTOPRIEST KONSTANTINE KALINOWSKY
22nd 2003 -	PROTOPRIEST WIACHESLAW ILCHUK

## AUGUST - СЕРПЕНЬ

7th 1959 -	PROTOPRIEST PETRO BILON
24th 1963 -	PROTOPRESBYTER VOLODYMYR BUKATA
26th 1965 -	PROTOPRIEST OLEKSANDER JEWTUSHENKO
3rd 1968 -	PRIEST PETRO WYSZNEWSKYJ
25th 1968 -	PROTOPRIEST NICHOLAS CHARISHCHAK
5th 1973 -	PROTOPRIEST PETER STELMACH
5th 1974 -	PROTOPRIEST HRYHORIJ CHOMYCKYJ
25th 1975 -	PROTOPRIEST SEMEN IWASZCZENKO
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13th 1980 -	DEACON MYKOLA CHALY
27th 1980 -	PRIEST MYKOLA WARENÝK
1981 -	PROTOPRIEST WASYL UMANEC
22nd 1985 -	PRIEST NICHOLAS MALUZYNSKY
3rd 1986 -	PRIEST JOSEPH SIMKO
28th 1991 -	PRIEST MYCHAJLO MYCHAJLUK
2nd 2010 -	PROTOPRIEST PETER NATISHAN
28th 2011 -	PROTOPRESBYTER NICHOLAS METULYNSKY
25th 2012 -	PROTOPRESBYTER PETER HOTROVICH

## SEPTEMBER

21st 1953 -	PROTOPRIEST LEON KUSHNIR
3rd 1954 -	PROTOPRIEST MYCHAJLO KASHUBA
27th 1960 -	PRIEST TIMOTHY MACAR
24th 1966 -	PRIEST MYKOLA RYBACHUK
30th 1969 -	PROTOPRIEST WOLODYMYR LEWYTZKYJ
23rd 1971 -	PROTOPRIEST ANANIJ MIROSHCHENKO
23rd 1972 -	PRIEST MICHAEL KRAWCZUK
12th 1974 -	PROTOPRIEST DAMIAN OLGIN
18th 1974 -	PROTOPRIEST ANTONY STANGRY
21st 1983 -	PROTODEACON MICHAEL OLHOVY
2nd 1984 -	PROTOPRESBYTER MICHAEL YAROSH
4th 1986 -	PROTOPRIEST ANDRIJ KIST
24th 1988 -	PRIEST IHOR ZBOTANIW
10th 1990 -	ARCHIMANDRITE ADAM BURHA
27th 1991 -	PROTOPRESBYTER NICHOLAS FEDOROVICH
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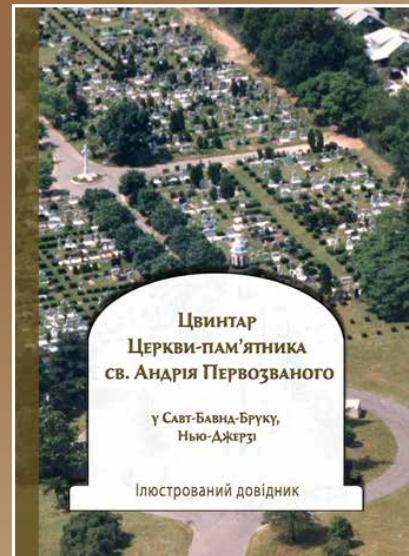
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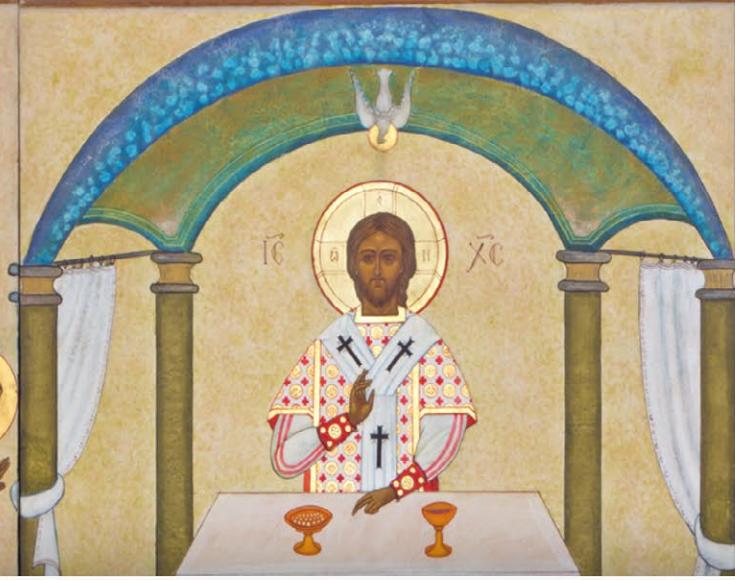
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