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ENGLISH VERSION

Second Annual Memorial Day Weekend Service. Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery – Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

On Sunday, May 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Bishop John Bura, Rev. Ivan Demkiv of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia, PA, Rev. Yaroslav Kurpel of Christ the King Parish in Philadelphia, PA, Rev. Gregory Maslak of St. Mary's Parish in Bristol, PA, Rev. Volodymyr Popyk of St. Josaphat's Parish in Trenton, NJ, and Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, celebrated a Memorial Service at Our Lady of Sorrows Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Langhorne, Pennsylvania.



Celebrating the annual Memorial Service at Our Lady of Sorrows Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Langhorne, PA. (Photo: Taras Hankewycz)

A choir under the direction of Roman Kuczarsky from St. Josaphat's Parish in Trenton along with the faithful responded to the Service.

During the Service, the newly erected monument

for the late +Bishop Walter Paska was blessed. The monument was funded by the generosity of Mr. Charlie Chrin.

At the conclusion of the Services, Metropolitan -

Archbishop Stefan Soroka said a few words of thanks to all who came who joined in praying for the souls of the departed buried at Our Lady of Sorrows Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery.

After the services, the fathers walked with the people and blessed family grave sites.

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Second Annual Memorial Day Weekend Service. Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery – Langhorne, Pennsylvania.

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Every year, on Memorial Day Weekend, a Memorial Service will be celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery. We invite people to come to this Service, to pray and remember all our loved ones who gave their lives for our country, and for those who have departed this life and gone into the Heavenly Kingdom.

All who are interested in or have questions about Our Lady of Sorrows Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, should contact the cemetery manager, Mr. Taras Hankewycz, at 215-627-0143, or e-mail him at ukrcathcem@catholic.org.

(Photos: Taras Hankewycz)



Rev. Gregory Maslak, Bishop John Bura, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Rev. Ivan Demkiv, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, and Rev. Volodymyr Popyk during the Memorial Service.



A choir under the direction of *Roman Kuczarsky* from St. Josaphat's Parish in Trenton along with the faithful responded to the Service.



Blessing the graves of the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God and family.



Blessing of the monument of the late +Bishop Walter Paska at Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery – Langhorne, PA.



Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka blesses the monument of the late +Bishop Walter Paska.



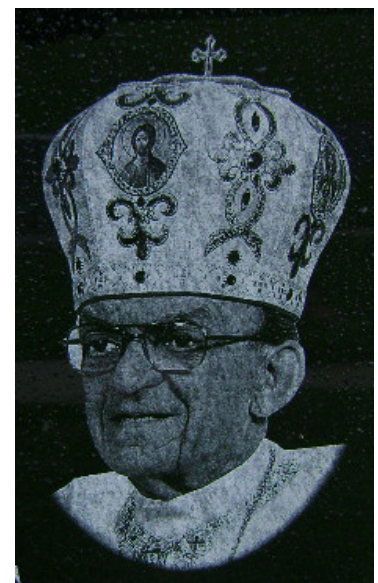
Rev. Volodymyr Popyk, Rev. Gregory Maslak, Bishop John Bura, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Rev. Ivan Demkiv, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, and Rev. Yaroslav Kurpel. **(Photos: Taras Hankewycz)**



Back of the monument.



The clergy pictured with Mr. Charlie Chrin who funded the monument.



+Bishop Walter Paska.

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

June 7, 2009



The Lord said: "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

COMMEMORATING ALL SAINTS

The Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is dedicated to the memory of All Saints. The commemoration of All Saints Sunday is placed just after Pentecost Sunday in order to remind us of what the power of the Holy Spirit can do in our lives. The saints were - and continue to be - those individuals who allow the Holy Spirit to be active in their lives. All Saints' Day is a day when we honor and remember those who, in death, have joined the Church Triumphant, as well as the faithful saints of the present who serve Jesus Christ.

We tend to think that saints are people who are especially good. Of course they are; and yet it is not because they love being good which has made them saints. Saints are those who have proved the power of the resurrection and the life - the life of Christ within - in their own lives they have achieved freedom from fear of loss or failure or death because they live in the strength and the hope of the life which God gives the life of the resurrected. This is not something that is restricted to the saints with haloes.

The life of Christ within is God's gift to us all. Lazarus was unbound and released when he walked out of the grave. If we are disciples of Christ we are all saints, and we are all called by Jesus to walk out of the dead end of our self-oriented lives, to be unbound and to be set free from the desires and the fears which wind around us and prevent us from growing into the life God wants for us.



МНОГАЯ І БЛАГАЯ ЛІТА!

ALMIGHTY GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR METROPOLITAN STEFAN

**ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR 27 YEARS OF
PRIESTHOOD AND 13 YEARS OF SERVING THE
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AS A BISHOP -
MANY HAPPY & BLESSED YEARS!**

Ordained Priest: June 13, 1982

Ordained Bishop: June 13, 1996

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Our heartfelt congratulations to all of the graduates completing their program of studies this spring! What a joyful and satisfying feeling you have knowing that you have successfully concluded your studies and are moving onto new challenges in your life. We all rejoice with you and we are happy for you! We are proud of your accomplishments. We thank almighty God for His presence and blessings upon you throughout your program of studies, enabling you to succeed.



Express your joy of graduation with prayers of thanksgiving to God. As He was among the disciples giving them peace, the Risen Christ was with you throughout your journey. You may have not even realized His presence and care for you. The Lord knows all of our needs for growth and maturing. He provides generously for us to become the person we are destined to be in His image. The Mother of God intercedes to help us in the path of achieving our goals. She gives us understanding in times of difficult challenges. Her maternal comfort helps us to accept and grow from our sufferings in meeting challenges.

Celebrate with prayers of thanksgiving for your loving and dedicated parents, spouse and others who are significant in your daily life. Their faith and belief in you helped you to be successful in your graduation. Thank God for the gift of people who have cared to encourage you and who have supported you throughout your program of studies. Ask your pastor to celebrate a Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving with these specific intentions. Identify yourself with the one of ten lepers who were healed by Jesus. Only one of them bothered to return and thank Him for His cure. Nine did not express gratitude and Jesus asks why they did not acknowledge their gift of healing. Choose to be always grateful to the Lord and to express it in worship.

God bless you richly as you undertake your new challenges in life, building upon the knowledge and skills you have acquired in your program of studies. Know that the Risen Christ is always with you in your journey of life. Our Blessed Mother is also present interceding for your well-being and salvation. Show your gratitude in your humble prayers and in worship in His Holy Church!

Congratulations and Mnohaya Lita!

+ Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka

NO ONE COULD TALK ANNA OUT OF BEING A NUN

Love of God led her to enter Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

by: CHRIS MILLER

WESTERN CATHOLIC REPORTER

EDMONTON – They tried to dissuade Anna Kawalsky from becoming a nun by filling her mind with doubts.

“People in the area didn’t understand how anybody would want to go to the convent.

“They said you don’t see any young sisters because they put them all in some kind of poison and they die,” she said, unfazed by their scare tactics.

“I thought, well, if those young sisters can bear death and die for the love of God, why can’t I?”

That was a long time ago and young Anna didn’t take their advice.

Now, Sister Bonaventure Kalawsky is back in Alberta to celebrate 75 years of religious life with friends and family.

She was born in 1918 in Round Hill, the 12th of 13 children. As a child, she enjoyed the company of the nuns from Mundare who stayed with her family during the summer.

“They would say their prayers at church, and after they prayed they

always sang songs to the Blessed Mother. I thought that was so wonderful.

“One time when they were singing I told my brothers that someday I’m going to sing like that. They laughed at me,” said Kalawsky, determined to prove her brothers wrong.

On Nov. 11, 1934, her parents took her to Mundare in her best Sunday dress. They took her to the convent where she joined the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate the next day. She has been with them ever since.

The foundress of the congregation in 1892 was Josaphata Hordashevsk, a Ukrainian Catholic nun. In 2001 Pope John Paul II beatified her. Numerous miracles are ascribed due to her intercession after her death.

DIVINE INTERVENTION

Kalawsky credits Hordashevsk for healing her after she fell ill in Germany. She recalled walking around like a skeleton because she had lost so much weight.

“Even the doctors didn’t know what was wrong with

me. I was losing weight and I couldn’t keep food in me. They did all kinds of tests, and after two weeks they couldn’t find anything wrong,” she said.

Nor could the German doctors determine how to treat her mysterious condition.

The other nuns “stormed heaven” and prayed to Hordashevsk. Kalawsky credits the foundress for answering their prayers and miraculously healing her.

Kalawsky has mostly been living in the United States since 1934, currently in New York. She has kept ties with rural Alberta, however, since she has numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews still living here.

“Sister Bonaventure is a shining example of a true Christian to all of us, with her own ever-ready smile and her extra big heart,” said her niece, Josephine Ilnicki.

“We look forward to her annual visits, her holidays, which we are privileged to share with her. She is affectionately known to us



Sr. Bonaventure, SSMI

as Sister Bonnie and we love her very much.”

Ilnicki described her aunt as a dedicated pious religious sister, and a jolly person who always sees the good things in life.

Over the years, Kalawsky has served on missions, mostly in the Eastern United States, including Detroit; Philadelphia; St. Clare, Penn.; Wilkes-Barre; Rochester, N.Y.; and Syracuse, N.Y. She lived in Germany from 1979 to 1984. Twice she went to the Holy Land, in 1962 and 2000.

NO LIFE LIKE IT

“There is no life in this whole world that beats being a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate,” she told the WCR. “I’ve had so many wonderful experiences and I’ve met so many wonderful people, bishops and cardinals, priests and sisters of all kinds, there’s nothing that could compare to what I feel my life has been.”

<http://www.wcr.ab.ca>



Glory to God! Honor to Mary! Peace to us!

THE SISTERS SERVANTS OF MARY IMMACULATE

HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE

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EVANGELIZATION UNDER
THE PROTECTION
OF THE MOTHER OF GOD»

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The Lord speaks to us...



Listen to the voice of God in your heart...

SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church - Jersey City, NJ

A procession honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary was held on Sunday, May 10 at SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church. Following the Divine Liturgy given by Reverend Vasyl Putera the Ridna Shkola children honored their Mothers and Grandmothers. Orest Polishchuck is the Director of Ridna Shkola and Marie Laski is the Catechist.



Svitlana Hladush and the children of Ridna Shkola presented their flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The newly formed JC Ukrainian Dance Group, under the direction of Nadia Lemega, performed several Ukrainian Dances.



Olena Halkowycz assisted the Ridna Shkola children in honoring their Grandmothers.

Mark Your Calendar!

The Reverend Oleksandr Dumenko
and the Parishioners of St. Michael's
Church will celebrate the

125th Anniversary of America's First Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Sunday November 8, 2009

**2:00pm Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Shenandoah, PA**

**5:00pm Reception and Dinner
St. Nicholas Hall
Primose, PA**

If you would like to be added to the
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number and e-mail address to:

**125th Anniversary Committee
St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
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Shenandoah, PA 17976**

E-mail Address: stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net



**To place an ad in St. Michael's 125th
Anniversary Booklet, see form on next page.**

St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
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Ten Questions on Influenza/Swine Flu and the Liturgy

Throughout the years, the Committee on Divine Worship's Newsletter has addressed the liturgical implications of the transmission of pathogens on numerous occasions. With the swine flu virus appearing in the United States, the Secretariat of Divine Worship, having consulted with experts, offers the following brief reflections on "influenza/swine flu and the Liturgy."

What is swine flu influenza?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "swine influenza (swine flu) is a disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. Swine flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past, this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people."

Why is there particular concern for the spread of swine flu at this moment? Numerous cases of swine flu were recently confirmed in the United States. The CDC is presently monitoring this health issue and will give further

guidance as the situation warrants.

What is the best way to prevent the transmission of the swine flu virus?

The CDC suggests that, "as with other infectious illnesses, one of the most important and appropriate preventive practices is careful and frequent hand hygiene. Cleaning your hands often using either soap and water or waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizers removes potentially infectious materials from your skin and helps prevent disease transmission."

How is the influenza virus transmitted?

According to the CDC, "influenza viruses are spread when a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and spreads virus into the air, and other people inhale the virus. When these viruses enter the nose, throat, or lungs of a person, they begin to multiply, causing symptoms of the flu."

Does transmission of the flu require direct contact between persons?

"The viruses can also be spread when a person touches a surface with flu viruses on it (for example, a door handle) and then

touches his or her nose or mouth. A person who is sick with the flu can spread viruses – that means they are contagious. Adults may be contagious from one day before developing symptoms to up to seven days after getting sick. Children can be contagious for longer than seven days."

How can the spread of the influenza virus be prevented?

While the single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated, the CDC does not know if the seasonal flu vaccine will protect against the swine flu virus. The CDC recommends these other ways to prevent the flu: "Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too; stay home when you are sick. If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness; cover your mouth and nose. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick; clean your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth."

In previous years, what has the Church done in localities where the outbreak of Influenza is most significant?

In those localities where the outbreak of the disease has been the most significant, bishops have introduced several liturgical adaptations in regard to such practices as the distribution of Holy Communion and the exchange of the Sign of Peace in order to limit the spread of contagion.

What measures should be taken in Roman Catholic liturgies in the United States of America now?

Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. Ministers of Holy Communion should be encouraged to wash their hands before Mass begins, or even to use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after

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distributing Holy Communion. They should instruct people who feel ill not to receive from the cup.

What about further adaptations or the restriction of options at Mass?

The Diocesan Bishop should always be consulted regarding any changes or restriction of options in the celebration of Roman Catholic Liturgy.

However, the need for the introduction of widespread liturgical adaptations for the prevention of the transmission of influenza in the dioceses of the United States of America is not evident at this time.

What is the Secretariat of Divine Worship doing to address this question?

The Secretariat will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide the best advice possible

to Diocesan Bishops and their Offices for Worship. The Secretariat likewise appreciates whatever information Diocesan Offices for Worship are able to provide concerning local conditions and the pastoral responses developed by Diocesan Bishops. Continuously updated information is available from the CDC at www.CDC.gov/swineflu.



Image of the H1N1 Influenza Virus (www.CDC.gov)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY

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Responsible citizenship is a virtue

In the Catholic tradition, participation in political life is a moral obligation. Learn more about the Catholic perspective on public affairs at the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Institute for Public Policy. Log on and explore at www.pacatholic.org.

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Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Institute for Public Policy

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Log on and learn more about the Catholic faith

www.pacatholic.org is an informative new website of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Institute for Public Policy. It is an authoritative resource offering the Catholic perspective behind current public affairs in Harrisburg and beyond.

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Frackville Parishioner Michael Stevens, WWII veteran, honorary chairman of Memorial Day Parade and Program

FRACKVILLE — This year's Memorial Day program and parade in Frackville had its first honorary chairman, Michael Stevens, a decorated Army veteran of World War II.

**BY JOHN E. USALIS
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FRACKVILLE — This year's Memorial Day program and parade in Frackville had its first honorary chairman, Michael Stevens, a decorated Army veteran of World War II.

A native of Morea, Stevens, 93, who lives in Frackville with his wife, Mary, served in the 79th Infantry Division, 313th Infantry Regiment, in France and Germany. He was honored Monday, May 25, during the parade and at the program in front of the Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park. Frackville American Legion Post 398 and Frackville Rotary Club organized and conducted the program.



St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church parishioner, Michael Stevens, WWII veteran, was the first honorary chairman of Frackville's Memorial Day Parade and Program. He is pictured above with his wife Mary.

Stevens lives a quiet life at his Balliet Street home with his wife, although family members often visit. During World War II, life was anything but quiet for Stevens, who quickly attained the rank of staff sergeant.

In addition to various campaign ribbons, Stevens earned the Purple

Heart, the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy, and four Bronze Stars with oak leaf clusters. He proudly displays his "Veterans of World War II American Heroes" certificate received from the French government thanking U.S. veterans for their participation in the liberation of France, along with the certificate and medal presented to local WWII veterans a few years

ago by state Rep. Neal P. Goodman, D-123.

Stevens earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart for heroism during a firefight against the Germans along the Siegfried Line, a German defense system that was more than 390 miles long and included more an 18,000 bunkers, tunnels and tank traps. It was built in the 1930s as

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Frackville Parishioner Michael Stevens, WWII veteran, honorary chairman of Memorial Day Parade and Program

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a defensive line between France and Germany.

The reason for Stevens receiving the Silver Star was spelled out in general orders issued by the 79th Infantry Division headquarters on Aug. 13, 1945:

"Staff Sergeant Michael Stevens, Infantry, 313th Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 19 December 1944, in Germany. When an attack against fortifications of the Siegfried Line was halted by enemy machine gun and mortar fire with grenades. Although wounded by an enemy mortar shell, he (Stevens) made his way to a friendly tank destroyer and exposed himself repeatedly to direct the fire until the position was eliminated. Then assuming command of his squad after his squad leader became a casualty, he led it through heavy enemy fire to the objective, reporting for medical care only after he completed the mission. The courage, tenacity of purpose and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Stevens reflect the highest credit on



Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Frackville, PA, offered the Invocation at the Memorial Day program.

himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Stevens was thrilled to be chosen as the honorary parade chairman, saying, "It was very fine," when

he was told by John Mellon, the district adjutant for the American Legion and adjutant for Post 398.

"He's a lifetime member of the Legion and he never

missed a Veterans Day or Memorial Day program up at Memorial Park," Mellon said.

Stevens regrets, however, that he does not have his dog tags. When he returned to the U.S. by boat with other soldiers, their arrival was recorded as they disembarked. Stevens said the person he dealt with was not very polite.

"He said he wanted my dog tags around my neck," said Stevens, who showed his reluctance to do so. "He said if you don't take them off, I'll rip them off."

Stevens did not have a speaking role at the Memorial Day service but he had a prominent seat for the ceremonies.

Stevens and his wife Mary, who have been married 69 years, are lifelong members of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Frackville. His pastor, Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields offered the Invocation at the Memorial Day program.

PENNSYLVANIA BISHOPS LAUNCH INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY WITH HIGH-TECH WEBSITE

Site uses tools to educate, evangelize and advocate Catholic issues

HARRISBURG, PA (May 21) – Describing new digital technologies as “truly a gift to humanity,” Pope Benedict XVI implores the Faithful to “endeavor to ensure that the benefits they offer are put at the service of all human individuals and communities, especially those who are most disadvantaged and vulnerable.” In the spirit of this message for the 43rd World Day of Communications this Sunday, the Bishops of Pennsylvania launched www.pacatholic.org, the new, high-tech website of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Institute for Public Policy.

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) is the public affairs arm of the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania. The Institute is an initiative to bolster one of PCC’s long-standing missions of fostering a public understanding of the Church’s teaching and concern about issues within the public policy arena. The Bishops expect it to facilitate opportunities for people to learn more about the Catholic perspective on public affairs and bring together experts to shed the light of Catholic social teaching into the public debate. Along with the website, seminars, publications and other occasions for learning are planned in order to help people pass the knowledge on to others.

The website is a repository of the articles, newsletters and news alerts regularly published by the PCC. It also includes articles from the newspapers or magazines of all 10 Pennsylvania dioceses. Visitors are able to read statements from the Bishops, download resources for Church bulletins, and with a few clicks of the mouse, send a message to their state legislators or Congressmen.

“Lay Catholics, clergy, religious, and all interested citizens can use the website’s technology to seek answers to questions about the Catholic perspective behind the headlines, stay up-to-date on many current affairs, and easily spread the word to others,” said Dr. Robert J. O’Hara, Executive Director of the PCC. “This new tool for electronic evangelization has the potential to increase the reach and efficiency of our advocacy on behalf of the disadvantaged and vulnerable, and change the hearts and minds of many.”

The website is publicly accessible at www.pacatholic.org.

NEXT PLANNING MEETING FOR 75th ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY – TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Frackville, Pa.—The next 2009 Ukrainian Seminary Day planning meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church hall in Frackville, Pa. This year’s Ukrainian Seminary Day, which will be held on Sunday, July 26 at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove in Primrose, will be the 75th observance of this social which was begun in the 1930’s to raise funds for diocesan seminary. All parishioners are welcome to come to the meeting to give their ideas and suggestions for this traditional celebration of faith and ethnic heritage. Since 1984, the parishes of the South Anthracite Deanery have raised over \$500,000 for the support of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Washington, D.C.



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Divine Liturgy Schedule - Lehigh, PA

Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Andrews Chapel at Ukrainian Homestead in Lehigh, PA starting July 5 at 11:30 AM and every Sunday until September 6, 2009.

Ukrainian Festival - Lehigh, PA

The Ukrainian Festival at Ukrainian Homestead 1230 Beaver Run Dr. Lehigh, PA 18235 will be held August 15-16.

ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD DINNER



Most Rev. Robert P. Maginnis, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia received the 2009 Presidential Award at the Annual Presidential Award Dinner of the Holy Family University. Also in the picture are Most Rev. Francis B. Schulte, Retired Archbishop of New Orleans, Sister Francesca Onley, C.S.F.N., President of Holy Family University, and Metropolitan- Archbishop Stefan Soroka.

(Photo submitted by: Bob Macartney)



Bishop Hlib Lonchyna M.S.U.

VATICAN CITY, 2 JUN 2009 (VIS) - The Holy Father: Appointed Bishop Hlib Lonchyna M.S.U., curial bishop of the major archbishopric of Kyiv-Halyc, Ukraine, as apostolic exarch for Ukrainian faithful of Byzantine rite resident in Great Britain. (www.vatican.va)

BENEDICT XVI MEETS WITH UKRAINE LEADER

VATICAN CITY, JUNE 1, 2009 (Zenit.org).- Benedict XVI addressed the need for unity among Christians upon receiving in audience the president of Ukraine.

Viktor Yushchenko spoke privately with the Pope today in the Vatican for about 25 minutes, reported the Vatican press office. After the meeting the Ukraine leader met with Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Pope's secretary of state, and Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, secretary for relations with states.



"During the cordial discussions attention focused on the international situation," a communiqué reported. "At the bilateral level, the good relations between Ukraine and the Holy See were noted with pleasure, as were the prospects for increased collaboration in the cultural and social fields.

"While expressing the desire to find equitable solutions to outstanding questions between State and Church, mention was also made of the Catholic Church's contribution to Ukrainian society for education in Christian values and their diffusion, and of the importance of dialogue among Christians in order to promote unity, while respecting everyone and with the aim of peaceful coexistence."

Ukraine has more than 46 million citizens, mostly Orthodox. Fewer than 10% of Ukraine's 48 million inhabitants are Catholic, mostly of the Eastern rite, which endured severe persecution under communist rule.

Catholic Citizenship

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do.

Nearly 3.8 million Catholics live in Pennsylvania; but not all are adequately informed about public affairs or know how to form their conscience in accordance with Catholic teaching. The voice of Catholics cannot be heard if they do not know what to say.

Connecting Catholics throughout the Commonwealth

An effort is under way that will increase the reach and efficiency of Catholic advocacy in Pennsylvania. That is why the Bishops of Pennsylvania formed the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Institute for Public Policy.

This statewide effort will facilitate opportunities for Catholics to become better informed about the Catholic perspective on public policy issues, engage in discussions, and associate with those of like mind.

The Institute will bring together experts on Catholic issues to comment, reflect and shed the light of Catholic social teaching into the public debate. Lay Catholics, clergy, religious and all interested citizens are encouraged to become active in this collaborative effort.

The fullness of Catholic teaching

Seven categories have been established which encompass the core of the Catholic social and moral teachings.

You are encouraged to explore any or all of these topics and join the community in advocating and advancing a public understanding of the Catholic perspective.

- Catholic Education
- Religious Liberty
- Life & Dignity of the Human Person
- Marriage & Family
- Social Justice
- Health Care
- Faith & Politics

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"Spirituality" Chosen as Theme for Orientale Lumen XIII

Fairfax VA: The thirteenth annual Orientale Lumen Conference will be held in Washington, DC USA this year on June 15-18, 2009. This ecumenical conference focuses on the Christian East and is open to the public, for both lay persons and clergy. The speakers and attendees come from four main religious groups: Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Eastern Catholic and Oriental Orthodox. Orientale Lumen XIII will be held at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in northeast Washington, DC and will focus on the theme of "Monastic Spirituality for Everyday Life".

These conferences provide an opportunity for "grass roots" ecumenical dialogue among the participants, and encourage discussion of the similarities and differences among the Eastern and Western Christian Churches. The conferences include a variety of prayer services from a wide range of Church traditions. In this way, the conference provides a learning experience and intellectual discussion, as well as a unique spiritual experience.

Monastic spirituality may be practiced alone, or in

groups. The focus is on returning to God, and making use of certain specific practices: prayer, fasting, silence, vigils, reading, good works. Monastic spirituality is seeking a meaning to the mystery of life. The speakers will assist us with their understanding, knowledge and advice on this topic, and how better to integrate it in our daily lives.

The distinguished plenary speakers are from around the world:

Metropolitan Jonah, Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, New York, NY

Bishop Hlib Lonchyna, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Kyiv, Ukraine

Mother Lois Farag, Coptic Orthodox Church, Assistant Professor of Church History, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Sister Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM, Byzantine Catholic Church of America, Retreat House Director, Uniontown, PA

Prof. Richard Schneider, Orthodox Church in America, Professor and Director of the Orthodox Eastern

Christian Studies Program at Trinity College, University of Toronto, Canada

Mr. Elias Damianakis, Greek Orthodox Church, Iconographer and Lecturer, Tampa Bay, FL

Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia, Greek Orthodox Church, Oxford, England, (by pre-recorded video)

Archimandrite Robert Taft, SJ, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, Italy, (by pre-recorded video)

Father John Crossin, OSFS, Executive Director of the Washington Theological Consortium and President of the North American Academy of Ecumenists will be the moderator.

Each speaker will give a plenary session followed by a panel discussion and questions from the audience. All of the papers presented will be published and provided to the attendees in a Proceedings book after the conference. A variety of liturgical services will be conducted during the conference to provide an opportunity for attendees to pray together for Church unity. Opening and closing remarks will also be made by various Church leaders in



attendance.

The Orientale Lumen Conferences have been meeting annually since 1997 in Washington, DC and other locations around the world including San Diego, Detroit, Birmingham, UK and Istanbul (Constantinople), Turkey. Photos and quotations from past speakers can be found on the conference website, and videos of past plenary sessions and liturgical services can be viewed at www.oltweb.com.

Registration details are available on the website: www.olconference.com.

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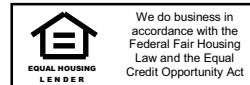
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July 26, 2009: 75th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at St. Nicholas Grove in Minersville, PA

August 8-9, 2009: Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate: Holy Dormition Pilgrimage, Sloatsburg, NY

August 15-16, 2009: The Ukrainian Festival at Ukrainian Homestead, 1230 Beaver Run Dr., Lehighton, PA 18235.

September 26 & 27, 2009: Ukrainian American Citizen's Association: Philadelphia Ukrainian Festival. 847 N. Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA. (Details to come)

November 8, 2009: 125th Anniversary of St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 114 South Chestnut Street, Shenandoah, PA 17976. 2:00pm Liturgy, 5:00pm Reception at St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose, PA. For more information e-mail: stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net .

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