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*(Pictured are Deacon Michael Waak,  
Rev. Ivan Demkiv, Subdeacon Roman Oprysk  
and Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka.)*



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**Sunday, January 8, 2012**



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# Christmas at the Cathedral



# Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols



Rev. Ivan Demkiv



Combined choir from Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish, Melrose Park, PA

*(Photos: T. Siwak & T. Bilyj)*

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January 22, 2012

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Choir from Ss. Cyril and Methodius parish, Olyphant, PA



Male Choir  
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Choir from St. Michael parish, Baltimore, MD



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Male Choir "Dzvin", Philadelphia, PA



Chamber Choir "Accolade", Philadelphia, PA

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Combined Choir Finale

# Christmas message from His Beatitude Sviatoslav

*Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans,  
God-loving bishops, reverend clergy, reverend monks,  
Beloved brothers and sisters, in Ukraine and in the diaspora*

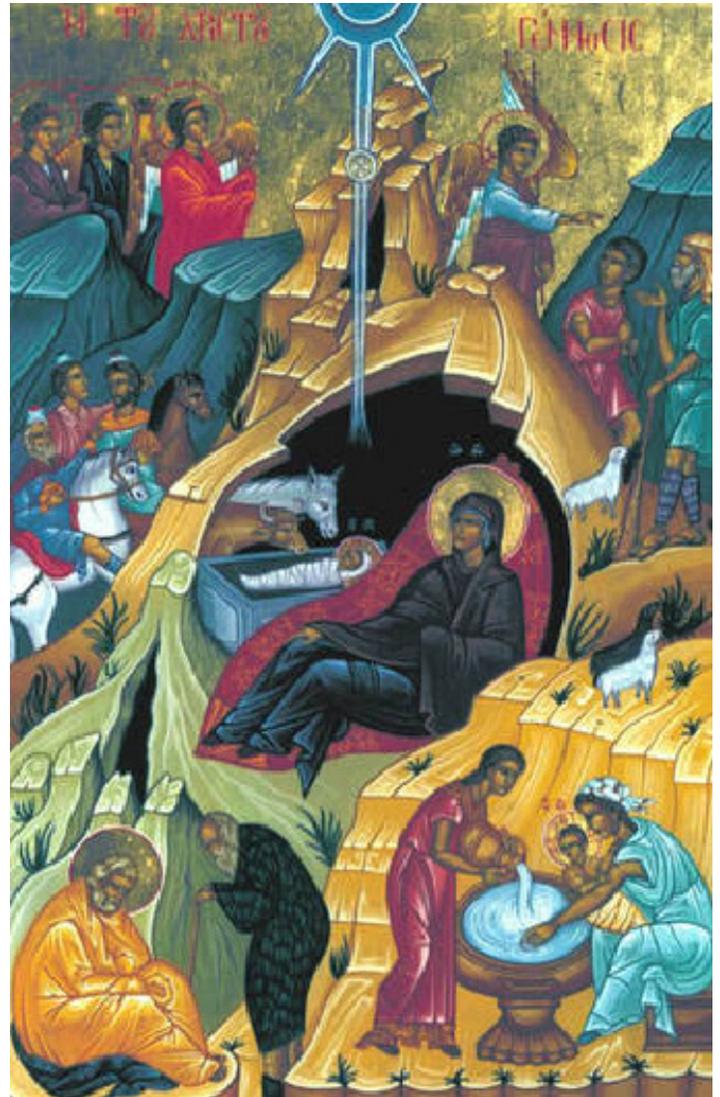
Christ is born! Glorify Him!  
Christ descends from the heavens, welcome Him!  
Christ is now on earth, O be jubilant!  
*Christmas Canon*

*Dearly Beloved in Christ!*

With these words of the Christmas Canon, I want to greet you all on the bright holiday of Christmas. Today the Church of Christ calls us not just to celebrate this holiday, but invites us to praise and meet God, who came to us in the human body, and fasten the presence of the heavenly child.

“Christ is born! Glorify Him!” This invitation takes on special significance when we unite with the direct participants and witnesses to the events of this wonderful birth. Those who praise the newborn Son of God are above all the angels of heaven. They are the ones who told the shepherds who guarded over their flocks the wonderful news about the birth of the Son of God, singing the great song: “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to people who enjoy his favor” (Luke 2:14). Is it not the first time angelic forces come close to people and with them form

a single nation, a heavenly and earthly choir. This universal glorification, which is heard by the one polyphony of the heaven and the earth, shows in the sacrament of the Incarnation of the Son of God that the heavenly and divine reality will unite with human, with his history, past, present and future. In this sacramental unification of God and human in the person of the newborn Jesus Christ, gifts are exchanged between them: the Creator offers his eternal life to man, and life of man completely opens up to God, becomes a space of his presence and actions. Therefore glorifying the newborn Savior means first of all to have His presence in our lives. Today, God really is with us, in today’s moment of history of our people, the united people of God, who learn from angels how to stand with dignity before God and praise Him. Glorifying the newborn Savior with Christmas carols, we are together with the angels proclaiming the coming of the heavenly joy that



eliminates earthly sorrow and despair, giving human the gift of eternal life with God.

“Christ descends from the heavens, welcome Him!” Meeting the Son of God, who in the human body

came to earth, we recognize that God Himself wanted to enter the life of each one of us to take on himself all our sins, sicknesses, pains and problems, and give us His

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eternal bliss and happiness. The moment when the Savior touches each of us, and with the power and actions of the Holy Spirit brings his eternal life to our human life, we call the Holy Sacrament. There are seven such sacraments in the Christian Church: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. These sacraments are the fruits and consequences of the birth of God in human flesh. Whenever we accept and take part in a Holy Sacrament, we are given a great gift of the meeting with the Lord Christ, and this meeting transfigures our lives, filling it with the love of the Father, the grace of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus God's presence through the Holy Sacraments makes us participants in God's life, in accordance with the words of St. Athanasius: "God became man so that man might become God." It is especially important for us to discover and evaluate the grace of Christ's Nativity in the new year of 2012, which our Church, in its preparations for the celebration of the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Rus'-Ukraine, devotes to the Holy

Sacrament. To meet the newborn Christ today can be primarily in the Holy Sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, which is the center and culmination of the life of the Church. By our lively participation in the sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist, we can best prepare for and celebrate this year's nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. And during this New Year let us strive to understand more deeply and discover the priceless treasure of the Holy Sacraments in the Church of Christ and use them for our sanctification and salvation.

"Christ is now on earth, O be jubilant!" On this sacramental Christmas night, the heavenly angel tells us, like once was told to the shepherds: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people!" (Luke 2:10.) Today, unfortunately, we must affirm that in our Ukrainian society various fears of the past are returning. Even after twenty years of building the Ukrainian state, we are still uncertain whether we will be able to keep its independence, freedom and our Ukrainian identity. We fear the world economic crisis and new

forms of social and national oppression. Therefore, this angelic message of "Fear not!" has a special force to speak today to our hearts. "Christ is now on earth, O be jubilant!" the Church of Christ sings today. Let us all rejoice because the presence on earth of the incarnate Christ – our Savior – is for us a source of unspeakable power and hope in our earthly life with its competitions and challenges. Only in His birth, in the Nativity of the unchanging and eternal God, is a new and better future born, which gives substance and certainty to our present. Who today discovered their hope in a small child, the newborn Savior, has already found support and strength for his complicated, changing and uncertain present.

Dearly beloved in Christ! On this bright and cheerful day let us praise the newborn Jesus with our ancestral koliada. Let it remove from our hearts all our fears and sadness. We meet today the Everlasting God with an open heart and a fill it with His heavenly grace, joy and peace. Let this Christmas joy and cheer give us strength in our daily work and prayer, give us unity and harmony in our

communities. May the Christmas star, which once led the Wise Men to the manger, where slept the King of the Ages, show us the way to our future in Christ Jesus.

*Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*

+ SVIATOSLAV

*At the Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv,  
November 4/21 on the Feast of the Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple*

## 2011 School Christmas Concert

The Assumption School Auditorium in Perth Amboy, NJ was packed to the rafters with parents and grandparents that had come to see and hear the 2011 PreK-8 Christmas Program. Every student was standing tall, singing loudly and smiling at the crowd. There were lots of Christmas songs that covered all interests and the clapping from the audience demonstrated their appreciation. All students in the school were very excited about being up on the stage singing for their families. Thank you to all who attended, our students, our teachers, and of course Music Teacher Miss Anna Lawrence.





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Office of the Metropolitan

January, 2012

My Brother Priests,

As we begin the new year, I remind you and all of our faithful that all special collections taken within the archeparchy must have prior approval from the archbishop in writing. This applies to all collections, regardless, of who initiates it and for whatever need. Our Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk has reaffirmed that the approval of the local bishop must be given without exception. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

*+ Stefan Sowska*

## **February 2012 - Лютий 2012**

### **Happy Birthday!** **З Днем народження!**

February 1: Rev. Roman Pitula  
February 3: Rev. Evhen Moniuk  
February 6: Rev. Robert Hitchens  
February 16: Rev. Mr. Donald Latrick  
February 19: Very Rev. Archpr. John M. Fields  
February 22: Rev. Uriy Markewych  
February 26: Rev. T. Frank Patrylak  
February 26: Rev. Myron Myronyuk  
February 28: Rev. Ivan Turyk

***May the Good Lord Continue to  
Guide You and Shower You with  
His Great Blessings.  
Многая Літа!***

***Нехай Добрий Господь Тримає  
Вас у Своїй Опіці та Щедро  
Благословить Вас. Многая Літа!***



### **Congratulations on your Anniversary of Priesthood!** **Вітаємо з Річницею Священства!**

February 12: Rev. Ivan Demkiv  
(20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
February 27: Rev. Mr. Theodore Spotts  
(12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### **Correction from Last Month**

January 5: Rev. Volodymyr Popyk  
(15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

***May God Grant You Many  
Happy and Blessed Years of  
Service in the Vineyard of Our  
Lord!***

***Нехай Бог Обдарує Багатьма  
Благословенними Роками  
Служіння в Господньому  
Винограднику!***

## West Easton, PA

On Sunday December 18, 2011 the children and parishioners of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church in West Easton, PA gathered to welcome St. Nicholas to the parish. Everyone enjoyed light refreshments. They sang Christmas Carols and watched the Catechism children put on a play of the Nativity of Our Lord. St Nicholas greeted the children and gave each one a gift.

Pictured are Reverend Petro Zvarych, Nick Tomori, Charles Tomori and St. Nicholas.

Photo's by Craig Stoken.



**Many groups caroled for the Metropolitan including:**



St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic School, Philadelphia, PA (December 20, 2011)



CYM Carolers (December 27, 2011)

## Parish Religious Education - Generations of Faith Session

A week after Thanksgiving Holiday, 60 parishioners and guests of all ages attended the Generations of Faith Program at the Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ. Our parishioner Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn gave an inspirational presentation on Thanksgiving: Faith, Hope and Love in our life. She emphasized the virtue of Faith as a means of expressing gratitude for God's blessings and as a way to lift the spirits of others. Mr. Andrew Wowk was very helpful in leading a spirited questions and answers session in Ukrainian and English languages. Following the program, many parishioners commented that they appreciated the program because it helped them to be even more grateful to the Lord for all the blessings they have.



The following questions were presented for the group discussion.

Can you describe an act of kindness that you (or another) did that had lasting effects?

If you were to express thankfulness for some things that are happening in your life right now, what would be the first thing that comes to your mind?

If you were stranded on a desert island with someone, who would you want that person to be? Why would you be grateful to God for that person?

Have you ever witnessed a manifestation of Faith or Gratitude out in the secular world?

What is the Eucharist? Please explain how important it is to you, and what role does it play in the salvation plan ?





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## Hillside, NJ Parish Children welcome St. Nicholas & help “both lungs of the Catholic Church function fully”

Hillside, NJ – St. Nicholas visited the children and parishioners of Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hillside (Union County), NJ on Sunday, December 4, 2011.

In honor of St. Nicholas’ visit, the children presented a bilingual holiday entertainment program:

\* The Nutcracker Performance (Sonya Khedr; Julia and Emilia Pelesz; Matthew & Elizabeth Dolowy; Julianna, Ariana & Nicholas Shatynski; Ashley & Nicole Santoro; Peter & Arthur Hrycak and Nicholas Senyk)

\* Carols on the keyboard (Julia Pelesz), Violin (Julianna Shatynski) & Clarinet (Ariana Shatynski)

\* Christmas skit and caroling (Sofia, Maria, John and Paul Soroka)

Mike Szpyhulsky served as emcee. Russ Pencak served as liaison to St. Nicholas. Rev. Vasyl Vladyka, Parochial Vicar, and Tom Dochych, parish choir director, led the group in prayer and koliady.

On December 26, 2011, the parish children and several parishioners (Peter, Linda, Matthew & Elizabeth Dolowy; Peter, Arthur & Orest Hrycak; Andriy Partykevych; Michael, Teresa and Nadia Szpyhulsky; and Julianna, Ariana, Joseph, Patricia, Matthew, Michael & Jennie Shatynski) traveled to nearby Watchung, NJ to sing Christmas carols in Ukrainian and



**St. Nicholas poses with the Hillside, NJ parish children, Parochial Vicar Rev. Vasyl Vladyka and parish Choir Director Tom Dochych.**

English to the retired Sisters of Mercy and clergy of McAuley Hall Center at Mount Saint Mary Academy.

The retired sisters and clergy truly became energized as the carolers began to sing. The children then distributed home baked cookies and parish calendars illustrated with a beautiful icon.

It is interesting to reflect on this very special bond between the children of the Hillside, NJ Ukrainian Catholic parish and the Roman Catholic retired sisters and clergy. A week after the visit, one of the sisters mailed a beautiful article to the children entitled “The Ukrainian Catholic Church is Catholic but not Roman Catholic. What’s the difference?”

The article was published in the St. Anthony Messenger magazine and was further featured in AmericanCatholic.org website. The article refers to the Blessed John Paul II’s words indicating that the Catholic Church has two lungs: the Eastern Catholic Churches and the Western Catholic Church. The article states “....Their unity is essential to the healthy life of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church”.

Thus, without knowing it, the parish children helped the two lungs of the Catholic Church function as fully as possible. The children’s example is a lesson for all to learn from. St. Nicholas must be very proud of them.

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Hillside , NJ parish youth carol in Ukrainian and English to retired Roman Catholic Sisters of Mercy and clergy in Watchung , NJ .



The Soroka Family (Sofia, Maria, John and Paul) perform a beautiful Christmas skit and carols.



The parish children perform “The Nutcracker”.

**See more pictures from St. Nicholas' visit on their parish website at:  
<http://byzcath.org/ImmaculateConception/nicholas.htm>**

# The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Monsignor's parents, the late Michael and Anastasia (Chesak) came to the United States in 1909 with their two-year-old son Johnny and settled in Philadelphia. Their second son, Stephen was born on December 27, 1911, baptized and confirmed by the late Fr. Zacharty Orum in the Cathedral on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 1912. When the family returned to Pawliw, in Western Ukrainian, their sons were sent to study at the Ukrainian Classical Gymnasium in Lviv. Upon his graduation, Monsignor Hrynuck returned to the United State in 1930.

After one year of post-graduate courses at William Penn H.S. in Philadelphia, Monsignor entered Temple University to study Medicine, but after the priestly ordination of his brother, Monsignor changed his mind. He too decided to become a priest. In a way, Monsignor credits his grandmother for his vocation. She had prayed that her son would become a priest, but instead of her son, two of her grandsons chose the priestly life.

In September 1932, Monsignor's brother was ordained a priest and

in October 1932 Monsignor was sent by the late Archbishop Constantine Bohachevsky to St. Josephat's College in Rome, Italy to study for the priesthood. In Rome he attended the University of Propaganda Fide and received a Bachelor's in Theology and a Master's in Philosophy.

He was ordained by the late Bishop Alexander Yevreinow in Rome on April 3, 1938, and returned to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the same year. Before leaving Rome, Monsignor celebrated his first Liturgy in St. Laurence Church in Rome, where the relics of St. Stephen, Monsignor's Patron, are venerated. As a privilege of having been ordained in the Eternal City, he celebrated his second liturgy in a lower level of St. Peter's Basilica where the Apostle is buried and his third Liturgy in the Greek Chapel of the catacombs.

Msgr. Hrynuck first pastoral assignment was to St. Constantine's Church in Minneapolis where in addition to his pastoral duties, he put his talents at playing the guitar and mandolin to use by directing a parish string



**(Photo by: Lauren T. Telep, Olyphant, PA)**

orchestra and organizing the Church Choir. He was also helping the church baseball team, and his enjoyment of the great American pastime found a place at St. Cyril's Parish as well. Since the Monsignor took great interest and helped in the Saint's ball team, which under the management of Joe Beckage in the 1960's won seven consecutive pennants in

the Scranton Baseball Association, a feat no other Association ball club has ever been able to accomplish.

After serving in Stratford, NY; Chester, PA; New York, NY; Stamford, CT; and Washington D.C. successfully pursuing studies for a Ph.D. at Fordham University,

# The 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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Monsignor arrived in Olyphant in 1952.

During his 57 years pastorate here, the present church was renovated twice and the dome was reconstructed; land was purchased for the Convent, playground, and new hall, along with a gymnasium for the school. In 1975 Monsignor initiated the Sunday Radio Broadcast of the Divine Liturgy which continued for 35 years. Our Lady of Zhyrovtyi was built behind the church and was dedicated in 1980. For the

commemoration of the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine in 1988, an appropriate Monument was built across the street from the church for the centennial of the parish. The Monument consists of a large four-part mosaic icon: Our Lady of Protectress, SS Cyril and Methodius, SS Vladimir and Olga. Monsignor instituted the "Mother of Perpetual Help" services every Wednesday since 1952 and still conducts the prayer to the Mother of God on a weekly basis.

During Msgr. Hrynuck's priestly life, he has held several Diocesan Assignments, including a consulter in the



***(Photo by: Lauren T. Telep, Olyphant, PA)***

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Judge of the Matrimonial Tribunal, member of the Metropolitan Tribunal, Member of the Metropolitan School Council, director of the Priest's Beneficial Fund and Dean of the Scranton Deanery.

In 1968 Msgr. Hrynuck was elevated to the ranks of a Papal Chamberlain by His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, and bestowed with the title of Monsignor. In 1982, he was nominated a Mitred Arch-priest by His Beatitude Patriarch Joseph Cardinal Slipyj in Rome

and installed by His Grace our Archbishop Metropolitan Sulyk, D.D.

His spiritual motto is taken from the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which he chose on the day of his priestly ordination: *"My soul magnifies the Lord; my spirit finds joy in God my Savior."*

With impressive degrees, and prestigious appointments aside, today his most amazing credential at the forefront of most people's curiosity is Monsignor's stamina and longevity to which he humbly responds, "By the grace of God." Monsignor has been a

priest for over 73 years, during which he served our parish for over 57 years. On Dec. 31, 2008, Monsignor was the oldest serving Catholic Pastor in the entire country at the age of 97. Msgr. dedicated his life to his job. He is indeed a Holy Man. We offer you, Monsignor, our sincere thanks for your tireless efforts, and appreciation for your love and dedication to all the parishioners at St. Cyril's. May God bless you and reward you with Peace, Health and Happiness.

**MNOHAYA LITA!!!!**

# Monsignor Hrynuck marks 100th year

BY STEVE MCCONNELL  
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## Msgr. Hrynuck marks year 100.

BLAKELY - He presided over more than 800 marriages, baptized at least 2,000 babies, and served the faithful at SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church of Olyphant for 57 years.

On Tuesday, Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck marked another milestone - his 100th birthday.

About 350 parishioners and friends filled a ballroom at Fiorelli Family Catering Tuesday night to celebrate Monsignor Hrynuck's centennial and his 73 years of ministry.

Seated at a table surrounded by parishioners and fellow men of the cloth, he thanked God for giving him the "gift of life" and for choosing him to lead the faithful.

For "these two gifts I thank God," Monsignor Hrynuck said.

Handed out at the event was a card depicting the

Ukrainian Icon of Our Lady of Zhyrovytsi on one side and the monsignor's biographical details on the other. According to the church's website, a shrine with a replica of the icon was dedicated on church property in the 1980s, during the monsignor's long pastorate.

The religious card listed his birth as Dec. 27, 1911, in Philadelphia, where he was baptized at Immaculate Conception Cathedral on Jan. 12, 1912. He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on April 3, 1938.

Monsignor Hrynuck retired at the age of 97 in December 2008 after 57 years as pastor at the Olyphant church.

Tuesday night, he got his just thanks from those he faithfully served. Just before his cake was cut, the hundreds gathered sang "Happy Birthday," and many approached him to express their gratitude.

"You've graciously given us nourishment," said the Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, the current pastor at the

Olyphant church, during opening remarks.

"He has inspired us," said Lauren Telep, a parishioner who coordinated the birthday celebration.

Monsignor Hrynuck said he was surprised and honored so many came to express their appreciation of him.

"I never thought 350 people would come today," he said.

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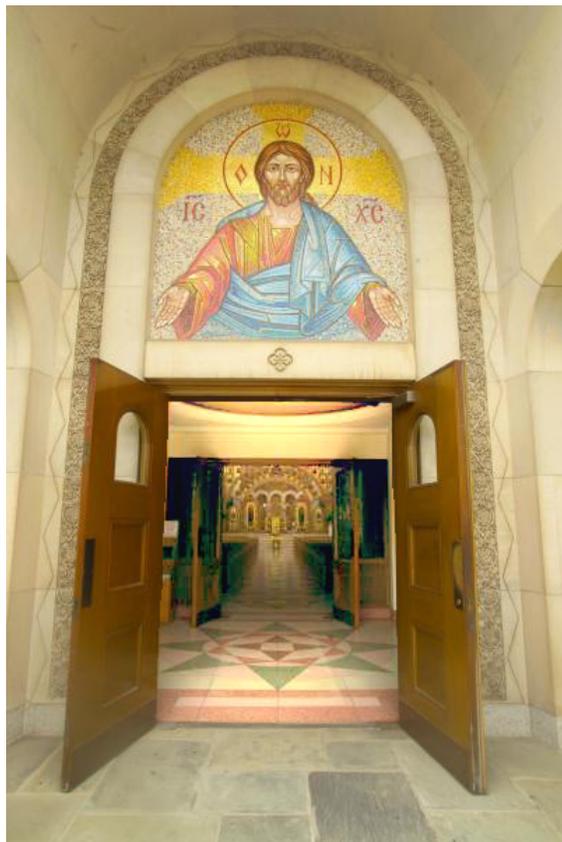
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Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck greets Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka. (Photo: Steve McConnell)



Monsignor Stephen Hrynuck greets parishioners Lauren Telep and Gene Turko at the monsignor's 100th birthday celebration at Fiorelli Family Catering in Blakely Tuesday night. (Photo: Steve McConnell)



Front Entrance to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA

## ***Opening Our Doors to the World***

One of the most important things that our clergy, and our people, can engage in is welcoming outsiders in our midst. Often times, it can be somewhat intimidating and scary to welcome strangers in our midst. Questions arise, such as, "Who are they? What do they want? Why are they here? Are they good people?" Often times, such questions arise out of fear, other times, out of genuine curiosity. Ultimately though, we clergy, and the faithful, have a mission – to spread the Gospel of Christ to the entire world, and that includes opening our doors, our Churches, to all around us.

Priests welcome newborn infants (and adult converts) into the Church through the Mysteries of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. The faithful, in conjunction with the priest, then educate that newly initiated Christian into the mysteries of faith. But we must not stop there. We must be willing to welcome all who come into our doors and share the treasures of our faith with them. If God fully shares the treasures of His Grace with us, who are we to withhold those treasures from our fellow brothers and sisters in the world? Remember how Abraham welcomed strangers in his camp and fed them and gave them shelter and rest, not knowing that they were Angels of God. Who knows, perhaps the stranger sitting all alone in Church might be an Angel from Heaven as well? Do we welcome him with open arms or do we cast them out by giving them hostile stares and whispering behind their backs?

Just as the priest welcomes all of you to Church, make it a point to welcome the stranger you see in Church, for he or she may indeed be an Angel in disguise. Freely share your love and faith with all people, for God will bless you handsomely for your generosity!

Rev. Paul J. Makar

*Perhaps you feel that God may be calling you to service in His Church?*

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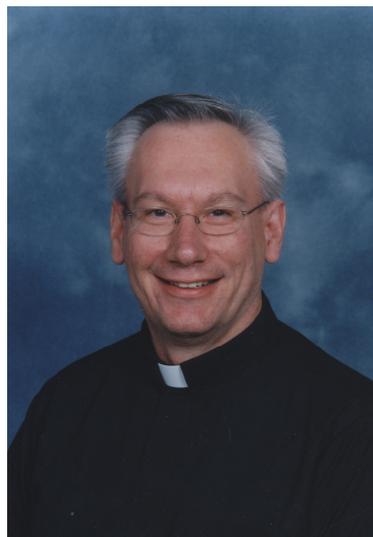
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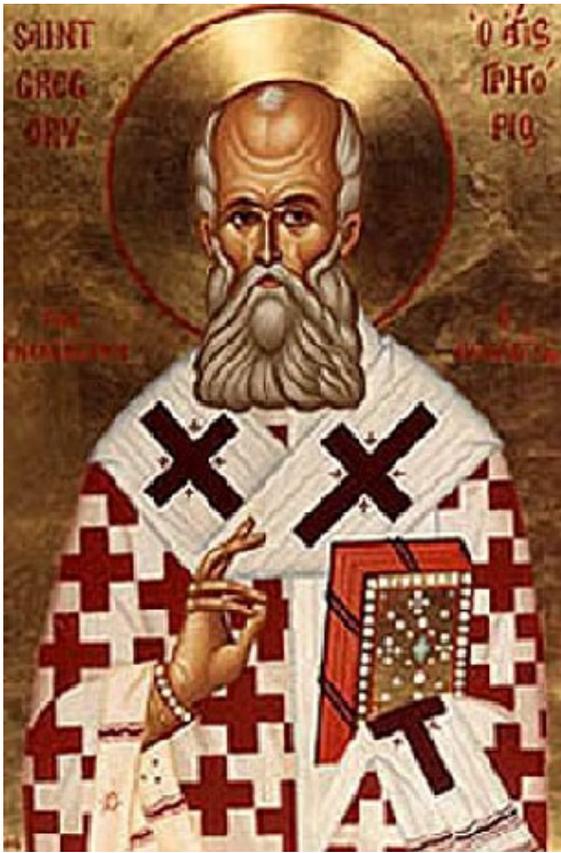
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Rev. Mark Fesniak

Pastor, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Minersville, PA and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Middleport, PA

## St. Gregory the Theologian (January 25)



*Jesus said: "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd". (Jn. 10, 9-16)*

St. Gregory was named for his father who was a bishop in Nazianzen, in Cappadocia. Before he was even born, his pious mother, Nonna, made a vow to offer him up to the service of God. After he had grown to manhood, she gave him the Holy Bible, saying, "As I promised even before your birth, I now offer you to God; I beg you, therefore, to fulfill

my desire. You were born as a result of my prayers. For this I now pray, that you be perfect. I entrust to you, my son, this precious treasure. Use it throughout your entire life, and in the future you shall receive still more blessings."

St. Gregory, like St. Basil, received a thorough education in the higher schools of learning. On his way to study in Athens, his ship was caught in a fierce storm at sea. At the time, he had not yet been baptized, and fearing lest he died without holy baptism, he made a vow that if he came out of the storm safely, he would consecrate himself to the service of God. In Athens, he met St. Basil and they became faithful friends and remained so throughout their entire lives. St. Gregory speaks briefly about their life in Athens: "We knew only two roads,- one to church to pray, the other to school to study."

His father ordained him to the priesthood, and later St. Basil appointed him Bishop of Sazima. St. Gregory was the Archbishop of Constantinople for several years. He distinguished himself as a profound preacher; his sermons are pearls and masterpieces of sacred eloquence. St. Gregory had great devotion to the Holy Trinity, regarding that dogma as the foundation of the Christian religion. Because of his deep knowledge of theology he received the title "the Theologian." In Byzantium, he was called the Christian Demosthenes.

St. Gregory was by nature quiet, tender sensitive and compassionate. He always dreamed of a life of prayer and contemplation in solitude. As a writer he left sermons, poems and letters for posterity. He penned a sublime funeral oration in honor of his friend, St. Basil, and his father, Gregory. We celebrate the memory of his death on January 25.

**ACTIVITY OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL OF  
THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA**

**January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011**

Reverend and dear Fathers:

Listed below please find a summary of the activity of the Metropolitan Tribunal for the year 2011. The disparity between the affirmative and negative sentences in the summary may give the impression that almost all cases receive affirmative sentences. This is not true. Some cases sent to the Tribunal lack sufficient grounds. Such cases never receive a formal hearing and hence do not find a place in this report. Nevertheless we ask the Reverend Clergy, never to reject a request to initiate a nullity process, but to forward all pertinent information to the Tribunal for review. Either to the Philadelphia Office or to St. Josaphat Church, Bethlehem PA.

Total cases for the year and the number of decisions do not equal since many cases are tried on numerous grounds.

Sincerely in Christ,  
/s/ Msgr Peter Waslo  
Vicar Judicial

/s/ Archpriest Daniel Gurovich  
Adjunct Judicial Vicar

**Tribunal Activity 2011**

<u>In the cause of Nullity of Marriage:</u>	<u>Nullity Proven</u>	<u>Nullity not Proven</u>
Grave Lack of Discretion at time of consent		
Outside Pressure	2	0
Failure to exercise proper judgment	3	0
Immature Judgment at time of consent	1	1
Defect in Consent		
Not able to assume obligation)	1	0
Partial Simulation (Contra bonum prolis)	1	0
<u>Informal and Summary Process</u>		
Lack of jurisdiction [Lack of mandate or proxy]	1	0
Defect in Form (Eastern Orthodox, Canons of Trullo)	2	0
Ligamen (Previous bond)	1	0
<u>Acting as the Court of Second Instance</u>		
Eparchy of St. Josaphat (Parma Ohio)	4	0
<u>Tribunal acting on behalf of the Chancery</u>		
Lack of canonical form	5	0
Senatio in Radice [None in 2011]		

2 case were abandoned by the Petitioner and/or pastor before acceptance of the libellus.

1 cases was abandoned by decree of abatement.

2 cases rejected for lack of jurisdiction on the part of this Archeparchy.

2 cases heard "ad hoc" by this Archeparchy. Competent in virtue of Canon 1359 @2, #4 and Canon 1074 CCEO

1 case rejected because consent from the Signatura Apostolica was deinied. Cause could not be heard.

As of January 1, 2012: 3 cases are pending in probatory. 0 case is pending in the Court of Second Instance.

As of January 1, 2012: 0 case is ready for decision. Carried over from 2011.

All cases prior to 2010 either resolved or abandoned.

/s/ Daniel L. Gurovich [1/4/2011]

## **Abortion Statistics Released - Where's the Outrage?**

by A. B. Hill



About a year ago, when news was released about the Philadelphia abortion clinic of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, words like "house of horrors", "shocking", "murder", and "intentional killing of babies" graced the headlines. The stories told of charges filed against Gosnell and others stemming from the death of one woman and the murder of seven newborn infants in his clinic.

In response, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Senate Bill 732, which holds abortion facilities to the same fire and safety standards, personnel and equipment requirements, and quality assurance procedures as other freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities. Governor Tom Corbett signed the bill into law before Christmas.

Senate Bill 732 does not put an end to abortion, but it does correct a situation that allowed Pennsylvania law to favor the abortion industry, not women's health.

Sometimes the debate about abortion seems to overlook the very real women and children who are affected by it. Talk in the public square tends to reduce the issue to political ideology. The news about the Gosnell clinic shined a spotlight on the reality of abortion. The debate about SB 732 provided an opportunity to speak the truth and open people's eyes about what goes on in abortion clinics every day. Abortion is not merely a routine medical procedure.

In the last week of 2011, the Pennsylvania Department of Health released its annual report of abortion statistics: 36,778 abortions were performed in Pennsylvania in 2010, a 1.4 percent decrease from 2009.

Sadly, there were no headlines reporting this year-long tragedy. The deaths of these 36,778 children and the wounds left in the hearts of their mothers and fathers are no less important than those of the victims in Gosnell's clinic. The Pennsylvania Department of Health, in releasing the 2010 abortion statistics, notified us of 36,778 lives will not be lived in our community, nor will their deaths be mourned publically. Within these statistics, we were also told of 36,778 women – and in some cases couples - in our community who are experiencing the pain and hurt that comes with deciding to abort. We must be filled with the compassion of Christ and pray for genuine healing and peace for these women and men.

Throughout the coming year, several other bills intended to provide additional protections for women and children will be considered in the state legislature. Keep up with the latest pro-life news and action alerts with the Pennsylvania Catholic Advocacy Network at [www.pacatholic.org](http://www.pacatholic.org).

Senate Bill 732 is now Pennsylvania law; but the pro-life community has much more work to do. We cannot rest until the annual report of abortions in Pennsylvania is zero.

*Hill is Communications Director of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference – the public affairs arm of Pennsylvania's Catholic bishops and the Catholic dioceses of Pennsylvania.*

JANUARY 2012

# Kiev Sobor Appeal Collection (additions and corrections to original list)

<u>Memo</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
<b>December 7th to December 22, 2011</b>		
<b>St. Nicholas Church-Phila PA</b> Berezovski, Oleg & Nataly	50.00	In the previous issue of “The Way” we listed the donations that were received for the Kiev Sobor Appeal.
<b>St. Nicholas Church-Wilmington DE</b> Gregorovich, Basil & Vera	100.00	
<b>Holy Family Shrine Washington DC</b> Kharuk Rev. Vasyl .. Pheoney, Maria C.	100.00 100.00	There were a few additions and corrections to the list; we apologize if your donation was incorrectly listed in the previous issue of “The Way”.
<b>Assumption B.V.M. Church-Bayonne NJ</b> Dobrowolski, M	30.00	The donations have been sent for the completion of the Cathedral of the Holy Resurrection in Kyiv, Ukraine.
<b>St. John The Baptist Church-Newark NJ</b> Kleban, Teofil	50.00	If you haven’t contributed to the Kiev Sobor Appeal, you can still contribute. We continually send periodic donations to the Kiev Sobor Appeal to Ukraine.
<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Perth Amboy NJ</b> Cheloc, Robert & Helen	500.00	For your convenience, you can still donate via Paypal on the Archeparchy’s website at <a href="http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us">www.ukrarcheparchy.us</a> . Thank you for your generosity.
<b>Donations made with no parish designation</b>		
Bobko, Ihor	100.00	
Petruncio, Claudia	100.00	
Pyczko, Michael	100.00	
Turczeniuk, Bohdan & Chrystyna	1,000.00	
Snyder Capier, Karen	50.00	
<b>Ss. Peter &amp; Paul Mt Carmel PA</b> Ss. Peter & Paul Mt Carmel	120.00	
<b>Amendments to the original donation list</b>		
<b>St Nicholas Passaic NJ</b> Durbak, Ivan & Marusia	1,000.00	
<b>Holy Family Shrine Washington DC</b> Chomiak, Martha Fedack, John & Ruth	5,000.00 100.00	



## Archbishop Stefan Soroka's Feast Day



Archbishop Stefan Soroka was invited to Sloatsburg, NY to celebrate his feast day, St. Stephen, which is celebrated on December 27th. Sr. Kathleen, Provincial Superior, began with the theme of the program "Wise Men & Women Still Seek Him," identifying the four groups of people who were at the manger seeking out Jesus in the manger: the Holy Family, the Angels, the Magi and the Shepherds. The sisters compared Archbishop's virtues with the four groups, prayed for God's guidance and sang carols. A delicious meal was enjoyed along with wonderful fellowship.



<http://www.ssmi-us.org>



## **+Sister Josaphat, SSMI** **Eternal Memory! Вічна пам'ять!**

Sister Josaphat Marilyn Wyda was born to eternal life on January 11, 2012 at the age of 75, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on May 19, 1936 in Pottsville, PA and is survived by her mother Anna her brother Michael and one niece Tanya and two nephews Steven and Michael. Sister Josaphat dedicated her life as a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate for 47 years.

Sister Josaphat worked in the culinary departments in various homes; she taught CCD classes in various parishes, helped with the sewing of vestments at St. Mary's.

Aside from Sloatsburg, much of her religious life was spent at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception sewing vestments and working closely with the newly ordained and "more seasoned" priests.

One of Sr. Josaphat's major ministries was that of sending letters and cards to many, many people who looked forward to her words of wisdom, or her personal experiences, or her advice to their questions.

Sister Josaphat loved being a Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate. Sister Josaphat was able to find the beauty of God wherever He placed her. She took her vows seriously but also enjoyed having "fun" in community.

Although Sister Josaphat endured much physical suffering all her life, she was determined to answer with joy and gladness the challenge of our foundress, Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, to be that "living light" for our people.

Bishop Paul Chomnycky, Eparch of Stamford, celebrated the parastas on January 13<sup>th</sup> along with clergy of the Stamford Diocese. Rev. Robert Hitchens, rector of St. Josaphat's Seminary in Washington D.C. along with Fr. Robert Markovich, chaplain of St. Joseph's Home in Sloatsburg, NY, celebrated the funeral Divine Liturgy on January 14<sup>th</sup> with interment at the Sisters Servants cemetery in Sloatsburg.

"I am the resurrection and the life,  
those who believe in me,  
even though they die,  
will live, and everyone  
who lives and believes in me  
will never die."  
John 11:25-26

**CELEBRATING THE ETERNAL MEMORY OF:  
SISTER JOSAPHAT MARILYN WYDA, SSMI**

Born: May 19, 1936  
In Community: 47 years  
Died: January 11, 2012

**Services: will be held at St. Mary's Villa – Sloatsburg, NY**

**Friday, January 13, 2012**  
2:00 p.m. - Blessing of Casket / Panahyda  
7:00 p.m. - Parastas followed by repast

**Saturday, January 14, 2012**  
11:00 a.m. - Funeral Divine Liturgy / Burial  
Dinner

*Над Вертепом звізда ясна.....*

*Неділя, 22 січня 2012 р.б.*

*год. 12:00 пополудні*

*Українська Католицька школа св. Йосафата*

*4521 Longshore Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19135*

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Різдвяну радість народження  
Спасителя!**

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дійства - традиційного українського  
*Вертепу,***

**де зустрічаються добро й зло, радість  
та смуток, небо й пекло.**

**Вступ - за добровільними датками.**

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Різдвяних страв:**

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***Святкуймо разом!***

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# Theophany one of the great feasts for Eastern Rite Catholic and Orthodox churches

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MAIZEVILLE - The manifestation of God-made Man in Jesus Christ was celebrated Friday in Eastern Rite Catholic and most Eastern Orthodox churches as the faithful observed the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord.

Divine Liturgies were celebrated on the holy day or on the vigil, with the day before one of fast and abstinence. The Very Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields celebrated the Divine Liturgy in St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Maizeville on Friday, having celebrated the vigil at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Frackville on Thursday evening.

The Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord is a major feast in Eastern Christianity that celebrates the Baptism of Jesus Christ in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist. The importance of this event, described in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, involves the first public manifestation of the Holy Trinity to mankind. Theophany comes from the Greek word, "theophania," which means "appearance of God."

"This is the Feast of Theophany, the appearance of God," said

Fields during Friday's homily. "Originally, this feast in the eastern church also included the Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, the appearance of the Magi, and also the wedding feast at Cana - the appearances of God. Gradually, the feast of Christmas or the Nativity was moved in the west and celebrated on Dec. 25, and eventually the western church accepted the visit by the Magi on Jan. 6, which is why the Feast of the Three Kings is celebrated today, January 6 in the Latin Church on the 12th day of Christmas, while in the Eastern Church we retain the traditional celebration of the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John."

According to Fields, water, which is necessary for life but can also destroy, has great significance in the Old Testament, such as the waters of the Great Flood that destroyed all but Noah and his family in the ark, how the waters of the Red Sea parted to allow the escape of Moses and the Hebrews from Egypt, but also destroyed the army of the pharaoh, and then the water was sanctified when Jesus was baptized.

"We bless the water today because it gives life and has grace and



**The Very Reverend Archpriest John M. Fields, pastor of St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church in Maizeville, says the blessing prayers while Mark Semanchik left, and John Smolock and Joseph Chabon, right, all of Frackville hold the trikir, the three-branched candles on the Feast of Theophany. (Andy Matsko)**

for the sanctification it provides to us," Fields said. "The significance in the New Testament of the baptism by St. John the Baptist of Jesus in the River Jordan shows us the way to salvation through the waters of baptism."

At the conclusion of the liturgy, "The Great Blessing of Jordan Water" ceremony was held. Fields was assisted by parishioners Joseph Chabon, John Smolock and Mark Semanchik, who each held a trikir, which is a liturgical candlestick with three lighted candles joined at the base. During the ceremony, Fields took a trikir, made the sign of the cross with it over the water-filled baptismal font, then turned it over and put it in the font, extinguishing the candles. He repeated the action with

the other trikir. After additional prayers, Fields leaned forward and blew on the water three times, then dipped his right hand into the water and made the sign of the cross three times, then held a crucifix and dipped it three times into the water.

After Fields walked through the church to sprinkle the holy water on the congregants, people lined up to be anointed with holy oil and to fill containers they had brought to take home the Jordan Water.

In Western Christianity, Friday, January 6 marked the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Magi came to visit the Jesus and present Him with the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

## Epiphany - Blessing of Water at Assumption School in Perth Amboy, NJ

The Feast of Epiphany is a liturgical event that is celebrated every year on January 6th. Over the course of 2000 years, it has evolved to commemorate one of the most significant events in Christendom - the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. During Epiphany, people traditionally attend a prayer service where the priest blesses regular water into holy water - a "Blessing of the Water" ceremony.

On Friday, January 6th, 2012, the staff and students of ACS celebrated Epiphany with a prayer service after their weekly Liturgy. The service was conducted by the school administrator and pastor of the Assumption Church, Fr. Ivan Turyk. After the blessing of the water ceremony, Fr. Ivan walked around the school with a small group of students and blessed each room with a sprinkle of the newly blessed holy water.





George Koch, State Deputy of the Pennsylvania State Council, Knights of Columbus, presents Archbishop Stefan a donation for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia to support vocation programs. The Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus raise funds for the support of vocation programs of the Catholic Church in Pennsylvania. They generously share the proceeds with the Eastern eparchies, for which we are very grateful. Consider being a Knight of Columbus and participate in their many charity works.

## Patriarch Sviatoslav Shares Secrets of Youth Work



17 January 2012

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) stated that the Church has no special tactic for engaging young people in the Church. "We simply try to provide pastoral care and indeed attend to everyone who needs it, particularly, young people, for they are our future," stressed the Head of UGCC.

He says that he makes effort to address young people. "And I am telling you honestly that the young people respond to my appeals," the Information Department of **UGCC** quotes Patriarch Sviatoslav as saying. The hierarch admitted that people often ask him about his methods, ways of working with young people. His answer is: "I try to be accessible and open. And when young people invite me to any meetings, I try to attend the meetings if I can." According to the primate, our youth is "very gratifying: if they hear a voice or word addressed to them, they surely respond."

The patriarch gave an example from the history of the Church. "There is an Association of Salesian Fathers in our Church. It works with young people. It is its main mission. Let us see how the association was formed. Its founder, a young priest, Don Bosco once came to the Church and saw the following scene: a boy slept at the feet of a preaching priest. Don Bosco asked: "Why are you sleeping, why are you not listening to the sermon?" The boy answered: "He is not addressing me." "I try to preach so that the young people should not sleep," concluded the Head of UGCC. <http://risu.org.ua>

## Patriarch Sviatoslav proclaims Ternopil-Zboriv Metropolitanate

On December 22, during the hierarchical liturgy in Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, Patriarch Sviatoslav (Shevchuk), primate of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), proclaimed the Ternopil-Zboriv Metropolitanate of UGCC.

The first metropolitan of Ternopil-Zboriv became Bishop Vasyl (Semeniuk), Eparch of Ternopil-Zboriv.

The event was attended by 25 archbishops, metropolitans, and bishops of Ukraine and abroad, including the Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine, Archbishop Thomas Edward Gullickson, and about 200 priests.



The creation of the Ternopil-Zboriv Metropolitanate Bishop Vasyl called “an important event for the Podilskyi land and the city of Ternopil, which was elevated to the dignity of the Metropolitan Cathedra.” He stressed that the creation of new metropolitanates is an important stage of for the maturity of the UGCC. In his opinion, it shows above all the gradual and informed steps toward a patriarchate. “The metropolitanate exists so we could multiply our spiritual strength in a community. Metropolitanate status will facilitate better coordination and cooperation not only at the broad level but also between the Ternopil-Zboriv and Buchach eparchies, which jurisdictionally belong to the Ternopil-Zboriv Metropolitanate. At the same time, we continue to watch over the Greek Catholic parishes in Khmelnytskyi Oblast,” said the bishop.

The metropolitan of Ternopil-Zboriv also thanked all who made this even possible. “Today I would like to thank above all the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated in the Zarvanytsia wonderworking icon, and also the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC. I am grateful to Pope Benedict XVI for blessing the decision of the Synod in the person of the Apostolic Nuncio in Ukraine Archbishop Thomas Gullickson. And a special thanks I want to give the Head and Father of our Church – His Beatitude Sviatoslav,” said the metropolitan.

Doctor of historical sciences Fr. Vitaliy Kozak recalls that in 1303, the Galician episcopate was first elevated to the rank of metropolitanate. It was the only eparchy other than Kyiv that received canonical status of metropolitanate. It existed during the fourteenth century and then was joined to the Metropolitanate of Kyiv and named the Kyiv-Halych Metropolitanate. In 1539, the See of the Galician Metropolitans was moved to Lviv. In the eighteenth century because of the Partitions of Poland, the Lviv Eparchy ceded to Austria, losing its Podilskyi part on the other side of the Zbruch River to Russia. At that time in the Ternopil region, Berezhany played a central role, which united the parishes on our terrains. In 1808 the Lviv Eparchy was again raised to the rank metropolitanate by Pope Pius VII, at the request of the Emperor Francis II. It existed until the late

nineteenth century. In 1885 from the southern parishes of the Archeparchy of Lviv, the Ivano-Frankivsk Eparchy was formed, which covered the south of Ternopil Oblast. During this period the Lviv archeparchy was divided into new districts (protopresbyterates): Halych, Zolochiv, Lviv, Ternopil and Stryi. The Protopresbyter See in Ternopil became Church of the Nativity (so-called Serednia).

The issue of creating a Ternopil Eparchy was raised in the 1940s; however, this could not be realized. The Ternopil Eparchy was created in 1993. Her first eparch was Bishop



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## **Patriarch Sviatoslav proclaims Ternopil-Zboriv Metropolitanate**

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Mykhailo (Sabryha). In 2000, the Ternopil Eparchy was reorganized into the Ternopil-Zboriv Eparchy.

On December 22, 2011, the Ternopil-Zboriv metropolitanate was proclaimed. The Ternopil land is famous for sites of Marian miraculous, including Zarvanytsya and Pochayiv. Outstanding figures of the UGCC were born in the Ternopil region: Patriarch Josyf (Slipij), holy martyr Hryhoriy (Khomyshyn), Mykyta (Budka), Izydor (Boretsky), Ivan (Prashko) and many others.

UGCC Information Department  
*Background Information*

The Synod of Bishops of the UGCC resolved to establish three new metropolitanates: of Lviv, of Ivano-Frankivsk, and of Ternopil-Zboriv. The Metropolitanate of Lviv comprises the Lviv Archeparchy, the Sokal-Zhovkva, Sambir-Drohobych and Stryi eparchies. The Ivano-Frankivsk Metropolitanate comprises the Ivano-Frankivsk Archeparchy and the Chernivtsi-Kolomyia Eparchy. The Ternopil-Zboriv Metropolitanate comprises the Ternopil-Zboriv Archeparchy and the Buchach Eparchy.

The new metropolitanates are Archbishop Ihor (Voznyak) of Lviv, Bishop Volodymyr (Viytyshyn), Eparch of Ivano-Frankivsk, and Bishop Vasyl (Semeniuk).

In addition to the newly created ones, the other metropolitanate of the UGCC in Ukraine is the Kyiv and Halych Metropolitanate, headed by His Beatitude Sviatoslav. It consists of Kyiv Archeparchy and the Donetsk-Kharkiv, Odesa-Crimea, and Lutsk exarchates. In addition, the UGCC has the Przemysl and Warsaw Metropolitanate in Poland, the Philadelphia Metropolitanate in the United States, and the Winnipeg Metropolitanate in Canada.

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**January 22, 2012**

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