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## Clergy Spring Conference May 28, 2009

The clergy of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia met on Thursday, May 28, 2009 in the Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for their Spring Conference.

The morning was dedicated to a presentation of the Generations of Faith Catechetical Program. This program spans different generations in a parish offering reflection and catechetical instruction on the major feast days of the Church and our faith. The Catechetical Coordinator, Rev. Volodymyr Popyk, encouraged the pastors to



**Rev. Kevin McGrath, O.P., spoke at the Clergy Conference.**

initiate the program in all parishes.

A major topic of the conference was

provided by Rev. Kevin McGrath, O.P., a professor on preaching at the Dominican House of Studies. Fr. McGrath

began the presentation by speaking about the compelling nature of

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## Happy Father's Day!

On this Father's Day, the staff of "The Way" lovingly greets all our Fathers. We wish you good health, prosperity, and peace. May the Merciful Lord bless you and your family with His choicest blessings for many happy and blessed years. May He grant all our departed Fathers blessed repose and eternal memory in Heaven!

# Clergy Spring Conference

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preaching. He cited St. Paul characterizing preaching as something he felt compelled to do. He recalled how Jesus preached to the apostles on the road to Emmaus. Jesus led the apostles to the breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist. Their eyes were opened when Jesus preached and they were then inspired to bring the Good News to others. Finally, they then turned back to Jerusalem. Fr. Kevin suggested that our preaching should aim to initiate a similar response in our faithful. Fr. Kevin then reviewed areas of difficulty in preaching and presented thoughts as to the process of preparing to preach. His message emphasized that the priest must be real and authentic in his preaching, and that he ought to reflect from

one's own faith experience. A homily should relate to what is happening around us in today's world. Most importantly, Fr. McGrath emphasized that our preaching should offer hope.

The financial report for 2008 and the budget for 2009 for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia were shared with the clergy in the afternoon. Mr. John Drozd, Econom, reviewed the financial reports, offering commentary on the archieparchial programs, such as, medical and property insurance. A synopsis as to archieparchial and parish administration was presented by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka. Emphasis was placed on

the formation of financial and pastoral advisory committees within each parish. The necessity of transparency and accountability to parishioners was also discussed.

Reverend Andriy Rabi, of the archieparchial Office for the Protection of Children and Young People,



**Archbishop Stefan, Bishop John and Clergy.**

reviewed the annual audit process. He encouraged all pastors to ensure that the required pamphlets be readily available in all parishes, in addition to the manual of archieparchial policies.

The meeting concluded with consideration of a number of other topics, including our observance of the "Year of Priesthood" proclaimed by the Holy Father to begin on June 19<sup>th</sup>; the upcoming picnic gathering of clergy and religious,

encouragement of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and our participation on November 8<sup>th</sup> in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Shenandoah, PA, the first Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA.

The Spring Clergy Conference concluded with the celebration of the Moleben to the Mother of God in our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the distribution of the Holy Myron to all pastors.



**Guest Speaker:  
Fr. Kevin McGrath, O.P.**





# Clergy Conference - Moleben to the Mother of God

## May 28, 2009



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from the Moleben  
on our BLOG.**

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(Photos: Teresa Siwak)



Distributing "Holy Myron" to priests after Moleben.

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## NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years. Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was



gripped with fear. But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time." Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. When his time of service was completed, he returned home. After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. "The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people." When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John." They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name." Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, "What then is this child going to be?" For the Lord's hand was with him. His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him. And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel. **(Lk. 1, 1-25; 57-68; 76; 80)**

*(More on St. John the Baptist on page 18.)*



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## **St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Shenandoah begins 125th Anniversary with a Community Luncheon.**

On May 20, 2009 Father Oleksandr Dumenko and the 125th Anniversary Committee of St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church formally kicked-off the 125th Anniversary Celebration with a community luncheon.

Community Business men and women attended the Spring Luncheon followed by a brief program on the History of the parish given by Father Dumenko. Father Dumenko recognized the importance of Community Support in the past/present, and extended an invitation for all to take part in the official ceremonies which will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009.



The Very Reverend Father John Fields, dean of the South Anthracite Deanery, then spoke about the Ukrainian influence in the Pennsylvania Coal Region as well as other communities throughout the United States of America.

The program concluded with an informal discussion on the importance of tradition and ancestry in family as well as community development. Attendees then participated in a tour of the church and church hall. All in all a great affair!

As a reminder, if you or your group would like to advertise in the commemorative booklet, or would like to be added to the celebration list please contact St. Michael's at 570-462-0809 or e-mail [stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net](mailto:stmichaelsukrainian@verizon.net).

## A New Deacon

Sub-Deacon Paul J. Makar was ordained to the Diaconate on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009, by Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka. The ordination took place in Deacon Paul's home parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Perth Amboy, NJ. The church was filled with family, friends and parishioners on a beautiful spring morning. Concelebrating the liturgy with Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka were, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens - Rector of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Rev. Roman Dubitsky – pastor of Assumption Parish, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, and Rev. Deacon Paul Makar, father of Deacon Paul J. Makar. Many had tears in their eyes, tears of joy, to see father and son deacon together on this joyful occasion.

Following the liturgy a festive reception was held in the parish school auditorium. Well over two hundred people attended.

Deacon Paul J. Makar is currently working on his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Reading Hospital in Reading, PA, and will enter his final year of theology at Catholic University of America this fall. He attends St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC.

***Photography by Charles Patulak.***



Procession entering church.



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## A New Deacon

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**First row:** Sr. Maria Kelly, Sr. Yosaphata Litvenczuk, altar boy Ihor Sytar, Deacon Paul Makar, Deacon Paul J. Makar, Anna Makar, Michael Makar, altar boy Alex Brycki. **Second row:** seminarian Roman Sverdan, altar boy Paul Rosato, Rev. Roman Dubitsky, Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Very Rev. Robert Hitchens, Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, altar boys Taras Horbatyuk and Robert Cheloc.



Rev. Deacon Paul Makar (father), Rev. Deacon Paul J. Makar (son), Mrs. Anna Makar (mother).



Rev. Deacon Paul J. Makar



Reception in school hall.

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## **Metropolitan Stefan's Summer Schedule of Major Events**

- June 4 - Meeting with Philadelphia Office of US Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding renewal of Ascension Manor Towers I and II
- June 6 - Meeting of Archieparchial and Parish Finance Officers, Trustees, and pastors of all parishes of Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
- June 7 - Pastoral Visitation of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA
- June 10 – Picnic Gathering of Pastors and Religious of Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Eparchy of Stamford in Sloatsburg, NY
- June 13 – 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration of Sister Lydia Anna Sawka, OSBM, Fox Chase Manor, PA
- June 14 – Pastoral Visitation of Protection of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bristol, PA
- June 16 – Meeting of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of USA at Bishops' Residence, Philadelphia
- June 17-19 – Participation in Spring Meeting of United States Conference of Bishops, San Antonio, Texas
- June 21 – Pastoral Visitation of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, Chester, PA
- June 28 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA
- July 4-21 – Visit to Winnipeg for participation in niece's wedding
- July 26 – 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Ukrainian Day Celebrations
- August 3-6 – Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, Phoenix, Arizona
- August 9 – Pilgrimage to the Mother of God, Sloatsburg, NY
- August 23 – Participation in Ukrainian Independence Celebrations at Tryzub, Horsham, PA
- August 24 – Participation in Philadelphia's celebrations of Declaration of Independence, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, Jenkintown, PA



# FIFTY FIFTH HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE

**August 8-9, 2009**

The Immaculate Conception Province of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate cordially invites you for the 55th annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, New York on August 8-9, 2009. This year's pilgrimage is entitled "Behold Your Mother: Evangelization under the Protection of the Mother of God." Sister Michele Yakymovitch, Provincial Superior, and all the Sisters, are anxiously awaiting all faithful to come and pray together during the pilgrimage. "The Dormition Pilgrimage has been a beautiful tradition of gathering all faithful for prayer. We are an oasis of Ukrainian Catholic religious life in America" said Sister Michele.



The Dormition Pilgrimage at Saint Mary's Villa in Sloatsburg is the largest single annual gathering of Ukrainian Catholics in any of the eparchies of our Metropolitan See. It is now 55 years that our Ukrainian Catholic faithful have been coming to this shrine of Our Lady to implore her intercession.

This year His Beatitude Lubomyr Cardinal Husar and the Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops decree that the team for our ministry and reflection ought to be the Evangelization. What better example of evangelization than Mother of God, said Father Bohdan J. Danylo, Spiritual Moderator of the Dormition Pilgrimage. Our Ukrainian Catholic faithful always in times of need came under the protection of Mother of God. The Dormition Pilgrimage has always been an important part of the spiritual journey of our people. Let us continue to pray for the Mother of God's intercession and protection as we enter into the new time of evangelization and missionary activities among our people and those who wish to share Eastern spirituality with us.

From the Cross Christ entrusted us to his Mother. She is our refuge, and our hope. Let us gather once again this year for the Holy Dormition pilgrimage and pray that we may be send forth and under the protection of the Mother of God to preach the "Good News" to all the nations.

The two days Dormition pilgrimage program will include a youth gathering, blessing of water, healing services, Panahyda Memorial service for deceased pilgrims, Moleben services, Lamentation at the Bier of the Mother of God service, Vespers service, Matins, Akhatyst service, Stations of the Cross, and the Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by all the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in the US.

"We are encouraged by the large numbers of young Ukrainian pilgrims who come and pray with us. May this year's pilgrimage bring us closer to God through the protection and intercession of the Mother of God" said Sister Michele.

Mary, Mother of God pray for us!

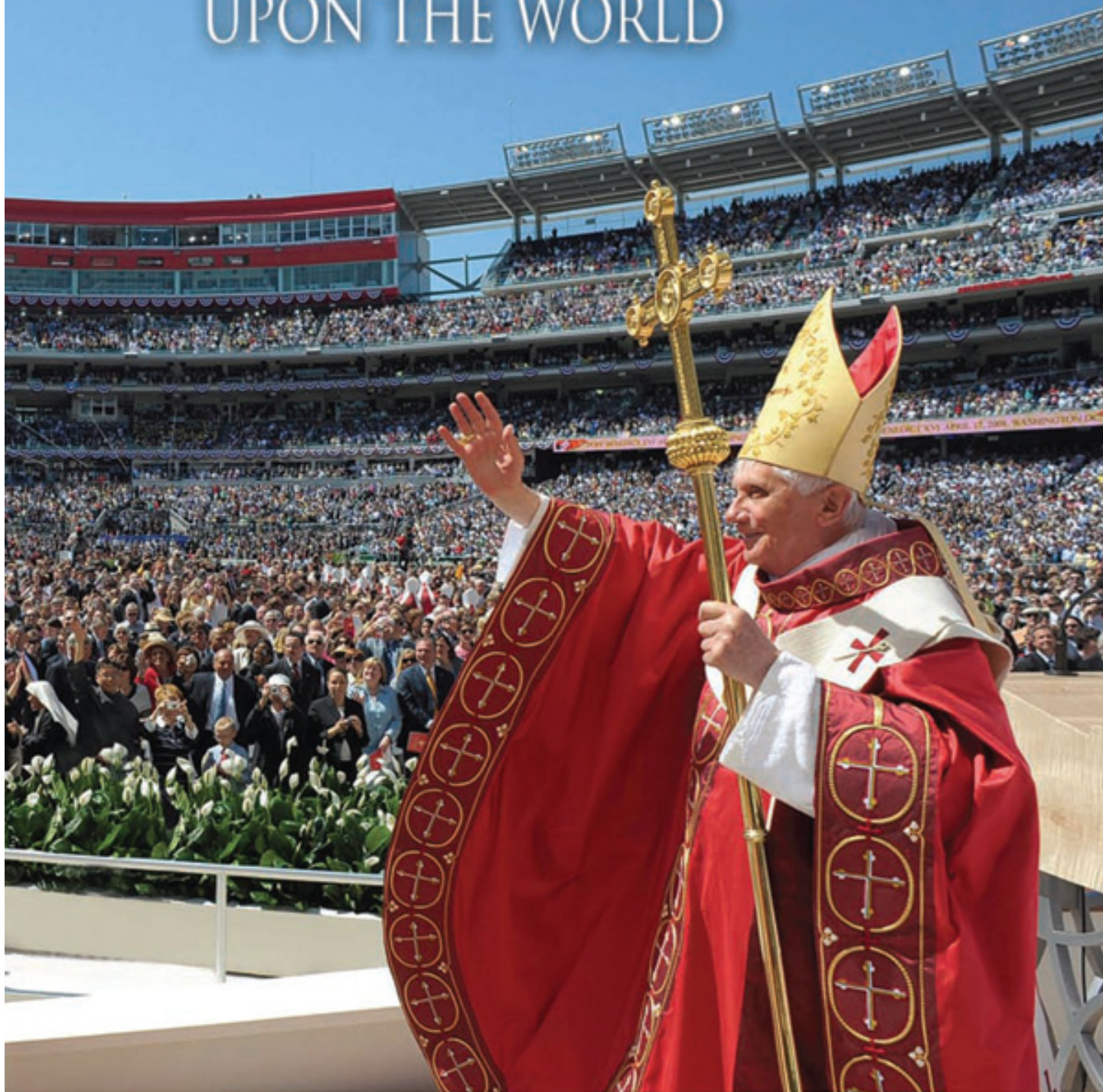
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**June 21, 2009**



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## WILL YOU BE AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY ON JULY 26, 2009?

This year's Ukrainian Seminary Day, which will be held on Sunday, July 26 at St. Nicholas Grove in Minersville, will be the 75th observance of this social which was begun in the 1930's to raise funds for our seminary.

**ST. NICHOLAS PICNIC GROVE, PA. ROUTE 901, PRIMROSE, MINERSVILLE, PA.**

*Photos are from Seminary Day 2008.*



*(Photo: Dr. Richard J. Barno)*



Pope Benedict XVI has declared a "Year for Priests" beginning with the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 19, 2009. The year will conclude in Rome with an international gathering of priests with the Holy Father on June 19, 2010.

With the announcement of this Year for Priests, the Pope has declared St. John Vianney the Universal Patron of Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Curé d'Ars.

On the website **[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)** you will find a number of resources to aid your parish's celebration of the year for priests. There is also information regarding events for priests that will occur throughout the Year for Priests.

Please pray for our priests that they might always be faithful to their sacred calling.

# Marriage: We're going the wrong way

By A. B. Hill

I live on a one-way street. Occasionally someone ignores the signs and goes up instead of down. This is unsettling when you consider how dangerous it is for the wrong-way driver and unsuspecting drivers who are going the right way.

With the status of marriage in America today, some wonder if we are going the wrong way when proposing a constitutional amendment to protect and maintain marriage as the union of one man and one woman. Divorce has touched the lives of many. Out-of-wedlock births are at an all time high. Many children are growing up in situations that do not resemble the mother/father nuclear family model. Isn't it futile these days to protect something that is increasingly less secure and less honored? Shouldn't we just resign ourselves to the idea that times have changed?

The truth is these trends are taking their toll on the well-being of families and our society. A 2008 report from the Institute for American Values estimates the cost of family fragmentation to US taxpayers is at least \$112

billion a year. Many other studies confirm the devastating connection between divorce and single-parenthood with poverty, violence, substance abuse and poor achievement in school. These social troubles have a hefty price tag, but we cannot begin to measure the cost of the heartbreak of thousands of children who grow up separated from one parent or the other.

Same sex marriage advocates often mock supporters of marriage between one man and one woman by challenging, "If you care about marriage, outlaw divorce or do something to support single parents?" In 1980 when Pennsylvania passed the No-Fault Divorce Act, the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference (PCC) lobbied fiercely against it offering many of the same arguments that make the case against same sex marriage today. Children do best with mothers and fathers. The Church supports any reasonable measure that encourages couples to stay together and underscores the permanence of marriage.

Catholic Charities is a multi-billion dollar ministry

to help people with many different needs. A sizable number of clients are struggling single parents. The Church provides charity and compassion to each of them. At the same time, in the 1990s the Church urged welfare reforms to encourage rather than penalize people for getting married.

Decades ago, we argued that policies that make it too easy for people to dismiss the important role of mothers or fathers in the family would negatively affect society. Social studies, again, prove this very true. Likewise, a penalty for marriage on those receiving welfare benefits also created undesirable social fallout.

Protecting marriage is not about who gets to call each other "spouse" or receive benefits. It is about affirming the special and unique role of marriage in our community as a whole. Certainly, not every family fits this ideal, but redefining marriage to include anything else gives state sanctioned permission to create relationships that by design exclude one gender or the other. This discounts everything we know to be true about

marriage. We should work to preserve and encourage the ideal whenever possible, not shrug our shoulders and give in.

The Pennsylvania Senate will consider two bills regarding marriage this session. One proposed by Sen. Daylin Leach (Delaware/Montgomery Counties) will legalize same sex marriage; the other, proposed by Sen. John Eichelberger (Blair County), will amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman.

Which way should we go? Do we follow the signs and go the right way to protect marriage, or ignore them and take society dangerously the wrong way?

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





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## How I spent my Easter vacation . . . or at least part of it.

by Pete Letenauchyn

"When Pete proposed a trip to Saint John Hospice, I was all for it," said seventeen year old Kyle. "I remembered our last trip there, six years ago, and how useful I felt when we finished. Pete recruited the current Religious Education students and another former student, Scott. I have been a Catechist trainee this year and I tried to recruit friends and a couple of former students. Unfortunately, only Natalie was able to join our group. It is a shame that the minimum age is twelve or more than twice as many students would have volunteered."

Kyle's nineteen year old friend, Natalie, said, "Kyle did not have to do much of a sales job on me. This seemed like such a Christian thing to do and, since it was on Holy Thursday, the day we commemorate Jesus washing the apostles' feet, a day of service seemed appropriate."

"Tato (Ukrainian for dad) picked Holy Thursday because he knew everyone would be home from school, and recruited Scott as a chaperone and to drive a second car drive down to 1221 Race Street in Philadelphia. That's where Saint John's Hospice is located. We

met in Bristol in the parking lot at St. Mary Church. As usual we arrived at Saint John's about an hour early." Pete's eleventh grade daughter, Senia, laughed as she said this.

Scott, a serious young man who is a professional educator and was one of the first

students to attend the current Religious Education program fifteen years ago, said "We ran into traffic on 95 and had to take a detour around construction in center city and still arrived forty-five minutes earlier than the other group of eight students. They were from St.

Stanislaus Roman Catholic School in Lansdale.

"After a briefing, we were fed a light lunch. Then Gerry, the coordinator for Saint John's, gave us our assignments and explained what to do. One of my

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Students and former students of St. Mary Church Religious Education Program visited Saint John Hospice on April 9, 2009.

First row: Grace Horvath, Natalie Sharpe, and Senia Letenauchyn. Back row: Nicholas Horvath and Kyle Silva. (Scott Saunders, Jr. is in the front left of the photo on the next page.)



## How I spent my Easter vacation . . . or at least part of it.

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jobs was to take photographs of our group at work, but not to photograph any of the guests. This was difficult; after all, we came to interact with the homeless men serviced by Saint John's Hospice," Scott explained.

Nick, a tenth grader, continued, "Gerry said that St. John's not only fed the homeless, but provided showers, dormitories, even private rooms to men who needed the facilities, and a mail room for the homeless. Our main concern was feeding these homeless men what may be their only meal of the day, but Kyle and Natalie worked in mail room."

Kyle looked serious when he said, "these men can eat, shower, sleep, and even receive mail at Saint John's Hospice. Having a place to receive mail sort of gives the men a real identity. A mailing address makes them accessible, even without a home. It impressed me to see the place in operation. We handled around seventy-five pieces of mail, but handing out toothpaste and toothbrushes really kept us busy. In fact, it got hectic at times."

". . . but we managed to keep calm

and keep everyone happy," interrupted Natalie.

Grace is a seventh grader and is one of St. Mary Church's top religion students ever. She said, "Believe it or not; it was hard work. We worked in a professional kitchen. It was hot and we had a steady stream of men to give food to. We served beef and macaroni, salad, bread, and pound cake."

"One of the men asked, 'How about something sweet, sweetie?' He got pound cake like everyone else." interjected Senia.

"While Senia, two girls from St. Stan's, and I

worked the food line, my brother, Nick, and a host of boys from St. Stan's filled water pitchers and cleared trays," continued Grace. "Scott and Catechist Coordinator Pete, helped along with the chaperone for St. Stan's and two neighborhood volunteers. The paper plates and scraps had to be dumped into the trash can and the liners had to be replaced many times. Any remaining liquid had to be disposed of, too. The used trays were washed and re-used, immediately."

"After all of the men were fed, we still had to clean up the room," continued Nick. "We

washed the tables, folded them up, and cleaned the floor."

"Finally, we were done," said Natalie.

"For today," interrupted Kyle. "We volunteered to come back. I suggested Black Friday. Pete said no way and offered Labor Day Monday. We all agreed."

"Enthusiastically," said Nick wearing a big grin on his young face.

"Now, we were done," said Natalie.

"At least until we got to the store to pick up candy and prizes to stuff into plastic eggs for St. Mary Church's fifteenth annual Easter Egg Hunt," laughed Kyle.



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## SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009

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### **KAZKA UKRAINIAN DANCE ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT 75TH ANNUAL UKRAINIAN SEMINARY DAY SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009 IN MINERVILLE, PA.**

**Minerville, Pa.**—The Kazka Ukrainian Folk Dance Ensemble will perform at the 75th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 26, 2009 at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, Route 901 Primrose, Minersville, Schuylkill County, PA. The Most Reverend Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, and the clergy of the South Anthracite Deanery at 11 a.m. will celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

Besides the Kazka Dance Ensemble, other entertainment includes Paul Konkus of WPPA AM 1360 hosting a Live Polka Broadcast from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. from the picnic grove. and the "Pa. Villagers Polka Band provides polka and dance music from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Home-made Ukrainian and Slavic foods, including holubtsi-halupki, halushki, pyrohy, kobasa-kielbasi, bleenies, sausage, Lemko platters, and ice cream, bean soup, desserts will be



sold throughout the day. Ukrainian arts and crafts will be on display and for sale. A "Theme Basket Auction" featuring over 30 baskets created by each of the 12 sponsoring parishes, church organizations and individual parishioners will

be conducted throughout the day.

Admission and parking are free. Buses are welcome.

Kazka consists of a vocal quartet, composed of Paula Holoviak (soprano), Sandra Duda (alto),

Joseph Zucofski (tenor), and Michael Duda (baritone) and a twenty-five member dance ensemble. The group's vocal repertoire encompasses contemporary as well as traditional Ukrainian folk music. Most of this repertoire is arranged by Zucofski and Michael Duda, who also accompany the group on guitar and accordion.

Ukrainian folk dance adds an additional dimension to Kazka's performances. The group presently performs dances from the Poltava, Hutsul, Boyko, Lemko, and Transcarpathian regions of Ukraine. Choreographers for the ensemble include David Woznak of Parma, OH, Andrij Dobriansky of NYC and group members Paula Holoviak, Joseph Zucofski and Sandra Duda. Authenticity in both choreography and costume of each region is essential.

Kazka has received numerous state and local grants to assist with choreography, costuming,

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and music, including grants from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Schuylkill County Commissioners through the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts. Kazka was awarded a prestigious Apprenticeship in Folk and Traditional Arts grant by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Institute for Cultural Partnerships to study folk dance technique and to produce two new choreographic works with Master Folk Artist, Andrij Dobriansky. Kazka and group member Paula Holoviak are Pennsylvania Humanities Council Speakers for 2009-2011, presenting a program on the history of Ukrainian immigration to the anthracite regions.

Since 1987, the group has performed throughout the eastern United States and beyond. The group performed at Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida in January of 2004. In 1992, the ensemble traveled and performed in the newly independent nation of Ukraine as part of a tour benefiting the

Children of Chernobyl Fund. Kazka has appeared on the nationally televised

for many of descendants of Ukrainian immigrants who the coal region to work in the larger cities.



program "The Wedding Story," produced for The Learning Channel and locally on WVIA, public television. The group has also graced the stages at Bethlehem Musikfest, Ellis Island National Park, Soyuzivka Ukrainian National Resort and the Pennsylvania State University Slavic Festival.

"Ukrainian Catholic Seminary Day" began in 1934 in Lakewood Park, Barnesville, and continued through the 50th anniversary held in July, 1983. Seminary Day was a "Coming-Home Event"

The Seminary Day tradition at Lakewood Park ended in 1983, the year the park was permanently closed.

In 1985 "Ukrainian Seminary Day" was revived and moved to St. Nicholas Picnic Grove in Primrose, just outside the Borough of Minersville.

The South Anthracite Deanery Ukrainian Catholic parishes have been among the strongest supporters of the Seminary Appeal since the seminary was founded in the United States to the present day. From 1985 thru 2008,

Ukrainian Seminary Day has raised more than \$500,000.00 for St. Josaphat's Seminary Fund, which provides financial support for St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, adjacent to the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

The South Anthracite Deanery of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia is comprised of 12 parishes in Schuylkill (Frackville, Maizeville, McAdoo, Middleport, Minersville, Saint Clair and Shenandoah), Luzerne (Hazleton), Northumberland (Marion Heights, Mount Carmel and Shamokin) and Columbia (Centralia) counties.



## PLEASE COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US!

### Rehoboth Beach, DE

**St. Edmond's Roman Catholic Church will host the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, a Byzantine Liturgy at 4:00PM. on Sunday's July 5th; August 2nd; and September 6th.**

The celebrant will be the Rev. Volodymyr Klanichka, pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wilmington, DE.

St. Edmond's Church is located at King Charles Avenue and Laurel Street in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Please come and celebrate with us. For more information call 302 762-5511.



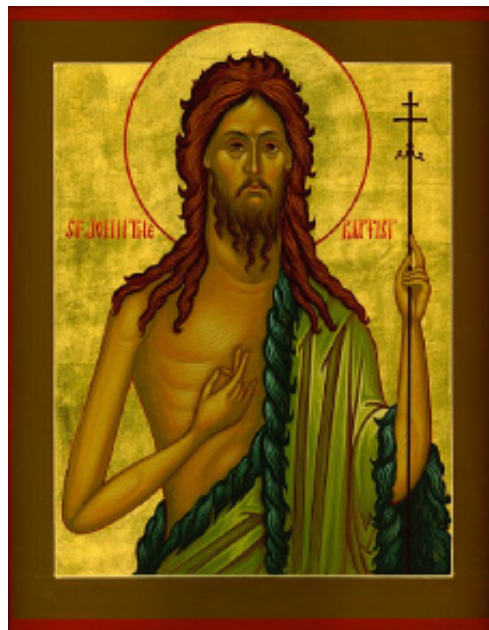
## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist plays a key role in the New Testament. He is the bridge, the Forerunner, the one sent to prepare the way of the Lord. His holiness turned the hearts of the Israelites to repentance, thus making them capable of accepting the coming of the Messiah.

The commemoration of St. John's Nativity is one of the older, if not the oldest, feasts in honor of any Saint found in the Church. Ordinarily the Church observes the day of a Saint's death because that day marks his entrance into heaven. St. John is an exception to this rule because he was "filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb." His nativity, therefore, is already a day of triumph. Nothing can be said with certainty as to the date of the birth of St. John the Baptist. The gospel suggests that he was born about six months before Christ. (Lk. 1: 5-25)

In addition to the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the Church has commemorated the martyrdom of Christ's Forerunner since the fourth century. The story of the Saint's death is among the most dramatic narratives in the Bible.

St. John the Baptist is represented with two large wings because he is the messenger of the Messiah. It is about this man that Scripture says, "I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare the way before you." (Mt. 11: 10) In the icon, John makes the gesture of the preacher with his right hand and holds an open scroll in his left hand which proclaims the message of his preaching. "Reform your lives! The reign of God is at hand." (Mt. 3: 2) As a man of the desert he is clothed in a camel's hair garment. The rocks behind the Forerunner represent the wilderness, and the strip of water below his feet represents the Jordan River. We also find some bushes and an axe "laid to the root of the tree," (Mt. 3: 10) alluding to the words of his preaching. In the lower left hand corner, a cup with the head of St. John recalls that he would end his life in martyrdom. St. John the Baptist stands before us and calls us to repentance before the Lord.





## UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009  
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St Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church  
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Warrington, Pennsylvania 18976

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 28, 2009:** Annual Festival at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church - 1545 Easton Road - Warrington, PA 18976 from 12 to 6 pm.

**July 26, 2009:** 75th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day at St. Nicholas Picnic Grove, PA Route 901, Primrose, Minersville, PA

**July 5, August 2 & September 6, 2009:** Divine Liturgy at Rehoboth Beach, DE. 4:00 PM at St. Edmond's Church (King Charles Avenue and Laurel Street in Rehoboth Beach, DE.) For more information call 302 762-5511.

**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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