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METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP BORYS GUDZIAK TAKES OFFICIAL LEAD OF ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA

June 4, 2019

The official enthronement ceremony of the new Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Borys Gudziak, took place on June 4 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, with participation of 50 bishops from the Eastern Catholic, Roman Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic Churches, over a hundred of priests and members of the monastic orders. Archbishop Borys became the seventh Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archeparchy (Metropolia) of Philadelphia of the UGCC.



Metropolitan Borys Gudziak shows the Papal Bull to the faithful. (Photo: Peter Bilyj)

The head of the UGCC Patriarch Sviatoslav and the Apostolic Nuncio in the United States Christopher Pierre led the Liturgy with the ceremony of enthronement.

On behalf of Pope Francis, Nuncio Christopher Pierre read the Papal Bull on the appointment of Archbishop Metropolitan

Borys Gudziak as head of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia of the UGCC and handed him the papal bull.

“The Pope highly appreciates your academic degree and the devoted service to the UGCC. Your knowledge of history and your devotion to ministry gives us

confidence that you will lead the Church along the path of reconciliation and understanding,” the Vatican document said.

The secretary of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, Bishop Bohdan Dzyurakh, read the Decree of the Head of the UGCC nominating Archbishop Borys the Archbishop Metropolitan

of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia of the UGCC.

The newly appointed Metropolitan Borys read out the “test of faith”, saying the Symbol of Faith prayer. The head of the UGCC said a prayer for the successful ministry of the new Head of the

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UGCC in the United States and handed him the Metropolitan's staff, a symbol of governance.

When turning to Metropolitan Borys at the solemn Liturgy of Enthronement, the Head of the UGCC stressed that the faithful of the United States expect the Church to renew, revive and witness their faith: "You must teach people to believe in God, to cure the wounds of unbelief. Reorient people from different cultures and environments towards God, teach them to be themselves. Return our Church in the United States to the heart of the Ukrainian community, bring the living God into the heart of a modern man. We look forward to the renewal of our Church in the United States, the modernization of our church structures, the revival of the Church's mission, and find all those in need of the Church. We look forward to communion with our Mother Church in Ukraine and across the world."

Patriarch Sviatoslav called on the Greek Catholics in the United States to "open hearts

to the action of the Holy Spirit, accept the Lord and follow Him."

"The Lord has led me to serve in different countries. I've accepted this nomination in freedom and peace. Wholeheartedly, I would like to serve my brothers in episcopal ministry, clergy, religious, and faithful of Philadelphia Metropolia. To start a new life at 58 is a huge gift from God and a sacred privilege. I wish to lead the metropolia and archeparchy first of all by listening. This is the land where I was born and baptised, where my parents died and were buried. However, for the last 30 years I lived and served in Europe. Many things have changed, there are numerous challenges both in the Church and society, but I believe that the Lord, who called me to this new service, will lead me and the people entrusted to my care. Primarily, I wish to be their brother, father, and pastor", commented Bishop Borys.

As it was previously reported, the official Vatican announced on February 18 that

Pope Francis appointed Borys Gudziak as Archbishop Metropolitan of Philadelphia of the UGCC in the United States, transferring him from the Diocese of St. Volodymyr the Great in Paris.

The Archeparchy of Philadelphia of the UGCC in the United States was sede vacante since April 16, 2018, when Pope Francis accepted resignation of the then Archbishop Metropolitan Stefan Soroka.

The history of the Philadelphia Archeparchy, now to be led by Bishop Borys, reaches back to 1914, when the Pope Pius X created an ordinariate for Eastern Catholic faithful and appointed Bishop Soter Ortynsky as its ordinary. However, the first parish in the Philadelphia Archeparchy was opened in the 1880s. In 1924 the ordinariate was elevated to the rank of exarchate and in 1950 to the rank of archeparchy.

Today, the Archeparchy of Philadelphia of the UGCC embraces 13,000 believers, 62 parishes,

two missions in the state of Delaware, eastern Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia. Other dioceses of the Metropolis are the Dioceses of Stamford, Conn., St. Nicholas in Chicago, Illinois; St. Josphat in Parma, Ohio.

Biography:

Borys Gudziak was born in 1960 in Syracuse, New York, the son of immigrants from Ukraine. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and biology from Syracuse University in 1980 and then studied in Rome, in the circle of Patriarch Josyf Slipyj. He received a STB degree in theology from the Pontifical Urban University in 1983 and then returned to America to pursue a doctorate in Slavic and Byzantine Cultural History at Harvard University, which he successfully defended in 1992. In 1995, he earned a licentiate in Eastern Christian studies from the Pontifical Oriental Institute.

In 1992, he moved to Lviv where he founded and directed (1992-2002)

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the Institute of Church History. In 1993, he was appointed Chairman of the Commission for the Renewal of the Lviv Theological Academy. From 1995 until 2000, he served as Vice Rector of the Lviv Theological Academy, then as Rector from 2000 to 2002. In that year, Gudziak became Rector of the Ukrainian

Catholic University (founded on the basis of the Academy), and in 2013 its President.

On July 21, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI nominated Borys Gudziak a new bishop of the UGCC for the faithful of France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland,

ordained him as bishop on December 2, 2012.

On January 19, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI elevated the Apostolic Exarchate for the Ukrainians of France, Benelux (a union of Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg) and Switzerland to the level of the complete

Archeparchy of St Volodymyr in Paris.

On June 4, he officially became Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia of the UGCC.

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**Watch the EWTN Broadcast
Thursday, June 20, 2019
beginning at 2:00 pm ET
of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
and Rite of Enthronement of
His Grace Borys Gudziak,
Metropolitan-Archbishop of the
Ukrainian Catholic
Archeparchy of Philadelphia**

**Recorded Tuesday, June 4, 2019
at the Ukrainian Catholic
Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception, Philadelphia, Pa.**



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Pentecost

Божественна Літургія з собору Непорочного Зачаття у Філадельфії
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Monday Vespers

Велика вечірня з Литією з собору Непорочного Зачаття у Філадельфії
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Washington Conference

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Interview in Washington

«Ми потребуємо щирого спілкування з Богом і ближніми», — митрополит Борис Гудзяк
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Чин інтронізації владики Бориса Гудзяка
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Metropolitan Gudziak's speech at Enthronement
Проповідь владики Бориса Гудзяка у Філадельфії
<https://youtu.be/YKw2d8h5PS8>

His Beatitude Sviatoslav's Homily at the Enthronement
<https://youtu.be/de0IA7yG2NY>

Enthronement Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

Архиєрейська Божественна Літургія з Чином інтронізації владики Бориса Гудзяка
<https://youtu.be/VjVbgybtb8Q>

Sunday, June 2, 2019 - Divine Liturgy

Archbishop-emeritus Stefan Soroka celebrates Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Cathedral



Cathedral Choir and members of Ukrainian Catholic University Choir pose for a picture after the June 2, 2019 Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

Sunday, June 2, 2019 - Icon Exhibit

A UNIQUE ICON EXHIBIT FROM UKRAINE "ICONS ON AMMO BOXES" OPENED IN THE CATHEDRAL

June 2, 2019

A most unique exhibit of religious iconography, entitled "Icons on Ammo Boxes" opened June 2 at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. The week-long exhibit is one of the many events inaugurating the episcopal ministry of the new metropolitan-archbishop of Philadelphia Borys Gudziak, who will be enthroned Tuesday, June 4.

Gennadiy Druzenko and iconographer Oleksandr Klymenko presented an informative lecture "Art of Volunteering; Volunteering Art" about the Icons on Ammo Boxes and the "Buy an Icon—Save a Life" initiative.



(Photo: Teresa Siwak)

These icons are written on ammo boxes brought from the combat zone in eastern Ukraine where a war between Ukraine and Russian backed separatists has been going for several years.

The main idea of the Icons on Ammo Boxes project is the transformation of death (symbolized by ammo boxes) into life (traditionally symbolized by icons in Ukrainian culture). The goal, this victory of life over death happens not only on the figurative and symbolic level but also in reality through these icons on ammo-boxes.

This art project of Kyivan artists Sofia Atlantova and Oleksandr Klymenko, "Buy an Icon – Save a Life" supports the Pirogov First Volunteer Mobile Hospital (PFVMH), a non-government project that employs civilian medics to provide medical aid to both militants and civilians in the Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) zone in eastern Ukraine.

The icons have been exhibited worldwide in The Hague, Antwerp, Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich, Hanover, Leipzig, Bonn, Cologne, Warsaw, Vienna, Lublin, Prague, Rome, Milan, and Catania on Sicily, Los Angeles, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto as well as the Ukrainian cities of Kyiv, Lviv, Lutsk, Mariupol, Dnipro, Kamyanske, and Pokrovsk.

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Sunday, June 2, 2019 - Lecture by Mr. George Weigel

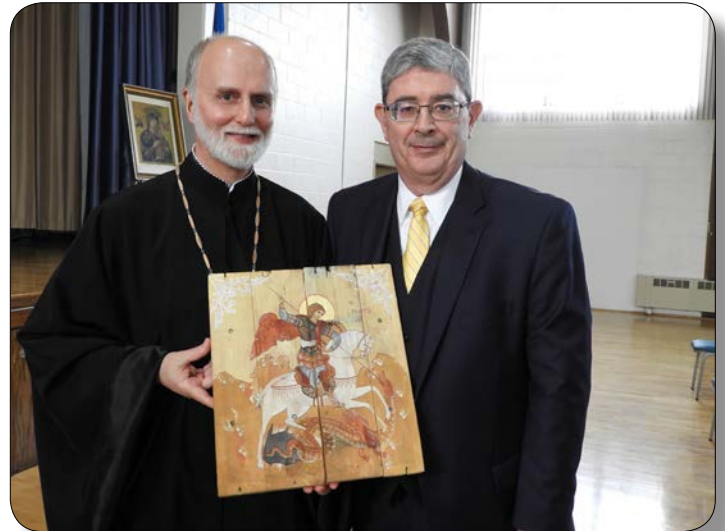
“First Things: Eastern Catholics and the Universal Church” by George Weigel

It is a distinct honor and a great personal pleasure to be invited to participate in the ceremonies marking the enthronement of His Grace, Borys Gudziak, as Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia. Metropolitan Borys and I met more than thirty years ago in circumstances that seemed quite random then, but which I think we have both come to regard as providential, as the friendship begun at the reception following the baptism of a mutual friend’s child has grown and as we have worked together in a variety of venues and ways for Christ and his one Church. To cite just one personal memory: I had the pleasure of giving an inscribed copy of then-Father Gudziak’s book, *Crisis and Reform: The Kyivan Metropolitanate, the Patriarchate of Constantinople, and the Genesis of the Union of Brest* to Pope John Paul II over dinner one night in 1999; and I am quite sure that that great saint, a voracious reader with a deep love for Ukraine,

started reading it later that evening, right after he showed me out of the papal apartment.

I am also deeply touched that the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia should have invited me, a Latin-rite Catholic, to participate in this week of festivities by speaking on “Twentieth Century Witness and Twenty-First Century Mission: Eastern Catholic Churches and the Universal Church.” My presence here is a sign of the fraternity and solidarity that characterize the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, which now breathes freely with both its Latin and Greek lungs. And who knows? It may also be a sign of reconciliation, such that Philadelphians have forgiven me, a native Baltimorean, for the thumping my Orioles laid on your Phillies in the 1983 World Series.

When we think of the witness of Eastern Catholics in the twentieth century, and particularly



**Metropolitan Borys Gudziak gives an icon of St. George to Mr. George Weigel
(Photo: Tanya Bilyj)**

of the witness of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, our minds naturally turn first to the great men and women who held firm to the Catholic and apostolic faith during the starvations and slaughters of the mid-twentieth century, and during the communist persecution that followed. We think of the New Ukrainian Martyrs beatified by John Paul II during his pastoral pilgrimage to Ukraine in 2001; we think of the many martyrs whose names are not in the Church’s liturgical

calendar, but who nonetheless “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14) and now reign with him forever. We think of the Venerable Andrey Sheptytsky, and pray that his beatification is not long delayed. We remember the Servant of God Josyf Slipyj, whose witness in the Gulag inspired novelist Morris West to create a fictional—and perhaps even prophetic—

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Ukrainian pope in The Shoes of the Fisherman. In my commencement address at the Ukrainian Catholic University in 2013, I challenged the graduates to be faithful to the martyrs whose sacrifice laid the foundation on which UCU was built. That challenge applies equally to all Ukrainian Greek Catholics wherever they live, in Ukraine or in the diaspora, just as it applies to every Catholic, whatever rite they practice.

It was the first great Christian thinker to write in Latin, the early third-century North African theologian Tertullian, who, in his *Apologeticus*, wrote “Plures efficimur, quoties metimur a vobis; semen est sanguis christianorum (Whenever you mow us down, we multiply; the blood of Christians is seed).” And while many Catholics, east and west, on all continents, bore witness in the twentieth century to the truth of Tertullian’s maxim that the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church, the Greek Catholic Church of Ukraine bore a particularly impressive witness.

In thinking of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church’s witness in the twentieth century, though, we should remember more than blood and martyrs; we should think of a Church that became a safe deposit box of national identity, memory, and culture when malign forces sought to erase the very idea of “Ukraine” from the world’s vocabulary. We remember how Metropolitan Borys and an intrepid band of brothers and sisters realized the dreams of Andrey Sheptytsky and Josyf Slipyj and built a great Catholic center of higher learning in Ukraine—a university that would deepen and broaden the culture that Sheptytsky in particular did so much to both preserve and nourish.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of the twentieth century was not only a Church that taught the world Church how to die nobly; it also taught the world Church how to live as a culture-forming counterculture, bringing new life to physically devastated lands and healing morally devastated populations, demonstrating the power of the gospel to make

whole again what had been so badly broken by evil incarnate. And so we also remember with gratitude a man who embodied that capacity of the Church to be an agent of cultural renewal in a singular way: His Beatitude Lubomyr Husar, whose work and witness in the independent Ukraine that emerged from under the rubble of Soviet communism made him the most revered and respected leader in the country.

The relationship between Eastern Catholics and the world Church has not always been an easy one: even in these United States, where the unique Greek Catholic way of being Catholic was not always welcomed by some in the dominant Latin-rite Church. We thank God that those days are over, that the Church is once again breathing with both its eastern and western lungs, and that we can learn from each other and enrich each other’s experience of being the Body of Christ. **What, then, are the particular gifts that Eastern Catholics bring to the universal Church in the 21st**

century? Permit me to suggest six.

The first is the gift of adoration. The great interior disloyalty of the modern world (as Romano Guardini put it) is its failure to worship truly because of its conviction that humanity is self-sufficient. Yet a world without true worship—the worship of that which is worthy of worship—is a claustrophobic world: a world without windows, doors, or skylights; a world that becomes suffocating; a world that, sooner or later, becomes nihilistic. And on the way to nihilism, a world without true worship substitutes false gods for the one true God, in order to satisfy the innate, built-in human desire to worship. We have just recalled the bloodlands of eastern Europe, including the Holodomor and the massacres of the Holocaust committed on Ukrainian soil; those slaughters were, one and all, the result of the worship of false gods.

That is why the adoration-centered liturgy celebrated by the Eastern Catholic Churches is so important

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for the world Church, and indeed for the world. As a Latin-rite Catholic, I am a firm believer in the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council, properly implemented. But that implementation has been, as you know, uneven at best, and its unevenness almost always involves a lost sense of the necessity of adoration. So there is much that Latin-rite Catholicism can learn from the Eastern Catholic churches as we continue the reform of the liturgical reform in the West.

The primary truth we Latin-rite Catholics can learn from our eastern brethren is that the liturgy is a celebration of the presence of the living Christ among us—a foretaste of the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in the New Jerusalem, as described by St. John in the last chapters of the Book of Revelation. Eastern Catholics also remind the rest of the world Church that Catholic worship is explicitly Trinitarian. Indeed, scholars of the first Christian centuries tell us that it was the invocation of the thrice-holy God in the primitive liturgy that led over time to the development of

the Church’s Trinitarian theology and doctrine; thus the omnipresence of the Trinity in Eastern Catholic worship invites the entire world Church to enter more deeply into the self-giving love and mutual receptivity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Finally, Eastern Catholic worship reminds the world Church that our liturgical life places us in a new and different time zone. Or as patristics scholar Robert Louis Wilken puts it in *The Spirit of Early Christian Thought*, “liturgy is always in the present tense,” but this is a different kind of “present.” In the liturgy, and especially in its Eucharistic remembrance of the Last Supper and the Passion of the Lord, “the past becomes a present presence that opens a new future.”

The second gift the Eastern Catholic Churches offer the rest of the world Church is the gift of iconography. And by this, I do not mean simply the beautiful icons that now adorn many Latin-rite Catholic churches and homes. I mean that your Church, in its icons, offers the world Church a powerful reminder

that, as Dr. Wilken put it, “the way to God passes through things that can be seen and touched.” This is, of course, at the very foundation of the faith. In Acts 10:41, Peter describes the first witnesses to the Resurrection—that history-shattering event at which the Kingdom of God became manifest in the world and its story—as those “who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.” But it is a truth of which we need constant reminding today.

For we live in a gnostic culture, in which everything is plastic and malleable, subject to change by human will—even our embodiedness as men and women. Despite (or perhaps because of) the materialism of the postmodern West, our culture is one that in fact denies any significance to the material givenness of things—and that denial poses a sharp challenge to Catholics, for whom material things (like water at baptism, bread and wine in the Eucharist, the oil of confirmation, marital love and fidelity) are the means by which God’s own life, the life of grace, flows into the world. Icons can help us

all meet the challenge of this new Gnosticism, reminding us as they do that what lies between this world and the world of divine life and grace is not a fixed border, and still less a wall, but something like a membrane, through which nutrients flow from the Source of life to us.

Icons are also a gift to the world Church from Eastern Christian traditions because their beauty opens up the possibility that a world that has lost touch with the true and the good might get a grip on truth and goodness again. As the Swiss theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar reminded the world Church, the transcendental of beauty can be a path back to the true and the good. When we see something beautiful, we know that it’s, well, beautiful; it’s not “maybe beautiful.” And we know that that beauty is good: It’s not “good for me,” or “good for you,” but good, period. In nurturing the arts of Christian iconography, then, the Eastern Catholic Churches do essential service to a confused postmodern

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culture, as beauty invites an exploration of the permanence of truth and goodness in the order of things.

The Eastern Catholic Churches also do us all a service by what I might call the gift of “theosis.”

Less than forty-eight hours from now, Latin-rite Catholics will get an annual shock from the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours, where they will read this from St. Basil the Great’s *Treatise on the Holy Spirit*: “Through the Spirit we become citizens of heaven, we are admitted to the company of the angels, we enter into eternal happiness and abide in God. Through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most

sublime aspirations—we become God.”

And here, in the work of a fourth-century Cappadocian bishop, is the definitive rebuttal of the false charges laid by those 19th-century atheistic humanists who declared the God of the Bible the enemy of human maturation, and sought to throw the God of the Bible out of history in the name of human liberation.

The hard fact, which confronts us daily, is that the degraded humanism of our time—which has been deeply influenced by 19th-century thinkers like Comte, Feuerbach, Marx, and Nietzsche (while rarely rising to their level of intellectual sophistication)—has dumbed down the very

idea of the human. On this view, each of us is simply a twitching bundle of desires; all of those desires are equal; the achievement of those desires is the full meaning of happiness and fulfillment; and the role of the state is to clear the path to the satisfaction of our desires. But there is nothing mature here, nothing noble, nothing truly human. This is infantilism, and when it becomes cultural common wisdom it leads to any number of horrors—including, to take a local example, Kermit Gosnell and his slaughterhouse of the innocent unborn.

In challenging this dumbed-down, degraded, and ultimately lethal concept of the human person, the Catholic Church must always recall the teaching of the Second Vatican Council in paragraph 22 of the *Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*: On the holy face of Christ, we meet both the Father of mercies and the truth about our humanity. Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, reveals the full dignity and eternal destiny of the human person—and

in affirming Jesus as Lord, as in celebrating the Solemnity of his Ascension, we affirm that this human stuff of which we are made now lives within the life of the Trinity, within the life of God.

We are made for glory, not simply for transient satisfaction. We are made for God, and God has so entered into our lives through the sacraments that we can, with St. Basil the Great, speak about our being divinized. By reminding the world Church of the great theme of “theosis” among the Eastern Fathers, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the other Eastern Catholic Churches help the world Church lift postmodern humanity out of the playpen of self-absorption, as Catholicism calls the twenty-first century to live in the truth that we are far, far greater than we think—not because of our merits, but because of our redemption.

And then there is the gift of converting culture. Despite the burdens of the office, John Paul II had some

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fun being pope, and I think he rarely had more fun than when he named Sts. Cyril and Methodius the co-patrons of Europe along with St. Benedict. That gesture was yet another way of John Paul reminding the world Church that the Christian East had much to teach the Christian West—in this particular case, about the inculturation of the gospel. That the brothers from Thessaloniki initiated the process that led to what we now know as Old Church Slavonic was not only a shrewd tactical move in evangelizing the Slavic peoples; it was a culture-shaping initiative that displayed the Church’s capacity to preserve and develop what is best in a people’s heritage. It was also a demonstration of the true catholicity or universality of the Church, which until then had imagined there to be only three languages suitable for the things of God: Hebrew, Latin, and Greek. When Pope Nicholas I received the Slavic Scriptures from Cyril and Methodius and placed them on the altar of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, Catholicism took a giant step toward being more fully “catholic.” And an

essential link between the “two lungs” of what we would eventually know as the civilization of Europe was forged.

This mission of healing and converting culture has been continued in our time by the foundation of the Ukrainian Catholic University—an institution of higher learning explicitly dedicated to the healing of a culture of mistrust and corruption caused by the totalitarian disasters of the 20th century. UCU is not a credential mill, although the credentials it grants its students are perhaps the most respected in the country. It is not just a place for punching one’s ticket to a well-paying job. It is a genuine community, where students and faculty together are building the kind of culture of truth, goodness, and honesty that can sustain a free and prosperous Ukraine in the future. Cyril and Methodius would, I’m sure, be pleased; so would Andrey Sheptytsky and Josyf Slipyj, as the world Church looks, as I hope it will, to the Ukrainian Catholic University for a model of what a genuinely Catholic university can be, and to the Greek



Catholic Church of Ukraine for an example of what it means to be a public Church, a culture-forming Church, that is not a partisan Church.

And fifth, there is the gift of the Holy Spirit. That must sound a little odd, as we know that the Spirit was given to the entire Church. But it is no secret that Latin-rite Catholicism tends to be, de facto if not doctrinally, binitarian, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost—and then largely forgetting the Spirit for another year. Western theology’s focus on the will may have played a part in this tacit forgetting that it is only in the Spirit that we can say “Jesus is Lord.” But as St. Gregory of Nyssa put it, there is no part of Christian faith that is

“not covered by the Holy Spirit. That is why the confession of the Son’s Lordship is made in the Holy Spirit by those who receive him, the Spirit coming....to all those who approach the Son in faith.”

St. Thomas Aquinas taught Latin-rite Christianity that, for God to end the world, God would not have to do something; God would have to stop doing something. That sustaining creativity of God is the Holy Spirit, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* cites the Byzantine liturgy, the Troparion of Morning Prayer for Sundays of the second mode, to make the point: “It belongs to

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the Holy Spirit to rule, sanctify, and animate creation. For he is God, consubstantial with the Father and the Son... Power over life pertains to the Spirit, for being God he preserves creation in the Father through the Son.”

The Holy Spirit is also the bond of unity within the Church—a bond that, whatever its expressions in human solidarity and friendship, is, in essence, divine, because it is a work of grace. The Eastern Catholic Churches’ intense consciousness of the Holy Spirit thus reminds the rest of the world Church that the Church is not of our making but of God’s, and that when we make the Church in our own image and by our own lights we make a mess—or worse.

And while this list of gifts could be extended, let me conclude by citing *the gift of the Fathers as a great Eastern Catholic patrimony that is crucial in the ongoing reform of the world Church.* Western Christianity suffers today from “presentitis,” too often misconstruing Vatican II’s call to discern

the “signs of the times” as a summons to imitate contemporary culture and accommodate to its mores. Eastern Christianity, by contrast, lives, worships, and thinks in a spiritual world in which Athanasius and John Chrysostom, Gregory Nazianzen and Basil, Gregory of Nyssa and Maximos the Confessor are vibrant, living presences, not books on a library shelf. From these great Eastern teachers of the Church, the entire world Church of the twenty-first century can learn the skills of expository preaching: preaching that begins with the conviction that the Word of God, the Logos, lives in the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures; preaching that invites the People of God to see the world through biblical lenses. And that kind of seeing is essential to curing the self-absorbed myopia of postmodernity and the moral astigmatism that defines wrongs as rights.

Eastern Catholicism’s immersion in the Fathers also teaches the world Church to practice the ecumenism of time, giving a voice in the current deliberations of the Church to those

who have gone before, and whose theology and preaching have passed the test of time in proving their spiritual fecundity. At a moment when too much of the Church in the West imagines that theology began anew some two hundred years ago—or even some fifty years ago—such that what went before is of only antiquarian interest, the gift of the Fathers is a precious offering from the Eastern Catholic Churches to all of Catholicism, even as that patristic heritage is the foundation on which the theological development of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and other Eastern Catholic communities unfolds.

Finally, what of the future?

I believe the basic challenge facing the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the Eastern Catholic Churches throughout the United States is identical to the challenge faced by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the rest of Latin-rite Catholicism in this land: the challenge of living what John Paul II called the “New Evangelization.”

Living the New

Evangelization begins with recognizing that the days when Catholic faith was transmitted by ethnic or cultural heritage are over in the West, including the United States. Thirty years from now, perhaps twenty, no one living the life of a Latin-rite Catholic in America is going to answer the question, “Why are you a Catholic?” by answering, “Because my great-grandmother was born in County Cork...” Or the south of Bavaria. Or Palermo. Or Guadalajara. Or Cracow. Or Lisieux. Or in rural Portugal or Spain. Similarly, no Ukrainian Greek Catholic of the mid-twenty-first century is going to be able to answer the question “Why are you a Catholic?” by reference to their Ukrainian grandparents or great-grandparents, their suffering, and their faith. Those days are over.

Why? Because we live in a culture that is not neutral to the faith but hostile to the faith. And because that is the cultural air that surrounds us and which we cannot help inhaling, Catholicism by

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osmosis—Catholicism conveyed by ethnic or cultural inheritance, “DNA Catholicism,” if you will—is finished. The Catholicism of the future, whether it draws its liturgy, spirituality, and polity from the Christian West or the Christian East, will be a Catholicism that is deliberately chosen and embraced, not a Catholicism that is inherited. And Catholicism will only be chosen and embraced when it is offered and proposed.

That means that this Archeparchy and its suffragans, like the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the entire Latin-rite Church throughout the United States, must become once again a missionary enterprise: a Church in which everyone understands himself or herself to be a missionary disciple who was given the Great Commission at baptism; a Church in which every one of those missionary disciples understands that he or she is entering “mission territory” every day—at home, at work, in the neighborhood, in our lives as citizens, and in our lives as consumers.

This “evangelical” way of being Catholic is that to which the Second Vatican Council, as authoritatively interpreted by John Paul II and Benedict XVI, summoned the world Church. It is the Church that has heard John Paul II’s call, when closing the Great Jubilee of 2000, to “put out into the deep” (Luke 5.4): to leave the shallow and brackish waters of institutional maintenance and sail into the oft-turbulent waters of the postmodern world for a great catch. It is the Church that has heeded the call of Pope Francis to missionary discipleship in *Evangelii Gaudium*. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church brings to that global enterprise all the modern experience and all the ancient gifts I’ve outlined here; it also offers the world Church a living example of the truth that the only Catholicism that can attract 21st-century men and women to friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ and incorporation into his body, the Church, is Catholicism-in-full.

Those who kept the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church alive in Ukraine when it was the largest

illegal and underground religious community in the world did not do so by preaching or practicing what I call “Catholic Lite.” They may have been deprived of their churches and schools; but no one could take the full symphony of Catholic truth away from them. That symphony empowered the heroic sacrifice that has recreated the Church in Ukraine, and that should inspire the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of this Archeparchy and its suffragans.

Perhaps the greatest challenge you will face as a Church of the New Evangelization is the challenge of inspiring young people to embrace friendship with the Lord Jesus, who is the answer to the question that is every human life. In the new Metropolitan of Philadelphia and in His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, the Major-Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych, however, you have been blessed with shepherds and leaders with long experience of forming living and vibrant Christian communities among young people, often under very difficult material circumstances.

Here in the United States, of course, the issue is not material resources; it is vision and will. The Venerable Andrey Sheptytsky and the Servant of God Josyf Slipyj were men of vision and will. Through their intercession, and inspired by their example, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Philadelphia and its sister churches throughout the United States can be a true light to the nations, setting the world ablaze with the fire of the Spirit, healing a wounded culture, and offering 21st-century humanity a noble vision of human possibility that leads to genuine beatitude through friendship with Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord and King of the Universe. Glory be to him forever.

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Sunday, June 2, 2019 - Vespers



**Hierarchical Vespers
Presiding: Archbishop-emeritus
Stefan Soroka**

Sunday, June 2, 2019 - Mission Days



Mission Days Reflection in preparation for Pentecost by Most Rev. Theodore Martyniuk

Monday, June 3, 2019 - Matins



**Matins
Presiding:
Most Rev. Taras Senkiv**



Monday, June 3, 2019 - Divine Liturgy



**Divine Liturgy
Presiding: Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM**



Monday, June 3, 2019 - Vespers



**Hierarchical Vespers with Lytia
Presiding: Most Rev. Bohdan Danylo**



Monday, June 3, 2019

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA PROCLAIMS HEART TO HEART WEEK IN HONOR OF NEW ARCHBISHOP-METROPOLITAN

On Monday June 3, 2019 the City of Philadelphia and the City Council marked the beginning of a new era in the life of the Ukrainian-American Catholic community in America and the enthronement of Archbishop-Metropolitan Borys Gudziak.

Archbishop Gudziak suggested that the beginning of his Ministry embody the embrace of "Heart to Heart" and the City responded with a Proclamation and Citation dedicating the week of June 2, 2019 through June 9, 2019 as "Heart to Heart Week". Thus did the Spiritual embrace the Temporal in the City of Brotherly Love.

In the Chambers of City Council, Council members joined in the reading of the Citation to Archbishop Borys Gudziak, which was followed by the reading of the Proclamation, signed by Mayor James Kenny and read by City Councilman Allan Domb. The Proclamation in part stated "Philadelphia is proud to have a



Photo: (Holding Citation and Proclamation (Left to Right) Councilman Allan Domb; Eugene Luciw; Councilman David Oh; Ulana Mazurkevich; Archbishop-Metropolitan (Emeritus) Stefan Soroka; Councilman Derek Green; Archbishop-Metropolitan Borys Gudziak; Councilman Al Taubenberg; Very Reverend Michael Hutsko; Councilwoman Helen Gym; Councilman Mark Squilla

dedicated Ukrainian-American population (and) a major aspect of this vibrant culture is their faith, which brings so much strength, unity and sense of community to those living in our City. Philadelphia is fortunate and thankful to have so many people that provide wonderful spiritual guidance and commends the evolving ways they serve our

residents' many needs". " I James F. Kenny, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia , do hereby proclaim the week of Sunday June 2 to Sunday June 9 2019 to be Heart to Heart Week in Philadelphia and congratulate Archbishop Gudziak on this impressive opportunity to lead the Ukrainian-American Catholic

community in our city and the region and wish everyone a joyous week as they welcome this new spiritual leader to our area."

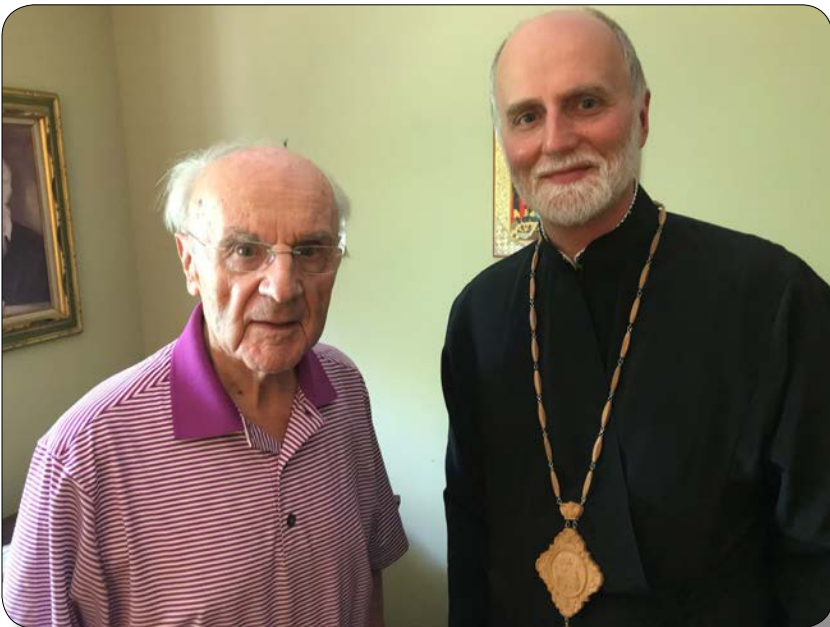
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Article submitted by: Ulana Baluch Mazurkevich

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On Monday, June 3, Metropolitan-emeritus Stefan Soroka and Metropolitan-nominated Borys Gudziak visited Metropolitan-emeritus Stephen Sulyk.
(Photo credit: Metropolitan-emeritus Stefan Soroka)



Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Enthronement

RITE OF ENTHRONEMENT



Photo: His Beatitude Sviatoslav and the Apostolic Nuncio in the United States Christopher Pierre led the Liturgy with the ceremony of enthronement. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

Bishop: Your Beatitude, by the mercy of God and the blessing of His Holiness Francis, Pope of Rome, here stands before you the Most Reverend Archbishop Borys to be enthroned on the see of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Patriarch: Archbishop Borys, as the Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, I have the authority to enthrone you on the see of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Let the decrees be read. The bishop reads the decrees.

Patriarch: In accord with ecclesiastical canons, I ask that you declare the Confession of Faith.

Symbol of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation,

He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life, Who proceeds

from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the age to come. Amen.

Patriarch: Let us give thanks to God.

Protodeacon: Let us pray to the Lord.

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Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Patriarch: O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God! In Your ineffable mercy, You sent the Spirit, Your Advocate, from the Father upon Your disciples and apostles, and through them established and strengthened the Church throughout the world. We pray to You, O All-Gracious Master, look down from the heavens upon Your servant, the archbishop Borys, who is being enthroned on the see of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and grant him wisdom and knowledge, impart the spirit of the fear of God

into his heart, the spirit of piety and zeal for the glory of Your Holy Name, that he may complete the work of ministry for Your Holy Church; for, You are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to You, + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever, and ever.

Choir: Amen.

Bishop: Archbishop Borys is enthroned on the see of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and let all lawful authority over spiritual and temporal matters be handed over to him.



Photo: Patriarch Sviatoslav gives Metropolitan Borys the pectoral cross.

Patriarch: I enthrone you on the see of

the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and entrust to you, in the name of Christ's Church, the flock that you are to govern by the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who laid down His life for the sheep that he may stand before your throne and give a good account of his service to Christ our Lord.

The Patriarch gives Metropolitan Borys the pectoral cross.

Patriarch: Axios!

Choir: Axios! Thrice.



Photo: His Beatitude Sviatoslav congratulates the newly enthroned Metropolitan Borys Gudziak (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Enthronement

The Enthronement of Most Reverend Borys Gudziak: A Layperson's Perspective

Philadelphia, PA - As a school girl in 1958, I sat in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (the old one) waiting to welcome the first Metropolitan Archbishop of the United States, the Most Reverend Constantine Bohachevsky. Fast forward to 2019. No longer a school girl, I am again sitting in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception awaiting with much anticipation the enthronement of the seventh Metropolitan Archbishop of the United States, the Most Reverend Borys Gudziak. Bishop Borys was recommended by the Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in September 2018, and appointed as Metropolitan and Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia by Pope Francis on February 18, 2019 to officially take canonical possession of the Archeparchy on June 4, 2019. This day will be remembered as a milestone date in the history of Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy

of Philadelphia and our Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Sitting in church, I reflected how our society and its mores and moral attitudes have changed since 1958. How will our new Metropolitan handle these changes as they affect our church? A daunting task, to say the least.

Even though it's two hours before the start of the ceremony, there are already many people inside the cathedral and even more outside. Some waiting patiently and some rather impatiently to be admitted inside. A huge screen television is set up outside to accommodate the overflow of the hundreds of people that are expected.

By ten o'clock, the cathedral is rapidly filling and the atmosphere is heightened and joyous. Personally, I am very excited and grateful to be a part for this truly historic day of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. Finally, the liturgical procession begins and it is awe



Bishop Bohdan Dzyurakh read the decree of appointment of Metropolitan Gudziak in Ukrainian and Bishop Andriy Rabyi read it in English.



inspiring. It is led by a seminarian, Bohdan Vasylyv, followed by members of Plast and SUMA. The Knights of Columbus in their regalia add to the celebratory mood. Next come approximately

50 bishops from the Ukrainian Catholic, Eastern Catholic, Latin Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox churches, 125 priests, 11 deacons and 70 religious. I am

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delighted to see Most Reverend Bishop Basil Losten, and of course, His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Stefan Soroka.

It was gratifying to see His Excellency Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan and His Excellency Charles Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia taking part in our Ukrainian Catholic celebration. How different it was during the time of Bishop Soter Ortynsky and Father John Wolansky, when our Ukrainian church was not accepted by the Latin rite bishops even though we were always in communion with the Holy See!

Many of us expected to see Bishop Borys processing alone. He was, of course, the man of the hour. I was surprised when I realized that he was walking with all the bishops. What a humble man, I thought.

The last in the procession was His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk who blessed the congregation while the choir sang, "May the name of the Lord be

blessed forever".

The Rite of Enthronement began almost immediately with the Papal Nuncio reading the Papal Bull, which is the official proclamation from the pope that as of June 4, 2019 Bishop Borys Gudziak becomes Metropolitan Archbishop of the Philadelphia Archeparchy. The new Metropolitan accepted the Bull, held it for all to see and was rewarded with warm applause. Bishop Bohdan Dzyurakh read the decree of appointment of Metropolitan Gudziak in Ukrainian and Bishop Andriy Rabyi read it in English. Next, the new Metropolitan was asked to declare his faith by reciting the Apostles Creed. It is only then that the new Metropolitan was formally enthroned as the Metropolitan of the Philadelphia Archeparchy. He was presented with the pectoral cross and the Archbishop's staff by His Beatitude and was admonished to govern by the example of Jesus Christ. The priests of the Philadelphia Archeparcy came forward to pledge their obedience to the

new Metropolitan by kissing his hand, kissing his omophorian on his right shoulder and the epigonation, which is a rectangular part of the bishops' vestments. In a dramatic ecumenical gesture, Metropolitan Borys got up and went to the other side of the church to greet the Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan, His Eminence Antony. As a lay person, I found the ceremony to be not only beautiful but also very moving. That sentiment was shared by everyone.

The Divine Liturgy began with His Beatitude Sviatoslav and His Excellency Christophe Pierre as the main celebrants. The concelebrating clergy included His Grace Metropolitan Borys, His Eminence Cardinal Dolan, His Excellency Charles Chaput, His Grace Archbishop Emeritus Stefan Soroka as well as the deans of the Archeparchy.

I must mention that the responses were sung beautifully in English and Ukrainian by the combined

choirs of the parishes of the Philadelphia Archeparchy under the direction of Mr. Bohdan Henhalo and Mr. Stephen Szyszka as the music organizer.

His Beatitude based his homily on the Gospel of St. John. As the Holy Ghost helped the Apostles in strengthening their faith and helping them in their mission, so, if asked, He will help our New Metropolitan in his momentous journey leading our church. His Beatitude wishes our church to continue being the heart of our Ukrainian community and to be united with the church in Ukraine.

Everyone was waiting with great anticipation for His Grace Borys' first homily as Metropolitan. No one was disappointed. He came down, stood in front of the tetrapod and spoke directly to the people. He expressed his gratitude to his parents, teachers and to God for his call to the priesthood. He spoke of those in the world and in our community who are

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marginalized through illness or physical handicaps. He promised to be their advocate. As an example, a mother with a child in a wheelchair was brought to where he stood. He said to the child that this is your cathedral and I will always be here for you. His words were so emotional that it truly was a "From Heart to Heart" moment. He continued to say that our church was supposed to be destroyed but it survived with the help of God and the Holy Spirit and promised to do his best to see that our church continues to flourish.

The celebration continued with remarks and greetings from the Ambassador from Ukraine to the United States, His Excellency Valeriy Chaly and the President of Ukrainian World Congress, Mr. Pavlo Grod. His Excellency pledged to help both the Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox Church in America and expressed his joy at seeing how much the Ukrainian language and culture thrive in the United States. Mr. Grod wished

Metropolitan Borys and our church God's blessings and offered him his assistance.

Bishop Andriy thanked everyone for their help in making this memorable day a success and the celebration concluded with the singing of the Prayer for Ukraine, Bozhe Velykyj and God Bless America.

I was very fortunate to meet some very interesting people from all over the US, Canada and Europe who came to be a part of church history. Rev. Yuriy Lishchynsky traveled from Senlis, France, the home of Anna Yaroslavna, the Queen of France. Father Yuriy, pastor of Ss. Borys and Hlib, was ordained by Bishop Borys and served as his chancellor. He is saddened to lose his mentor and beloved bishop but is proud and happy that one of "us" was chosen to lead the church in America. His parting words were, "Your gain is our loss".

Oksana from Ohio expressed that the new Metropolitan will face many challenges. A

dwindling number of church memberships, and closing of churches and schools will have to be addressed. However, she believes that His Grace Borys is up for the challenge and wishes him "Mnohaya Lita".

Reverend Paul Makar, pastor of St. Nicholas in Minersville, PA, had this to say: "I am very impressed with the Metropolitan. He is highly educated and brings to the table a lot of practical experience as evidenced by his work with the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. He inspires loyalty for the church and for himself. I believe there will be changes but they will be for the better."

I also had the pleasure to speak with the Most Reverend Bishop Bohdan Dzyurakh from Kyiv who serves as Secretary of the Ukrainian Synod of Bishops. Bishop Bohdan said that he and the entire church rejoices in the choice of Metropolitan, a man of compassion and deep faith. The bishop joked that the only people who are unhappy are the

clergy and the faithful of the Eparchy of St. Wolodymyr in Paris who lost their revered Shepherd who was one of them for the last seven years.

Very Rev. Archpriest John Fields, Director of Communications, stated that as a priest he welcomes his new spiritual father and hierarch. Metropolitan Archbishop Borys, a humble, prayerful, spiritual teacher and leader, blessed with so many gifts and talents, becomes for us and our church a gift of the Holy Spirit for which we are grateful to Almighty God.

Driving home, I thought of the following psalm, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it". Yes, indeed. This was the day that the Lord has made. May we continue to rejoice and be glad.

(Adapted from the article by..)

Myroslawa Mazurok Hill

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Enthronement

If you have tasted how good is the Lord – walk straight and bear witness, Metropolitan of Philadelphia Borys Gudziak

Thursday, June 6, 2019

“I would love to express my joy before you and God, peace and gratitude for trust: trust of Pope, the synod of Bishops, priests and all of you”, Borys Gudziak, metropolitan of Philadelphia referred to the faithful during the enthronement ceremony on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

He considers that we must stand together. Besides, we need to feel God in our hearts and amongst us. Furthermore, when we open our hearts for God’s grace – a miracle can happen.

“Children of this Church, we have no right to leave testimony of our faith. Go and testify, listen to your hearts and help Church to be restored. Let us renew ourselves without complaints and envy. Pray every morning and night, and it will change your life, a prayer will restore your life with hope”, metropolitan Borys invoked.

Certainly, firstly one needs to open his heart in order to hear hearts of others. We feel God who is present amongst us and loves us. It is worth feeling it.

‘Let us receive an invitation from our Lord. Renew ourselves! Without complaints and envy. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is open for everyone”, metropolitan of Philadelphia Borys Gudziak pointed out.

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Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Enthronement

METROPOLITAN BORYS GUDZIAK: GO AND TESTIFY, LISTEN TO YOUR HEARTS AND HELP CHURCH REVIVE ITSELF

June 4, 2019

At the end of the enthronement ceremony, the new Metropolitan of Philadelphia appealed to several thousand believers who arrived on 4 June to the Cathedral of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Philadelphia, PA not only from the USA but also from Ukraine, France, Belgium, Germany, Canada, to congratulate Archbishop Borys Gudziak.

"I want to express my gratitude to Pope Francis, Synod of Bishops of the UGCC for their trust. Thank you all. I am grateful for everything that was done in my life, to my parents, my teachers... Thanks to all the bishops, priests and faithful for starting together. Thank you, Lord, the Holy Spirit and the Church who have called me to the Ministry," Metropolitan Borys addressed those present at the enthronement ceremony.



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METROPOLITAN BORYS GUDZIAK: GO AND TESTIFY, LISTEN TO YOUR HEARTS AND HELP CHURCH REVIVE ITSELF

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His speech was sincere and simple. The Metropolitan came up to a little girl in a wheelchair: "Andriana, know that this is your Church, you are always welcome here." He singled out a young nun among the thousands of faithful and expressed hope for new vocations because then the Church will be alive and effective.

Archbishop Borys noted that the theme "from heart to heart" is what unites all of us because when we are together and open our hearts to each other a miracle will happen."

"The children of this Church, we have no right not to testify our faith. Go and testify, listen to your hearts, and help the Church revive itself. We will revive all of us, without complaints, without jealousy. Pray every morning and evening - and it will change your

life. Prayer will renew your life with hope," Metropolitan Borys called on the faithful.

The Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, Valeriy Chaly, who attended the ceremony of enthronement called it "the greatest of all, which he visited: "a great delegation of politicians and public figures know about your activities around the world. I want to thank you for the common cause of cherishing the Ukrainian

language and culture, Ukraine, which is in every heart. I am proud of all the Churches that bring faith to Ukrainians in America. I am happy that, as an Ambassador, I have the honor to help as a diplomat in a common cause - it is peace, a normal life based on the right values. This is important now that Ukraine is under attack by those who are now going the wrong way. I hope that together we will make Ukrainians feel that faith

helps them to overcome all the differences that are between them now, and together we come to the dream that we all have. I have attended nine presidential inaugurations, but this enthronement ceremony is the greatest.»

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Combined Choir under the direction of Mr. Bohdan Henhalo and Mr. Stephen Szyzka as the music organizer

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Enthronement



Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Enthronement

Natalya Fedun: "We need to be attentive to people with special needs in order to become better versions of ourselves"

On June 4, thousands of pilgrims were welcomed during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Ceremony of Enthronement of Archbishop Borys Gudziak at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Bishops, priests, representatives of monastic orders, and faithful came from different corners of the United States of America, Europe, and Ukraine. Among them - Natalya Fedun-Wojcickij with her 23-year-old daughter Adriana, who uses a wheelchair. They overcame a difficult journey from Passaic to welcome the new Metropolitan, to pray together and testify to all the faithful of the Philadelphia Archeparchy and guests about God's infinite and all-encompassing love.

"This week we are moving forward with a theme 'heart to heart', - said Archbishop Borys in his enthronement speech, inviting Natalia and Adriana into a middle of the Cathedral. "Adriana has a big-big

heart, and Jesus fills it. Some people might think that she is poor, and some people might put her on the sidelines. But that's exactly where Jesus goes. He goes to those on the margins. And that where we need to be as bishops, as priests, as Christians. And that's where we will go - where the need is greatest. But we need to go together".

After thanking Adriana that she responded to his invitation, as they just met several days before in Hunter, Archbishop Borys said: "You will help us, Adriana. We put you in the middle. Not only today. I would like you to know that this is your Cathedral, and you are always welcome here. The Lord loves you infinitely. I ask you to pray for me and for all of us so that we have the freedom you have. "

Natalya Fedun, mother of Adriana, shared her story how she, Adriana and their family experienced Philadelphia events.

"It's not easy to get on



the road with a child with the special needs. It's hard to go by bus, and then find a place to park, so we did not plan to go for the enthronement event to Philadelphia. When I learned that there was a wedding of Archbishop's niece in the church in the mountains where we have a cabin, we decided with Adriana that we would pray there, congratulate the young couple and the bishop, and we would not need to go to Philadelphia", she says.

They did as they planned.

"Archbishop Borys saw Adriana, and when everyone was gone, he blessed her. I told

him that, unfortunately, we could not come (to the Enthronement), and therefore I congratulated him in advance. And then the bishop turned to the Adriana and invited her personally. He invited her! We, of course, thanked him, but I still had no hope that we would be able to make it. Everybody was convincing me that it was not possible, " Natalia continues.

"But Adriana made sounds, and asked me to go to the enthronement. I told her: "You sleep on it, and tomorrow if you (are in a good) mood and have strength, we

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Natalya Fedun: "We need to be attentive to people with special needs in order to become better versions of ourselves"

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will go." But she decided! She always wants to be in movement. "

Natalia said that they had experienced something similar two years ago when they decided with their family, her husband Stefan and son Marko, who, like the rest of the family, are members of Plast, to go to jubilee jamboree in Germany. They stopped in Rome and there, during the audience, Pope Francis blessed Adriana. "When he put his hand on her head for a blessing, Adriana exploded with a sound that I never heard before from her."

The same thing happened in the Philadelphia Cathedral. " Archbishop Borys spoke to Adriana. And even gave her a microphone. She felt his love and reacted to his words. Other people do not understand, but Adriana has special sounds that express joy and other sounds that express sadness and pain. Adriana answered Archbishop Borys with joy."

"I've listened to his speech maybe ten times already. And every time I discover something new,

" says Natalia, adding that when Adriana hears it, she also reacts actively and positively.

"If we did not come to the Enthronement, then this would have been a completely different sermon," she says. "I am glad that the Archbishop put Adriana in the middle of the church, in the heart of his enthronement address, not because she is my child, but because the weak teach us that God loves us. We need to pay attention to people with special needs in order to become better versions of ourselves."

Natalia noted the positive changes that occurred in the perception of people almost immediately: "Often strangers look at us trying to turn a blind eye to Adriana, pretend to be fenced off. We came out of the Cathedral, and dozens of people approached us. This time, people looked at us, paid attention to Adriana and seemed to understand better that she was as everybody else, that they could talk to her." Although Adriana does not speak, she understands everything, both in Ukrainian and

in English, her mother explains.

"The Archbishop made us visible," she concludes. - "It is so important for us to realize that the Lord loves us all. Not only those who can speak or walk. "

"Archbishop Borys asked Adriana to pray for him that he would have her freedom. Some can say, these are strange words because what freedom does she have, she is completely dependent on us, she cannot walk or speak... But truly she has her inner freedom, she views everything positively and it affects other people and they reflect her positivity.

"We are all God's children. We sometimes do not understand why this or that happens to us. Our son was five years old, we brought him to the party and a little girl asked why his older sister was like that. And he replied in childish simplicity: "Because God made her this way." Indeed, we do not understand. But when we look at those who are in need, we understand that the world is not about material

achievements, intellectual accomplishments or victories, and for those - weaker, sick, less gifted - there is no hope. That's not true - there is hope. If we are together. "

"Marko grew up and often says he has no strength to go to church. Then I give him an example from Plast: as we try to light a fire, for one person it's hard, but if we put all the sparks together, then the bonfire is amazing. The same is true for many other things: if we accept everybody and work together, then we see big changes. Then miracles happen."

Natalia said that for the family in the United States and in Ukraine, everything that happened was perceived as a sign. "His Beatitude Joseph Slipyj, who was our distant uncle, called us to help the Church to recover. Archbishop Borys is his disciple, and in 100 years it is he who puts Adriana in front, in the middle. We are moved. Everything that has been said and experienced stays with us."

Adapted from an article by Mariana Karapinka

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 - Reception

The Reception was held on the grounds of the Ukrainian American Citizens' Association



Bria Blessing was a performer at the reception

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 - Encounter of Religious and Clergy



Wednesday, June 5, 2019 - Clergy Conference

UGCC HEAD IN PHILADELPHIA: WE EXPECT REVIVAL FOR OUR CHURCH IN AMERICA, NOT "SWEET DEATH"

June 6, 2019

As part of the celebrations of the enthronement of Archbishop Borys Gudziak as head of the Archeprarchy of Philadelphia, Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Metropolitan Borys, bishops and clergy of the Philadelphia Archeprarchy held a meeting on June 5.

It is reported by the Information Department of the UGCC.

At the beginning of the meeting, His Grace Borys thanked everyone for their participation in the Liturgy and the enthronement ceremony, which took place on June 4, and thanked them for their prayer. He said special words of gratitude to His Beatitude Sviatoslav both for his presence at the celebrations and for the leadership of the Church, "it was not always the case that peace and harmony reign in the Church."

The head of the UGCC noted in his speech that this meeting was planned not to say something to the priests, but to listen to them. Therefore, he invited the participants to a sincere brotherly conversation.

"We all hope that our Church in America will enter a new stage in its history, and I would like it so much to be a period of renewal. But this renewal is impossible without collaboration. Therefore, taking this opportunity, I want to invite everyone to a joint discussion to search for ways of development," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

"I have repeatedly heard that there is no vision of the future of our Church on this continent and we need to prepare for the "sweet death". But I object. For we are called not to kill, but to build, to develop. Therefore, let us think together what to do, how to act so that we have life," said the Head of the UGCC.

Thus, a truly brotherly and sincere conversation took place. The spiritual leaders raised the question of the language of worship and the language of the Church and whether it is necessary to be Ukrainian to be a member of the UGCC. They also spoke about the priests' zeal, about their active service not only of the liturgies, but also about their activities in other areas of parish life. According to the priests, it is also important to feel the guidance of the bishop, which is based not on the administrative, but on the parental approach. Another aspect is the issue of internal solidarity.

After all those willing took floor, His Beatitude Sviatoslav said the final word. He thanked the priests for their service to God, the Church and the people for choosing this mission and this ministry. "Today, I want to thank you on behalf of your mother Church, to whom you have dedicated your life. I want to thank you

for your work, for all that you give for the good of God's people," said the Head of the UGCC" He also asked the pastors to read the book of the blessed Martyr Yemelyan Kovch Why Do Our People Run Away From Us?

The meeting ended with the presentation of the pastoral plan of the diocese of St. Volodymyr in France, which had been developed throughout several years during joint discussions, discussions of the clergy and laity of this diocese.

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Wednesday, June 5, 2019 - Clergy Conference

Archbishop Borys Gudziak spoke to the priests of the Philadelphia Archeparchy with one proposal and one request

June 7, 2019

Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan of Philadelphia, made a proposal and one request to the priests of the Philadelphia Archeparchy. He said this during his meeting with the clergy of the archeparchy, held on June 5 in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. The participants of this meeting were His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Father and the Head of the UGCC, and the bishops of the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC.

First of all, the Metropolitan said that he would try to encourage priests of the archeparchy to develop their skills. "I would like to have a whole program for the development of spiritual life and the improvement of qualifications of priests with scholarships, with various opportunities to go somewhere, to have some kind of pilgrimage, to see something," said Archbishop Borys.

According to the Metropolitan, we today, as a global Church, can not live in our hiding places. We should contact each other. "I would like all priests of the Philadelphia Archeparchy to have friendly relations with the parishes of other dioceses," he added.

The Archbishop expressed his readiness to help the priests travel to UGCC parishes in Kazakhstan, Donbas or

any other territory of Ukraine, the countries of the European Union so that they could see the life of Greek Catholics in different circumstances.

"When we meet people in need, our faith grows. According to such a principle, we will grow in the faith," added the Archbishop.

And the request of Archbishop Borys: that every priest should have a spiritual cleric,

a spiritual leader, who will help to bear all the difficulties of pastoral ministry.

The UGCC Department for Information

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Photo: Teresa Siwak

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 - Religious Conference - Fox Chase, PA

Conference held on the grounds of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great.
(Photos: Kathy Notarfrancesco)



Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM and Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM



Thursday, June 6, 2019 - Washington

"Heart to Heart" Program Continues in Washington, DC

Washington, DC - Gudziak, and His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk. On Thursday, June 6, 2019, the fifth day of the "Heart to Heart" Program, the day began with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk at 8 AM at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family parish. Responses to the Hierarchical Divine were sung by the Ukrainian Catholic University Choir.

The Conference was divided into three panels. The first panel was the "Heart to Heart" Panel with Rev. Dr. Andriy Chirovsky, Dr. Julie Dezelski, Rev. Mark Morozowich, Dr. Susan Timoney, and Dr. Robin Darling Young. The second panel was the "Unity" Panel with Rev. Dr. Stefanos Alexopoulos, Ms. Maria Munoz-Visoso, Rev. Dr. Peter Galadza, Mr. Paul Grod, Rev. Dr. Thomas Pott, and Rev. Dr. Bohdan Prach. The third panel was the "Youth Panel" with words from Julian Hayda, Kyle Hayes, Kylyna Kurochka, Fr. Joseph Matlak, Deacon Daniel Galadza, Cyril Kennedy and Subdeacon Alex Bricki.



Following the Conference was Vespers at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family and a Reception and Banquet held in the Parish Hall.



The Banquet began with a welcome by Very Rev. Robert Hitchens, Rector of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington, DC, and the Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Michael Sawkiw, Director of Ukrainian National Information Service. An opening prayer was offered by His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk. The toast was given by Dr. Robin Darling Young, Associate Professor of Spirituality at Catholic University of America. Very Rev. Dr. Mark Morozowich, Dean of The School of Theology and Religious Studies at Catholic University of America, made the announcement about a generous five-million dollar donation by Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten for the Ukrainian Church Studies Center at Catholic University of America. There was a standing ovation for Bishop Losten and he offered a reflection. The banquet also included speeches by many others including Ukraine's ambassador to the United States, Valeriy Chaly, President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Andriy Futey, and president of Ukrainian World Congress, Paul Grod. The closing remarks were given by Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak and the Ukrainian Catholic University Choir sang a prayer to conclude the Reception. The Ukrainian Catholic University Choir "Eteria" and "Stritenia" is under the direction of Olena Denys (Melnyk).

Article: Teresa Siwak

Thursday, June 6, 2019 - Divine Liturgy



Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, DC



Thursday, June 6, 2019 - Conference

Ukrainian Catholics discuss future of their church in North America

Mark Pattison

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- Ukrainian Catholics in North America continue to struggle to develop ways to maintain their Ukrainian religious and ethnic identity amid a larger majority culture that beckons with the siren song of assimilation.

The answer may lie in young people, according to Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak, the newly enthroned archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, during a June 6 conference on the future of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in North America that he convoked at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

"It is time to give voice to our young people, to hear them," Gudziak said in introductory remarks during the conference, which was part of an eight-day celebration of his June 4 enthronement in Philadelphia.



Very Rev. Mark Morozowich, (Dean of School of Theology and Religious Studies at Catholic University of America), John Garvey (President of Catholic University of America), His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Bishop-emeritus Basil Losten, Metropolitan Borys Gudziak (Фото: Мар'яна Карапінка, о. Ігор Яців)

His words were echoed by Susan Timoney, an associate professor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at Catholic University.

"Young people are fully invested members of our community today," not at some point in the future, Timoney said.

One takeaway from last October's Synod

of Bishops on "young people, faith and vocational discernment" at the Vatican, was that "our parishes are rightly placed (with) exactly what our young people are searching for," although "we don't always use the same language," she said, adding that "if Jesus were preaching and teaching today, we might think of him as that millennial hipster with

some crazy ideas."

Youth coming together to celebrate also is helpful, according to Timoney, who cited national, regional and local World Youth Day celebrations concurrent with the international World Youth Day as an example. "Young

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people need help with discernment," Timoney said. "They need help to make sense of who they are, and who God wants them to be."

Assimilation into the larger culture is not limited to Ukrainians, said Mar Munoz-Visoso, executive director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

"Among Hispanics, kids are speaking English," Munoz-Visoso said. "They are subject to the same temptations and cultural influence as all of the other kids." What is needed is "to reach out in a way that is meaningful to them," she said.

But discipleship is not to be restricted to one's

own group, she added. "The church in Ukraine is missionary in its own identity," she said. Evangelization should not be limited to just "the ones who speak like me, or look like me, or think like me, but all nations," as Jesus decreed, she added.

Father Peter Galadza, a Ukrainian Catholic priest and theologian, said the Ukrainian liturgical rites hold an appeal to some non-Ukrainians who have joined the Ukrainian church, which like all Eastern Catholic churches, are in communion with Rome. Still there are some Ukrainian Catholics who harbor resentment of non-Ukrainians worshipping with them.

"We will never allow



anyone in our church to look at you and say, 'What are you doing here? You're not Ukrainian,'" said the priest, who is director and professor of liturgy at the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies at the University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto.

There are people who have "an inferiority complex about being Ukrainian," he added, but "we see parishes who refused to even have a homily in English in 40-50 years, and they are suffering today."

Unity is key, Galadza said, but without unity in the pursuit of truth, "your sense of mission is going to be skewed."

A recurring theme of the "From Heart to Heart" conference struck Robin Darling Young, an

associate professor of spirituality at Catholic University professor, as profound, noting it was the motto of Blessed John Henry Newman, the 19th-century Oxford don and Anglican who joined the Catholic Church, became a cardinal, and whose canonization is expected later this year.

Newman probably spotted "cor" - Latin for "heart" - in St. Augustine's "Confessions," Young said, not to mention several biblical passages that refer to the heart.

"Our hearts are not isolates," Young said. "Our hearts are affected by others, and of course by the heart of the Lord."

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"Heart to Heart Panel" (Photo: Teresa Siwak)

Thursday, June 6, 2019 - Vespers



Very Rev. Mark Morozowich

Thursday, June 6, 2019 - Banquet



Honoring Most-Reverend Basil Losten, Bishop-emeritus of the Eparchy of Stamford, for his \$5-million dollar endowment for the Ukrainian Church Studies Center at Catholic University of America. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Friday, June 7, 2019 - Divine Liturgy



Friday, June 7, 2019 - Tour



Tour of US Capitol



Friday, June 7, 2019 Panachyda at Holodomor Memorial

**His Beatitude
Sviatoslav,
Metropolitan Borys,
bishops and clergy
by the monument
dedicated to the
victims of Holodomor
in Washington DC**



Friday, June 7, 2019 - Meeting



**His Beatitude Sviatoslav with His Grace Borys at the annual meeting of the Ukrainian National Credit Union Association held in Washington DC.
(Submitted by Fr. Robert Hitchens)**



**On Friday, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk and His Grace Borys Gudziak addressed the group of leaders and enjoyed lunch.
(Photo: Steve Kerda)**

Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Youth Day

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG US GREEK-CATHOLICS ARRIVE IN PHILADELPHIA TO CELEBRATE DAY OF YOUTH

June 8, 2019

Hundreds of young people gathered in Philadelphia, PA on June 8 for the Day of Youth of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the USA. This event is part of celebrations under the name "Heart to Heart" which takes place in the United States on the occasion of the enthronement of the new Metropolitan of Philadelphia Borys Gudziak.

The celebration began with the Liturgy in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the main Cathedral of the UGCC in the US. The Liturgy was led by Metropolitan Borys Gudziak.

In his speech, addressing the youth in Ukrainian and English, the Metropolitan called them to unity.

"Our community possesses such a wealth – embroidery, songs. We can rise up at the Maidan [major square in Kyiv], but something insignificant



Photo from the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral

can bring in opposition, misunderstanding. Dear young people, we must be together. Know that the Church is with you because the most important thing is faith.

The Lord asks, "Do you love me as much as I love you?" So, let us be together in faith and love for your neighbor, do not focus on the fate of others, do not condemn, be open to communication, have a pure heart and

communicate from heart to heart."

All the young people who came to the celebration were divided into age groups: pre-schoolers, children, youth. Each group had its own Gospel-based program with game elements for the youngest and interesting discussions for the older groups.

"Such events are very necessary. As Taras Shevchenko said:

"Learn from the others, but do not forget things of your own." Parents and children have the opportunity to get acquainted with each other, maintain relationships. Our children have the opportunity to understand that the Ukrainian language is not only the language of communication in the family, it is not only the language spoken by

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father and mother," says Volodymyr who came to the Day of Youth with his wife and two children from New York City.

A member of the youth group Andriana Vaskin, who came to America with her parents three years ago, spoke about the importance of the Day of Youth for the preservation of national and spiritual traditions: "I have already completely integrated in the American society, so it is very important that we have such events in the Church. And they should become annual, traditional. This makes it possible to unite us, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic youth, not to close Ukraine before us, to help us maintain contacts. It works the same way the Ukrainian



Healing Service



The long line for the Healing Service



Bishop Raby posed for a picture with Taras Chubay, a performer at Youth Day.

school works here on Long Island. Americans profess different religions, and we the Ukrainian Greek Catholics are monolithic in our belief".

As part of the celebration of the Day of Youth, the service of healing was held, led by Metropolitan Borys. "Healing may not occur just by itself. We need God [for us] to get healed. This is especially important when a war is ongoing in Ukraine and our military are being killed. Leading someone to healing is a special

mission of the Church," the Metropolitan said in his speech.

After the Service of Healing, the clergy, children with parents and young people walked in a procession from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter where the relics of St. John Neumann rest.

In the evening, young people gathered for the youth evangelization program, after which

Bria Blessing and Taras Chubay performed.

The Day of Youth of the UGCC in the USA ended with a night vigil with Mothers in Prayer.

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Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Youth Day

We need a true fellowship with God and our neighbors, Metropolitan Borys Gudziak on three main highlights of the "From Heart to Heart" celebrations

Saturday, June 8, 2019

The greatest illness of our time is acute loneliness. People are alienated from one another: they do not have anyone to share a piece of bread with... We create distances between generations and want a virtual relationship. And we should build our unity through communication from heart to heart.

The Metropolitan of Philadelphia, Borys Gudziak, said this in a commentary on "Zhyve TV", stating three main points of the "From Heart to Heart" celebrations. Archbishop explained that these accents are genuine dialogue, unity and youth.

"Often in the Church, we are in hierarchical roles, with a perfect language, with words that often become moralistic. People depart from it. It does not give them life. And all people have God in heart and soul,

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Procession



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it's like spiritual DNA," Archbishop Borys is convinced. "God came into the world to be with man. Let's be together! Unity is a great problem of Christianity."

He added that there is a problem of "gaps" between generations. Therefore, it is worth taking care of unity and cherishing it through relationships and meetings.

"Youth is not our future but present! Now time is coming too soon. Only in the last half century, people have changed more than in the previous five thousand years, in particular in their mentality, lifestyle. Therefore, it is very important - to hear the youths, to be with them, to take advantage of their intuition," said Metropolitan Philadelphia Boris Gudziak.

As we reported, on June 2-9 this year, the Philadelphia Archeparchy celebrates the enthronement in the context of the celebratory program "From Heart to

Heart" on the occasion of the enthronement of the seventh Metropolitan of the Philadelphia Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Borys Gudziak. The program takes place with the participation of the Father and Head of the UGCC His Beatitude Sviatoslav and many bishops of the UGCC, numerous clergy, monks and laity.

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Archbishop Gudziak stops during the procession to give a blessing to a special boy

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Processing by Ascension Manor

Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Youth Day

A Heart to Heart Encounter during the Archieparchial Youth Day Procession

On the way back from St. John Neumann Shrine, a religious sister straggled behind with an elderly resident from Ascension Manor. As they were walking along, they greeted a middle-aged woman who was sitting on her porch stoop. She was curious to know what the church procession, which had just passed by her row home, was all about. They explained how the Ukrainian Catholic Church was celebrating the arrival of our newly appointed Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak and that the procession through the neighborhood was part of our Youth Day festivities. She continued to engage them in conversation and quite openly professed that she no longer believed in God, even though she had been received into the Catholic Church as a child.

She politely told them about some of the inhospitable and hurtful incidences she had experienced when seeking help from three different priests. These encounters had left

her bitter and full of resentment towards the faith. Sister tried to express sympathy for what had happened to her and then offered to pray for her intentions. Immediately, she flung up her hands and insisted that she did not want any prayers, but to instead pray for the 97-year-old lady whom she was taking care of, who only had a few weeks to live.

They agreed and were then taken inside the house to the bedridden woman, who they found out was a Roman Catholic from Eastern Europe, who understood Ukrainian. After praying for her, Sister obtained the caregiver's permission to ask a priest to come back with her on another day, so that the woman could be anointed before she died. The two visitors then left, but only after trying to assure the unbelieving caregiver that God truly loved her no matter what. They also told she must have a good heart, because she is doing God's work in caring for the sick. Hearing this,



Processing to St. Peter the Apostle Church and the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia

however, she insisted that although she respected their beliefs, she didn't need God to be a good person!

As Divine Providence would have it, later that evening at the Youth Day BBQ, Sister crossed paths with a one of our Ukrainian Catholic priests, who upon hearing the story of the dying woman, offered to make the sick call. On Pentecost Monday, they were welcomed into the caregiver's home, who seemed quite pleased to see them, and even allowed them to hang a crucifix on the wall.

Father then administered the Divine Mysteries of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion to the ailing woman.

He then listened to the caregiver who freely expressed to him her struggles with the faith. He silently prayed for her to be open to the Holy Spirit and to be delivered from her unbelief. Finally, when we were about to leave, she agreed to pray for her elderly friend, but said she would not pray for herself, because she

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A Heart to Heart Encounter during the Archieparchial Youth Day Procession

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did not want to be a hypocrite. Since she could not remember the words of the Our Father or the Hail Mary, Sister went out to the car, which was parked down the street, to retrieve some prayer cards for her. Upon her return, the caregiver was shedding an abundance of tears, as she had just received holy absolution from Father, after having been

given the grace to make a thorough Confession, and this for the first time since her childhood.

Let us all rejoice in this gift of healing and conversion which the Holy Spirit brought about and which we believe is one of the many spiritual fruits that are a direct result of the "Heart to Heart" celebration.



Archbishop Borys Gudziak during the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Youth Day (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Youth Day

Presentations and activities in groups



Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Shrine



An icon of Pentecost was given as a gift to the Shrine in remembrance of the visit from the Youth Day Procession



A solemn moment. His Grace, the Most Reverend Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan-Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia before the remains of St. John Neumann within a glass-walled reliquary at the National Shrine of Saint John Neumann at St. Peter the Apostle parish at 5th Street and Girard Avenue in Philadelphia. (Photo: Teresa Siwak)



Sunday, June 9, 2019 - Pentecost



Ukrainian Catholic University Choir

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - Crypt



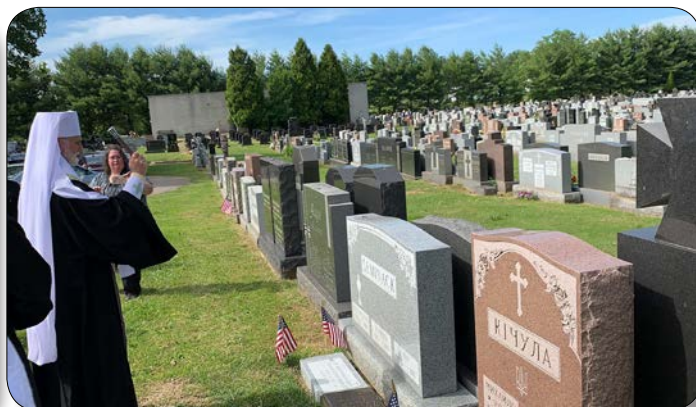
Panachyda in the Crypt of the Cathedral in Philadelphia with His Beatitude Sviatoslav for the deceased Hierarchs of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia



Sunday, June 9, 2019 - Cemetery



Panachyda for the deceased at St. Mary's Cemetery, Fox Chase, PA



Archbishop Borys Gudziak blesses the grave of the late Bishop Richard Seminack

Monday, June 10, 2019



Monday, June 10, 2019 - Choir Special Lunch Together



His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Bishop Andriy Rabyi and the choir of Ukrainian Catholic University at the Cathedral Hall. The Ukrainian Catholic University Choir "Eteria" and "Stritenia" is under the direction of Olena Denys (Melnyk).

Thank You for Singing!

***Happy 75th Birthday,
Bishop John Bura!***

***June 12th was Bishop
Bura's Birthday. We
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FATHER'S DAY GREETINGS

On the occasion of Father's Day, the Staff of The Way wishes all our readers who are fathers good health, long life, and the Lord's choicest blessings. May the Holy Spirit guide you throughout your lifetime. May the Holy Mother of God guard and protect you from all evil.

Many Happy and Blessed Years!

МНОГОЛІТТЯ ВСІМ БАТЬКАМ

*Не так то легко мати дітям БАТЬКА,
Щоб був він добрим, лагідним і люблячим в своїй сім'ї.
Навчав дітей добра, покори, милосердя,
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Важливий приклад для БАТЬКІВ –
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Щоби родина у житті Благословенною була.
Для вас, БАТЬКИ, хай світить ясне сонце,
У мирі проживайте все життя,
А ваші діти, внуки від душі для вас бажають
Здоров'я, щастя, радості на
МНОГІ БЛАГІ ЛІТА!*

О. Євген Монюк



To our readership whose fathers are deceased, we pray for the blessed repose of their souls, and that the Lord God forgive all their sins, both voluntary and involuntary, and grant them entry into the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

May their Memory be Eternal!

FIRST HOLY CONFESSION AND SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION AT TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD CHURCH, SHAMOKIN, PA



Our parish family would like to express our congratulations to our young parishioners on receiving their first Penance and Solemn Holy Communion. They have spent the last 2 years studying for this solemn occasion under Sisters Zenovia and Natalia, and currently Mrs. Joyce Hasuga and have met all the requirement necessary for this next step in their religious life. Our Communicants are from left to right: Christina Ivanov, Emme Yagodzinskie, Michaela Wilson, Chloe Brown, Baylee Latshaw, Caylee Latshaw, Ronald Stankiewicz.

May the Eucharistic Jesus Christ grant them a good life so they may continue to grow in faith and spiritually connect themselves through Holy Communion to the Body and Blood of Christ becoming closer to God and receiving many blessings for themselves and their families. May God bless our first Holy Communicants with good health for Many and Happy years!

ARCHEPARCHIAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND LOTTERY DRAWING

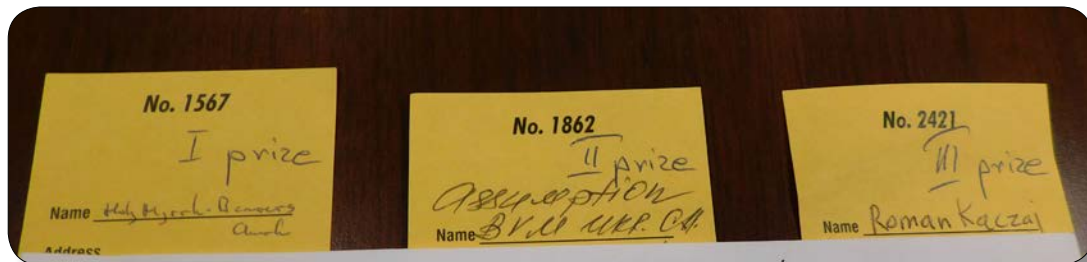


The drawing took place on June 14, 2019 at about 1:30PM. The drawing was done at the chancery by Archbishop Borys with assistance of Bishops Taras and Andriy, Father Mark Fesniak.

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- 1st prize - \$5,000 - ticket #1567 -
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- 3rd prize - \$2,000 - ticket #2421 -
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THANK YOU FOR PLAYING THE LOTTERY TO HELP OUR SCHOOLS and GIFTED STUDENTS! Today we raised \$10,000 which will go to pay tuition for 2 students in each of the three schools we have in our Archeparchy! Another raffle will be held in the fall of 2019 and scholarships will be awarded at the end of January in 2020!



Congratulations to the winners!

Holidays/Feast Day

SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS June 16, 2019

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, our Ukrainian Catholic Church honors all the holy men and women throughout the centuries who had taken up their cross daily and followed Christ. They understood that their earthly life was

temporal, not eternal. Instead of gathering up treasures here on earth, where rust and moth corrode and thieves break in and steal, they were gathering up a treasury of good deeds and charitable works of mercy. Spiritual

and corporal works of mercy manifest one's lived faith in Jesus Christ. By concentrating on the spiritual which lasts forever, they were preparing themselves for an eternal life shared with the Blessed Trinity in heaven.

The authentic Christian life is a life of service. From our earliest years, our Catechism taught us that God created us out of Love and in His own image and likeness.

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SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

June 16, 2019

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Each and every one of us was created to know, love and serve the Lord God each moment of our earthly lives so that one day we would be deemed worthy of entry into the everlasting Kingdom of God, Heaven. When God created man, He gave him not only a body, but also a soul. The human person was also given a free will, whereby he or she could say either "YES" or "NO" to God, the Creator of all things

both visible and invisible. Each individual can freely choose to co-operate with the graces given by God and choose to follow and live according to the Holy Will of God. Never is one forced or compelled to follow the ways of the Lord God. Instead, all humankind can choose to be humble servants of God or not.

Mary, the Mother of God, is the best example of discipleship in the Lord. At the

Annunciation, Mary accepted with faith the news, the message, that the Archangel Gabriel relayed to Her. The Mother of God praised the Lord with Her every word and deed. Her canticle, Her song of praise is recorded in Sacred Scripture for all of us to hear:

"My soul magnifies the Lord and My spirit rejoices in God, My Savior. For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold from now on all

generations will call Me blessed. The Almighty One has done great things for Me. And Holy is His Name."

Let us all give thanks, praise and glory to the Lord God for all His wonderful, awesome deeds done through the holy men and women, saints of all generations and all for our salvation.

Rev. D. George Worschak

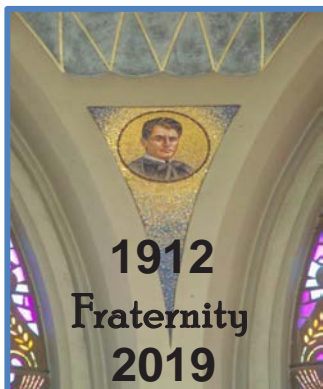
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UKRAINIAN FOLK FESTIVAL



OUTDOOR STAGE CONCERT

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- VOLOSHKY Ukrainian Dance Ensemble**
- ISKRA Ukrainian Dance Ensemble**
- MASTER YANG’S MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOL**
- INNESA TYMOCHKO DEKAJLO, Violinist**
- VOX ETHNIKA Orchestra-Ensemble**

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Divine Liturgy at St. Jude the Apostle in Lewes, DE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will be celebrated again this summer at St. Jude the Apostle Roman Catholic Church at 152 Tulip Drive in Lewes, DE on the last Sunday of each month on June 30, July 28 and August 25, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Father Volodymyr Klanichka pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wilmington, DE will celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

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THE 65TH HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE

August 10-11, 2019

RESPONDING WITH THE "HEART"

as did Mary and Josaphata



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65th Holy Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage

August 10-11, 2019

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

St. Mary's Villa / Sloatsburg, New York

Theme: "Responding with the heart, as did Mary and Josaphata"

Saturday, August 10th

12:00 pm Food Available at *Pavilion*

1:00 pm Akathist to the Mother of God - Rev. Joseph Bertha - *St. Mary's Chapel*

Cantor: Patricia Dietz, St. Thomas Byzantine in Rahway, NJ

1:00 pm Children's Activity - Sr. Eliane, SSMI - *Inside Terrace*

2:00 pm Presentation - Sr. Natalya Stoczany, SSMI (Eng.) - *Gallery*

"Responding with the heart, as did Mary and Josaphata"

3:30 pm Blessing of the Sick - *Grotto steps and St. Mary's Chapel*

Blessing of Religious Articles - *front of St. Joseph's Home*

5:00 pm Divine Liturgy - Rev. Hryhoriy Lozinsky - *Grotto*

Blessing of Holy Water at *St. Mary's fountain*

Cantor: Patricia Dietz

7:30 pm Panakhyda - *Blessed Mother's Circle in front of St. Mary's Villa*

8:00 pm Moleben to the Mother of God with candlelight procession - *Grotto*

Most Rev. Kurt Burnette - Bishop of Passaic Eparchy - main celebrant / homilist

Sunday, August 11th

****Confessions will be available throughout the day beginning at 8:00 am***

8:30 - 9:30 am Materi Molyty / Mothers in Prayer - Rosary / Singing - *St. Mary's Chapel*

10:30 am **Pontifical Divine Liturgy** *with procession to the Grotto* - blessing of flowers

Most Rev. Borys Gudziak - Metropolitan Archbishop - *Celebrant and Homilist*

Most Rev. Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of the Eparchy of Stamford

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Choir: *St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church - New Haven, CT*

12:00 pm Divine Liturgy for the Youth - Rev. Bohdan Hedz - *St. Mary's Chapel*

1:30 pm Blessing of the Sick - *Grotto steps*

Blessing of Religious Articles - *front of St. Joseph's Home*

2:00 pm Presentation - Msgr. John Terlecky (Ukr.) - *Gallery*

The Contemplative Nature of the lives of Mary and Josaphata - *Gallery*

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross - Basilian Father

Activity for Children - Sr. Eliane - *Inside Terrace*

3:30 pm Moleben to the Mother of God - *Grotto altar* - Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk

Blessing of cars and buses

Exhibit: 100th Anniversary of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevska's Entering Eternal Life

Rev. Taras Chaparin - Pilgrimage Spiritual Moderator

Youth Gathering

Sunday, July 14th 11:00am

Rain or Shine

at



For all youth of the South anthracite deanery
Church Members & Friends Welcome

- For reservations contact your parish priest or office by Friday, July 5th, 2019
- Free lunch and park ride tickets for youth who participate in the program.
- The whole family is invited to join us for lunch. We will provide: hamburgers, hotdogs, barbeque, drinks & chips. We ask that each family brings a dish to share. (Please remember that we have no refrigeration on site)
 - Discount ride tickets are available for purchase
 - Transportation to and from the park is your responsibility.

Schedule of the Day:

Registration (Pavilion C) 11:00am

Lunch 12:00pm- 1:00pm

Speaker & Discussion 1:00pm

Free time in the Park 2:00pm

Closing Prayer & Discussion 5:00pm

Free Time in the Park

For more information
call 570-648-5932 or 215-609-8896.

85th Annual
UKRAINIAN DAY



Sunday
July 28, 2019

11 AM to 8 PM
St. Nicholas Picnic Grove

Rt. 901 in Primrose,
Schuylkill Co., PA,
One Mile from Minersville

11 AM: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
11:30 AM-1 PM: WPPA 1360 AM Live Polka Broadcast
1:00 PM-3 PM: Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble
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Sunday, October 6, 2019

88th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God

“The Unity of the Trinity”

Homilist: **Most Reverend Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan-Archbishop**



- Our day begins with Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM and ends with Moleben at 4:00 PM.
- Ethnic Food will be served 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

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August 19-23, 2019
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FROM BOY TO BISHOP

One small boy remained deep in prayer as the congregation exited the church. Young Borys Gudziak stood interceding for the poor and those in need.

"Others noted it. He would linger long after liturgy deep in prayer." said Alex Kuzma, a long time friend of Borys'.



The 7-year-old boy knew many needed his prayers. His parents came to the United States as war refugees from Ukraine where Christians feared cruel treatment by communist Soviets. Soviets deported many priests and bishops to the frigid region of Siberia or other prisons because they worshiped secretly in what was known as the "underground" church. Even Borys' aunt had been killed for her involvement in the Underground.

The Gudziak children grew up in Syracuse, NY. His father was a dentist and his mother was a wonderful, religious woman according to Archbishop emeritus Basil Losten, who knew his parents well in those days. They were prominent members of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church and often hosted important guests.

Sometimes Borys and his brother Marko, who were typical rambunctious boys, used to get in trouble for acting wild as his parents were preparing for guests.

Other times their parents let them behave like the wild boys they were -- especially the day after Pascha. Washed up Monday, they called it -- a Ukrainian tradition where children are allowed to have a massive water fight after all the riggers of Lent. It was the boys' favorite day of the year as they could run wild and cause mischief.

Borys also loved his PLAST scouting group where he met his best friend. And like all young men who grow

up in Syracuse, he dreamed of being a basketball player. But his mother had bigger dreams for her son. *"Story has it that when Borys was a little boy, his mother had a secret prayer that he would become a priest," said Mr. Kuzma. "She never said anything about being a bishop."*

Dr. and Mrs Gudziak encouraged and supported their boys and were proud of Borys as he went to study at Harvard. While he was there, Borys joined the choir at Christ the King Church in Boston. *"He was a talented bass singer," Mr. Kuzma remembers, "Though Borys claimed he was not so good at it."* But even Bishop Basil remembers Borys' musical talents at Harvard. *"He was very involved in youth ministry there. He played the guitar and would sing religious songs with the children."*

It was at Harvard where Mr. Kuzma first met Borys. Much later, Borys and Kuzma worked together at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, where Mr. Kuzma still works as the Executive Director.

Borys spent his school year at Harvard and his summers in Rome studying with Cardinal Josyf Slipyj, who had suffered eighteen years in a Russian prison for being part of the underground Church. A powerful mentor to Borys, Slipyj filled his imagination with dreams of a free Ukraine. Mr. Kuzma remembers Borys telling his friends at Harvard, *"Slipyj believes that the church will come out of the underground in Ukraine and the country will gain independence from Russia."* He even believed that some day the Pope would visit Ukraine. These thoughts were too wonderful for his friends to believe. They thought those were crazy dreams because they seemed so unlikely.

But Borys and Slipyj worked as if it were a reality. They began making plans for a Catholic school that would be free to teach the faith once Ukraine was liberated. At first the only building they could find was a kindergarten school built for little children. The team also set out to document the stories of Soviet persecution and the faith of the Underground.

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God blessed other prayers, too. To the astonishment of many, the church did come out of the underground, Ukraine became independent and Pope John Paul II visited Ukraine -- Just as Slipyj and Borys believed. The Holy Father read the stories of faith and persecution that Borys and his team had preserved. Using those documents, he opened the canonization process for twenty-one saints. And the little school they founded become a University.

Ukraine's journey of independence has not always been peaceful and Christians sometimes get caught in the conflict. Street protests broke out in 2013 when Ukrainian soldiers began shooting protesters. Borys, the once small boy who loved water fights and praying in his New York church, had become a brave man. As a bishop over God's people, he stood on the front lines hearing confessions. For three months, he celebrated liturgy every day until the revolt ended. He brought reverence and dignity to the violence of war.

Bishop Borys Gudziak has lived many adventures and he is about to begin a brand new one. On June 4th he will be installed as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

Borys strongly encourages lay Christians to become more involved in the work of the church. That includes children. They are strongly encouraged to sing in choirs, and serve the Lord in many ways. As Mr. Kuzma said: "All can be involved in going out beyond their Ukrainian community to spread the Gospel."

Bishop Borys knows that priests and bishops can't do all the work in God's kingdom alone. Often, God's most important work needs to be done by little boys and girls willing to linger long in the church praying.

- Written by Judith Jolma



THE COAT OF ARMS
OF ARCHBISHOP AND METROPOLITAN GUDZIAK

LIKE KINGS AND GREAT FAMILIES OF THE PAST,
ARCHBISHOP BORYS GUDZIAK HAS A COAT OF ARMS --
A SPECIAL SYMBOL USED TO IDENTIFY ONLY HIM.

HIS COAT USES A MODERN STYLE --
MORE LIKE A CONTEMPORARY LOGO --
THAT REFLECTS THE THEMES OF THE TRINITY, CHRIST, THE
EUCHARIST AND OLD KYIVAN.

WHILE MANY COAT OF ARMS USED BY KINGS OR ROYAL
FAMILIES SHOW SYMBOLS OF WAR OR MILITARY MIGHT,
BORYS'S INSTEAD DEPICTS SYMBOLS OF PEACE.
NOTICE THE CHALICE USED IN COMUNION.

THE TRIDENT IS A SIGN OF ST. VOLODYMYR THE GREAT'S,
WHO CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY IN 988 CONFESSING
FAITH IN THE TRIUNE GOD.

IT IS CRIMSON -- TO REPRESENT CHRIST'S SACRIFICE,
THE MARTYRS AND THE WINE OF THE EUCHARIST. --
AND GOLD -- THE COLOR OF DIVINITY AND OF BREAD.

ALL TESTIFYING TO THE SON OF GOD,
WHO BECOMES MAN AND SHEDS HIS BLOOD,
ACCEPTING DEATH ON THE CROSS TO WITNESS IN THIS
WORLD TO GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE AND GLORY.

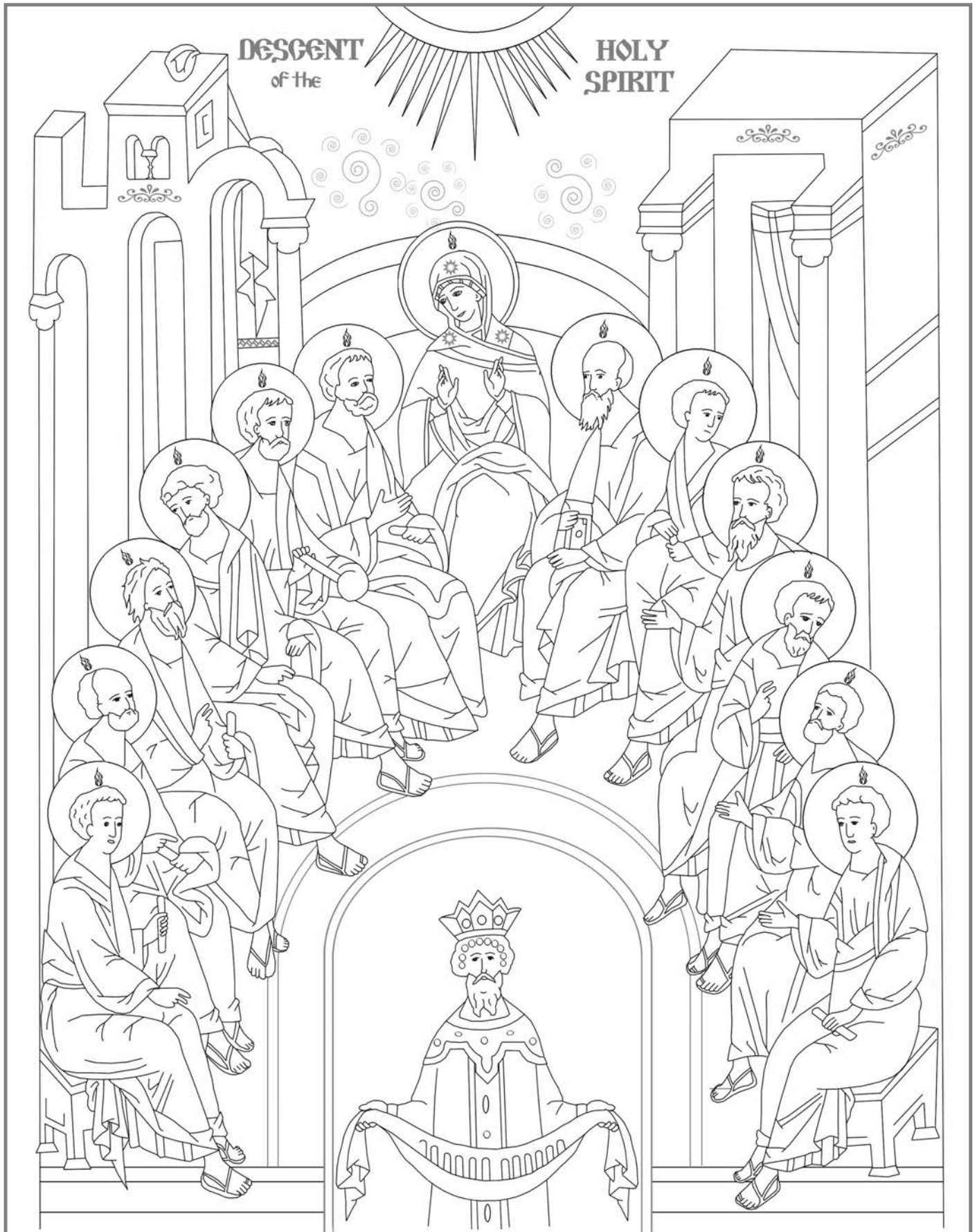
THE CROSS IN THE CENTER SYMBOLIZES CHRIST'S PASCHAL
VICTORY. THIS DEVOTION TO CHRIST AND THE CROSS IS
SHOWN BY THE PRINCES AND PASSION-BEARERS STS. BORYS
AND HLIB, SONS OF VOLODYMYR, WHO WERE AMONG THE
FIRST GENERATION TO RECEIVE BAPTISM OF RUS'-UKRAINE.
THERE WERE ALSO THE FIRST SAINTS CANONIZED ON KYIVAN
LAND. THEIR BOWED HEADS REPRESENT THEIR HARMONY,
PEACE AND JOY, THAT FLOWED FROM THEIR LOVE OF THE
HOLY TRINITY.

THE MOTTO EUCHARISTO ("THANK YOU" IN GREEK)
STANDS FOR BOTH THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE AND
GRATITUDE FOR THE GRACE AND GENEROSITY OF GOD.

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I SPY IN MY LITTLE "I"CON

Interesting Things for those Willing to Look

Descent of the Holy Spirit: Some FAQs (frequently asked questions)

This month's coloring page is the icon of **The Descent of the Holy Spirit**. This is what we celebrate on Pentecost. Our Lord Jesus rose from the dead on Pascha. Forty days later, the apostles saw Him ascend into Heaven. Fifty days after Pascha, the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles while they were all gathered together with the Theotokos in the upper room. The word "pentecost" comes from the Greek word for 50th. We can read this story in the Bible in the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2. Check it out!

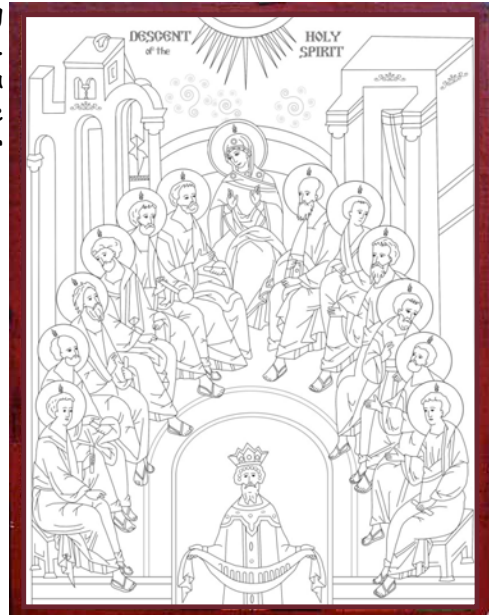
Why is there a sun at the top of the icons? Aren't they all inside? Yes, they are inside, but that is not the sun. This half circle represents the Holy Spirit, with rays coming down upon the apostles. We also see flames, or tongues of fire, landing on everyone's head. In our coloring page, we see a swirl decoration, reminding us of the rushing wind. Once in a while, we may see an icon with the Holy Spirit shown as a dove, but the Holy Spirit did not appear as a dove on Pentecost. He appeared as tongues of fire. He only appeared as a dove when Our Lord was baptized, which we celebrate on Theophany.

In some icons, we do not see Our Lady Theotokos. Instead, we see an empty seat. What's up with that? We see Our Lady in some icons but not in all icons of Pentecost. The Theotokos was present at Pentecost and she is our model in how to love God. In other icons like the one below, we see only an empty space with an empty seat. That empty seat is a place for Our Lord as head of the Church. Since Our Lord has already ascended into heaven, we don't see Him. Instead we see an empty seat. He is the **invisible** head of the Church. We see the Church is gathered around him.

I counted 12 apostles, is one of them Judas? One of them is **not** Judas. After Judas betrayed Our Lord, the apostles prayed and chose another man to replace Judas. This new apostle was named Matthias. You can read this story in The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1. In some icons we can see St. Paul, St. Mark or St. Luke. They were not really there on the day of Pentecost. Remember that icons are not always trying to represent exactly what happened at a certain day or time as in a photograph. Instead, this icon is teaching us about the early church community.

Why are the all sitting in a half-circle? Since they sit together in a half-circle, as you look at the icon it feels like you could be part of the icon. It shows us an icon of the Church. You could actually feel that you could walk right into the icon. After all, you are really and truly part of the God's Holy Church.

What's with the strange guy at the bottom of the icon? That is Cosmos. He is not a real person, but he represents all the people of the world in darkness and sin. We see him with a crown on his head like a king, showing his authority over the world. We see him in a dark circle which shows us that the world is in darkness without the light of Christ. He is holding a cloth with scrolls in the cloth. These scrolls represent the teachings of the Apostles which bring light to the world.



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Pope to meet with Putin to discuss Ukraine

7 June 2019

Pope Francis will receive Russian President Vladimir Putin on July 4 at the Vatican. It is reported by "Yevropeiska Pravda" with reference to AFP.

"I can confirm that the Holy Father will receive President of Russia Vladimir Putin at the Vatican on 4 July," said the official representative of Vatican, Alessandro Gisotti.

Earlier, the Kremlin confirmed that Putin planned to visit Italy, but said nothing about the date of the visit and the President's plans to meet with Pope Francis.

Argentine Agency TELAM said yesterday that the main topics of the talks will be the current situation in Ukraine and the Middle East.

According to media reports, they will discuss Moscow's claims

against Ukrainian Greek Catholics, who, according to the Moscow Patriarchate, support the "split" in the Orthodox world. However, the media outlet reported that the meeting was scheduled for July 5.

This will be Putin's second meeting with the Pope in the last four years. The first one took place on June 10, 2015. Putin was an hour late for it, blaming the delay on traffic jams in Milan

and Rome and "long negotiations" with the Prime Minister of Italy.

The day after the meeting with Putin, Pope Francis will hold talks with leaders of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to discuss the situation in Ukraine. This meeting was announced in early May.

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UGCC Head shares about his expectations from July meeting with Pope

25 May 2019

The Pope has invited the Metropolitans of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the Permanent Synod to a meeting that will take place in Rome on July 5 and 6, 2019. His Beatitude Sviatoslav shares his expectations of the upcoming meeting. According to the Head of the UGCC, since the Ukrainian Orthodox Church launched new processes, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was subject to a very powerful attack on the part of Russia. They

alleged that the UGCC acted deliberately to separate Orthodox Ukraine from the Russian Orthodox Church and, consequently, to bring it to the union.

"I asked the Holy Father for his support. Therefore, Pope Francis will convene a meeting in order to demonstrate on the part of the Vatican that there is no condemnation of the UGCC, no one crosses out neither our existence nor our future. Why? For such a meeting has three objectives: support, consolidation and

development," says His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

He notes that now it is perhaps hard to find in Ukraine a community to explain to the Orthodox the meaning of the service of the Pope, as our Church does. "I have written a separate epistle "Our St Sofia" to explain who we are as Greek Catholics, what our identity in the context of the unifying movements in Orthodoxy is. We have also translated the message into English," says the Head of the UGCC.

The spiritual leader of the Greek Catholics is confident that meeting with the Holy Father is a unique chance for the development of his Church, and is also a good news for Ukraine. "We have always been paying attention that they often talk about us, but in our absence. I hope this meeting will put an end to this. Why? We are called specifically to speak on our behalf - to speak in modern new realities (in particular, social, political and

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economic), in order to work out a strategy with us, that is, certain steps and the vision of the Apostolic Capital towards Ukraine," says the head of the UGCC. "It seems to me that the Holy Father

and his collaborators become more aware every time that the key to understanding the state of affairs in Ukraine, that is, the social and church processes, is the UGCC." His Beatitude Sviatoslav thinks it is too early to

talk about what the next steps may be. "However, we hope that this highest level of attention to our Church, which is now manifested, will have its good consequences," the Head of the UGCC stresses. This is reported by the Department

of Information of the UGCC.

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