The icon underlines the sameness of the three figures by using a single identical image, repeated three times but robed differently to suggest three different qualities of the three Spirits, or Angels – the Three Aspects of God.

All three carry a rod or staff, surmounted by a cross, signifying that each is a Heavenly messenger. In this way, we are able to represent those who have not been seen on earth, without violating Orthodox Church Canons regarding our being forbidden to actually depict God the Father or the Holy Spirit, since they have not been seen.

The central figure, dressed in Court attire of heavy, earth-bound clothing and formal hair-style typical of the Emperor’s Court at Byzantium, is understood to be Jesus Christ. Jesus wears a dark purple/red tunic (symbolizing His Divinity), and a cloak of intense blue (symbolizing His humanity).

The silhouette of the two side angels creates a “chalice” with Christ within it.

The angel on the viewer’s right is garbed similarly to the others...the ephemeral fabric and green colors represent the Holy Spirit descending and bringing new life to the Apostles and the faithful. The green symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit during Pentecost.

In the background we see the Oak Tree at Mamre, a precursor symbolic of the “Wood of the Cross” and the building, the home of Abraham and Sarah. On the viewer’s right, the mountain is shown bending down its tip in an act of obeisance to and veneration of, the Holy Trinity.

Their feet rest upon pedestals, as they are not of this Earth, but, are heavenly Beings.
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simultaneously! This from a minimally educated group of men who had never traveled outside the immediate surroundings of Israel! After this revelation of the Holy Trinity in fact, they each went off to spread the Good News of Christ’s Resurrection and His opening of the Gates of Salvation to mankind.

Liturgically, the Feast is celebrated with an All-Night Vigil on Saturday evening, Divine Liturgy on Sunday, and Vespers with a special addition called the “Kneeling Prayers” which begin the Pentecostal reckoning of time—each Sunday is now determined to be the Xth Sunday after Pentecost, continuing until the coming of the Pre-Lenten Sundays of the following year.

After Pentecost, the prayers “O Heavenly King” and “We have seen the True Light” are reintroduced to the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom—reminding us that the Holy Spirit has come into the world, sent by Christ from the Father. Two icons share importance for the Feast—the traditional depiction of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Theotokos and the Apostles gathered together, a symbolic sun-like representation of the Holy Spirit coming down from Heaven, flames above their heads, and a king-like symbol at the bottom representing the Kosmos—the world. The second icon is that of the Hospitality of Abraham—the three holy angelic figures who appeared to Abraham in the Old Testament. They are symbolic of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Many of our parishes, including my own Holy Ghost parish in Slickville, PA, are dedicated to the Most Holy Good and Life-Creating Spirit, and celebrate their name’s day on the Feast of Pentecost.

Fr. Robert Popichak

Sunday of Pentecost is one of the most important days of the year in the Orthodox Church. The highlight of Pentecost services are the Kneeling Prayers, usually done at the end of the Pentecost Liturgy. During the 50 days after Easter we do not kneel, and we wait to kneel for the first time at these Kneeling Prayers on Pentecost Sunday. They are profound and can teach us how to pray to God the Holy Trinity. The prayers show us that our lives are indeed lived under the gaze and grace of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three prayers are offered here in shortened versions.

The First Prayer:

Incomprehensible, unsurpassable Lord, you dwell in light unapproachable and you are the creator of everything that exists. You are the Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who for us and for our salvation came from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He showed us and enables us to offer to you prayers by the bending of our knees and our hearts. Hear us in your great mercy and love as we call upon you on this day of Pentecost, on which we remember how the Lord Jesus, after his ascension and sitting at your right hand, sent the Holy Spirit upon his holy disciples and apostles. They were filled with your inexhaustible grace and began speaking with other tongues and prophesying, proclaiming your greatness. Hear us who pray to you, and remember us. Turn back the captivity of our souls and receive us as we return to you. We have sinned, yet we have been cast upon your mercy from our childhood. Our days have been spent in vanities and thus we have been deprived of every defense. Emboldened by your compassion, we call out: Remember not the sins of our youth and ignorance, and cleanse us of our secret sins. When our strength fails, do not forsake us. Help us to return to you before it’s too late. Measure
The Third Prayer opens with theological statements about Jesus Christ. Theology is not just for theologians. Remembering what God has done for us, why we call Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, and why the Holy Spirit was sent to us, is important to us becoming mature Christians who will not be shaken or blown by the winds of change and controversy. The final section of this prayer is a beautiful meditation on death and the importance of praying for our loved ones who have gone ahead of us to eternity. Though we have memorial services in our church, it is always appropriate to remember our loved ones in our own private prayers.

Finally, you may have noticed that even though Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit, none of the prayers is addressed directly to the Holy Spirit. As a matter of fact, there is only one commonly used prayer in our Orthodox tradition that is addressed directly to the Holy Spirit. This prayer opens the service of Matins and many other services of our church, and it should be part of every person’s prayer life.

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things and Giver of Life, come and dwell in us, and cleanse us of all impurity, and save our souls, O Good One.
The Ascension of Our Lord

Brothers and sisters, on Thursday the Holy Orthodox Church celebrated the ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On the 40th day after Pascha our Lord stood on the Mount of Olives as he had done so many times during his earthly ministry.

Like so many times before he was surrounded by his disciples and the Lord was instructing them, comforting them and strengthening them in the faith. When he had comforted them like a loving Father he opened their understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

This is something we can relate to, because it is impossible to read and comprehend the Holy Scriptures if our heart is in turmoil. This is why the priest prays that the Lord opens our heart to the understanding of the Holy Gospel every Sunday. Yet this day was different from others because on this day the Lord would have to leave his small flock and the hearts of the apostles was filled with sadness. No longer would they be able to walk with their Lord. No longer would they hear His voice. No longer would they physically see him. No longer would He be physically present to them.

Yet, sadness was not the only thing that the Apostles felt on this day. They also felt joy. They felt joy because the Christ had Risen from the Dead. They felt joy because they knew that He was the Son of the Living God. They felt joy because their spiritual eyes were open, and they felt joy because the Lord promised to send the Comforter the Spirit of Truth, the promise of the Holy Spirit which would clothe them with power from on high and make their very bodies a temple of the Living God. They felt joy because the Christ had Risen from the Dead. They felt joy because they knew that He was the Son of the Living God. They felt joy because their spiritual eyes were open, and they felt joy because the Lord promised to send the Comforter the Spirit of Truth, the promise of the Holy Spirit which would clothe them with power from on high and make their very bodies a temple of the Living God. Finally having given the disciples his blessing the Christ ascended into the heavens. Although the disciples have seen the Lord perform many miracles they had to have been amazed at the wondrous sight of their teacher being taken up on the clouds. Than two angels came to them and talked of the day the Lord would return. They said that Christ who was taken up into the Heavens would return in very much the same way. In fact the icon of the Ascension are often also referred to as the icons of the Second Coming for as the Lord went up into Heavens than two angels came to them and talked to the disciples of the day the Lord would return. They said that Christ was taking up into the Heavens would return in the clouds and they felt joy because the Christ had Risen from the Dead. They felt joy because they knew that He was the Son of the Living God. They felt joy because their spiritual eyes were open, and they felt joy because the Lord promised to send the Comforter the Spirit of Truth, the promise of the Holy Spirit which would clothe them with power from on high and make their very bodies a temple of the Living God.

Today we rejoice with the disciples for we know that on the day of the Pentecost we shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We shall receive the comforter from on high. We too, with the disciples will receive the blessing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our very bodies will become the Temple of God. How great are the works of the Lord who turns weakness into strength! How great are the works of the Lord who makes Apostles and Pillars of the Church out common men very much like us. How great are the works of the Lord who suffered the Passion for us, who was Crucified for us and who arosed from the dead for our sake.

Blessed is the Lord who pours the Spirit out upon us. Blessed is He who gives us spiritual armor which defends us from enemies visible and invisible. Blessed is He who having both Human and Divine nature ascended to Heaven giving humanity a place on the right hand of God the Father Himself!

Fr. Borislav Kroner

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Let us pray today that we become like the holy Apostles abiding continually in holiness and receive the Holy Spirit on the day of the Pentecost!
Навчаючи всіх народів, христячи їх, Я говорю: "Дана Мені всяка спадкоємця. Про це Христос передав Своїм наступникам месійне завдання Син Божий. На тій самій святій горі почалися П’ятидесятниці. А це мало статися на завітання Святого Духа в день з Ісусом на землі. Слідуючі дні, коли сходив Він на небо" (Діяння 2:4). Ісус, що возноситься до неба і зникає благословляючи їх, Ісус тілом на небо працює Христа не була би. Без вознесення покидаю Я світ та йду до Отця" (Лк. 24:49). Але ж вони не знали, поки наберуться сили з висоти "Ж зостаньтесь в місті Єрусалимі, обітницю Отця Мого на вас; ви слова Господні: “І ось Я посилаю Духа Моєго, котрий буде на вас, і буду вечерять з ним, а він зо мене. Відчинить, Я до нього ввійду, і буду вечерять з ним, і буду вечірнім гостем у вас” (Іс. 50:10-11). Цей Спаситель, він притаманний кожному народу. Он навчав своїх учнів зберігати все, що в ім’я Отця, і Сина, і Святого Духа. Навчаючи їх зберігати все, що Я заповідав вам" (Мт. 28:18-20). Святий Дух злива на апостолів в день П’ятидесятниці. А коли вони стануть умандрени від Ісуса, від під кого насправді відвідують свої сокільні, сім’ї і під кого насправді люди наступають свої руки на хворих, і ті удовренними стануть, заговорять новими мовами, гадок будуть брати у рук, опануваних злами духом, повернуту до нормальних людей; сами будуть можна терпіти мукі за віру Христову.


У сучасний християнський світ, конструктивної ролі належить до вірувань історичного світу, імовірно тому, що він має єдну постійно діючого авторитету Свого Суду за віру Христову.

Господь стоїть у двері серця і совісті кожного з нас і говорить: "Будь же ревний і покаяний! Ось Я стою під дверима та спиту: коли хтото вийде звідси, нехай його відрізняють, Я до двері йду, і буду вечерять з ним, а він зо Мною" (Ош. 3:19).

прот. Іван Лисик
difficult lives in Ukraine in search of freedom and were determined to prevent America from falling into the control of the godless regimes that have destroyed millions of lives throughout the world. American soldiers of Ukrainian descent understood how important their service was.”

The UAV Monument had a new appearance for this year’s Memorial Day Commemoration. Metropolitan Antony gave a blessing for the installation paver stones leading from the Metropolitan Mstyslav Drive all the way up to and surrounding the monument itself. The work was completed just weeks earlier and will be further enhanced with landscaping and benches for people to sit as they ponder the sacrifice of brothers and sisters on duty and the thousands of veterans still living who have served our nation. The Monument was blessed and dedicated in October of 2015 to commemorate both the living and deceased Ukrainian American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines with over 250 veterans and family members participating. It was a long-time dream of the Ukrainian American Veterans organization (UAV). Matthew Koziak urged all veterans of Ukrainian descent to join the UAV and called upon those present to encourage their family members to do so. He further urged family members of deceased veterans to register them with the UAV for historical purposes. Closing remarks were made by UAV National Commander, Anna Krawczuk, expressing gratitude to everyone present for their participation in honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice. The next service scheduled before the monument is for Veterans Day – 11 November to honor all living veterans and those who reposed through the years by natural death.

Photos by Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan

Today we pause to remember those whom we have loved and lost while serving our nation. Our thoughts and prayers express our gratitude for their service and respect the cost and sacrifices that each have made.

Lord, remember them in Your Kingdom!
In the presence of the faculty, family members and friends, the Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA held its 49th commencement ceremony in order to award fourteen students of the Seminary with the Degrees: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Applied Orthodox Studies and Youth Ministry Certificate.

The 2020-2021 Commencement Ceremony began with the formal procession of graduates and faculty of the Seminary into the main hall of the Ukrainian Cultural Center of the National Spiritual Headquarters of the UOC of the USA in South Bound Brook, NJ.

Very Rev. Fr. Stephen Hutnick, professor of Sacramental Theology served as Master of Ceremonies, who introduced the graduates and invited Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan and Seminarian James Cummings to deliver Valedictorian remarks on behalf of the Full and Part-time students. Both graduates reflected on their life’s journey and the accomplishments of the graduating class. Expressing their gratitude to the clergy and faithful of the Church, Subdeacon Yaroslav and Seminarian James stated that much has been done by the Church’s academic institution in the process of formal training of the future pastors of the Church in the USA and other parts of the world, where the graduates of the Seminary shall serve in the near future.

With the sense of profound gratitude to Almighty God for the blessing received, the Provost and Academic Dean of St. Sophia Seminary, with concurrence of the faculty and the Board of Trustees, respectively, I am recommending for graduation the following individuals who have satisfactorily completed all of the requirements of the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Applied Orthodox Studies and Youth Ministry Certification programs:

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF DIVINITY
• Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan (2021)
• Rev. Fr. Sviatoslav Hot (2020)
• Deacon Frank Joe Lucero, Jr. (2020)
• Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay (2021)
• Deacon Myroslav Mykytyuk (2021)
• Deacon Clifford Evan O’Neil (2020)

THE DEGREE OF MASTER IN APPLIED ORTHODOX STUDIES
• Seminarian James R. Cummings (2021)
• Subdeacon Aaron Holloway (2021)
• Dmitry Medrick (2020)
• Subdeacon Volodymyr Pichkur (2021)
• Crystal Siniari (2020)
• Emrys Tennessen (2020)

THE CERTIFICATE IN YOUTH MINISTRY
• Elizabeth A. Bare (2020)
• Susan Leis (2020)

To which, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony responded: “By the authority vested on me as Rector of Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and by the Secretary of the Higher Education of the State of New Jersey, I accept the recommendation of the faculty and the Board of Trustees of St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary and approve the granting of the degrees of Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Applied Orthodox Studies and Youth Ministry Certification upon the above mentioned individuals.”

In his Charge to the Graduates remarks, Metropolitan Antony stated:

CHRIST IS RISEN! ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! WE ARE RISEN! CHRIST IS ALIVE AND WE ARE ALIVE IN HIM!

I pray that we who live in the world of 2021, all our graduates and every other person here present and throughout the world can express
these Paschal greetings with a deeper sense of comprehension than ever before. YOU – the graduates of our Master of Divinity Program, of our Applied Orthodox Studies Program and our Youth Ministry Certification Program – have spent the last years of your lives preparing to serve in a world that all too often seems to be shrouded in the deepest of darkness. The Light that shines forth from our Lord’s empty tomb, however, easily penetrates that darkness and can eventually obliterate it, if you allow it to emanate from within you. The darkness can and must give way to the power of the living, caring and loving Christ Risen. You dear graduates should and must rejoice today with a joy that cannot be restrained.

We are surrounded on all sides by people who are physically, emotionally, psychologically and spiritually scared – the legacy of a pandemic that has affected every one of our lives. Distrust, suspicion, division and a lack of attention to true moral, ethical and Biblical codes have raised suspicion, division and a lack of trust, of a pandemic that has affected us, seemingly compounding the aspect of community life all around us, perhaps confusing path of your minds to the words of the prayers before and after participation in the Eucharist. If you fail to read these prayers, you will find no self-comprehension in relation to Him. If you fail to comprehend yourself as ALIVE IN CHRIST AND HIM ALIVE IN YOU, you face the grave danger of being lost in the darkness that can blind us all. Your personal prayer life – beyond liturgical services – is the key to your priestly service or to any other ministry in Christ’s Church. It must be THE primary guiding force behind being Christ to others.

The ceremony concluded with the formal reception at the Ukrainian Cultural Center of the UOC of the USA, honoring the graduating class of 2020-2021.

On June 13, 2021 the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA broadcast a greeting from the hierarchs to all those who are graduating this year. Speaking from the Consistory Offices, His Eminence Metropolitan Antony began by stating that it was a joy to be able to greet all the graduates of the Holy Church that they’ve been made aware of. Archbish Dalam also took a moment to greet all the graduates, wishing them all the best in their future studies, and through their first steps into adulthood. He stated that
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PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS CATHEDRAL

Arnold, Pennsylvania
PROTECTION OF HOLY VIRGIN PARISH

Carnegie, Pennsylvania
STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

RYAN ANDERSON
GRADUATED
PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDING - MORAVIAN COLLEGE

EMILY ONUKAK
GRADUATED
KAZAITH AREA HIGH SCHOOL
ATTENDING - NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SHANE COOKE
GRADUATED
MARINE CORP RECRUIT TRAINING
PARRIS ISLAND, SC

MARINA COOKE
GRADUATED
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY
MACNA CUM LAUDE
BACHELOR’S PSYCHOLOGY

YARINYA PUKALO
GRADUATED
MORAVIAN COLLEGE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

FAITH WARREN
GRADUATED
LEHIGH VALLEY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

VICTORIA OLENA SWINDLE
GRADUATED
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH BACHELOR OF SCIENCE - INFORMATION SCIENCE AND MINOR IN MUSEUM STUDIES

MIKAELA KAPELUCK
GRADUATED
POINT PARK UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR’S BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING

GABRIELLE MILLS
GRADUATED
ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR’S PUBLIC RELATIONS

Chicago, Illinois
ST. VOLODYMYR CATHEDRAL

Lyndora, PA
STS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

Volodymyr Lymar
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CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
ATTENDING - DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

Robert Prokopchak
GRADUATED
SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Northampton, PA
Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish

Andrew Sawarynski
GRADUATED
CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
the graduates are starting a new chapter in their lives. Their next steps, be it continued studies, or starting in a new job, will avail them of new skills and talents. What they learn should be used not only to better themselves, but, towards the benefit of society and the world. As Christians we are to always think of others, in every aspect of our lives. Christ tells us in the Gospel that He has gifted us various talents. Each recipient of whatever talents, in whatever quantities, is to never hide your talents. Always realize their value. Use them and multiply them. Never, ever bury them. Use the most beautiful instrument in the world – the human voice, to make a positive difference. Go out and be good and caring doctors, nurses, researchers, leaders, builders, economists, etc.

God calls you to open your hearts to Him so He can enter. He is always waiting for to bless you and hug you. The talents which He has given you in your youth, skills and gifts you may not even have realized you possessed, will now blossom and allow you to be the people of Christ He has called you to be.
His Eminence stated that in their youth neither he, nor Metropolitan Antony, ever dreamed they would be hierarchs in Christ's Church, only God knew. But now they utilize those talents to serve you and the world. He continued by telling the listeners not to be afraid to use their skills, to take the chance, to do the right thing. Do not be afraid. Christ always said, “do not be afraid”. Instead, live, love, care, sacrifice… all in the name of God, for the good of the world and a brighter future.

As Archbishop Daniel concluded, Metropolitan Antony took a moment to voice his agreement about the talents God has given each of us. He stated that we all have been blessed with gifts from God, and just as the both of them could not have envisioned being bishops, he is certain that all the youth will slowly discover their talents and will also grow into responsible adults, who will make great sacrifices and grow the Church, while making the world a better place.

You may not expect great things for yourselves… but, God has already laid a plan for you, and you simply need to follow Him and act on the talents you’ve been given.

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the United States of America was appointed by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on 25 February 2021, which may have seemed like a daunting challenge during the midst of one of the worst pandemics the world has known. Ambassador Oksana Markarova, however, was not one to shy away from a challenge. Since taking up her position she has utilized her God-Given talents, especially the ability to relate to people on a one-to-one basis or under any other circumstances as the voice of the Ukrainian nation to the United States government and to the Ukrainian community at large.

The circumstances of ecclesiastical life of Ukraine were discussed in detail along with the effect those circumstances have had on the life of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. The Ambassador was aware of the bishops’ role over the past two decades in encouraging world Orthodoxy to finally consider how the ill effects of the way ecclesiastical disunity in Ukraine was damaging the spiritual lives of millions upon millions of Ukrainian faithful. She was also aware of the “more than significant” role of Archbishop Daniel as the Exarch of His All-Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople concluding in the granting of Autocephaly to the Orthodox Church of Ukraine.

The bishops presented an icon of the Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitans/Saints of Kyiv and the five volume Vlasovskyj “History of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, along with the UOC of USA Church Calendar and historical booklet published for the UOC of USA Centennial Celebration in 2018. They assured Ambassador Oksana Markarova of their continued prayers for her and her efforts over the years to come and invited her to visit the UOC Metropolia Center soon.

Ambassador Markarova expressed her deep desire to meet with Ukrainian Americans in all areas of the USA in the coming months once there is a bit more clarity about the safety of such an effort as the pandemic seems to be lessen. The hope is that following the summer months new waves of the virus will not become manifest. She has a deep desire to hear what people are thinking about and reacting to all the issues of life in Ukraine today. The people of Ukraine still value the experience of their fellow Ukrainians beyond the borders of Ukraine and how that experience might be of great value to all levels of society in Ukraine today.

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By the Grace of God, on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, the St. Sophia Seminary UOL Chapter held a meeting at the Seminary building located in Somerset, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by the current Chapter President, Deacon Myroslav Mykytyuk and the opening prayer was led by the Chapter’s Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Vasyl Pasakas. Following the approved agenda, the gathered members of the chapter reviewed the minutes from the last meeting (read by outgoing secretary Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan), the financial report (presented by Treasurer Seminarian Pavlo Vysotsky) and reviewed the minutes from the last meeting (read by outgoing secretary Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan), the financial report (presented by Treasurer Seminarian Pavlo Vysotsky) and reviewed the minutes from the last meeting (read by outgoing secretary Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan), the financial report (presented by Treasurer Seminarian Pavlo Vysotsky) and reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The members discussed hardships and changes that took place to their school year and livestreamed it to evening prayers throughout the Pandemic, many projects were approved agenda, the gathered members of the chapter reviewed the minutes from the last meeting (read by outgoing secretary Subdeacon Yaroslav Bilohan), the financial report (presented by Treasurer Seminarian Pavlo Vysotsky) and reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. The members discussed hardships and changes that took place to their school year and livestreamed it to evening prayers throughout the Pandemic, many projects were approved agenda, the gathered members of the chapter reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Despite a tough 2020 and 2021, the members of the Chapter were optimistic and looked forward to a better 2021 and 2022! New projects were suggested, plans were made for upcoming projects throughout the coming year. The opening prayer was led by the Chapter’s Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Vasyl Pasakas. May the Lord our God help and bless us to go on the reconstruction of the church’s dome. Seeing the spiritual uplifting in the eyes of the parishioners in attendance, the archbishop promised to return in the near future for the blessing of the reconstructed dome.

On June 13th, 2021 His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarch of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, along with the seminarians of the St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological: recent seminary graduate, Deacon Myroslav Mykytyuk, Reader Maksym Zhuravchyn, Reader Maksym Zhuravchyn, Seminarians Mykola Stefanyk and Andriy Akulenko, joined the parishioners, friends and guests of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Sharon, PA for their 95th anniversary celebration.

On Saturday evening, the eve of the Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council - His Eminence Archbishop Daniel presided over the celebration of the Vespers service, served by the pastor of the parish community Very Rev. Steven Repa and Deacon Myroslav Mykytyuk. Following the liturgical service, Vladyma Daniel reviewed the most recent repairs done in the sacred temple of the parish and received an update on the reconstruction of the church’s dome. Seeing the spiritual uplifting in the eyes of the parishioners in attendance, the archbishop promised to return in the near future for the blessing of the reconstructed dome.

The faithful who had come to celebrate the 95th anniversary of the parish, found they had even more to celebrate as they became witnesses to the tonsuring of Reader as Reader and setting aside as Deacon of recent Seminary Graduate James R. Cummings. A Reader is the second-highest of the minor orders of the Orthodox Church. It is a clerical order to which a man is tonsured and ordained, setting him apart as blessed by the bishop to read in services and in the Divine Liturgy.

Everyone diligently watched as His Eminence cut James’ hair, blessing it upon the flame of a candle, just as was done during his baptism, and then listened as Reader James read from the Epistle Book.

His Eminence now blessed Reader James and placed upon him a gleaming white sticharion/robe which is a long-sleeved tunic that
reaches all the way to the ground. It reminds the wearer that the grace of the Holy Spirit covers him as with a garment of salvation and joy. In addition to this, Archbishop Daniel wrapped an orarion around him, representing the grace of the Holy Spirit. The orarion was tied around his waist, up over his shoulders (forming an X-shaped cross in back), and with the ends hanging down in front, tucked under the section around the waist in an X-shaped cross. Placing his hand upon the bowed head before him, His Eminence read the prayers of ordination over the young man, and then making the sign of the Cross, presented the faithful with newly set apart Subdeacon James.

As Subdeacon, the highest of the minor orders, he is now allowed to serve the bishop, and priest, in the altar during Liturgy, and is permitted to wear a cassock as a sign of his suppression of his own tastes, will, and desires, and his canonical obedience to God, and his bishop. The choir burst out in song as the Divine Liturgy began, singing like angels from the heavens. The Gospel of John 17:1-13 was read, in which God the Son, discourses with God the Father about those whom He has given Him. Christ, accepting a blessed Hramota for coming and celebrating such a momentous day together.

For all the parishioners and guests, and for this celebration, and thanked everyone for all their hard work in preparing for this celebration, and thanked all the parishioners and guests for coming and celebrating such a momentous day together. May God grant many happy, healthy, and prosperous years to the parish as it stands as a beacon of light, spreading the Word of God, and continues doing good works in the local community and the world beyond.

Amen.
Before His Ascension Jesus promised to send the disciples a special present that would help them share the news of the Gospel. The disciples were waiting for this present, and they were hanging out in the upper room in Jerusalem, as Jesus had told them to. There were actually a lot of people in town at the time, because they were having a special celebration called the Feast of Weeks, or the Feast of Tabernacles. This was an important time that all Jewish people had to honor, and they would come to Jerusalem to celebrate it.

So there were people from all over the place there, and the disciples were patiently waiting. Then, all of a sudden, there was a big sound like a rushing wind! …. And then, there were little bits of fire that appeared! This was a special flame that did not burn up or catch their hair and clothes on fire, but showed that God's spirit was present.

A lot of times in the Bible, God appears as fire (think Elijah, burning bush with Moses, etc.). Here was the Holy Spirit! Now, the Holy Spirit is sort of a special go-between…it is the Holy Spirit that makes all things possible. Sometimes we don’t know what to say or how to pray…the Holy Spirit comes in to help.

Well, the Holy Spirit came to these disciples and appeared as flames above their heads! And then another amazing thing happened. The disciples started speaking in other languages. There were people in Jerusalem that spoke a lot of languages, but the disciples didn’t have their dictionaries and translators with them…yet they were able to just talk automatically in other languages! And they started eagerly sharing the story of Jesus, baptizing over 3,000 people that very day.

So at Pentecost (50 days after Pascha) we get to celebrate the birthday of the church! That is why we decorate our churches, homes, and icon corners with green branches, flowers and herbs. The greenery symbolizes Spring, when after a long cold winter life returns, flowers bloom and trees become lush and green. So, today, the Church comes to life and blossoms.

Pentecost was the start of an amazing way that God allows us to serve and love each other. And that is the truly exciting thing… Once we are “on fire” and have received the light of Jesus, we can take that to other people and “light up” their lives as well. God wants us to share His story and His love with the whole world. It only takes a spark or a single candle to get others going. Let’s celebrate, and let’s share with one another!
Difference?
Can you spot the differences between the two pictures?
There are 7 things different.
NO-BAKE NAPOLEON CAKE

Prep Time: 1 hour 20 minutes  
Cook Time: 10 minutes  
Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

An easy, no-bake Napoleon Cake with the same great flavors of a classic napoleon cake. The layers soften overnight under the custard cream making it irresistibly soft!

Author: Natasha of NatashasKitchen.com

Ingredients

For the Napoleon Cake:
- 800-900 grams Palmier or “elephant ear” cookies we buy the 2 lb box from Costco
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 whole eggs + 3 yolks from large eggs
- 1/3 cup corn starch
- 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 3 cups milk 2% or whole milk
- 1 Tbsp vanilla extract
- 1 stick 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- Berries to Decorate the top

What You Will Need:
- 9” springform pan or a 9x13 glass casserole dish
- Cake platter

Instructions:

In a medium saucepan, combine 3/4 cup sugar, 2 whole eggs and 3 yolks and thoroughly whisk together 1 minute. Add 1/3 cup corn starch and whisk until smooth. Whisk in 1/2 cup condensed milk. Add 3 cups milk while whisking. Once milk is incorporate, place over medium heat and continue whisking frequently until thickened and just starts to boil (8 to 10 min)*. Remove from heat right away.

Whisk in 1 Tbsp vanilla then add butter and whisk until fully incorporated. Cover custard surface with plastic wrap so a film does not form and let stand at room temperature for one hour until just barely warm.

While custard cools, prep cookies and cut in half if large to fit more in the pan. To slice, stack cookies and saw carefully with serrated knife. For the crumb coat, place 3-4 cookies in a large ziploc bag, seal and crush with rolling pin.

Remove the base of a 9” springform pan and place the tightened ring over the center of a cake platter. Spread 4 heaping Tablespoons of custard into the center, holding the ring steady. Arrange as many cookies as you can fit in a single layer into the bottom of pan**. Cover with 5 heaping Tablespoons custard and spread evenly with spatula. Repeat with remaining cookies and custard until you have 4 layers of cookies. Spread remaining frosting over the top, sealing any gaps. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

Once you take the cake out of the refrigerator, run a thin spatula around the edge to loosen it from the pan. Sprinkle crushed cookies over top and sides, gently patting to adhere crumbs. Arrange berries over the top and serve.

Recipe Notes:
*Tips for success: Stir custard often on the stove, and whisk constantly towards the end so it doesn’t get lumpy. As soon as you feel it starting to thicken, watch it closely since the boil can be hidden by the milk foam at the top.
**Add broken pieces of cookie to fill any large gaps.


Krauth, Lucas Michael baptized and chrismated on September 27, 1997 in St. Andrew Memorial Church Church, Parma, OH. Child of Michael Krauth and Roma Krauth. Sponsors: George Skyba and Samantha Pangborn. Celebrated by V. Rev. Yuriy Siwko.

Kuniewicz, Paul of Bethlehem, PA on April 23, 2021 at the age of 60 years, officiating clergy Rev. Richard Jendras of St. Mary Parish, Allentown, PA 18102.

Kzhenko, Katheryna of Pittsfield, MA on May 4, 2021 at the age of 100 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL 60464.

Koly, Kathryn of Greece, NY on August 7, 2020 at the age of 84 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary Parish, Rochester, NY.

Kuniewicz, Paul of Mara, PA on April 23, 2021 at the age of 99 years, officiating clergy Fr. Michael Kochis of St. Vladimir Parish, Ambridge, PA 15003.

Lo, Eugen of Spencerport, NY on December 13, 2020 at the age of 85 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary Parish, Rochester, NY.

Loj, Eugen of Spencerport, NY on December 13, 2020 at the age of 85 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary Parish, Rochester, NY.

Missonak, Russell M of Pittsburgh, PA on April 17, 2021 at the age of 89 years, officiating clergy Fr. John Charest of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA 15106.

Pylyshenko, Wolodymyr of Rochester, NY on February 8, 2021 at the age of 86 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary Parish, Rochester, NY.

Robinson, Larysa Barbara of Sandusky, OH on November 14, 2021 at the age of 69 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Vasyl Sendeha of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Palos Park, IL 60464.

Temschenko, Anton of Rochester, NY on May 16, 2021 at the age of 87 years, officiating clergy Fr. Igor Krekhovetsky of St. Mary Parish, Rochester, NY.
may god grant to them many happy and blessed years!

Rev. Ivan Synyevsky 6/5/2010
V. Rev. Volodymyr Zinchyshyn 6/16/1997
Rev. Myron Korostil 6/16/2013
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V. Rev. Andrew Gall 6/26/1988
Rev. Oleg Krawchenko 6/29/2019
Protod. Irene Dzadyk 6/19/1998
Dn. Timothy Kelleher 6/29/2019

Hierarchs:
Patriarch and Metropolitan Mstyslav (Skrypnyk) – 11 June 1993
Bishop Volodymyr (Hay) * – June 7 1977

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21st 1948 - PRIEST JOHN SENCHUK
21st 1955 - PRIEST JOHN PALEY
23rd 1973 - PROTOPRESBYTE VOLODYMYR KLODNYTSKY
30th 1975 - PROTOPRESBYTE PAWLO SZPIRUK
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WE are BACK!

Planned Summer Schedule
- June 28 - July 2 Virtual Programs for DCSC/TC
- July 5 - 9 Diocesan Church School Camp
- July 12 - 16 Teenage Conference
- August 8 - 10 Mommy/Daddy & Me
- August 13-15 St. Nicholas Program
- September 3-6 Family Fest

Dates are subject to change or cancellation based on current health mandates. Registration will remain open until stated dates. Spaces are limited. For more information concerning how camp will look this year and registration schedule please visit www.uocyouth.org.

We are very excited to announce the summer 2021 programs for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA Camping Ministry at All Saints Camp.

In keeping with the best practices with Covid-19 prevention as specified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and American Camp Association, we have made some modifications to our normal camp schedule and program. Camp will look and feel slightly different this summer, but the utmost thought has been put into planning a safe and fun experience for all campers. Some of the adjustments for this year include:

- Shorter program duration
- Half capacity of campers per cabin (ex. 4 campers + 1 staff per cabin for DCSC and TC; 1 family per cabin for MM/DM and St. Nicholas)
- Cohort groups for activities, cabin assignment and meals
- Social distancing and mask requirements as deemed necessary
- Assigned drop-off and pick-up times
- Adjusted program ages for THIS YEAR ONLY

For the full plan, you may go to the OYM website.

The dates for our programs are as follows:
- Virtual Week for DCSC and TC - June 28 - July 2
- Diocesan Church School Camp – July 5 – 9 – Youth ages 10 - 13
- Teenage Conference – July 11 – 16 – Youth ages 14 – 18 (current High School Graduate)
- Mommy & Me/Daddy & Me – August 8 – 11 – children ages 4 -9 and parents
- St. Nicholas Program - August 13 -16 – Special Needs Family Camp all ages
- Family Fest – September 3 -6 – All ages of faithful

We hope to announce additional programs as the summer progresses.

Staggered registration will begin May 6th. The registration schedule will be available on the camping programs registration page.

We are looking forward to being with you at camp this year. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Youth Ministry at uocyouth@aol.com. Full information about camp this year may be found at www.uocyouth.org.
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10
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
ВОЗНЕСІННЯ ГОСПОДНЄ

13
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Поминальна Субота

20
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П'ЯТИДЕСЯТНИЦЯ
- День Святої Тройці

21
Day of The Holy Spirit
День Святого Духа

24
Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas
Апостолів Варфоломія і Барнаба

27
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Всі Святи

28
St. Michael, first metropolitan of Kyiv
Святителя Михаїла, першого митрополита Київського

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12 The Holy, Glorious and All-praised Leaders of the Apostles, Peter and Paul
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