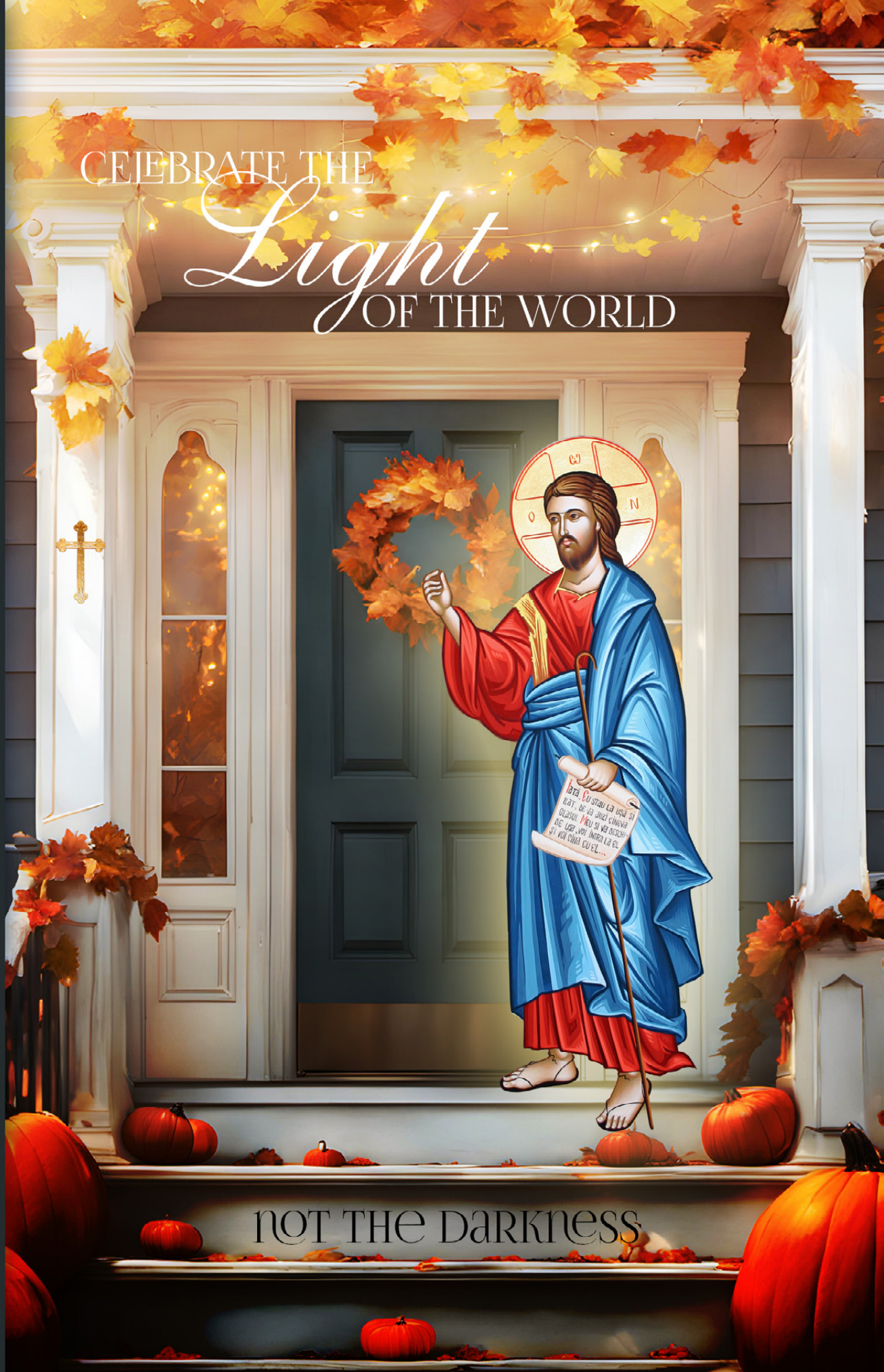




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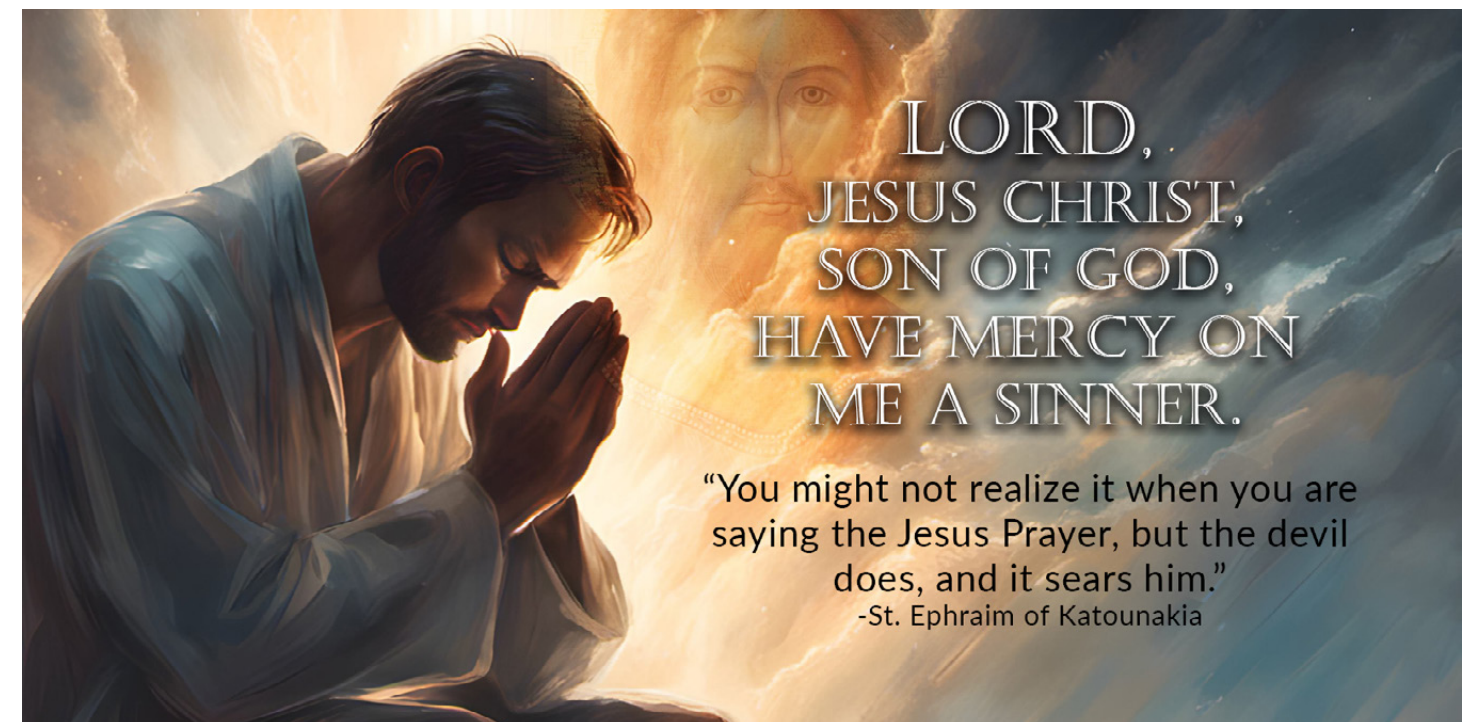
LET GOD ARISE, LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered and let those who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish just as wax melts before fire. So the demons will perish from the presence of those who love God and who sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross saying in gladness: "Hail, Most precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord, for You drive away demons by the Power of our Lord Jesus Christ crucified on you. He descended into Hades and trampled on the power of the devil and gave us You, His Venerable Cross, for the driving away of all enemies. Most precious and Life-Giving Cross of the Lord, help me, along with the Holy Lady, the Virgin Birth-Giver of God and all the saints throughout the ages. Amen.

НЕХАЙ ВОСКРЕСНЕ БОГ І РОЗВІЮТЬСЯ ВОРОГИ ЙОГО

Нехай біжать від лица Його всі ненависники Його. Як щезає дим, нехай щезнуть, як тане віск від лица вогню, так нехай загинуть біси від лица тих, хто любить Бога і хто осіняє себе хресним знаменням і в радості промовляє: Радуйся Пречесний і Животворчий Хресте Господній, що проганяєш бісів силою розп'ятого на Тобі Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, що до пекла зійшов, й подолав силу диявола, й дарував нам Тебе, Хрест Свій Чесний, на прогнання всякого супротивника. О Пречесний і Животворчий Хресте Господній, допомагай мені зі Святою Дівою Богородицею і зо всіма святыми Небесними Силами завжди, нині, і повсякчас, і навіки віків. Амінь.

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Members of the Council of Metropolia, Consistory, Clergy and Faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA sincerely greet His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, the Primate of the UOC of USA, on the 38th anniversary of his archpastoral ministry.

Many years have passed, dear Vladyko, since the time of your personal Pentecost: through the Grace of the Holy Spirit, you became part of Apostolic Succession and ministry. These many years have been filled with various events, including many blessings, and trials; however, the Lord has given you the wisdom and strength required to succeed along the path you have chosen.

“Yes, Lord, You know that I love You!” (John 21:16) - such was the ancient testimony of Christ’s disciples who sacrificed for the Lord and wished to serve Him selflessly. Today, is the day when you proclaimed your love for the Lord, and in response heard, “Feed my sheep” (John 21:16). This responsibility for the Lord’s flock is both a wonderful blessing and a great responsibility.

Remaining faithful to your calling, not only in word, but, with your own example of love towards God and Church, you affirm Holy Orthodoxy, and kindle a flame in the hearts of our clergy and faithful.

We wish you infinite strength, spiritual joy, and God’s help as you continue in your ministry. May the Lord help you as you undergo this great work of preserving Christ’s flock, and leading them to eternal salvation.

Високопреосвященний Митрополит Антоній Відзначає 38-му річницю Архиєрейського служіння

Рада Митрополії, Консисторія, духовенство та миряни Української Православної Церкви США сердечно вітають Високопреосвященного Митрополита Антонія, Предстоятеля УПЦ США, з 38-ою річницею архиєрейського служіння.

Вже чимало років тому відбулась Ваша, дорогий Владико, особиста П’ятидесятниця: благодаттю Святого Духа Ви стали наслідником Апостольського служіння. Цей час архиєрейського служіння був сповнений різними подіями, різноманітними благословеннями та випробуваннями, але Господь давав Вам мужність і силу достойно йти колись Вами обраним шляхом.

«Так, Господи, Ти знаєш, що люблю Тебе!» (Ів. 21:16) - таким було давнє свідчення учнів Христових, котрі прагнули служити Господу жертвно та самовіддано. Сьогодні той день, коли Ви принесли слова своєї любові Христу, і почули благу відповідь Господа: «Паси мої вівці» (Ів. 21:16). Ця відповідальність за Господнє стадо - і велике благословення, і велика відповідальність.

Але зберігаючи вірність своєму покликанню, Ви не тільки словом, але й власним прикладом любові до Бога і Церкви утверджуєте святе Православ’я та розпалюєте вогонь віри у серцях наших пастирів та вірних.

Бажаємо Вам невичерпної сили, духовної радості та допомоги Божої у Вашому подальшому служінні. Нехай Господь допомагає Вам у великій справі збереження стада Христового ведучи його до спасіння.



The clergy are of significant importance to Orthodox Christianity for a variety of reasons. The significance of their roles within the Orthodox Church are deeply rooted in Tradition and theology. Christ is the foundation of the Church, and the clergy He has called are the walls that hold up the Church (the people of faith). When they face isolation, depression, or become burnt out, this can affect the entire congregation. Clergy Appreciation Month is not the only time you should support your pastoral staff, as like all humans, they benefit from feeling the love and friendship of those around them, throughout the year. Your appreciation can be reflected in financial contributions, messages of love, or public announcements.

Whichever way your parish chooses to honor your deacon, priest and bishop, remember that the clergy are human. The best way for congregations to honor their clergy is to pray for their strength and support their work for the Church.

The Orthodox Church has three ranks of clergy: Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, through which the ordained men are blessed to fulfill responsibilities and services particular to each rank. As a whole the clergy of the Church are given a huge responsibility in caring for their flocks, entrusted to their care by Christ.

The roles of the clergy are manifold.

Sacramental Ministry: Priests are responsible for administering the Sacraments, which are central to the Orthodox Christian Faith. These Sacraments include the Eucharist (Holy Communion), Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Anointing of the sick, Ordination and Marriage. The priest plays a crucial role in administering these Sacraments, through which the faithful receive God’s Grace and spiritual nourishment.

Spiritual Guidance: Orthodox priests serve as spiritual guides and counselors to their parishioners. They provide pastoral care, offer advice on moral and ethical issues, and help individuals on their spiritual journey.

Liturgical Leadership: Priests lead the liturgical services, which are a central part of Orthodox worship. They preside over the Divine Liturgy and other services, offering prayers, blessings, and the consecration of the Eucharistic elements.

Teaching and Preaching: Priests are responsible for teaching and preaching the Orthodox Christian Faith. They expound on the Scriptures, share the teachings of the Church Fathers, and help the congregation grow in their understanding of the Faith. Through sermons and catechetical instruction, they educate and edify the faithful.

Shepherding the Flock: In Orthodoxy, priests are often seen as shepherds of their congregations, caring for the spiritual well-being of their parishioners. They offer pastoral leadership, visit the sick, comfort the grieving, and provide support to the community in various ways.

Preservation of Tradition: Priests play a vital role in preserving the Traditions and customs of the Orthodox Church. They ensure that the liturgical practices and theological teachings are passed down from generation to generation, maintaining the continuity of the Faith.

Intercessory Role: Priests serve as intermediaries between the faithful and God. They offer prayers on behalf of the community and intercede for the needs and concerns of the parishioners during the Divine Liturgy and other services.

Community Building: Priests help build and strengthen the Orthodox Christian community. They foster a sense of belonging and unity among parishioners, encouraging them to live out their faith in daily life and support one another.

In Orthodox Christianity, the priest is considered an important figure who connects the faithful to the divine and guides them on their spiritual journey. They are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the Faith, providing pastoral care, and facilitating the means through which their flock can experience the presence of God in their lives, onto eternal salvation in Christ. Do your best to support and encourage your clergy, so they can better support and encourage you.



There are many different brothers in the Bible. When Scripture talks about brothers it's not always blood related. Brotherhood can be a close friendship you have with someone, or perhaps a common interest, goal, or calling. As Christians we are called to be our brother's keeper, and thereby we are to build them up, show them love, and walk with them along the path to salvation.

One such brotherhood gathered from 15-18 October at the beautiful Metropolia Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, located in Somerset, NJ. Every year the hierarchs of the Church organize a Clergy Conference, where all the brother priests gather together for prayer, discussion, education, and encouragement.

On Sunday, October 15th, the clergy of the UOC of the USA, arrived to register and socialize on the evening before the three-day conference - the much-anticipated event – was formally convened. For most it had been a year since last they met. The months had flown by, and the brother clergy were laughing and hugging and once again enjoying each other's company.

The conference officially convened the following morning as the sun just rose over the horizon, and the clergy gathered at the St. Andrew Memorial Church for Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Archbishop Daniel. The church filled with dozens of clergy as they joined their hearts and minds in prayer and worship. After the reading of the Gospel (Luke 6:24-30) on loving others and turning the "other cheek", Archbishop Daniel delivered a moving sermon stressing the importance of



listening to God's Will and not being afraid to preach His saving Gospel to the world through our daily lives, especially in light of all the current atrocities occurring in the world around us. He stated that we are called to love everyone, without exception, even those whom we consider our enemies. He gave personal examples of how God has guided him through his life and led him to this point, where he is able to preach the Lord and be a vessel of Christ's Light to the world, as all Orthodox Christians are called to be.

The climax of the Liturgy was the partaking of the Eucharist, as the dozens upon dozens of priests and deacons crowded into the Altar to partake of the Holy Eucharist – the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. While it is always a moving experience, being surrounded by brother clergy, shoulder to shoulder, around the Holy Altar, in common prayer, “of one mind and one heart” - one body.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the conference participants made their way over to the Cultural Center where having enjoyed a delicious breakfast, they filled the Conference Room and got down to the business at hand. Opening the session with prayer, Metropolitan Antony blessed the clergy, expressing the importance of faith and belief. His Eminence stressed the importance of living the Faith, with faith, daily in our lives. The clergy are called to minister to the diverse communities in which they have been placed, and to minister to people of various backgrounds and needs. They must seek to recognize the personal characters and attitudes of each of their spiritual children and to comprehend the fact that they must be the influence in each of their lives individually – the influence that leads them all along the narrow path following our Lord. His Eminence encouraged all those gathered to put their trust in God and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit each day, so that they can successfully minister to those entrusted to their care, each as to his or her own personal need.

To be able to help others, it is of great benefit for us to understand ourselves first. Everyone has different personalities, and knowing our own will help us see ourselves as others see us and will allow us to realize how we act and react in various situations. To assist the clergy in better gauging their own strengths and weaknesses, they were asked to complete prior to the conference, a two part self-assessment which helps to identify individual “strengths” and “struggles. The assessment summarized the single word characteristics that each individual considered to be most descriptive of himself. The report compiled at the end of the assessment identified leadership types and styles for



each individual priest. Mr. Dean Harbry, Chariman of the Board of the Orthodox Christian Leadership Initiative and Orthodox Christian Coaching, delivered a riveting presentation on how to utilize the results identifying each of our priests. Nearly every participant was astounded at how accurately the abundance of choices they made during the assessment summarized their leadership style in ways they had not contemplated. Armed with the information to identify practical clues as to why people behave the way they do, how different personalities best interact, and how best to lead varied individuals by choosing to show the “middle way” in their ministry that will help their spiritual children avoid the extremes of thought and action that often cause strife and division in parish life or interpersonal relationships. Being able to comprehend and share the middle way will allow the clergy to better minister to their flocks.

The clergy shared stories later in the day with each other. It was beneficial for them to understand what other parishes are experiencing – their success, their failures, their joy, and their difficulties. By sharing experiences, the clergy were able to learn from each other, pick up tips, encourage their brothers who were struggling, and connect with clergy promising to keep in touch and assist each other, emphasizing Metropolitan Antony's words quoting Fr. George Hnatko of Blesses Memory, that “Priests need priests too!”

Later in the conference, the gathering was pleased to learn about the newest Central Organization and ministry of the Church, the Guardians of the Metropolia (GoM). Fr. Andrii Pokotylo, President of the GoM Board and Howard West, Vice-President, explained the importance of the Guardians, their mission, their goals, and how to join them in making the Church even stronger than it is today. They asked the clergy to refer individuals in their parish communities who might consider becoming part of the GoM.

Archbishop Daniel spoke on the strategic outlook for the Church, and the plan for spiritual success and the salvation of souls. As society becomes ever more secularized, the work of the priest becomes ever more difficult. However, requiring greater effort and sacrifice on behalf of the priest, may lead to burn out, and therefore, it is imperative that the clergy reach out to each other, help each other, support each other, reiterating once again the need of priest working together to support each other.

In addition to being mentally stimulated and educated, the clergy were also spiritually fulfilled throughout the conference. Each day was filled with services, Liturgies,

Molebens, Vespers, etc. Nothing is as successful at bolstering one's spirit and exciting their souls as worshipping the Lord, and even more so in the company of brother clergy.

A particularly moving service was a Moleben on Tuesday evening to Sts. Julian and Chrisina, the patrons of our UOC Youth Ministry Program directed by Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon for over twenty years. We must not only train up our youth, but we must also continually pray for them. The UOC of the USA, under the leadership of UOC Youth Ministry Director, Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon, undertook a project several years ago to select patron saints for the youth of the Church. The children were given numerous options, they learned about the lives of the numerous saints, their hardships, their suffering, their ultimate victory, and in the end, cast votes to beseech two saints to intercede on their behalf before the Lord: St. Christina of Tyre, and St. Julian of Tarsus, both were young adults who were martyred for their unflinching commitment to Christ. Church iconographer, Michael Kapeluck was commissioned to write an icon depicting both saints. 87 reproductions of that icon were blessed at the Vespers service and distributed to the clergy to take with them back to their home parishes where they can also serve the Moleben WITH their own parish children beseeching the Lord will enable them to live following the dedication and love for God and fellow man of Sts. Christina and Julian.

The conference concluded with a moving Divine Liturgy celebrated by Metropolitan Antony. During his summary of the Clergy Conference, he urged the clergy to absorb what they learned about their particular skills and leadership styles and to utilize it in their ministry without fail and without excuse for why they cannot. “May we never hear the words of our Lord about us that He spoke about the Pharisees who were “offended” by His teachings... *“Let them alone: they are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into the ditch.”* (Mt. 15:14) We, priests of the New Covenant, must ALWAYS seek to guide our spiritual children along the “narrow path”, which leads to salvation. No excuse will suffice to justify ourselves if we lead a spiritual child into the ditch or to veer off the narrow path. Our lives must be filled with the Grace inspired into our lives, especially at the moment of our ordination to the Diaconate and the Holy Priesthood – the Grace that will put the words we need in our mouths when we need them, the Grace that should abound in us and grow, overflowing into the lives of those God has given to us. What trust He has in us! What spiritual power He has given us! What instruction He has given us to work miracles in human lives! God save us if we abandon our

pastoral responsibilities. God save us if we choose the “things” of the temporal world over storing up treasures in Heaven. God save us if we get lazy and simply “go through the motions of priestly responsibility with no intent, no personal prayer outside of liturgical services, no attempt to discover and share the middle way in our relationships with all and especially when we fail to practice what we preach! Hypocrisy – the only time we see an angry and vocal response from our Lord in the Gospels is when He is confronted with it. God save us, my brothers, from ALL that weakens us and our Holy Priesthood. You all are in my prayers daily and I ask for your prayers for my own failures and weaknesses.”

Following Divine Liturgy, the brothers gathered again to break bread and discuss what they were personally enlightened with during the conference. They asked their hierarchs to definitely schedule regional conferences in each quarter of the year so that their distance from one another across the entire USA will be overcome by the opportunity to learn together, to worship together and simply socialize. This was the largest conference we have experienced in many years – especially through the pandemic that separated us from each other for so long. “O Lord, save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Orthodox Christians over their adversaries and by virtue of Your Cross, protect us as Your community.”

Photos by Subdeacons Maksym Zhuravchyk and Mykola Stefanyk



In the blue twilight of the evening of Tuesday, October 17, 2023, a warm glow emitted from the doors of the St. Andrew Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, as the clergy and guests made their way to the church. The main entry way was flanked by yellowing trees towering over dozens of panels depicting the fallen warriors of Ukraine. A sign of the reality and brutality of a war inflicted upon Ukraine and the world by the Russian Federation.

Leaving behind the darkness of the fallen world, the faithful found solace inside the church, beneath the loving gaze of the large mosaic icon of Christ. Having attended the second day of the Annual Clergy Conference of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Ukraine, the church was filled by men ordained to serve in the Lord’s vineyard, men who took an oath to preach and teach and bring those entrusted to them to salvation in Christ.

Tonight, the clergy gathered for just that purpose. Joining His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Prime Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA and the Diaspora, and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel, Ruling Hierarchy of the Western Eparchy of the UOC of the USA and Consistory President, the clergy prayed for the protection, guidance, and salvation of the Church’s youth.

Earlier in the year, under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Kapeluck-Nixon, Director of the UOC Youth Ministry, the children cast their votes to pick two patron saints for

the youth of the Church. Much consideration went into the voting process, ensuring that the lives of the various saints were read and understood. After the ballots were counted, the Director announced that Saints Christina of Tyre and Saint Julian of Tarsus would be the patron saints of the youth of the UOC of the USA.

Holy Martyr Christina lived during the third century in Tyre, modern-day Lebanon. Her father, governor of Tyre, wanted the exceptionally beautiful girl to be a pagan priestess. He, therefore, placed her at age 11 in a tower with gold and silver idols. St. Christina begged God to reveal Himself and was visited by an angel who revealed Christ to her. St. Christina smashed all the idols and as a result endured many tortures at the hands of her father, including beatings, being burned, and having a large stone put around her neck in an attempt to drown her at sea. Each time an angel protected her. In terror, her father ascribed this to sorcery and he decided to execute her in the morning. That night he suddenly died. Subsequent governors subjected St. Christina to many more cruel tortures including cutting off her tongue. The martyr took her tongue and threw it in the governor’s face, and he was instantly blinded. Finally, the torturers executed St. Christina with a sword.

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus was born in the Asia Minor province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband the mother of Saint Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety.

When Julian reached age 18, a persecution against Christians began under the emperor Diocletian (284-305 AD). Among those arrested was Saint Julian. They brought him before the governor Marcian for trial, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts and honors could convince the pious youth to offer pagan sacrifice and deny Christ. The holy confessor remained steadfast in his firm faith.

For a whole year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and tortures, after which they threw him in prison. After continued imprisonment and the young man's refusal to deny Christ, they tied the Martyr Julian into a sack, filled with sand and poisonous snakes and scorpions, and threw him into the sea. The body of the sufferer was carried by the waves to the shores of Alexandria, where it was found by Christians and given a proper burial.

Through the intercession and example of these two young martyrs the youth of the Church have strong mentors and protectors. In today's ever darkening society, the youngest members of the Church are continuously faced with difficult decisions and situations. It is easy to get lost in all the propaganda and misinformation they are exposed to. Therefore, more than ever, it is crucial that the Church continue to pray for the safety and salvation of the children of the Church.

An icon of the two young martyrs was commissioned and written by Church iconographer Michael Kapeluck. Copies were made of the icon and during the evening service, the hierarchs blessed them all before distributing them to the clergy present in order to be taken back with them to their home parishes. In addition to the regularly served Akathist to the Birth-Giver of God – the Nurturer of Children served monthly, additional services and prayers will be raised to benefit the youth, to grant them wisdom, guidance, integrity, maturity and dedication to Christ and His teachings, and not to wander off the narrow path which leads them to salvation.

With icons safely tucked away, the clergy walked out of the warm and glowing church into the darkness outdoors. The brisk autumnal breeze chilled them, but, their souls remained warmed by the prayers just uttered, their faith in the Lord, and their assurance that Christ will protect and guide the youth of the Church and grant salvation for numerous generations of Orthodox Christians.

TROPAR (St. Julian)
Your holy martyr Julian, O Lord, through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God. For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries, and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. Through his intercessions save our souls!

TROPAR (St. Christina)
O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions since Thou art great in mercy.

Photos by Subdeacon Maksym Zhuravchyk



On a beautiful Sunday, the 15th in Philadelphia, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Cathedral had the privilege of welcoming His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel for the feast day of the Protection of the Holy Theotokos and the 97th anniversary of our Cathedral.

Our youth welcomed the Hierarchs at the doors with flowers and sweet greetings. The Hierarchs, showing their love, returned the flowers to the children and asked them to be distributed to the youth.

The liturgy served by the Heirarchs as well as visiting priests, deacons, seminarians, and our own Father Taras was truly beautiful. The choir sounded fuller with the added voices of seminarians and the altar was plentiful with the additional clergymen.

Following liturgy we welcomed everyone down to a homemade meal made by our own parishioners and sisterhood. After multiple speakers and performances including our very own seminarians, the day came to an end.

Looking back, another great moment of the day was seeing the faces of old and new friends. It's always lovely to see how such an event brings the parish together.

We would also like to wish a special shout out to Larysa Zaika who received a Testament of Blessings (a Hramota) from the Hierarchs for her services on the parish council for over 50 years.

Photos by Subdeacon Maksym Zhuravchyk





Most of us, Orthodox Christians, know that we are to avoid celebrating Halloween, but why? Many think this to simply be a fun night for children and adults to dress up in fancy costumes, run around with their friends, and collect candy. What could be wrong with this? Many things are wrong with Halloween celebrations. The main goal of every Christian feast is the glad tidings of Christ. If there are no glad tidings, then it has no relationship to Christianity.

CREEPY DECORATIONS. Humans work hard to avoid death and suffering. We regularly submit names of people to be prayed for and ourselves ask the Lord's mercy and that He grant us good health and long lives. We try to eat healthy; we exercise, we visit our doctors regularly and take our vitamins in order to remain healthy and live longer. And yet at Halloween we glorify death and gore. Front yards are transformed into cemeteries with gravestones, mummies, and skeletons. Eerie sounds are played over speakers, and witches hang from trees. What good comes of this? We are to shine Christ's light in this world, but instead we soundly place a bushel over the light and revel in darkness. **"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."** - Matthew 5:16

TRICK OR TREAT. On Halloween our streets echo as children young and old run around, knock on doors and yell out "trick or treat". We have heard it so often we have grown immune to what the words actually mean. The resident of the house is given an ultimatum – give us a treat or we will perform a trick, usually some sort of

property damage. This goes against Christian teaching. We are never to threaten or bully anyone. "They don't mean any harm, it's just a saying..." That is the case in most situations, but, even so, with these "little and inconsequential" things we start to normalize evil and sin.

FANCY COSTUMES. Who doesn't like to dress up and pretend? All children love to dress in costumes and pretend to be someone else, a superhero, a princess, a fireman. It's all in good fun. And yet, the vast majority of costumes, even the cute ones, are of witches with adorable hats, ghouls, goblins, zombies, demons, ghosts, etc., while adult gatherings not only encourage dressing as evil creatures and beings, but verge on the vulgar. All this again goes against the teachings of the Orthodox Church. When we are taught to dress modestly, it does not only mean on Sundays in church, but always. We are to be Christlike throughout all our lives, in all places – school, work, church, and parties.

THE LIVING AND THE DEAD. The Celts, originators of Halloween, believed that during this feast the spiritual barrier between the living and the dead was at its thinnest so that the evil spirits of the dead returned to the earth to wreak havoc among the living.

This belief is contrary to the Christian theology of the living and the dead, which rejects any belief in the ghosts. As Orthodox Christians, we acknowledge the existence of evil demons, who were angels like Satan that opposed God and fell. Saint Antony the Great spoke of their existence when he wrote, **"The demons were not**

created as the figures we now identify as "demonic," for God made nothing bad. They were made good but falling from the heavenly wisdom and thereafter wandering around the earth, they deceived humanity through apparitions. Envious of us Christians, they meddle with all things in their desire to frustrate our journey into heaven so that we might not ascend to the place from which they fell."

Ghosts, on the other hand, are human spirits that return to earth to haunt people and cause turmoil. The Orthodox Church rejects any belief in them as well. This is not to say, however, that the Lord does not permit legitimate apparitions of His saints. In Matthew 27:52, we read that, after Our Lord's crucifixion, **"the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many."** Similarly, God permitted many to see visions of the saints, and countless saints including St. Anthony the Great, struggled against visions and apparitions of demons for many years.

The difference between these legitimate holy apparitions and the belief in ghosts is that the former gives glory to God while the latter has an evil purpose. The saints who rose from their graves preached the Lord's resurrection and victory over death after the Lord released them from Hades. The death of Christ on the Cross freed mankind from bondage to Satan, released those captives in Hades who remained in hope (Ephesians 4:9, 10) and opened the gates of Paradise to mankind. This is what we joyously proclaim on Pascha – **"Christ has risen from the dead..."**

When compared to these legitimate apparitions that give glory to God, the wandering of spirits in the pagan feast reveals an evil purpose. The evil spirits during the feast of Samhain were said to instill fear, wreak havoc, kill animals, and steal infants from rival tribes. Far from manifesting the glory of God, these evil spirits wrought wickedness wherever they went. The pagan people's response also demonstrated wickedness, including human sacrifices to appease evil spirits that many of them believed were gods. Therefore, we must acknowledge that the ancient origin of Halloween is a pagan feast of darkness and evil that offers a false teaching about the living and the dead.

So, should we be scared of Halloween? No. Christ has defeated death and has already conquered this world. We have nothing to fear as long as we have faith and follow Christ.

Should we avoid participating in Halloween activities altogether? We are never to support or portray anything evil, even in the name of good fun. We are to shine brightly and dispel the darkness in the world. With that in mind, we need to take under consideration each individual situation. If an elementary school is having a Halloween parade are we to forbid our children from joining? If we do, we stand the chance of the young minds turning against the very thing that will save them – Christian teachings and Christ. A young child will not understand good versus evil, all they know is that they are not allowed to have fun and eat candy with their friends. Therefore, dress them as "good" characters, perhaps saints, heroes, or princesses, but, never as anything evil, because even a cute witch is still a witch and will teach them that the occult is acceptable.

Instead of participating in parties where drinks may be spiked, and questionable things done in dark corners, perhaps organize a fall themed party at your parish, permitting decent costumes, role playing, and lots of treats.

"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

On Pascha, we celebrate the Resurrection by lighting candles. This act reminds us not only that the Light of Christ cannot be overcome by darkness, but that we carry this Light within us everywhere we go. It's not the physical candle that makes us alight with Christ, but the fire which burns in our hearts and souls.

As faithful Orthodox Christians, we are called to live in the world yet not be of the world. **My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified (John 17:15-21).**

The thief comes but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, I come that they may have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

We are not here to be agents of death, darkness, destruction, nor division. We are here to shine the Light of Christ that was given to us at our baptism. When our Lord said: **I will not leave you as orphans**, He meant I will not leave you as orphans. We not only experience the Light of Christ inside our holy Orthodox Churches, but we are meant to be the light outside the doors of our churches.



ІНФОРМАЦІЙНЕ АГЕНТСТВО
1NEWS

Свято Хеллоуїн, який традиційно асоціюється з темними і потойбічними силами, в Україні відзначають починаючи з 90-х років. Так, 31 жовтня багато хто влаштовує тематичні вечірки з страхітливими маскарадними костюмами.

Але в той же час знаходиться безліч супротивників цього свята з язичницькими коренями, в основному, серед релігійних людей, які закликають не відзначати Хеллоуїн. 1News розповідає, що на цей рахунок кажуть у православної церкви. Хоча в православ'ї немає офіційної заборони на святкування Хеллоуїна, священнослужителі виступають проти цього, називаючи це свято і пов'язані з ним традиції сатанинськими. Вірян закликають не брати участі в заходах, присвячених Хеллоуїну, і не радити робити це своїм друзям і близьким.

Так, зокрема, в Православній церкві України відзначають, що під час Хеллоуїна люди влаштовують "свято смерті", коли живі заграють з нею і з темними силами, вдаючи, що вони вже мертві.

"Не варто загравати зі смертю, навіть жартома вшановувати жорстокість та зло. Це особливо актуальним є для дітей, підлітків та молоді, світосприйняття яких тільки формується і які легше піддаються звабам удаваних принад зла. Павутиння, кажани, імітація розливої крові, відірваних частин тіла навряд чи є тим, що сприяє плеканню добра і злагоди, миру і любові – чеснот, до яких ми, як християни, маємо першочергово прагнути".



ANGELS

DEMONS

Elisha and the Israelites woke in the morning to a terrible sight. They were ambushed. Their enemies surrounded the city. Fires burned and the ravens gathered for the kill. Like Stonewall Jackson at the Battle of Manassas, Elisha stood unmoved. "Don't be afraid," he told his servant, "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then the prophet prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." The servant looked and saw the hills filled with horses and chariots of fire (2 Kings 6:17). Life is not what it seems.

The scriptures tell us of countless angels that surround us day and night. Yet, when we look around, we see only the natural world, stones, sticks, and a blue sky. This makes us feel safe and grown up. In reality, we are no different than the little child who thinks he is safe because the light switch is turned on. Walruses see in shades of black and white. Imagine if you could have a conversation with a walrus (which would be quite the experience). As much as you might try, you would never convince the walrus that he was surrounded by a great spectrum of colors. His eyes are limited. He could only believe in faith. In the same way, if there is one thing that science has made clear, it is that there is far more going on around us than we can comprehend. Most of us spend our lives oblivious to the very real spiritual world.

C. S. Lewis suggests what might be the devil's most brilliant move. He hides his existence behind tights and a pitchfork. Medieval paintings were sublime and stern. Angels appeared as daunting soldiers. Demons were drawn as dragons or beasts. The early Christians

were bold in their belief in spiritual forces. Over time, Christian art softened. By the renaissance, the culture began to imagine angels that were feminine and cuddly, a cupid or infant with a harp. In our time, the popular image of an angel has become comical, the devil most of all. We have all seen the cartoons. When we think of evil, we imagine a man with red tights and silly smile. Nowadays, to believe in angels and demons feels superstitious and ignorant. To take them seriously feels absurd and embarrassing.

What does Scripture say about the angels? St. John describes hundreds and thousands of angels around the throne of God. Jacob's vision reveals a ladder from that throne to earth, with angels coming and going. The holy stories reveal angels guarding Eden, teaching Tobit and his son, delivering messages to Mary and Zechariah, and even breaking Peter out of prison. Our Epistle reading today brings us to one of the most dramatic accounts of angels:

"War arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world – he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him...Rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (Rev. 12:7-12).

What do angels and demons have to do in our own lives? The heroes in biblical times may have been privy to angelic visions. In our cozy and modern lifestyles, angels do not seem to have much place. Most of us Christians do not live lives altogether different than our secular co-workers. We might go to church occasionally and even say a prayer or two over a meal. Yet, when it comes to the day-to-day, we live like everyone else. We see the world like everyone else too. It is part of the times. Life boils down to psychology, upbringing, the weather, or a mix of all three...or does it?

The best psychologists will tell you there is much more going on. It is one thing to put together an idea of this world by reading the People Magazine, watching CNN, or maybe relaxing to a series of Supernatural on Netflix. It is another thing to interact with people in an insane asylum or spend time in the streets. Some of the sanest psychologists that I have studied under have worked in these asylums. They have seen paranormal activity that rivals the horror films – human behavior that surpasses physical and neurological explanation. But all that is ‘hush, hush.’ I suppose we feel safer by laughing at it. If only a prophet like Elisha would pray for us today: *“Open their eyes, Lord, that they may see.”*

In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul warns us: *“Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”* (Eph. 6:12). What does this have to do with me? After all, I’m an American citizen. I can read the morning newspaper and go about my normal business. Every ordinary Joe knows that angels and demons should be left to the priests and exorcists, not me...What is the problem? This is all lies and delusion.

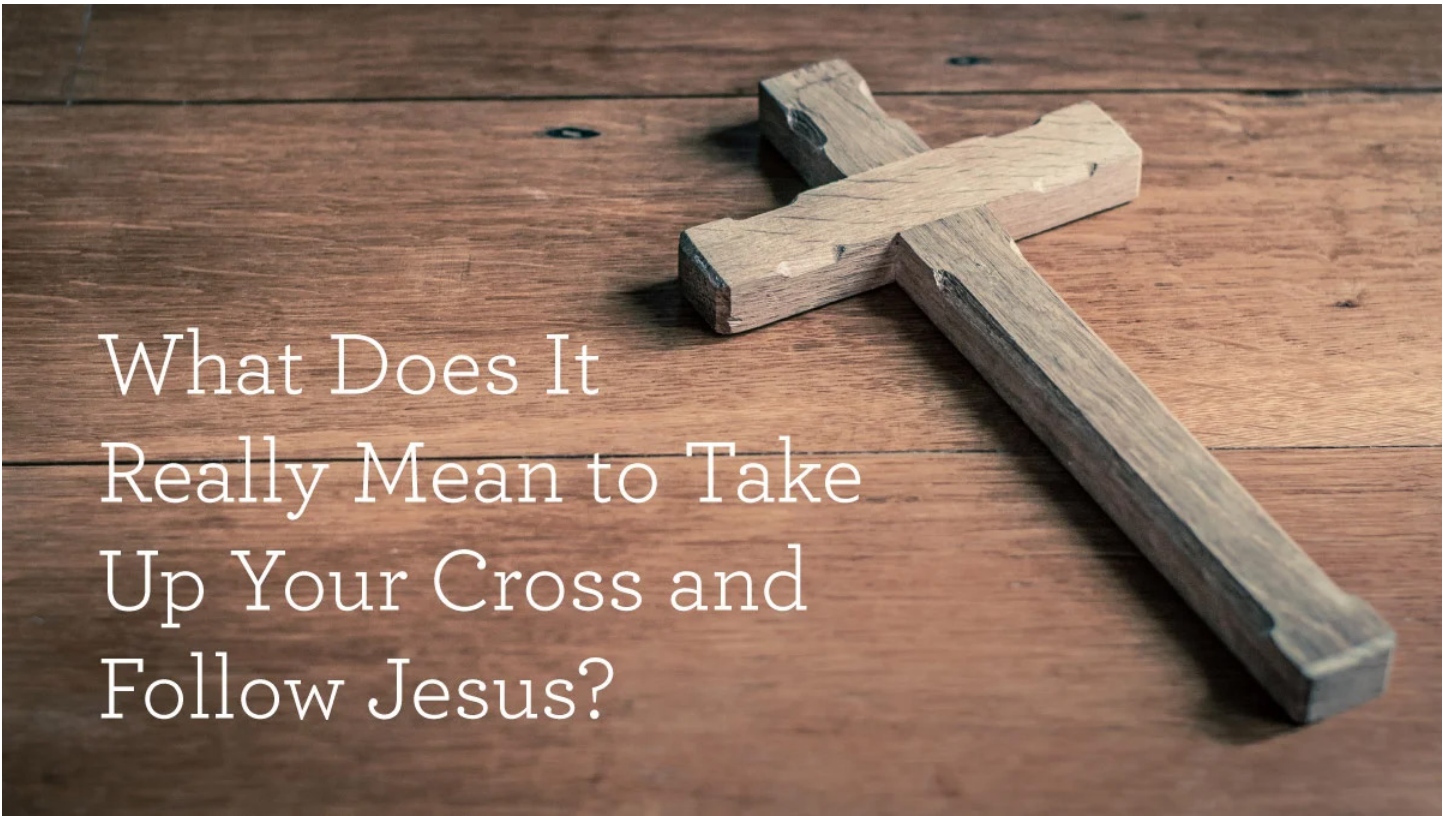
Every thought, every decision, every breath is part of the spiritual world. When we begin our day in prayer, we clothe our selves in the protection of bright angels. An air of peace follows us through our front doors and into the work place. When we nurse anger, lust, or pride, we open our soul and the events of the day to all manner of forces. St. Basil taught: *“The guardian angel will not retreat from us, unless we drive him away by our evil deeds. As the smoke drives bees away, and stench the doves, even so our stinking sin drives away from us the angel who protects our life.”* From the other side, the psalter promises, *“The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them”* (Ps. 34:7). We are spiritual beings in a spiritual world. We cannot take this seriously enough.

How should we live? Most of the time, we spend our lives oblivious. Like the soldier who walked into the gunfire whistling, we go about our days blind to reality. On the other extreme, we have all known the fanatic who looks for demons behind the door and under his pillow. The Church provides a very simple approach. Be aware of the spiritual warfare, and simply fix your heart on Jesus Christ.

“Put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground...stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with readiness...take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit (Eph. 6:13-18).”

May our Lord give us strength to live intentionally and to keep our eyes fixed on Him.

Fr. Peter Kavanaugh



And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Who among you, would leave your wife, husband, family to follow a man who invited you to do so. Who will take care of your mortgage, your car loan, the college tuition. Do we have the same faith as that of the men who were first called. There are few who can say yes right off, yet the rest hesitate, they worry. Our Lord knows of our opposition, for He said, *“Do not worry about your life!”* (Matt. 6:25) For the Father our God takes care of us, so why do we hesitate? Jesus gave us the example of the lilies of the valley and the birds of the air. The Lord said, *“Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”* As they are being attended to by God, are we, “of more value than they,” are also being taken care of by God.

Our savior calls each of us to Him. *“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest”* (Matt. 11:28-29) *Come to the Lord! “Come and see!” for the Lord is good.* (John 1:23)

So when is it the right time to come to Christ and follow Him? NOW!!!

For most of us, from our early years as a child we began our journey to follow Him at our baptism as we received the grace of God. A grace, received at that moment of time, which we need more than any other a time in

our lives, His grace in our physical and spiritual lives. So as we grow in our lives physically, we hear that call, “Follow Me” to be reminded of our continued renewal of our commitment to the Lord and His Church. St Paul says, *“Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation:”* (2 Cor. 6:2).

Serving God is an opportunity for our salvation and for that of others. Each of us has received and been given the ability to exercise the acts of Love and Charity, to serve those who may be less fortunate, or not. But to share these gifts, the talents, which have been given to each of us to care for so many who are in need. Jesus calls us to serve Him. He calls us with all our faults, strengths and weaknesses. Let us today, either here in Church or in a quiet place at home, examine our lives. Let us ask ourselves how we have responded to His call in our lives. How have we responded or have we fallen short of His plan for us?

The simplicity of Jesus’ words, the call and promise is striking but remains powerless without a decision on our part. If Peter and Andrew merely listened and said, that’s a very interesting invitation. Maybe we should talk about it after fishing season, then, they would not have become disciples of Jesus. Jesus needs for us to take action on our part, to follow him or to remain where we are.

Fr. Stephen Masliuk



FOLLOW ME

Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

1 While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. 2 And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, 7 they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb'edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Meditation: Have you ever struggled because your life wasn't going the way you wanted? Do you feel that way right now? To many bills? Not enough money? Or maybe you are stressed because of your constant striving for more and more of the things of this world, or you are in debt up to your eyeballs trying to pay for and maintain those things you have already acquired. Do you spend most of your time focusing on how you will achieve a bigger home, a new car, stretching yourself out for that new flat screen or surround sound system your friend just purchased?

The Bible teaches us that actually we are not defined by our possessions or how much money we make, but rather by our hearts. The desires of the world will pass away, God reminds us not to put our faith in these things.

In today's Gospel we learn that Apostle Peter struggle to catch a fish - daily survival food of fisherman. But in his struggle Peter was also willing to listen and even trust our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." Peter in first reaction reply: "Master, we toiled all night and took

nothing!" but then Peter added: "But at your word I will let down the nets. And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking" (Luke 5:4-6).

Apostle Peter trusted Jesus Christ and for that he was rewarded with a great shoal of fish. Even more, Lord spoke to him; "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." Are you too, willing to listen and trust our Lord Jesus Christ?

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his servants, ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the

kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostles says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Cor. 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love?

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COURAGE

Put on the Armor of FAITH
and conquer your own sinfulness
courageously proclaiming FAITH in
Christ our Savior!

- Archbishop Daniel

СМІЛИВІСТЬ

Одягніть на себе озброєння ВІРИ
та подолайте власну гріховність,
сміливо проголошуючи ВІРУ в
Христа Спасителя!

- Архієпископ Даниїл





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***“God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”
Genesis 1:31***

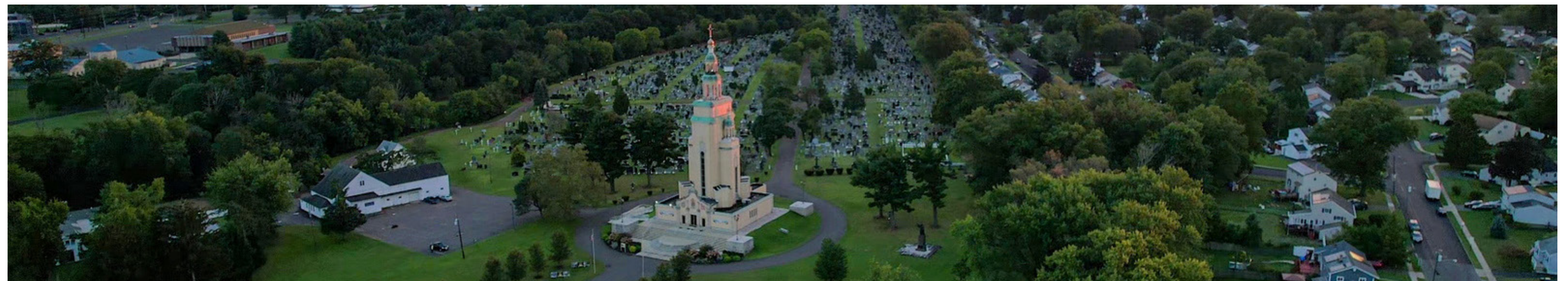
Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

One of the blessings we have in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA is our Spiritual Metropolia Center, which provides care for the administrative and spiritual needs of the entire Church.

The Spiritual Center of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, located in South Bound Brook/Somerset, NJ, daily reflects this goodness created by the Lord. The grounds of the Center are a tranquil piece of the world, removed from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Here time seems to stand still.

With the chill of early autumn, the trees have begun to change colors and now glow bright yellow, orange and crimson, as the shrubs, having dropped their flowers regale in their brightly colored berries. Birds sing and chirp, as the first rays of sunshine turn the morning clouds hues of soft pinks and blues. The ethereal mist that covers the grounds begins to lift as herds of deer emerge, the stags with their large antlers leading the way to the open green fields of sweet dew-covered grass around the St. Andrew Memorial Church.

Further behind them the foxes yawn as they retreat to their burrows, and the rabbits emerge from their underground nests to frolic among the tombstones of the St. Andrew cemetery. Through the mist, the graves adorned with flowers, wreaths, candles, and angels seem to unite the living and the dead.



In this tranquil environment the creatures of God feel safe and make their homes, living out their lives through the seasons, raising their young, and enjoying the lives God has given them. The birds of the air, the animals of the land, and the fishes of the sea who swim up and down the river located on the property all have found a home in this peaceful portion of the earth.

The beautiful grounds are also home to many of God's people who reside at or visit the Metropolia Center. Nestled beneath ancient trees, the snow-white St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary is busy daily as students take their classes. The tall spire of the St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Memorial Church invites people from near and far to come worship the Lord. The staff of the Consistory Office building quietly and efficiently handle all the Church business.

As the seasons change, the days grow shorter. The setting sun paints the sky a deep purple, as the last rays reflect warmly off the cross atop the St. Andrew church. In the growing darkness, warm candlelight glows from the windows of the Seminary, as each day closes with Evening Prayers. The voices of the seminarians can be heard from the Seminary Chapel, echoing throughout the grounds, as they praise the Lord, and ask for His continued mercy and protection. The deer pause momentarily, glancing in through the seminary windows, before disappearing back into the mist.

Nature has a way of inspiring awe and appreciation for the world around us, and it is clear that the Spiritual Center of the UOC of the USA holds a special and tranquil beauty that allows visitors to connect with the divine and appreciate the wonders of creation.

“And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning.” Genesis 1:13

Photos by Subdeacon Maksym Zhuravchyk



Statue of St. Olha in front of the Saint Andrew Memorial Church in South Bound Brook, NJ.



Aerial view of the Metropolia Center of the UOC of the USA - The Ukrainian Cultural Center, Consistory Office, and the Ukrainian History and Education Center Museum Complex



Consistory Offices of the UOC of the USA
(above)

"Cemetery" House
(below)



Birth-Giver of God Icon
Plaque on Entry Gates
to the Saint Andrew
Memorial Church
(above)



Fisher House (above and below)



Holy Transfiguration Chapel
(left)

Ukrainian History and Education Center
Museum Complex (above)



The Saint Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary



Ukrainian Cultural Center (above)



Saint Andrew Memorial Church (left)



Ukrainian American Veterans Monument (above)



THE BEST PUMPKIN PIE

SUGARED CRANBERRIES

1 cup (120g) fresh cranberries*
2 cups (400g) granulated sugar, divided
1 cup (240ml) water

PUMPKIN PIE

Homemade Pie Dough (full recipe makes 2 crusts: 1 for bottom, 1 for leaf decor)
egg wash: 1 large egg beaten with 1 Tablespoon milk
one 15-ounce can (425g) pumpkin puree*
3 large eggs
1 and 1/4 cups (250g) packed light or dark brown sugar
1 Tablespoon (8g) cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 and 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger*
1/4 teaspoon ground or freshly grated nutmeg*
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves*
1/8 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
1 cup (240ml) heavy cream
1/4 cup (60ml) milk

INSTRUCTIONS

If garnishing with sugared cranberries, make those first: Place cranberries in a large bowl; set aside. In a medium saucepan, bring 1 cup of sugar and the water to a boil and whisk until the sugar has dissolved. Remove pan from the heat and allow to cool for 5 minutes. Pour sugar syrup over the cranberries and stir. Let the cranberries sit at room temperature or in the refrigerator for 6 hours or overnight (ideal). You'll notice the sugar syrup is quite thick after this amount of time. Drain the cranberries from the syrup and pour 1 cup of sugar on top. Toss the cranberries, coating them all the way around. Pour the sugared cranberries on a parchment paper or silicone baking mat-lined baking sheet and let them dry for at least 2 hours at room temperature or in the refrigerator. You'll have extra, but they're great for eating or as garnish on other dishes. Cover tightly and store in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

Make the pie crust through step 5 according to my directions and video tutorial in my pie crust recipe. Or use your favorite pie dough or store-bought.

Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).

Roll out the chilled pie crust: Remove 1 disc of pie dough from the refrigerator. On a lightly floured work surface, roll the dough out into a 12-inch circle. Make sure to turn the dough about a quarter turn after every few rolls. Carefully place the dough into a 9-inch pie dish. Tuck it in with your fingers, making sure it's tightly pressed into the pie dish. Fold any dough overhang back into the dish to form a thick rim around the edges. Crimp the edges with a fork or flute the edges with your fingers. Review my how to crimp and flute pie crust tutorial if you need extra help with this step. Brush edges lightly with egg wash mixture.

Par-bake the crust: Line the pie crust with parchment paper. Crunching up the parchment paper is helpful so that you can easily shape it into the crust. Fill with pie weights or dried beans. (Note that you will need at least 2 standard sets of pie weights to fit.) Make sure the weights/beans are evenly distributed around the pie dish. Par-bake the crust for 10 minutes. Carefully remove the parchment paper/pie weights. Prick the bottom of the crust all over with a fork to create steam vents and return crust (without weights) to the oven for 7-8 more minutes or until the bottom is *just* starting to brown. (Review this how to par-bake pie crust page if you need extra help with this par-baking step.)

Make the pumpkin pie filling: Whisk the pumpkin, 3 eggs, and brown sugar together until combined. Add the cornstarch, salt, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, cloves, pepper, heavy cream, and milk. Vigorously whisk until everything is combined.

Pour pumpkin pie filling into the warm crust. Only fill the crust about 3/4 of the way up. (If using a deep dish pie dish as instructed, you should only have a little filling leftover. Use extra to make mini pies with leftover pie dough scraps if you'd like.) Bake the pie until the center is almost set, about 55-60 minutes give or take. A small part of the center will be wobbly—that's ok. After 25 minutes of baking, be sure to cover the edges of the crust with aluminum foil or use a pie crust shield to prevent the edges from getting too brown. Check for doneness at minute 50, and then 55, and then 60, etc.

Once done, transfer the pie to a wire rack and allow to cool completely for at least 3 hours before garnishing and serving.

Decorate with sugared cranberries and pie crust leaves (see note). You'll definitely have leftover cranberries... they're tasty for snacking. Serve pie with whipped cream if desired.

Cover leftovers tightly and store in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Notes

Make Ahead & Freezing Instructions: Pumpkin pie freezes well, up to 3 months. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator before serving. Pie crust dough freezes well for up to 3 months. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator before using. If decorating your pie with sugared cranberries, start them the night before. You'll also begin the pie crust the night before as well (the dough needs at least 2 hours to chill; overnight is best). The filling can be made the night before as well. In fact, I prefer it that way. It gives the spices, pumpkin, and brown sugar flavors a chance to infuse and blend. It's awesome. Cover and refrigerate overnight. No need to bring to room temperature before baking.

Special Tools (affiliate links): Glass Mixing Bowls | Saucepan | Baking Sheet | Silicone Baking Mat or Parchment Paper | Rolling Pin | 9-inch Pie Dish | Pastry Brush | Pie Weights | Whisk | Pie Crust Shield | Cooling Rack | Fall Cookie Cutters

Cranberries: Use fresh cranberries, not frozen. The sugar syrup doesn't coat evenly on the frozen berries, leaving you with rather ugly and some very plain shriveled cranberries.

Pumpkin: Canned pumpkin is best in this pumpkin pie recipe. I use and recommend Libby's brand. If using fresh pumpkin puree, lightly blot it before adding to remove some moisture. The bake time may be longer.

Spices: Instead of ground ginger, nutmeg, cloves, and pepper, you can use 1 teaspoon of pumpkin pie spice. Be sure to still add 1 and 1/2 teaspoons of cinnamon.

Pie Crust: No matter if you're using homemade crust or store-bought crust, pre-bake the crust. (Step 5.) You can use graham cracker crust if you'd like, but the slices may get a little messy. Pre-bake for 10 minutes just as you do with regular pie crust in this recipe. No need to use pie weights if using a cookie crust.

Pie Crust Leaves: On a floured work surface, roll out one of the balls of chilled dough (keep the other one in the refrigerator). Roll out into any shape you really want (doesn't matter) and 1/8 inch thickness. Using leaf cookie cutters, cut into shapes. Brush each lightly with the beaten egg + milk mixture. Cut leaf veins into leaves using a sharp knife, if desired. Place onto a parchment paper or silicone baking mat-lined baking sheet and bake at 350°F (177°C) for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove and set aside to cool before decorating pie.

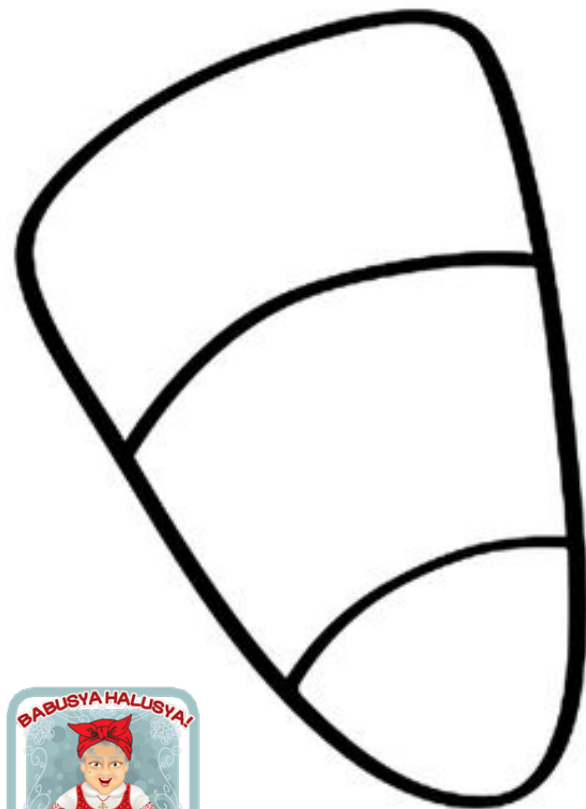
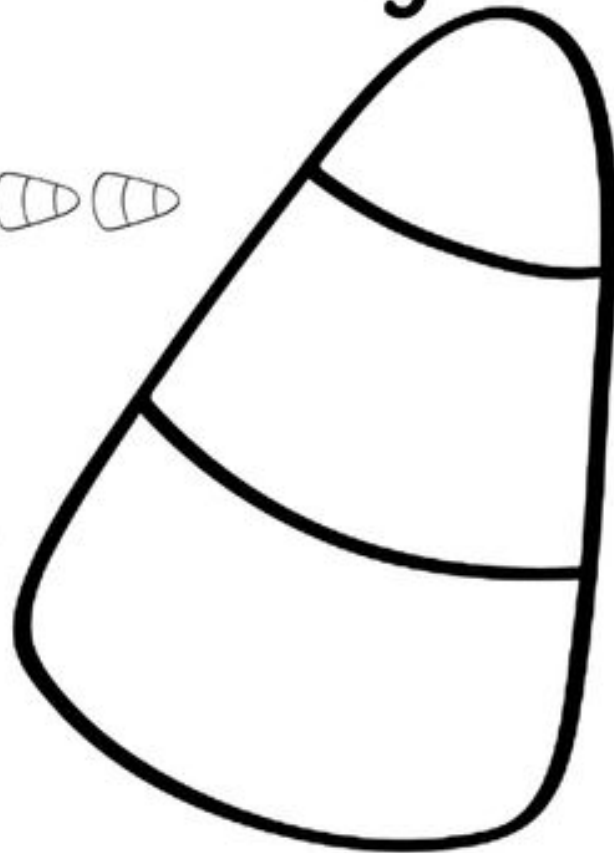
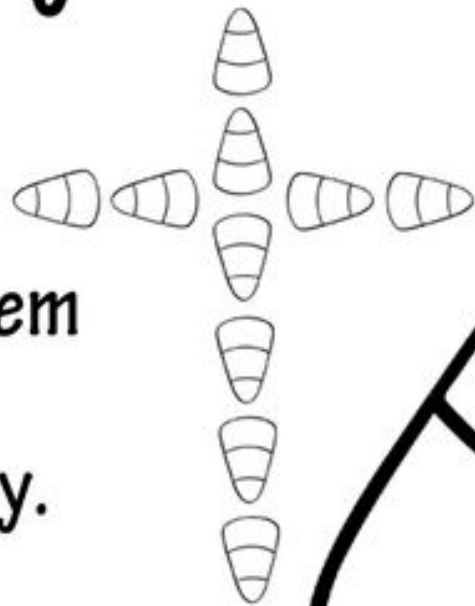
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And
Name them

Day by day.

You'll be reminded



Christ Jesus' love
Overflows to you,
Right now, in
Nearly every way.



Alvarado, Aries Leo baptized and chrismated on September 17, 2023 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Carnegie, PA. Child of Abel Leo Alvarado and Danielle Helen Pontus. Sponsors: John Pontus . Celebrated by Rev. John Charest.

Borchuk, Nika baptized and chrismated on August 19, 2023 in Holy Ascension Church, Maplewood, NJ. Child of Ihor Borchuk and Kateryna Borchuk. Sponsors: Andriy Kondryshyn and Olena Kondryshyn. Celebrated by Rev. Sviatoslav Hot.

Dombrovsky, Evelyn baptized and chrismated on August 20, 2023 in St. Michael Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Kostiantyn Dombrovskyi and Khrystyna Podolska. Sponsors: Aleksandr Tsoy and Yuliia Tsikalova. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Fedorov, Robert baptized and chrismated on September 9, 2023 in St. Andrew Church, Boston, MA. Child of Vladimir Fedorov and Julia Polapa. Sponsors: Yevhen Kazyrid and Tetiana Iaremenko. Celebrated by V. Rev. Roman Tarnavsky.

Hot, Elijah baptized and chrismated on November 17, 2022 in Holy Ascension Church, Maplewood, NJ. Child of Sviatoslav Hot and Viktoriia Hot. Sponsors: Oleg Kravchenko and Mariia Zomchak. Celebrated by Archbishop Daniel Zelinsky.

Hotsul, Solomia baptized and chrismated on September 16, 2023 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Oleh Hotsul and Liubov Hotsul. Sponsors: Roman Kuchma and Yuliya Bodnar. Celebrated by V. Rev. Michael Hontaruk.

Karas, Mark baptized and chrismated on September 10, 2023 in Holy Ascension Church, Maplewood, NJ. Child of Roman Karas and Tetiana Kashtanova. Sponsors: Mykola Daskoch and Yuliana Daskoch-Ostasha. Celebrated by Rev. Sviatoslav Hot.

Konyk, Matthew baptized and chrismated on August 27, 2023 in St. Volodymyr Cathedral Church, New York, NY. Child of Oleksandr Perevezentsev and Tetiana Konyk. Sponsors: Marko Konyk and Natalie Kubatsky. Celebrated by V. Rev. Volodymyr Muzychka.

Kotlyarskiy, Olivia baptized and chrismated on November 27, 2022 in St. Michael Church, Baltimore, MD. Child of Anton Kotlyarskiy and Alona Kotlyarskiy. Sponsors: Kirill Kondratiev and Daria Pach. Celebrated by V. Rev. Vasyl Kryshchypol.

Kotsyubinskiy, Mila Mary Magdalene baptized and chrismated on September 10, 2023 in St. Mary's Church, New Britain, CT. Child of Vladislav Kotsyubinskiy and Laura Nicholas. Sponsors: Marlen Kotsyubinskiy and Jennifer Meade/Lauren Glow. Celebrated by V. Rev. Andrii Pokotylo.

Krychkovskyi, Amy Olena baptized and chrismated on September 10, 2023 in Holy Trinity Mission Church, Sacramento, CA. Child of Vitalii

Krychkovskyi and Yana Krychkovskyi. Sponsors: and Lesia Valivko. Celebrated by V. Rev. Myroslav Turchak.

Mikhailenko, Alice Seraphima baptized and chrismated on August 10, 2023 in St. Michael Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Andrei Mikhailenko and Marina Privalova. Sponsors: and Viktoriia Mazova. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Mogylei, Miles baptized and chrismated on June 8, 2023 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Millville, NJ. Child of Oleksandr Mogylei and Olena Petrovska. Sponsors: Ruslan D. Ibragimov/Elena S. Zhuk and Matthew Poul Martin/Julia Christine Blackmon. Celebrated by V. Rev. Orest Poukhalskii.

Ortin, Julian Michael baptized and chrismated on February 26, 2022 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Millville, NJ. Child of Igor Ortin and Mariana Ortin. Sponsors: Nick Ortin and Yulia Melnyk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Orest Poukhalskii.

Ortin, Adrian Matthew baptized and chrismated on February 8, 2020 in Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Millville, NJ. Child of Igor Ortin and Mariana Ortin. Sponsors: Dmitri Ortin and Natalie Bratash Smith. Celebrated by V. Rev. Rostyslav Tsapar.

Prokaziuk, Matthew baptized and chrismated on September 16, 2023 in Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, New York, NY. Child of Vitaliy Prokaziuk and Anna Sinchuk. Sponsors: Pavlo Maksymyshyn/Nataliya Lendel and Vasyl Ravliuk/Olena Harmatii. Celebrated by V. Rev. Todor Mazur.

Smirnov, Andrey baptized and chrismated on October 23, 2022 in St. Michael Church, Baltimore, MD. Child of Yuriy Smirnov and Miriam Tsikhelashvili. Sponsors: Evgen Flegontov and Anna Molokotina. Celebrated by V. Rev. Vasyl Kryshchypol.

Tishchenko, Mykuta Nicholas baptized and chrismated on July 8, 2023 in St. Michael Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Pavlo Kurochka and Tetyana Tischenko. Sponsors: Yuriy Cherednikov and Alla Cherednikov. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Tkachenko, Melania Milana baptized and chrismated on August 19, 2023 in St. Andrew Memorial Church, S. Bound Brook, NJ. Child of Artur Tkachenko and Tanya Mikitchenko. Sponsors: Andriy Grechko and Liudmyla Sinelnyk. Celebrated by V. Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Tsoy, Aleksandr Vladimirovich baptized and chrismated on August 20, 2023 in St. Michael Church, San Francisco, CA. Child of Vladimir Tsoy and Tamara Kim. Celebrated by V. Rev. Georgiy Tyapko.

Turanskyi, Theodor baptized and chrismated on September 1, 2023 in St. Vladimir Cathedral Church, Parma, OH. Child of Ihor Turanskyi and Oleksandra Hrod. Sponsors: Bohdan Kondush/Uliana Boiko and Volodymyr Havryliuk/Ruslana Hrod. Celebrated by V. Rev. Michael Hontaruk.



Abel Leo Alvarado and Danielle Helen Pontus in St. Peter & Paul Parish, Carnegie, PA on September 16, 2023, witnessed by John Pontus and Samantha Rosso. Celebrant: Rev. John Charest.

Andriy Bodnarskiy and Olena Luzhanska in St. Andrew Memorial Church Parish, South Bound Brook, NJ on September 1, 2023, witnessed by Luan Pham/Kati Khutsishvili and Oleksandra Luzhanska, Daniela Latkovska. Celebrant: V. Rev. Vasyl Shak.

Eric Chaykowsky and Olena Kozynda in St. Peter & Paul Parish, Millville, NJ on September 16, 2023, witnessed by Anna Semetsova and Walter Chaykowsky. Celebrant: V. Rev. Orest Poukhalskii.

Vasyl Voievitka and Kateryna Burdeina in St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH on September 2, 2023, witnessed by Volodymyr Tachynskyy and Iuliia Tachynska. Celebrant: V. Rev. John Nakonachny/V. Rev. Michael Hontaruk.

Vasyl Zhupnyk and Nadiia Melnychuk Zhupnyk in St. Andrew Memorial Church Parish, South Bound Brook, NJ on September 2, 2023, witnessed by Roman Tymynskiy and Iryna Haieva. Celebrant: V. Rev. Vasyl Shak.

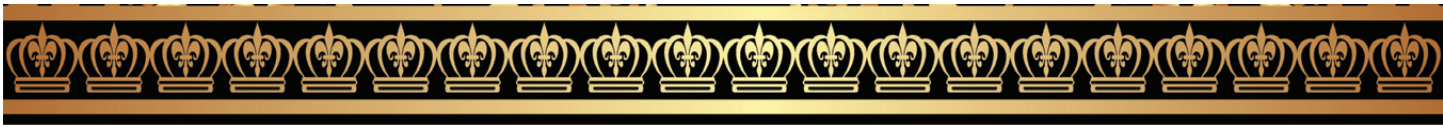


Hevko, Halyna Hanna of Camillus, NY on September 11, 2023 at the age of 78 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv of St. Luke Parish, Warners, NY 13164.

Mereolith, Robert of Boardman, OH on September 3, 2023 at the age of 73 years, officiating clergy Rev. Mykola Zomchak of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Youngstown, OH 44509.

Schram, Mark Jeffrey of Parma, OH on September 11, 2023 at the age of 30 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. John Nakonachny and V. Rev. Michael Hontaruk of St. Vladimir Cathedral Parish, Parma, OH 44134.

Stepaniuk, Oleg G. of North Syracuse, NY on September 6, 2023 at the age of 49 years, officiating clergy V. Rev. Mykola Andrushkiv of St. Luke Parish, Warners, NY 13164.



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HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN ANTONY	10/6/1985
V. Rev. Taras Naumenko	10/1/1995
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Rev. Vitalii Lutsiv	10/8/2017
Rev. Borislav Kroner	10/9/2010
V. Rev. Bohdan Kalynyuk	10/14/1989
Rev. Silouan Rolando	10/18/2009
Rev. Ivan Tchopko	10/21/2018
V. Rev. Paisius R. McGrath	10/28/2006
V. Rev. Richard Hawrish	10/30/1982
Protodn. Anthony Szwez	10/19/2003
Dn. Paul Neal	10/22/2017





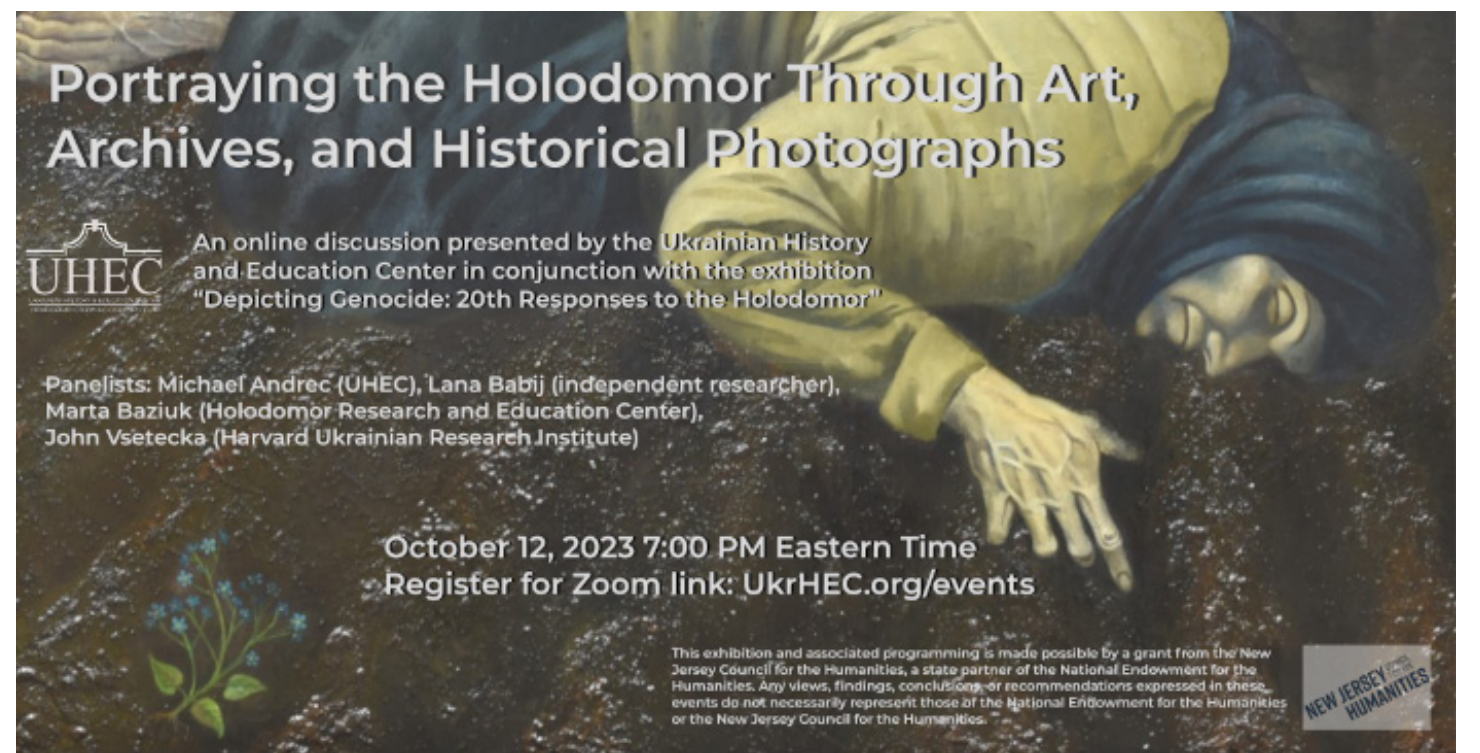
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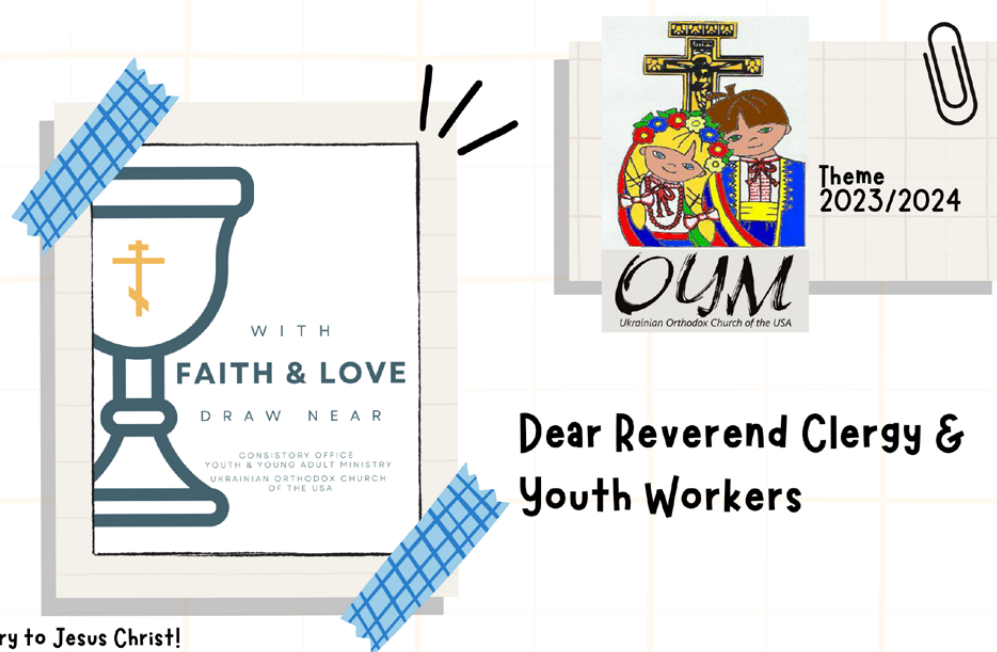
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Archbishop Hennadij (Shyprykevich) – 23 October 1973

2nd 1952 -	PRIEST STEFAN MOSIYCHUK
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Dear Reverend Clergy & Youth Workers

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We are very excited to be announcing the 2023/2024 Theme for the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. With Faith & Love Draw Near.

The Divine Liturgy is the most important event in our Christian life. At every Liturgy, we are fed by God's Word in the Epistle and Gospel as well as by God's Word – Jesus – in Holy Communion. We are called to participate in the Liturgy on all Sundays and Great Feast days.

Guiding our youth in developing an active participation in the Liturgy is vital. Providing opportunities to 'be' a part of the liturgy will help them in deepening their understanding and relationship with God, most especially through the sacrament of Holy Communion. Through this year's theme, we will provide you with tools and resources on the theme.

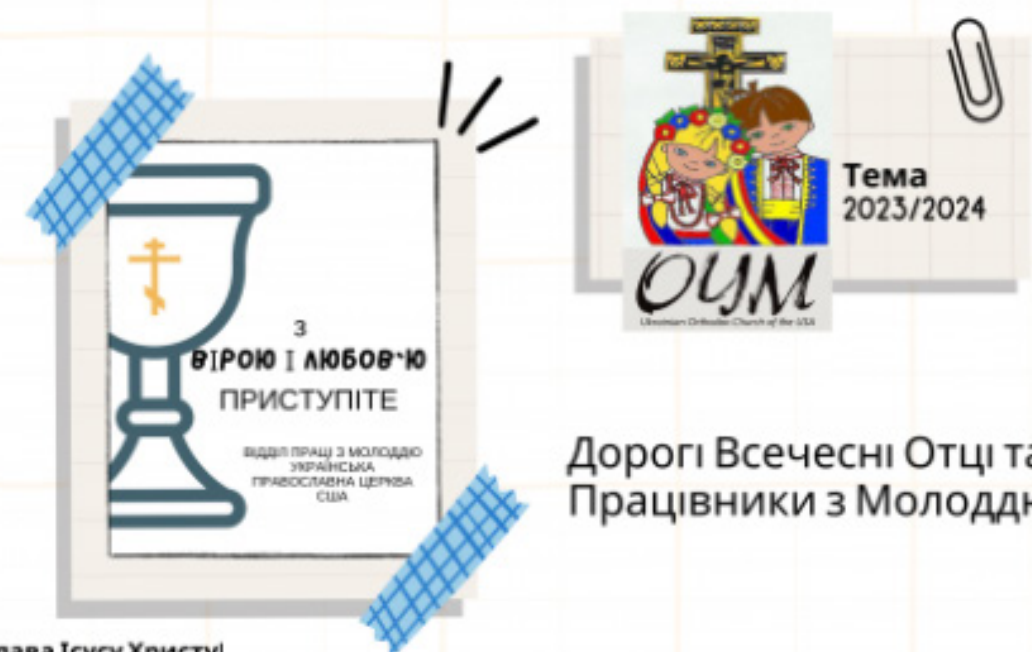
Each year, we ask our parishes to utilize the theme in their youth ministry. How this happens for your parish is up to your particular needs and ability. We are providing you with the following to develop your use of the theme for the coming year!

1. Suggested curriculum for church school and youth groups
2. Monthly parish focuses to delve deeper into the Divine Liturgy
3. Articles and information in the UOC Youth! magazine series
4. Video series – Living the Liturgy – these video will show our youth living the Liturgy, clergy presenting liturgical items and more.

Please contact us with any questions or needs you may have.

In Him,

Natalie Kapeluck Nixon



Дорогі Всечесні Отці та Працівники з Молоддю

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Ми дуже раді оголосити тему 2023/2024 Відділу Праці з Молоддю «З Вірою і Любов'ю приступіте».

Божественна Літургія є найважливішою подією нашого християнського життя. На кожній Літургії ми живимось Словом Божим у Посланні та Євангелії, а також Словом Божим – Ісусом – у Святому Причасті. Ми покликані брати участь у Літургії в усі недільні та великі свята.

Важливо скеровувати нашу молодь до активної участі в Літургії. Надання можливості «бути» частиною літургії допоможе їм поглибити розуміння та відносини з Богом, особливо через таїнство Святого Причастя. Завдяки цього річній темі ми надамо вам інструменти та ресурси на цю тему.

Кожного року ми просимо наші парафії використовувати ці теми у своєму молодіжному служінні. Як саме це відбудеться на вашій парафії – залежить від ваших конкретних потреб і можливостей. Ми надаємо вам наступне для використання протягом цього навчального року!

1. Рекомендований навчальний план для церковних шкіл і молодіжних груп.
2. Щомісячний акцент парафії на тому, щоб глибше заглибитися в Божественну Літургію.
3. Статті та інформація в серіях журналу UOCYouth! (Молодь УПЦ).
4. Відеосерія «Living the liturgy» («Життя Літургією») — ці відео покажуть, як наша молодь живе Літургією, священнослужителі представляють літургійні речі тощо.

Будь ласка, зв'яжіться з нами, якщо у вас виникнуть будь-які запитання чи потреби.

У Ньому.

Наталя Капелюх Ніксон



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