

# EASTERN CATHOLIC LIFE

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# Feast of Saint Elias the Prophet

Celebrated on July 20th · By Father Joseph Bertha

The Old Testament prophets are renown for their ceaseless work of reconciling God's people with God's abundant Mercy. This priestly role of the prophets is exhibited preeminently in the life of Prophet Elijah who is annually commemorated on July 20th.

Prophet Elijah was called by God to invite the corrupt King Ahab and Queen Jezebel to repentance for the sins of murder and theft. After extending this invitation to the royal pair, Elijah retreats into the wilderness and becomes a monk, fasting and praying for the deliverance of these leaders. Ravens are shown in his icon bearing food, which sustains him during this period.

Another priestly act of Elijah occurs when he dramatically teaches his brother priests, who had fallen into apostasy by worship of Baal. On Mount Carmel, Elijah's sin offering is consumed entirely by the fire of God, which even dries up the abundant puddles of water which Elijah had poured over the offering.

Additionally, Elijah raised the widow's son from the dead. In another miracle, Elijah provides food for the widow and himself despite the famine. All of these powerful priestly intercessions are depicted in his countenance as viewed in this icon.

Typically, the Prophet is shown seated before a cave entrance, the location of his heavenly encounter with cool breeze, reminiscent of God's presence in Eden at the cool hour as he searches out the sinners Adam and Eve. Here, in this holy spot in the desert, ravens visit and carry provision to the fasting holy man. This is in direct contradiction of Jezebel and Ahab who both make a mockery of fasting by imposing a fast, not begging

for God's mercy, but so that they could falsely obtain further increase in riches.

The countenance of Elijah is shown as the Ancient of Days, a man beyond physical aging, with long flowing white hair and beard. He resembles depictions of God the Father, described

by Prophet Daniel and portrayed

as a mercy-giver, seated on a throne. Furthermore, the eyes of the prophet shimmer with God's abundant mercy readily dispensed to those who seek repentance. His long and slender nose reflects the long-suffering nature of God, who allows abundant opportunities for sinners to repent. Elijah's tiny mouth is closed reflecting his interior peaceful disposition, indicating serenity in the obedience to the ways of God. His ears are attentive to the word of God, whispered to him in the breeze of the afternoon. His hands point towards the heavenly kingdom, the ultimate destination of those who follow holiness.

of Elijah's ascension into heaven is depicted. This is the manner in which the priestly Elijah purifies sins and reaches heaven through the ascetic life. Fire is abundantly shown, the flames represent the purification from transgressions which God manifests on several occasions during the lifetime of the holy prophet.

Sometimes the fiery chariot

Let us remind ourselves of Prophet Elijah's great priestly intercession as we view his icon. Appealing to his confidence and obedience in God, let us continue to invite sinners to reconcile with God through his great and abundant purification and cleansing from sin, offered at multiple opportunities available here on earth, in order to be directed to the heavenly kingdom.



# Lift up My Eyes... The Pastoral Reflections of Bishop Kurt



#### Sister Miriam Theresa Demjanovich

**T**s there any one more afraid than a moth-Ler who is afraid for her child? When unusual symptoms start to appear, and a mother makes the decision to approach a physician, she hopes to be told that the problem is transitory, or is easily cured. She tries not to show fear to her child, but in the back of her mind there is a silent terror of the unknown.

In 1963, a mother in northern New Jersey began to observe in her son, Michael, behaviors which concerned her. A healthy eight-year-old, he began walking into trees, and even crashed his bike into a tree. He walked into a moving car. His mother described his escalating symptoms as "bizarre." Eventually, he broke his front teeth in an accident, refused to play ball with his older brother, and the other children nicknamed him "butter fingers." His central vision was degenerating. She took her son to an ophthalmologist who observed black pigment in the area of the macula. As the black areas increased, he was diagnosed with bilateral macu-



The Beatification of Sister Miriam Theresa will be solemnized on October 4, 2014 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, NJ.

lar degeneration and declared legally blind in 1963. The physician who declared him legally blind told the parents that eventually the entire macula would be blackened and the boy would be totally blind. The silent terror of a mother was made flesh.

At this point in the illness, a little-known Ruthenian nun from our own Byzantine Catholic Church entered the story. Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich was baptized and chrismated

at our parish in Bayonne, New Jersey at the beginning of the twentieth century, 1901. As she herself said, "The real beginning of my life, the life of the spirit, occurred five days after my birth according to the flesh. I was baptized and confirmed in the Greek rite on the thirty-first of March, a Sunday, truly a day of resurrection."

After high school, she went to college and earned a Bachelor degree in literature at College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey. At this point in history, a small percentage of people went to college, and even fewer women earned a Baccalaureate degree. This highly intelligent woman then went on to dedicate her life completely to God by entering the Sisters of Charity in 1925, one of the communities founded by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Sister Miriam Teresa died on May 8, 1927 at the age of 26. Although she was allowed to

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#### Clergy Appointments and Assignments

REVEREND JOHN CIGAN is relieved of his pastoral responsibilities and, at his own request, is granted a six month leave of absence from active pastoral work, effective June 9, 2014. Father Cigan remains a priest in good standing of the Eparchy of Passaic.

VERY REVEREND RONALD BARUSEFSKI, JCL is appointed Pastor of Saint John Church in Bayonne, and Administrator of Saint Mary Church in Jersey City and Saint George Church in Newark effective June 18, 2014.

REVEREND RONALD HATTON is appointed Pastor of Saint Nicholas Church in Danbury, CT and Administrator of Saint Nicholas Church in Meriden, CT, and Administrator of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Peekskill, NY, and Administrator of Saint Nicholas Church in White Plains, NY effective June 9, 2014.

VERY REVEREND GARY MENSINGER is appointed Syncellus for the Susquehanna Valley Syncellate, replacing Right Reverend James Hayer, Eparchial Protosyncellus, effective June 2, 2014.

REVEREND MICHAEL YURISTA at his request is granted retirement status and is relieved of his pastoral responsibilities as Pastor of Saint John Church in Bayonne, Administrator of Saint Mary Church in Jersey City and Saint George Church in Newark and appointed *Pas*tor Emeritus, effective June 18, 2014.

All Effective April 9, 2014

VERY REVEREND JOHN BASARAB is appointed to the Eparchial Liturgy Commission.

REVEREND JOSEPH BERTHA is reappointed to the Eparchial Cultural Archives Commission.

REVEREND JACK CUSTER is appointed to the Eparchial Cultural Archives Commission.

RIGHT REVEREND JAMES G. HAYER is reappointed to the Eparchial Cultural Archives Commission.

VERY REVEREND EDWARD HIGGINS is reappointed to the Eparchial Liturgy Commission.

VERY REVEREND MICHAEL KERESTES is appointed to the Eparchial Liturgy Commission.

VERY REVEREND MICHAEL MONDIK is reappointed to the Eparchial Cultural Archives Commission.

VERY REVEREND MICHAEL MONDIK is reappointed to the Eparchial Liturgy Commission.

Sua sponte resignation accepted from Ms. Andrea Babilya as Chair of the Secretariat for Youth, effective May 15, 2014.

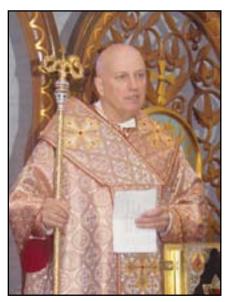
All Effective May 16, 2014

VERY REVEREND SALVATORE PIGNATO is reappointed as Director of Vocations and Seminarians.

REVEREND SCOTT BOGHOSSIAN appointed Associate Vocation Director.

Very Reverend Gary Mensinger appointed Associate Vocation Director.

VERY REVEREND CONAN TIMONEY appointed Associate Vocation



Bishop Kurt preached the homily.

GRANVILLE, NY – Father Harold Richard Stockert, age 78, fell asleep in the Lord on May 29, 2014 at his residence in the rectory of Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church, Granville, NY. He was called home to the Lord on Ascension Thursday and had been residing in Granville for over 40 years.

Father Harold was born on May 13, 1936, in Charbonneau, ND, the son of the late Frank and Marie (Froehlich) Stockert. An intellectually gifted individual, Father Harold held degrees in history, physics, and theology. He had an interest in genealogy, languages, as well as an aptitude for electronics. He was

# +Father Harold Stockert Reposes in the Lord

a pioneer in utilizing the internet and computer networking and, for a time, had served as Director of Telecommunications for the Eparchy of Passaic.

Father Harold attended Saint John's College in Minnesota at the age of 16 and graduated with double majors in Physics and History, and minors in Philosophy and English. Discerning a vocation to the priesthood, he entered the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril Methodius in Pittsburgh, PA and was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on the Feast of Saint George, April 23, 1963 by Bishop Stephen J. Kocisko.

Prior to arriving in Granville, NY, Father Harold had served in parishes in Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, Nanticoke, Glen Lyon, Taylor, and Lopez, PA. During this time, he also studied economics and accounting at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, PA. On April 23, 2014, he observed the 51st Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, with more than 40 of those years spent at Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic

Church in Granville, NY.

Father Harold is survived by three sisters: Eileen Schmidt and her husband Ray of Kansas and their children Doug, Dan, Dave and Dianna; Marilyn Keller and her husband Dan of Florida and Virginia Pinard of New Hampshire and her children Jason and Zachary.

The body of Father Harold lie in state for visitation at Saint Peter and Paul Church in Granville on Tuesday, June 2nd and Wednesday, June 3rd. The Office of Christian Burial for a Priest was celebrated on Tuesday evening, June 2nd by Archpriest James Hayer, Eparchial Protosyncellus; Father Robert Hospodar, Parish Administrator; Father Joseph Bertha, and Deacon Stephen Galuschick. Bishop Kurt presided at the service. Responses were led by Father Michael Salnicky.

The following morning, Bishop Kurt celebrated a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Panachida for the repose of Father Harold. The church was filled to capacity with friends, relatives and clergy. Concelebrat-



ing with the Bishop were Archpriest James Hayer, Father Robert Hospodar, and Deacon Stephen Galuschick. Responses were led by Father Michael Salnicky with the assistance of parish cantor, Michael Labas. Also in attendance were Father Joseph Bertha and Father Harry Untereiner. Father Edward Higgins served as Liturgical Master of ceremony and Seminarian Subdeacon Lewis Rabayda also assisted.

In his homily, Bishop Kurt reviewed the life of Father Harold and noted his many academic interests and accomplishments. He commented that Father Harold was a man characterized both by brilliance as well as the ordinary challenges of every man. Those in the church listened attentively to the Bishop's words and took comfort from the faith expressed in word and spiritual song, especially during the season of the Ascension of Our Lord.

At the end of the Hierarchical Liturgy, Bishop Kurt invited all to come forward for the Kissing of the Cross as a final farewell to Father Harold. A Panachida was celebrated with the Prayer of Absolution and the Pouring of Oil. The face of the priest was then covered with a veil and the casket was sealed as all prepared for the procession and interment at the parish cemetery of Saints Peter and Paul in Middle Granville.

Grant, O Lord, to Your Priest-Servant Harold, blessed repose and eternal memory!



The Office of Christian Burial was celebrated was celebrated on Tuesday evening.

#### Deacon Steven Galuschik

#### To Be Ordained to the Priesthood

September 24, 2014 · Rahway, NJ



Bishop Kurt will ordain Deacon Steven M. Galuschik to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Wednesday, September 24, 2014. The ordination will take place at Saint Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church in Rahway, NJ, where Deacon Steven is currently assigned and where Father Michael Mondik is Pastor. The ordination will coincide with the annual Eparchial Retreat so that all priests may attend.



Deacon Steven is the son of Theodore and Donna Galuschik and was ordained to the diaconate at Saint Thomas Church in Rahway on the Vigil of Theophany, January 5, 2014. He has been serving at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church since June 1, 2013.

May God grant him many blessed years!

## PEOPLE YOU KNOW

AROUND THE EPARCHY





#### SAINT MARY CHURCH · FREELAND, PA

PARISHIONER CELEBRATES 107TH BIRTHDAY

Ella DeStefano (center) of Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Freeland recently celebrated her 107th birthday! She is a life-long member of Saint Mary Church, and a long-time, and dedicated member of the Parish Choir.

She also has the distinction of having been born in the same year that present church building of Saint Mary Parish was constructed, 1907.

Following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, she posed for a picture with Msgr. Nicholas Puhak, together with some of her fellow choir members and family. Msgr. Nichols Puhak is curious to know if Ella is the oldest member in our Eparchy. Ella says she would love to meet an older member and reminisce!

May God grant her many blessed years!

#### Patronage of the Mother of God Baltimore, MD

ECF END-OF-YEAR PICNIC

The students of the Eastern Christian Formation program of Patronage of the Mother of God Parish in Baltimore, MD recently concluded their ECF school with a special program. A picnic was held on the parish grounds, with food,

fun, prayer, and of course, a photograph!

Pictured with some of the students of the ECF program is Father Conan Howard Timoney, the Pastor of the Patronage Parish.



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# 60th Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY

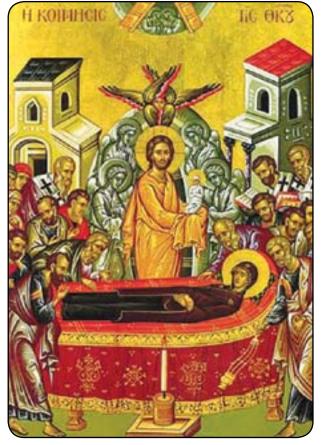
Saturday, August 9th & Sunday, August 10th

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

Theme: The Holy Family is the Guide for the Evangelization

of our Families: "A Joy Ever New,

A JOY WHICH IS SHARED" ~Pope Francis



#### Saturday, August 9th

12 Noon Food Available at Pavillion 1:00 PM Akathist to the Mother of God

FATHER JACK CUSTER

**Exhibit & Presentation:** 1:30 PM

"THE CHURCH OF THE CATACOMBS IN THE 20TH CENTURY"

2:00 PM Children's Program

2:00 PM Workshops

5:00 PM **Divine Liturgy** 

> FATHER BASIL HUTSKO, CELEBRANT AND HOMILIST CHOIR: RESURRECTION CHURCH. SMITHTOWN. NY

Blessing of Water (front of Villa)

8:00 PM Moleben to the Mother of God

with Candlelight Procession (grotto)

BISHOP KURT BURNETTE · CELEBRANT / HOMILIST

#### Sunday, August 12th

8:00 AM Lamentations to the Mother of God

10:00 AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy

WITH BLESSING OF FLOWERS

12 Noon **Youth Liturgy** 

1:30 PM **Healing Service with Akathist** 

**Blessing of Religious Articles** 

Children's Program

Workshops

2:30 PM **Stations of the Cross** 

3:00 PM **Exhibit & Presentation:** 

"THE CHURCH OF THE CATACOMBS

IN THE 20TH CENTURY"

3:30 PM Moleben to the Mother of God

BLESSING OF CARS AND BUSES

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he 60th Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage ■ will be held on August 9 – 10, 2014 at the motherhouse of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY.

This year's theme is: The Holy Family is the Guide for the Evangelization of our Families -"A Joy Ever New, a Joy Which is Shared" (Pope Francis) A special display and presentation of "The Church of the Catacombs in the 20th Century", conferences, activities for children, our annual teen camp-out, the beautiful services and an opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, are part of the schedule for

these two days of spiritual renewal for all who attend. The schedule and activities will be listed on our website: www.ssmi-us.org.

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate cordially invite you to grimage as a family, as a parish

come to the 60th Dormition Pilfamily, to come together to show

that we want to live our faith more fully in Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-642-6143.



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#### Sister Miriam Theresa Demjanovich

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take her final vows just before she died, she never changed rites and died a Ruthenian Greek Catholic. The people close to her suspected that she was a saint and a mystic, a special intimate friend of Our Lord. During her short time as a religious sister, she wrote a series of spiritual conferences that were presented without her name on them. Her authorship was revealed after her death, and, after their publication in 1928, they quickly became a bestseller in the American church.

Now, you may be wondering how a Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic nun who died 40 years earlier might be involved in the blindness of a young boy in the 1960's. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey proposed Sister Miriam Teresa for canonization in 1945, and the sisters at Michael's school were promoting devotion to her. When she heard the news of Michael's blindness, his third grade teacher, Sister Mary Augustine, gave Michael a leaflet on Sister Miriam Teresa and a piece of her hair, that is, a first class relic. The mother recalled that when her son gave her the leaflet and relic,

that she had a feeling that everything would be OK.

Michael's family moved to southern New Jersey about a month after the last visit to a physician and, two weeks later, Michael was taken to Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. The examination showed this eyesight was normal, and he recalls that he could ride his bike again when they moved. There was no doubt. It was a miracle—just like the one we read in Saint John's Gospel a few weeks ago. Several doctors agreed that he was blind from macular degeneration, and four ophthalmologists testified that there was no known case of a cure such as this. As the George Gershwin song says, "The age of miracles had not passed."

The authorities in Rome acknowledge that the return of Michael's eyesight is a miracle unexplained by any natural phenomenon and worked by God through the intercession of His handmaid, Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich. On Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 9:30 in the morning, her Beatification will be solemnized

at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark, New Jersey. If you read the dates carefully, once again you may be puzzled by the timing. Why did it take fifty years after the miracle to beatify her? The answer is this. The miracle was carefully studied and documented at the time—it was then misfiled! The file was rediscovered in 1998, thirty years later. It seems that Sister Miriam Teresa was just as self-effacing after her death as she was during her life. She wanted her writings to point us toward God, not toward herself.

"When John heard in prison of the works of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to Him with this question, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?' Jesus said to them in reply, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense in me." Matthew 11:2-6



#### Fortnight for Freedom 2014

June 21st - July 4th, 2014

WASHINGTON, DC - For Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, the third annual Fortnight for Freedom is an opportunity to consider the link between religious liberty and service to the poor. "People who value their Catholic faith will understand that there is an organic connection between what we believe and how we practice our faith in service well beyond the borders of the church," said Archbishop Lori. "We want to be able to practice it unabashedly, whether in church or in the workplace or as part of church ministry. We don't think we should have to compromise our beliefs in order to observe."

As chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Lori has been involved with the fortnight movement from the beginning. Originally stemming out of a 12-page statement released by the committee in June 2012 titled "Our First, Most

Cherished Liberty," the fortnight aims to protect religious liberties from government infringement.

For the Catholic Church, chief among threats to religious freedom is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' mandate that most employers, including Catholic hospitals, schools and charities, provide insurance coverage for contraceptives, sterilization and some abortion-inducing drugs.

Although the event mainly targets Catholics, Archbishop Lori cites the fortnight as a chance for individuals of all faiths to educate themselves regarding the issue of religious freedom. "The aim of the Fortnight for Freedom is to build a prayerful awareness not only among Catholics, but among all people of good will, of the importance of religious freedom," he recently told Catholic News Service. "This year, we are working with ecumenical and other faith groups to lay foundations

over time for a larger, unified religious freedom movement."

Archbishop Lori opened this year's fortnight with a Liturgy on June 21st at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. After two weeks dedicated to prayer, study, catechesis and public action, this year's program will end with a Liturgy celebrated by Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4th.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, will be the homilist at the Independence Day Mass. Archbishop Kurtz is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Discussing this year's fortnight theme, "Freedom to Serve," Archbishop Lori said, "While almost everyone in our culture gives acknowledgement to freedom of worship, it is when churches step be-

yond their walls and reach out to the poor that religious freedom is sometimes challenged. Individuals have a duty to fulfill their life's mission in accordance with the faith and what we believe."

As the church celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of political persecution throughout the two-week event, the archbishop hopes that campaigns like this will provide hope to religiously persecuted individuals everywhere.

"This is a time for individuals to come to understand better what religious freedom is, what the church teaches about it and how that affects the way we exercise good citizenship and an appropriate love for our homeland," said Archbishop Lori. "We believe that the flame of freedom ought to be kept burning brightly within this country as a beacon of hope for religiously persecuted people around the world."

# Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

OGod our Creator, from Your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, You call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of Your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in Your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." Amen.

#### Knoebels Amusement Resort

# Byzantine Catholic Day 2014

Enjoyed by 400 smiling faces!

Hot food, cool rides, inspiring songs, and of course, prayer, marked the celebration of the fourth annual Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Knoebles Amusement Resort in Elysburg, PA. Co-sponsored by the Eparchy of Passaic and the Greek Catholic Union (GCU), Byzantine Catholic Family Day was celebrated on Sunday, May 18, 2014. Over 400 people attended this year's celebration. Christie Petty, Fraternal Director of the GCU, was instrumental in organizing and planning the day. Local priests, deacon, cantors, local GCU Lodge members, and parish volunteers insured that all present were well cared for with good food for the body and the spirit.

The guests began arriving at 11AM when the park opened. An entire pavillion was reserved just for Byzantine Catholics, and it served as "home base" for all activities throughout the day. Following arrival, the hungry guests enjoyed a hot, catered meal of BBQ chicken, hot dogs, mac & cheese and ice cream. This was followed by a few hours of fun and relaxation before the celebration of a prayer service (moleben) at 4PM by Archpriest James Hayer, Eparchial Protosyncellus, along with Deacon Lawrence Foran and Deacon Basil Soroka.

The schedule for Family Days is well-planned, but quite relaxed. Inside the pavilion, there are activities scheduled

throughout the day for youth, adults, and everyone. After riding a few rides, strolling through the park, or just exploring the beautiful wooded grounds, one can return to the pavilion and always find some activity in which to participate. From relay races for kids, to bingo for adults, and a sing-a-long for everyone, the day was teeming with activities, good cheer and great food. Even after the catered meal, the grills remained fired up as some parishes took it upon themselves to provide complimentary hot dogs and snacks throughout the day. What a wonderful day of sharing and camaraderie - certainly, no one went home hungry, either!

After a day of prayer, food, rides, games, fun, food and more food, the Cantors Mike and Paul Komishock and the Parish Choir from Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Beaver Meadows, PA led all in a sing-a-long of liturgical, ethnic and traditional songs.

The day ended all too soon with promises to return next year for the fourth celebration of the annual event – already scheduled for Sunday, May 17, 2015. Mark your calendars and don't miss it! It's a wonderful way to celebrate family and faith, with a heaping measure of good food and great fun!



# **Photo Highlights**



## Byzantine Catholic Day 2014































#### **Baltimore Parish Installs New Icons**

#### Bishop Kurt Blesses Icons at Presbyteral Days

BALTIMORE, MD — On the occasion of the Eparchial Presbyteral Days at Bon Secours in Marriotsville, MD, Bishop Kurt and all priests in attendance traveled to Patronage of the Mother of God Church in Baltimore, MD for the celebration of a Hierarchical Liturgy. Prior to the Liturgy, the Bishop blessed the new icons adorning the interior of the Church.

Many new icons were installed and blessed. All were written by Iconographer Wayne Hajos of Columbia, MD. Some of the new icons include images of the Blessed Martyrs of the Byzantine Catholic Church, Blessed Basil Hopko, Blessed Paul Goidish, Blessed Theodore Romzha. Other

icons include Saints Peter and Paul, Saints Elizabeth Seton, Catherine Drexel, and Catherine of the Desert. Also blessed were icons of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Saint Macrina, Saints Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, John Chrysostom; saint Nicholas, the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, and, of course, the Mother of God.

These and other sacred images were sponsored by both parishioners and friends of Patronage Church. The beautification project took over two years to complete, and the blessing was planned to coincide with the visit of the Bishop and Eparchial Clergy during Presbyteral Days. Quite a few parishioners were on hand for the blessing of the



Bishop Kurt chants a Prayer of Blessing while at Patronage Church..

icons and an informal reception followed the Divine Liturgy. Patronage Parish is served by Father Conan Timoney.

















# Ever Thought about being a Deacon?

New Deacon Class to begin in June, 2015

Deacons represent a great and visible sign of the working of the Holy Spirit through a life of service in the Church.

A new Deacon Formation Class will be forming in June, 2015. All initial inquiries concerning the diaconate must be made to Deacon Nicholas by July 31, 2014.

If you want to explore the possibility of serving God and your Eparchy as a Byzantine Catholic Deacon, contact:

Deacon Nicholas Daddona at 516-457-5617 or deaconnick88@gmail.com



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## FAITH AND COMMUNITY ISSUES

By Father Carmen Scuderi, OFM, Ed.D., P.C.C.

#### What Constitutes "Family Life?"

THE SPECIFICS OF FAMILY LIFE

Within the context of both matrimony and family life, the interpersonal relationship between spouses, and the subsequent children that come of that union, an intricate system of interpersonal relationships develops. This is expressed in the married life of the couple, taking on fatherhood and motherhood on the part of the couple, the children developing brother-sister relationships among themselves. It is through the interaction of each with the other that a sense of fraternity and belonging to the greater human family occurs. From the human family in general, each member is then introduced to the specific "family of God" viz. the Church (Familiaris Consortio, 1981, §15).

So, basically, the way humans learn how to interact with each other is through the family experience. The behaviors experienced within the context of the family become the touchstones by which we learn to relate with our selves and with one another. If the behaviors learned are healthy and balanced, then the individual's relations will be so. The obverse is also true; hence the importance of having a balanced, well-formed, and informed parental pattern for the children to emulate.

It is within the context of the human family that the experience of sin's brokenness is re-integrated through the experience of the power of Christ's death and resurrection. The Christian Marriage participates intimately in this saving event by experiencing its healing efficacy. This sets the stage for the human person's introduction to the Family of Faith constituted as Church. It is in the context of this interrelationship that the full realization of the Divine Mandate of Genesis to "be fruitful and multiply ... "(Genesis 1:28ff) is effected in its fullest expression. In terms of the Church, it is in the structure of the Christian Family - the two-way conduit through which the Church gains entrance into humanity, throughout the generations and vice versa.

The issue of Celibacy and Virginity in the Marriage Context

John Paul II makes it clear in Familiaris Consortio (1981, §16), "Virginity or Celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of God not only does not contradict the dignity of marriage but presupposes it and confirms it." Both Charisms are authentic expressions of the living out of the covenant of God with His people. Conversely, if Marriage falls into disrepute, so also does consecrated Virginity and Celibacy. In the words of the document: "when human sexuality is not regarded as a great value given by the Creator, the renunciation of it for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven loses its meaning." (§16)

John Paul II in *Familiaris Consortio* quotes John Chrysostom as saying, "Who denigrates marriage also diminishes the glory of virginity. Whoever praises it, makes virginity more admirable and resplendent." (§16) The arrival at a superlative reality is best gotten through a comparison of items or concepts that are recognized as good in and of themselves, rather than a comparison between an item and some-

thing recognized as intrinsically evil.

The condition of Virginity or Celibacy is one of expectant waiting for the full expression of the Kingdom of God. "The eschatological marriage of Christ with the Church, giving himself or herself completely to the Church in the hope that Christ may give himself to the Church in the full truth of eternal life. The celibate person thus participates in his or her flesh the new world of the future resurrection." (§16) In the mystery of Virginity or Celibacy, a credible witness is given as a reminder of its counterpart, the Mystery of Marriage. And, in so doing, runs counter to any attempt to denigrate the dignity proper to Marriage.

The gift of Celibacy, or Virginity that is consecrated, is freedom of the person to deeply love God, and through God, all of humanity and, I dare say, all creation. For all is seen as unique gift, the "pearl of great price" (Familiaris Consor-

tio §16) chosen as superior to all other regardless of price or cost or value. In this act of love is borne witness to the Kingdom of God and God's Justice, this being the "pearl of great price" just mentioned. It is this single-minded devotion to the Kingdom that moves the Church to place Celibacy and Virginity as superior to Marriage, due to "the wholly singular link which it has with the Kingdom of God." (Familiaris Consortio, 1981 §16) How does Virginity and Celibacy fit into the context of the Christian family of today? What can Virginity and Celibacy teach the modern day Christian Family as far as day-today living is concerned?

In the next reflection the role of Virginity and Celibacy within the context of the family will be considered which will segue into the role of the Christian Family in God's Plan of Creation





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HOLYDAY REFLECTIONS



#### THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

Msgr. John. T. Sekellick, JCL

Pollowing the glorious celebration of holy Pentecost, our Church has opened for us Saint Paul's letter to the Church at Rome over a period of eight Sundays. Saint Paul knew already of the Christian community there although it is unsure who may have brought Christianity to the capital city of the Empire. At the time Saint Paul arrived there as a prisoner for the Faith, Rome was ruled by the nefarious emperor Nero (64-68). When a disastrous fire devastated the city, it was blamed on Christians who were subsequently hunted down and viciously persecuted. Among them was Saint Paul who was beheaded there in the year 67.

Saint Paul probably wrote this letter during a second visit to Corinth around the year 57 most

likely as an introduction to fellow Christians there as a statement of his beliefs to prepare for their eventual meeting. Circumstances, however, delayed his visit. He finally arrived as a prisoner when he appealed to Caesar as a Roman citizen when charges were brought against him for preaching the Christian way of life. The account of the circumstances leading up to those charges and his journey to Rome make for exciting reading in the Acts of the Apostles (21:17-28:30). Reading his letter to the Romans reveals a flourishing and well-established Church whose influence infuriated several emperors and brought on continuous persecutions. Saint Paul spent approximately two years under house arrest in Rome during which time he was able to write four other epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon).

Of the thirteen letters in the New Testament ascribed to Saint Paul, the epistle to the Romans has been the most influential with an immense impact on leaders of Christian thought through the centuries. It contains a well-reasoned exposition of the Gospel Saint Paul preached. Step by step, in logical Roman style, he unfolds his message: everyone has sinned necessitating a Savior – Jesus Who suffered, died and rose for everyone. Through Jesus, God's Son, God sets us right with Himself as a free gift to be received by faith. As he ends his letter, he shows in practice how a person's life is made different through faith in Christ.

He carefully explains to the Romans how humanity without Christ is pagan idolatry leading mankind to perversity and shameful lusts, disregard for the dignity of life and other serious vices. Jesus, through grace, brings a new way of life, freeing the believer from the law of sin and death. Thus, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. He exhorts his readers to "...lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk becomingly, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in debauchery and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ...." (14:12-14)

The letter also deals with exhortations on how the Christian community should function as the body

of Christ, how it should live within a hostile society and how it should handle its own internal problems. For Saint Paul, love is the key to successful, personal relationships: "Owe no one anything except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the Law.... If there is no other commandment, it is summed up in this – You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to a neighbor. Love therefore is the fulfillment of the Law." (14:8-10)

The letter to the Romans has been called the most important of Saint Paul's extant works. It provides a fundamental statement of Christian belief and has become the basis of influential re-statements of Christian theology. Saint Paul leaves the reader with a profound blessing: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit." 15:13) May that same blessing become our own as we hear this letter read over the next several Sundays and take to heart its message as our own.

# Orthodox-Catholic Consultation Urges Church to Lift Ban on Ordination of Married Men to the Priesthood in North America

WASHINGTON—The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation voted in early June to encourage the "lifting of the restrictions regarding the ordination of married men to the priesthood in the Eastern Catholic Churches of North America."

"This action would affirm the ancient and legitimate Eastern Christian tradition, and would assure the Orthodox that, in the event of the restoration of full communion between the two Churches, the traditions of the Orthodox Church would not be questioned," the consultation said in a statement released June 6.

"We are convinced that this action would enhance the spiritual lives of Eastern Catholics and would encourage the restoration of unity between Catholic and Orthodox Christians," the statement said.

The Theological Consultation agreed to the statement at its 86th meeting, June 2-4, at the Saint Methodios Faith and Heritage Center in Contoocook, New Hampshire. The meeting was hosted by the Orthodox co-chair, Metropolitan Methodios of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Boston; the Catholic co-chair is Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin of Indianapolis.

The Theological Consultation issued the statement on the occasion of the 85th anniversary

of the promulgation of the 1929 decree *Cum data* fuerit from the Vatican Oriental Congregation, which oversees the Eastern Catholic churches.

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Eastern Catholic immigrants to North America from Eastern Europe and the Middle East brought with them the tradition of a married priesthood. This Oriental Congregation decree effectively limited future ordinations to celibates, and resulted in divisions in Eastern Catholic communities and even families over this issue.

The agreed statement cites two documents of the Second Vatican Council which call for Eastern Catholics to return to their authentic ancestral traditions, and exhorts those men who have received both the sacraments of priestly ordination and marriage "to persevere in their holy vocation." Consequently, the Consultation "encourages the lifting of the restrictions regarding the ordination of married men to the priesthood in the Eastern Catholic Churches of North America.

At this meeting the Consultation also continued its study of the relationship between the clergy and laity in the two Churches. The members also examined the December 2013 statement by the Patriarchate of Moscow on primacy in the Church and the response by the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Consultation also reviewed the

recent meeting between Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in Jerusalem.

The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation was founded in 1965 and is sponsored by the Committee for Ecumenical Relations of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America, the USCCB Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Ecumenical Icon of Saints Peter and Paul



# The Daily Pilgrimage Schedule For the 80th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help August 30th and August 31st, 2014



Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province
Mount Saint Macrina
Uniontown, Pennsylvania
Sister Seraphim, OSBM, Provincial
The Seventy-Ninth Annual Pilgrimage
In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



# Conducted under the Patronage of the Byzantine Catholic Metropolia

Metropolitan William (Skurla) - Archbishop of Pittsburgh
Bishop John (Kudrick) - Bishop of Parma
Bishop Gerald (Dino) - Bishop of Phoenix
Bishop Kurt (Burnette) - Bishop of Passaic

#### PRE-PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE Friday, August 30, 2013

7:15 pm Office of Small Compline Shrine Altar

# ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULE Saturday, August 31st, 2014



7:30 am - 12 noon

Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)

House of Prayer Patio

#### **OPENING OF THE PILGRIMAGE**

8:00 am MATINS Shrine Altar

9:45 am

Procession with Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

House of Prayer to Shrine Altar

10:00 am DIVINE LITURGY

Welcome: Sister Seraphim, OSBM
Divine Liturgy to be followed by the procession to Lourdes Grotto
for the Solemn Blessing of Water; procession to return to the

House of Prayer at the conclusion of the blessing.

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio



#### Saturday, August 31, 2014 (continued)

1:00 am Paraklis

Shrine Altar

2:00 pm Children's Pilgrimage Children's Tent Orientation for Teens Prayer Garden Area Enrichment Sessions Trinity Center

3:00 pm Teen Pilgrimage Prayer Garden Area

4:00 pm Vespers with Divine Liturgy Shrine Altar

6:00 pm Enrichment Session Mausoleum

7:15 pm Procession House of Prayer to Mount Macrina Cemetery

7:30 pm
Parastas
Mount Macrina Cemetery
Candlelight Procession
Mount Macrina Cemetery to Shrine Altar
Akathist to the Mother of God
Shrine Altar

Following Akathist...
Teen Social
Prayer Garden Area
Young Adult Social
Trinity Center Courtyard

#### Sunday, August 31st, 2014

7:00 am **MATINS** Shrine Altar

7:00 am **DIVINE LITURGY** 

House of Prayer Chapel

7:30 am - 12 noon Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) House of Prayer Patio

8:30 am **DIVINE LITURGY (Slavonic)** Shrine Altar

10:30 am **DIVINE LITURGY** Shrine Altar

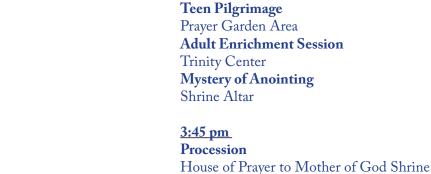
11:00 am **Mystery of Anointing** Trinity Center

12:30 pm to 5:00 pm Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions)

House of Prayer Patio

1:00 pm Children's Procession with Special Blessing for Youth and Young Adults House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm Mystery of Reconciliation (Confessions) for infirm, sick and physically challenged Manor Gazebo



2:00 pm

Children's Pilgrimage

Children's Tent

4:00 pm **DIVINE LITURGY** Mother of God Shrine Words of Gratitude by Sister Seraphim, **OSBM**, Provincial

7:15 pm House of Prayer to Mother of God Shrine

7:30 pm **Candlelight Procession** Beginning and ending at Mother of God Shrine

#### **CLOSING OF THE PILGRIMAGE**

Following Candlelight Procession... **Teen Social** Prayer Garden Area Young Adult Social Trinity Center Courtyard





# Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Rome and Constantinople October 21-30, 2014



The Orientale Lumen Foundation and Viking Travel are pleased to announce a "once-in-a-lifetime" ecumenical pilgrimage to Rome and Constantinople (Istanbul) on October 21-30, 2014. The trip is being organized to celebrate the lives and ecumenical initiatives of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II who expanded the dialogue between the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. The pilgrimage will emphasize visits to religious sites such as the Basilicas of Saint Peter, Saint John Lateran and Saint Mary Major in Rome, and Hagia Sophia, Christ the Savior in Chora, and Christ Pantocrator in Constantinople. Other sites of the Roman and Byzantine Empires will also be included along with a short cruise on the Bosporus in Istanbul.

The tour will be led by Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia (Timothy Ware), Father Thomas Loya and Mr. Jack Figel. Metropolitan Kallistos is a world-renowned Orthodox author, educator, lecturer and ecumenist, co-chair of the international Anglican-Orthodox dialogue, and a leading member of the international Catholic-Orthodox dialogue. Father Loya is pastor of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church outside of Chicago, and host of "Light of the East" radio program. Jack Figel is founder of Eastern Christian Publications and the Orientale Lumen Conferences, an annual ecumenical meeting in Washington, DC of laity, clergy,

and theologians.

In addition to the various sites, private audiences may be arranged with Church leaders, and reflections will be offered by the pilgrimage leaders on their personal meetings with the two popes who will be declared saints by the Catholic Church in April. This pilgrimage will offer a unique opportunity to meet and talk with persons who actually met a 21st century saint.

Father Loya said, "this pilgrimage will be a special, onetime visit to places where historical religious events took place that focus on 'both lungs' of the Church, East and West, Orthodox and Catholic." Jack Figel also commented, "the combination of the expertise of Viking Travel, and the religious expertise of the Orientale Lumen Foundation, will produce an invaluable experience for all who participate."

> For more information go to www.vikingtvl.com and click on the link for a detailed brochure and registration form, or call 800-233-3963. You can also view a short video on YouTube by searching for "Viking Pilgrimage." Registration and advance deposits are due immediately, so sign up fast since this nationally advertised tour is likely to fill up quickly.



#### SEMINARIAN REFLECTIONS

Subdeacon Lewis Rabayda

#### The Holy Saints, and the Common Saints

There are some differing opinions in the variety of Christian denominations as to what a saint is. I was once confronted by an exCatholic who was taught by another Christian denomination that we are all saints, and not as the Catholics believe, that there are only a few saints. I was caught off-guard by her response because I didn't understand why she fully believed this alternate interpretation. Why did she not adhere to the Catholic faith and Tradition? Why did she not think that the definition of saint is much less black and white as she had imagined? I remember in Catholic grade school we learned that a saint is an ordinary person who lived life extraordinarily—in regards to following God's commandments. And that is true, but it is not the whole picture. The New Testament tells us that a saint is one who follows Christ and tries to live according to His teaching. And I would argue, that if we, as faithful Christians, are following Christ's teachings, then we are saints. So, if we are saints, then definitely, those whom we venerate for their extreme example of discipleship are also saints.

In the early Church, when the followers of Christ were still in the process of being set apart from the other Jewish sects, they called themselves saints. A saint was a person who fully believed in Christ and was living their life as a Christian. Some or most of these early Christians completely changed their ways of life to be self-giving and loving, so much so, that others turned to the faith because of the example these early Christians showed to others. At this time, following Christ was dangerous, and living this life got many disciples, Apostles, and Saints sentenced to death. But later in Church Tradition, the title of Saint was given to those Christians who showed extreme devotion to God and who were very holy people. These people, these saints, would be designated as such because of their devotion that went above and beyond the rest of the saintly community, super-saints if you will.

But for us, the aspiring common saints, what does it mean to fully believe in Christ? What does it mean to be holy? What does it mean to be extraordinary in the eyes of Christianity? Hebrews speaks about the permeating faith of Israelite Heroes, Kings, and prophets. Because of their unfading faith in the God who gave them life, the God who delivered them from enslavement to the Egyptians, who were able to do great things in this life and to show great examples of how God's people treat those around them,

and how they are not even afraid of death. But we have the new covenant, we have the fulfillment of God's covenant with His people, we have Jesus Christ. And for us to be saints, we have to believe in Him with our whole person. Believing in Jesus has to be an active choice, one cannot be *born into* belief, it must come from discerning thought and prayer. There are many baptized and fully initiated Christians who have not yet taken that step to actively believe in Jesus Christ and to want to follow His commandments. It is those Christians who cannot be called saints, because they have not yet responded to the call of God.

God does not just hand-out forgiveness and repentance. Yes, God loves us, but He has done His part in the scenario of our salvation. It is now our decision to accept that salvation, to accept that repentance, and this is free will. To be holy, to be a saint, is to willingly be a witness of God, a witness of Jesus Christ, and a witness of the Holy Spirit. And often, being a witness of God, means that one stands-out from their environment, and stands-out from their culture, as someone different, as someone courageous, willing to do the right thing when all other influences say differently. To be a true witness of God, of Christ, is to have Jesus in our hearts. Without Jesus in our hearts, in the place where we make decisions, in our intellect, we will not be able to go against that grain of resistance that is the world, we will not be able to witness to Christ.

So Peter, always wanting to prod the Lord as to what they were going to *get* out of their devotion to Jesus asked, "Behold, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Peter and the other Apostles literally left their lives in an instant to follow Jesus, not even looking back or worrying about how their families would sustain themselves, because they realized that Jesus was the Son of God. But since they have left everything to follow Him, what do they get in return? Jesus said, "Every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or fathers or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life." If, for Jesus' sake and in His name, we resist the temptations of this world and become His witnesses, then we will be with the communion of saints, both common and extraordinary, in the eternal life that is the Kingdom of Heaven.

# Upcoming Events for July

**Eparchial and Parish Events** 

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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13 Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils

19 St. Elias Day · Carteret, NJ

20 6th Sunday After Pentecost Feast of Saint Elias Slavic Festival · Harrisburg, PA

22 Byzantine Liturgy at St. Ann Novena Scranton, PA · 4:40 PM

7th Sunday after Pentecost

27-30 Altar Server Retreat Camp Carpathian village · Canadensis, PA