

LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS OF AMERICA
ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT
ST. MARY'S VILLA EDUCATIONAL & RETREAT CENTER
SLOATSBURG, NEW YORK 10974 1-845-753-5100

RETREAT DIRECTOR: MSGR. MARTIN CANAVAN
THEME: "STANDING AT THE CROSS WITH THE MOTHER OF GOD"
DATE: March 27, 28, 29, 2020



A retreat is a time we set aside to rediscover what really matters leaving behind the noise and the loud empty chatter of consumerism in the world. It is a time to approach God by asking for forgiveness for the past and for the grace to start over again. This is repentance. Christ said, "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Christ Our Pascha, the catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church states that "On-going repentance is not about focusing on one's faults and offenses. It is first of all, in discovering God's love. In the light of God's love we realize to what extent sin separates us from Him and prevents us from abiding in God's love." (# 454) The purpose of this retreat is for us to put aside time to be with God and rediscover what really matters, to become aware of God's unconditional love and limitless mercy which enables us to lead a life of repentance and transformation.

Msgr. Martin Canavan, our retreat director, chose for his theme "Standing at the Cross with the Mother of God". As we come to the close of Great Lent and the beginning of Great and Holy Week, we pause, gathered together in Jesus' name, to reflect on Mary's (the first disciple) place at the Cross. In the light of her "Let it be done to me according to your word" at the Annunciation to Jesus's word from the Cross, "It is accomplished!" we attempt to better understand our place in the Love and Mercy of God poured out on us each and every day. Msgr. Martin Canavan is a priest of the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, OH, A native of Shenandoah, PA, he was ordained in 1968. He has served in various positions both pastoral and administrative, both here in the States and in Ukraine. Presently, he serves at St. Basil Seminary in Stamford, CT as Director of Spiritual Development.

----- **REGISTRATION FORM FOR LUC LENTEN RETREAT 2020** -----

Retreat begins on Friday at 7:30 pm (arrivals by 7:00pm)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

I WILL ARRIVE ON: _____ AT APPROXIMATELY: _____ P.M.

Please note: There will be no meal served Friday evening. Be sure to have your supper before you arrive. As always, there will be hot and cold beverages, snacks and fruits available at all times.

RETREAT COST: \$ 180.00 Per Person DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2020

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LUC ACTION

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Audience with Most Rev. Metropolitan Borys Gudziak

October 25, 2019



On October 11, 2019 the members of LUC National Board met with Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak at his residence in order to familiarize new leader of our Church in United States about the existence and work of our League. Future of the League of Ukrainian Catholics was the topic of the discussion.



From right to left – Seated: His Grace Metropolitan Borys, Past President & Treasurer Elaine Nowadly.

Standing: Spiritual Director V. Rev Father Marijan Procyk, LUC President Sophia Scarpelli Shchur, Vice President Helen Fedoriw, Recording Secretary Nadia Marc and Immediate Past President Marion Hrubec

Most Reverend Borys Gudziak
Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia
Of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA
810 North Franklin Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19123-2005

Your Grace Metropolitan Borys,

Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

On behalf of our members we offer you our sincerest gratitude for warmly welcoming our National Board members into your residence on October 11th, 2019.

We are especially appreciative given that you, in your kindness, generously extended your time and energy while not feeling well, to attentively listen to our concerns and challenges as a Ukrainian Catholic organization in the present time.

We in turn attentively listened to your advice to open our hearts to listen to God's voice instead of our own. In this way we may discern His will and thus be able to focus and set our direction accordingly. We also feel reassured and inspired by your wisdom in viewing our current state through the lens of the Cross and the Resurrection. Your words provided us with a much needed spiritual anchor.

Sincerest thank you for the beautiful gift 'Persecuted for the Truth' we each received. It is a remarkable testament to the spiritual resilience of our beloved Ukrainian Catholic Church. Each of us will treasure this special gift from you.

We hope and pray that we can work joyfully together for the glory of God, to reestablish and strengthen a mutual, fruitful spiritual relationship with the metropolia. Please do not hesitate to call upon us for support.

With prayers for your good health,

I am sincerely yours in Christ.

Sophia Scarpelli-Shchur
President National Board
League of Ukrainian Catholics

New National Board President of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC)

Following the Eparchial Pastoral Planning Committee meeting held on December 10th, 2019 at St. Basil Seminary, Bishop Paul Chomnycky administered the National Board 'Pledge' of office to the new National Board President Sophia Scarpelli Shchur. V. Rev. Archpriest Kiril Angelov, Eparchial Chancellor and pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yonkers, NY served as witness. Sophia was appointed by Very Rev Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, League of Ukrainian Catholics.



Bishop Paul Chomnycky, V. Rev Archpriest Kiril Angelov
with Sophia Shchur at St. Basil Seminary Chapel

"The LUC is an amazing organization" said Sophia Shchur. "I attended my first convention in Buffalo in 2013 and was taken by the dedication of the members, who even though are separated by many miles, many states, come together as one unified group of Christians, strong in their faith and focused on helping others realize their spiritual potential. They give generously, working for others, not for themselves. And just as important, they know how to have some fun along the way".

With over 400 members, the LUC has 6 active councils covering New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York as well as individual members. Membership is open Ukrainian Catholic laity and others who wish to participate. The annual dues are only \$5. which includes a subscription to the LUC Action, the official newsletter. Janina 'Yanka' Everett is the Membership Director and can be reached by e-mail tjeverett@verizon.net. We'd love to get others excited about the LUC.

Sophia Scarpelli-Shchur, RN, CDE - President, National Board League of Ukrainian Catholics in America

Bio sketch:

Sophia is a Registered Nurse and National Board Certified Diabetes Educator. She graduated from Misericordia School of Nursing in the Bronx, NY. The past 20 years she has dedicated her clinical and research work to women with medically complicated pregnancies. She is currently employed by the Maternal Fetal Medicine Division at Mt. Sinai West Hospital in Manhattan.

She has presented original research at many national and international scientific conferences, most recently in Florence Italy and Washington DC. Additionally, she has been an invited guest speaker, sharing her expertise with her nursing and physician colleagues.

After 9-11 she joined the New York Guard where she served for several years, along with 2 brothers, at Camp Smith, NY as an officer in the 244th Medical Clinic. In that capacity, she coordinated medical training missions and prepared New York National Guard men and women for deployment to Afghanistan and other areas of conflict. She participated in military medical training exercises with NATO forces at Fort Drum, NY.

Through her 40 year nursing career she has seen much suffering, illness, hope, fear, death, birth and yes...miracles. As a holistically minded nurse Sophia feels spiritual fatigue is just as important to address as is physical illness. She has seen human emptiness and despair that is evident when faith is absent. Conversely, she has witnessed the incredible power of faith in the healing process both in her patients and in her own life.

Sophia is a parishioner of St. Michael the Archangel UCC in Yonkers NY, where she serves as Trustee and delegate for the Vibrant Parish initiative. She serves as a member of the Eparchy of Stamford Pastoral Planning Committee, organizing annual eparchial conferences. Bishop Paul Chomnycky appointed her as eparchial lay delegate for the VI Patriarchal Sobor in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine and she is looking forward to preparing for and participating in the VII Patriarchal Sobor to be held in Lviv this year 2020.

QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD:

How did you become a LUC member?

I went on a trip to Italy sponsored by our eparchy (Stamford) for the rededication of St. Sophia in Rome. There I met new friends, including Father Edward Young and Father Marijan Procyk. Without knowing it, they became my spiritual guides, my guardian angels. I had an incredible spiritual experience at St. Sophia's Cathedral. The whole trip was life changing for me. I began to feel completely protected and surrounded with love. Father Marijan spoke to me about the LUC. He invited me to join which I happily did as soon as I got home.

Why have you accepted the position of LUC National President?

I see the dedication of the members, their love, their faith, their good works, their generosity. I am fortunate to be surrounded by this kind of people. When Father Marijan invited me to serve the LUC, immediately what came to me mind is the icon the Christ knocking on the door. I opened the door to let Him into my heart. Every invitation to serve presents this possibility and this awesome opportunity.

2. What is it about our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church that excites and sustains you?

Everything about our faith excites me, from the mystical to the physical expression. I am totally enamored by our Byzantine beauty. The fact that you can be in any Ukrainian community around the world and we all worship in unison. The fact that we can actually trace our beginnings to Christ Himself. I feel we are still living the biblical story. We are all the characters you find in the bible...only 2020 years later. Our Ukrainian Catholic Church has very dynamic leadership and are actively involving the laity in their pastoral missions.

3. Do you have any particular thoughts as to how we can attract our youth and engage them in the life of the Church?

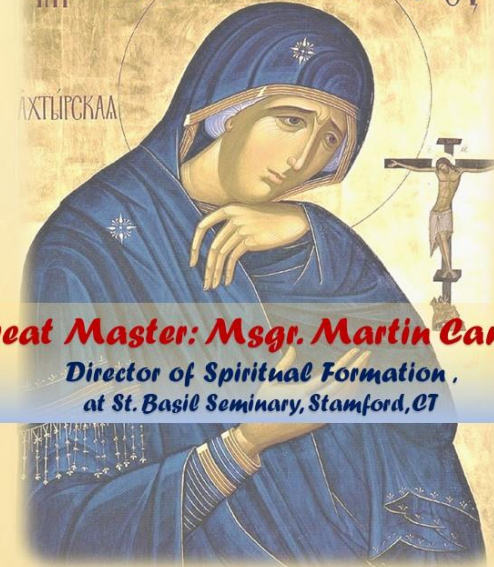
One of my priorities is to increase our visibility and consider this question in broader terms. Why not cast a wider net? If we focus on the family the youth will be included.

2020 League of Ukrainian Catholics LENTEN RETREAT

Standing at the Cross with the Mother of God Lenten Spiritual Retreat

March 27 - 29th 2020

St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY



Retreat Master: Msgr. Martin Canavan

Director of Spiritual Formation,
at St. Basil Seminary, Stamford, CT

Sponsored by the League of Ukrainian Catholics

Fee: \$180 includes meals, room, program

Contact: Marion Hrubec: 201-843-3960 or mchrubec@optimum.net

Visit us on Facebook

The League of Ukrainian Catholics of America has sponsored and held their Annual Lenten Retreat at St. Mary's Villa Educational and Retreat Center the week-end before Palm Sunday for 42 years, providing all faithful attending the opportunity to spend time in prayer and to have the chance to satisfy their Easter confession obligations.

St. Mary's Villa Retreat House

Sister Servants Road, Sloatsburg, NY

A stunning spiritual oasis nestled in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains. Your retreat, lodging and meals will be in the stately, comfortable 52 room mansion. Surrounded by nature to enhance and deepen your spiritual experience.



This year's Lenten Retreat might be the last retreat held at The Villa as the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate are selling this property.

For the past forty-two years we have been so fortunate to be able to come on Retreat to St. Mary's; have been fortunate to enjoy the quiet and comfort of St. Mary's, away from our everyday cares and

chores to leave all behind and spend a few days in prayer and in friendship.

We have been blessed with the many graces received while on retreat and are thankful for the many clergy who have given their time to enrich our spiritual life year after year.

For this year celebrating our Retreat at St. Mary's, Msgr. Martin Canavan has accepted the position of Retreat Director. The theme for this year's retreat is "Standing at the Cross with the Mother of God". As we come to the close of the Great Lent and the beginning of the Great and Holy Week, we pause, gathered together in Jesus' name to reflect on Mary's (the first disciple) place at the Cross. In the light of her "Let it be done to me according to your word" at the Annunciation for Jesus's word from the Cross, "It is accomplished!" we attempt to better understand our place in the Love and Mercy of God poured out on us each and every day.

The dates for year's retreat are March 27, 28 and 29th. The Lenten Retreat is scheduled for beginning Friday evening at 7:30 pm. The retreat is open to all faithful of all Eparchies.

Watch for information to be posted on the LUC Facebook page, to be posted in the Eparchial Newspapers and Newsletters as well as in your email or snail mail boxes.



ST. MARY'S VILLA RETREAT CENTER, SLOATSBURG, NY

LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT SCHEDULE

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Theme: "STANDING AT THE CROSS WITH THE MOTHER OF GOD"

FRIDAY:	7:30 pm	Opening Remarks and Introduction CONFERENCE I Akathist Prayer Service to the Mother of God
SATURDAY:	FIFTH SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – AKATHISOS SATURDAY	
	7:45 am	Morning Prayer
	8:00	Breakfast
	9:15	CONFERENCE II – DIVINE LITURGY - HOMILY
	12:30 pm	Lunch
	2:00	CONFERENCE III Confessions
	5:30	Dinner
	6:30	Healing Service and Anointing Confessions or Private Conference
	8:30	CONFERENCE IV
SUNDAY:	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – ST. MARY OF EGYPT	
	7:45 am	Morning Prayer
	8:00	Breakfast
	9:00	CONFERENCE V
	10:00	Divine Liturgy - Homily
	12:00 pm	Lunch
		Departure

Save the date! Plan to attend this year's League of Ukrainian Catholics Convention!



League of
Ukrainian Catholics
2020 CONVENTION
September 25 – 27th
Johnstown, New York



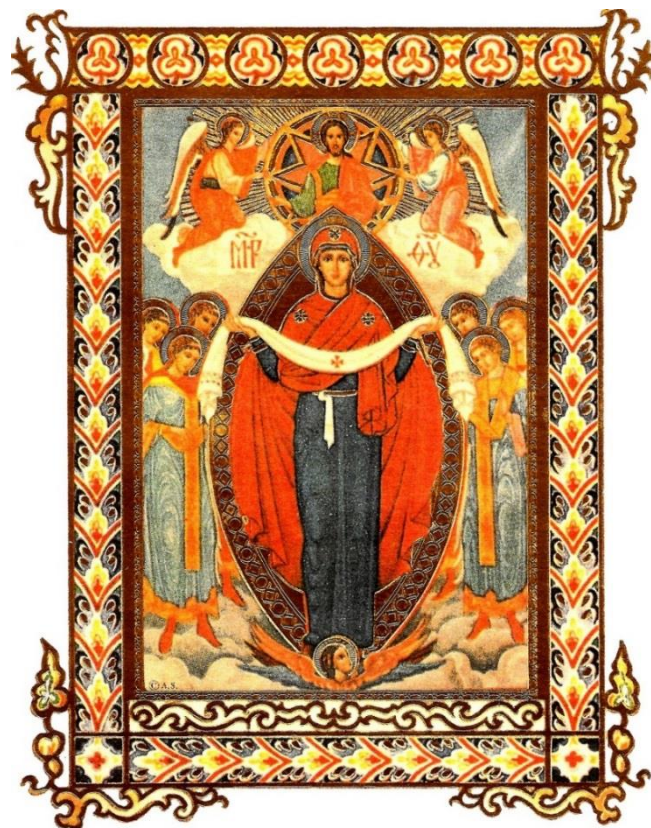
North American Martyrs



St. Kateri Tekakwitha-Lily of the Mohawks

Enjoy a weekend of
fellowship, spiritual
enrichment in the
beautiful Mohawk
Valley region of
New York

Contact:
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Dear Sister Cecelia & LUC Members,

Please accept my sincerest thanks for your prayers & warmest best wishes on the occasion of my episcopal retirement. I also am grateful for your generous gift. Be assured of my prayers for your well-being and your continued good work. Best wishes & blessings,
In Christ,
+ John



Dear L.U.C. Members—
Thank you very much for your
very generous gift of \$250.00. Your
support & prayers are most precious
to me as I begin my new vocation.
Please pray for me as I will pray
for all of you & your success for our
Church — Yours & Ours — Fr. Dan

+Olga Krasulski Yudisky,

Olga Krasulski Yudisky, 96, of Alden, passed away Thursday, November 28, 2019, in Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. Born in Alden, Pennsylvania on July 24, 1923, Olga was the daughter of John and Anna Rudowski Krasulski. She was preceded in death by her husband of 21 years, John A. Yudisky; brother, John Krasulski; and sisters, Mary Krynick, Martha Krasulski, Helen Wall, Betty Kozik, and Anna Charnuska. Olga is survived by her children, Dennis Yudisky and wife, Diane; Linda Wheeler and husband, Shaun, Hamilton, Ohio; as well as her beloved grandchildren, Captain Holly Yudisky of the United States Navy and husband, Bryan Slutman, Arlington, Tenn.; Dr. Lauren Kuryloski, Buffalo, N.Y.; and John C. Wheeler, Sherman Oaks, Calif. She is also survived by siblings, Emily Weisberg, Waterbury, Conn.; and Andrew Krasulski, Florida.



Olga was a graduate of the Newport High School, Class of 1941, and after graduation she worked as a lab technician at Vinaly Lite in Piscataway, N.J. Upon returning to Northeast Pennsylvania, Olga worked as an accomplished seamstress, where her services were in high demand. Olga was active in her community, serving as a member of the Luzerne County Historical Society and coordinator for the Luzerne County Folk

Festival. She was a devout member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Glen Lyon and for the greater part of her adulthood was an active member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics. Olga will be dearly missed by her loving family, many friends, and the countless community members who knew her.

Funeral Divine Liturgy was held on December 4 in St. Nicholas Church, Glen Lyon and laid to rest in the parish cemetery.

Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat'!

+Ihor Shust

Ihor Alexander Shust, 87, died peacefully at home, on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, after a long illness.

Born in Ukraine in 1932, Ihor came to the United States as an adolescent, and settled in Philadelphia. He graduated from Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania, and subsequently completed the Graduate School of Credit and Financial Management at Harvard School of Business.

Mr. Shust then quickly rose through the ranks of a diversified career in banking, first at Philadelphia National Bank, followed by CoreStates Bank, then Wells Fargo.

As Senior Credit Officer, Ihor strengthened the analytical credit process, improved monitoring of problem loans, and guided relationship managers and lenders in renegotiating collateral and credit terms during several banking crises.

His international assignments included expanding the commercial banking business with Latin American countries, developing credit policy and risk controls for foreign banks, as well as directing teams of bankers - which led to several major trade transactions for the export of U. S. commodities to Asian countries.

After retirement from Wells Fargo, Mr. Shust consulted for banks in both the U. S. and Europe. He also developed a risk management training program for a German bank which was marketed to bankers in the less developed markets of Asia and Eastern Europe.



In addition to his professional accomplishments, Ihor Shust served on the Board of the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center (in Jenkintown), the Board of Trustees of Manor College, and the Board of the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation. He chaired the Philadelphia Committee of the Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University and founded the Patriarchal Fund of the St. Sophia Society. He also served as bank representative on the Philadelphia International Visitors Council. Ihor was a veteran of the U S Army as well, having been stationed in Germany between 1955 and 1957.

He was an independent member of the League of Ukr. Catholics.

Ihor Shust was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Daria Pushkar Shust, and is survived by his children: Christine Fylypovych (Andrew), Tanya Shust-Temyncky and Dr. Mark Shust (Dr. Helene Kaiser); he was the loving grandfather of Andrea Fylypovich, Alexander Fylypovych, Laryssa Temnycky, Natalie Koziupa (Danylo), Victoria Shust and Markian Shust, Jr. and great-grandfather of Den-nis Koziupa. Ihor is survived by a brother, Nestor Shust (Zenja).

Funeral Divine Liturgy was held on November 23 at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Burial was at St. Mary Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, Elkins Park, PA.

Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat'!

From the LUC ARCHIVES (1933 – present) – 3 APXIBIB

(Prepared by Marion C. Hrubec)

"Ukrainian Youth like all youth, belongs to Christ. Through the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League you will best fulfill your duties toward your Church, your Rite and your people. Join it's ranks!"

(Rev. Dr. Stephen V. Knapp, Detroit, Michigan from the Journal of 14th Convention - October 2, 3, 4, 5, 1952, Pittsburgh, PA)

This is an invitation to all youth to become members of the League. Quite timely for our times!

From the same journal: To the Ukrainian Catholic Youth:

The purpose of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League Convention is not to assemble our Youth for the sake of a good time. Even though edifying social events are recommended and planned for your pleasure, if you seek them only, you will defeat our purpose.

So that Almighty God will bless our endeavors we must fulfill our spiritual obligations, namely, to attend all Church services, confess our sins, and receive Holy Communion. Without God, we are helpless. If the U.C.Y.L. did not bring us to closer union with God, then it has failed. As a convention delegate, let no obstacle hinder you in fulfilling this first and most important obligation.

To ignore the educational and business programs of the convention proves that the convention-goers have not the interests of the League at heart. The talks and discussions are to better strengthen each local chapter. You will hear new ideas and techniques which will further our gallant crusade.

The theme of our convention is "Vocations." We must learn of the means to attract and to encourage our youth to dedicate their lives to God. We need these vocations to continue our work in the U.C.Y.L.

Msgr. Russell Danylchuck of blessed memory, addresses the membership on the purpose of the League, the purpose of our positions as officers, as delegates and as members. During conventions as well as at regular meetings, we must fulfill our obligations to participate in all events, talks, discussions to grow our local chapters and councils. We need to be the leaders in bringing information to the people through seminars, through workshops etc. in our local parishes as well as our Protospyryterate / Deanery. We need to do more to bring our Faith to our parishioners; we need to educate ourselves in the ways of our Rite, to better understand it.

HAPPENINGS AT ST. NICHOLAS



The last quarter of 2019 found the members of the St. Nicholas Chapter of the LUC at St. Nicholas parish, Passaic, NJ busy and involved in the happenings at the parish.

On October 6, the members participated in the preparation and the celebration of the blessing and dedication of our new outdoor chapel dedicated to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in Memory of our Deceased Parishioners,



Priests and Sisters who served at St. Nicholas. From the setup of the outdoor decorations to the preparation and serving of the luncheon that immediately followed the procession, dedication and blessing, our members were there to help. We were also fortunate to have guest clergy participating in this celebration from our neighboring parish of



St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral (Ruthenian), clergy from the Syrian Catholic Church, Bayonne, NJ and several clergy from our New Jersey Protopresbyterate.



Also, in keeping with the Spirit of the Philip Fast – Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving, St. Nicholas parish is once again sponsoring its 19th Annual “Giving Tree”. This year the recipient of the project is the House of Mercy in Chortkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk. Our LUC membership gathered hygiene

items - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo as well as socks that would be distributed at the House of Mercy, to those in need and will be included with the “Giving Tree” project. The House of Mercy primarily is a haven for



treatment of autism spectrum, downs syndrome, cerebral palsy children and adults. The Home also provides services for social, psychological, pedagogical, physical and occupational rehabilitation... Following the Divine Liturgy on December 8, the members gathered their items and took the time during the coffee hour to sort and pack all the items.



CELEBRATING THE PARISH PRAZNYK AND VISIT OF METROPOLITAN BORYS ST. NICHOLAS CHAPTER MEMBERS WERE SELECTED TO GREET THE METROPOLITAN



Marion greeting



Stephen Retkwa greeting



On December 22, St. Nicholas parish was honored with a visitation of the new Archbishop Metropolitan of Philadelphia, Most Rev. Borys Gudziak. Two members of the St. Nicholas Chapter of the LUC were given the honor to greet Metropolitan Borys on behalf of the parish. Steve Retkwa, a parish trustee greeted His Excellency in English and Marion Hrubec in Ukrainian. Following the Divine Liturgy, a festive Feast Day dinner was celebrated in the parish hall where His Excellency spent time greeting the parishioners as well as the members of the LUC Chapter.

VISION 2020: THE VIBRANT PARISH A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST

“Faith without works is dead” (James 2:26)

In harmony with Patriarch Sviatoslav's Vibrant Parish letter, the St. Nicholas Chapter began 2020 serving one's neighbor – diakonia - serving in love and performing a beneficial “charitable activity” at the local food pantry serving our needy and homeless of the city.

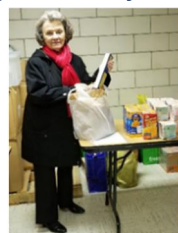
Reaching out to our community here in Passaic, NJ, LUC chapter members delivered bags of food staples to our Ruthenian neighbors at St. Michael the Archangel Cathedral Food Pantry. The Cathedral and its' Food Pantry are located in a now poor neighborhood predominately populated by Hispanic immigrants. Most males of this population are day laborers and find making ends meet for the family very difficult as the outdoor temperatures drop and construction jobs dwindle. The food pantry provides the necessary staples to help families survive until the next paycheck. The Cathedral parish welcomes food donations year-round.

In this busy season of celebrating the Birth of Our Lord, the membership once again stepped forward in their charity, living the gospel, and availing themselves of the opportunity to bring joy, love, happiness and hope to the needy and less fortunate, in keeping with the directives of a “Vibrant Parish” of serving one's neighbors. May the bounty that we share truly help and sustain those who receive these goods.

We were greeted by the parish office manager Mr. Robert P. Keenan who is seen in the photo. Members making the delivery are



Helen Fedoriw (left), Jerome and Linda Mykietyn (center and right), Steve Retkwa (right side rear) and Marion Hrubec.



Niagara Frontier Council News



On the way back to Buffalo after National Board's meeting with Archbishop Borys in Philadelphia this past October, National Board Members V. Rev Marijan Procyk, Nadia Marc and Elaine Nowadly were on the highway passing by the exit for Berwick, PA and decided to stop for a quick visit with former Niagara Frontier Council member, and present North Anthracite Council member, our beloved Katie Eckhart. She could not believe her eyes when they walked in. It was a complete surprise. It was just too bad the visit had to be so short.



At the Kick-Off Dinner, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the St. Nicholas Church, Buffalo, NY and the 125th Anniversary of the Parish, The League of Ukrainian Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council, awarded the 2019 Msgr. Paul Iwachiw Scholarship of \$500.00 to Andrii Zvarich. Andrii is from Ukraine and is currently studying at Erie Community College. Presently he is learning English in his general course of study. He plans to study criminal justice and hopes to become a policeman. He was a fireman in Ukraine. The Council also awarded a grant to Niagara Frontier Council member Subdeacon David Wik as he continues his studies to become a Deacon.

At our Council meeting held on January 20, 2020, we discussed plans for the upcoming year. We discussed activities as projects for the year. We talked about having a fun activity day for the children in the Buffalo area, such as a magician, movie and refreshments. We also decided to sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 28 with proceeds going to help two local parishes in the area. On



Palm Sunday, April 5th our council will co-ordinate the Theme Basket Raffle at the Annual Pierogis for Peace Fundraiser to help wounded soldiers and their families in Ukraine sponsored by the local Mothers of Prayers group in Buffalo.

North Anthracite Council Moleben and LUC Meeting

On Sunday, November 10, 2019 Father Myron Myronyuk, pastor of St. Vladimir Church, invited the members of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics to attend a Moleben and to conduct their regular meeting at his Scranton parish. Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Metropolitan Sheptytsky's passing, the Moleben served was for the Canonization of Blessed Andriy Sheptytsky with prayers offered for the glorification and sainthood of our venerable Church leader.

Following the Moleben the group discussed the recent cosponsored presentation on the Divine Liturgy by Rev. Dr. Mark Morozowich, Dean of Catholic University's School of Theology and Religious Studies; aid to orphan children in Ukraine; the scheduled May 2020 bus trip to New York City; and, upcoming events sponsored by the parishes of the North Anthracite Deanery. Vice President Michael Trusz chaired the meeting with Ann Beshada, Janina “Yanka” Everett and Paul Ewasko giving their Treasurer, Membership and Publicity reports respectively.

The midafternoon prayer service and business session concluded with a bountiful reception that was enjoyed by all.



Seated left to right: Ann Beshada, Michael Trusz, Janina Everett, Paul Ewasko

Standing: Fohn Fedorko, Maria Black, Helen Pagnotti, Helen Ewasko, Anna Kaprowski, Helen Harabin, Anna Magill, Geri Kolotelo, Maria Szpynda, Sonya Dempsey, Pat Cremer, Dorothy Kowalchick, Stella Patrick, Sophie Soniak

Back row: Mark Izak, Matthew Myronyuk, Damien Myronyuk, Father Myron Myronyuk, Father Nestor Iwasiw

Photo by Jean Pedley