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Patriarch Sviatoslav on the Divine Liturgy

His Beatitude Sviatoslav advised how to revive the Liturgy



Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav at a meeting with the youth during the national pilgrimage to Zarvanytsia shared his advice on how to enliven the Liturgy.

First of all, believes His Beatitude Sviatoslav, in order to revive the Liturgy, we must be active participants in it.

According to him, after the Second Vatican Council in the Catholic Church and in other communities, in particular the Protestant, there was a lot of discussion on this topic.

"There was a whole trend that began to treat the liturgy as a show. But then it became clear that the spectacle was a one-day fly. And the priest in such a liturgy-performance was supposed to act as a showman. And then they saw that such a revival of the Liturgy did not lead to a better experience of God," said the Primate.

"There is another way - to better prepare for the Liturgy, both for the priest and for the faithful," stressed the Head of the UGCC.

As an example, he mentioned a priest who initiated a truly liturgical reform in the Church. "He began to print texts for every mass, so that those who come to the temple had texts in front of their eyes and could participate in singing. Maybe we all should go that way," said the Bishop.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav gave two pieces of advice, which he received as a seminarian from his spiritual father Lubomyr Husar. "These tips have personally helped me a lot. The first thing he said - go to the Divine Services as a meeting. Not as a performance, but as a meeting ... We go to the Liturgy, not only to learn something there, to get some information, but to meet God. Moreover, to meet God Who wants to serve me. For Divine Liturgy is a moment when He descends from Heaven to serve me. Therefore, we call it the Service of God," convinces His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

And the second piece of advice: "Go to a meeting with God with this mood: 'God wants to say something to me, and I have to hear.' Believe me, if you go to the Service of God as to something new and different each time, God will speak to you. For the Lord God speaks.

There are no two identical Divine Liturgies," says the spiritual leader of Ukrainians.

"And when you go out of worship, ask yourself: 'What did God say to me today?' You will see that you will come out of such a meeting with a full heart and a special word that God says to you," says His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

The UGCC Department for Information

Metropolitan Borys Gudziak Installs The Order of Reader/Cantor upon LUC Member



On July 28, 2019, during the Divine Liturgy celebrated at the 85th annual Seminary Day sponsored by the South Anthracite Pennsylvania Deanery, LUC member John Fedorko received the Order of Reader/Cantor. He is a long-standing member of the North Anthracite Council of LUC and for the past 37 years he has served as cantor of Berwick's SS.



Cyril and Methodius Church. We congratulate John and ask God to continue to bless him for his love and dedication to our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Many Happy Years! Mnohaya Lita!

His installation can be seen on the following youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecs3vpuMtNI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0mraAiUgdh9kdIkwDhtdokx_payWGK-K-kP8D-RhPHeQQh5enF-M7h9c4

North Anthracite Council Sponsors Bus Trip to Enthronement

To make it convenient for individuals from Northeastern Pennsylvania traveling to Philadelphia to witness the Enthronement of Metropolitan Borys Gudziak, North Anthracite Council chartered a bus for the major event in the history of our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the USA. Joining members of the Council were parishioners of local parishes who returned from the activity filled day deeply impressed by the beauty of the religious services, the magnificent Cathedral itself and feeling spiritually lifted by the entire experience.



Pictured left to right: Janina "Yanka" Everett, Dave Pedley, Geri Kolotelo, Jean Pedley, Dorothy Kowalchick, Joe Roll, John Naradko, Andy Jamula, Helen Pagnotti, Dorothy Jamula, Gina McLaughlin, Christine Hurst, William Hurst, Karen Kowalski, Stella Patrick, Nicholas Ceccarani and Bernie Wolensky. Busy elsewhere when photo was taken were Father Paul Wolensky and John Fedorko.

Western Pennsylvania Council's Participation in Enthronement

Some twenty-three people from Western Pennsylvania attended the Inauguration of the Ministry of His Grace Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak on June 4, 2019 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia. The Western Pennsylvania Council was represented by John and Mary Ann (Grimm) Mysliwiec, Hilary A. Kinal, and Nick C. Kotow. Others attending were Very Reverend Michael Polosky, Father Deacon Mark Prokopovich, and Nadine Palichat from Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ambridge, Sister Olga Marie Faryna, OSBM, of the Eparchial Pastoral Ministry Office, Reverend Father Jason Charron and Pani Halyna with daughters, Maria, Daria, and Natalia, Father Deacon Myron J. Spak with sons, Michael and Nicholas, and Eugene Czuczman, all from Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie. Reverend Father Ivan Chirovsky and Pani Maria with Michael and Joseph Levy represented Saint John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Pittsburgh. Coming from Ukraine were Very Reverend Anibal and Pani Sonya Hlutkowsky Soutus. A van carrying pilgrims from Carnegie was partially underwritten by the Council. President Nick C. Kotow was able to personally present a gift from the Council to His Grace Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak.

Contributed by Nikolas Kotow

FRIENDLY REMINDER – Membership Renewals for 2019 [\$5.00] are being accepted by Janina Everett, Membership Director at 1169 First Avenue, Berwick, Pa 18603.

LUCers Enjoy 85th Annual Seminary Day

On Sunday, July 28, 2019, the twelve parishes of Pennsylvania's South Anthracite Deanery sponsored its annual fundraiser for the benefit of our Ukrainian Catholic seminaries in the United States. More than \$800,000 has been raised over the years. Principal celebrant of this year's Divine Liturgy was newly enthroned Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak.



Pictured: Janina "Yanka" Everett, Father Dan Troyan, Maria Szpynda and John Naradko

North Anthracite Council Observes Pentecost

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019, members of North Anthracite Council gathered at Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church for a Moleben to Jesus Christ Lover of Mankind followed by a general business meeting and reception. Discussion focused upon the recent Council sponsored mid-May bus trip to New York City, the June 4 group trip to the Enthronement of Metropolitan Borys Gudziak and upcoming religious and social events primarily within the Anthracite Deanery. In acknowledging the Pentecost Day, members were treated to a special dessert - a delicious cake decorated with green icing.



Front row left to right: Geri Kolotelo, Anna Magill, Father Nestor Iwasiw, Father Paul Wolensky, Dorothy Jamula, Sonya Dempsey, Geraldine Adamiak and Helen Lipowski.

Back row: Ann Beshada, Helen Haraden, Maria Szpynda, Michael Trusz, John Naradko, Paul Ewasko, Dorothy Kowalchick, Sandra Berta, Andy Jamula, Ann Kaprowski And Janina "Yanka" Everett.

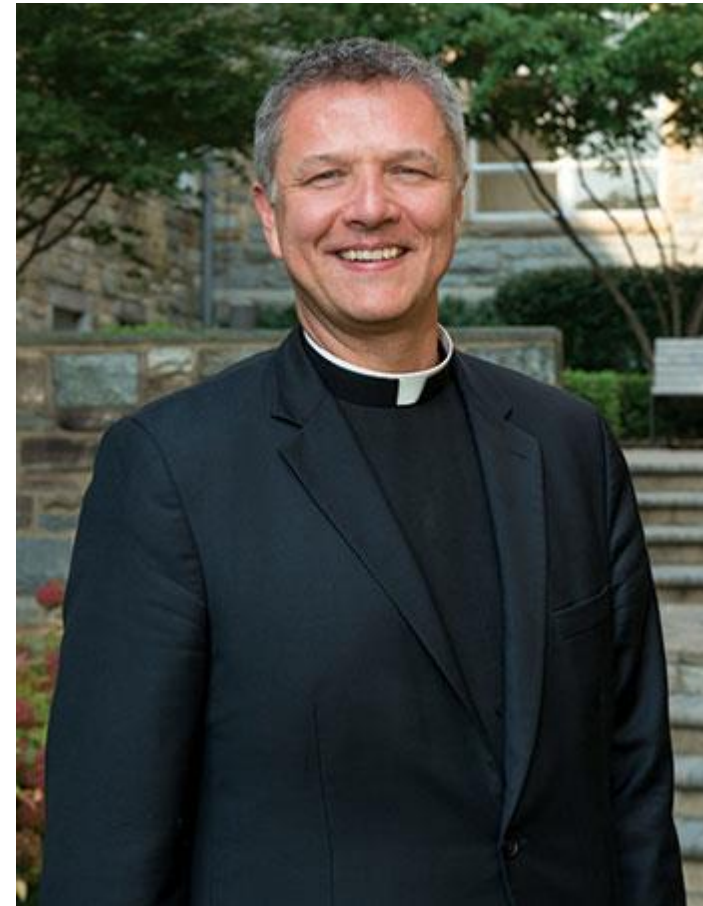
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North Anthracite Council Cosponsors Presentation on the Divine Liturgy by Very Rev. Dr. Mark Morozowich Dean of the Catholic University School of Theology and Religious Studies

"The Divine Liturgy and You: Deepening our Understanding of Community and the Individual in Prayer" will be the topic of the afternoon presentation by Father Morozowich on Sunday, September 22, 2019 beginning at 3:00pm at Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue. Cosponsored by the nine Ukrainian Catholic parishes of Northeastern Pennsylvania's Anthracite Deanery and the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, the event is of special interest to the faithful of both the Catholic and Orthodox traditions. The educational event is open to the general public - everyone is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation.



A Western Pennsylvania native formed in the Ukrainian Catholic Church of his family, Fr. Mark Morozowich pursued a vocation to the priesthood in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma, Ohio. He served in Pittsburgh and in Butler, Pennsylvania before beginning doctoral studies at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome that yielded a comprehensive study of Holy Thursday Liturgy in Jerusalem and Constantinople from the Fourth to the Fourteenth Centuries. He lectures as an Associate Professor of Liturgy at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC; served as the Associate Dean for Seminary and Ministerial Programs; and, is dean of The School of Theology and Religious Studies. His research focuses upon various topics of liturgical history from penitential practices and the liturgical year to divergent issues

in Eastern Christian Mysteries. He has authored many publications including a book and numerous articles. Father has lectured extensively in the United States as well as in Europe and South America. In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, travel, sports and boating.

2019 Pierogi for Peace Fundraiser

Members of LUC Niagara Frontier Council takes care of Theme baskets for this event.



A very warm, and sincere "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers that helped make the 2019 Pierogi for Peace Fundraiser a great success. We had a Net Income, after Expenses, of \$9,000 for additional medical and humanitarian assistance for war victims in Ukraine. Thank you to all the volunteers that donated their time and effort to make over 2,000 varenyky, 400 holubtsi, kapusta, Paskas (Easter bread), and delicious cakes. Thank you to the volunteers that made baskets and managed the basket raffle. Thank you to everyone that donated baskets, gift cards, and money so we could have over 120 raffle baskets. ...



From the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2014 through December 31, 2018 our community has raised \$78,257; mostly used to pay for shipping of over \$22 million dollars worth of donated medical supplies and humanitarian aid. In unity, Ukrainians are strong! May God continue to Bless You All! "The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, rather it's depth is measured in the determination for helping others." (Committee)





Krisy (Janina Everett's daughter) member of NA council with her daughter Sophia who is 6 years old & starting 1st grade. God Bless!

ANOTHER LUC CONNECTION

On Saturday, August 3, 2019 the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate celebrated 75 years of Religious life of Sr. Albina Gregory. During her address to Sr. Albina and guests, Sr. Kathleen introduced one Paula Juba. Paula read about the upcoming celebration and wrote to ask if she could attend.

Paula saw the article about Sr. Albina in the SSMI Journeying with Josaphata newsletter and could not believe that she was reading about her grammar schoolteacher at St. Vladimir's school in Elizabeth, NJ. Paula traveled from Texas to be present to celebrate and honor Sr. Albina. Paula attributes her life attitudes and her choices to the foundation taught her by Sr. Albina. Paul said she never forgot the fundamentals taught her. What a wonderful testament to a wonderful teacher Sr. Albina Gregory, SSMI.

In speaking with Paula, I learned that her family was active in the Elizabeth parish. Her dad was Mr. Joseph Juba and



Paula Juba and Sr. Albina Gregory

Godparents were Marge and Joseph Sery. These names rang familiar to me.

Further speaking with Paula, I remembered that they were very active members of the Garden State Council and served on many committees for conventions and other events. You never know who you meet that can provide some memories of times past and of members of the League.

Marion C. Hrubec

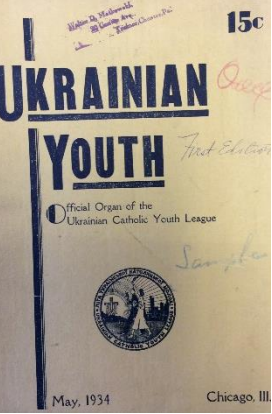


On Tuesday, June 25, 2019, one of our youngest LUC members, John Paul Szczublewski, graduated from Veronica Connor Middle School with high honors, having achieved an overall GPA of 99.2. Among his many accomplishments, John Paul was awarded the NYS Comptroller Award and the Viking Valor Award for his outstanding academic ability, his leadership qualities, his distinguished character, and his service to the Grand Island community. John Paul also received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, the Excellence in Scholastic Chess Award, the Mathletes Award, and the Highest Average Awards in Science and ELA. John Paul truly leads others by his example, and we are so very proud of everything he has accomplished during his middle school career. John Paul will begin the Advanced Placement honors program at the Grand Island High School this fall.



John Paul, member of LUC Niagara Frontier Council, is also the Altar Boy at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY. Congratulations, John Paul! Mnohaya Lita!! God Bless!

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



This is the cover of the first “Ukrainian Youth” Monthly, official Organ of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League. Space permitting, we will reprint some articles in the future “Actions”.

INSPIRATION

In view of the fact that 1933 was the year of the World's Fair, and that the week of August 13 to 19 was the Ukrainian Week, some of the young people of Chicago formed a Temporary Committee for the purpose of having a Convention of the Ukrainian Youth from the United States and Canada in order that they might organize a League. The members of the Committee were: Vera Spikula, Mary Dziavronyk, Helen Bahry, Stephanie Blidy, Bohdan Katamay, John Kaniuk and Steve Schurko.

The first communication to the youth from the Temporary Committee appeared July, 1933 in the following newspapers: Siege, America, Canadian Farmer, and the Ukrainian News. It requested readers to inform the Committee as to who would partake in the Convention. Later followed two communications in which the the Committee asked the youth to give suggestions as to how the day of the Convention should be spent and what should be done. Also, the Committee notified readers about the date of the Convention, the name, and the address to which all communications should be sent.

CONVENTION

August 19, 1933 was the day of the Convention of the Ukrainian American and Canadian Catholic Youth, and there were almost one hundred delegates present from the many youth organizations of the United States and Canada. The Youth Convention began at 9 o'clock in the morning with High Mass at the St. Nicholas Church and the Missionary Father E. Theodorovych delivered the welcoming address to the delegates after the service. All the delegates were registered at the St. Nicholas Church Hall. At one o'clock, Vera Spikula, the chairman of the Temporary Committee opened the meeting of the delegates and guests with the short address. Then she in traduced the speakers: Brother Methodius, who delivered an address of welcome; Rev. M. Kuzmak, who also welcomed all; Miss Stephanie Blidy – “Meaning of Religion in the Life of Youth”; Mr. Walter Matkowsky – “Parents and Youth”; Mr. Paul Volansky – “Sports and Its Value”; Mr. Walter Skoropad – “Culture and Youth”; Rev. B. Tremba – “How to regain the Lost Ukrainian Youth for the Ukrainian Cause”; and lastly Mr. Bohdan Katamay – “Organization of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League. This meeting lasted till 3 o'clock after which all delegates were photographed. At 3:30 all the delegates attended the Convention business meeting at which the League was organized. All the members decided to have two Committees – the Honorary and Executive. The members of the Honorary Committee are: His Excellency the Most Rev. Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of the United States of America, Constantine Bohachevsky; His Excellency the Most Rev. Ukrainian Catholic Bishop of Canada, Basil Ladyka; Rev. Missionary A. Truch; Brother Methodius; and Rev. B. Tremba. The Executive Committee consist of: Bohdan Katamay, president; Vera Spikula, first vice-president; William Ewaskiw of Winnipeg, Second vice-president; Helen Bahry, corresponding secretary; Stephany Blidy, recording secretary; and Mary Dziavronyk, treasurer.

NAME AND MONEY

When the Executive Committee started their work, they realized that the name “Ukrainian American and Canadian Catholic Youth League” was to lengthy. Consequently, they shortened it to “Ukrainian Catholic Youth League”.

Then the Committee members immediately started a collection for money in Chicago and collected about \$40.00 Now shares are being issued and sold for farther financial strengthening.

* Now changed to “League of Ukrainian Catholics”



Reprinted from “UKRAINIAN YOUTH”, May 1934. Chicago, IL.

Annual Bus Trip to New York City



On Saturday, May 18, 2019 the North Anthracite Council sponsored a bus trip to New York City with stops in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach [Little Odessa] and in the Lower East Side of Manhattan at the Ukrainian Street Festival conducted by St. George Ukrainian Catholic parish. The full bus of 55 passengers boarded first at Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church with a second pickup at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church. Participants were able to enjoy the Eastern European atmosphere of Brighton Beach with the highlight of the trip being St. George Street Festival which offered a variety of Ukrainian foods, arts and crafts, music and of course delightful Ukrainian dancers.

This trip was the 32nd annual springtime trek to New York City first started in 1988 - the Ukrainian Christian Millennium Year - and was conducted by the Ukrainian Millennium Committee of North-eastern Pennsylvania. Each year since 1988 the bus trip has been sponsored either by the Millennium Committee or Scranton's St. Vladimir parish or the North Anthracite Council of LUC. While a visit to St. George Festival is the primary feature of each trip, some sight-seeing has always been included in the itinerary. Over the years, trips have included the Statue of Liberty, United Nations, 911 Museum, Empire State Building, Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Patrick, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Little Italy, Staten Island Ferry, Central Park, etc.

Continuing the tradition, a bus has been chartered for May 16, 2020 with a number of persons already signed up for this very popular annual event.

+V. Rev. Myron Wasyl Panchuk, Ph.D.

April 26, 1954 - March 9, 2019

V. Rev. Myron Wasyl Panchuk, Ph.D. was an associate pastor of St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago, passed away March 9, 2019.

Son of the late Wasyl and the late Juliana Panchuk. He is survived by his brother, Orest (Zena) Panchuk, and his sister, Andrea (John) DiSanti; and his two nieces, Danielle and Natalie DiSanti. Father Myron was loved by everyone and will be dearly missed. He served as the vice president of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation and was a member of the Kyiv Committee of Chicago Sister City International where he focused on Social Services Exchanges.

Father Panchuk was born on April 26, 1954; he was the first child of Wasyl and Juliana Panchuk. He grew up with his two siblings on the northwest side of Chicago.

After finishing eighth grade at St. Nicholas School in 1968, he attended St. Ignatius High School and then went on to Loyola University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy in 1976. Recognizing that it is never too late to learn, or pursue higher education, he completed graduate theological studies at Catholic Theological Union. In 2007 he earned an M.A. in counseling from the Adler School of Professional Psychology and in 2010 an M.A. in psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Depth Psychology. In 2017 he defended his doctoral dissertation titled "Shattered Images, Broken Lives: Social Dreaming in Healing Ukraine's Historical Trauma."

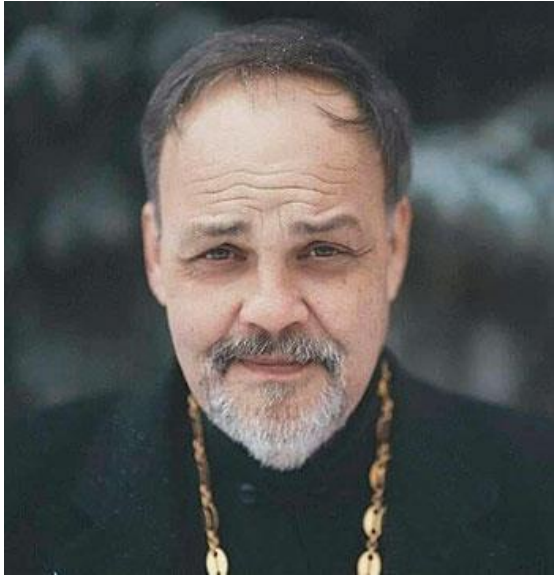
In his youth, he was a member of the Ss. Cyril and Methodious Youth Brotherhood and Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization. He also attended summer courses at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Rome.

In July 1982 he became the first priest to be ordained by Bishop Innocent Lotocky for the Chicago Eparchy of Ukrainian Catholics and actively served the community for nearly 37 years in a variety of capacities. He designed and facilitated retreats and conferences for both the clergy and the laity, professional development, conflict resolution and social advocacy.

Immediately after ordination, he was appointed to serve at Ss. Volodymyr and Olha Parish, where he stayed over two decades. While there, he served as spiritual director of the Ss. Cyril and Methodious Brotherhood, was director of priestly formation for half a dozen seminarians, and in 1988 worked with the Rt. Rev. Marian Butrynsky on the development and construction of the Ukrainian Cultural Center, which was built to commemorate the Millennium of Ukrainian Christianity.

For a number of years, Father Panchuk also served the Ukrainian Catholic parish in Denver, commuting between Chicago and Denver on a regular basis. Since 2007 he served at St. Joseph the Betrothed Church.

Having traveled to Ukraine numerous times over the decades, he visited Chornobyl in 2010 in order to conduct research and in 2011 produced a documentary called "Block4," to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster. On that same visit, he established a relationship with a group of artists at the Pechersk Artists Workshop and produced a film that prevented the eviction of the artists from the Kyiv Pecherska Lavra. This led him to engage in



activist research with the All Ukrainian Network of People Living with HIV.

On a subsequent trip, in May 2012, he traveled to Kyiv, where he presented at the World Psychoanalytic Conference, being the only one to present a paper in the Ukrainian language. Most recently he participated in a funeral service and reburial of remains from the 1708 Baturyn Massacre in which as many as 15,000 Ukrainians, including 7,000 civilians, were killed at the hands of the rising Russian Empire. This last trip abroad took place in November 2013, just days before the beginning of the Euro-Maidan.

In Chicago, going back to the early 1970s, Father Panchuk was a teacher at the School of Ukrainian Studies, touching the lives of hundreds if not thousands of students, with his anecdotes, views on religion and faith, and analyses of modern Ukrainian history.

An ambassador for Ukrainian causes, he was a co-founder and member of Starving For Color, a humanitarian organization that provides baby formula for orphans in Ukraine. In addition, he was a former board member of the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art and supported the work of Ukrainian American Veterans.

A longtime member of Plast and its Lisovy Chorty fraternity, he served divine liturgy and counseled youths at numerous summer camps, weekend festivals and other scouting activities. And, although not an official member of the American Ukrainian Youth Association, he also participated in its gatherings, interacted with youngsters and celebrated liturgies at summer camps.

Father Panchuk was devoted to ecumenical causes, the reunification of churches, defending the marginalized and breaking down barriers. In his nearly 65 years of life he touched the lives of many; he officiated at dozens of weddings, baptized more children than can be counted, and buried loved ones of all faiths and backgrounds.

Surviving are his brother, Orest (Zena) Panchuk, and his sister, Andrea (John) DiSanti; and his two nieces, Danielle and Natalie DiSanti.

The funeral service was held on March 15 at St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church, with interment at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations were requested for the Rev. Myron Panchuk Memorial Fund, Account No. 171443, Selfreliance Federal Credit Union, 5000 N. Cumberland Ave. Chicago IL 60656. Funds will be given to non-profit Ukrainian organizations in which Father Panchuk was involved.

Fr. Myron was National Spiritual Director in 1996/1997
ЕТЕРНАЛ МЕМОРИ! ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ!

+Dorothy Brenia.

Member of the Connecticut Council of the LUC

+Dorothy was a very active member of her Council, one very faithful worker from CT at the Annual Dormition Pilgrimage. +Dorothy had moved to Chicago to live with her son where she spent her final years.

+Dorothy was 101 years old. Funeral services were conducted August 12 and 13. Burial was from Ss. Peter and Paul parish, Ansonia, CT where she was a lifelong parishioner.

Eternal memory! Vichnaya Pamiat!

**+SISTER MARY BERNARDA ARKATIN, OSBM
JESUS , LOVER OF HUMANITY PROVINCE**

DECEMBER 23, 1922 – JULY 17, 2019

On Wednesday, July 17, 2019 Sister Mary Bernarda died at the Basilian monastery where she lived the last days of her life. Sister suffered a stroke on July 4, 2019 and was admitted to Holy Redeemer Hospital. The stroke affected her speech, movement and ability to swallow. On July 8, 2019 she returned to the monastery for the love, support and care of her Sisters at the Motherhouse.

Sister Mary Bernarda was born on December 23, 1922 in Chesapeake City, Maryland to Mary and Gregory Arkatin. The family consisted of twelve children, seven girls and five boys, two of whom were members of the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Sister Mary Bernarda Arkatin , OSBM and Sister Sophia Tharsilla Arkatin, OSBM who pre-deceased her. Her surviving sibling is the youngest sister, Stephanie.

Sister Mary Bernarda entered the Sisters of St. Basil on June 13, 1940 and pronounced her Final Profession on August 23, 1949 with Rev. Basil Wawryk, presiding. Sister's commitment was to give herself wholly and entirely to God without looking back. In the seventy – five years of commitment she thanked God daily for the blessings he granted her and the privilege of serving him throughout these years.

Sister and her family were members of St. Basil Church in Chesapeake City. She graduated from St. Basil Academy in 1938 and while in Community received a Bachelors Degree in Education from Seton Hall University and a Bachelors in Music from De Paul University in Chicago.

Being prepared to teach music and all other necessary subjects Sister taught at St. John the Baptist, Newark, NJ, Immaculate Conception, Hamtramck, MI, St. Nicholas, Chicago, IL and St. Nicholas School, Phila. PA. from 1943 to 2014. Sister held leadership positions as a Provincial Councillor within the Community and Principal during her teaching ministry. She treasured her leadership skills and organized an outstanding orchestra at practically every educational institution at which she was missioned. She would teach every instrument, compose variations of original masterpieces and present them at parish concerts. Students became imbued with the liturgical and ethnic culture. Practically every student could proudly say that Sister Bernarda taught them to play a musical instrument.

Sister was also assigned to be the promoter for the cause of the Beatification of Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky in 1993 and continued this ministry until 2000.

She would speak at various churches and to organizations throughout the United States and Ukraine. Traveling the year round she promoted Metropolitan Sheptytsky's saintly life, his ecumenical efforts and dynamic leadership of God's people. Being the daughter of an orphaned father, Sister Mary Bernarda also committed herself to loving, gifting and negotiating care for the poorest of the poor in



Ukraine, her parents' homeland. Sister Mary Bernarda's life had been a living testimony, witness, to the love of Christ.

Having experienced the love of Christ in your own personal life she shared that wondrous inexpressible experience of Christ's love with thousands of orphans, invalids, mentally handicapped and marginalized. Her actions spoke louder than any words. She lived and witnessed a resurrected life of extreme joy, peace and hope. Her physical presence emanated life. Although the physical body brings pain or suffering, there is an everlasting, eternal life that will never die.

She has left that everlasting touch on far more people than anyone can comprehend. May her memory be eternal.

+Mary P. (Sabanos) Ezzyk,

Mary P. (Sabanos) Ezzyk, 83, of North Centre Township, Pennsylvania passed away on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at her home.

Born in Conyngham Township on February 10, 1936, she was a daughter of the late George and Veronica (Jarick) Sabanos. She was a graduate of Newport Township High School class of 1954. Mary was employed at Campbell's Soup in Lime Ridge, and later at Consolidated Cigar until it closed. She also worked at Ezzyk's family owned roadside farm stand.

She was a devoted member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Berwick, where she spent much of her free time helping with different fundraisers and projects. She was a member of the North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics and for many years hosted their summer picnics at her farm. She was involved with the North Centre Township Historical Society. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph O. Ezzyk, with whom she shared 55 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2011; a son, Martin Ezzyk in 2014; sister, Magdaline in infancy; and brothers, Joe and Mike Sabanos.

She will be greatly missed by her sons, David Ezzyk; Richard Ezzyk and wife Jeannie; Randy Ezzyk, all from Berwick; 8 grandchildren, Becky, James, Jared, Joe, Justin, Kelly, Kristin and Patrick; and 6 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind sisters, Anne Gryziec and husband Tony, Rahway, NJ; Margie Kashatus and husband Tom, Glen Lyon; Gizelle Mierzwa and husband Mike, Riverside; brothers, George and Steve Sabanos, both of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

A viewing and parastas were conducted the evening before her funeral which took place on Monday, July 22 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church with her pastor, the Reverend Roman Petryshak officiating. Interment followed in the parish cemetery.

Memorial contributions are being accepted by the American Cancer Society, Eastern Central Division, Columbia Unit, P.O. Box 3125 Williamsport, PA 17701-0125

**Lord, Jesus Christ, the visible image of the invisible God,
Be merciful to your servants, granting them Everlasting Life!**

