

Ліга Українських Католиків Америки разом з Матерями в Молитві

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- **Відкриття конференції спільною молитвою і Вітальне слово.**
о. Мар'ян Процик, Національний Духовний Директор Ліги Українських Католиків Америки;
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Леся Мурашук, DDS., Регіональний Координатор Спільноти Матерів в Молитві Північної Америки;
- **Вступна доповідь**
Архієпископ-Митрополит Філадельфійський УГКЦ у США Борис (Гудзяк).
- **«Час для зцілення»**
Владика Павло (Хомницький), єпископ Стемфордський.
- **«Християнські моделі єдності в часи лиха»**
Владика Богдан (Данило), єпископ Пармський
- **«Духовна гідність у часи хаосу»**
Владика Венедикт (Алексійчук), єпископ Чиказький.
- **«Розрізнення трансформації після пандемії»**
Владика Андрій (Рабій), єпископ-помічник Філадельфійської архієпархії.
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The League of Ukrainian Catholics of America together with Mothers in Prayer

present a virtual conference for the UGCC faithful on Saturday, October 10th 2020:

Transforming Calamity into Unity, Dignity and Healing



Opening Prayer and Introduction:

V. Rev. Archpriest Father Marijan Procyk, National Spiritual Director, League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

Sophia Shchur, RN, CDCES. National Board President League of Ukrainian Catholics of America

Lesya Muraszczuk, DDS. Regional Coordinator Mothers in Prayer of North America

Keynote Address

Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak,

Archeparchy of Philadelphia

A Time to Heal

Bishop Paul Chomnycky,

Eparchy of Stamford

Christian Models of Unity in Times of Adversity

Bishop Bohdan Danylo,

Eparchy of St. Josaphat, Parma

Spiritual Dignity in Times of Chaos

Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk,

Eparchy of Chicago

Discernment and Transformation Post Pandemia

Bishop Andriy Rabi,

Archeparchy of Philadelphia

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For deceased members of the LUC, MIP, Clergy and Sisters

On-Line Program

Online registration opens September 1
at stamforddio.org

As we, the faithful of the UGCC, shifted from Vision 2020 into focusing on the study of immigration, migration, settlements on unity of our Church, little did we expect to be catapulted into the biggest test of unity in recent times. Both the League of Ukrainian Catholics and Mothers in Prayer had to defer much anticipated spiritual events. We are taking this as an opportunity to unite, transform and heal with Christian dignity.

We are grateful to our beloved UGCC Archbishops and Bishops for embracing this opportunity to spiritually support and strengthening us through this on-line conference.

On behalf of the LUC and MIP we cordially invite you to join us.

Sophia & Lesya



Letter from LUC President

Dear LUC Family,

In preparation for this issue of 'LUC Action' I was reviewing our last edition published this past February. This issue was full of plans taking form for the spring and fall. Our Lenten retreat with Father Canavan, North Anthracite members trip to New York City, our much anticipated Convention 2020 in the beautiful Mohawk Valley. Even though it was February, spring was definitely in the air. You could feel it, taste it, smell it. We were all looking forward to this glorious new year 2020.

On yet another horizon, we were concluding the UGCC Vision 2020, shifting focus to the impact of 'Immigration, Migration, Settlements and Unity' on our Church. In this context, parishes gathered together to discuss what unites us to our fellow UGCC faithful and what stands in the way.

Little did we expect to be catapulted into the biggest test of unity in our time. Who would have predicted our lives would be tossed around as it has been these recent months? Who could have predicted our Great Fast and Resurrection would be so hands off? Who would have thought our churches, our spiritual home, would be closed and off limits? Our dear clergy, thrown into an unthinkable situation, barring the very people they serve. Our loved ones dying alone, without the benefit and dignity of sacraments. Lay and clergy alike, cut off from the very spring which refreshes and sustains us.

Additional distress from parallel and equally disturbing events have weighed heavily on our souls. Much needed spiritual support was withdrawn and withheld: Retreats, pilgrimages: cancelled. Conferences, sobors: cancelled. Gatherings of any kind: cancelled!

We are all familiar with the saying 'when one door closes, another one opens'. Our National Board of Directors met with Archbishop Borys Gudziak on October 11th last year. He listened attentively to our concerns and challenges as an organization. In turn, he offered some sage advice. 'Listen in silence...listen to God's voice instead of your own...what is it that God wants you to do'? Eventually, we discern His will for us, understanding the 'other door' opening as a new opportunity to shine by serving Him, not ourselves.

The other phrase which comes to mind "adaptation is the key to survival". That day, Archbishop Borys gave us each a beautiful book: 'Persecuted for the Faith'. This book is a testament to the resilience of our people, our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which under the most adverse conditions, struggled to survive by adapting to underground conditions. The need to unite, to be stronger than our adversary, transformed surviving into thriving, a testament to our strong and courageous leadership. How prophetic that Archbishop Borys, on that day, gave us these spiritual tools for us to put to use today.

There is no doubt that this storm is longer and stronger than we were ever prepared for. We have grown weary and need of a sense of understanding the spiritual significance and opportunity that lies hidden in the events of the past 6 months. Instead of cancelling our Convention 2020 we are transforming it. In a demonstration of spiritual unity, the League of Ukrainian Catholics together with Mother's in Prayer and our spiritual leadership are presenting a virtual conference: 'Transforming Calamity into Unity, Dignity and Healing'. The poster and program are published in this issue of Action. Please share this unique opportunity with others as all can benefit from it. This is a free, online event which will open on October 10th, 2020, with registration beginning September 1st. Registrants will receive a link by e-mail to take part in the program.

We are grateful to our amazing UGCC leadership; Archbishop Borys and Bishops Andriy, Benedict, Bohdan and Paul for embracing this opportunity to spiritually support and strengthen us through



Lesya Muraszczuk, DDS. Regional Coordinator Mothers in Prayer of North America (left) and Sophia Shchur, RN, CDCES. National Board President League of Ukrainian Catholics of America (right) with Very Rev. Archpriest Kiril Angelov, Pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Cath. Church in Yonkers, N.Y.

this online conference. Please keep them and all our clergy in your prayers.

With sincerest wishes for your good health,
Sophia Shchur
President

LUC ADOPTS ZOOM



On July 27th, the National Board tested the ZOOM platform for future meetings replacing the CONNEX telephone system used for our board meetings. After quickly working out a few minor kinks we explored and got familiar with general function and features. Even though it was a 'no agenda' meeting we did wind up working after all, reviewing plans for our coming online October conference 'Transforming Calamity into Unity, Dignity and Healing'. Thank you to our LUC board members for making our first ZOOM meeting fun and productive.



THE LORD REMINDS US
THAT IT IS NOT ENOUGH
TO GO TO THE CHURCH.
HE IS CALLING US ALL
TO BE HIS CHURCH.

The Holy Feasts of Transfiguration and Dormition

During the month of August the Church celebrates two great holydays: the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Mother of God.

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is on August 6th. This feast is described in the three Synoptic Gospels (Mt.17:1-8; Mk.9:1-7; Lk. 9:28-36).

In II Peter 1:16-18, we read "We have seen His majesty for ourselves. He was honored and glorified by God the Father, when He spoke to Him and said: 'This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased.' We have heard this ourselves spoken from heaven, when we were with Him on the Holy Mountain."

The Three Persons of the Holy Trinity were manifested for a second time: God the Father spoke, God the Son who is Jesus Himself, and God the Holy Spirit in the form of a cloud. Jesus leads three of his closest disciples on Mount Tabor. There, before their eyes, he was filled with the glory that is His as God, his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. (Mt. 17:2) Then behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, like the dove at the Jordan, and from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am of the well pleased". Peter, James and John then saw the same revelation of the Trinity that had been seen by John the Baptist at the River Jordan.

This Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord was celebrated from the fourth century. Saints Cyril of Jerusalem (386 A.D.), St. Jerome of Bethlehem (420), and St. Proclus of Constantinople (447) all testify that Our Lord was transfigured on Mt. Tabor.

There are several themes presented by this holyday: first, theologically, it manifests the divinity of Jesus Christ—his body is glorified; there is the testimony of Moses and Elijah and the Father's voice from heaven.

The second theme is the encouragement of the Apostles to trust in Jesus as they would soon face the humiliating passion of Jesus. St. Luke mentions that Moses and Elijah "were speaking of His passing (death) which He was to accomplish in Jerusalem." (Lk. 9:31)

Third theme is the assurance of our own participation in Christ's glory. During Matins, the morning prayer of the church, we profess "As You were transfigured on Mt. Tabor, O Savior, you manifested the transformation of mankind by Your glory, which will take place at Your awesome second coming." Thus the entire liturgy is filled with a joyful assurance, encouragement, and hope of our own glorification with Jesus as we "grow brighter and brighter into His image." (II Cor. 3:18)

The fourth theme is the celebration of the feast falls at the time when we celebrate the first fruits of the harvest. This is taken from

the Old Testament where it was known as the Feast of the Tabernacles or Tents. It is a time to rejoice, to thank God for all that God gave us and we give back to God in return "Everyone shall give as he is able according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you." (Dt. 16:17). Our Church upholds this tradition by blessing the fruits in church from Apostolic times. In about 220 A.D. St. Hippolytus mentioned these fruits were blessed: grapes, figs, pomegranates, pears, mulberries, peaches and almonds.

In Ukraine the fruits of the season are apples, plums and pears which were brought to the church and blessed. In the United States other seasonal fruits are also blessed.

On August 15th we celebrate the "Falling Asleep of the Mother of God" or the Dormition or Assumption of the Mother of God. It is one of the twelve major feast days of the Church. Since the beginning of the fourth century, Mary was publicly venerated because she was the Mother of Christ our God or the Theotokos. This was confirmed by the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. According to tradition, that at the time of Mary's glorious dormition, all the apostles were miraculously brought together to Jerusalem. They prayed and

commended her holy soul to God and carried her sacred body in a procession to Gethsemani and placed it in a tomb. Angels sang above her tomb for three days. St. Thomas was not present but

came three days later and wanted to honor Mary and venerate the body that gave birth to Christ. Upon opening the tomb the apostles found no trace of Mary's body but the tomb was filled with fragrant flowers. After closing the tomb, the apostles believed that The Son of God who was the Son of Mary took her body to heaven so that it would be honored with incorruptibility forever. In the sixth century the Feast of the Dormition was established and celebrated on August 15 in the entire Byzantine Empire. By the seventh century it was introduced to the Western Church or Rome.

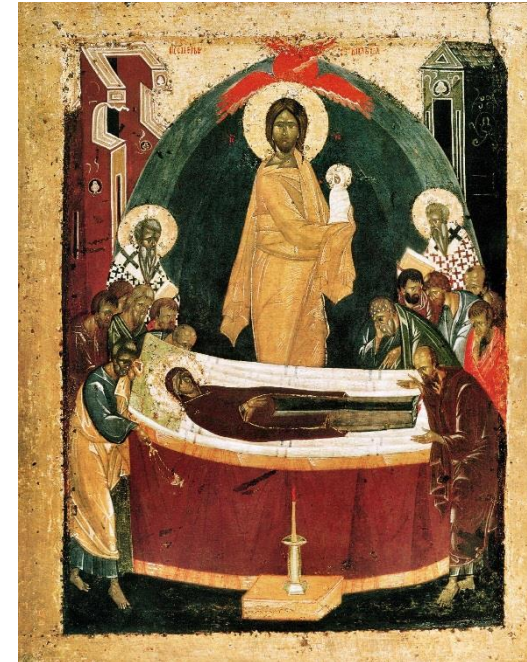
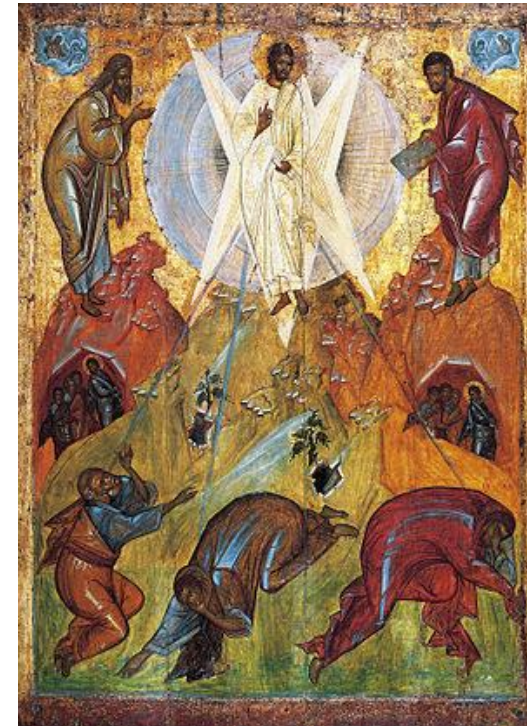
In preparation for this major feast, a two week fast is prescribed by the church which begins on the first of August. An ancient custom is that flowers and herbs are blessed on this day because when the tomb was opened for St. Thomas there was a sweet flowery fragrance coming

from the tomb.

The great significance of this Feast of the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God is that Mary is a model of how we should live for God. She is the Mother of God, our mother and our protectress.

By Sr. Olga Marie Faryna, OSBM

Sources for both Feastdays: Fr. David Petras
Byzantine Seminary Press Leaflets, Orthodox Church of America
Icons: Transfiguration & Dormition by Theophanes the Greek (+1410)





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2019 LUC Burse Award Winners

Burse Award Winners

Roman Kuzmiak –
Metropolitan Ambrose Senyshyn Burse –
Stamford Eparchy

Alex Bricki –
Bishop Jaroslaw Gabro Burse –
Archeparchy of Philadelphia

Rev. Lubomyr Zhybak –
Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky Burse –
Eparchy of St. Josephat in Parma

Sister Michele Yakymovitch SSMI –
Metropolitan Joseph Schmondiuk Burse-
Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

Sister Olha Mykhalyuk OSBM –
Marianna Zebon Burse –
Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great

Sister Evhenia Prusnay, MSMG –
Patrick Bilon Burse –
Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God

Father Alipiy Fedun –
Bishop Sotor Ortynsky Burse
Holy Transfiguration Monastery

School Endowment Award

Lyubomyr Vovk –
St. Nicholas
Ukrainian Catholic School,
Passaic, New Jersey



Please supply any material for “Action” in timely fashion.
Next issue should be ready for the Convention in October,
which will be done virtually due to Covid-19.



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... On behalf of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparch of Philadelphia and the recipient of the Bishop Jaroslaw Gabro Burse Award 2019, Subdeacon Alex Bricki, I offer our heartfelt gratitude for the award of \$500.00 toward tuition costs from the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America Your assistance is valued and appreciated. May the good and loving Lord bless you always. Sincerely in Christ,

+Most Reverend Borys Gudziak
Metropolitan-Archbishop
Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.



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... Thank you for your kind letter of July 12 in which you enclosed a check for Roman Kuzmiak, the recipient of the 2019 League of Ukrainian Catholics Burse Award.

Roman was born and raised in Yonkers, NY and is a member of St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Parish. He will be entering his second year of theology in September. This monetary award will be a great help for him and for us in the seminary during these difficult times.

Please thank all the members of the LUC for their prayers and generosity. May God bless you all with good health and spiritual consolation. Please keep safe!

Sincerely in Christ

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM
Eparch of Stamford



Українська Католицька Єпархія св. Євстахія в Пармі
UKRAINIAN CATH. EPARCHY OF ST. JOSEPHAT IN PARMA

... Thank you for your letter of July 12, 2020 regarding the Burse Awards given by League of Ukrainian Catholics of America.

We have received the check of \$500.00 for the Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky Burse to be presented to Reverend Lobomir Zhybak and will expeditiously forward to him.

Thank you for all the support you provide for ministers of our Church! May God bless you and all the fine members of the League of the Ukrainian Catholics in America!

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Reverend Bohdan J. Danylo
Bishop of Saint Josaphat



On behalf of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate we extend sincere gratitude for awarding Sr. Michele Yakymovitch, SSML with the Metropolitan Joseph Schmondiuk 2019 Burse award, in the amount of \$500.00. As Administrator of St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, she consistently is required to continue her education and certification. Your support is appreciated.

The Sisters Servants are grateful to be continued beneficiaries of the generosity of the League of Ukrainian Catholics. We acknowledge and praise LUC's generosity to so many non-profit organizations in our Church for so many years.

May our Loving God Bless you and all of your members and their families with many graces and blessings.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSML
Provincial Superior



Sister Michelle Yakymovitch SSML & Sister Kathleen Hutsko

Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, Provincial Superior, presents the check and certificate to Sr. Michelle Yakymovitch, Administrator of St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, the recipient of this year award.



I would like to thank you, the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America from the bottom of my heart for the \$500 Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky Burse Award that was presented to me by my eparch, Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo, July 19, 2020 during his personal visit to my two parishes in Ohio. I am likewise humbled and very grateful to Bishop Bohdan for nominating me for this award from the side of our eparchy. Although I completed my studies for the Sacred Priesthood back in 2006, I am very grateful to you for the recognition. May our immensely good and merciful Lord bless all of you with an overabundance of His blessings for many healthy and happy years, aiding you with His graces in all endeavors that the LUCA serves the Ukrainian Catholic Church through. Thank you very much!

Wishing you a joyful and healthy summer, I remain
Gratefully yours with prayers in Christ & Theotokos,
Father Lubomyr Zhybak



It was such an honor for me to learn that I am the recipient of the Bishop Gabro Burse Award Scholarship from the LUC. Tuition is expensive, and all the support I receive is very much appreciated. Thank you all for your generosity!

In Christ

Subdeacon Alex Bricki



I am writing this letter to thank you for the Metropolitan Ambrose Senyshyn Burse. I was humbled upon learning of my selection as the recipient of this award. I greatly appreciate your generosity

I am currently entering my second year of theological studies, and I am blessed and comforted by your support and prayers.

It is with the support of the League of Ukrainian Catholics that our Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in the United States continues to grow. Your service and dedication to the church is a witness to the love that the Father shows to all of us, because our generosity is derived from faith in God Please be assured of my prayers, and I ask that you pray for me.

Yours in Christ

Seminarian Roman Kuzmiak

League of Ukrainian Catholics – Let Us Care!

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

Vera Darya Spikula (April 2, 1914 - October 17, 1997)



Vera and Andrea Spikula were young ladies of Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Chicago in the 1930s during the time when the original UCYL was founded. When Father Ambrose Senyshyn, OSBM, became the pastor there he was acquainted with them. He was named and consecrated by Archbishop Bohachevsky as his auxiliary bishop 1942.

His official residence became the present Stamford Museum building popularly known as The Cha-teau. When Bishop Ambrose arrived in Stamford, he witnessed the existence of Saint Basil Prep School for boys and St. Basil College Seminary, BUT THERE WAS NO SCHOOL for young Ladies. Bishop Senyshyn's memory was fine and he remembered the apostolate of the two Spikula girls and invited them to Stamford to set up a girls' school which was named Mother of God Academy. Vera Spikula had a background in education and so she became the Principal and Headmistress of the academy in Stamford with its own property on the west side of Stamford (away from the resident boys!). Andrea Spikula, under Senyshyn's guidance and with the blessing of Archbishop Bohachevsky, entered the religious life and became the first Superior for life of the new group known as the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God (MSMG). Vera Spikula eventually was provided with a residence in close proximity to the academy and to the sister's new convent. Vera remained the one principal of Mother of God Academy until its closing in the 1990s. She passed away during my time as Rector of St. Vladimir Cathedral (from 1996-2006). I celebrated her funeral Liturgy and I believe she is buried in Our Lady of Sorrows Cemetery in Lang-horne, Pa, the same cemetery where her beloved sister, other deceased members of MSMG, as well as Bishop Walter Paska, are buried. As for the MSMG's present status, they have one convent in Philadelphia on North Franklin St on the opposite side of the Cathedral. The Missionary Sisters are the ones who have organized and run the Treasury of Faith Museum in the Cathedral basement.

I was the chaplain to Mother of God Academy and the Sisters from 1978 to 1986.

(Msgr. John Terlecki)

It was during Ukrainian Week, August 13 to 19, 1933 at the World's Fair, when 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 Convention was held on August 19, 1933, with almost 100 delegates from the many youth organizations of the United States and Canada. The Convention started at 9 AM with the Divine Liturgy at the St. Nicholas Church and the Missionary Father E. Theodorovych delivered the welcoming address to the delegates. 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 a short address. The meeting lasted 2 hours, in which many speeches were delivered. Afterward, all delegates were photographed. (*I am still looking for those photos – fr. M.P.*) At 3:30, the Convention business meeting took place, at which the League was organized. The name

of the League was: **"Ukrainian American and Canadian Catholic Youth League"**.

All the members decided to have two Committees – the Honorary and Executive. The members of the Honorary Committee were: 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 (the one who wrote the "Lives of the Saints" in four volumes); Brother Methodius; and Rev. B. Tremba. The Executive Committee consisted of: Bohdan Katamay, president; Vera Spikula, first vice-president; William Ewaskiw of Winnipeg, Second vice-president; Helen Bahry, corresponding secretary; Stephanie Blidy, recording secretary; and Mary Dziavronyk, treasurer.

All the members decided that the Executive Committee should develop a Constitution; there were to be two representatives from every city who would be responsible for the clubs in their cities; that the journal be edited as soon as possible; and that we should ask all the Rev. Fathers of the Ukrainian Churches to help us. It was also determined that we appeal to our parents for aid. The session finished with the idea that the delegates would meet again in some city again next year and left the decision as to what city for the Executive Committee to decide. The business meeting finished at 6:20 PM after which all the delegates attended a banquet at the Ukrainian Pavilion in the World's Fair. During the banquet the delegates enjoyed concert and dancing.

When the Executive Committee started their work, they realized that the name **"Ukrainian American and Canadian Catholic Youth League"** was too lengthy Consequently they shortened it to **"Ukrainian Catholic Youth League"**. Then the Committee members immediately started a collection for money in Chicago and collected \$40.00. Now 5000 shares are being issued and sold at the cost of \$1.00 each for the further financial strengthening.

CONSTITUTION

Since all of our Ukrainian Youth do not read Ukrainian well, we decided to have the Constitution both in English and Ukrainian. Mr. Bohdan Katamay constructed the Constitution and then at the few successive meetings it was modified and completed to its present form. The Constitution consists of twelve articles.

- Article I. denotes the name.
- II. states the objective.
- III. cites the ways and means by which the youth can be organized.
- IV. continues the ways and means.
- V. informs us as to the eligibility for membership.
- VI. gives the duties and rights of the members.
- VII. sums up the instructions and the work that the delegates and representatives are to do.
- VIII. deals with the administration of the League, which includes the Honorary and Executive Committees.
- IX. specifies the duties of the Committee.
- X. designates the place and the procedure of the Executive Committee meetings.
- XI. discusses the possibility of dissolution of the League.
- XII. is related to amendments.

RESOLUTIONS

The Executive Committee also has listed the resolutions which the League must follow...

Let us hope that the League will be a great success and accomplishes everything that they set out to do. With your help and backing this can be accomplished. (*Stephanie Blidy (Recording See'y)*, "Ukrainian Youth", May 1934.



I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of the leadership and members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America for recognizing the work of Sister Olha Mykhalyuk, OSBM, with the 2019 Martianna Zebron Burse. Sister Olha works hard top serve the Church and our community. Your award of this Burse will encourage her in her efforts.

I, together with our entire community of Sisters, appreciate your award for Sister Olha.

My sisters and I have long admired the League of Ukrainian Catholics. You have done so much good work for so many decades. We are thankful to you for all you do for the Church and People of God., and we remember you gratefully in our prayers each day in the Chapel in our Motherhouse.

May God bless you for your generosity. Please keep in touch.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM,
Provincial Superior



On behalf of Sister Evheia Prusnay, MSMG, the recipient of the 2019 Patick Bilon Burse Award, we wish to thank you for the check in the amount of \$500.00. We are grateful to the League of Ukrainian Catholics for this most generous gift. We pray that God abundantly reward this fine organization for their ongoing spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

May Mary our Mother protect and keep you and your families and always intercede for your special intentions. We will keep you in our daily prayers.

Under the Patronage of the Mother of God.

Mother Maria Kelly, MSMG



Thank you once again for your kind and generous support by your donation of \$500 and the Bishop Soter Ortynsky Burse Certificate.

Your generosity is particularly helpful at this time, when our financial resources are strained by the effects of the crisis related to Covid-19 and the limited operation of our retreat house.

Please know that you and all the members of the LUC remain in our prayers, for your health and continued vibrancy of faith in Christ, in whom we have the ultimate victory.

Sincerely in Christ and on behalf of all of the Monks of Mt. Tabor here at the Holy Transfiguration Monastery,

Fr. Abbot Damian

Joan Serafin of North Anthracite Council tells us that her aunt Katherine Eckhart has celebrated her 96th Birthday.

God Bless You, Katie!

Stay healthy! Be safe!

Pray for all of us, members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics!

Many Happy Years!

Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!



MultiGenerations of LUCers



Photo of Four Generations of North Anthracites – standing in the middle, Janina "Yanka" Everett, her mother Maria Szpynda, her daughter Krystina Williams and her granddaughter Sophia Williams (on the fence).



Rev. Daniel Troyan preaching at St. Mary's Villa on Transfiguration 2020

Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky



Sculpture of Metropolitan Andrey in Philadelphia near Ukr. Cath. Cathedral

was born as Count Roman Aleksander Maria Sheptytsky (Szeptycki) in a village Prylbychi near Lviv of Ukrainian origin. His family was in the 19th c. had become polonized, Roman Catholic and French-speaking. Among his ancestors there were many important church figures, including two metropolitans of Kiev, Atanasy and Lev. His maternal grandfather was the Polish writer Aleksander Fredro. One of his brothers, Klymentiy Sheptytsky, became a Studite monk, and another, Stanisław, became a military general in the Polish Army.

Roman received his education first at home and then in Kraków. After graduating he went to serve in the Austro-Hungarian army but after a few months fell sick and was forced to abandon it. Instead he studied law in Kraków and Wrocław, receiving his doctorate in 1888. During his studies

he visited Italy, where he was granted an audience with Pope Leo XIII at the Vatican, and to the Ukrainian heartland of Kiev, then under Russian rule, where he met some of the most prominent Ukrainian personalities of that time.

Despite his father's opposition, Roman became a monk at the Basilian monastery in Dobromyl, returning to his roots to serve what was regarded as the peasant Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. He took the name Andrew, after Saint Andrew the First Called. He then studied at the Jesuit Seminary in Kraków, receiving a doctoral degree in theology in 1894. In 1892 was ordained a priest in Pere-myshl. He was made rector of the Monastery of St. Onuphrius in Lviv in 1896.

In 1899, following the death of Cardinal Sylvester Sembratovych, Fr. Andrew became a Bishop of Stanyslaviv (now Ivano-Frankivsk). He was consecrated as bishop in Lviv on 17 September 1899 by Metropolitan Julian Sas-Kuilovsky assisted by Bishop Chekhovych and Bishop Weber, the Latin-Rite auxiliary of Lviv. A year later, on December 12, 1900 he was appointed, at the age of thirty-six, Metropolitan Archbishop of Lviv and enthroned on January 17, 1901.

Metropolitman Andrew visited North America in 1910 where he met with Ukrainian Greek Catholic immigrant communities in the United States; attended the twenty-first International Eucharistic Congress in Montreal; toured Ukrainian communities in Canada; and invited the Redemptorist fathers ministering in the Byzantine rite to come to Ukraine.

After the outbreak of World War I, Sheptytsky was arrested by the Russian government and imprisoned in various places in the Ukraine and Russia. He was released in March 1918 and returned to Lviv from Russia... *

Sheptytsky died in 1944 and is buried in St. George's Cathedral in Lviv. In 1958 the cause for his canonization was begun. Pope Francis approved his life of heroic virtue on July 16, 2015, thus proclaiming him to be Venerable.

(Based on <http://stsophia.us/en/metropolitan-andrew/>)

* Next issue will be dedicated to Metropolitan Andrey (Andrew) so we will talk more about his life and legacy.

+Metropolitan-Archbishop Emeritus Stephen Sulyk (October 2, 1924 — April 6, 2020)



Stephen Sulyk was born to Michael and Mary Denys Sulyk on October 2, 1924 in Balnycia, a village in the Lemko District of the Carpathian mountains in Western Ukraine. In 1944, he graduated from high school in Sambir. After graduation, the events of World War II forced him to leave his native land and share the experience of a refugee.

He entered the Ukrainian Catholic Seminary of the Holy Spirit in Hirschberg, Germany. In 1948, he migrated to the United States and continued his priestly studies at Saint Josaphat's Seminary and The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

In 1952, he received his S.T.L. degree from the Catholic University of America and was ordained to the priesthood on June 14, 1952 at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia.

After ordination, he served as assistant pastor in Omaha, Nebraska; Brooklyn, N.Y.; St. Nicholas parish in Minersville,, Pa., and Youngstown, Ohio. He received his first pastoral assignment in 1955 in Phoenixville, Pa. with the additional responsibilities as Chancery Secretary.

From July 1, 1957 until October 5, 1961 he was pastor of St. Michael's Church in Frackville, Pa. During his short tenure of four years, he built, furnished and paid for a new church and parish social hall. Annual gross income rose from \$10,000 in 1957 to \$60,000 in what was considered a financially depressed area.

After a short stay at St. Nicholas parish in Philadelphia, on March 22, 1962, he was appointed pastor of Assumption Church, Perth Amboy, N.J. Within a year, he completed a new elementary school. During his pastorate, he converted the rectory into a convent for nuns, built a new rectory, purchased and landscaped additional parish grounds and renovated the parish church. He also compiled and printed a series of bi-lingual texts for use in liturgical services. On May 31, 1968, His Holiness Pope Paul VI granted him the dignity of Papal Chaplain with the title of Monsignor.

Archbishop Sulyk was appointed Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia by St. John Paul II on December 29, 1980 and was consecrated bishop in Rome on March 1, 1981. The principal Consecrator was His Beatitude Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, and the Principal Co-Consecrators were Bishop Basil H. Losten, Bishop of Stamford and Bishop Nilus Nicholas Savaryn, O.S.B.M. Bishop of Edmonton.

He supervised the construction of a new chancery center and bishop's residence and cathedral rectory. He renovated the sanctuary of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral and landscaped the adjoining grounds. He established the Seminary Endowment Fund to finance the education of seminarians and to provide income for St. Josaphat's Seminary.

At the request of the Vatican, he was involved in sensitive diplomatic talks with members of the Orthodox Church in Ukraine at the time the Soviet Union was collapsing, Ukraine was becoming an independent nation and the Ukrainian Catholic Church was emerging from its existence as a persecuted catacomb church under atheistic communism of the Soviets.

He has served on various committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Upon reaching the canonical age for retirement, St. John Paul II accepted his resignation on November 29, 2000.

June 14, 2002 was the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood and his Golden Jubilee was observed with the celebration of a hierarchical Divine Liturgy and a testimonial banquet on June 23, 2002.

October 1, 2019, he was honored by the Archeparchy on the occasion of his 95th birthday.

During his retirement years, he lived in Cherry Hill, N.J.

He was predeceased by his parents and the following siblings: Ivan, Vasyl, Dmytro, Anna Nicholas and Ivan, Jr.

In addition to several nieces and nephews, he is survived by the following cousins: Frank Stec (Christine), Steve Boyduy, Lidia Devonshire, Theresa Nord (Tim), Donna Sauchak (Greg), Stephen Stec (Tonya), Kristin Magar (Steve), Lauren Stec and Jordan Stec.

Due to the corononavirus pandemic, private funeral services for the late Metroplitan-Archbishop Stephen was conducted on Bright Monday, April 13, 2020 by Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Philadelphia, Pa. He was buried in the cathedral crypt next to +Bishop Soter Ortynsky, +Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky and +Metropolitan Ambrose Senyshyn.

May his memory be eternal!

<http://ukrarcheparchy.us/archeparchy-news/metropolitan-archbishop-emeritus-stephen-sulyk>

Christ Is Risen!

Indeed, He Is Risen!

April 13, 2020

Most Reverend Borys Gudziak

Metropolitan-Archbishop of Ukr. Cath. Archeparchy of Philadelphia
810 North Franklin Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123-2097

Dear Most Reverend Borys Gudziak:

In behalf of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (L. U. C.) of America with its President, Sophia Shchur, National Board Members and all Members, sincere and prayerful condolences are offered for the blessed repose of the soul of Metropolitan-Archbishop Emeritus Stephen Sulyk.

After just a few years short of a century of earthly life, he was born into eternal life with God at the beginning of Our Lord's Passion Week. Surely this is a special blessing for him, with an ardent embrace into God's everlasting love.

We are grateful for Metropolitan-Archbishop Stephen's 19 years of gracious archiepiscopal pastoral friendship and support of the L. U. C. members, and of our endeavors to help foster the spiritual and temporal needs of our Ukrainian Catholic Church.

May his memory be eternal! Вічна пам'ять!

Sincerely,

Sister Cecelia Sworin, SSML, L.U.C. National Board Corr. Secretary

Sophia Scarpelli Shchur, L.U.C. President

+Father Nestor Kowal



It is with deep sorrow to announce that Very Rev. Protopresbyter Nestor S. Kowal, fell asleep in the Lord on Good Friday, April 17, 2020. As pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Scranton Pennsylvania, Father Nestor was a dear friend of the Ukrainian Catholic community of Northeastern Pennsylvania especially of the members of North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics. He encouraged as well as took part in so many of the Council's activities, especially the delightful annual Malankas, and demonstrated the true meaning of brotherhood among all Ukrainians regardless of the church they attended.

Father was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by His All Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav of Blessed Memory on November 21, 1965. He served parishes in Chicago, Illinois; Johnson City, New York; Blakely, Pennsylvania; Glen Spey, New York and Scranton's St. Michael's where he was assigned in March 1966 and served for fifty years. His beloved wife Panyi Tamara and he are now reunited in glory. He leaves behind his mother Eugenia Kowal: his children Vera, Nestor and Taras; daughters-in-law Heidi and Lisa: and his grandchildren Elias, Priscilla, Larissa and Alexander as well as numerous extended family members.

He is indeed very much missed yet we know he is with God and with his family and many friends who have left this earth. It is in dying that life begins. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Definition of Success

To laugh often and love much;

To win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children;

To earn the approval of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty;

To find the best in others;

To give of one's self without the slightest thought of return;

To have accomplished a task whether by a healthy child, a rescued soul, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition;

To have played with enthusiasm and sung with exultation;

To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;

To have faith in God, know that with death life begins and that life is everlasting.

...Author Unknown

+John "Jack" S. Godzuk (AKA Ivan the Impaler of Hamburg) (September 22, 1960 – March 8, 2020.)



Dearest uncle of Andrew, Matthew and Christina Godzuk; son of the late John E. and Ann (nee Reft) Godzuk; brother of the late Robert (Susan) and late Mary Christine. Funeral Service from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Church in Lackawanna. Mr. Godzuk was a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, Rochester Pro-Wrestling Hall of Fame and Erie County Bar Association. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Roswell Park Cancer Inst., 665 Elm St., Buffalo, NY. Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat'!

+ Stephen M. Hanitz

Fell asleep in the Lord February 14, 2020. Beloved husband of Sharon (nee Busch) Hanitz; dearest father of Stephen M. (Shamara), Robin (A.J.) and Beth (Scott); grandfather of Adam, Stephen N., Alex and Kara; also survived by three great-grandchildren; son of the late Stephen and Mary (nee Babala) Hanitz; brother of Marilyn (Larry) Glasscott; also survived by nieces and nephews. Chapel Service was at THE COLONIAL MEMORIAL CHAPELS, Lackawanna, NY on February 18. Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat'!



+Virginia D. Makar (nee Samardak)



Fell asleep in the Lord March 20, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Peter W. Makar; dearest mother of Paul (Therese); also survived by 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; daughter of the late Stephen and Olga (nee Panasiuk) Samardak; sister of the late Anna (late Edward) Binkowski, Mary (late John) Sprada, Stephen and Olga (Stefan) Slabyk; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral was from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Church in Lackawanna. Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat'!

+Dolores M. Baranyckyj (nee Swistowski) (June 9, 1934 – July 16, 2020)



A retired Machinist at Graphic Controls. Dolores was always active at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church along with her family. She participated in our Bazaars in the Card & Ukrainian Booth, helping to cook in the kitchen and making Varenyky for many years. She was also active in the Deanery Choir and was a member of the Ukrainian Home "Dnipro", the Woman's Organization for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine "OZHET", SITCH and the League of Ukrainian Catholics. At home, she especially enjoyed making chocolate candy and giving it away to all her friends. She loved spending time cooking, baking, and making pierogi (Varenyky) with her girls and grandchildren, making sure they learned the right way to celebrate the traditional holidays. In her younger years, Dolores was active at the Cym Camp, and also enjoyed playing cards with the family. She was good-hearted and loved being able to be home and spend time with her family, her flower gardens, and especially her fur-friend Pauly. Dolores was the beloved wife to the love of her life, the late Dmytro Baranyckyj. She was the devoted mother of Karen (Henry) Kozlowski, Jean (Michael) Ranney, and Mary Ann (Wasyli) Puhacz and loving grandmother "Baba" of Kristina (Jason) Knaub, Steffany (Joseph) Celento, Kathryn (Thomas) Michalewski, Collin and Jason (Kara) Ranney, Alyssa and Andrew Puhacz and dearest great-grandmother "Baba" of Madison and Leah Knaub, Isabella and Olivia Celento.

Eternal Memory! Vichnaya Pamiat'!

Dolores was a wonderful caring person who cared about others. She worked in our parish kitchen with Steffa Trufinova when her health permitted. While serving customers, she made friends who asked about her wellbeing long after she left the kitchen. They would ask: "How is Delores doing?"

She loved helping at the Bazaar. Her booth was the Ukrainian booth. She took pride in setting up her booth and being at the bazaar both days from morning to closing taking care of her booth.

Delores and Dmytro were members of the League of Ukrainian Catholics. When she attended her first out of town convention in Pennsylvania, she had an unfortunate fall and broke her arm. She was a "trooper" during that weekend. She had to be in tremendous pain, but she still attended convention activities.

During the 2011 LUC convention in Buffalo, Dolores was in charge of the convention raffle. She made sure the raffle was a success by asking those she knew to buy tickets.

In 2014 she traveled with Nadia Marc and I to Berwick, PA to surprise Katie Eckhart for her 90 birthday. When Katie saw Delores, her niece told her, "breath Katie", because she was so surprised to see her. The same year she took part in the LUC convention in Johnstown, PA. She had fun dancing the polka, especially with Sister Ann Laszok, OSBM.

We will miss Delores. May she Rest in Peace. (Elaine Nowadly)

+Sister Vladimira Melnyk - Teacher and Role Model



Many years ago a nun came into my life who helped mold me into an adult who possesses a strong love of God, of our beautiful Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and of our rich Ukrainian heritage.

As a boy enrolled in public school, three late afternoons each week and much of each Saturday I attended what we called "Sister School" taught by the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great at Saint Vladimir Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Over the years a number of good Sisters were assigned to our Scranton parish, but there is one who has remained indelibly etched in my memory - Sister Vladimira Melnyk. She was a gentle soul who loved her calling in life and the people both young and old with whom she came into contact. In so many ways she was a walking encyclopedia full of useful information not only about the world in general but about the Church and all things Ukrainian. It was so easy to learn from Sister because she was gifted as an educator and related so comfortably to children. She taught us our catechism, prepared us for First Holy Communion, instructed us to be altar boys, encouraged us to take major roles on the stage in skits and plays we called prestavlenyas and helped us learn to read and write in Ukrainian and even made most of us into pretty good singers especially of Ukrainian Christmas carols, Easter hymns and folk-songs. Sister wisely reminded us that when we sing the Divine Liturgy and at all church services we pray twice.

Sister had no favorites - all of us kids were her favorites. Everyone loved Sister Vladimira - she was a Sister's Sister and a beautiful kind human being with a delightful sense of humor to boot. God sure knew what He was doing when he created her. And, what a memory she had. One autumn day after more than thirty years had passed my family was attending a festival at Saint Basil Academy at Fox Chase and as I was strolling the grounds I spotted a nun who resembled Sister Vladimira. As I approached her I was telling myself it couldn't be her, yet when she saw me she called out: "Pavlooshu", the name my beloved grandmother had given me as a young boy. What a joyful reunion that was after so many years. Seeing and talking to Sister on that memorable day was a blessing indeed.

Sister Vladimira, you are forever in my memory and in my prayers. Thank you for all that you did to make me so proud to be Ukrainian Catholic.

Rest in Everlasting Peace Dear Sister.
Vichnaya Pamyat!

Remembered fondly by Paul Ewasko

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