



We are honored to host our special guest, John Burger and his wife Mariangeles, for our Jubilee convention.

John is a Catholic reporter, journalist and now author of "At the Foot of the Cross: Lessons from Ukraine" which has been published in 3 languages.

He will be discussing insights from his interviews with His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk.

John began his career as a teacher of English, not only in the US, but also in China and France.

He then pursued a career in Catholic journalism as a reporter for Catholic New York, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of New York, in 1993, covering religious and civic news in and around the Big Apple and reporting from places as far afield as Albania.

He moved on to the National Catholic Register in 2001, where he was news editor, and since 2014 has been both news editor and reporter/writer for the Catholic website Aleteia.org. He also freelances for periodicals such as Columbia magazine, the monthly publication of the Knights of Columbus.

Growing up as a Roman Catholic in an Irish/German-American family, he was exposed to the Ukrainian Catholic tradition at an early age because of an older brother's marriage to a Ukrainian-American. Later in life, Burger felt drawn to the Byzantine liturgy and found himself attending Ruthenian and Ukrainian Greek Catholic churches more and more. As a Catholic journalist, he increasingly became attentive to news and feature stories concerning Eastern Christians and had opportunities to interview leading figures in the Eastern Christian world, including the patriarchs of the Maronite and Melkite Churches. An interview in Baltimore with His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk led to an invitation to write a book about him. In May 2019, he and his wife, Mariangeles, visited His Beatitude in Ukraine to interview him. Finally, *Our Sunday Visitor* accepted the manuscript of this book, just a month before the February 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine. *At the Foot of the Cross: Lessons from Ukraine* was published one year later.

Until his recent move to Georgia, John was a parishioner of St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in New Haven, CT as well as a member of the Knights of Columbus, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Council 16253, also in New Haven, CT.

We are all looking forward to welcoming John and Mariangeles to our 90th Anniversary Convention.

A huge thank you to this year's benefactors:



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2023 High School Graduate



Niagara Frontier LUC member, John Paul Szczublewski, son of Susan A. Szczublewski graduated third in his class from Grand Island Senior High School with High Honors for Regents Academic Excellence and the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness. John Paul was also awarded the 2023 Community All Star Award by Business First and Independent Health, and he earned several prestigious scholarships from the following organizations: the Grand Island Teachers' Association, the GI Zonta Club, the

GI Rotary Club, the GI Alumni Association, the Grand Island PTSA, the GI Chamber of Commerce, the GIHS National Honor Society, the Emory Patmos Science Award, and the NYS Academic Excellence Award. They all recognized John Paul for his numerous talents, his hard work and dedication to both his school and community, as well as his academic success. John Paul is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Mathematics & Physics Honors Society. Throughout his high school years, he was also captain of the Grand Island Chess Club, treasurer of the Spotlighters' Theater Group, an officer in Concert Choir, a medal winner for DECA Regionals and DECA States, and a select Tenor II in the NYSSMA Area All State and All County Choirs. John Paul also earned his Boy Scout Eagle rank in September, 2022 and his black belt from the American School of Karate in January, 2021. He has proudly served as an altar boy at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Buffalo, NY for the past ten years, where his Ukrainian community and heritage means the world to him. John Paul was accepted into the School of Engineering at the Rochester Institute of Technology, where he is excited to begin his college journey in their Mechanical/Electrical Engineering program this coming August.

We are very proud of John Paul's outstanding accomplishments as well as his service within our church and throughout his community, and we wish him every blessing as he begins his future endeavors at RIT.

Note from Janina Everett, Membership:

"Praying for Peace in Ukraine" God Bless!

2023 dues are being collected,

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Make checks payable to

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Janina Everett

631 MELROSE PARK LN,

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Any questions please call me:

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Hope to see you/meet you
at the Convention in Buffalo.

Yanka



LUC ACTION

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LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS



NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR



90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 22ND – 24TH 2023

AT THE COUNTRY INN & SUITES, WEST SENECA NY

Sheptytsky to Shevchuk:
Inspirational Spiritual Leadership in times of Chaos



With Special Guest
Journalist John Burger

Author of
"At The Foot of The Cross:
Lessons From Ukraine"

Registration packet at: www.Leagueofukrainiancatholics.org

Deadline: August 15, 2023

Friday September 22, 2023

2:00 PM

General Meeting at the Hotel

6:15 PM

Moleben at Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Church

7:00 PM

Welcome Party at
J's White Elephant

Saturday September 23, 2023

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast at the Hotel

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Tour of St. Casimir's RC Church

11:30AM - 1:00PM

Lunch at the Riverworks

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Workshop St. Nicholas UCC

3:00 PM Return to hotel

6:00 PM – Evening Celebration

J's White Elephant

Sunday September 24, 2023

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Breakfast at the Hotel

9:30 AM

Hotel Checkout

10:00 AM

Hierarchal Divine Liturgy

Bishop Paul Chomnycky

St. Nicholas Ukrainian CC

12:00 PM

Lunch at St. Nicholas hall

1:30 PM Farewell

Dear LUC Family, Friends and Neighbors.

The Niagara Frontier Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, cordially invites you to join us in celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League, now known as the League of Ukrainian Catholics. Our Convention takes place on the weekend of September 22-24, 2023, in the beautiful city of Buffalo, NY.

We are grateful to the Niagara Frontier Council for organizing this special occasion. The Niagara Frontier Council is the largest of our LUC councils and is well known for their hospitality, activity, and leadership. Our Convention location, the city of Buffalo, is known as the second largest city in New York State. It is also known as the 'City of Light' and the 'City of Good Neighbors'. This is indeed a winning combination!

As we mark this significant milestone, our celebratory tone is tempered by the ongoing bloodshed and destruction in our Fatherland. This was indeed the case 90 years ago, when the year 1933 saw evil governments conducting genocide by forced starvation of millions of Ukrainians. Both Canada and the US experienced a 'second wave' of Ukrainian arrivals just prior to the famine. Our organization was formed by lay people (mainly students) and clergy, to provide opportunities for our new immigrant families to connect and grow through the Church community. Our founders were, like the city of Buffalo, the 'Light and Good Neighbors' to the Ukrainian Catholic community. Ninety years later, we see the same evil government once again attempting to destroy Ukraine, her people, and her spiritual identity. We, my dear friends, now more than ever, need to continue the good work the LUC was created for – Let Us Care!

Our Anniversary Convention is reflecting on spiritual leadership; that which keeps us unified with each other, with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine; unified with our clergy; unified in prayer. Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky was, and still is, an exceptional example of strength during the early years of our formation. Today, we are equally blessed to witness the remarkable leadership of His Beatitude, Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk. We dedicate our 90th Anniversary to their "inspirational spiritual leadership in times of chaos".

It is in this spirit that we are honored and excited to have reporter and journalist, John Burger, as our guest speaker. John is the author of "At the Foot of the Cross: Lessons from Ukraine", an insightful, thought-provoking book on the spiritual leadership of His Beatitude, Sviatoslav Shevchuk.

In addition, we have other fun and interesting activities planned to make this a truly enjoyable and memorable weekend.

Let this, our 2023 LUC Convention, inspire us to be a source of unity and strength, as well as a refreshing spring where we can draw from our faith and count our many blessings. Niagara Frontier Council members have worked hard planning this spiritually rewarding and enjoyable weekend. Be sure to register now as the registration deadline is August 15th.

Our host hotel is the Country Inn and Suites by Radisson, Buffalo South 1-90 164B Slade Ave West Seneca, NY. Call the hotel directly (716-259-8520) as soon as possible. This area of Western New York is Buffalo Bills country and in-season hotel rooms are hard to get and room rates go up if the team is in town the weekend of the convention. Our room rates for the weekend are Thursday 9/21 - \$99.00. Friday – Saturday - 9/22 - 9/23. - \$159.00. These rooms have 2 queen beds, so lots of space for your family or to share with a friend. When calling, mention League of Ukrainian Catholics – LUC, to get the discounted rate. Deadline for hotel reservations is August 15, 2023.

We are sincerely looking forward to being together with our LUC family. See you in Buffalo!

SHEPTYTSKY TO SHEVCHUK

Inspirational Spiritual Leadership in Times of Chaos

League of Ukrainian Catholics 2023 Convention

The Ukrainian Catholic Youth League started on August 19, 1933. Later the name was changed to: The League of Ukrainian Catholics. Our founders stayed together, prayed together, played together. Let us follow their example, because together we are stronger.

You received the Registration form and Convention Ad form. Please look through everything, carefully. If you did not receive these, contact us.

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Convention registration is in advance.

Please complete the form and send it with a check made out to '2023 LUC Convention', to our convention registrar:

Elaine Nowadly,
140 Royal Coach Rd.,
West Seneca, NY 14224-1237.

Any questions call: (716) 867-0981

Convention Registration Deadline – August 15, 2023.

Consider a Commemorative Journal Ad.

To honor a family member, advertise your business or simply to share your blessings for a successful convention.

Journal Ad deadline – August 15, 2023.

We are looking forward to seeing each of you again, especially on this, our 81st Annual LUC Convention and 90th Anniversary of the League of Ukrainian Catholics.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

V. Rev. Marijan Procyk, Spiritual Director
Sophia Shchur, President National Board

Elaine Nowadly & Nadia Marc, Convention Registrar

Maria LaPaglia, Commemorative Journal

Editorial Comments:

If you have any comments, suggestions, ideas or improvements for the LUC Action, please email us at:

stnbuffalo@gmail.com (Fr. Marijan - For LUC), or write:

c/o: Elaine Nowadly, 140 Royal Coach Rd., W. Seneca, NY 14224

We are also seeking donations to defray the cost of printing and mailing the "LUC Action". Your donation could be sent to the same address above with the note: For "LUC Action".

Thanks are extended to the contributors of the articles:

S. Shchur, J. Everett, M. Hrubec, H. Fedoriw,
E. Nowadly, S. Szczublewski

ALL COUNCILS, MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS

We are looking for some articles from you as well as pictures from your council activities. We will try and print any photo that is of good quality. Thank you!

Please supply articles for the next issue. Thank you!

+Marilyn Elaine Glascott (nee Hanitz)

Marilyn E. Glascott, of Cheektowaga, died May 8 in Mercy Hospital. Born March 22, 1943 in Buffalo, the daughter of the late Stephen Hanitz and Mary Babala. She attended Buffalo School 29. After graduating from Mount Mercy Academy in 1960, she received an associate degree from Mount Aloysius College near Pittsburgh and worked as a secretary and receptionist in medical offices. She later studied nursing at Trocaire College and received her license as a registered nurse in 1985. Marilyn began working as a nurse for Health Care Plan, Lifetime Health in West Seneca in 1980 and joined the staff of Women and Children's Hospital in 1985, working in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit.

After she retired in 2008, she volunteered at Meals on Wheels, where she delivered food to clients, and at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Proud of her Ukrainian heritage, she was a folk dancer as a girl and a lifelong member of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, and was active in the League of Ukrainian Catholics. She co-chaired the league's national convention in the Statler Hilton in 1967.

Loving wife of Larry. Dearest mother of Christopher (Julie) Glascott. May she rest in Peace! **Vichnaya Pamiat'! Eternal Memory!**



+Emil Marc

Emil Marc of Elma, died on Thursday March 23, 2023. Born in Krywe, Ukraine on May 17, 1935.

Life time parishioner of St. Nicholas.

Beloved husband of Vera; devoted father of Emil S. (Lisa) Marc; dear brother of the late Jerry (late Paul) Bobencyk and late Fred (Nadia) Marc; brother-in-law of Lisa (Bill) Ananiadis; also survived by nieces and nephews.

May he rest in Peace!

Vichnaya Pamiat'! Eternal Memory!



+Ulana T. Loza, Phd. (nee Figlus)

Dr. Ulana Loza was born on June 11, 1921, in Ukraine, daughter of the late Natalia Bojczeniuk and Ivan Figlus. She died in Erie, PA on March 22, 2023.

She was the Former President of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 49 in Buffalo, NY.

Life time parishioner of St. Nicholas. Beloved wife of the late Mykhaylo Loza, PhD. Devoted mother of Roman, PhD. (Rosemary) and Dr. Borys (Sandra) Loza. Loving grandmother of Christine (Greg), Andrew (Emily), Laryssa (Matt), Michael, Matthew, John and Ulana. Fond great grandmother of Benjamin, Mary, Elizabeth and Oliver. Dearest sister of the late Bohdan (Maria) Figlus and dear aunt of Denine (late Myron) Kossowsky.

Interment was at Mount Calvary Cemetery, in Cheektowaga, N. Y. May she rest in Peace!

Vichnaya Pamiat'! Eternal Memory!



NIAGARA FRONTIER COUNCIL



First Organizational Meeting for our Convention
(Including Sophia Shchur, our President, who joined us by phone.)

The League of Ukrainian Catholics, Niagara Frontier Council cordially invites you to join us as we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Ukrainian Catholic Youth League, now known as the League of Ukrainian Catholics the weekend of September 22 - 24, 2023 in Buffalo, NY. We have worked very hard to plan a weekend you will find both spiritually rewarding and enjoyable. Go to Leagueofukrainiancatholics.org to download the convention registration packet. Deadline for registration is August 15, 2023.



Niagara Frontier Convention Committee From L-R:
Maria LaPaglia, Ann Serediuk, Luba Joven, Ulana Scheidle,
Nadia Marc, Nancy Weigand, Elaine Nowadly, Olga Pucak.
(Not pictured Mistress of Ceremony Danusia Dmytrasz)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

ST. CASIMIR RC CHURCH



Join us Saturday, September 23 at 9:30, at St. Casimir, RC Church in Byzantine style, which was visited by Pope John Paul II while he was still a cardinal.

HOLY DORMITION PILGRIMAGE PREPARATION

On Sunday, July 16, following the Sunday Liturgy at St. Nicholas, several members of the St. Nicholas Chapter of the LUC went to St. Joseph's Adult Care Home, Sloatsburg, NY to work on the project of preparation of the pilgrim ribbons/medals for the August 12-13, 69th Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage hosted by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sloatsburg, NY.

LUC members were Helen Fedoriw, Carol Loden, Nataalka Bukalo and Marion Hrubec, working along with our Honorary Religious members, Sr. Zenovia, Sr. Stephanie, Sr. Bernadine, Sr. Cecelia and Lay Associate Theresa Cikalo (missing from photo).

On Sunday, July 23, Chapter members gathered at St. Nicholas church hall following the Liturgy to continue ribbon preparation, with only 4,000 more to go!



Left to right: Helen Fedoriw, Sr. Bernadine, Carol Loden, Marion Hrubec, Sr. Cecelia, Sr. Zenovia. Missing: Nataalka Bukalo, Theresa Cikalo



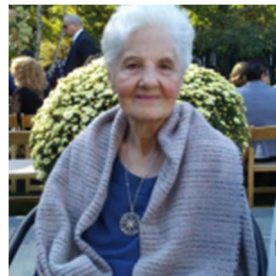
Left to Right: Marion Hrubec, Theresa Cikalo, Helen Fedoriw, Sr. Cecelia, Sr. Stephanie



Finished product

Left to right: → Nataalka Bukalo, Sr. Cecelia and Carol Loden

+Kathleen L. Izak



Kathleen L. Izak, was called home to the Lord on Sunday, September 25, 2022. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Andrew J. Izak in 2011. Born in the Bellevue section of Scranton on June 27, 1936, she was the daughter of the late James and Catherine Ratchford McHale. After graduating from West Scranton High

School, Kathleen was employed by the Heinz store and later retired from F. W. Woolworth Company. She was a devoted member of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, active in its women's guild, serving as president, and assisted in many fundraisers as well as local girl scouting programs. Kathleen was very proud of her Irish heritage and enjoyed keeping the Ukrainian traditions of her husband's family. She loved to travel, especially to New York City, where as a young girl, she would accompany her father traveling by train from Scranton. She enjoyed many trips with family and friends and was a woman of great faith with strong love of family and will be dearly missed by us all.

She is survived by her nine children; Maria (Larry) Black, Greg (Tom) Izak, Katrina Wilson, Andrea (Jack) Geraghty, Mark (Leslie) Izak, Daria (John) McDonnell, Elena (Todd) Cortese, Alisa Blanchard, and Bohdonna (Frank) Sherpinskas, 22 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, several in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by an infant son, Christopher, her dear sister Jane and husband Bill Cadden, several nephews, cousins and in-laws.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Vladimir Church, 430 North 7th Avenue, Scranton, PA 18503

May she rest in Peace! **Vichnaya Pamiat'! Eternal Memory!**



GARDEN STATE COUNCIL - ST. NICHOLAS CHAPTER



The Feast of Pentecost is a special day in the life of the Church. Today it was observed with a "Birthday" Celebration sponsored by the St. Nicholas Chapter of the League of Ukrainian Catholics, Passaic, NJ.



Today's Feast is considered the birth of what we today know as the Church, which is 1,090 years old. It is a day to be grateful for the blessings bestowed on the people of God by the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Who wouldn't be excited as were the Apostles as they gathered together and received the promised Advocate. The birthday celebration followed the Sunday Liturgies. Parishioners were invited to come and celebrate the Gospel reading of the Decent of the Holy Spirit and the mission of the Apostles as they were sent out to spread the Word of God, and to share in the regular Sunday offerings of coffee, bagels, rolls and poppyseed rolls as well as a birthday cake and fellowship with each other.



We are grateful to Fr. Andriy for his presence among us as well as that of Sr. Kathleen Hutsko, SSMI and Sr. Cecelia Sworin, SSMI who went about and interacted with the parishioners and shared time with them.



(Submitted by: Marion Hrubec)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PEACE IN UKRAINE!
ПРОСИМО ПОМОЛИТИСЯ ЗА МИР В УКРАЇНІ!

NORTH ANTHRACITE COUNCIL

LUC North Anthracite Council, PA met June 1, 2023 at Grotto Pizza in Edwardsville, PA.

Dorothy Jamula, our president, led the meeting. Among other topics, we spoke about our membership, the Seminary Day in Minersville, PA, 2023 LUC Convention in Buffalo NY, and all that is happening in our churches. We recited the prayer for the Canonization of +Andrew Sheptytsky and for Peace in Ukraine. Wishing all a nice summer, God Bless!. (NA LUC)



For the second year, Sophia performed at the Ukrainian Homestead in Lehigh, PA over the 4th of July weekend, after attending the week long camp put together by the UAHF – Ukrainian American Heritage Foundation. At the end of the week, they had a performance open to the public with dancing and singing.

Sophia has a passion for dance. She just started her 8th year of dancing ballet in South Carolina.

Group photo (4 generations)
Maria Szyndra
Janina "Yanka" Everett
Kristina Williams
Sophia Williams



LUC 90th Anniversary Raffle – Drawing September 23, 2023

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Please support LUC by purchasing raffle tickets!



League of Ukrainian Catholics
140 Royal Coach Rd. West Seneca, NY 14224
90th Anniversary Raffle – Sept. 23, 2023
13 Cash Prizes – \$1,500.00

1. \$500 2. \$300 3. \$200 4. \$100 5. \$75 6. \$75 7. \$50 8. \$50
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Donations: \$5.00 for 1 ticket \$25.00 for 6 tickets
(Thank you for your support - Дякуємо за підтримку!)

The congress "Ukrainian Youth for Christ" (UYC) was dedicated to the 1900th anniversary of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It took place from May 5 to 7, 1933 in Lviv, when in Eastern Ukraine the hunger (Holodomor) was raging.

About 50,000 young men and women arrived in Lviv. Bishop Ivan Buchko accepted the youth's oath of loyalty to Christ. About 12,000 people took part in communion during the Holy Liturgy. Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytskyi blessed all the participants saying:

"Let this day be the beginning of a better, higher, more Christian, more Godly life!"

Metropolitan Andrey blesses us also on the 90th anniversary of the League of Ukrainian Catholics (LUC), which is a continuation of the League of Ukrainian Catholic Youth (UCYL), which began on August 19, 1933 in Chicago, Illinois. **LUC – Let Us Care!**

“Ukrainian Youth for Christ” grows to the All-Church Patriarchal Youth Movement

In 2023, the UGCC youth organization Ukrainian Youth for Christ celebrates its 90th anniversary. On Sunday, July 23, during the Liturgy in the Church of St. Sophia, the Wisdom of God in Lviv, the Father and Head of the UGCC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, announced that the UYC was granted patriarchal status.



Celebrations on the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the UGCC youth organization Ukrainian Youth for Christ began on the UCU campus in Lviv. His Beatitude Sviatoslav presided over the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy in the Church of St. Sophia, the Wisdom of God. He then solemnly announced the granting of patriarchal status to UYC while the youth took an oath of allegiance to Christ.



“This canonical order is a sign of respect, gratitude and patronage of our entire Church for you, dear young Ukrainians,” His Beatitude Sviatoslav addressed the youth, “It is a sign of recognition of this movement, which has been maturing for 90 years to be officially called the patriarchal movement. I congratulate you on this day and ask you to bear with dignity the name of a Christian, which today you are solemnly renewing before the face of God.”

Moreover, the Archbishop urged Ukrainian youth to renew their baptismal vows and those who are not yet members of UYC to join and become invincible by dedicating their lives to the Lord God: “Join us, no matter where you are: in Argentina, Brazil, Australia, Kazakhstan, Canada, or Zaporizhzhia. Become wise, invincible, and loving by dedicating your life to Christ.”

As part of celebrating the 90th anniversary of UYC, His Beatitude Sviatoslav met with the youth, who belong to the Ukrainian Youth for Christ. Then at 6 PM, an evening prayer for the victory of Ukraine and Ukrainian youth defending their homeland began in the Metropolitan Gardens.

“The oath of allegiance to Christ means defeating the enemy who seeks to take our lives” — His Beatitude Sviatoslav at the UYC Congress

Today, every young Ukrainian and every Ukrainian woman must understand that in the face of this all-out war of Russia against Ukraine, the oath of allegiance to Christ means more than wisdom, knowledge, strength, and fortitude. It means victory over evil, our enemy who wants to take our lives. Today we want to feel that God's power, the ability to win, vibrates in the body of our people and our Church. His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the UGCC, said this in his sermon during the Divine Liturgy on the 90th anniversary of the Ukrainian Youth for Christ movement.



Within the UYC Congress in Lviv, the Primate greeted the youth and recalled how, 90 years ago, the righteous Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky united Ukrainian youth who had devoted their lives to Christ, defying the human ideologies of the time.

“At a time when various human ideologies — Nazism, communism, chauvinism, even extreme nationalism, etc. — demanded that a young person swear an oath to give his life for that ideology, and called for the death of those who were enticed by it. The righteous Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, gathered Ukrainian youth and showed them the only one to whom they should give their lives, devoting them to the Lord Jesus Christ, even to death. Our righteous metropolitan offered our youth to dedicate their lives not to some human ideology but to the Son of God,” he emphasized.

Apart from that, His Beatitude Sviatoslav explained to the Ukrainian youth what it means to consecrate one's life to Christ and take an oath of allegiance to Him. According to the Primate, every time we seek truth and justice in the world, we seek Jesus Christ; every time we want to be wise, we seek Jesus Christ; every time we try to be real people, we seek Jesus Christ, because it was He who combined in His Divine Person both the fullness of the deity and the fullness of the human being.

Congratulating the youth of UYC, the Archbishop wished that this Christian youth movement would touch the hearts of girls and boys in our Church throughout the world.

(The UGCC Department for Information)

З'їзд "Українська Молодь - Христові" (УМХ) був присвячений 1900-літтю Воскресіння Господа Нашого Ісуса Христа. Він проходив 5-7 травня 1933 року, коли у Великій Україні лютував Голодомор.

Тоді до Львова прибуло близько 50000 учасників. Владика Іван Бучко прийняв присягу молоді на вірність Христові. На Св. Літургії запричастилося біля 12000 осіб. Митрополит Андрей Шептицький благословив усіх учасників походу.

«Хай Цей день, - сказав він, - буде початком кращого, вищого, більше християнського, більше Божого життя!»

Митрополит Андрей благословляє і нас у 90-ліття Ліги Українців Католиків (ЛУК), що є продовженням Ліги Української Католицької Молоді (ЛУКМ), зорганізованої 19 серпня, 1933 року у Чикаго (шт. Іл.).

Блаженніший Святослав у 90-річчя УМХ: Можете творити глобальну єдність нашої Церкви, бо ви тепер — Патріарша структура

23 липня молодіжна спільнота УГКЦ «Українська молодь — Христові» відзначила 90-річчя. З нагоди ювілейного з'їзду УМХ у Львові відбулися урочистості, які розпочалися Архидієцєю Божественною Літургією у храмі Святої Софії Премудрості Божої на території студмістечка УКУ, яку очолив Отець і Глава УГКЦ Блаженніший Святослав. До 90-ліття організації УМХ дістала статут Патріаршого рівня, який дає УМХ можливість стати глобальною молодіжною організацією Церкви.

Після Літургії Патріарх поспілкувався з молоддю. «Як нам бракує живих зустрічей, щоб побути разом. Ніщо не замінить особистого живого спілкування, — підкреслив Блаженніший Святослав. — Хочу подякувати вам за те, що гуртуєтеся у спільноти — при ваших парафіях, у ваших містах і селах, що не сидите за закритими дверима по хатах, що виходите зі своєї приватної шкаралупи, щоб побачити іншу людину. Повірте, для сучасної людини робити це щораз, то тяжче. Дякую, що творите спільноти, щоб бути разом, разом радіти і сумувати».

«Коли збираємося разом, щоб підтримати одне одного, це дає нам можливість бути стійкими. Коли ми разом, ми маємо внутрішній імунітет проти страшних обставин: так, вакциною проти психічних травм війни є вміння переживати їх разом і переживати з Богом, у молитві. Тому коли ви разом і молитесь — ви маєте таку духовну вакцину, що ніщо не зможе вас залякати, ви тоді непереможні», — сказав архидієрей.

Глава УГКЦ підкреслив важливість таких спільнот, як УМХ, і для Церкви, і для всього суспільства: «Спільнота „Українська молодь — Христові“ потрібна, найперше вам, бо робить вас сильнішими і здатними переживати тяжкі обставини. „Українська молодь — Христові“ потрібна нашій Церкві, щоб Церква могла пригортати і зігрівати тих, кому сьогодні самотньо і боляче, хто не знає, як жити завтра. „Українська молодь — Христові“ потрібна українському народові, який сьогодні шукає рятівного кола, щоб вистояти у таких непростих обставинах».

«Бути разом — бути спільнотою Церкви, де точно є присутній Ісус Христос, — це щось унікальне, — зауважив Предстоятель. — Якщо ми будемо так жити і боротися, ми обов'язково переможемо. Тому я абсолютно переконаний: українська християнська спільнота „Українська молодь — Христові“ є дана Богом нашому народові і вам зараз як ключ до перемоги і виживання. Тому не занедбуйте це, цінуйте це, дружьте, любіть і підтримуйте одне одного. Вітаю спільноту із 90-річчям і запрошую: „Давайте будемо разом і будемо з Христом“».

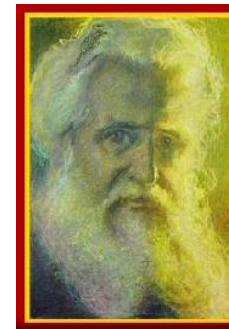
Також Глава УГКЦ розповів зібранню про свою візію розвитку УМХ у найближчому часі і на майбутнє. Найперше, чого бажав би

Блаженніший Святослав, — щоб осередки УМХ були в кожній парафії, щоб молодь мала свій простір, свій духовний дім. Друге побажання — щоб ці парафіяльні спільноти не замикалися на собі, а зустрічалися, спілкувалися і таким чином творили ширший спільний простір міста, села, деканату, єпархії.

«УМХ унікальна тим, що до неї можуть належати всі, незалежно від віку: чи ти студент, чи учень, чи робітник, чи солдат, чи професор — ти можеш творити спільноту УМХ, — підкреслив Блаж. Святослав. — Тому збирайтеся, творіть ці ширші спільноти».

«І третє: сьогодні Церква подарувала спільноті „Українська молодь — Христові“ окремий статут Патріаршого рівня. Що це означає? Що тепер для вас відкривається можливість мати живий контакт з вашими ровесниками у різних країнах світу, де є наша Церква. Серед вас точно є дівчата і хлопці, які розмовляють англійською, німецькою, іспанською. Будьте певні, що дівчата і хлопці в Канаді, в Америці, у Франції чи Аргентині, які, можливо, не знають української мови, хочуть із вами спілкуватися. І ви можете переступити через межі кордонів держав, через мовні бар'єри, і творити глобальну єдність нашої Церкви. Бо ви тепер — Патріарша структура, яка об'єднує молодих людей з цілого світу. Мені б дуже хотілося, щоб ця ініціатива не обмежувалася тільки Україною. Є так багато ваших ровесників, які чекають на можливість із вами познайомитися і потоваришувати. Творімо спільний молодіжний простір нашої Церкви в різних частинах земної кулі», — закликав Предстоятель.

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Христос несе свій хрест, а по нашій життєвій дорозі допомагає нам нести наші хрести. Хрести Він і в Україні несе, і Воскресіння нам принесе.

Metr. Andrey & his painting

Lord is carrying his cross and on the way is helping us with our crosses. He is carrying heavy crosses in Ukraine and soon He will provide RESURRECTION.

