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Greco-Catholics in Charlotte,
Western North Carolina & Western South Carolina



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

This past month proved to be very busy in the life of our eparchy, our mission communities, and your administrator. As the academic year began to close at Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School, where I am assigned as chaplain during the week, I knew that the work was only beginning on the eparchial and mission level. I eagerly anticipated two events in June - the Missiology and Evangelization Conference in Ohio, and the Eparchial Youth Days in Pennsylvania, both of which I was certain would send me back to the missions with an increased impetus to work in the vineyard of the Lord. The first of these events is especially relevant to our lives as Eastern Catholics in the South, as it confirms that our Church and Eparchy are invested in the establishment, strengthening, and welfare of mission communities such as ours.

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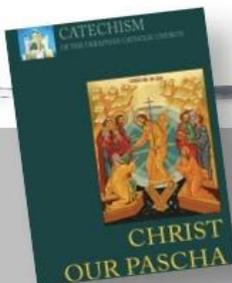
Our eparchial youth events are re-invigorating experiences for both clergy and lay adults in our parishes. Nevertheless, I cannot help but think about the fact that our mission communities are already blessed with large numbers of children and young families, which means that I do not have to travel very far in order to see the blossoming of our Church in the United States of America.

It is precisely *because* we have so many youth and young families in the South that Bishop Bohdan has asked me to establish and host an event for youth in Charlotte on the weekend of December 8-10, 2017, during St. Philip's Fast. You will find some information about the *Emmanuel* Youth Rally within the pages of this newsletter, but more information will be released in the coming months. In the meantime, I cordially invite you, young persons and young families, to join us for prayer and liturgy, reconciliation, spiritual talks, food and fellowship, games, movies, and other activities. This is a new venture, and we are ready for multiple different age groups - whether middle school, high school, or college and young adults. Please consider inviting other families and friends, since this will add to our celebration and community. Remember, we are members of the Body of Christ, and there is no better way to prayerfully and joyfully await the celebration of Christmas than with our spiritual family in Christ.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Joseph Matlak
Administrator



Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

In paradise man and woman received God's commandment as a guide along the way. The commandment is to assist us making the right choice and provides the opportunity to choose true freedom. *God's commandment is liberating because it gives a human being freedom.* True freedom can never be in opposition to God's Truth and Law, or separated from them. Christ teaches: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (*Jn* 8:31-32). (# 733)

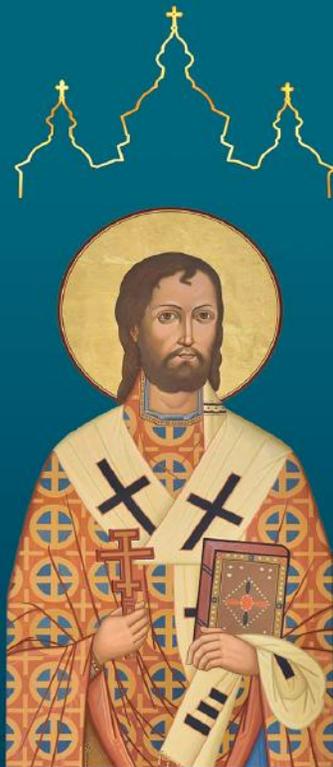
The Holy Fathers teach that as a consequence of sin of our first ancestors we lost the fullness of freedom, that is, we became inclined to choose evil. Because of this, we found ourselves enslaved by sin, from which we can be rescued only by the Savior. Christ - the way, the truth, and the life (see *Jn* 14:6) - opened the road to the father in the Holy Spirit and showed humankind the way to true liberation and growth in divine freedom. (# 734)

**MYSTERIES
OF
CHRISTIAN
INITIATION**

Sunday, July 2

Lucia Faustina Veronica Hanes, the newborn daughter of Fr. Deacon Matthew Hanes and Pani Jane, was received into the Catholic Church through the Sacred Mysteries of Christian Initiation. May God grant many years to her and to the entire family!

**150th
ANNIVERSARY**



**SAINT
JOSAPHAT**

**CANONIZATION
ANNIVERSARY
OF OUR
EPARCHIAL
PATRON SAINT**

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav and the entire Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk. The Divine Liturgy was celebrated on the main altar of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome.

In his lifetime, Saint Josaphat founded the Order of Saint Basil the Great (Basilians), and worked for the reunion between Catholic and Orthodox Christians. He was martyred for the cause of unity with the Church of Rome.

On June 29, 1867, Pope Pius IX canonized and declared him the Patron of Rus'. Saint Pope John Paul II referred to him as an "Apostle of Unity."

Pray to Saint Josaphat, Patron of our Eparchy!



NEW MISSION ESTABLISHED IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

On Sunday, June 18, 2017, the Most Reverend Bohdan Danylo, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat, canonically erected the new mission parish of Saint John the Theologian in Augusta, Georgia.

A small, but vibrant community gathered for the opening of the new mission parish, and for the celebration by Bishop Bohdan of a Pontifical Divine Liturgy at Saint Augustine Coptic Orthodox Church in Martinez, Georgia. Such an offering of liturgical space to our newly established mission community was a remarkable gesture of charity on the part of our brethren of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Protopresbyter Mark Shuey of Saint Nicholas Mission Parish in Raleigh, North Carolina, and newly appointed administrator of Saint John the Theologian Mission in Augusta, was present to concelebrate, as was Father Theodore, a hieromonk (priest-monk) of our Holy Transfiguration Monastery in Redwood Valley, California.

Over 60 people gathered for the establishment of the new mission parish, and they are looking forward to the spiritual growth of their community.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

DIVINE OFFICE

OF THE BYZANTINE SLAVONIC RITE

**HOROLOGION - OCTOECHOS
TRIODION - MENAION**

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AVAILABLE NOW**

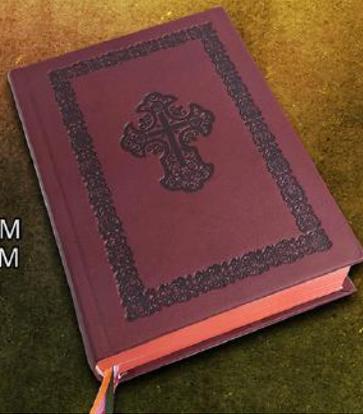
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**CONGREGATION FOR THE
EASTERN CHURCHES (1996):**

“Where such practice of celebrating the Divine Praises with the people has diminished, if not completely disappeared, the ancient tradition should be restored without delay, so as not to deprive the faithful of a privileged source of prayer, nourished by treasures of authentic doctrine.... Calling upon the time when the Divine Praises were upheld with special care in the East, not only by the monastic communities, but also by the parishes, the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches reminds us of the obligation – often easily forgotten or abandoned – to celebrate them in the cathedrals, parishes, rectoral churches, religious communities and seminaries.”

CELEBRATE THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS
at Saint Basil the Great Mission in Charlotte, North Carolina

Saturdays:
5pm, GREAT VESPERS or VIGIL (Vespers & Matins)

Eves of Feast Days:
5:30pm, GREAT VESPERS

Fulfills the Sunday and Holy Day observance for Eastern Catholics

MISSIONS & EVANGELIZATION



On June 12-14, 2017, in Parma, Ohio, Bishop Bohdan Danylo hosted a conference entitled "Growing the Church One Mission at a Time," which focused on parish renewal and the establishment of new missions in the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat.

A small group of clergy and laity met to discuss the context of cultural changes taking place in the Western world affecting church attendance and growth, models for evangelization, mission planting, and parish revitalization. With the experience of planting ten missions in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, and the challenges facing older parishes in regions such as Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, seminar discussions focused on human and other resources needed to sustain vibrant parishes and to start new missions. Participants included representatives from the Eparchies of Stamford and Chicago.

Practical outcomes resolved by the group include agreement on the formation of an eparchial Office for Evangelization and Mission to assist the Church with these strategic objectives, and the possibility of hosting a larger eparchial conference on the topic of evangelization and mission in late spring or early summer of 2018.

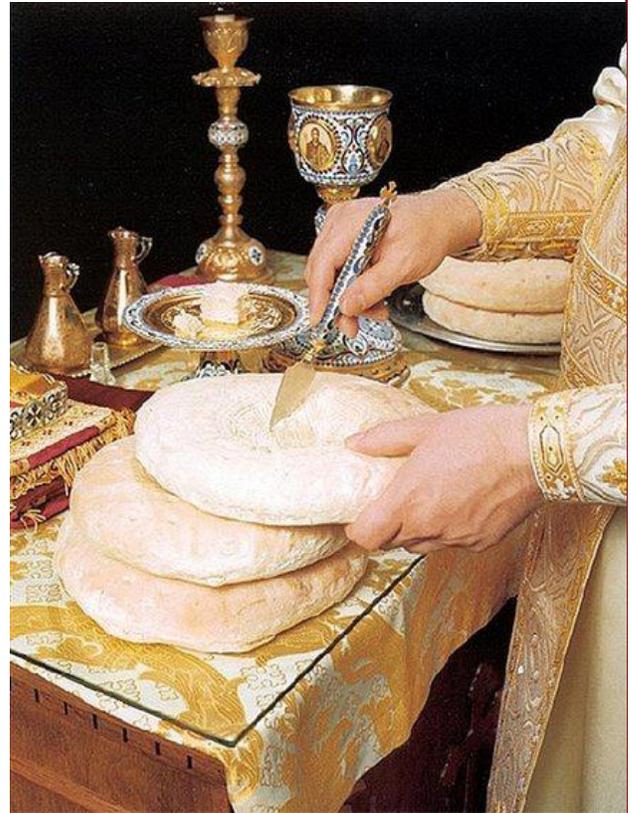
JULY 2017

MISSIONS & EVANGELIZATION

DIVINE LITURGY IN COLUMBIA (SOUTH CAROLINA)

Sunday, October 1
FEAST OF THE PROTECTION
OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

5:00pm
Fellowship to Follow



TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH
306 NORTH PINES ROAD
BLYTHEWOOD, SC 29016

Mid-Atlantic Protopresbytery



OTHER PLANNED MISSIONS AND OUTREACHES:

- ❖ CHARLESTON, SC
- ❖ GREENVILLE, SC

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



Over thirty youth, young adult leaders, volunteers, and clergy from the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat gathered together on June 15-16, 2017, at Cheeseman Farm in Portersville, Pennsylvania for the annual Eparchial Youth Days. This year's theme was dedicated to "Diakonia: Serve & Do Good," in connection with the *Year of Diakonia* chosen by the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church for 2017.

The event was led by Bishop Bohdan Danylo, and was organized by the Eparchial Youth Committee under the leadership of Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak (Director of Youth Ministry), Fr. Joseph Matlak (Co-Director of Youth Ministry), Deacon Myron Spak, Subdeacon Joseph Zappernick, Joseph and Michael Levy, and Lisa Hladio. It provided an opportunity for youth to experience *diakonia* in the spirit of fellowship in the Catholic faith.

The retreatants were warmly welcomed by the staff and family of Cheeseman Farm, which offered rustic cabins and hillside huts, hiking trails, scenic vistas, and a picturesque creek. It was a wonderful, prayerful, and engaging event for the youth of the Eparchy. Next year's event is planned for June 14-15, 2018 at Cheeseman Farms in Portersville, Pennsylvania.

JULY 2017

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT

**EMMANUEL
YOUTH RALLY**

WITH
BISHOP BOHDAN DANYLO

**GOD
WITH US**

DECEMBER 8-10, 2017

**CHARLOTTE,
NORTH CAROLINA**

**SAINT ANN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
3635 Park Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209

**HOLY TRINITY
CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL**
3100 Park Road, Charlotte, North Carolina 28209

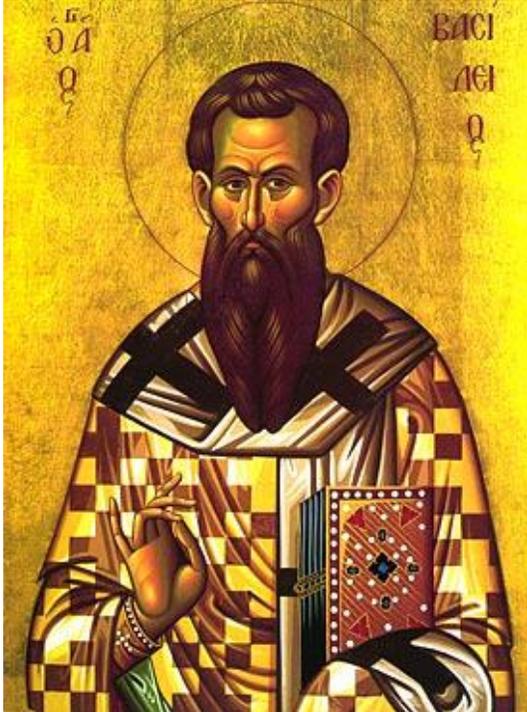
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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



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SATURDAY (Sabado)

5:00pm: GREAT VESPERS (*Grandes Visperas*)
or VIGIL (*Vigilia*)

Confessions Following (*Confesiones A Seguir*)

SUNDAYS (Domingo)

10:00am: Confessions (*Confesiones*)

11:00am: DIVINE LITURGY (*Santa Misa*)

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, THE DIVINE SERVICES ARE CELEBRATED IN ENGLISH.

BI-LINGUAL LITURGICAL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE.

ONE MAY CONFESS IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH.

A MENOS QUE SE INDIQUE LO CONTRARIO, ESTES SERVICIOS LITÚRGICOS SON CELEBRADOS EN INGLÉS.

LIBROS LITÚRGICOS BILINGÜES ESTÁN DISPONIBLES.

SE PUEDE CONFESAR EN INGLÉS O ESPAÑOL.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST MISSION (Ukrainian Language Ministry)

Charlotte Catholic High School

7702 Pineville-Matthews Road

Pineville, NC 28226

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00 pm: DIVINE LITURGY (Ukrainian)

