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COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

PENTECOST

ПРИЙДИ, ДУШЕ СВЯТИЙ!

¡VEN, ESPÍRITU SANTO!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

Those who truly pray and believe could never read this passage as though it were merely describing an historical event. Naturally, the Descent of the Holy Spirit was a real event in the history of the Church. Nonetheless, it was intended to be an event that would be re-enacted every time believers are gathered "together in one place." When do we Christians usually find ourselves gathered together in one place? The answer should be obvious to us – whenever we gather together to celebrate the liturgy. It is for this reason that our Church has called for its own spiritual renewal to begin on the level of the parish, with the introduction of the program known as the *Vibrant Parish*.

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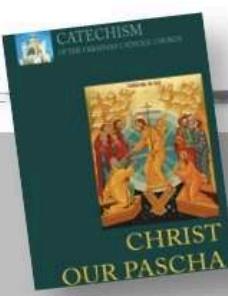
The idea is very simple. If the Descent of the Holy Spirit was powerful enough to send the disciples of the Lord into the world with the message of eternal life, then this same divine mystery is exactly what is needed to actualize the same force in today's world. It is intended to challenge each and every one of us, to purify and try our faith like gold in the fire, to make sure that we are actually following Jesus Christ rather than our own ideas. Whenever we are preparing to gather together in the same place to honor, praise, and worship Our Lord, do we believe and understand that what is actually happening is like a "rush of mighty wind" that "fills the entire house"? Do we depart filled with the Holy Spirit, so that we begin to speak to others about the mighty deeds that have been worked within us? This is how it should be with us Christians.

As we sing numerous times throughout the year, "all you who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." The same Christ said: "whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do, and greater works than these." How can this be possible? "The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you." (See John 14:12,26). If our communities are to be truly alive in the Holy Spirit, then gathering together in one place will be just like that first gathering in the upper room. It will be as loud as the rush of a mighty wind. It will fill our house with the Holy Spirit. It will give us the power to speak with heavenly "tongues" that will bring others to Christ!



Fr. Joseph Matlak
Administrator





Excerpt from *Christ Our Pascha*

The capacity of a human being to receive the gift of grace depends on one's degree of openness and commitment to God. In accepting God's grace, a person cooperates with it and grows with it. Perfect cooperation between human will and God's grace is exemplified in the Annunciation of the Most Pure Virgin Mary. This is evident in Mary's own words: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38, rsv-ce). By virtue of her assent, the God-Bearer became a participant in the mystery of salvation. (# 746)

NEWS

SACRED MYSTERIES OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Sunday, May 21

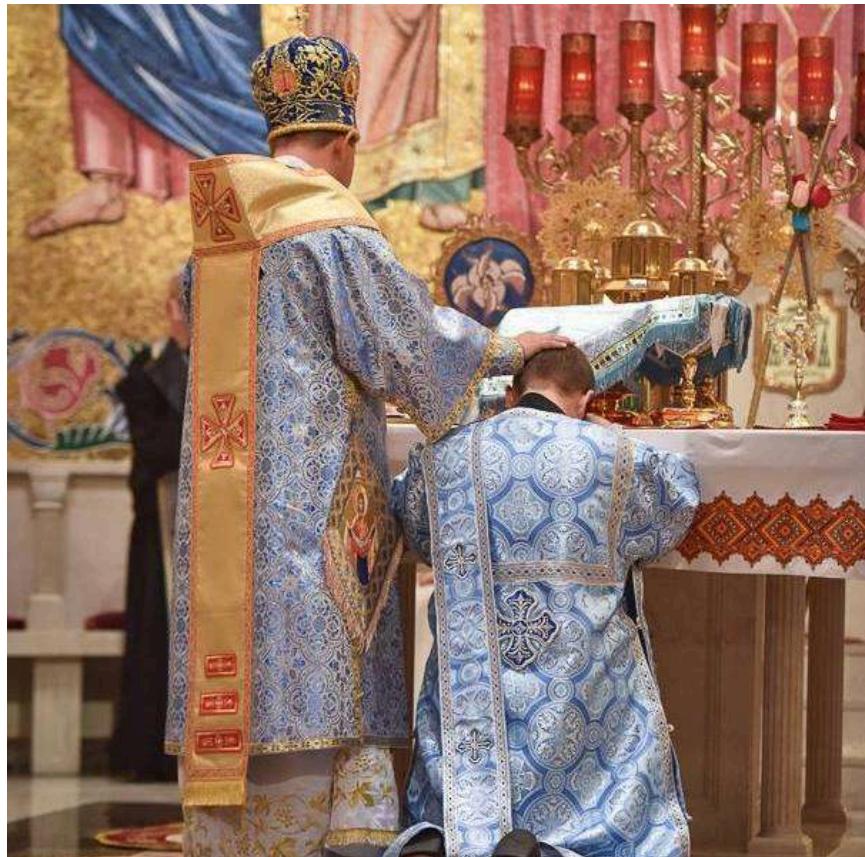
Alexander John Meneses-Velgus, son of Bayron Alexander Meneses-Munoz and Tina Louise Velgus, was received into the Catholic Church through the Mysteries of Christian Initiation. May God grant him and his family many years!

Sunday, June 4

Dr. Edward Chandler was received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the Mystery of Chrismation. May God grant him many years!

Sunday, July 2

Lucia Hanes, daughter of Fr. Deacon Matthew and Pani Jane Hanes, is scheduled to be received into the Catholic Church through the Mysteries of Christian Initiation. Please pray for them!



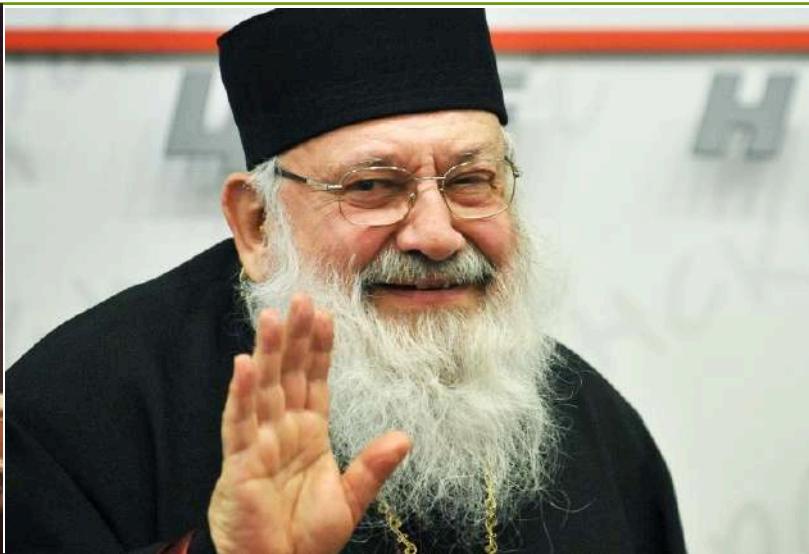
SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A PRIEST PROGRAM

Our priests are indispensable. They give their lives to their saving mission of Christ and His church. It is our duty to pray for our priests. And so we are officially starting our

“Adopt a Priest Program.” We will send interested parishioners a prayer card with the specific name of a priest, bishop or seminarian for whom to pray. And each year thereafter, at the beginning of our church year, September 1st, we will send a different priest to include in your prayers.

To participate, please e-mail your name and address to:
spirituallyadoptapriest@gmail.com. Indicate your preference for an English or Ukrainian prayer card. Thank you for interceding on behalf of our priests.

**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND MONASTIC LIFE!**



ETERNAL MEMORY

LUBOMYR CARDINAL HUSAR

H.B. Cardinal Lubomyr Husar was born on 26 February 1933 in L'viv, Ukraine. Due to the war, his family fled to Austria and then to the USA. On 30 March, 1958, he was ordained a priest for the Eparchy of Stamford, USA. He taught in the seminary and was parish priest in Kehonkson, New York. After earning a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome, he joined the Studite Monks and was superior of the Studion in Grottaferrata, Italy. On 2 April 1977, he was ordained a Bishop by Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, and on 23 July 1978 was named Archimandrite of Studite Monks residing outside Ukraine. In 1994, he organized a new Studite monastery in Ternopil, Ukraine. On 22 February 1996, he was nominated to the titular church of Nisa di Licia. On 2 April 1996, he was elected Exarch of Kyiv-Vyshhorod. On 14 October 1996, the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church elected him as Auxiliary to the Major Archbishop of L'viv. Following the death of Cardinal Myroslav Lubachivsky, on 25 January 2001 the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Church elected him Major Archbishop of L'viv. The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, confirmed the election the next day. He was created and proclaimed Cardinal by the same Pope just one month later, in the consistory of 21 February 2001. In June of 2001, Cardinal Husar welcomed Pope John Paul II to Ukraine, on the Polish Pope's first visit to a former Soviet republic. On 6 December 2004, the Major Archbishopric of L'viv changed its name to Kyiv-Halych, and was transferred to Ukraine's capital city. He served as Major Archbishop until 10 February 2011, when his resignation was accepted by Pope Benedict XVI.

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LITURGY OF THE HOURS

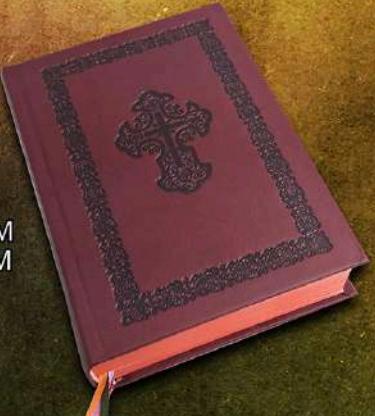
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CONGREGATION FOR THE EASTERN CHURCHES (1996):

"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 St. Basil the Great Mission in Charlotte, North Carolina

SATURDAYS: Vigil (Vespers & Matins), 5pm

EVES OF FEAST DAYS: Great Vespers, 5:30pm

Fulfills the Sunday and Holy Day observance for Eastern Catholics

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MISSIONS & EVANGELIZATION

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

In response to the call from the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church that we should become a mission-oriented Church, the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat is preparing to hold a conference on missions and evangelization at Saint Josaphat Cathedral in Parma, Ohio, on June 12, 2017. Please pray for us in preparation for this event!



GROWING CHURCH ONE MISSION AT A TIME

MISSIONOLOGY AND EVANGELIZATION IN THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AMERICA

JUNE 12 – 14, 2017.

SAINT JOSAPHAT CATHEDRAL, CLEVELAND, OH.

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MISSIONS & EVANGELIZATION

NEW MISSION PARISH IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA



His Excellency, Bishop Bohdan will be visiting a newly formed Mission in Augusta, Georgia on Sunday, June 18, 2017. The Divine Liturgy will be served at 10am, followed by a reception for His Excellency. Bishop Bohdan will formally establish and name the new Mission-Parish in Augusta: St. John the Theologian. May St. John intercede for the success of the Mission. Please pray for the growth of our Church.

St. Augustine Coptic Orthodox Church
634 Fury's Ferry Road
Martinez, GA 30907

OTHER PLANNED MISSIONS AND OUTREACHES:

COLUMBIA, SC
CHARLESTON, SC
GREENVILLE, SC



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma

EPARCHIAL YOUTH DAYS

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve."

Mark 10:45

DIAKONIA **SERVE
DO GOOD**

June 15-16, 2017

Cheeseman Farm
1757 Cheeseman Road
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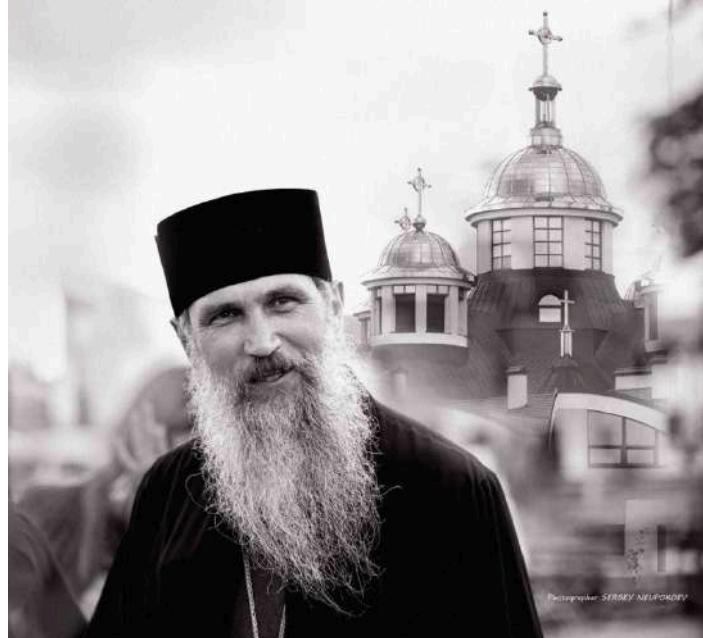
Two days of outdoor activities, hiking, games, prayer, Liturgy, Reconciliation, workshops, and special appearance by Bishop Bohdan Danylo

To register and view program information go to www.StJosaphatYAC.org

For more information, please contact Joseph Levy:
phone (724) 910-1619; e-mail: jlevy87@hotmail.com

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE CHURCH

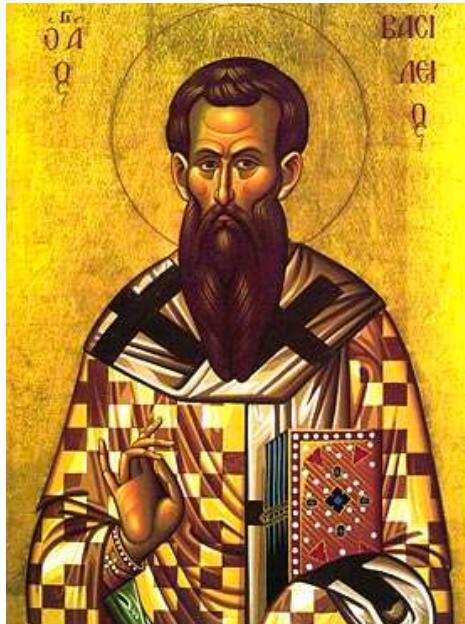


NEW BISHOP FOR THE EPARCHY OF SAINT NICHOLAS IN CHICAGO

The Holy Father has appointed His Excellency, Bishop Venedykt (Valery) Alekseychuk, M.S.U., as bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Nicholas of Chicago, transferring him from the titular see of Germaniana and the office of Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of L'viv. Bishop Venedykt was born on January 1, 1968, in the village of Borshchivka, in the region of Rivne, Ukraine. He attended the major seminary of Drohobych and on March 29, 1992, he was ordained a priest. In 1993, he entered monastic life at the Holy Dormition Lavra of the Studite Monks in Univ, and on 21 December, 1995, he pronounced his first vows. He obtained a doctorate in spiritual theology from the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland. He exercised ministry in the parish of Bystrytsia, Drohobych; in Belarus in Polotsk, in the parish of Vitebsk (1994-1996); and in Canada (1996-1999). He served as Igumen (Abbot) of the Univ Lavra (2000, re-elected in 2005); as member of the commission of the Major Archbishop for Monasticism (2004); and as administrator of the parish of St. Nicola Peremyshlany (2004). Since 2007, he became head of the secretariat of the Council of Monks of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, president of the liturgical council, and president of the major superiors of male religious institutes of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. He was elected as auxiliary bishop of L'viv of the Ukrainians on August 3, 2010, and was consecrated on the following September 5th. He will be enthroned at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Chicago on June 29, 2017, the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul.

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SATURDAY (Sabado)

5:00pm: VIGIL (Vigilia)

Following: Confessions (Confesiones)

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.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00 pm: DIVINE LITURGY (Ukrainian)

