

MARCH 2018

# KOINONIA



## PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM THE SYRIAN

O LORD AND MASTER OF MY LIFE, TAKE FROM ME THE SPIRIT OF SLOTH, DESPAIR, LUST OF POWER, AND IDLE TALK.

GIVE ME RATHER THE SPIRIT OF CHASTITY, HUMILITY, PATIENCE, AND LOVE.

YES, O LORD AND KING, GRANT ME TO SEE MY OWN TRANSGRESSIONS, AND NOT TO JUDGE MY BROTHER, FOR BLESSED ART THOU, UNTO AGES OF AGES.

AMEN.



## FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

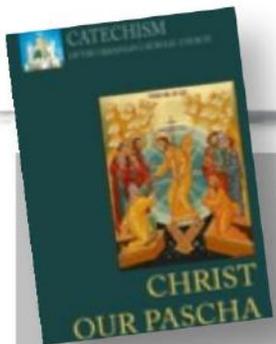
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
GLORY FOREVER!

Dear Faithful in Christ,

I pray that you are experiencing a prayerful and fruitful Great Lent. In this month's newsletter, you will notice that our eparchy is continuing to focus on the important subject of missions and evangelization. Please read the letter of our bishop on the subject of *"Planting Crosses: Evangelization and Mission in the USA."* It explains our evangelical identity and vocation, being disciples of Jesus Christ, and how we are being called by the Holy Spirit to go forth into the whole world and preach the Gospel of Our Lord. Our Bishop Bohdan will be traveling to South Carolina, in order to open new missions in Columbia and Greenville. Details of these celebrations are featured below. Encourage your families and friends, who live in those areas, to attend and pray with us. You will also learn about a number of exciting, upcoming youth and young adults events in our eparchy and beyond. I encourage all our youth to take advantage of these opportunities to grow in communion with God and with one another as members of the Body of Christ, the Church.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Matlak



Excerpt from ***Christ Our Pascha***

### **Repentance**

Christ, the Good Shepherd, who came to find the "lost sheep," calls all to repentance: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Mt 4:17). Without repentance, there can be neither salvation nor new life. In the Parable of the Prodigal Son, Christ reveals the essence of repentance as a return to the Father and the acceptance of his gift of forgiveness. He accepts repentant sinners and rejoices at their conversion, "for he is good and loves mankind." (#780)

Repentance allows a Christian not only to experience God as a merciful Father, but to discover oneself in God's embrace - to see oneself as the son who returned from the foreign land of sin to the Father's home of righteousness. On the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, the Church sings: "As the Prodigal Son I come to you, merciful God... Receive me in repentance, O God, and have mercy on me." (#781)

EVANGELIZATION  
Letter from Our Bishop

# PLANTING CROSSES

GROWING CHURCH ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME

EVANGELIZATION AND MISSION CONVENTION



JUNE 9, 2018 6790 BROADVIEW ROAD, CLEVELAND, OH

SAINT JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY

On Saturday, June 9, 2018, the Eparchy of Saint Josaphat will host a conference in Parma, Ohio entitled **Planting Crosses: Evangelization and Mission in the USA**. The conference will focus on parish renewal and how to establish new missions in regions of the eparchy where our Church is not yet established.

Jesus Christ commands His Church to “Go [...] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). In response, St. Andrew, the First-Called, planted a cross on hills of Kyiv and prophesied that this church will go out into the whole world. We, as heirs to the Church founded by the Apostle Andrew, are responding to this vision and planting **new crosses** here in the US.

Over the last decade, our eparchy has grown, both in members and in the establishment of new mission-parishes. Missionary priests, deacons and lay faithful have gone out into our vast Eparchy and established eleven new mission-parishes in North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. And a new outreach has recently been started in Pennsylvania as well. There is a desire in our Eparchy to continue our growth – **a true call to worship**.

But in order to grow, our parishes need to learn how to move from **Maintenance to Mission** by nurturing a culture that is missionary, forming the faithful and welcoming others to join us. Likewise, how do we support the growth of our eparchy in supporting the clergy and people in the establishment of new mission-parishes where our Church is called plant new crosses?

In preparation, I ask our parishes and missions to hold meetings February – April 2018 to pray, meditate and to select two or three delegates including a youth representative to be a voice for your parish at the conference. Please use the following questions to guide your discussions:

- **How can our parish grow from maintenance to mission?**
- **What can we do to help support the growth of missions?**
- **How can we best provide ongoing formation for our faithful that inspires them to reach out beyond their comfort zones and evangelize others?**

Let us go forth and spread the “Good News” of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Bohdan J. Danylo  
*Bishop of Saint Josaphat*

## NEW MISSIONS



### GREENVILLE

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 ♦ 6 P.M.

St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church  
1215 SC-14, Greer, SC 29650

### COLUMBIA

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 ♦ 5 P.M.

Transfiguration Catholic Church  
306 N. Pines Road, Blythewood, SC 29016

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# EPARCHIAL NEWS



## Establishment Of The EPARCHIAL TRIBUNAL

In order to enable our people to seek justice and pastoral care, I am happy to inform you that the Supreme *Signatura Apostolica* granted our request, and now the Archeparchial Tribunal of Philadelphia is handling first instance cases for our Saint Josaphat Eparchy.

The procedure will be as follows:

1. Submit the *Information for Tribunal Study Form* (request from your pastor) to the attention of Very. Rev. Steven Paliwoda, Chancellor, to our Chancery office.
2. Saint Josaphat Eparchy will forward the case to Archeparchial Tribunal of Philadelphia.
3. The Judge of the Archeparchial Tribunal of Philadelphia will contact the interested parties directly.

May God Bless You Always!

+Bohdan J. Danylo

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

# "CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN"

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE & RETREAT  
(AGES 18-35)

TO

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION MONASTERY  
REDWOOD VALLEY, CALIFORNIA



*DAY EXCURSIONS INCLUDE:*

*San Francisco, Pacific Coast, Redwood Forest, Wine Country*

**DECEMBER 27, 2018 - JANUARY 3, 2019**

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# YOUTH MINISTRY



## 41st Annual Diocesan Youth Conference

XLI Conferencia Juvenil Diocesana

**April/Abril 27-29, 2018**

Ridgecrest Conference Center • Black Mountain, North Carolina

*In collaboration with the Eparchy of St. Josaphat*



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# YOUTH MINISTRY



## LOCK-IN RETREAT

March 3-4, 2018

*Be On Your Guard, Stand Firm In The Faith, Be Courageous, Be Strong  
(1 Corinthians 16:13)*

Over 40 youth, young adults, youth leaders, chaperones, clergy and consecrated person from the Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma and beyond gathered together under the headship of its shepherd, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH for the annual "Lock-In" Youth Retreat with the theme "Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong" taken from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (16:13). The retreat, planned by the Eparchial Youth Committee under the leadership of Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak, pastor of St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH and Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH and coordinated by Deacon Myron Spak from Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, PA was an opportunity for the eparchy's young people to pray, reflect, meet others, and take time to focus on their spiritual journey to Pascha with a particular emphasis this year on apologetics, i.e. defense of the faith.

The retreat began with a service project at a branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH. The society is an international Catholic voluntary organization, founded in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam in Paris (France) and named after St. Vincent de Paul - XVI-XVII century French Roman Catholic priest renowned for his service to the poor - with the aim of sanctification of its members by individual service to the needy. Ms. Jessica Robinson, the society's Executive Administrator of Northeast Ohio District, together with Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak and Deacon Myron Spak, helped to coordinate the morning's service project. The youth and adults 'rolled up their sleeves' and assisted the staff to prepare and serve breakfast on that day to the poor as well as to clean up the cafeteria afterwards. The visit to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proved to be a great opportunity for the youth to witness faith in action.

The theme of this year's retreat was focused on apologetics, namely on knowledge, preparedness, and defense of the faith in today's world. Fr. Bohdan Barytsky, Administrator of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Parma, OH delivered an inspiring spiritual presentation encouraging the young people not be afraid to live out their faith in today's days and age with a particular emphasis on the person of Patriarch Yosyf Slipyi, a great XX century Ukrainian Catholic Church's leader, who for many years endured tremendous sufferings in the Soviet GULAGs before being freed in 1963 through the efforts of St. John XXIII and late U.S. President John F. Kennedy. Fr. Bohdan's presentation was followed by an insightful and engaging Quiz Bowl, led by one of the Canadian guests to the retreat this year, Michael Hayes, a young layman from London, Ontario, who recently graduated from the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Ottawa, who travelled to the United States with his wife Alessandra. The Quiz Bowl challenge provided a learning, insightful, fun, and engaging opportunity for the young people to test the knowledge of their faith. A clergy "Question and Answer" session wrapped Saturday activities that was met with humor, candor, and catechetical lessons.

On Saturday evening - the eve of Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross - the youth participated in a moving Great Vespers, presided over by Bishop Bohdan Danylo and concelebrated by Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak and Deacon Tom Bury from St. Anne Church in Austintown, with the responses sung by the youth and led by Michael Hayes and Michael Spak (Deacon Myron Spak's son). The youth were also given an opportunity to participate in the Mystery of Repentance. Fr. Tom Hrywna, pastor of Sts. Volodymyr and Olha Ukrainian Catholic Church in Windsor, Ontario (Canada), provided a thorough Examination of Conscience, helping the retreatants focus and prepare for their confession. Several clergymen were present and accessible for the Mystery of Repentance, including Bishop Bohdan Danylo, Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak, Fr. Tom Hrywna, Fr. Bryan Eyman, pastor of St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic Church in Indianapolis, IN, and Fr. David Misbrener, Pastor of St. Peter of the Fields Roman Catholic Church in Rootstown, OH.

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On Sunday morning, before the Divine Liturgy, Fr. Tom Hrywna delivered an inspiring key note talk in accordance with the theme of the retreat after which the youth participated in the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, presided over by Bishop Bohdan Danylo, and concelebrated by Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak, Fr. Bryan Eyman, Fr. Tom Hrywna, Deacon Tom Bury, and Deacon Myron Spak. In addition to the retreat participants, the Liturgy was also attended by the parishioners of St. Anne and Holy Trinity Churches. Michael Hayes, Michael Spak, Michael Levy, Christina Hlutkowsky, Nick Hladio, et al. provided the responses. In his homily, Bishop Bohdan underlined the importance of the salvific meaning of being in the shadow of the Cross of Christ. Moreover, the hierarch stated that the entrance to the Paradise that used to be guarded by an angel with a fiery sword after Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil has now been replaced by the cross of Christ; hence, it is only through the cross that a man can enter into the dwelling place of the Lord. Bishop Bohdan likewise thanked everyone, who planned, ran, and took part in the youth retreat.

Many helped to make the youth retreat a success. Fr. Lubomyr Zhybak, Deacon Tom Bury, and the parishioners of St. Anne Church provided a warm welcome for all of the retreatants and volunteers. Deacon Myron Spak coordinated the event. Mike Senko and Joseph Chance, parishioners of St. Anne Church, helped to organize all of the meals for the retreat's participants and the accommodations for some of the guests. Nick Spak (another son of Deacon Myron) served the Divine Liturgy together with Joseph and Michael Levy, who also provided audio/visual support during the retreat; moreover, the two brothers, together with Michael Spak and his mother Barbara Spak, also helped with the registrations. Several others provided assistance with event logistics.

The 2018 "Lock-In" Retreat was a wonderful, prayerful, and engaging event for our youth whereby everyone could feel the love of Christ as well as could share this Christian love with others. The next eparchial youth Lock-In Retreat is planned for March 23-24, 2019 at St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church in Austintown, OH.

## ETERNAL MEMORY

MITRED ARCHPRIEST  
MICHAEL POLOWAY



With the saints, give rest, O Lord, to the soul of your servant, the priest Michael, in a place where there is no pain, sorrow, or mourning, but only life everlasting!

# DAILY PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES



+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *(Three Times)*

Glory be to You, our God; glory be to You!

Heavenly King, Advocate, Spirit of Truth, who are everywhere present and fill all things. Treasury of Blessings, Bestower of Life, come and dwell within us, cleanse us of all that defiles us, and, O Good One, save our souls.

+ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us. *(Three Times)*

+ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Trinity Most Holy, have mercy on us. Cleanse us of our sins, O Lord. Pardon our transgressions, O Master. Look upon our weaknesses and heal them, O Holy One, for the sake of Your Name.

Lord, have mercy! *(Three Times)*

+ Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Hail, Mother of God and Virgin, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art thou, among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb; for thou hast given birth to Christ, the Savior and Redeemer of our souls.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *(Three Times)*

# LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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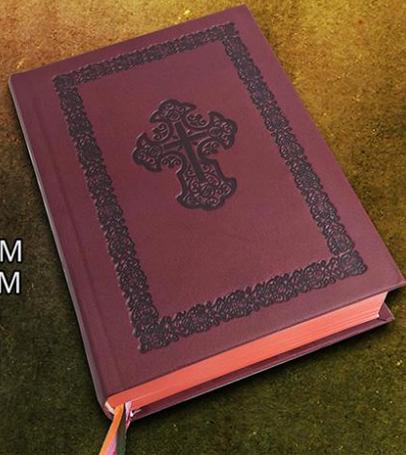
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FROM THE  
CONGREGATION FOR THE  
EASTERN CHURCHES:

“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.”

*- Instruction for Applying the Liturgical Principles of the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches*

## CELEBRATE THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS

*At Saint Basil the Great Mission in Charlotte, North Carolina*

**Saturdays:**

**VESPERS at 5pm**

**Eves of Feast Days:**

**VESPERS at 5:30pm**

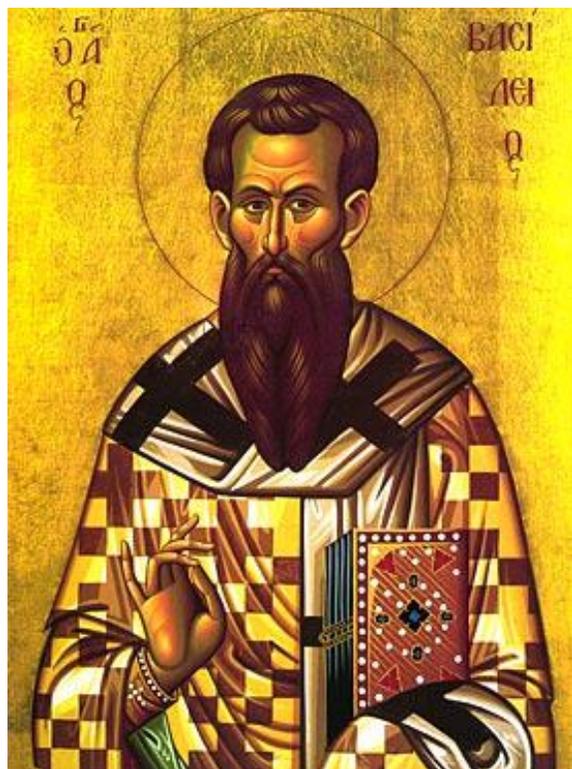
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# SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

## БОГОСЛУЖІННЯ SERVICIOS LITÚRGICOS

### WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



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#### SATURDAY

5:00pm: VESPERS

#### SUNDAY

10:00am: CONFESSIONS

11:00am: DIVINE LITURGY

#### SABADO

5:00pm: VISPERAS

#### DOMINGO

10:00am: CONFESIONES

11:00am: SANTA MISA

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

BI-LINGUAL LITURGICAL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE.

YOU MAY GO TO CONFESSION IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH.

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

*LIBROS LITÚRGICOS BILINGÜES ESTÁN DISPONIBLES.*

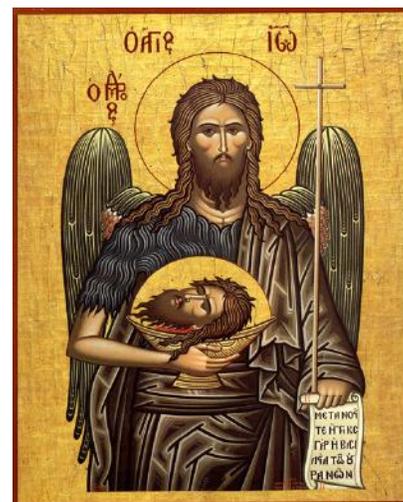
*SE PUEDE CONFESAR EN INGLÉS O ESPAÑOL.*

#### SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST MISSION (Ukrainian Language Ministry)

Charlotte Catholic High School  
7702 Pineville-Matthews Road  
Pineville, NC 28226

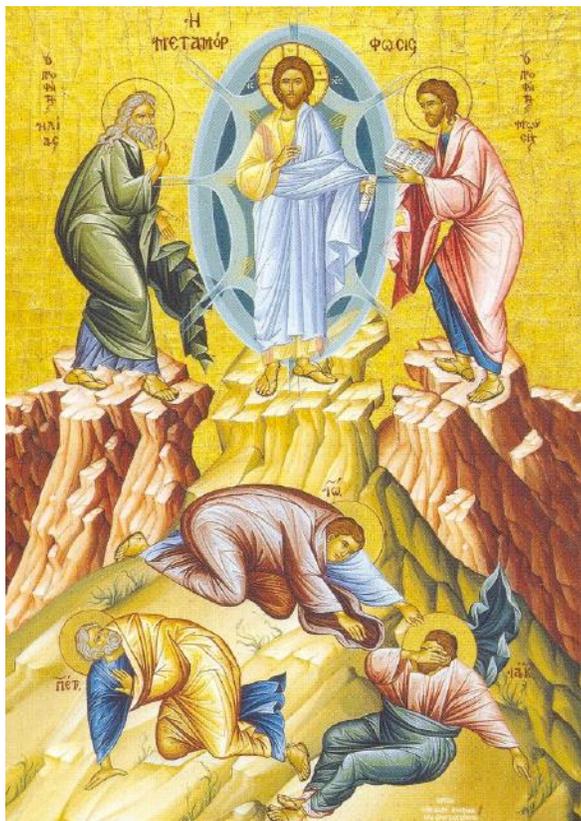
#### THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

3:00pm: DIVINE LITURGY (Ukrainian)



# SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

## SOUTH CAROLINA



### COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

TRANSFIGURATION CATHOLIC CHURCH  
306 N Pines Road  
Blythewood, SC 29016

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

5:00pm: HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

*Served by His Excellency,  
BISHOP BOHDAN DANYLO*

*Confessions Upon Request  
Fellowship To Follow*

### GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

SAINT RAFKA MARONITE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1215 SC-14,  
Greer, SC 29650

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

6:00pm: HIERARCHICAL DIVINE LITURGY

*Served by His Excellency,  
BISHOP BOHDAN DANYLO*

*Confessions Upon Request  
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