



## Most Reverend Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM the First Greek Catholic Bishop in the U.S.A.

His Grace Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians and Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics in the United States of America, is inviting all to join him in the centennial anniversary celebration of the arrival of Most Reverend Soter Stephen Ortynsky, OSBM as the first bishop for Ruthenians in the United States of America.

The main celebration will take place at the cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on September 30, 2007 in Philadelphia, PA. This celebration is a commemoration of the milestone in the history of our church in America.

Stephen Ortynsky was born in the village of Ortynychy in the Gubernia of Galicia on January 29, 1866. He completed his primary education and entered the newly reformed Basilian Order in 1888. It was then that he took the monastic name Soter. He completed his philosophy and theology studies and earned a doctoral degree in Sacred Theology. Deacon Ortynsky was ordained a priest by Metropolitan Sembratovich at Saint George's Cathedral in Lviv, on July 18, 1891.

He was a dedicated teacher and gifted preacher. At first, he had wanted to become a missionary to Brazil. This was not to be. His friend and fellow Basilian, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky of Lviv recommended him as a bishop to the Greek Catholics in the United States of America. On March 8, 1907, he was appointed bishop for the Ruthenians in America and named titular bishop of Daulia by Pope Pius X. He was consecrated bishop by Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky, Bishop Constantine Chekhovych and Bishop Gregory Chomnyshyn at Saint George's



Cathedral in Lviv on May 12, 2007. He set out for America and arrived on August 27, 1907. He was accompanied by Reverend Vladimir Petrivsky.

Bishop Ortynsky was met by a delegation of clergy and laypeople at Hoboken, New Jersey. He was escorted to New York's Saint George's Church where Moleben service was held. On the following day the bishop offered his first Divine Liturgy on American soil. After paying a visit to the Apostolic Delegate in Washington, DC Bishop Ortynsky set

up his residence in Philadelphia, PA.

Bishop Ortynsky began organizing the church from the parish level. He also saw the need to import the Basilian sisters. They worked at various ministries which included: orphanages, a printing press and a liturgical store.

In 1912 Bishop Ortynsky founded the Providence Association which helped our churches with loans and financial security. Finally on March 28, 1913 the Holy See conferred upon Bishop Ortynsky full and ordinary jurisdiction over all the faithful and clergy of the Ruthenian Church in the United States of America.

The Great War and all the stress of organizing the church proved to be too much for the intrepid bishop. On March 16, 1916 Bishop Ortynsky became ill with pneumonia, and died eight days later. He was buried on March 30 th, 1916 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Bishop Nykyta Butka from Canada was present with Very Rev. Dzubyay as the celebrant and Reverends Levitsky and Chorniak as deacons.

*Press Secretariat Metropolitan Province Planning Committee*

## Around the Eparchy



### Mnohaya Lita!

**May 5, 2007** - Sr. Olga Marie and Sr. Genevieve attended St. Andrew UCC (Parma, OH) 40th Anniversary celebration. St. Andrew's Church celebrated their 40 years of faith and fellowship with a banquet/dance (pictured above). On May 6 they celebrated a Liturgy of Thanksgiving with Bishop Robert

### ECDD Meeting

Sr. Olga Marie participated in the ECDD semi-meeting in Elberon, NJ on May 21 - 24, 2007. The participants were: Fr Anthony Hernandez, (*Van Nuys*); Sr Olga Marie Farnya OSBM, (*St Josaphat*); Sr Jean Marie Cihota, OSBM (*Van Nuys*); Sr Marion Dobos OSB, (*Pittsburgh*); Sr Celeste Strohmeyer OSBM, (*Pittsburgh*); Fr James Bankston, (*St Nicholas*); Dr Frances Colie, (*Newton*); Fr Gregory Noga, (*Passaic*); Bishop Nicholas Samra, (ECA); Sr Charlotte Pipping SSMI, (*Stamford*); Sr Elizabeth Bertoldi OSBM, (*Philadelphia*); Archpriest John Kachuba, (*Parma*); Fr Elias Rafaj, (*Pittsburgh*); and Fr John Lucas, (*St Nicholas*)

### A Trip to Australia

In May, Bishop Peter Stasiuk, Eparch of Australia and Oceania, invited Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM to Australia to help get *Generations of Faith for Byzantine Churches* established in Melbourne. Sr. Ann met with key people in the Eparchial Counsel to explain the catechetical process used in the intergenerational sessions of GOF for Byzantine Churches. While there Sr Ann Laszok, OSBM also helped Bishop Peter organize and publicize the «*Days in the Eparchy*» which will take place a week before World Youth Day 2008. See the entire schedule on page 4



### New Bishop in Canada

Srs. Ann & Olga Marie, representing the Eparchy of St. Josaphat, attended the consecration of Bishop Ken Nowakowski in Vancouver, Canada on July 23, 2007. Fr. Kenneth Nowakowski was Rector of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Ottawa and Chancellor of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Saskatoon. During the visit of His Holiness John Paul II to the Ukraine in June 2001, he was the Director of the Press Office of the Catholic Churches in Ukraine. He is a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Adult Catecheses.

### Mnohaya Lita!

On July 22, 2007, Bishop Richard Seminack, Eparch of Chicago visited Holy Trinity Church in Carnegie, PA Msgr Appleyard invited Bishop Richard to celebrate his 40th Ordination Anniversary at Holy Trinity with Divine Liturgy followed by a reception. (Pictures and article to follow in the *Diocesan Newsletter*)

### St. George Parish

St. George's Kids (Pittsburgh, PA) enjoyed a field trip to Wildwood Highlands on August 5, 2007. St. George Church (Pittsburgh, PA) also held its *Annual Flea Market and Ethnic Food Festival*, Pittsburgh, PA on July 28-29, 2007.

### ***Around the Eparchy***



ACTA Colloquium

Sr. Ann Laszok, OSBM was invited to attend ACTA Foundation’s colloquium on «*American Catholicism’s Adult Education Crisis: A Response*» on July 31 - August 2, 2007 . The colloquium explored the effectiveness of adult education today and identified some potential models that engage young adults. Sr. Ann presented the newly developed «*Generations of Faith for Byzantine Churches*» model. Some of the attendees included were: Mr. Bill Dinges, CUA, Sr. Kate Doolet, CUA, Fr Ron Lewinski, ACTA President, Dr Barbara Radtke, Boston College, Rev Donald Senior, CP CTU, Dr. Walters, St. Meinrad School of Theology.

### ***Avalanche Ranch***

This year 55 children attended «Avalanche Ranch» to learn about Jesus. From 6 pm to 8:30 pm the children sang, learned scripture verses, had fun and games as well as prayed during their annual Vacation Bible School week.



*August 6-10, 2007 - Vacation Bible School at SS. Peter & Paul School Church gym in Ambridge, PA*

## ***World Youth Day 2008 - Days in the Eparchy – Melbourne***

### ***Fact Sheet***

- Theme: *«You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...» Acts 1:8*  
*«Sydney: Witness the Spirit»*
- Days in the Eparchy - Melbourne: **July 7 – 13, 2008 – Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul**  
**Sydney July 14 – 20, 2008 – Sydney, Australia**
- Participants: Ukrainian and Byzantine Catholics from around the world ages 16 – 35

### ***Program of Events for Days in the Eparchy - Melbourne***

- **July 7 – 13, 2008** – Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul, 35 Canning St. Melbourne, Australia
- **July 7 – 11** - A. M. – Catechetical and Liturgical Program  
P.M. – Essendon Ukr. Hall – Social & cultural program  
Evening entertainment includes concerts, international speakers in the city
- **July 12** - A. M. – Free time  
P.M. – Program with all pilgrims in the convention center - Melbourne  
Evening – Liturgical service at the Telstra Dome
- **July 13** – Divine Liturgy – travel to Sydney

### ***WYD 2008 - Sydney***

- **July 14** – travel to Sydney by bus, train or plane (depending on bought tickets) & registration
- **July 15** – Opening Mass of Welcome followed by concert
- **July 16 – 18** - Catechesis sessions every morning and festival events in afternoon and evening
- **July 17** – Arrival and welcome of the Holy Father
- **July 18**– evening – Stations of the Cross – a re-enactment of Our Lord's Passion
- **July 19** – Pilgrimage walk to site of closing Mass with the Holy Father and sleep under the stars
- **July 20** – Closing Mass and concluding events
- **Special programs for Byzantine Catholics will be announced at a later date**

### ***Registration***

- When you register at the WYD2008 website, you **must** check **Ukrainian Eparchy** under the ***Days of Diocese*** section in order to get **free** accommodations in Melbourne. See official website information for various registration packets (with food costs).
- Visas will be included in your registration packet
- Each group must have a group leader 18 years or older.
- **Free** accommodations will be provided in Melbourne & Sydney.

### ***Pilgrims to Melbourne***

- Free accommodations will be provided in schools and halls
- Pilgrims must bring a sleeping bag and floor mat. Youth hostels (with breakfast) may be requested for \$20 – \$30 per night extra.
- Only breakfast will be provided
- Transportation to Sydney will be \$90 (Aus) each way; planes are \$190 (Aus) each way: trains are available also
- International visitors will travel at a minimal cost within the city of Melbourne
- Consider flying into Melbourne and flying out of Sydney

***Book early! Australians say: «First in, best dressed» translation «First come, first served»***  
***Sydney*** - [www.wyd2008.org](http://www.wyd2008.org) ***Melbourne*** - [www.did08.com](http://www.did08.com)

***Anyone interested should contact Sr Ann Laszok, OSBM as soon as possible***  
***at 412-260-1607 or at [sranni@aol.com](mailto:sranni@aol.com)***

# Pastoral Ministry Office

www.stjosaphateparchy.org



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«**New Life in the Trinity**» DVD (With subtitles in 4 languages) - \$35

«**New Life in the Trinity**» DVD (No subtitles) - \$25

«**Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky**» a bi-lingual VHS video - \$20

«**Being Born Again**» - \$20

«**Steadfast and Faithful: A Martyr's Journey**» - \$20

## Books

«**Light of the East**» - \$15

«**Svitlo Shodu**» - \$10

«**The Mysteries of Christian**

**Initiation**»(book of rites and prayers)-\$25

«**The Sacrifice of Praise**» book - \$50

«**Catechetical Directory of the Ukrainian**

**Catholic Church**» - \$5

«**Let Us Lift Up Our Hearts**» - \$20

«**The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology For Worship**» - \$50

«**The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**» - \$10

### **Basilians in Concert**

The Christmas Concert Benefit Music Tour CD. Music includes compositions by Sr.Laura Palka, OSBM of «In the Cathedral of St. George» and the «Birth of Jesus Christ.» The audio cassette is available for \$10 and the CD for \$15 plus shipping and handling through the Pastoral Ministry Office.



## DVDs *Newly Released by the Pastoral Ministry Office*

**Kairos Icon Series: An Explanation of the Festal Icons** - (\$15 each or 5 for \$50)

1. **Encounter Icon** featuring Rev. Valerian Michlik
2. **Annunciation Icon** featuring Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM (not yet available)
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4. **Good Friday Icon** featuring Rev. Elais Rafaj
5. **Pascha Icon** featuring Msgr. George Appleyard
6. **Pentecost Icon** featuring Rev. David Petras (not yet available)
7. **Pokrov Icon** featuring Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM (not yet available)
8. **Nativity Icon** featuring Rev. Ivan Chirovsky

**Source Interview Series** - (\$15 each or 5 for \$50)

1. **Light of the East: An Explanation of Eastern Catholicism for Western Catholics** - Guest Speaker Msgr. George Appleyard
2. **Healing** - Guest Speaker Rev.Ivan Chirovsky
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5. **Spirituality** - Guest Speaker Rev.Ivan Chirovsky
6. **Reflections on the Nativity** - Guest Speaker Rev.Ivan Chirovsky

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## Online Catechist and Diaconal Certification Program

<http://www.manor.edu/coned/eastern.htm>

Greetings in the Lord

The faithful including catechists, deacons, deacon candidates, and those that are seeking faith enrichment, all need training to carry out their respected roles and to become closer to our Lord.

But In today's world, with all their responsibilities of being moms, dads, caring for aging parents, working sometimes multiple jobs to support the family, they can not follow the traditional classroom format one night a week traveling somewhere while leaving the family without supervision or someone to take of the family members to ensure the school homework gets done or that no one gets hurt They are doing what the Church wants them to do, take care of their family and lead them to Christ. I call it the «WORLD OF THE CATECHIST».

In response to the Bishops' request to Catholic colleges to provide catechist training and in order to carry out it's mission of teaching the Word of God, Manor College (founded by the Sisters of St. Basil) in order to meet the training needs of these adults in the busy hectic life of catechists has come up with a unique flexible way in which the catechist or other student may stay home to take care of their family and still get the training that they want and need so badly.

The students receive a syllabus (General description and instruction) and course outline which spell out the detail readings week by week. The student does the assigned reading and then listens to the lecture on the material that the student just finished reading. The students then prepare a summary of what they just finish reading as well as what they got from the lecture. The student then emails the summary and any questions to the instructor. The instructor then get back to the student by email or phone to discuss individual points as needed. The student can work whatever time or day of the week that is good for them that week.

With the help of our good Lord, in just over a year and a half, the program has grown from one instructor to 15 instructors with 5 PHDs and the majority being clergy and



Religious. The students are now all over the country. The objectives of the students include catechist training, faith enrichments and deacon training. With the explosive growth of the program, the classes are being move from CDs media to the internet, making the classes even more accessible. While the website is still early in the development and we will be always adding to and improving the site, you can visit the website at [www.manorced.com](http://www.manorced.com) at this time.

The program has grown to include two different programs, one for the Latin Church catechists and another for the

Eastern Catholic Churches catechists with instructors well grounded in their particular area of teaching. The basic mechanical procedures are the same.

One part of program is a continuing Education program with a great deal of flexibilities and meets the needs of the majority of the students with a cost of \$130.00 per 14 week course. The other part of the program is an academic program with all the academic requirements. See the enclosed pamphlet for special academic fees.

As part of the program, two or three classes will start the first of each month. When ever you finish a course it is easy to sign up for another class at the start of the next month. This is all part of the flexibility of the program for those in the world of the catechist. A copy of the course schedules for 2007 and 2008 is attached. In addition, there is/are also pamphlet (s) about the program attached.

In the words of one student:

«I teach second grade PREP. I help prepare the students for the reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. I feel very blessed to have such an opportunity to teach the little ones at this grade level. Now, after taking the on-line courses «Catechetical Methods» and the «Sacraments» that Manor offers I have a more solid background. I would have never been able to take these courses in any other way but at home at any hour. Working full time, volunteering and being available for my family (grandchildren included) and their many needs affords little time for me to take this type of class on a set, regimented schedule. However, I hesitated at first and thought that my limited knowledge of the computer would be a hindrance. These thoughts quickly dissipated and I was very comfortable from

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## **2007 Calendar of Events**

**September 9, 2007** - Protection of BVM in Solon, Ohio, will have a clam bake from 1 to 5pm. Bakes are \$25.00 and include your beverage of choice. Live music also!

**September 9, 2007 - Encounter With Our Seminarians** at 3 P.M.with a Moleben at St. John the Baptist in Pittsburgh, PA . Refreshments afterwards at the church hall.

**September 12, 2007 – Generations of Faith for Byzantine Churches** session at SS. Peter & Paul, Ambridge, PA – «Welcome to the Church Year»

**September 22, 2007 – Bishop’s Charity Banquet** at Pokrova Parish Hall, Parma, OH

**September 22-23, 2007 – Youth Retreat** at Camp Crestfield, Slippery Rocks, PA

**September 23-Oct. 1, 2007** - Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops - Doylestown, PA

**September 30, 2007 – Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop Ortinsky’s Consecration** as the first Bishop in the United States for all Eastern Catholic Churches

**October 2, 2007 – Generations of Faith for Byzantine Churches** session at Holy Trinity Church, Carnegie, PA Bilingual GOF sessions will be held on the first Sunday of each month from October to May

**October 6-7, 2007 – Pilgrimage to the Mother of God**, Fox Chase Manor, PA

**October 5—7, 2007** - Adult Retreat at Ss. Peter & Paul, Ambridge, PA

**October 12-14, 2007** - LUC National Convention in 2007 is in Stamford, CT

**October 14, 2007** - 100th Anniversary Banquet, Ss. Peter & Paul, Ambridge, PA

**November 4, 2007 – Generations of Faith for Byzantine Churches** session at SS. Peter & Paul, Ambridge, PA

**November 4, 2007 – St. John the Baptist Centennial**, Newark, NJ

**December 2, 2007 – St. Andrew’s (Parma) Feastday Dinner**

**December 8, 2007 – St. Andrew’s (Parma) Cookie walk**

**December 9, 2007—St. Andrew’s (Parma) St. Nicholas Party**

**July, 2008 – World Youth Day, Australia** July 7 – 13, 2008 in Melbourne, Australia and July 14-20, 2008 in Sydney, Australia

**2009** - Blessing of the Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv. Anyone interested in a 10 day trip call Fr. Ropke or Deacon Levy at 724-443-8764.

**October, 2009** - The Western Pennsylvania Council will host the LUC National Convention.

# Come to Parma for the 18th Annual Bishop's Charity Banquet

at Holy Protection Ukrainian Catholic Church  
6790 Broadview Rd.  
Parma, OH

**September 22, 2007**

5:00 P.M. - Cocktails and Hors d'oevres  
6:00 P.M. - Program  
7:00 P.M. - Dinner  
\$50.00 per person



*Tickets available in the parish office or at the Pastoral Ministry Office*

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the start with this method of learning. I not only felt comfortable with the on-line program, but I also had help every step of the way. My instructor made himself accessible either by e-mail or phone. The instructor could be reached easily to answer questions or to further discuss a certain topic. It is an excellent course and well organized. «

Copies of additional student's comments in their own words are available upon request.

Also attached is a registration form. You can make copies. The form can be mailed or faxed. The mailing address and fax address are on the form. You can also email the completed form as an

attachment to [dedwards@manor.edu](mailto:dedwards@manor.edu). You can obtain an electronic copy of the form by contacting me by phone or email.

If you have any questions, you can contact me directly

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