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MCI WELCOMES EIGHT 'NEWBIES' TO SEMINARY



Pictured with guest instructor Sharon Mech (second from left, front row) are the eight participants in the MCI's first Beginning Cantor's Course held June 6-8.

by Jeff Mierzejewski, MCI Director

Eight cantors have completed the Archdiocese's first Beginning Cantor's Course, held at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh June 6-8. This course intended to introduce new or prospective cantors to our services and plain chant, and quickly enable them to become assistant cantors in their parishes.

The Friday evening session began with a talk on the vocation of the cantor, presented by Father Robert Karl (currently serving Holy Trinity Church, Sykesville, Pa.). Metropolitan Cantor Institute (MCI) director Jeff Mierzejewski then led the students through the

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'Great day' for religious freedom of family businesses

DECISION: AMERICANS CAN FOLLOW FAITH

from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

WASHINGTON 30 June 2014 — The U.S. Supreme Court's decision today in favor of Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties means "justice has prevailed," said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty. The Court ruled that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) "preventive services" mandate violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) as applied to these employers to the extent that it would have forced them to provide insurance coverage for drugs and devices that violate their religious convictions on respect for human life. The statement follows:

"We welcome the Supreme

Court's decision to recognize that Americans can continue to follow their faith when they run a family business. In this case, justice has prevailed, with the Court respecting the rights of the Green and Hahn families to continue to abide by their faith in how they seek their livelihood, without facing devastating fines. Now is the time to redouble our efforts to build a culture that fully respects religious freedom.

"The Court clearly did not decide whether the so-called 'accommodation' violates RFRA when applied to our charities, hospitals and schools, so many of which have challenged it as a burden on their religious exercise. We continue to hope that these great ministries of service, like the Little Sisters of the Poor and so many others, will prevail in their cases as well." ■

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Darlene Felka / The BCW

2014 'Faith & Fun' day

Archbishop William welcomed over 40 altar servers and their chaperones to the opening of "Faith & Fun Day" June 26. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations, the day began with a special Divine Liturgy at Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks, Pa., after which His Eminence posed for a commemorative photo with concelebrants and the servers, several of whom plied their trade for the morning service. ■

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OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM:

Announced July 3, 2014

Effective July 8, 2014:

- **Father Roy Schubert** at his own request retired from active ministry and relieved as pastor of St. Michael, Sheffield, Pa.

Effective July 18, 2014:

- **Very Reverend David A. Bosnich** relieved as Protopresbyter of the Tri-State Protopresbytery, pastor of St. George Aliquippa, Pa. and administrator of St. Mary Ambridge, Pa. and appointed pastor of St. Michael, Sheffield.

- **Deacon Thomas Klacik** appointed administrator of St. George Aliquippa and St. Mary Ambridge.

Effective August 1, 2014:

- **Father James D. Hess, OCarm.** appointed to care for the spiritual needs of St. George Aliquippa and St. Mary Ambridge.

July 5, 2014

- **Donald Bolls** ordained to the minor mysteries of the Church by Archbishop William C. Skurla at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Pittsburgh.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Putting patriotism in its proper place

by Tony Magliano



Patriotism can be good, or it can be bad. Pride in one's country can be healthy, or it can be unhealthy.

An unhealthy pride is often considered the original sin. In his pride, Lucifer (Satan) thought he knew better than God. The first humans in their pride thought they knew better than God. And we in our pride sometimes think and act as though we know better than God.

An unhealthy patriotism does not seek God's will for the nation in all matters. Instead, it conveniently chooses what issues it will consult the Almighty on.

Catholics adhering to this type of patriotism will often cite God's approval on those issues where they feel – through Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture, and the Magisterium – God is in agreement with their position.

However, when that is not the case, instead of doing the hard work and prayer of spiritual discernment, they choose to ignore God and rely on purely secular arguments.

This way of thinking leads to an unhealthy pride in one's country – where waving the flag and proclaiming “my

country right or wrong, love it or leave it,” becomes the narrow-minded standard for judging whether a person is a patriotic citizen or not.

This unhealthy patriotism often leads many people to believe their nation is better than all other countries. It proclaims: “We are number one!”

Numerous people in various nations seem addicted to this kind of unhealthy pride of country. In the United States, this sense of haughty superiority – promoted by some neoconservative writers – is known as “American exceptionalism.”

In this sense, it is believed that America is that city on a hilltop – taken from Matthew's Gospel – that shines a totally righteous light for all other nations to admire and emulate.

While America can generally claim in some areas to be a very good example for others to follow – such as the U.S. Bill of Rights which guarantees freedom of religion, speech, assembly and the press – there are on the other hand many areas where the United States is walking in darkness.

From legalized abortion, to being the world's leading arms merchant, to possessing the world's most dangerous nuclear arsenal, to having over 15 million children living in poverty, to rampant pornography, to the

military-industrial complex, to only giving less than 1 percent of its annual income to the poor of the world, the U.S. is demonstrating it has a moral illness and is in need of healing and spiritual conversion.

Instead of ignoring these and other ills, Americans who possess a healthy patriotism honestly acknowledge these sicknesses and work to heal the nation.

As people of faith, we have the indispensable wisdom, power and love of God – the great physician – to aid us. But we must invite him to lead the way. In order to be healthy and holy, God must be at the center of our lives and our nation.

A few years ago I had the privilege of interviewing the courageous countercultural peace activist Jesuit Father Dan Berrigan. He raised a question of crucial importance for every American Catholic to ponder: “Am I a Catholic-American? Or am I an American-Catholic?”

What comes first, our country or our God?

Do we blindly follow the culture, government and economic system of our nation, or do we faithfully follow the Lord Jesus who alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life? ■

Tony Magliano is an internationally syndicated social justice and peace columnist.

Religious leaders urge Congress to protect RFRA

RFRA PASSED IN 1993 WITH OVERWHELMING BIPARTISAN SUPPORT

from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

WASHINGTON 1 July 2014 — A coalition of leaders of diverse U.S. religious denominations and faiths, including Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has announced that they “are united in [their] staunch support” for protecting the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA), which passed with nearly unanimous bipartisan support in 1993. The coalition sent a letter to Congressional leadership June 30 asking that they “not amend or repeal RFRA, one of our nation’s most vital legal protections for the religious freedom and rights of conscience of every person of every faith.”

“RFRA is a highly flexible legal standard that protects the rights and liberties of individuals of all religious faiths, including the most vulnerable,” said the letter. “In the United States, freedom of religion has always included – and should always include – the right to live out one’s religion and act according to one’s

conscience outside the walls of one’s house of worship.”

They added: “For over two decades, RFRA has protected Americans of all faiths from government coercion. Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, and others all benefit when powerful government officials know that, as President Bill Clinton stated when he signed RFRA, government must meet ‘a very high level of proof before it interferes with someone’s free exercise of religion.’”

Signers of the letter included leaders of the Assemblies of God (USA), the Church of God in Christ, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, the Rabbinical Council of America, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the Wesleyan Church.

Full text of the letter follows:

Pennsylvania bishops laud religious liberty victory

PCC ENCOURAGED BY FAVORABLE U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION

from the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference

“[R]eason recognizes that religious freedom is a fundamental right of man, reflecting his highest dignity, that of seeking the truth and adhering to it, and recognizing it as an indispensable condition for realizing all his potential. Religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly, consequent to the truth one has found.” (Pope Francis, June 20, 2014)

In this spirit, religious liberty scored a victory today in the U.S. Supreme Court. In its decision in the Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood Products cases, the Court properly concluded that religious conscience of closely held businesses is to be protected from government coercion. Further, the Court determined that the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate is improper as it forces a closely held company to pay for coverage of products and services that violate the owners’ firmly held religious beliefs. The U.S. Department of Health

and Human Services (HHS), under authority provided in the Affordable Care Act, mandated coverage of sterilization, contraception and abortion-causing drugs in most employer health insurance plans.

Religious ministries of service – such as charities, schools, health care facilities and institutions of higher education – are given, at best, second-class status under the law in the form of a still-murky “accommodation.” Many religious entities, including Catholic dioceses, are challenging this mandate in federal courts across the country.

The Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania express the hope that, in light of this ruling, the Obama Administration will do the right thing and withdraw the mandate as it has been applied to religious ministries. That step will bring to an end litigation which religious ministries were forced to undertake to protect their religious conscience and to assure that statutory and constitutional protections would not be trampled. ■

RE: Protecting the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993

Dear Speaker Boehner, Minority Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader Reid, and Minority Leader McConnell:

We are leaders of diverse faith communities representing over 100 million Americans. Our faith communities worship in many different ways, and we have different views on many things. But in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decisions in favor of Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties (*Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores*), we are united in our staunch support for maintaining all of the existing provisions and protections of the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA). RFRA is a highly flexible legal standard that protects the rights and liberties of individuals of all religious faiths, including the most vulnerable.

The Supreme Court affirmed that all Americans – including family business owners – should be free to live and work according to their faith and receive the protections afforded by the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. When President Clinton signed RFRA into law over twenty years ago, he finalized the work of overwhelming bipartisan majorities in the United States House and Senate. Only three Members of Congress voted against RFRA. Not one of Congress’s 535 Members suggested that this landmark new law would not protect a person’s free exercise of religion if she chose to provide for herself, her family, and her employees by starting a business.

In the United States, freedom of religion has always included – and should always include – the right to live out one’s religion and act according to one’s conscience outside the walls of one’s house of worship. Every single day, millions of Americans are motivated by their faith to go and serve the neediest among us. The good works of these individuals of faith can be seen in soup kitchens, hospitals, schools, hospices – and, yes, family-owned businesses.

For over two decades, RFRA has protected Americans of all faiths from government coercion. Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs, and others all benefit when powerful government officials know that, as President Bill Clinton stated when he signed RFRA, government must meet “a very high level of proof before it interferes with someone’s free exercise of religion.”

We have come together to write this letter with one specific plea: Do not amend or repeal RFRA, one of our nation’s most vital legal protections for the religious freedom and rights of conscience of every person of every faith.

Changing RFRA because some disagree with one particular application of the law would set a dark precedent by undermining the fundamental principle of religious freedom for all, even for those whose religious beliefs may be unpopular at the moment. Congress has never passed legislation with the specific purpose of reducing Americans’ religious freedom. It should not consider doing so now.

Freedom of religion, like freedom of speech, must stand for all Americans, for all time. ■



Deacons' dinner marks 10 years of service

DIRECTOR OF FORMATION PROGRAM

KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT APPRECIATION EVENT

by Kathe Kress

The Byzantine Catholic Serra Club gathered on Sunday, May 18, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the first deacon class. The deacons and their wives were guests for dinner, and Father John G. Petro spoke about the class and the role of the deacon. Father John was instrumental in pulling together the Deacon Formation Program at the behest of Archbishop Judson M. Procyk of blessed memory. Six of the nine local deacons who were honored attended with their wives, and more than 60 people came to honor them.

We would be remiss if we did not also honor the memory of Fr. Deacon Stanley Cholewinski, who fell asleep in the Lord in 2011. He served St. George the Great Martyr Melkite Parish in Birmingham, Ala. and is survived by Pani Rose, three married children and their families.

Father John G. Petro filled dinner attendees in on a brief history of the Deacon Formation Program, beginning in 1995 with Archbishop Judson's words, "John, I have an idea." It seems that other bishops had been talking with the Archbishop about the need for such a program. Archbishop Judson continued, "I want a good program, a serious program, a well-prepared program." So Father John went to work researching such a program before reporting back to the Archbishop.

At the same time, Father John was hearing from men who were interested in such a program. "In fact, one of them would call me regularly asking if anything was ready to begin yet ... he was even willing to begin on his own as a private student." Father John's task was to continue to listen to those interested and keep fanning the flame of interest, but to remain cautious while researching to develop a program that would provide a solid foundation for those called to serve as deacons.

Father John consulted with faculty and staff of other deacon programs to find what worked and what didn't. He presented his findings and the resultant plan to Archbishop Judson. The Archbishop studied it and had a few recommendations, but then "dropped the bomb,"

saying, "By the way, John, I want you to direct it."

In 1999 they began the process of recruitment, interviewing, receiving letters of recommendation, physical and psychological examinations, etc., and the wives were an integral part of it from the beginning: they had to submit "an extensive recommendation for their husbands, since this would dramatically affect their lives." And at every step of the process, even after ordination, there is continuous discernment.



from left: Father John G. Petro, Sister Margaret Ann Andrako, OSBM, Mary Frances and Fr. Deacon Raymond J. Zadzilko, Fr. Deacon Paul and Sandy Simko, Fr. Deacon Paul M. and Patricia Boboige, Renata and Fr. Deacon George Fatula, Fr. Deacon John and Ruth Hanchin, and Fr. Deacon Lance D. and Patricia Weakland. Honorees unable to attend were Fr. Deacon John A. Custaney (Cheryl), Fr. Deacon Paul J. Pipta (Irene) and Fr. Deacon Dennis M. Prestash (Patricia).

The prayers that are said over the deacon during ordination provide insight into the heart of his ministry. In these prayers, the words service/servant appear four times, and the very word "deacon" -

which translates to "servant" - appears an additional three times!

"This diaconal service is not only done in vestments and

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Eternal Memory The Book of Remembrance at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary



"O God of spirits and of all flesh, you trampled death and broke the power of Satan, and granted life to your world. Now grant rest, O Lord, to the souls of your departed servants, in a place of light, joy and peace, where there is no pain, sorrow nor mourning."
-from the Byzantine Service for the Departed

In honor of its 50th anniversary in 2000, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary created a "Book of Remembrance" to remember those people who have fallen asleep in the Lord. The handsome "Book of Remembrance" is enshrined in the lobby of the **Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA** and inscribed in beautiful calligraphy with the names of loved ones.

Each day in its liturgical prayer, the seminary community remembers those people listed in the "Book of Remembrance" and all those who have generously supported the seminary with financial contributions and good works.

In the "Book of Remembrance"

Names will be entered in the "Book of Remembrance" for a contribution to the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of one thousand dollars.

The Seminary is a Worthy Cause

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary prepares men to serve as the **spiritual leaders of our Church**. Since its foundation in America in 1950, close to 400 men who have studied at the Seminary have become priests in the Byzantine Catholic Church. In addition, the Seminary also provides a **Master of Theology degree** and various on-line courses.

You can help the Seminary and remember your Loved One

Consider a gift of \$1,000 in total or in installments to the Seminary and place the name of your loved one in the "Book of Remembrance". Send your check today payable to "Byzantine Catholic Seminary" or call the Seminary Development Office at 412-321-8383 for more information.

You may also complete a **Memorial Gift Response Card** by going to this webpage <http://www.bcs.edu/support/remembrance> and send it in with your payment

Thank you again for your continued support.

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basic music theory required by a cantor, and an in-depth presentation of our reading melodies - the ones used for the priest's blessings and prayers, as well as for the Epistle and Gospel readings. Students learned how the responses like "Amen" are tied musically to the singing of the priest and deacon, and also learned how to match pitch and choose appropriate singing ranges for the congregation.

On Saturday, after breakfast and an hour-long voice lesson with MCI instructor Shawn Daly, the students were led through the hymns of the Divine Liturgy, from beginning to end, singing each of the melodies and learning when each is used. Lunchtime provided an opportunity for students to receive 15 minutes of individual vocal coaching and to visit the Seminary Press bookstore. At 5 o'clock, the class assisted at Vespers with Litija in the Seminary Chapel for the feast of Pentecost, then broke for dinner. By bedtime, we had completed our study of the basic music for the Divine Liturgy.

On Sunday morning, after Matins and Divine Liturgy for Pentecost (and brunch), the topics turned to practical issues of leading congregational

Students who attended the first MCI Beginner Cantor's Course and their home parish:

Zeb Bartels *Nativity of the Mother of God, DuBois, Pa.*

Aaron Graneto *St. Nicholas, Youngstown, Ohio*

Larry Hruska *St. Basil the Great, Sterling Heights, Mich.*

Janice Kondratic *SS. Peter and Paul, Erie, Pa.*

Matthew Shorraw *St. Mary, Monessen, Pa.*

Diane Terleck *Infant Jesus of Prague, Boardman, Ohio*

Elizabeth Zackowski *St. Thomas the Apostle, Phoenix, Ariz.*

David Zaroka *St. John Chrysostom, Columbus, Ohio*

singing. Students learned how to read the Typikon entries for the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and how to combine Sunday and feast-day hymns. Mierzejewski also gave a presentation on the different options that can be used for selecting troparia and other hymns for use on ordinary weekdays.

The final day ended with a summary of the MCI's plans for the coming year.

The MCI hopes to offer this course on a regular basis, to encourage both new cantors and those who want a review of plain chant basics to become expert leaders of congregational singing in our parishes.

For more information about the Metropolitan Cantor Institute program, visit the

official MCI web site, www.metropolitancantorinstitute.org or call Jeff Mierzejewski at (412)735-1676. ■

NOTICE

Please be advised:

The MCI's one-day refresher course on the Divine Liturgy scheduled for Saturday, July 12 has been **CANCELED**.

For further information, contact MCI director Jeff Mierzejewski at (412)735-1676 or e-mail mci@archpitt.org.

MCI Reader's Day

Aug. 16

READER'S DAY FOR CURRENT LECTORS

Current lectors (church readers) are encouraged to attend a one-day Reader's Day on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This refresher course presented by the Metropolitan Cantor Institute (MCI) will provide a review of the role of the church reader; basic liturgical instruction; and vocal coaching to help improve the participant's ability to chant the Scriptures and lead the congregation in the chanting of psalms. The registration fee for this course is \$15, which includes lunch and materials.

Courses will be held at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary, 3605 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15214. Registration forms and additional details are available on the MCI website, www.metropolitancantorinstitute.org. Questions? E-mail mci@archpitt.org, or call MCI director Jeffrey Mierzejewski at 412-735-1676. ■

Catechetical Sunday to focus on 'God's Gift of Forgiveness'

POPE FRANCIS ENCOURAGES ALL CATHOLICS TO RETURN TO CONFESSION

from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

WASHINGTON — Catholics are called to learn more about the practice of going to confession, as Catechetical Sunday 2014 focuses on the theme "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness." The U.S. bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis offers a range of resources on the Sacrament of Penance to be used in parishes in conjunction with Catechetical Sunday, which is September 21 this year.

"Whether you confess regularly, or this is the first time in a long time, may this be your moment to draw near to the confessional with confidence to celebrate the tender loving mercy of God," said Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, chairman of the

Evangelization and Catechesis committee, in a message to U.S. Catholics.

Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to return to confession at some of his Wednesday general audiences and even modeled the practice during a Lenten penance service this year in St. Peter's Basilica. Videos produced by Catholic News Service, capturing these moments, are among the resources for diocesan and parish catechists offered by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Resources in English and Spanish are available at: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/sacramental-forgiveness/index.cfm

These resources include a

guide for clergy, "Preaching About the Gift of God's Forgiveness," by Father John Guthrie, USCCB's associate director of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, a teaching aid by Jesuit Father Peter Ryan, USCCB's executive director of Doctrine, and a catechist in-service by Father Louis Cameli of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Other resources cover saints who were confessors, why one should confess sins to a priest and an examination of conscience, among other topics.

Resources also can be purchased at: www.usccbpublishing.org

Catechetical Sunday, which is observed on the third Sunday in September, is a celebration of catechists and all teachers

of the Catholic faith. Many parishes commission those who serve in catechetical ministry on Catechetical Sunday. The U.S. bishops have provided resources for Catechetical Sunday since 1971. More information is available at: www.usccb.org/catecheticalsunday ■

Resources specific to the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church may be available through God With Us Publications <http://godwithusbooks.org/> and through the Office of Religious Education www.archpitt.org/offices/ore.

Archbishop William visits
New Orleans parish

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA WELCOMES SHEPHERD



In the wake of the Spring meetings of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in New Orleans June 11-13, Metropolitan Archbishop William paid a special visit to members of his flock at the parish of St. Nicholas of Myra in New Orleans, La. Father Phillip J. Linden, Jr. concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with the archbishop, and along with parish administrator Deacon Gregory Haddad, helped parishioners welcome their shepherd at a social following the service. ■



Houston parish to host
local premiere of
‘The Stones Cry Out’

POIGNANT DOCUMENTARY CHRONICLES
ARAB CHRISTIANS IN HOLY LAND

On Friday, July 25, St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church, in coordination with the Melkite Greek Catholic Outreach, will host the Houston premiere of Italian journalist Yasmine Perni’s poignant documentary on the plight of Christians in the Holy Land, “The Stones Cry Out” at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas.

Even though she currently resides in Italy, Yasmine continues to be formed by the years she spent in the Middle East as a teenager, where she came to know and love the “living stones”- the Arab Christians of the Holy Land. The story of these Christians is often obscured by war and the media’s focus on the Jewish and Muslim communities.

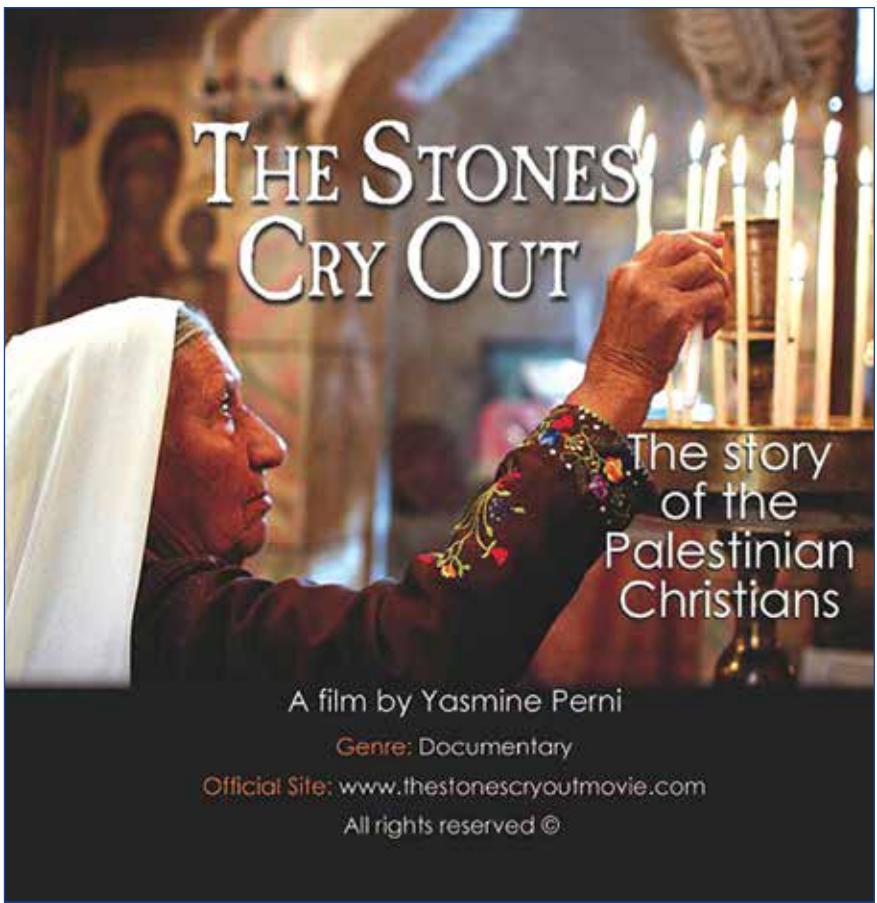
In an effort to tell the story of the descendants of those who first walked with Christ, Yasmine has written and produced this compelling documentary, which includes interviews with the Melkite Catholic Archbishop of Haifa and the Galilee, His Eminence Elias Chacour, and the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Fouad Twal.

Father Elias Rafaj, pastor of St. John Chrysostom Church, will celebrate Vespers at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Basil at the University of St. Thomas. The documentary screening will follow in the Scanlan Room at 7:00 p.m., featuring a “Q & A” session with Yasmine and mezzes (Middle Eastern appetizers) afterwards. For more information, please visit St. John’s website www.stjohnchrysostom.com or e-mail houstonmelkite@gmail.com

“Too often Christians from the western world travel in the Holy Land as tourists and sightseers. They may run where Jesus walked, explore the landscape of the Bible and see the ancient stones — but they never meet any of the community of Christians, which has for centuries welcomed pilgrims. . . . Come and meet the living stones.”

— Rev. Mitri Raheb,
Lutheran Pastor

For more information about the documentary, visit www.thestonescryoutmovie.com ■



Monsignor Victor Romza: many more years!

LONGTIME PASTOR OF CAMPBELL, OHIO
PARISH FETED AT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION



On Sunday, June 1, St. Michael Church of Campbell, Ohio honored its former pastor of 51 years, Monsignor Victor Romza (seated above). Celebrated by parish administrator Father Kevin E. Marks (center, standing), the Sunday Divine Liturgy that day was offered for good health and God’s blessings upon Msgr. Romza. Following the service, a reception was held in the afternoon at Park Vista Manor, Youngstown, where Msgr. Romza resides. Over one hundred parishioners, friends, and family attended the reception including Archbishop William (right, above) and Very Reverend Richard Lambert (left) of St. Mary Church in Youngstown. ■

*May God grant his servant Monsignor Romza
peace, health and happiness for many blessed years —
Na Mnohaja i Blahaja L’ita!*



Superbly, Simply, Slavic

WARREN, OHIO PARISH DELICIOUSLY
REPRESENTS HERITAGE AT SUMMER FESTIVAL

Father Andrew Deskevich (in costume, below) and parishioners of SS. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church of Warren enjoyed a dayful of Slavic delights as a participant in the annual “Simply Slavic” festival, held in downtown Youngstown Saturday, June 21. A variety of homemade ethnic delights were sold by the parish and enjoyed by the hundreds of visitors to their booth. A performance by the Slavjane Folk Ensemble of Holy Ghost Church McKees Rocks, Pa. was one of the featured events of the day. ■





Pentecost Tour, Flag Day, Father's Day headline events at Upper St. Clair parish

by Father Valerian Michlik

PENTECOST CHURCH TOUR 2014

On a beautiful Saturday morning, June 14, parishioners of St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair, Pa. embarked on a pilgrimage, visiting several churches in our city of Pittsburgh. This Church Tour is part of our celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, which traditionally is regarded as the beginning of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. This year, we had the opportunity to visit Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Calvary Episcopal Church in the Shadyside section of Pittsburgh, and the Cathedral of Hope-East Liberty Presbyterian Church. In each of the Churches, we were given a guided tour during which we learned the origins of these parishes, each of which can be traced back to the 19th century. We all were amazed by the architectural beauty of these churches that can truly rival the cathedrals of Europe. At conclusion of our Pentecost Church Tour, we all enjoyed a wonderful luncheon, during which all present agreed to continue this annual event, visiting the hidden gems of our beloved city on the Three Rivers. ■



FATHER'S DAY, FLAG DAY

Sunday, June 15 was the day of a double celebration at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair, Pa. Special prayerful supplications were offered as we celebrated Father's Day. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our parish children led a procession outdoors for a special Flag Day Ceremony, which was hosted by Greek Catholic Union Lodge 52. Afterwards, everyone in attendance enjoyed Christian fellowship and refreshments in our church hall. As a parish family, we all look forward to many upcoming summer events. ■



Deacons

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with censers," Father John explained. "It is also done in visiting the sick, the infirm and aged; in sitting with and praying with the suffering and dying; in social services in the parish, in the Archeparchy and in the community. It is done in ways in which we get our hands dirty and in which we enter the messy and complicated situations of life." Only those will know "the true blessings that come from realizing that, in the midst of the confusion and disorder of our lives, when we feel the most helpless ... there we discover the God who is truly working in our midst."

Father John continued, "Our whole Church is grateful to these men for the ten years of service that they have rendered to our parishes. We are grateful to their wives and families for assisting and supporting them. In so many ways, it is truly a family vocation.

"We pray for these men ... that they will follow the humble example of the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis, who is a model of dedicated service ... who says to those in ministry, 'Serve with humility; show mercy; above all, show mercy! Be kind and forgiving.' And then he adds: 'Don't take yourself too seriously! You are not really all that important! After all, it's not about us! It is, after all, about God.'"

Father John concluded: "Congratulations once again to all of you!"

The program began with men from the Eparchy of Van Nuys (now Phoenix) and the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. To date 44 men (including two who since have fallen asleep in the Lord) have been ordained from this program: Archeparchy of Pittsburgh (20), Eparchy of Parma (12), Eparchy of Phoenix (10), Romanian Eparchy of Canton (1) and Ukrainian Eparchy of Chicago (1). ■

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O God, grant an increase of labors
for Your Church.

Parish Picnics & Festivals



*** PLEASE NOTE: “Parish Picnic” = parish-only ... “Parish Festival” = open to public**
Listings provided by pastors/churches of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh.

NOTE: A number of parishes may have tentative plans for parish picnics/festivals as of the time of this issue’s publication and are not listed here. Please check with your pastor for confirmation of events.

July

St. Elias Church - Munhall, Pa.
EVENT: Parish Festival
DATES: July 11-12-13
Fri.: 5 – 9 p.m. Sat. 4 – 9:30 p.m.
Sun. Noon – 6 p.m.
INFO: Joe Fedor, Jr.
412-651-7696
Fr. Eugene 412-461-1712
Festivities include live entertainment (Fri: Silver Sky Duo; Sat: Gabby Barrett, Chris Denem, Sputzy; Sun: Frank Powaski, Slavjane, Ray Jay & the Carousels); bingo, games of chance, carnival games, “Chinese” auction, kids’ activities, raffles. FIREWORKS at 9:30 p.m. Saturday!

SS. Peter and Paul Church Portage, PA
EVENT: Parish Festival
DATE: Sun. July 13
TIME: 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
INFO: Fr. James Spontak
814-736-9780
Lori Murray
814-421-2639
www.ByzantineCatholic.net
Annual Ethnic Festival with homemade traditional foods, games of chance, raffle, BINGO, kids’ games & activities tent; bake sale; basket raffle and much more. Great LIVE music by two bands – “Rosie & the Jammers” (polka, 12-3:30 p.m.) and “FUSE” (Classic rock, 5-8 p.m.).

Infant Jesus of Prague Boardman, OH
AND
St. Nicholas Church Youngstown, OH
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Wed. July 16
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
INFO: Elaine Chachko
330-755-6243
Theresa Swindler
330-272-2198

Holy Trinity Church Sykesville, PA
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sun. July 27
INFO: Dcn. Luke Crawford
lukeandcathy@windstream.net
Parish picnic at Stahl Park in Sykesville.

PASTORS! Don’t forget to include your parish picnic and/or festival in this listing.
The next BCW deadline is July 15 (for the July 27 issue). All listings also will appear in the online events calendar at www.archpitt.org

August

St. Mary Holy Protection Church Trauger, PA
EVENT: Parish Festival
DATE: Sun. August 3
TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
INFO: Fr. Paul-Alexander Shutt
724-423-3673
FESTIVAL! Ethnic foods, games of chance, children’s games, bingo, D.J. Music. Held on parish grounds and in St. Mary’s Centre. Escape the heat & humidity! All roads lead to St. Mary’s Aug. 3 - Route 981 in Trauger.

St. Mary Church - Weirton, WV
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sun. August 10
TIME: 1:00 p.m. to ??
INFO: Fr. Ed: 304-748-2087
Held at Starvaggi Park in Weirton. Many outdoor kids’ games, swimming, bingo, music. MANY delicious foods & refreshments Famous Ice Cream truck! Guests of parishioners cordially welcome.

St. George Church Aliquippa, Pa.
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sat. August 16
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
INFO: Isabel Maruhnich
724-375-8776
Following a Moleben at 12:00 p.m. the Parish Picnic will take place on Parish grounds. Food, music and games for all parishioners and guests.

St. Nicholas Church Perryopolis, PA
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sun. August 17
TIME: 11:00 a.m. to ??
INFO: Fr. Robert Halus
724-736-4344
Parish Picnic - meats and beverages provided by parish; parishioners bring a covered dish; music, fun and games for young and old!

St. Michael Church Campbell, Ohio
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sun. August 17
TIME: 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
INFO: Parish Ofc: 330-755-4831
Variety of good foods, music, games, great fun!

St. Michael Church Hermitage, PA
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sun. August 24
TIME: 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
INFO: Fr. Kevin: 724-981-6680
Ethnic foods, games, music, great fun! Sweet Summer raffles.

September

SS. Peter & Paul Church Erie, PA
EVENT: 11th Annual Slavic Festival
DATE: Sun. September 14
TIME: 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m.
INFO: Richard Vasil
814-864-6136
Parish Office
814-825-8140
Delicious and plentiful homemade ethnic foods and baked goods; live music; ethnic dancers; basket raffle, ethnic goods.

Ascension Church - Clairton, PA
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sun. September 14
TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
INFO: Fr. Ivan 422-233-7422
Guests are welcome! Ascension parish picnic is held at Clairton Park Pavilion & Lodge (top of Mendelssohn Street). For information, call Fr. Ivan Mina.

St. Gregory Church Upper St. Clair, PA
EVENT: Parish Picnic*
DATE: Sun. September 21
TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
INFO: Fr. Valerian
412-835-7800
Following the 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Parish Picnic will take place at the USC McLaughlin Run Road Recreation Center, 1770 McLaughlin Run Rd, Upper St. Clair. Games and music, food and fun! Event marks the official beginning of new school year for St. Gregory’s Church School.

St. John the Baptist Church Uniontown, PA
EVENT: 9th Annual Classic Car Show
DATE: Sun. September 28
TIME: 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.
Rain or Shine
INFO: Church Office:
M-F 724-438-6027
Great food, D.J. Arnie Amber, 50/50, Byzantine Auction. Registration: Noon to 2:00 p.m. Over 25 Trophies awarded - \$8 registration fee, 1st 150 cars receive dash plaque.



October

St. John the Baptist Uniontown, PA
EVENT: Parish Festival
33rd Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration
DATE: Sun. October 26
TIME: 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
INFO: Church Office:
724-438-6027
M - F 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Ethnic Foods, Baked Goods, Crafts, Raffles, Folk Displays, Music, Demonstrations, Speakers, Children’s Activities, Family Fun, Cooking Demonstration , Slavjane Dancers, Free Admission!



Nick Havilla, Sr.



THOUGHTS FOR OUR DAY

by Archpriest David M. Petras



THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS



“Christ is risen! Indeed, he is risen!” is the joyful greeting that Christians make to one another at the Feast of Pascha and the forty days following. In this greeting, we see that the resurrection of Jesus is more than just a past event, it is something that happened and continues to happen ever after. In this way, the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross is different from all the other resurrections we have seen in the New Testament. The resurrection of Jesus is a glorious return to life. The Gospel clearly proclaims a bodily resurrection, but Jesus does not return to daily companionship with his followers, but instead ascends to glory.

First, and perhaps most obvious, the actual act of rising is not described in the gospels. The closest to a description is the Gospel of St. Matthew. (28:2.11). The first witness to the Resurrection in all of the Gospels is the discovery of the empty tomb. The women come to the tomb, there is an earthquake as the stone is rolled away, an angel appears, and “the guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men.” (Matthew 28:4) Observe the contrast: Jesus lives, those guarding him become like dead men. The guards report what they saw to the chief priests, who bribe them to tell a false story of the apostles stealing the body. (Matthew 28:11-15) Despite the drama in Matthew, there is no actual description of Jesus coming out of the tomb.

Matthew’s Gospel is the only one that describes the stone being rolled away. He mentions an earthquake as this happens, as he also mentions an earthquake at Jesus’ death

on the Cross. (Matthew 27:51). The other Gospels are more restrained. In Mark 16:1-9, the “myrrh-bearing women” come to the tomb early on Sunday morning, and see the stone rolled away and a young man (an angel) sitting in the tomb. (Mark 16:5) In the Gospel of St. Luke, they likewise find the

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stone rolled away, and see “two men in dazzling garments.” In the Gospel of St. John, Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and tells Peter and John. After they examine the tomb, two angels appear to Mary, one standing at the head and the other at the foot where the body of Jesus had lain. (John 20:12)

Some claim that the stories in the gospel are a problem, because, first of all, the Gospel of St. Mark was the oldest, and has the simplest story. The others were early Christians elaborating the story of finding an empty tomb. However, they fail to notice that the most ancient account of the Resurrection is not in the Gospels, but in the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, only twenty years after the event and already treating it as tradition. Secondly, critics point to the discrepancies in the stories, how many angels are there, and where are they standing, one or two, or inside or outside the tomb. Yet, the early Church was not overly disturbed by this. It recognized all four gospels as canonical, despite the discrepancies.

To me, it is a further evidence of truth.

We have here eye-witness accounts, and eye-witnesses often differ about details. What is clear is that the first witnesses of the Resurrection were women, particularly the woman who came on Sunday morning to complete the anointing of the body, for the burial was rushed on Friday afternoon to beat sunset and the Sabbath. When the women came to the tomb, the stone sealing the tomb had been rolled away, and they had a vision of angels who announced the resurrection. The women then told the disciples.

Angels are always “messengers.” At the Tomb, they proclaim the Resurrection in similar words: The Gospel of St. Luke reads: “Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.” (Luke 24:5-7) There is remarkable agreement in all the gospels. The women are admonished for looking in the wrong place. There is mention of going to Galilee. They are to tell the disciples, a mission that they do not immediately carry out in Mark.

However, the Gospels do not end with the empty tomb. It is followed up by actual appearances of Jesus to the women and to the apostles. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus appears to the women as they leave the tomb (Matthew 28:8-10), and then to the disciples in Galilee. (Matthew 28:16) In the Gospel of St. Luke, there is an account of his appearance to two disciples in Emmaus. One is named Cleopas, the other is not named but some believe it was the author of the Gospel, Luke. He then appears

to the disciples in Jerusalem, presumably in the upper room. From there he leads them to Bethany, about 1½ miles east of Jerusalem. There he is taken up into heaven. In the Acts of the Apostles, written by the same author, Jesus appears over a period of forty days, and his Ascension to heaven is on the 40th day. The Gospel of John, again many years after the Synoptics, adds a series of appearances not found in the other three Gospels: an appearance to Mary Magdalene (20:11-18), to the disciples in the Upper Room, and then again in the Upper Room a week later, when Thomas is present, and then in Galilee at the Sea of Tiberius, to Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, Zebedee’s sons (James and John), and two others. Here there is a miraculous catch of fish, continuing and transfiguring the miraculous catches of fish at the call of the apostles. (Luke 5:1-11)

St. Paul also records a list of appearances: “For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me” (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) From all these witnesses in the Gospel, we see that Jesus is truly risen. The tomb was empty, and, moreover, he appeared to his disciples.

These stories have been told so that we, too, may believe (John 20:30-31) and find life in Jesus, our Lord. ■



Serrans welcome dynamic speaker

FATHER LOU VALLONE ON CHURCH, POPE, VOCATIONS (PART TWO)

The Byzantine Serra Club welcomed Father Lou Vallone as their guest speaker at the club's April 23 Dinner Meeting. Father Lou is Pastor at St. John of God Parish in McKees Rocks, Pa. and St. Catherine of Siena in Crescent. This second of two parts concludes the feature which began in the June 15 BCW.

FRANCIS AND VOCATIONS

“Since this is the Serra Club, what is Francis’ effect on vocations?” Father Lou asked. “Especially for the Eastern Churches – it seems a tremendous amount.” First of all, Francis himself is very well-disposed. In the barrio in the Argentine, when he was growing up, the closest Catholic Church was the Ukrainian Byzantine Church. He went to the Catholic school, but went to daily Liturgy and served as an acolyte at the Ukrainian Church. It was only on Sundays that he went to the Latin Church. His best friends were from the East.”

Father Lou was very encouraging:

“Just today (4/23), it was announced that he appointed as his personal secretary (number two), a Coptic priest, and he is well aware of the traditions of the East and how they need to be preserved. But what does it mean to vocations in our Church? If anybody is in position in the world to make a huge push for vocations, it will be the Eastern Churches because celibacy is not going to be an issue for the Eastern Churches. You already have proof positive here, which is trickling in, and Francis is opening up the flood gates.”

Because of Francis’ story, we have ready answers for a young man who may doubt that he has a vocation because he is not like the others – “I’m kinda different.” Father Lou said, “You don’t have anybody more different than Francis, and to say to a young man, ‘Look at

him, in his life and the Church – is there anything in there that echoes in your heart?’ to plant the idea.

“Francis is saying, ‘You don’t give up the world to serve as a priest,’ and the Eastern Churches have a tradition of their priests not just serving as priests, but having maybe a little work on the side, in order to support their wife and family.”

OUT OF THE COBWEBS

“Right now,” Father Lou said, “the Eastern Churches are a pattern that Francis is very very open to, to lead the Western Church out of its cobwebs, and its frozen traditions from its past 400 years.”

You know the Western Churches have had this trouble ever since the Second Vatican Council, of those who want to go back to the Latin, saying: “You changed everything into English, and now that everybody knows what’s going on, it’s not holy anymore. Let’s go back to when we didn’t understand anything and then it’s holy again.”

Father Lou explained:

“What is happening is that people have an emotional attachment. They want a sense of mystery. They want a sense of the transcendent. They want to feel that the Liturgy, the prayer are raised up to God on the vertical level instead of on the horizontal, and they think that that’s what the Latin words were for four hundred years.

“It wasn’t. The Latin was rational. It was wordy. There was no innate sense of mystery. It was not transcendent. Everybody just thought so because they didn’t know what was going on. They didn’t know what the words of the Mass meant, what the vestments symbolized or what the words of the Latin hymns meant. They said, ‘If I don’t

understand it, it must be holy.’

“Pope Francis understands that the people who want to restore the Latin are searching for mystery, for transcendence, but that they are looking in the wrong place. A sense of worship does not happen from just the neck up, but the entire person – the senses – of sight: the bright light of the candles, of smell: the incense, of hearing: the Liturgy sung by the priest and entire congregation – involving the whole body in worship.

“Where else can be found authentic mystery and transcendence but in the EAST, where it has always been?” Father Lou asked. To those seeking answers from the Latin Mass, he says, “Don’t go to the old Latin Liturgy. Go the eternal Eastern Liturgy which has always been that way. That way, you’re not just feeling holy; the Eastern Liturgy has always been holy.”

Father Lou believes that Pope Francis would also be open to some changes in Canon Law to remove the blocks that might prevent some from coming into the Catholic Church to serve as priests, especially from those with valid Protestant or Orthodox marriages. Francis wants Eastern Church leaders to look to modify some of these laws so that the Church could become more inclusive.

What is the Francis effect on vocations? Father Lou concluded:

“By becoming the true successor of Peter, the true Bishop of Rome and has the Primacy of Honor for the entire Catholic Church – East and West. I think he has brought the sense that anybody, whether from the barrios of the Argentine, from the South Side of Pittsburgh, or from the reaches of Europe – wherever that person comes from, if they sincerely seek the call of

God – and if God calls he is calling that person – whoever that person is, not some cookie cutter ideal of how they are.

“So let me encourage you, as Byzantine Serra Club, don’t hesitate if you see something in some man, that would be of use and service to the Church, say that to him. ‘You know, I think you should think of the Church,’ and to sow those seeds.”

Father Lou added that we also can begin by opening our doors, by becoming more welcoming at the parish level. This coincides with the recent renewed call for evangelization in our Church. ■



Father Louis Vallone was baptized and raised as a Maronite Catholic. He attended Catholic schools and graduated from Duquesne University with a BA in classics and philosophy, minor in psychology. He completed graduate studies at Indiana University (Bloomington), St. Meinrad's School of Theology; received Graduate Diplomas in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa and a JCB from St. Paul University, Ottawa. A priest for over 40 years, he serves the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh and has been granted biritual faculties for his native Maronite Church. In addition to his pastoral duties, Fr. Lou also serves as an Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Duquesne University; Advocate, Marriage Tribunal, Diocese of Pittsburgh and Learning Leader of the Catholic Leadership Institute.

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION LODGE 2 BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, July 13, 2014 ... 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Cathedral Center
210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA 15120

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See you at Kennywood!

94TH ANNUAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY
THURSDAY, JULY 24

GCU BYZANTINE CATHOLIC FAMILY DAY at KENNYWOOD PARK
Thursday, July 24, 2014

Senior Funday Ticket (age 55+)—\$13
Funday Ticket (ages 3-54)—\$23
No Charge for guests aged 2 & under.

Lunch Buffet (ages 11+)—\$15
Jr. Lunch Buffet (ages 3-10)—\$7

The schedule for the day is:

10:30 AM—Park Opens
10:30 AM to 1 PM—Adult's Registration at Pavilion #5... Adults ages 18+ register to win one of several \$25 gift cards.
11:30 AM—Program: Prayer Service followed by Slavjane Folk Ensemble Performance

12:30-1:30 PM—Lunch Buffet Pavilion #1 (optional)
1 PM—Children's Games with Prizes on the Lawn - Pavilion #5
2 PM—Free Bingo with Prizes Pavilion #1

The deadline to purchase discounted tickets is Monday, July 14, 2014.
Discounted tickets will not be available at the park.

Kennywood
94th Annual Byzantine Family Day



BCW file photo

Ready again to welcome all to the 2014 Byzantine Catholic Family Day at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, Pa. Thursday, June 24 are Greek Catholic Union President George Juba, the amusement park's official mascot Kenny Kangaroo, and Archbishop William.

AROUND THE ARCHEPARCHY



ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET Sponsored by St. Mary's Youth Group. St. Mary's Center, Trauger, Pa. Sunday, July 13, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Adults \$6; 5-10 yr old \$3; 4 and under FREE. For information call Laurie 724-423-7396.

ICONOGRAPHY WORKSHOP – Sponsored by Holy Trinity Church, Wall, Pa. Thursday July 24 thru Sunday, July 27. All levels for adults, no experience needed. Participants will write an icon of the Theotokos, Softener of Evil Hearts on a 10" x 12" gesso-covered board. Using a pre-prepared prototype, techniques for faces, garments, gilding with 23 karat gold and background will be applied. The theology of iconography and specifically, the Theotokos also will be presented. Class runs Thursday evening, Friday and Saturday 9:00 am - 6:30 pm with a lunch break, and Sunday beginning after liturgy. Coffee and tea, but not lunch, will be provided. Must be able to attend all four days to complete an icon. The \$125 fee covers all supplies; deposit of \$25 is required. Class limited to 20 people. For further information, call Marylyn Barone at 412-678-9453 or email mwbarone@comcast.net.

FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE - Sponsored by St. John Cathedral Cameo Club. THREE days: Friday, Aug. 1, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday Aug. 2 & 3, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Event will be held indoors, rain or shine. For more info call 412-464-1666.

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Byzantine Catholic Family Day
Kennywood Park - West Mifflin, Pa.
Chancery Closed

AUGUST 15
Feast of the Dormition of the Holy Theotokos
Chancery Closed

AUGUST 30 & 31
Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
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SEPTEMBER 1
Labor Day
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