



EPARCHIAL NEWSLETTER

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Christos Voskrese! Christ is Risen!

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**GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS, BISHOP WILLIAM! CHRIST IS RISEN!
1ST ANNIVERSARY OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION - APRIL 23, 2003**

BISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christ died and rose from the dead to reveal the Resurrection. He accepted suffering in order that we could be saved. His resurrection gives us the promise of our rising to new life.

This Easter finds us hopefully at the end of a military conflict. We continue to pray for those who have died and that our troops will be safe and return home. This was the first war to be instantly televised to the globe. And, we pray that shared vision of suffering will help move our world's leaders to resolve differences without resorting to the horrors of war. We give thanks also for the passing of my first anniversary as bishop. I thank all who have made this year a success. I have fulfilled my ordination promise to visit all the parishes, missions, and religious communities of the Eparchy in my first year. There are many signs of growth and hope for the future. We continue to search for ways to cope with our problems and struggle to extend the Byzantine Catholic Church throughout the West to areas which long to hear the message of the Resurrection.



As we sing *Christ is Risen!* this Easter season, please pray for me and I will keep you in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,

+ William C Skurla

Most Reverend William C Skurla
Bishop of the Eparchy of Van Nuys

On the occasion of the First Anniversary of your Episcopal Ordination and the Enthronement

Most Reverend William Charles Skurla, D.D., Third Bishop of the Eparchy of Van Nuys



*We, who represent the Clergy, Religious and Lay members of the Church
--your Brothers and Sisters in Christ--extend to you our every prayer and wish for happiness.
May you experience good health, peace and much joy in the fruitful years ahead! Christ is Risen!*



Bishop William and Bishop George, Clergy and guests at Ordination Dinner



Bishop's Appeal 2003 Update

PARISH	PASTOR	FAMILIES	\$ GOAL	\$ AMOUNT (REC'D BY 4/06)
Albuquerque, NM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Rev Zugger	83	\$ 16,600	\$ 7,000
Anaheim, CA	Church of the Annunciation Msgr Vida	101	\$ 20,200	\$ 6,450
Anchorage, AK	St. Nicholas of Myra Rt Rev Izer	45	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,300
Denver, CO	Holy Protection Rev Frank	56	\$ 11,200	\$ 0
Fontana, CA	St. Nicholas of Myra Rev Hutsko	35	\$ 7,000	\$ 850
Gilbert, AZ	St. Thomas the Apostle Rev Acquaro	50	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,575
Las Vegas, NV	Our Lady of Wisdom Rt Rev Vivona	40	\$ 8,000	\$ 0
Las Vegas, NV	St. Gabriel the Archangel Rev Pipta	91	\$ 18,200	\$ 9,305
Los Gatos, CA	St. Basil the Great Rev Hernandez	25	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,740
Olympia, WA	St. George Rev Perry	33	\$ 6,600	\$ 200
Phoenix, AZ	St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral Rt Rev Washko	133	\$ 26,600	\$ 10,140
Portland, OR	St. Irene Rev Burnette	21	\$ 4,200	\$ 1,090
Sacramento, CA	St. Phillip the Apostle Rt Rev Izzo	23	\$ 4,600	\$ 150
San Diego, CA	Holy Angels Rev Rybarczyk	74	\$ 14,800	\$ 12,185
San Luis Obispo, CA	St. Anne Rev Idranyi	42	\$ 8,400	\$ 3,600
Seattle, WA	St. John Chrysostom Rt Rev Stanichar	84	\$ 16,800	\$ 8,395
Sherman Oaks, CA	St. Mary Cathedral Msgr Moran	100	\$ 20,000	\$ 11,500
Spokane, WA	SS. Cyril & Methodius Rev O'Brien	35	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,150
Tucson, AZ	St. Melany Rev Rankin	52	\$ 10,400	\$ 5,850
TOTAL:	19 Parishes	1121	\$224,200	\$ 90,480



HAPPENINGS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY

The County of Los Angeles did some redistricting of various areas in the San Fernando Valley. The Cathedral of St. Mary, formerly located within the city boundary of Van Nuys, is now part of the city of Sherman Oaks, California. The Cathedral's geographic location, street address and postal zip code remain the same. The Cathedral's address is 5329 Sepulveda Boulevard, Sherman Oaks, California 91411.

The Cathedral Parish has undertaken major improvements over the past year. At the Parish Center, new and more secure doors have been installed at the entrances and new carpeting has been installed in the auditorium, along with new Sherwood Shutters to replace all the drapes on the windows. The entry way to the Center has been greatly improved and a handicap ramp has been provided for easier access to the main auditorium. A new entry way which include gates to the Cathedral grounds provide safer, easier approaches to the property and greater security. A new Digital Carillon Bell system has been installed in the church.

Plans are now underway for the long awaited renovation of the church which was damaged in the 1994 earthquake. The plans call for upgrading the entire church structure to meet all required safety codes. New restroom facilities are being added to include facilities for the handicapped and changing tables for families with infants. The confessionals will be removed and the area will be reconfigured and used for baptisms. The sanctuary will be extended and enlarged. A new iconostasis will be installed along with new iconography in many areas of the sanctuary and nave. The exterior of the church will be refinished along with the outdoor shrine area which will be restyled to create a more prayerful atmosphere for daily visitors to the shrine of our Blessed Mother. The undertaking is a large one and the plan is to start renovations shortly after Easter. During the planned renovation of the church, all Liturgical Services will be celebrated in the parish auditorium.

The Cathedral of St. Mary is located at the intersection of the San Diego and Ventura Freeways. Visitors to the Los Angeles area are invited to visit the Cathedral and join in the celebration of the Divine Liturgies. The Rector of our Cathedral is Father Michael Moran. For information, please call (818) 907 5511.



Archpriest Michael Moran

Rector of the Cathedral of St. Mary

*celebrates his 40th Anniversary
of Ordination to the Priesthood
Sunday, the twenty-seventh of April
two thousand and three*

*A Prayer Service of Thanksgiving
will be offered
four o'clock in the afternoon
followed by a reception*

*Cathedral of St. Mary
Sherman Oaks, CA*

*God grant him many happy and
blessed years!*

*Christ is Risen!
Christos Voskrese!*

FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE...

ALIVE IN CHRIST—

An Ascetical Boot Camp for
Byzantine Catholic Young Men (ages 8 – 17)

Thursday, August 7 – Sunday, August 10, 2003
in Upper Nutria, NM (30 minute drive from Gallup)

Sponsored by the Eparchy of Van Nuys Vocation Office

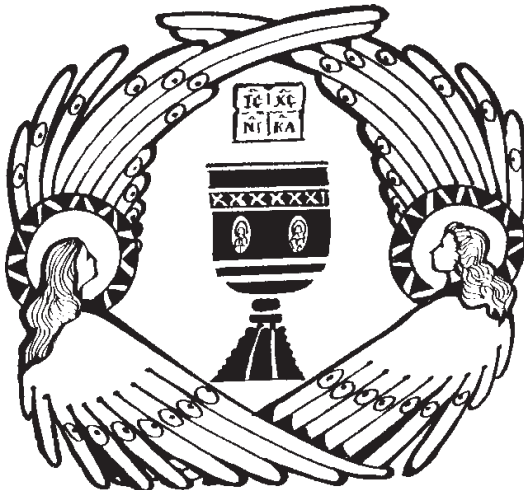
for details contact your pastor or Fr. Robert Pipta (702) 361-2431

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

The Intereparchial Youth Commission met on Tuesday, March 18 at the Parma Chancery Office, Parma, Ohio. Most Reverend William C Skurla, DD, is chairperson of the group. He met with Youth Commission members including Rev. Robert Rankin of Tucson, AZ and Rev. Joseph Hutsko of Fontana, CA, representing the Eparchy of Van Nuys. Topics discussed included surveying respective parishes about their youth groups and creating a young adult subcommittee for Byzantine Catholics.

Early planning stages for World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Germany and for the Metropolia's ByzanTEEN Rally 2004 to take place at Camp St. Nicholas in Frazier Park, California (June 24 - 27, 2004) have begun.

St. Melany Church in Tucson, AZ is the host of the Eparchy of Van Nuys ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2003, "On Holy Ground." Registration information will be available soon. Contact Fr. Robert Rankin, pastor of St. Melany for further information. (520) 886-4225.



BISHOP-ELECT NAMED

Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio, announced that Pope John Paul II named **Monsignor Richard Stephen Seminack**, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Carnegie, Pennsylvania, as Bishop of St. Nicholas in Chicago for Ukrainians. Bishop-Elect Seminack's ordination is set for June 4. He succeeds Most Reverend Michael Wiwchar who was appointed Bishop of Saskatoon (Ukrainian), and Apostolic Administrator of St. Nicholas, in November, 2000. The Chicago Eparchy encompasses the western United States for the Ukrainians.



HOME MISSIONS AWARDS

The Bishops' Committee on Home Missions of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops recently awarded the Eparchy of Van Nuys a grant of \$100,000 for the following Eparchial pastoral programs:

<i>Eparchial Administration</i>	35,000
<i>Seminary Education</i>	30,000
<i>Mission Support</i>	15,000
<i>Clergy Continuing Education</i>	10,000
<i>Communications</i>	5,000
<i>Religious Education</i>	5,000

Grants are made possible by generous Catholics who donate to the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal, taken up on the last Sunday in April. Catholic Home Missions Appeal will be taken up on April 27, 2003.

RENEWAL AND REFLECTION

Seventy people from the Cathedral of St. Mary, Sherman Oaks, Annunciation Church, Anaheim, Holy Angels Church, San Diego and St. Nicholas Church, Fontana gathered on Saturday, April 5 for a Day of Renewal and Reflection. The theme for the day was: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome! I will refresh you!"*

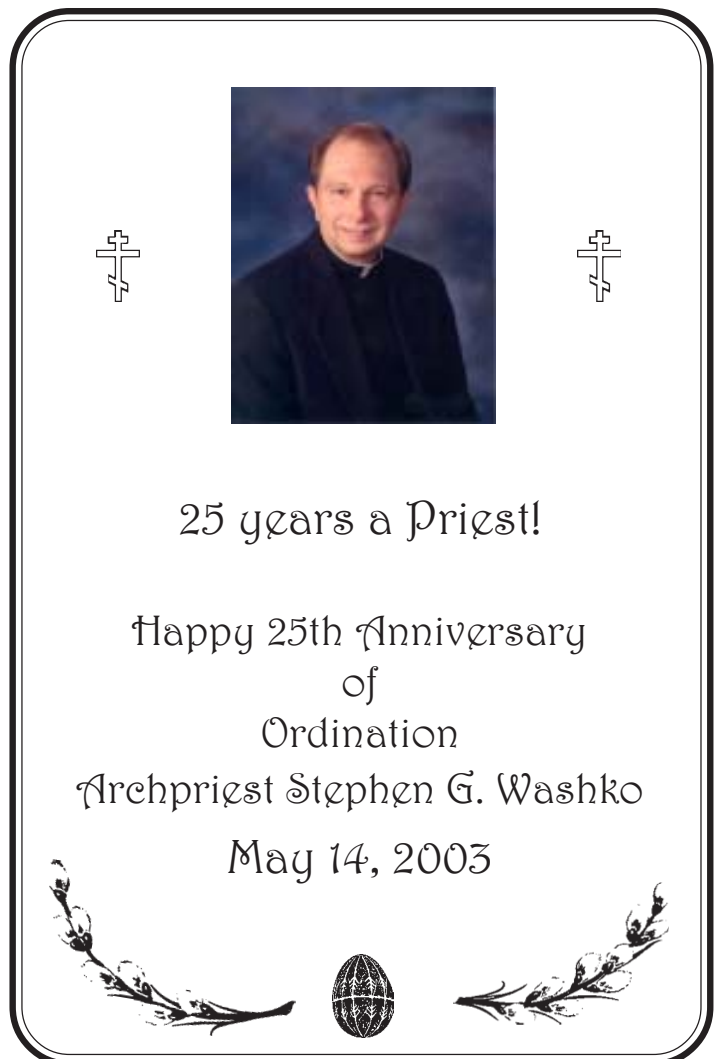
The day began with breakfast and continued with the Akathist Hymn to the Mother of God. A Penance Service, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Healing Service and Anointing followed. With each liturgical service there was a reflection given by one of the priests. Vespers was followed by a dinner. The liturgical services were conducted by Arch-priest Michael Moran, Msgr. George Vida and Fr. Joseph Hutsko.

Archpriest Michael Moran and the parishioners hosted the day at the Cathedral of St. Mary. It was a great day of fellowship and spiritual renewal. The singing during the Services was inspirational and uplifting. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was well attended. The priests agreed that it is always good when parishes gather together to pray and socialize. Events will be planned in the future.

EASTERN CLERGY RETREAT HELD AT SPIRIT IN THE DESERT

The Eastern Catholic Clergy of Arizona--priests, deacons and subdeacon, gathered on February 24th for the annual retreat. It was held at the Spirit in the Desert Lutheran Retreat Center in Carefree, AZ.

Very Rev. John Petro, Rector, Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS Cyril and Methodius, Pittsburgh, PA directed the retreat. His talk centered around the everyday prayer life of a busy cleric. Through the writings of Simeon the New Theologian, Father Petro illustrated that "In prayer, we should be single-minded in what we are doing," and that "one should give themselves time for prayer." A tentative date in 2004 is being planned.



EPARCHIAL CALENDAR

March 18	Intereparchial Youth Commission Meeting, Parma, OH
April 3 - 8	Pastoral Visitation: St. Nicholas, Anchorage, AK
April 7 - 8	Pastoral Visitation: Holy Protection, Denver, CO
April 8	Eastern Catholic Clergy of Arizona, St. Thomas, Gilbert, AZ
April 17	Blessing of Antimensia and Holy Chrism
April 16, 17, 18	Holy Week - Pastoral Center Closed - Holy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday
May 19 - 22	Liturgical Commission, SS Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA.
June 10 - 12	Clergy Conference, Cathedral of St. Mary, Sherman Oaks, CA
June 18	Metropolitan Hierarchs, St. Louis, MO
June 18 - 21	USCCB Meeting, St. Louis, MO
June 16 - 28	Deacon Candidates, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA
June 26 - 29	“On Holy Ground” Eparchial ByzanTEEN Rally, St. Melany, Tucson, AZ

SUMMER AND FALL PILGRIMAGES

Aug 15 - 17	Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pacific Northwest St. George Church, Olympia, WA
Aug 29- Sep 01	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 69 th Annual Pilgrimage, Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, PA
Oct 10 - 12	Pilgrimage to Holy Resurrection Monastery, Newberry Springs, CA in honor of the Mother of God, Searcher for the Lost

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Most Reverend William Charles Skurla, D.D.

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