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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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2005 CLERGY DAYS IN ALBUQUERQUE

Clergy and Religious from the Eparchy of Van Nuys met in Albuquerque, NM from May 23-26, 2005 for their annual Clergy conference. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church hosted the event.

Father David Petras and Sister Susan Sisko of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh along with Father John Kachuba from the Eparchy of Parma were guest presenters on the topic of the Divine Liturgy.

A special celebration on Tuesday evening, May 24 honored Father Julian Gnall, 50 years a priest and Father Robert Rankin, 25 years a priest and retiring religious, Father Januarius Izzo, OFM, pastor of Holy Protection parish in Denver and Sister Celestine Petruska, OSBM, Eparchial Treasurer. We thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the Church.

ORDINATIONS TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD

Bishop William Skurla ordained two men to the Holy Priesthood during May and June.

Father Michael O'Loughlin of Albuquerque, NM was ordained on May 25 at Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church in Albuquerque. Clergy, family members, friends and classmates attended in celebration of his Ordination. Prior to his ordination, Father Michael studied at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

On Saturday, June 4, Father Randall Ackley was ordained to the Holy Presbyterate at the Pro-Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Phoenix. Concelebrants included Father Anthony Hernandez, Father Stephen Washko, Rector of the Pro-Cathedral and several visiting clergy from California, Arizona and Indiana. Father Randall is assisting at Saint Philip in Sacramento, CA.

*God grant many years to our newly ordained priests, anniversarians,
and to those retiring from the Eparchy of Van Nuys.*

M'Nohaja i Blahaja L'ita!



PARISH	PASTOR	FAMILIES	\$ GOAL	\$ RECD FINAL TOTAL
Albuquerque, NM	Rev. Zugger	76	\$ 15,200	\$ 15,220
Anaheim, CA	Rev. Msgr. Vida	95	\$ 19,000	\$ 9,580
Anchorage, AK	Rt. Rev. Izer	43	\$ 8,600	\$ 12,844
Denver, CO	Rt. Rev. Izzo	29	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,800
Fontana, CA	Rev. Hutsko	33	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
Gilbert, AZ	Rev. Acquaro	52	\$ 10,400	\$ 5,841
Las Vegas, NV	Rt. Rev. Vivona	49	\$ 9,800	\$ 11,050
Las Vegas, NV	Rev. Daigle	91	\$ 18,200	\$ 18,300
Los Gatos, CA	Rev. Hernandez	22	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,520
Olympia, WA	Rev. Perry	28	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,600
Phoenix, AZ	Rt. Rev. Washko	130	\$ 26,000	\$ 37,220
Portland, OR	Rev. Burnette	28	\$ 5,600	\$ 5,800
Sacramento, CA	Rev. Hernandez	20	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,425
San Diego, CA	Rev. Pipta	67	\$ 13,400	\$ 18,150
San Luis Obispo, CA	Rev. Idranyi	36	\$ 7,200	\$ 12,680
Seattle, WA	Rt. Rev. Stanichar	86	\$ 17,200	\$ 18,135
Sherman Oaks, CA	Very Rev. Rybarczyk	99	\$ 19,800	\$ 21,457
Spokane, WA	Rev. O'Brien	31	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,500
Tucson, AZ	Rev. Rankin	47	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,505
TOTAL:	19 Parishes	1,062	\$ 212,400	\$ 229,227

TSUNAMI AID APPEAL FINAL TOTAL

\$24,094.95 was collected by the Eparchy of Van Nuys. U.S. Catholics donated over \$150 Million to the tsunami relief effort. It was one of the most successful appeals ever.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

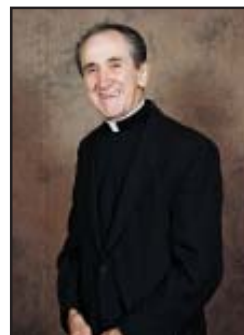
Jennifer Jendrisak is appointed Ecclesiastical Notary of the Eparchial Tribunal of the Eparchy of Van Nuys effective June 24, 2005.

Reverend Robert Daigle is relieved of his responsibilities as Administrator of Saint Gabriel the Archangel parish effective July 1, 2005.

Reverend Kurt Burnett is appointed Administrator of Saint Gabriel the Archangel parish effective July 1, 2005.



Deacon Candidates, left to right: Marc Brown, John Bradley, St. Anne, San Luis Obispo, CA; Michael Mandelas, St. John Chrysostom, Seattle, WA; Michael Sullivan, St. Thomas the Apostle, Gilbert, AZ; Brian Escobedo, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Albuquerque, NM and Michael Hanafin, James Danovich, both of St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ.



**50th Anniversary
of Ordination
Reverend Julian Gnall
May 29, 2005**
"God grant you
many happy years!"

Pittsburgh, Pa. -- The deacon candidates of the Eparchy of Van Nuys spent two weeks in June studying at Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh. This was the third year in preparation for ordination to the diaconate. Keep them in your prayers as they continue with their studies to become Deacons.

BISHOP GEORGE KUZMA: 50 YEARS A PRIEST

June 1, 2005, Uniontown, Pa. -- The celebration marking the Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination of Bishop George Kuzma to the Priesthood took place on Wednesday, June 1 at Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown, PA. The hierarchs of the four arch/eparchies of the Ruthenian Metropolia traveled to Uniontown to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the chapel of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great.

Metropolitan Basil Schott and Bishops Andrew Pataki, William C. Skurla and John Kudrick along with his classmates, Father Julian Gnall and Father Robert Radvansky, joined Bishop George at the altar. Father Wesley Izer, SDB, and Father Kevin Marks, chaplain to the Sisters of St. Basil, concelebrated the Liturgy. In attendance for the celebration were Bishop George's niece, Dorothy Kozloski and her husband, Arnold, and his sister-in-law Phyllis Kozma. Following the Divine Liturgy dinner was served in the Sisters' dining room.

Bishop George M. Kuzma was born on July 24, 1925, the youngest child of Ambrose and Anna (Martin) Kuzma of Windber, PA. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, after which he began his studies for the priesthood. He attended St. Francis College in Loretto, PA and St. Procopius College in Lisle, IL. When Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary opened in Pittsburgh, he transferred and received his degree from Duquesne University. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Nicholas T. Elko on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, 1955.

His priestly ministry included parishes in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio before his move to the West Coast. He served as pastor of Annunciation Parish in Anaheim, CA from 1972 until his elevation to the episcopacy in 1987. On February 4, 1987, he was ordained bishop in Passaic, NJ where he served as auxiliary bishop.



Our Hierarchs: Archbishop Basil Schott, OFM Bishop William Skurla, Bishop George Kuzma, Bishop John Kudrick and Bishop Andrew Pataki

On January 15, 1991, Bishop George was enthroned as second bishop of Van Nuys. Following the devastating Northridge Earthquake in 1994, administrative offices of the eparchy relocated to Phoenix, AZ. Upon reaching the age of 75 and in accordance with canon law, he submitted his resignation to the Holy Father. Pope John Paul II accepted his resignation on December 5, 2000. Bishop George currently resides at Mount Macrina Manor in Uniontown.



*Bishop George was presented with a plaque honoring his dedicated service to the Church.
(Photo: Archbishop Basil, Bishop William, Bishop George)*



**25th Anniversary
of Ordination
Reverend Robert Rankin
May 7, 2005**
*"God grant you
many happy years!"*

Our Lady of Wisdom Parish, Las Vegas, NV celebrated a three-day festival in honor of St. John the Baptist from June 23-25, 2005. The festival included holy services of Vespers, Divine Liturgy and Matins each day with the procession of the Icon of St. John the Baptist. A Saturday Workshop on prayer was open to all in the Las Vegas area.



SISTERS OF SAINT BASIL SELECT NEW LEADERS

“May your gifts burn brightly... so that together we may continue to serve the Church with zeal.”

June 22, 2005, Uniontown, Pa.

— The Sisters of Saint Basil of the Province of Our Lady of Perpetual Help met in chapter sessions June 10-12, 2005, at Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown, PA. Delegates and Sisters participated in these meetings to elect a new Provincial and four councilors to serve as the leadership of the Province for the next five years.

Sister Seraphim Olsafsky was elected Provincial. Sisters Carol Petrasovich, Barbara Jean Mihalchick, Barbara Swindells, and Susan Sisko were elected as councilors. Sister Carol was elected Assistant Provincial.

Leadership and administration are not new to Sister Seraphim. Within the Province, she was a member of previous councils, traveled to Rome as a delegate to



Pictured, left to right: Sr. Susan Sisko, Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick, Sr. Seraphim Olsafsky, Provincial; Sr. Barbara Swindells, Sr. Carol Petrasovich.

general chapters of the Order, and served as the directress of formation. She has been a teacher, principal, and a social worker in the adult psychiatric program at Forbes Regional Hospital, Monroeville, PA. Presently, she is the director of the Byzantine Seminary Press, the Archieparchial coordinator for the Protection of Children and Youth Assistance, a member of the vocation interview board, and the chairperson of the Heritage/Museum committee.

In Thanksgiving for devoted service, the former administration was honored with a gift and a special dinner in appreciation. Honored were Sister Ruth Plante, Provincial; Sister Jean Marie Cihota, Vicar Provincial; and, Councilors Sister Elaine Kisinko, Sister Valeria Evanyo, and Sister Barbara Swindells.

2005 EPARCHIAL CALENDAR

- May 15** 25th Anniversary of Ordination, Reverend Robert Rankin, St. Melany, Tucson AZ
- May 23-26** Clergy Days - Eparchy of Van Nuys, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Albuquerque, NM
- May 25** Ordination of Reverend Michael O'Loughlin, Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church, Albuquerque, NM

- June 1** Bishop George Kuzma's 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown PA
- June 4** Ordination of Reverend Randall Wasyl Ackley, Saint Stephen Pro-Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ
- June 16-18** United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting, Chicago, IL
- June 19** 50th Anniversary of Ordination, Reverend Julian Gnall, St. Mary, Mahanoy City, PA
- June 25** Clergy Misconduct Review Board, Saint Nicholas of Myra, Fontana, CA

- July 7-16** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Devotions and Food Festival, Our Lady of Wisdom, Las Vegas, NV
- July 14-17** "Alive in Christ," An Ascetical Boot Camp for Byzantine Catholic Young Men (ages 8-17), Upper Nutria, NM
- July 23** 40th Anniversary of Profession - Rt. Rev. Wesley Izer, SDB, St. Nicholas of Myra, Anchorage, AK
- July 26-28** Intereparchial Liturgical Commission, Pittsburgh, PA

- August 4-7** "O Lord, I Love the Beauty of Thy House!" Annual ByzanTEEN Rally, Camp Brotherhood at Mt. Vernon, WA
- August 26-27** Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine, St. George, Olympia, WA

- September 2-5** Pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown, PA
- September 12-16** Clergy Retreat, El Carmelo Retreat House, Redlands, CA

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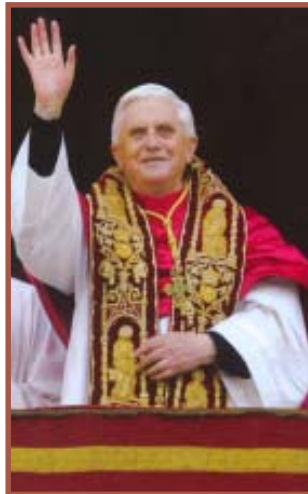
2005 FALL PILGRIMAGES

August 26-27

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine
St. George, Olympia, WA

September 2-5

In Honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown, PA



Lord,

source of eternal life and truth,
give to your shepherd Benedict
a spirit of courage and right judgement,
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity
those entrusted to his care
may he, as successor
to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ,
build your Church into a sacrament
of unity, love, and peace
for all the world. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI

Born: April 16, 1927
Ordained Priest: June 29, 1951
Ordained Bishop: May 28, 1971
Elected Pope: April 19, 2005