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Ukrainian Catholic bishops meet at first synod ever held in U.S.

by Yaro Bihun

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WASHINGTON – Ukrainian Catholic bishops from around the world convened in Philadelphia and Washington on September 26 through October 6 for the first synod ever to be held in the United States. Normally such a gathering would be held in Ukraine, the seat of the global Ukrainian Catholic Church. This year the venue was changed to mark the centenary of the arrival of the first Ukrainian bishop – Stephen Soter Orlynsky – to America and the establishment of the first Ukrainian eparchy in Philadelphia.

Thirty-nine prelates participated in the synod. They came from all of the geographic areas where the Ukrainian Catholic Church is established: Ukraine, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Oceania, Brazil, Argentina, England, France, the Benelux countries, Switzerland, Germany, Scandinavia, Poland and Croatia.

Most of the work of the 11-day synod was conducted in closed-door discussions of issues of major concern to the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The public events included hierarchical liturgies at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia and the

National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, visits to other religious institutions in those two cities, dinners and a concert.

The two-day Washington portion of the synod program on October 4-5 also included the presentation of an honorary doctorate to the primate of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, at the Catholic University of America.

While the details of the synod discussions were not disclosed, during a press conference on October 5 in Washington. Patriarch Lubomyr noted some of the major issues that were in the forefront of their deliberations. The bishops did not try to solve geographically local church problems, he said. They focused their attention on issues “of great interest to the entire Church.” Without going into details, he mentioned three of them:

- Evangelization – especially in the post-Communist world, to help bring into the Church its former members who had drifted away as well as those who had never been Church members.

- Priesthood – enlarging the pool of candidates and training them to serve anywhere in the world. “We would like to have a priest of our Church who could carry on his duties, live his vocation and



Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia

Ukrainian Catholic bishops during the synod.

serve his people no matter where he is,” said Patriarch Lubomyr.

- Youth – reviewing and discussing the recommendations of a recent sobor on the subject held in Kyiv that focused on the special needs of young people.

Asked if the synod’s recommendations in these areas could be expected

anytime soon, the patriarch discounted that possibility: “We do not presume that in one sitting we would be able to give a meaningful document for our faithful so quickly.” He noted that the discussion of the question about priests is in its third

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Mykola Lazarenko/UNIAN

Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha (left), President Viktor Yushchenko and National Security and Defense Council Chair Ivan Pliusch (right) engage in discussions on October 8 with the leaders of parties elected to Parliament.

Yushchenko keeps his options open, as parties move toward coalition

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – While all signs seem to point toward the Orange coalition’s resurrection and Yulia Tymoshenko’s return as prime minister, President Viktor Yushchenko insisted on keeping his options open, conducting talks with representatives of the Party of the Regions and the Bloc of Volodymyr Lytvyn.

In forcing the pre-term election, Mr. Yushchenko not only re-shuffled the Parliament to his slight favor, but he also got himself the coveted role of “king-maker,” in which he will largely determine whether he will try working with Ms. Tymoshenko again, or keep Viktor Yanukovich in place.

His decision will be the one via which he’s able to satisfy the people he needs most to survive, political observers said.

“There needs to be an adequate distribution of power,” said Yurii Syrotyuk, a political analyst with the Kyiv-based Open Society Foundation, which is financed by the American and British governments. “President Yushchenko understands this, so he has proposed that everyone be in government and be satisfied.”

Specifically, the president needs to satisfy the wealthy businessmen of the Party

of the Regions of Ukraine (PRU) who want the government to protect their assets and lobby their interests, the Our Ukraine – People’s Self-Defense bloc patriots who can’t risk ruining their political images and cultural agendas in a PRU coalition, and the Our Ukraine top brass that can’t tolerate Ms. Tymoshenko’s total-control approach to politics.

Pleasing all these entities will be difficult, if not impossible, observers said.

“None of the mega-factions, which are essentially financial groupings, are ready to be in the opposition,” Mr. Syrotyuk said. “For businessmen, the Parliament is a stock company. They feel they should obtain dividends from their investment. It’s a zero-sum game for them.”

Either a pro-Western Orange coalition or pro-oligarch broad coalition needs the Our Ukraine – People’s Self-Defense bloc, which is why the president finds himself in his luxurious, yet challenging position.

Ironically, the president’s biggest enemy might be the same Our Ukraine – People’s Self-Defense bloc that he spent the campaign season lobbying for.

The bloc’s pragmatic, business-oriented faction has advocated a coalition with the Party of the Regions, largely because they

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ANALYSIS

Orange Revolution back on track after parliamentary elections

by **Taras Kuzio**

Eurasia Daily Monitor
October 5

Ukraine's September 30 parliamentary elections mark a resurrection of the Orange Revolution. The two Orange forces, the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) and Our Ukraine – People's Self Defense (OU-PSD), together won 45 percent of the votes. Their expected 230 seats (out of 450) should be enough to create a slim Orange parliamentary coalition and government.

President Viktor Yushchenko has called for a broad coalition consisting of the YTB, OU-PSD and the Party of the Regions. Although he campaigned for a "democratic" (i.e., Orange) coalition and continues to support this, he believes that the Party of the Regions should be given some government and parliamentary positions.

The YTB immediately restated its long-standing refusal to join any coalition that included the Party of the Regions. OU-PSD is prevaricating, as it did following last year's elections. Although ostensibly the president's party, OU-PSD was not consulted ahead of Mr. Yushchenko's statement.

Democratic and Orange political forces have now won four elections since 2000. In 2002 Our Ukraine came in first, then Mr. Yushchenko was elected president two years later. In the 2006 and 2007 elections three democratic (YTB, Our Ukraine, Socialist Party [SPU]) and two Orange (YTB, OU-PSD) forces, respectively, achieved slim parliamentary majorities.

Although election fraud took place in the 2002 and 2004 elections, triggering the Orange Revolution, international organizations (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Council of Europe) and Western governments have declared the 2006 and 2007 elections to have been "free and fair." The Russian government has also recognized this year's elections.

However, the Party of the Regions has resumed some of its 2004 tactics with inflated voter turnouts and stuffed ballots in its Donbas stronghold. It did so for two reasons.

First, it needed to bolster the party's

vote count in the face of an onslaught by the YTB. Last year the Party of the Regions had a 10 percent lead over the YTB, but now the gap has narrowed to only 3 percent. The YTB's 31 percent share this year marks a remarkable rise from only 8 percent in 2002.

Most of the YTB's gains are in Russian-speaking eastern and southern Ukraine, making it Ukraine's first and only all-national political force. The YTB and its territorial-based form of nationalism have successfully attracted Russian-speaking voters, many of whom have been put off by OU-PSD's ethno-cultural nationalism.

Second, eastern Ukrainian administrations controlled by the Party of the Regions and large factories with Socialist directors sought to bolster the SPU vote. In central Ukraine SPU support collapsed from an average of 10 percent in the 2006 elections to 2 percent percent this year. However, while attempts to stuff ballots on behalf of the SPU temporarily pushed the party above 3 percent, in the end this was insufficient to allow the party to enter Parliament.

The new Ukrainian Parliament will consist of five political forces, but with two changes. First, the SPU has been replaced by former Verkhovna Rada Chairman Volodymyr Lytvyn's bloc. According to Presidential Secretariat sources, the Lytvyn Bloc has little choice but to join the Orange coalition, as its voters are from Orange central Ukraine.

The Lytvyn Bloc could have played the role of kingmaker, as the SPU did in 2006, if the two Orange forces themselves had fewer than 225 seats. But the Orange coalition will have approximately 230 seats; therefore, the Lytvyn Bloc cannot break the coalition. It will be unable to demand the post of Rada chair, as did SPU leader Oleksander Moroz.

Second, the Party of the Regions and the Communist Party both will have about the same number of seats they had in the outgoing Parliament. The big change will be an additional 30 seats to the YTB, giving it close to the same number as the Party of the Regions.

As OU-PSD did not win more votes

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Gazprom threatens to reduce gas supplies to Ukraine

by **Vladimir Socor**

Eurasia Daily Monitor
October 4

On October 2 Gazprom warned Ukraine via the mass media that it would reduce gas deliveries from November onward unless Ukraine pays \$1.3 billion worth of arrears to Gazprom. According to company spokesman Sergei Kupriyanov, these arrears accumulated for gas supplied during the nine-month period since January 1.

Characteristically, Gazprom resorted to the media weapon before informing the Ukrainian government or the presidency. Kyiv had not yet been officially notified by October 3, when Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich dispatched Fuel and Energy Minister Yuriy Boiko to Moscow for emergency talks with Gazprom. They agreed that Ukraine would pay those arrears until November 1 to avoid a cut in supplies.

This situation increases the threat to Ukrainian ownership of the gas-transit network. The accumulation of Ukrainian debts to Gazprom in 2007 was predictable early in the year. Indeed, Gazprom with its middleman firms and elements in the Ukrainian government had set up a mechanism for debt-accumulation through the January 4 and February 2, 2006, gas supply agreements. That mechanism has pushed the state company Naftohaz Ukrainy toward de facto insolvency in 2006-2007, leaving it open to Russian demands for joint control of the gas transit system in lieu of debt repayment.

That mechanism has operated from 2006 to date essentially as follows.

Gazprom, monopoly buyer of Turkmen gas for Ukraine, sells those volumes – along with some additional Russian-produced volumes – to

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NEWSBRIEFS

No real coalition talks yet

KYIV – The Party of the Regions and the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB), which finished first and second, respectively, in the September 30 early elections, have not held any talks about the formation of a new ruling coalition, UNIAN reported on October 9, quoting Party of the Regions leader and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. Meanwhile, Yulia Tymoshenko told journalists the same day that if the Party of the Regions and the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc create a ruling coalition, her bloc will switch to the opposition and start preparations for the presidential elections, which are due in 2009 or 2010. "[President Viktor] Yushchenko and Yanukovich already formed coalitions on two occasions, and both attempts ended in disaster. The only option for bringing stability to the country is a coalition of democratic forces," Ms. Tymoshenko said. Speaking at a meeting of party leaders with Mr. Yushchenko on October 8, Ms. Tymoshenko declared that a potential coalition between her bloc and the pro-presidential Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense could offer the posts of some vice-ministers and deputy regional governors as well as that of the Audit Chamber head to opposition parties. "Yulia Volodymyrivna [Tymoshenko] exaggerates her status by making such proposals to us," Party of the Regions member Yuriy Miroshnychenko told Kommersant-Ukraine. "The Party of the Regions cannot be regarded as an opposition force because it won the largest number of votes and is now making every effort to form a coalition. Possibly, Yulia Tymoshenko will have to implement her proposals herself, in the role of an oppositionist," Mr. Miroshnychenko added. (RFE/RL Newsline)

President gives parties five days...

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko on October 8 said representatives of the parties that won seats in the September 30 snap elections should agree on a future ruling coalition and prime minister by the end of this week, Ukrainian media reported. "I call on all political [forces] who

won seats in the Ukrainian Parliament to begin consultations and political negotiations and make proposals both on the format of the coalition and a candidate for prime minister within five days," Mr. Yushchenko said at a meeting with leaders of the Party of the Regions, the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense, the Communist Party and the Bloc of Volodymyr Lytvyn. In an interview with the French daily Le Figaro last week, Mr. Yushchenko said that Yulia Tymoshenko could become prime minister provided that the Party of the Regions, led by current Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, gets some ministerial posts in a new Cabinet. (RFE/RL Newsline)

...wants control over security forces

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko also said at a meeting with leaders of the parties that won seats in the September 30 elections that all security agencies in Ukraine should be subordinated exclusively to the president, Ukrainian media reported. "I insist on all parts of the security apparatus being subordinated to the head of the state to avoid excesses such as occurred with the Internal Affairs Ministry troops [in May]," he said. In May presidential bodyguards scuffled in the Procurator General's Office in Kyiv with a riot-police unit from the Internal Affairs Ministry, after Mr. Yushchenko fired Procurator General Sviatoslav Piskun. The incident marked the peak of a political confrontation between President Yushchenko and the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. The president has direct control over the Defense Ministry. Potential changes to institute presidential control over the Internal Affairs Ministry would require a vote in Parliament and possibly a change to the Constitution. (RFE/RL Newsline)

OU-PSD wants coalition with YTB

KYIV – Yuriy Lutsenko, a leader of the pro-presidential Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense (OU-PSD) election bloc, told journalists on October 4

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NEWS ANALYSIS: Can Tymoshenko live with a grand coalition?

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Opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko's hopes to become prime minister may be dashed. President Viktor Yushchenko wants to invite the Party of the Regions (PRU), led by her archrival, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, to join a new Cabinet of Ministers. If the PRU, which will have more seats in Parliament than the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) as a result of the September 30 parliamentary election, joins the Cabinet, it may elbow out Ms. Tymoshenko.

President Yushchenko explains that he wants unity in Ukraine, which is impossible without cooperation with the most popular party. However, a weakened Ms. Tymoshenko may be his real goal, as she is expected to be his rival in the next presidential election.

On October 3 Mr. Yushchenko called on the PRU, the YTB and his Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc (OU-PSD) to launch talks to form a majority in Parliament and the next Cabinet. Prime Minister Yanukovich, who has never objected to a grand coalition, hailed the president's statement. Ms. Tymoshenko suggested that Mr. Yushchenko did not mean coalition talks, but consultations with the PRU about its role as a party that should become the major opposition force. Yuri Lutsenko, who topped OU-PSD's list for the election, said that OU-PSD would not join a coalition with the PRU.

The Constitution of Ukraine stipulates that the Cabinet is formed by a majority in Parliament, which Ms. Tymoshenko planned to build with OU-PSD. Before the election, the YTB and OU-PSD agreed that, if they form a majority, posts in the Cabinet would be evenly divided between the two, but the prime minister's post would go to the more popular party. The YTB scored more than twice as many votes as OU-PSD – 31 percent against 14 percent – so

Biden resolution on Ukraine elections passed by Senate

WASHINGTON – Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr.'s (D-Del.) resolution urging Ukrainians to "preserve and extend" their hard-won democratic gains by holding free and fair parliamentary elections on September 30, passed the Senate unanimously on September 28.

Sen. Biden's resolution expresses the admiration of the American people for the ongoing success of the Ukrainian people at removing violence from politics and holding free and fair elections, and encourages citizens to maintain these successes in the future. The resolution also encourages Ukrainian leaders to continue to work past their differences despite serious political disagreements and pledges continued American support for a democratic government in Ukraine.

"Ukrainians deserve enormous credit for their achievements. The ability of a democratic government to draw legitimacy from its citizens is the best path to a stronger and more stable Ukraine," said Sen. Biden, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "This resolution asks that Ukraine's leaders work constructively together to build that kind of future. I look forward to free and fair elections in Ukraine on September 30," he stated.

Ms. Tymoshenko should be prime minister under that formula.

The Constitution does not authorize the president to decide on a majority in Parliament. But he can dictate his conditions, because the format of a future coalition depends on the position of his OU-PSD. While a coalition between the YTB and the PRU is hard to imagine, neither YTB nor PRU can form a coalition without OU-PSD. Ms. Tymoshenko knows that there are people in OU-PSD who are skeptical of her leadership and who are not against cooperation with the PRU. Because of this, she has to make concessions to Mr. Yushchenko.

An OU-PSD/YTB coalition would have 228 votes in the 450-seat Parliament, just two more than the simple majority required to appoint the prime minister. This may be not a wide enough margin, given Ukraine's recent political volatility. "A Parliament in which the majority has an insignificant advantage over the minority is not acceptable for the president," Vadym Karasiov, an analyst close to Mr. Yushchenko's team, explained to Interfax-Ukraine. In contrast, a OU-PSD/PRU coalition would control almost 250 seats.

Segodnya, a newspaper close to the PRU, reported that it was "100 percent settled" that the majority would consist

of the PRU, OU-PSD and the Lytvyn Bloc – a small party that barely cleared the 3 percent barrier to enter Parliament. Analyst Volodymyr Fesenko told the newspaper that businessmen in OU-PSD, such as Petro Poroshenko, as well as Foreign Affairs Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and former Prime Minister Yuri Yekhanurov would not reject a coalition with the PRU.

The head of President Yushchenko's administration, Viktor Baloha, apparently is also in favor of a broader coalition. "I cannot imagine any decisions made by OU-PSD, including those on the formation of the coalition and the Cabinet, that would run counter to the vision of the president," he warned in a statement on October 5. A day earlier, Mr Lutsenko had said that his People's Self-Defense group within OU-PSD was categorically against any alliance with the PRU. Segodnya said Mr. Baloha may replace Mr. Yanukovich as prime minister if OU-PSD and the PRU form an alliance.

"I would like to ask all politicians who are saying that they will never talk to anyone else to withdraw their statements and to meet for talks," Mr. Yushchenko said in Paris on October 5, apparently having in mind Ms. Tymoshenko and Mr. Lutsenko. They did so, meeting at Mr. Yushchenko's office

with Mr. Yanukovich, the Communists and Mr. Lytvyn's people on Monday, October 8.

President Yushchenko continued to dictate conditions. He said he would like to appoint law-enforcement chiefs such as the internal affairs minister, and he demanded the cancellation of the law on the Cabinet of Ministers. The law, which diminished his authority, was drafted by Mr. Yanukovich's party and passed by Parliament in early 2007 with Ms. Tymoshenko's backing. Mr. Yushchenko also urged the parties to come up with a candidate for prime minister within five days.

After the meeting, Mr. Yanukovich insisted that the PRU reserves the right to nominate the prime minister as the election winner. Ms. Tymoshenko signaled some readiness for concessions. She said that her coalition with OU-PSD would be ready to give the PRU the posts of vice-ministers, deputy regional governors, the chairmanships of key standing committees in Parliament, and one vice prime minister's post. Whether Mr. Yanukovich accepts or not is yet to be determined.

Source: Interfax-Ukraine, October 3, 5; Segodnya, October 4; UNIAN, October 5; Channel 5, Ukrayinska Pravda, October 3-8.

UPA anniversary to be marked in Kyiv

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – For the past two years, the October 14 commemoration of the founding of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) has been a nasty affair in the Ukrainian capital.

Marches along the main boulevard, the Khreschatyk, have been ambushed by thousands of Communists and Russian radicals, who attacked the veterans and their supporters with weapons and slurs.

To invite a broad audience and avoid conflict, organizers of this year's 65th anniversary celebration plan a noon-time outdoor assembly and concert at St. Sophia Square, followed by a formal event at the Ukrayina National Arts Palace.

"We turned to civic and youth organizations to become involved because we wanted to rid ourselves of the radicalism that arises from political parties, and the Vitrenkos and Symonenkos who exploit the Kozak holiday of St. Mary the Protectress Day as a pretext for promoting themselves and creating conflict," said Serhii Arkhipchuk, the director of the day's festivities.

The St. Sophia concert, "In Defense of Our Native Land," will include traditional folk and contemporary performances. Pop star Tartak will perform for the first time a song dedicated to the soldiers, and Russian poets will also perform.

"It will be a discussion, hearing, appeal and attempt to remove stereotypes that are effectively employed by the Communists," Mr. Arkhipchuk said.

The evening event, "Let America and Russia be Silent When I Speak with You," will include singers and performers from the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and eastern Ukrainian regions, Mr. Arkhipchuk said.

Organizers said they hope President Viktor Yushchenko will appear at the Ukrayina National Arts Palace, considering the parliamentary election is over and the Our Ukraine bloc no longer has



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Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union Chair Oleh Tiahnybok will lead a march down the Khreschatyk to demand government recognition of the UPA.

to worry about losing potential votes.

Members of the event's World Anniversary Organization Committee include the Ukrainian World Congress, the Stepan Bandera Center for National Revival, the World Brotherhood of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists – Ukrainian Insurgent Army, the Liberation Movement Research Center and the Youth Nationalist Congress.

UWC President Askold Lozynskyj and OUN-UPA Brotherhood U.S. Chair Lev Futala represent the diaspora on the organizational committee.

Regardless of the organizers' attempts to avoid conflict, nationalists from the Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union political party will march down the Khreschatyk the morning of October 14 regardless.

"Who will forbid me, a Ukrainian, from walking down the central street of my capital?" said Svoboda leader Oleh Tiahnybok on October 10.

About 10,000 supporters will march to demand government recognition of the UPA as a force that fought for Ukrainian independence, he said.

In response, the Communist Party of Ukraine and Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine, who oppose any recognition of the UPA, announced they will hold an anti-fascist rally.

UWC promotes world recognition of the Holodomor

TORONTO – In its recent correspondence with the chairman of the Bundestag of Germany, dated September 24, the Ukrainian World Congress stated, "In 2007-2008 the world community will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine, when more than 7 million Ukrainian men, women and children lost their lives. This tragedy was not the result of a natural disaster, but the consequence of a calculated policy by the Soviet Communist regime under Joseph Stalin in Moscow to break the will of the Ukrainian people."

"To date some 10 non-Ukrainian parliaments have passed resolutions condemning this event as genocide against the Ukrainian people and instructing their appropriate ministries to develop an educational program on this subject," the letter continued. "We request that you manifest your concern and solidarity by passing a similar resolution in the Parliament of Germany."

"In the contemporary world, the most effective defense against intolerance and oppression is joined cooperation and the good will of the world community. We humbly request that you consider our request as an attempt to foster a better understanding among nations," the UWC wrote.

The UWC letter was accompanied by a sample text of a resolution in the German language. Copies of the UWC correspondence were forwarded to representatives of all political parties constituting the Parliament of Germany.

Similar letters with sample texts had recently been forwarded to the Parliaments of France, Greece and Italy. To date Australia, Argentina, Canada, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Peru, Poland, Spain and the United States have enacted similar resolutions commemorating the 1932-1933 Holodomor. The UWC has made model resolutions available in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Ukrainian.

Yushchenko keeps...

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feel it's impossible to work and find compromises with Ms. Tymoshenko as prime minister, said Ivan Lozowy, a Kyiv political insider.

Among them are National Security and Defense Council Chair Ivan Pliusch, Presidential Secretariat Chair Viktor Baloha and mega-millionaire businessman Petro Poroshenko, whose feud with Ms. Tymoshenko in 2005 led to the first collapse of the Orange government, Mr. Lozowy noted.

All three men are close advisors to Mr. Yushchenko and will significantly influence his opinion. Mr. Pliusch and Mr. Poroshenko are the president's "kumy," or god-parents of children.

The other faction consists of those politicians whose careers are based on having a firm, pro-Ukrainian patriotic image among the electorate, which would be damaged if they supported a coalition with the Party of the Regions. They include Yurii Kostenko, Viacheslav Kyrylenko and Yaroslav Kendzior.

Even the former Socialists of the People's Self-Defense faction such as Yurii Lutsenko and Oles Doniy would suffer damage to their images should the bloc unite with a party that represents the interests of Ukraine's wealthiest businessmen.

The immense success of the Tymoshenko Bloc in the last two elections, and the dismal performance of Our Ukraine and its projects, revealed that the latter's attempt at allying with the Party of the Regions had eroded its electoral support.

Ms. Tymoshenko earned a significant portion of her support because of her staunch refusal to cooperate with the Party of the Regions, said Pavlo Bulhak, a political analyst with the Kyiv-based Stratehema Center for Practical Politics, which is financed by Ukrainian and Western grants.

Although Mr. Baloha served as campaign chair of the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc and influences many of its decisions, it remained unclear whether he

could hold the bloc together should a broad coalition with the Party of the Regions and the Lytvyn Bloc emerge.

At least 40 of the bloc's 73 qualifying deputies signed a letter to Mr. Yushchenko opposing his decision to conduct coalition-forming talks with the Party of the Regions.

Meanwhile, Mr. Lutsenko repeated as recently as October 4 that Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense would produce a coalition agreement with the Tymoshenko Bloc within a day after the Central Election Commission (CEC) announces the final official election results, which is expected on October 15.

Observers are divided on whether the rift within Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense is serious enough to rip the bloc apart.

The pro-Tymoshenko faction represents 90 percent of Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense, said Taras Kuzio, visiting professor of the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, while Mr. Lozowy believes the vast majority support a Party of the Regions coalition.

Revealing his difficult position, Mr. Yushchenko said on October 6 he will nominate Ms. Tymoshenko as prime minister if she reaches agreements with the PRU leadership. The statement was Mr. Yushchenko's attempt at sharing the burden of accommodating the Party of the Regions along with Ms. Tymoshenko, observers said.

Among the more surprising post-election developments has been the calm, restrained behavior of the Party of the Regions, which hasn't launched any massive protests, and has kept its threats and accusations to a minimum.

Leading up to the elections, the PRU erected two stages on Kyiv's Independence Square and threatened protests if it viewed the election results as illegitimate. A brief victory rally was held on October 1, after which the main stage was taken down and supporters sent home by bus.

Party leaders announced on October 5 that they would accept the election results and not appeal them in court, even though their vote total declined by nearly 135,000 votes from last year.

"Everyone is shocked by the election results, particularly the Party of the Regions," Mr. Syrotiuk said. "They knew the Socialists wouldn't make it, but they thought they would get a majority with the Communists. They aren't taking any radical steps because they are waiting for the president's next move."

Mr. Yanukovich revealed on October 8 that the PRU has taken Ms. Tymoshenko's all-or-nothing approach, announcing they would go into the opposition if he isn't nominated prime minister in the next coalition government.

It's unclear how an Orange government would perform with a paper-thin parliamentary majority – a mere two votes – and an aggressive Party of the Regions in the opposition that last year demonstrated its ability to swing dozens of votes in its direction.

In that case, the Lytvyn Bloc could prove very useful to the Orange forces. Both Mr. Lutsenko and Ms. Tymoshenko said they would welcome the Lytvyn Bloc into a "democratic forces coalition."

Adding the Lytvyn Bloc would offer a 22-vote parliamentary advantage over the Party of the Regions and the Communist Party of Ukraine.

As much as they could use Mr. Lytvyn's help, the Orange forces don't plan on sacrificing too much to attract him.

His ideal outcome is to return as Verkhovna Rada chair. "To give Lytvyn the Verkhovna Rada chair post will allow him to become 'king-maker,'" Mr. Syrotiuk said. "To pass laws, the Party of the Regions and Our Ukraine will have to go through Lytvyn. Our Ukraine will do everything to keep control of that position."

Despite Mr. Yanukovich's statement of calmly going into the opposition, other announcements reveal the Party of the Regions has no interest in being in the opposition, and it will make life miserable for an Orange coalition and the president.

Party leader Inna Bohoslovka threatened on October 6 that the PRU could repeat what the Orange forces did this summer and have 151 of its deputies surrender their mandates to automatically liquidate the sixth convocation.

"The Party of the Regions will never allow for half of Ukraine to find itself in the minority and in opposition," she said on "Freedom of Speech," a popular Friday night political talk show on the ICTV network.

In response, Mr. Kyrylenko of Our Ukraine pointed out that the Orange forces had legal justification for surrendering their mandates, namely alleged constitutional violations, while the Party of the Regions would have no such justification.

In her attempt to appear conciliatory, Ms. Tymoshenko on October 8 announced that her government would be willing to offer the Party of the Regions chairmanship of the Accounting Chamber, vice-ministers' positions and posts of assistant chairs of regional state administrations, the president's governing arm in the regions.

PRU officials abruptly dismissed Ms. Tymoshenko's proposal, stating that she hadn't even secured power to begin making such proposals and it was nonsensical to allow an opposition to join the government.

"It makes no sense to bear responsibility for the Orange coalition's collapse," said Mykhailo Chechetov, a Party of the Regions deputy.

Throughout the week, Ukrainian media reported frequent visits to the Presidential Secretariat by high-ranking Party of the Regions officials, including Rinat Akhmetov and Raisa Bohatyriova.

While Ms. Tymoshenko was making offers to the Party of the Regions, the president was making demands during his October 8 meeting with the election winners at the Presidential Secretariat.

Specifically, Mr. Yushchenko said he wants a repeal of the Cabinet of Ministers law, passed in January which sharply reduces the president's authority and, in his view, violates the Ukrainian Constitution. (The Tymoshenko Bloc helped the Party of the Regions override the president's veto of the measure with the aim of forcing pre-term elections.)

The president also wants control of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which would place all armed forces under the aegis of the presidency.

Although it remained unclear who would emerge as the next prime minister, observers said Ms. Tymoshenko is once again in a win-win situation.

If she becomes prime minister, she will attempt a strong performance in preparation for the 2009 presidential elections, should the Ukrainian presidency still retain its powers.

The opposition wouldn't be bad for Ms. Tymoshenko either, Mr. Syrotiuk said.

"These elections were based on populist promises," he said. "All the political forces promised to raise pensions, wages and social payments. No one will be able to fulfill these promises. In this sense, it's better to be in the opposition."

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Patriarch Lubomyr Husar and Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka (right) of Philadelphia respond to reporters' questions during a press conference in Washington about the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Ukrainian Catholic...

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year now. As for evangelization, he said, there may well be a decision made sometime next year.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of Philadelphia, whose archeparchy hosted the synod, added that the bishops are in the process of exchanging ideas and learning from each other, and are actively looking for what can be improved and strengthened.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church's evangelization plans – especially in eastern and southern Ukraine – have been criticized by the Orthodox Church as pressuring its faithful to convert to Catholicism. Archbishop Ihor Voznyak of Lviv said that is not the intent.

"First of all, we receive only those who wish to join with us," he said. "We do not target or force anyone to join." The Catholic Church is conducting its evangelization efforts in areas that have concentrations of immigrants from western Ukraine, many of whom – the older ones – had been baptized as Ukrainian Catholics, he noted.

Asked about what the Ukrainian Catholic Church is doing with respect to the millions of Ukrainians migrating to Western Europe and other areas in search of work and settling there, Patriarch Lubomyr said, "I think that instructed by the example of 100 years ago (in America), we are trying to react much quicker."

"The experience is that now we see a certain number – we do not know how

many – will stay. Those that are buying apartments and homes and bringing along families, intend to stay for a while," he said.

Italy, Spain and Portugal, as well as Ireland and Greece, appear to have the largest number of these immigrants, he continued, adding that their concentrations are also growing in such countries as Israel, Libya and South Africa.

Patriarch Lubomyr noted that in England, France and Germany, where there are Ukrainian Catholic Church structures, parishes and clergy, the influx of new immigrants can be absorbed. "All of this has to be built up in these other countries," he added. "So we are quite busy doing that."

Bishop Michael Hrynchyshyn, the apostolic exarch of Ukrainians in France, the Benelux countries and Switzerland, noted that complicating this effort is the fact that many of these new immigrants are illegal and they fear deportation. "It's not easy to help these people," he said.

And they keep coming, he said, citing a few statistics from the Ukrainian cathedral in London, which saw 14,000 faithful during Easter Week this year, blessed some 2,000 pasky on Easter Sunday and performs three baptisms every week.

In the final analysis, however, it is a major social problem that Ukraine must solve, Bishop Hrynchyshyn said, pointing out that 6 million Ukrainians have left their homeland over the past 12 years.



More than 30 Ukrainian Catholic bishops from around the world prepare for the procession at the conclusion of the hierarchical divine liturgy at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington.



Patriarch Lubomyr Husar (center) is escorted out of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington by a Knights of Columbus honor guard. To his left is Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka of Philadelphia.

Manor College welcomes world's Ukrainian Catholic hierarchs

by Nicholas Rudnytzky

JENKINTOWN, Pa. – Manor College welcomed members of the Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Church at the steps of the Basileiad Library located on its campus in Jenkintown, Pa.

As the bus carrying over 40 bishops entered the campus in the early evening of Tuesday, October 2, Sister Mary Cecilia Jurasinski, OSBM, president of the College, asked the students, faculty and staff to form a semicircle enshrouding the clergy and hierarchy in the warmth that has become the hallmark of America's premier two-year Catholic college.

As the hierarchs of the Ukrainian Catholic Church exited their vehicle, the archbishop-metropolitan of Philadelphia,

Stefan Soroka, announced each by name and country of residence. He explained that the patriarch of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, was unable to attend; his duties demanded his presence elsewhere.

When all had emerged, flowers were presented to the archbishop of Philadelphia by Stephen Notarfrancesco, a Manor student dressed in the traditionally embroidered Ukrainian garb.

Sister Cecilia greeted the hierarchs on behalf of Manor College and its nearly 1,000 students. She reminded the bishops that since its founding in 1947 Manor College has devotedly served the faithful of Ukrainian Catholic Church. Sister Cecilia stressed that Manor College is the only institution of higher learning in the Ukrainian Catholic

Church which was founded solely for the education of the laity.

In her greeting, Manor's president referred to the close historic ties between Bishop Soter Ortynsky and Mother Helena of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great at the dawn of the 20th century in forging the foundations of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States.

Following a reading of the Ukrainian version of her greetings, Archbishop Soroka introduced Bishop Yaroslav Pryriz of Sambir-Drohobych, Ukraine, who spoke on behalf of the synod. Bishop Yaroslav thanked Manor for welcoming them and reminded all present of how the Bible speaks of Abraham seeing the face of God in the reception of guests. He then repeated this same

greeting and his expression of gratitude in English.

Archbishop Soroka expressed his regrets that time did not allow for a tour of the college's campus. He did accede to the gathering's request for a quick photo session with Manor's faculty, staff and students in front of the Basileiad Library building.

Thereupon, the honored guests proceeded to the Spirituality Center, located adjacent to the Convent of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, and made their way off campus.

Afterwards, Sister Cecilia said: "It was a good visit. I regret that they did not have time to tour the college, but I am very glad our students were able to take part in this historic moment of our living Church."

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A centennial in Philadelphia

The Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops that took place from September 26 through October 6 in the Philadelphia area and the District of Columbia was a historic event in and of itself. It was the first worldwide synod of Ukrainian Catholic bishops to be held on United States soil. (Previously such gatherings were held in Rome; since Ukraine's independence they have been convened in Ukraine.)

There will be more information about the discussions at the synod, which are closed-door sessions, once an official communiqué is released. However, it is important to note that the highlight of the synod was the celebration of the centennial of the arrival to the United States of the first Greek-Catholic bishop. The historic anniversary was marked with a hierarchical divine liturgy celebrated in Philadelphia at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

It was on March 26, 1907, that the Holy See appointed the Rev. Stephen Soter Ortynsky, a Basilian monk from Halychyna, as the first bishop for Greek-Catholics in the U.S. The Rev. Ortynsky, born January 26, 1866, was a native of Ortynychy, in the Sambir area of western Ukraine. He was ordained in 1891 after completing his studies of theology. Pope Pius X appointed him bishop of all U.S. Greek-Catholics upon the recommendation of Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky of Lviv.

The Rev. Ortynsky was consecrated at St. George Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Lviv and arrived in the United States on August 27, 1907. His authority in this country was limited at first, as he functioned under the authority of the Latin rite hierarchy. Nonetheless, Bishop Ortynsky proceeded to organize a Greek-Catholic exarchy, notes Dr. Myron B. Kuropas in his seminal work "The Ukrainian Americans: Roots and Aspirations 1884-1954" (published by the University of Toronto Press in 1991). He organized a convention of priests on October 15-16, 1907, in New York and followed that up with a conference of laity on October 17-18.

The next year he purchased a cathedral and the adjoining block in Philadelphia, as well as a cemetery in the city's suburb of Fox Chase. Soon thereafter he bought a 122-acre plot of land in Yorkton, Va., having in mind the construction there of a seminary, noted Dr. Kuropas. The cathedral and the cornerstone for the planned seminary were blessed in 1910 when Metropolitan Sheptytsky visited the U.S. The following year Bishop Ortynsky established an orphanage; and the year after that a summer camp for those orphans. It was a time of remarkable expansion.

In 1914, via papal decree, Bishop Ortynsky was named exarch with a see in Philadelphia; thus, he now answered directly to the pope. By that year Bishop Ortynsky – recognized by both friends and foes (many of whom saw him as an agent of Ukrainian national interests) as a dedicated and highly capable administrator – had 206 parishes and 159 priests under his jurisdiction. And his prolific work continued.

According to the Very Rev. Archpriest Ivan Kaszczak, author of a newly released booklet about the first Greek-Catholic bishop in the U.S., Bishop Ortynsky died on March 24, 1916, at the age of 50, "so young and so exhausted by his pastoral work," as he had "dedicated his life to the Greek-Catholic faithful."

And so, it is fitting that we recall Bishop Soter Ortynsky's short but productive term (1907-1916), which laid a mighty foundation for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States, where the first Ukrainian Catholic archeparchy was established beyond the borders of Ukraine.

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Turning the pages back...

Last year The Weekly reported on the threat of violence marring the commemoration of the feast day of St. Mary the Protectress along Kyiv's main thoroughfare, the Khreshchatyk, on October 14. Veterans of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army

(UPA), who regard the feast day as its founding date in 1942, led the commemorations.

The previous year, in 2005, over 3,000 pro-Russian protesters violently clashed with UPA supporters, who were outnumbered three-to-one. These figures were due to the fact that the Kyiv City Administration did not approve the UPA's request to hold their event on Independence Square, which was submitted on October 1, 2005, until just a day before the event. Also, pro-Russian forces were denied permission by the Kyiv District Court to protest on the Khreshchatyk and brought in reinforcements by bus from as far as Donetsk and Sevastopol.

For the 2006 event, leaders of the Communist Party and Party of Putin's Politics informed the Kyiv City Administration on October 11, 2006, that they intended to maintain their own event. Although UPA veterans and their supporters told officials they were willing to hold their event at a different date or time, if necessary, the pro-Russian forces refused to move their event.

"The lack of punishment for last year's criminal acts has led to this year's recruitment of soldiers by Kremlin hires with the goal of officially creating terror in Kyiv, and not event covertly," according to a statement sent by patriotic organizations to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Security Service of Ukraine and the State Committee on Nationality and Migration Issues. A joint statement by the Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union, Ukrainian National Assembly – Ukrainian Self-Defense, OUN-UPA Soldiers Brotherhood, Youth Nationalist Congress and the youth organization National Alliance, said, "Disregarding the fact that the leaders of this mob publicly flaunt their readiness to spill blood, law enforcement organs haven't reacted to these facts in the least."

In contrast to the pro-Russian forces, which called their event the 60th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials, which prosecuted Nazi leaders, the Ukrainian forces commemorate sacrifices made by the heroes of Ukraine, rather than the victories over their enemies.

In preparation, the Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union submitted its request on behalf of the UPA veterans on September 13, 2006, while the Communists Party didn't submit its request until just a week prior to the event on October 6, 2006.

Source: "Clashes feared in Kyiv on UPA anniversary date," by Zenon Zawada, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, October 15, 2006.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations to Virlana Tkacz

Dear Editor:

I recently received an e-mail that started off with "Congratulations!!! I've always thought of you as Honored Artist of the World!" The author went on to tell how the president of Ukraine had presented Virlana Tkacz, the director of the Yara Arts Group, with a medal and a proclamation naming her "Honored Artist of Ukraine."

As I read that e-mail, and browsed the enclosed links, I thought this was pretty amazing! But then, why not?

Ms. Tkacz singly and through the Yara Arts Group, has done more than anyone to present Ukrainian culture and life and traditions to both Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian audiences in a way that is intriguing, eye-opening and innovative. Her works delve deep into the past and bring it forward, whole and intact, to the present, to be remembered in the future. She has done this not once, or twice, but year after year, each time outdoing herself and presenting something more fascinating than the previous time. This has not been with just Ukrainian themes, but other cultures as well – that is the art, the artist, the creative.

"Mnohaya Lita," Virlana!

Ihor Slabicky
Portsmouth, R.I.

Ukraine's problems with energy supply

Dear Editor:

While reading daily major newspapers one will notice many articles about the growth of a multitude of different enterprises and emerging new technologies all over the world. Let's take, for example, the new and renewable energy sector in this age of global warming.

As fossil fuels are getting more and more expensive and are the main cause of the "greenhouse effect" with resulting changes in climate of the planet, conservation and renewable energy alternatives are increasingly important. From tiny Denmark to the United States, wind farms and solar power look more and more to a bright future. Even countries that in the past seemed backward, like China and India, are adapting the new technologies. The Chinese now have the world's biggest wind farms.

Solar power's key material for making solar cells is silicon, which is refined from rock and sand, and is the most abundant element in the earth's crust after oxygen. The United States and Germany are the world's biggest polysilicon producers at present. A solar cell is a device that converts solar radiation into electricity.

There are numerous innovative technologies in the energy sector in the making, for example, the United Kingdom plans to build clean-coal power stations, capturing carbon dioxide emissions and piping them under the North Sea.

According to experts, nuclear power will play a greater role in replacing fossil fuel for production of electricity, and hydrogen-powered car engines will have to replace the gasoline variety.

There are many sunny and windy areas in Ukraine where solar power and wind farms could become competitive, even locally on farms and in towns with regular electricity producers using coal, oil or gas. According to the Encyclopedia

of Ukraine (University of Toronto Press) entry on Ukraine's climate: "The average annual occurrence of sunlight reaches over 2,500 hours in the south and gradually diminishes towards the north and the northeast to 1,600 hours and less... The highest wind velocities are recorded in winter. The mean velocity is 6-7 m/s, and in the mountains velocities of 50 m/s are reached."

What about Ukraine? Ukraine is struggling with inadequate and expensive supplies of oil and gas in part because of Russia's politico-economic maneuverings, but one does not hear anything about plans or developments of conservative or alternative energy-related endeavors in Ukraine, such as bio-fuels. Where are our economic experts, scientists and engineers, who are interested, involved or are already developing non-fossil fuels, renewable energy and environmentally friendly technologies?

A "greener" Ukraine and the rest of the world must be the necessary and urgent goal in the face of ever-increasing global warming. Ukraine needs reform of its energy sector and a vigorous campaign targeted at manufacturers and consumers to make and drive cars that are more friendly to the environment.

Is Ukraine under Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's leadership waiting for Russia to keep its price for oil and gas low in return for economic and political dependence?

M. Burbelo, M.D.
Westerly, R.I.

Re: Crosscurrents column on voting

Dear Editor:

Regarding "Crosscurrents" by Andrew Sorokowski (September 2): The four issues regarding the United States presidential 2008 election in this article read like the taking points of the current liberal leadership of the Democratic Party. It is my position that they should be published on the reader opinion page not as part of the body of the paper. The Ukrainian Weekly is becoming a message outlet for the liberal part of the Democratic Party like The New York Times, I want no part of it and will cancel my subscription.

Regarding the four issues: Comparing the past Ukrainian immigration to the current onslaught of illegals is a travesty. We came here legally, obeyed the laws, worked hard, learned English and slowly assimilated into the society. At the same time we formed our communities, integrating our culture (churches, organizations, institutions) into the U.S. culture to its enrichment rather than detriment. Facilitating illegal immigration by winking at the 12 million illegals is not a position that is supported by a majority of Americans and should not be a position supported by the Ukrainian community. I support the general opposition of the population to the bill in Congress that the liberals in the Democratic Party and the president favored.

Regarding the war in Iraq and Afghanistan: We went to war in Afghanistan as a result of 9/11 to fight an enemy that declared war on the U.S. and to deny them a sanctuary where they could plan and plot the destruction of our way of life. We went to war in Iraq to eliminate a regime that threatened the stability of the region, broke numerous U.N. resolutions, had ambitious designs

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Double Exposure

by Khristina Lew

Time may change me

The first time I visited Ukraine was in November of 1991. The Canadian entrepreneur Borys Wrzesnewskyj, who today serves as a member of Canada's Parliament, had organized groups of young people from Canada and the United States to campaign for a "yes" vote in the eastern and southern regions of Ukraine prior to the December 1, 1991, referendum on Ukraine's independence. I was part of that crusade, called "Aktyv Volya," and was dispatched to the cities of Mariupol on the Azov Sea and Donetsk, home of Viktor Yanukovich.

At Boryspil Airport, where hundreds of Asians and dark-skinned people with oversized white, red and blue bags waited for connecting flights to cities across the Soviet Union, I exchanged \$20 U.S. for rubles. In the three and a half weeks that I traveled across Ukraine, despite the numerous hotel restaurants that we frequented, I was unable to spend that money – artificially low prices kept everything inexpensive.

In those days the easiest way to get around was to flag down a car with a pack of Marlboro cigarettes. After negotiating a fee and settling into the seat, the conversation inevitably began with, "So you're from Poland?"

"No," I would explain, "my father was born in Lviv and my mother in Stanyslaviv – in Ivano Frankivsk."

"Banderovtsi," was the under-the-breath reply.

Then, as now, the favored means of communicating a message to the masses was via a large-scale rally or meeting. In Donetsk in 1991 the rallies took place in front of the Lenin monument, where thousands gathered to hear the pros and cons of an independent Ukraine.

That was 16 years ago, and although Lenin still stands in the middle of Donetsk, much has changed.

In September I traveled to Ukraine to again work on elections. Gone are the days of handing out hand-cranked flyers at village bazaars in the hopes that voters might actually read them. Ukraine has taken its place in Europe and the countries of the West now sponsor delegations of international election observers and fund election-related programs. In my case I worked on a Ukrainian Congress Committee of America program of town hall meetings in six cities of eastern and southern Ukraine funded by the National Endowment for Democracy. The town hall meetings were held in the studios of oblast radio stations, with the participation of often 10 or more political parties and blocs, and a listening audience of 14

million.

In the course of eight days, using planes, trains and automobiles, I zig-zagged across Ukraine: Lviv, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Donetsk and Chernihiv. Donetsk in 16 years has flourished: the old grey lady now boasts beautiful parks and a five-star hotel. Kharkiv, which I last visited in 1998, is newly repainted and many Soviet-era buildings have been renovated. Kyiv, which was always in the forefront of renovation and new construction, is now so congested with automobile traffic that a simple trip across town can take 45 minutes. Only Lviv remains stubbornly unchanged, despite its recent 750th anniversary celebrations.

Lunch for three at an outdoor restaurant near Taras Shevchenko University in Kyiv costs \$60 U.S. Young women are driving orange Mazda 3s along the Khreschatyk. In Donetsk I was able to write an article in the business center of a three-star hotel and e-mail it to the States. People are making money in Ukraine, and a middle class is flourishing.

It would seem that Ukrainians' newfound ability to make money, while good for the economy, negatively impacts the level of civic engagement. In 1991 over 84 percent of eligible voters participated in the referendum. In March 2006, 67 percent voted. On September 30, 62 percent cast their ballot. For comparative purposes, during the 2006 midterm elections in the United States in which all House of Representative seats, one-third of the Senate seats and 36 state governorships were contested, only 36.8 percent of eligible Americans voted.

Voter turnout in independent Ukraine has always been high, perhaps because during the Soviet era voting was a duty, not a right. Maybe Ukrainians are flourishing in their new democracy and choosing not to exercise their right to vote. Or maybe they are disenchanted with the country's democratic leaders, who promised to turn Ukraine Orange and instead left it muddy brown.

President Viktor Yushchenko's party, the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc, gained .22 percent in the September plebiscite when compared to the results of the March 2006 parliamentary elections; Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich's Party of the Regions gained two percent. Yulia Tymoshenko, who asked Ukrainians to pray for Ukraine during a candlelight ceremony at St. Sophia Square on September 28, gained over eight percent. Ukraine, it appears, is beginning to glow red and white, and that, indeed, is a change.

Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



A fine mess, Mr. President!

Remember those old Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy movies when Oliver looked indignantly at Stanley and said, "Well, here's another fine mess you've gotten me into." And Stan would start sobbing? Ukraine's last election was very much like that.

One would think that forming a government in Ukraine following an election would be simple enough. Elections produce winners and losers. The winners form the government. Right?

Not quite! The pro-Western winners were Yulia Tymoshenko and Viktor Yushchenko. Ms. Tymoshenko is willing to join forces with Mr. Yushchenko and form a majority in Parliament with 228 seats, two more than needed. The Orange coalition is alive and well. Right?

Not quite! Viktor Yanukovich says that if that happens, his Party of the Regions, which won 175 seats, will refuse their mandate and call for another election. Is that possible? Only 150 delegates need to balk for Parliament to be declared null and void. Again.

Approximately 66 percent of the people voted in the last election. How many do you think will vote if there is another election? As fewer and fewer people come out to vote, all elections may soon be declared null and void.

Election campaigns are expensive. Millions of dollars were spent during the last campaign. Surely Ukraine's political blocs are not financially able to go at it again. Right?

Not quite! The Ukrainian government pays all "campaign expenses for political blocs that make the required 3 percent of the popular vote. In addition to the big three vote getters, the Communists and the Volodymyr Lytvyn Bloc made the cut. Their campaign expenses will be paid by the Ukrainian taxpayer.

Mr. Yushchenko believes that the only way Ukraine can be governed is for all the factions to come together to form a grand coalition. Nice thought. Ukraine's national deputies will do what's best for Ukraine. Right? Not quite! Most parliamentarians bought their seats and they want to benefit from their investments. They bought seats for family members as well. They too need to cash in.

Surely, Ms. Tymoshenko will join President Yushchenko and re-establish the Orange Revolution, right? Not necessarily. Ms. Tymoshenko is a winner. Mr. Yushchenko is a loser whose coalition only garnered 14 percent of the vote as compared to the other Viktor's 34 percent and Ms. Tymoshenko's 32 percent. What's to prevent the other Viktor from offering Ms. Tymoshenko the prime minister's slot if she joins forces with him. She could then appoint whatever committee chairs she wants. As I write this, President Yushchenko has not made a similar offer to Ms. Tymoshenko. Don't rule out the possibility of Ms. Tymoshenko playing "payback" and dumping President Yushchenko. If that happens, the next step is impeachment.

Another disconcerting fact about the Ukrainian political scene is that the so-called blocs are little more than personality cults. Outside of the major players, few people can identify who's who in each bloc's power structure. Question. If the two Viktors and Yulia were to disappear tomorrow, who would take their place within their respective blocs?

Which blocs would survive?

Meanwhile, Ukraine's educational system continues to suffer. In an article by John Marone, Kyiv Post staff writer, which appeared on the Internet, Education Minister Stanislav Nikolayenko announced that only about half of Ukraine's high school graduates are qualified to enter college. "According to the results of current, objective and independent testing, approximately 50 to 55 percent of schoolchildren have a high enough level of knowledge," the minister said.

Bribery, common in Soviet times, survives. "In the first six months of 2006," writes Mr. Marone, the Internal Affairs Ministry "reported 242 cases of bribery in the Ukrainian educational system..." an increase over the previous year. "At least two deans, five deputy deans and seven department heads were charged with bribe-taking." That's just those who were caught. According to a survey conducted by the Institute of Social and Political Psychology at the Ukrainian Academy of Science, the price list for college entrance bribes varies from \$1,000 to \$8,000.

Another problem with Ukrainian institutions of higher learning is that the curriculum is not meeting the needs of the times. According to Oleksander Samolyuk, business development manager at the Kyiv-based Staff Service consulting agency, Ukraine suffers from a shortage of qualified middle and top level white collar jobs.

Can we expect significant change in the future? I don't think so. As I have mentioned before, Ukrainian educators, most of whom date their tenures to Soviet times, fantasize that they have the best educational system in the world. Since we're on top, they have told me, there is no need to change – "America should learn from Ukraine."

Skilled tradesmen – carpenters, plumbers, computer technicians – also are in short supply. As Ukraine's brain drain and drip continues, foreigners from Asia and elsewhere are filling in the gap. If Ukraine's population continues to drop (51.9 million in 1991 to 46.7 million in 2006) how long will it be before Ukraine's ethno-cultural base is diminished?

Despite the abysmal political scene, the low quality of Ukrainian higher education and the depressing demographics, Ukraine is doing rather well economically. The GDP has gone from \$205.4 billion in 1991 to \$340.4 billion in 2006. The inflation rate has dropped from 83 percent in 1991 to 13.5 percent in 2006. And Western companies continue to invest in Ukraine with production enterprises and a service sector. More investors would come if the political scene was normalized.

Outside of the poverty-stricken villages, moreover, most Ukrainians seem rather optimistic about the future. They appear reconciled to gridlock in Parliament and have taken a kind of "what else is new" attitude regarding bribery.

Back to Laurel and Hardy. Who do you think is weeping now? Answer: The Ukrainian electorate. They've been had. Again! And who do you think is laughing? Answer: Prime Minister Yanukovich and his sponsor, Vladimir Putin.

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Metropolitan Detroit welcomes Kirovohrad's young baseball players

by Lida Wroblewski

DETROIT – “The Ukrainians are coming! The Ukrainians are coming!” That was the chant in the Metropolitan Detroit area in late July, when we were informed by Tamara Gallo of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) that the young Ukrainian Junior Little League from Kirovohrad had clinched the Europe-Middle East-Africa (EMEA) Conference Championship by defeating England in a nerve-racking ninth inning on July 19. While down 2-0 with two outs, they scored three home runs to defeat England by a score of 3-2. And so began their journey to America.

They young athletes applied for their visas, only to be turned down by the United States Embassy for applying too late. Basil Tarasko, the energetic force behind baseball in Ukraine, contacted everyone and anyone in the United States government, International Little League officials and local government officials. Finally permission was granted.

The U.S. government required that both parents accompany each child to Kyiv, which is a six-hour bus ride from Kirovohrad, and pay \$100 per visa in order to come and represent Ukraine in the World Series. (The parents earn an average of \$250 per month.) The team's plane tickets were paid for by the Little League as were room and board.

Finally all was set, and the boys arrived on Saturday, August 11, just a couple of hours before the opening ceremonies and parade of the World Series, which were held in Taylor, Mich. After a long and grueling day, they discovered that their bats were misplaced by the airlines. They had to borrow bats from the other teams, and went on to play their first game on Sunday against Latin America, which, even after scoring first, they eventually lost 12-4.

Monday was a day off for the team, and the local UCCA branch arranged for and sent a van (furnished by St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church, whose pastor is the Rev. Philip Sandrick, OSBM) to pick up the boys and bring them to the Warren area. They were greeted warmly at the Ukrainian Cultural Center by the honorary consul of Ukraine, Bohdan Fedorak, and were treated to a delicious meal at the center. Joining them for lunch were Messrs. Fedorak, Tarasko, Andrew Jakymowych, and Mrs. Irene Maritzczak, manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the Ukrainian Future Credit Union.

The boys also had the opportunity to view the Great Famine (Holodomor) exhibit at the Ukrainian Cultural Center;



Kirovohrad baseball team members in the Ukrainian neighborhood in Warren, Mich.

they were in complete awe of the display and Mr. Fedorak's narration. They were presented by the UCCA with monetary gifts, T-shirts and cameras to record their visit to Michigan.

After the tour of the Ukrainian Cultural Center, all went to the Ukrainian Future Credit Union, where the boys were gifted with calculators and mementos of the UFCU, as well as a substantial monetary gift from Mr. Jakymowych, toward purchasing baseball equipment such as baseball cleats, baseball gloves, etc., which they needed. After feasting on candy bars and soda and taking photographs, the boys went to the Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union where they were warmly received by Borys Bluj, the branch manager, who also presented the boys with a substantial monetary gift toward the purchase of equipment.

Borys Potapenko with his son Mykola then picked up the boys and they were off to a whirlwind tour of downtown Detroit and their first professional baseball game – the Detroit Tigers vs. the Oakland A's (the home team won). The boys were mesmerized at the size of both the crowd and Comerica Park. They had

a wonderful time and found it hard to believe that they actually were in a professional stadium watching professional teams play. It was a day they said they would never forget.

On Tuesday it was back to work. Unfortunately, jet lag as well as unfamiliarity with the well-kept baseball field, as well as the fact that the team had never played a night game under artificial lights did little to help the boys win in Taylor. Puerto Rico handedly beat them 8-1; they also lost to Canada and the Philippines.

On Wednesday more than 100 local Ukrainians showed up to cheer the boys on while they faced Canada. Chants of “Uk-ra-yi-na” were heard throughout the game. To our surprise, there were Ukrainian Canadians on the Canadian team, and they too joined our chants.

Even though Canada won, Ukraine's boys made us proud. Our Ukrainian team finished its series on Friday by defeating the U.S. team from South Carolina 10-4.

All and all, it was a very exciting week not only for the boys from Ukraine but also for the local people who came to watch and appreciate the work being done with the youth of Ukraine.

A note of appreciation goes out to Mr. Tarasko, who almost single-handedly started the baseball program in Ukraine and who worked tirelessly to ensure that the trip was a success; Chuck Jones, proprietor at Play It Again Sports, who donated 12 pairs of cleats to the team; Bill Gallagher, a reporter with Fox 2 News, who provided the team with two sets of Detroit Tiger T-shirts; The Detroit Tigers for complementary baseball tickets for the team; Metro sports for baseball bags; Dr. Alexander Lebedovych, who generously gave of his time and money to entertain the boys during off times; the Ukrainian Cultural Center; Ukrainian Future Credit Union, and Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union; the Rev. Sandrick; Tracy and Martin, the team's “host parents”; and everyone who donated their time, love and support by attending the games and helping the team.

These young boys were champions on and off the field – proud of their Ukrainian heritage and extremely well behaved. Special thanks go out to the boys from Kirovohrad who made us feel special and proud that they are our champions.

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BOOK NOTES: "Little Angel's Journey," a children's book by Dzvinka Hayda

by Myrosia Stefaniuk

DETROIT – Always on the lookout for children's books to share with grandchildren, I was delighted to discover "Little Angel's Journey," written and illustrated by Dzvinka Hayda, a classmate from my own childhood. This lovely tale that follows a little angel's trek from his dwelling place in the clouds to his birth as a child on earth, is a birthday story traditionally told in Waldorf schools throughout the world.

A Waldorf teacher for many years, Ms. Hayda explains that the book grew from a seed within the Waldorf tradition. Her rendition of the story is embellished by her Ukrainian heritage, style and creative imagination. The book's designer is John Nagridge, a Ukrainian graphic artist.

As Little Angel's journey unfolds, he makes his way from heaven across Rainbow Bridge into the loving arms of earth parents. The full-page illustrations reflect the idyllic world of the author's own childhood memories, filled with brilliant landscapes, magic, mystical heavens and vivid seasonal changes on bountiful earth.

"Waldorf schools focus on the tremendously rich and wonderful inner life of children," says Ms. Hayda, whose own children attended Waldorf schools. "The child is seen as a spiritual being, not just a person that one puts education into, so teaching is directed not only at the mind, but at the hands and heart." The Waldorf method is based on Rudolf Steiner's (1861-1925) philosophy of anthroposophy (literally, wisdom or knowledge of man), which strives to develop the innate talents and abilities of each individual child.

Ms. Hayda has carried this philosophy on numerous trips back to Ukraine, her

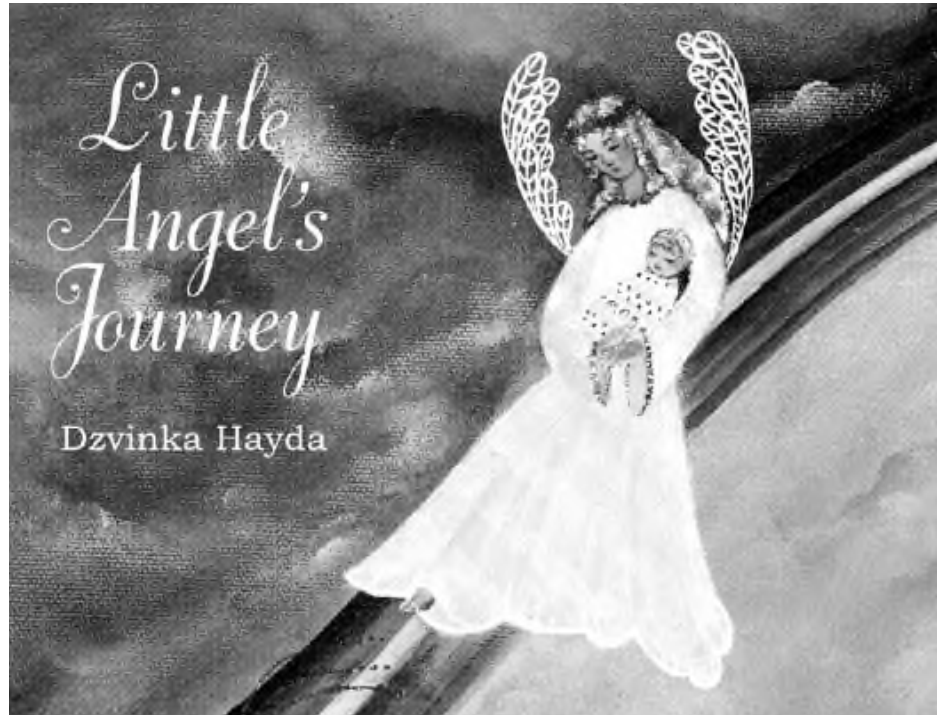


Dzvinka Hayda

place of birth. She has trained student teachers in Odesa as part of a German Waldorf Contingency, and was responsible for several Waldorf Teacher Training Seminars, which ultimately led to the opening of a Waldorf School in Horodenko, with funding coming from all over the world.

In her own metro Detroit community, Ms. Hayda has dedicated much time to promoting Ukrainian culture and organizing art exhibits. "I have always felt that our Ukrainian traditions and art are so rich we need to share that with the larger public, get them out of the Ukrainian ghetto and expose them to a wider audience," she notes. And she has worked diligently to make that belief a reality.

And, yes, there is another children's story book on the horizon. "For me, a



story is more than a mere tale," she concludes. "It's a living thing ... I see it in my mind's eye. And then I paint what I see."

"Little Angel's Journey" has been selected as one of the top five finalists for the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards in the Picture Book Category for

4- to 8-year-olds. The award honors the year's best children's books, authors and illustrators. A total of 862 entries were received from authors and publishers in 45 U.S. states, six Canadian provinces and seven countries overseas.

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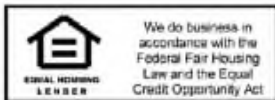
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Chaplaincy at University of Ottawa begins its third year of activity



Members of the chaplaincy after a service last November.

by Natalie Baginski

OTTAWA – The Ukrainian Catholic Chaplaincy at the University of Ottawa began its third year of activity on September 9. Like most Sundays during the academic year, the day began with matins at 9:30 a.m. followed by divine liturgy at 11:30 a.m. A potluck dinner followed. Every Sunday service, in fact, concludes with coffee and fellowship.

Bishop Stephen Chmilar of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Toronto blessed the desire for such a chaplaincy more than two years ago. Attendance at services has ranged between 20 and 40 young people with a steady increase in numbers.

The chaplain, Father Peter Galadza of the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, recently noted, "It's such a blessing to have this kind of community. These young people show the power of life in Christ. The mutual support and love – not to mention zeal – are astounding!"

This year, the chaplaincy plans to continue its pastoral efforts with guest lectures, retreats, outreach and charitable work.

During the last two years the chaplaincy has organized the following events:

- A public lecture by Prof. Douglas Farrow of McGill University on the pitfalls of changing the definition of marriage – at the time, Bill C 38, which removed the protection historically accorded to the "one man, one woman" definition, was being debated in the Canadian Parliament.

- Thursday evening talks – Among the early presenters were Adam DeVillie and Harold Visser, who spoke on "Why I became an Eastern Catholic"; and Michelle McKernan, who spoke on the theology of the body and its relevance to life on university campuses in an age of promiscuity.

- Sandwiches and gloves for the homeless – On five occasions during the last two winters members of the chaplaincy have gathered for vespers on Saturday evenings during which sandwiches were blessed for distribution to the homeless in the Byward Market area of Ottawa. After the first evening, Alexandra Martin began collecting gloves, scarves and hats which were then distributed along with the sandwiches.

- Caroling on campus and in seniors homes – The chaplaincy's singers, under the direction of Larisa Cronin, strolled the University of Ottawa campus at Christmas time, singing and distributing

flyers about the chaplaincy's services wrapped around a beeswax gift-candle. After Julian calendar Christmas they also visited several elderly Ukrainian women living in a seniors home to bring them the joyous music of the season.

- "A Sunday afternoon in heaven" as it was billed – that is, an afternoon presentation of the music of Roman Hurko, led by the composer himself. More than 70 people showed up to watch the video of his "Panakhyda" (memorial service) for the victims of Chernobyl and listen to excerpts of his new vespers.

- Two Lenten presentations of the play "Damien" by Father Edward Evanko, a former Broadway actor – his brilliant rendition of the one-man play about a Belgian priest who sacrificed his life to minister to lepers drew a capacity crowd of more than 200 the first year. At that time Father Evanko also led a two-day retreat and heard confessions.

- An afternoon with Myroslav Marynovych, vice-rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv – the former dissident spoke about his 10-year ordeal in the Soviet gulag and the power of the Gospel to sustain a prisoner's faith and hope.

- Guest homilists – Among them was Father Taras Cherwick, a military chaplain who most recently served in Afghanistan. Father Taras, who holds the rank of lieutenant colonel, was invited to help mark Remembrance Day. He spoke movingly of the sacrifices being made by young Canadians in a distant land full of hardship. Father Roman Rytsar, a graduate theology student from Ukraine, has also preached on several occasions. He regularly concelebrates and his availability for confessions is particularly appreciated by the students.

- "Invite a Friend to Vespers" evenings – On two occasions, attendance at the weekly Thursday vespers tripled when members of the chaplaincy invited their friends to pray Evensong with them. "Some friends are already committed on Sunday morning, while others can't receive communion in our Church, so having vespers for them on a weekday is a convenient way to introduce them to our worship," said Kenneth Cronin, one of the founding members of the chaplaincy.

- Theophany (Jordan) blessing of student residences – In January students devised a way to visit with each other and simultaneously have their homes blessed by the chaplain. More than a

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Detroit parish completes year of centennial celebrations

by Joseph Szafranski
and Luba Bakopoulos

DETROIT –St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Detroit recently completed a year of celebration of its 100th jubilee. Founded in 1907, St. John's is the Mother Church of Ukrainian Catholic churches in the Detroit area.

The Rev. Valeriy Kandyuk, pastor of St. John's, and the Jubilee Committee headed by Parish Council President Joseph Szafranski planned a series of joint celebrations with their sister parishes in the Detroit area over the past year.

The jubilee year began with a kickoff dinner on July 9, 2006, with all parishes invited. The local Ukrainian community came together to show its wholehearted support of this milestone. St. John's then began a series of celebrations with each of its sister parishes in Michigan. On October 22, 2006, the choir from Immaculate Conception in Hamtramck, Mich., sang the responses at the divine liturgy. This was followed by a reception for the choir and parishioners of both parishes in the school auditorium with coffee, cake and light sandwiches.

On November 19, 2006, parishioners from Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Dearborn Heights, joined St. John's at its Thanksgiving dinner.

On April 22 the choir from St. Josaphat in Warren, sang the responses at the divine liturgy and joined the parish at its "Sviachene" dinner. The choirs from St. Michael's in Dearborn, and Holy Ascension in Plymouth sang the responses at the divine liturgy on May 20 and later joined the parishioners for a Mother's Day dinner.

The jubilee year was closed out with two final celebrations. On June 22 a reunion dinner was held for all students who attended St. John's Grade School. A gala reunion was held at the St. Josaphat Banquet Center in Warren. Almost 200 students from the 1940s to the 1980s attended. It was a nostalgic affair with many classmates who hadn't seen each other for up to 60 years, and attendees came from as far away as California.

June 24, the feast of St. John the Baptist, was the final day of the jubilee year. The day started with a divine liturgy at 11 a.m. After a short procession from the parish rectory, Bishop Richard Stephen Seminack of the St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago, was greeted by Olya Novatchynski and Mr. Szafranski at the church entrance with a bouquet of flowers and the traditional bread and salt.

This was followed by a divine liturgy concelebrated by the bishop and seven priests: the Rev. Kandyuk, pastor of St. John's; the Rt. Rev. Volodymyr Petriv, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Detroit dean; the Very Rev. Daniel Schaicoski, OSBM, pastor of Immaculate Conception; the Very Rev. Philip Sandrick, OSBM, pastor of St. Josaphat; the Very Rev. Canon Wayne Ruchgy, pastor of St. Michael and Holy Ascension parishes; the Rev. Msgr. Michael Poloway, former parishioner of St. John's; and the Rev. Thomas Marick, assistant at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The divine liturgy was followed by a jubilee banquet at the Ukrainian Cultural Center in Warren. The banquet emcees were Dr. Zirka Kalynych and Mr. Szafranski. Each provided comments on the history of St. John's as well as controlled the Ukrainian and English portions, respectively, of the program. Entertainment included poetic recitation by Lida Gizhovska, a vocal solo by Olga Yalovenko, a violin solo by Oksana Boguslavska, the Echoes of Ukraine dancers under the direction of Anna Czubytyj, and music by Vasyl Perets, the director of St. John's Boyan Choir,

which recorded a CD of liturgical music to mark the parish jubilee.

The history of St. John's is typical of the pioneer Ukrainian Catholic parishes in the United States. Many of those early immigrants settled in large industrial cities such as Detroit. Having settled here but not having a church of their own, these people attended Latin Rite parishes. However, they soon began to acknowledge the need for their own Ukrainian Catholic priests and their own Byzantine Rite.

The beginnings in 1907

In early 1907 a group of Ukrainian families congregated and decided to build a Ukrainian Catholic church of their own. Michael Stefansky donated a parcel of land at 3564 Cicotte and had a small wooden church built. Since many early parishioners were named John, the church was dedicated to St. John the Baptist. That first parish, with only about 50 souls, was ready to serve the ever-growing number of Ukrainian Catholic immigrants in the Detroit area. The first pastor was the Rev. Julian Levynsky.

The parish grew and established other cultural and spiritual centers of activity in Detroit. It was at this time that a sizeable number of Ukrainians on the east side established a parish of their own in Hamtramck (Immaculate Conception), having found it too far to travel to St. John's.

The current church was built in 1918 during the pastorate of the Rev. Michael Guryansky. After some financially troubling times in the 1920s, the parish began to grow again under the Rev. Leo Sembratovich who was followed by the Rev. Stephen Pobutsky. With the encouragement of Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky, a two-story home was eventually purchased for an all-day school taught by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate. The first eighth grade graduation ceremony was held in 1946. A modern school building was completed in 1951. The school continued until falling enrollment resulted in its closing in 1985.

St. John's continued to grow through the 1950s and 1960s. New parishes were formed in Dearborn (St. Michael the Archangel) and Dearborn Heights (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) to serve the parishioners who had moved to the western suburbs of Detroit. St. John's itself was well-served under the succeeding pastorates of Msgr. Stephen Knapp, Msgr. Michael Bochnewich (who oversaw the renovation of the church interior in 1956), Father Walter Klymchuk, Father Joseph Shary (who oversaw the closing of the school in 1985), Father Marion Iwaciw, Father Walter Rybicki, OSBM, Father Mario Dacechen, OSBM, Father Volodymyr Petriv and Father Valeriy Kandyuk.

"Miracle of the Bells"

St. John's had a serious setback in the early morning hours of August 7, 2001, when a fire was started by a short circuit in the wiring inside a wall of the sacristy. The fire grew unnoticed as it destroyed the sacristy and the roof of the apse over the altar. It was temporarily held in check by a firewall in the church attic between the nave and altar. Just as it was ready to spread to the rest of the roof and ultimately destroy the church, a miraculous thing happened: the fire shorted out the controls for the church bells in the sacristy and the bells started ringing out an alarm. Neighbors who were awakened by the bells called the fire department and the church was saved from destruction.

Although the contents of the sacristy and the artwork in the apse roof were destroyed, the remaining damage was mainly limited to that due to smoke and water. Through the "Miracle of the Bells," the altar, iconostas,



The current St. John's in 2007.



The original St. John's in 1907.

tetrapod, pews, stained glass windows, other artwork and the remainder of the church structure survived. Divine liturgy was celebrated in the school hall for several months as the church was repaired and the artwork restored. The renewed church was blessed by Bishop Michael Wivchar on Palm Sunday in 2002.

As St. John's celebrated its 100th anniversary, it acknowledged the pioneer

priests, religious and parishioners who lived and worked with the conviction that they needed their own Ukrainian Catholic church and school to provide for the religious and cultural needs of their people. Current parishioners expressed thanks to them and the succeeding parishioners for their labors, sacrifices and prayers, which resulted in a vibrant Ukrainian Catholic community in metropolitan Detroit.



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NEW YORK – The “Ukraine’s Quest for Mature Nation Statehood series” will hold its eighth annual roundtable at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center in Washington on October 16-17. This year’s forum will be titled “Ukraine-EU Relations”.

The two-day conference will bring together governmental and key non-government representatives of Ukraine, the European Union and the United States, as well as experts from the world of academia to examine and evaluate Ukraine’s capacity to thrive alongside its great Western neighbors, and its readiness, if asked to join, to eventually thrive inside the EU.

To facilitate the examination, the event will run four regular sessions featuring eight panels, six highlight focus sessions, two working lunches and two conference receptions. Nearly 70 speakers are expected to address the conference proceedings.

This year’s event will feature Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Andrii Veselovsky, Head of Ukraine’s Delegation to the European Union Roman Shpek, Former Foreign Affairs Ministers Borys Tarasyuk and Kostyantyn Hryshchenko, Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc Senior Foreign Policy Advisor Hryhoriy Nemyria, Foreign Policy Advisor to the State Secretariat of the President of Ukraine Bohdan Sokolovsky, Ambassador of Ukraine to the U.S. Oleh Shamshur, Ambassador of Poland to the United States Janusz Reiter, Ambassador of Germany to the United States Klaus Scharioth, Ambassador of Portugal to the United States Joao de Vallera, Ambassador of Slovakia to the United States Rastislav Kacer, Ambassador of Lithuania to the United States Audrius Bruzga, Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the United States Angelos Pangratis, former U.S. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, Deputy Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs David Kramer and former U.S. Ambassadors to Ukraine Steven Pifer and William Miller.

A conference reception will be held on the evening of the conference’s first day at the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, hosted by Ambassador Shamshur.

The roundtable steering committee, representing the American Foreign Policy Council, the Atlantic Council of the United States, the Center for U.S.-Ukrainian Relations, Columbia University’s East Central European Center, the Embassy of Ukraine to the United States, the International Republican Institute, Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies Foreign Policy Institute, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Ukraine, the National Democratic Institute, the Polish American Ukrainian Cooperative Initiative and the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation of America, will host the patrons reception, the traditional final event of the symposium.

In providing the contemplated assessment, the forum strives to help clarify a larger issue to which the roundtable series has dedicated its time and resources, namely the pace of Ukraine’s endeavor to achieve “mature nation statehood.”

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“Sounds of the Prairies” to be heard in New York City

NEW YORK – Ukrainian Canadian dancer/folk dance scholar Andriy Nahachewsky and tsymbalist/prairie music scholar Brian Cherwick will travel to New York City in mid-October to join New York Ukrainian artists and audiences in four programs – an instrumental music workshop, a concert, a village dance party program and an academic lecture presentation – showcasing and exploring the music and dance traditions of the Ukrainian settlers of western Canada. The program are presented by the Center for Traditional Music and Dance, Ukrainian Wave Community Cultural Initiative and the New York Bandura Ensemble.

Dr. Nahachewsky directs the Ukrainian folklore center at the University of Alberta and is author of over 30 publications on Ukrainian folklife and folk dance.

Dr. Cherwick is an authority on the history of Ukrainian prairie dance band music in western Canada, and directs and performs with the Edmonton-based Ukrainian Canadian acoustic folk band The Kubasonics.

Following are descriptions of the programs to be presented.

- **Prairie Dance Music Workshops:** Dr. Cherwick will offer sessions designed to introduce Ukrainian prairie dance tunes and playing techniques to all interested

musicians, on the tsymbaly (Ukrainian hammered dulcimer) and other acoustic folk instruments. The workshops, to be held at the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 140 Second Ave., include: General Tunes and Techniques Workshop, three, two-hour sessions on Tuesday-Thursday, October 16-18; hammered Dulcimer Workshop, two, two-hour sessions, Tuesday-Wednesday, October 16-17. To register call 212-571-1555, ext. 35.

- **“Sounds of the Prairies: Music of the Ukrainian Settlers of Western Canada”:** This opening concert in New York Bandura Ensemble’s Bandura Downtown series will introduce audiences to music of the Ukrainian settlers in western Canada. It is being presented in conjunction with The Ukrainian Museum’s exhibit “Thread to the Past: Folk Art from the 1933 Chicago World’s Fair.” The event will take place at the museum, 222 E. Sixth St. on Friday, October 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (member, student and senior discounts are available); to reserve tickets call 212-228-0110.

- **Western Canadian Vechornytsi (Village Dance Party):** An evening of Ukrainian traditional dance, western-Canadian style, with instruction by dance master and scholar Dr. Nahachewsky (University of Alberta) and prairie dance

band music by Dr. Cherwick and New York musicians, plus a jam session. The event will be at the Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 140 Second Ave., on Saturday, October 20, at 7:30-11 p.m. Admission: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

- **Joint lecture on the History of Ukrainian Folk Dance and Music in Western Canada:** Drs. Cherwick and Nahachewsky will give two research-based presentations on the transformation and evolution of Ukrainian folk dance and music forms from Ukrainian settlement in western Canada to the present. The lecture will be held in Room 1219, Harriman Institute of Columbia University, 420 W. 118th St. – 12th Floor MC 3345, on Monday, October 22, at noon-2 p.m. Admission is free.

For further information contact the Center for Traditional Music and Dance at 212-571-1555, ext. 35.

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that the OU-PSD is ready to create a ruling coalition only with the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc (YTB) and to invite the Bloc of Volodymyr Lytvyn to join such a coalition, Interfax-Ukraine reported. "I think that, first and foremost, it is necessary to form a parliamentary majority, at least in the OU-PSD and YTB format. If the YTB proposes Tymoshenko for prime minister, and I can forecast this with a 101.2 percent probability, then we will support her," Mr. Lutsenko said at a news conference in Kyiv, following a meeting with President Viktor Yushchenko. Meanwhile, Oleksander Babak, a press secretary to Viacheslav Kyrylenko, another OU-PSD leader, said the same day that the OU-PSD will hold no coalition talks with the Party of the Regions led by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich. According to the Ukrayinska Pravda website, with 99.98 percent of the ballots counted, the OU-PSD and the YTB jointly have a slim majority of 228 mandates in the 450-seat Verkhovna Rada. The Lytvyn Bloc is set to obtain 20 mandates. (RFE/RL Newslines)

PSD for coalition with YTB

KYIV – The People's Self-Defense (PSD) group of the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc on October 5 confirmed its position on uniting with the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc into a coalition. The People's Self-Defense group has sent a letter to President Viktor Yushchenko to protest against a possible coalition with the Party of the Regions. The letter was signed by all representatives of the group, who reminded the president of the coalition agreement with the YTB that was reached before the election. (Ukrinform)

OU-PSD taps coalition negotiators

KYIV – The Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc has commissioned Yurii Lutsenko, Viacheslav Kyrylenko and Borys Tarasyuk to hold coalition talks with the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc. Mr. Lutsenko, leader of OU-PSD, said at an October 4 press conference. (Ukrinform)

CPU meets with PRU

KYIV – The Communist Party of Ukraine will never agree on a broad coalition with Our Ukraine – People's Self-defense or the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, CPU leader Petro Symonenko told a press conference on October 4. Such a coalition is impossible, he said, as the CPU has serious ideological divergences with these political forces. Mr. Symonenko said the CPU has started negotiations with the Party of the Regions on a coalition. "Today in the morning I had a meeting with [Viktor] Yanukovich. Our talks go on," he said, adding that the meeting didn't deal with the future distribution of posts in the government and the Parliament. (Ukrinform)

Lytvyn meets with both sides

KYIV – Volodymyr Lytvyn, leader of the bloc that bears his name, confirmed after a meeting with representatives of the Party of the Regions on October 4 that his bloc is holding unofficial consultations with all the political forces that, according to preliminary election results, have entered the Parliament. Mr. Lytvyn confirmed a meeting with the leader of the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc on October 3. Previously he met with President Viktor Yushchenko, and this, he said, can be regarded as informal talks with the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc. Mr. Lytvyn said they discussed the principles of forming a coalition and not the

distribution of posts. He added that he is not interested in the post of Verkhovna Rada chairman. (Ukrinform)

PRU satisfied with election results

KYIV – The Party of the Regions is satisfied with its election result and is unlikely to demand a vote recount, Interfax-Ukraine reported on October 4, quoting Vladyslav Zabarskyi, the party's representative at the Central Election Commission. "Until now, we have no data on mass or systematic violations during the elections. I don't see any need to appeal against the results," Zabarskyi said. With 99.98 percent of the ballots counted, the Central Election Commission reported on October 5 that the Party of the Regions leads in the vote count with 34.36 percent of the vote. According to the Ukrayinska Pravda website, this result translates into 175 parliamentary seats. (RFE/RL Newslines)

Ukrainian "Harry Potter" is first

KYIV – Kyiv on September 26 hosted an official presentation of the seventh book of J.K. Rowling's series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," in a Ukrainian-language version by the A-BA-BA-HA-LA-MA-HA publishing house. The Ukrainian translation, once again, was the first translation in the world. The Ukrainian edition had a print run of 150,000 copies. (Ukrinform)

Has gas dispute been resolved?

MOSCOW – First Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, who is also chairman of the state-run gas monopoly Gazprom, said in Moscow on October 3 that Gazprom has reached an agreement under which Ukraine will pay its \$1.3 billion in debts to Gazprom, thereby heading off the possibility of a halt in Russian gas supplies to Ukraine on November 1, Russian and international media reported. He added, "European consumers won't suffer. European customers are in an absolutely comfortable situation." Britain's Financial Times reported on October 4 that the meaning of Mr. Medvedev's statement is unclear. The paper added that his announcement "might be only an initial step towards resolving a standoff that has rekindled fears over possible shortages in gas supplies to Europe." The Russian daily Kommersant wrote on October 4 that Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko announced the previous day in Kyiv that he wants not a government of the Orange Revolution parties, as was widely expected, but rather for "the [pro-Moscow] Party of the Regions, the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc, Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense, and the other winners of the parliamentary elections to begin preliminary consultations on forming a majority in the Parliament and forming a [broad coalition] government for the country." Kommersant noted that "the Ukrainian president made his shocking statement 20 minutes after a happy ending was declared in Russia to the dispute with Ukraine over natural gas." Mr. Yushchenko further added to the confusion when he said in Berlin on October 3, a few hours after his call in Kyiv for a coalition government, that "neither the Ukrainian state nor Naftohaz has debts to Gazprom." In Kyiv on October 3, Ukrainian Finance Minister Mykola Azarov disagreed with Gazprom's figure of \$1.3 billion in debts, saying that "some issues in [determining] accounts may have arisen," but that the full figure is "out of the question. ... [Gazprom] must have used, let us say, inaccurate data." Prior to making his announcement on the alleged deal between Gazprom and Ukraine, Mr. Medvedev said on October

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3 that "Gazprom is not a charitable organization. It is a large company that implements large-scale investment and social projects. ... Gazprom cannot put its investment plans at risk over foreign partners' solvency problems." (RFE/RL Newsline)

Putin pleased with gas deal

MOSCOW – Russian Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov said in Moscow on October 9 that Ukraine will repay \$1.2 billion owed to Gazprom by transferring gas from underground storage facilities in Ukraine to the Russian firm for further export, Russian media reported (see "RFE/RL Newsline," October 9, 2007). He also said that the remaining debt of \$929 million will be paid by Ukrainian energy suppliers. The total of more than \$2 billion is substantially more than the figure of \$1.3 billion originally cited by Gazprom. The deal was reached during a meeting between Mr. Zubkov and Ukrainian Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, who said in the presence of President Putin that, "with the signing of these documents, a mechanism has been found for settling the so-called debt. We believe the issue has been resolved thanks to the confidence and full trust that we have about how we should build our relations in important areas such as the gas sphere." Mr. Putin replied that he is "very glad that the issue has been resolved both between the companies and the governments. It was absolutely unexpected for us that such a large debt – approximately \$1.3 billion – had accumulated. I will not go into details now, but I'm pleased that you have found a solution." In apparent response to repeated suggestions in Russia and abroad that Moscow manufactured a gas crisis to put pressure on Kyiv, Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergei Lavrov said on October 10 that politics was not involved in the matter, which was strictly about paying debts, Interfax reported. He stressed that "the situation has been settled. I don't see any reasons to politicize the gas issue again. Russia is a reliable supplier. We have not violated a single contract or obligation." He added that "we ask our critics to cite at least one concrete example of violated obligations. We have not received a single answer to this request." (RFE/RL Newsline)

PM comments on president's wish

KYIV – The president's wish to form a coalition within the next five days cannot be realized, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich told journalists after the president's consultations with the political parties that have entered the Verkhovna Rada. The president expressed his wish that the election winners find common language to form a coalition and present their proposals to him within the next five days, the prime minister pointed out, while noting that there can be no decision regarding the coalition's composition until the final returns of the elections are announced. The final results were expect-

ed to be announced on October 15. (Ukrinform)

PRU aspires to form government

KYIV – Prime Minister Yanukovich told journalists in Kyiv on October 8 that his Party of the Regions of Ukraine aspires to form a new government after the September 30 elections, Ukrainian media reported. "We are ready to assume responsibility. We have the right to do it as the winners of this parliamentary race. If that happens, the [prime minister's] chair will be taken by the Party of the Regions. If it doesn't happen, our only option is to work in the opposition," Mr. Yanukovich said. He added that no coalition will be officially formed in Parliament until the Central Election Commission announces definitive election results. (RFE/RL Newsline)

OU-PSD wants Kyrylenko as Rada chair

KYIV – The political council of the Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense bloc has voted to nominate the chairman of its political council as chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of the sixth convocation, the bloc's press service reported. Earlier that decision was approved by the presidium of the Our Ukraine party; now the decision was approved by all nine parties that form the bloc. (Ukrinform)

SCM wary of Tymoshenko as PM

KYIV – The System Capital Management Group has threatened to suspend implementation of its investment plan for the rehabilitation of Dniproenergo unless it receives guarantees of its property rights in case of Yulia Tymoshenko's prime ministership. According to the SCM Group's financial director, Denys Kyreyev, Ms. Tymoshenko's statements concerning reprivatization can make many an entrepreneur reconsider plans to invest into privatized enterprises. "There is no point in investing a single dollar into an enterprise if its privatization may be called into question by a new Cabinet of Ministers. The privatization of Dniproenergo was held in full compliance with the law, and I think it's advisable for us to halt the implementation of our investment plans unless we get a confirmation of the definitive privatization of the enterprise," Mr. Kyreyev told a London forum of participants in the capital markets of Ukraine. Ms. Tymoshenko has repeatedly stated that SCM chief stakeholder Rinat Akhmetov should not be allowed to increase his share in Dniproenergo. She promised to revert Dniproenergo into state property if she becomes prime minister. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine attractive to investors

KYIV – Ukraine was named among 20 countries that will receive the most direct foreign investment in 2007-2009, according to a new report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development devoted to investment perspectives. The report was presented on October 5 in the U.N. Geneva office. The report's authors

based their conclusions on a poll of the 192 largest transnational corporations. On the list of top 20 countries, Ukraine was 18th. Since 1994 Ukraine has received over \$24 billion in foreign investments. (Ukrinform)

Ukraine urges day to remember genocide

KYIV – First Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Volodymyr Khandohiy on October 4 urged on the United Nations General Assembly to establish an International Day of Commemoration of Genocide Victims. He proposed this initiative while speaking during the general political debates of the 62nd session of the U.N. General Assembly. The head of the Ukrainian delegation focused the assembly's attention on the 1932-1933 Holodomor in Ukraine. He underscored that, although the tragedy's 75th anniversary would soon be marked, the crime had not yet been adequately condemned by the international community. (Ukrinform)

Observers against "against all" choice

KYIV – The joint International

Election Observation Mission on October 2 urged Ukraine to remove the possibility of "against all" voting as was recommended by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe observer missions to Ukraine's parliamentary elections last year. This was specified in a joint statement of the mission following the September 30 early parliamentary elections. Such voting does not express a distinct choice but is accounted for in the allocation of seats in the Verkhovna Rada, the statement says. (Ukrinform)

Parties spend \$50 M on ads

KYIV – The chief editor of the Telekritika magazine, Nataliya Ligachova, on September 28 said she estimated that the cost of the political advertisements in Ukraine during the current snap election was some \$50 million (U.S.), including direct and hidden advertisement. According to Ukrainian experts, during the current election campaign each of political forces spent \$3 million to \$7 million on political ads. (Ukrinform)



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Chicago-Kyiv Sister Cities Program to host Horowitz competition winners

CHICAGO – The Kyiv Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program (CSCIP) on October 19 will host the prize winners of the 2007 International Competition for Young Pianists in Memory of Vladimir Horowitz. Anastasia Rizikov, 8, Artem Kanke, 23, and Wong Wai Yin, 14, will entertain the audience during the 45-minute program of Chopin, Haydn and Tchaikovsky.

The concert is free and open to the public and seating is first come, first-served basis. This program is made possible through the support of the concert's sponsor, Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union.

The concert is scheduled for 12:10 - 1 p.m. at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Anderson Hall, 126 E. Chestnut St, Chicago, IL 60611.

Sister Cities since 1991, Kyiv and Chicago have developed a longstanding sister-city relationship based on a shared vision of promoting arts, culture, business and education. The Kyiv Committee of CSCIP has played host to several high-level delegation visits and organized numerous cultural, educational and social service exchanges.

The International Competition for Young Pianists in Memory of Vladimir Horowitz was initiated in 1994. Several competitions have been held since that time – in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Over 500 young pianists from 25 countries have taken part in the concerts.

In 2002 the international competition became a member of the European Union of Music Competitions for Youth and in

2004 the competition became a member of the World Federation of International Music Competitions.


Young pianists' profiles

Anastasia Rizikov was born in Toronto, and is 8 years old. Anastasia studies at the Nadia Music School, Toronto, under award-winning piano teacher Maia Spis, who has a master of music in Ukraine. In 2007 Anastasia won the prestigious Kiwanis Music Festival and earned first place at the Canadian National Music Competition (CMC).

Artem Kanke was born in 1983 in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine. When Artem was 7 he began studying at State Music School in Khmelnytskyi under the well-known piano teacher Artur Antonov. At the age of 14 he was accepted to the Special Music School for gifted young musicians in Kharkiv in the class of Prof. Gari Gelfgata. At 18 he enrolled in the National Music Academy in Kyiv and began studying under Maria Kozlova. Mr. Kanke is currently a student in the Higher Music School in the Cologne Aachen department under Prof. Iliia Sheps.

Wong Wai Yin was born in 1993 in China. In 1998 she began studying under Prof. Kwok Gabriel in the junior piano course in the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. Since 2002 she has been a prize-winner in many international and national competitions. In 2007 she was awarded the first prize gold medal at the International Competition for Young Pianists in Memory of Vladimir

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"Shkola Bulavnykh" participants and counselors during a hike.

by Anastasia Whalen

MIDDLEFIELD, Ohio – The "Pysanyi Kamin" Plast campground in Middlefield, Ohio, was the site on June 23 through July 5 of "Shkola Bulavnykh" – a two-week intense counselor training course specializing in teaching outdoor education, and skills and knowledge necessary to be a camp leader.

This year's "Sha-Be" (as it's referred to by Plast members) was attended by seven enthusiastic future counselors from around the U.S. Although this year's group had the smallest attendance to date, those who participated formed a very close-knit team.

Headed by Katria Kuzmowycz as "komendantka," this year's "Sha-Be" required a certain fortitude of mind and body – including such characteristics as confidence, perseverance, knowledge of Plast history and the inner workings of the organization, and cooperation in completing various tasks.

In addition, there were numerous prerequisites to attending "Sha-Be," such as completion of essays, gathering of information and materials for the completion of merit badges ("vmilosty"), detailing your Plast experiences since "novatstvo" (cub scouts) and describing your activities in the Ukrainian community.

Other counselors at "Sha-Be" 2007 included Darka Kowcz-Jakubowycz and Charity Sweene, with help from Roxanna Kobziar, Andrea Komichak and Tamara

Sopka. The camp was visited by the leader of the U.S. National Plast Command, Marta Kuzmowycz, and other instructors – Oles Jakubowycz, Daria Jakubowycz, Irene Stadnyk and Marko Jakubowycz – arrived on various days to cover their topics.

Immediately upon arrival at "Sha-Be" we fell into a regular routine of setting up our camp, cooking meals and pioneering projects like constructing the kitchen, toilets and camp entranceway. The bulk of our time was spent giving lectures accompanied by cooking our own meals, keeping a night-watch, practical demonstrations and taking turns running the camp's daily program.

We were also given various assignments to complete during "Shkola Bulavnykh," like preparing a three-day menu for a hike, planning our own one-day hike and arranging a "rainy-day" plan.

Our own one-day hike took place on a stretch of the Pennsylvania section of the North Country Trail, a volunteer-maintained path running from North Dakota to New York. We were able to decide how far and what part of the trail we wanted to hike; and we set aside part of the day to work on rappelling and some rock climbing. It was an extremely enjoyable hike, partly because we were able to plan it ourselves.

"Shkola Bulavnykh" highlights the working relationship built within a group of participants and the things that can be accomplished through effective communication and cooperation.

Re: Crosscurrents...

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on neighboring countries and threatened overall stability of the Western world. These wars were not imperial wars but rather wars of liberation and self-defense. These wars are being fought for stability in the region, which has great impact on the U.S. and the rest of the world. Also, they are being fought against al Qaeda and states that support its mission.

Regarding Mr. Sorokowski's position on the death penalty. The death penalty is a just punishment for evil actions and is not meted out for retribution but for the protection of society. The victims receive no justice and mercy, neither should the perpetrators.


Finally, Mr. Sorokowski's position on abortion: We do not have to look to the French regarding this issue. Abortion is the taking of defenseless and innocent human life. It is against Judeo-Christian

principles on which the U.S. Constitution is based. The label "pro-choice" is misleading. People who support this position should admit that they approve of the taking of a viable human life. The idea that somehow the Constitution provides this right to a woman is false. The Ukrainian community, which is mostly religious, conservative and pro-life should not support any politician who subscribes with this view.

Clearly a candidate who holds the views expressed by Mr. Sorokowski is not a candidate whom I would support but would actually vigorously campaign against.

Leo Worobkevich
Warren, Mich.

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SPORTSLINE

Soccer

• After eight games played (4W-1D-3L) in Group B, Ukraine is in fourth place in the UEFA Euro Cup 2008. On September 8 Ukraine drew 1-1 against Georgia, while on September 12 Ukraine lost to Italy 2-1. At press time, Ukraine still faces Scotland on October 13, the Faroe Islands on October 17, Lithuania on November 17 and France on November 21.

• Shakhtar Donetsk defeated Portuguese club team Benfica 1-0 in a UEFA Champions League match with a goal by Jadson in the 42nd minute, after an assist from Fernandinho, who cut the ball to Jadson. This was Jadson's first goal in Champions League play. Shakhtar is currently in first place in Group D after two games played, with 6 points, having defeated Celtic 2-0 on September 18. Shakhtar's next game will be against Milan on October 24. Dynamo Kyiv, which plays in Group F, is in last place after defeats by Roma 0-2 on September 19 and Sporting (Portugal) 1-2 on October 2. Dynamo faces Manchester United, which leads the group with 6 points, on October 23.

• In UEFA Cup play, after a first-round scoreless match, FC Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk tied 1-1 against Scotland's Aberdeen on October 4. Aberdeen's Darren Mackie scored in the 28th minute and Andriy Vorobey tied the game for Dnipro in the 76th minute. Metalist Kharkiv tied 1-1 against England's Everton on September 29 and

lost 3-2 to the English squad on October 4. Both Ukrainian club teams will advance to the group stage that begins on October 25.

Chess

Ten-year-old chess prodigy Ilyia Nyzhnyk, who won the Moscow Open tournament on January 27-February 4, competed at a grandmaster level rating of 2633, finishing with 8.5 out of 9 points. Nyzhnyk plays a variety of openings and styles, which is unusual for someone so young. Currently his play is rated at 2344, the highest ranking for anyone under 12.

Boxing

• The scheduled bout between Vitali Klitschko and Jameel McClint was cancelled due to a herniated disc Klitschko sustained during training, as reported by Ukrinform on September 10. After the mend, Klitschko will fight the winner of the Peter-Maskayev bout.

• Second-ranked WBO boxer Alexander Dimitrenko (26-0, 16 KO) will square off against Timo Hoffmann (36-5, 20 KO) in a WBO heavyweight bout to be held in Magdenburg, Germany, on November 17, as reported by Fightnews.com on October 9. At 6-foot-7 each, these towering pugilists will be the main event at "Universum Champions Night" at Borderlanhalle.

Strongman

For the second time, Ukrainian strongman Vasyl Virastyuk won the IFSA Strongman World Championships, this year held in Geusman, South Korea, on September 15. With a total of 57.5 points, Virastyuk beat Russian Misha Kokylaev with 52.2 points and Lithuanian Zydrunas Savickas with 51.5 points.

Gymnastics

Anna Bezsonova won the all-around at the 28th Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships held in Patras, Greece, on September 18-24. Bezsonova also won the bronze medal in the hoop category. Ukraine collected four medals in all to finish in second place.

Running

Mykola Antonenko won the Twin Cities Marathon held in St. Paul, Minn., on October 7, as reported by the Associated Press. Antonenko finished with a time of 2 hours, 13 minutes, 54 seconds was more than 6 minutes faster than his nearest contender. A veteran to the city's marathon, Antonenko finished third in 2004. Running in 72-degree heat, which was the hottest on record, slowed the pace early on. Antonenko said it was the most difficult heat he had ever run in. Over 250 runners were treated for dehydration and other heat-related issues.

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Gazprom...

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RosUkrEnergo, the monopoly intermediary between Gazprom and Ukraine. Gazprom's proxy RosUkrEnergo is a parity joint venture of Gazprom with two allied Ukrainian businessmen, the notorious Dmytro Firtash being a key figure.

RosUkrEnergo sells that gas at the Ukrainian border to its proxy within Ukraine, UkrGazEnergo, a joint venture of RosUkrEnergo with Gazprom-friendly elements within Naftohaz and other Ukrainian offices. UkrGazEnergo has been awarded the lucrative Ukrainian market of industrial consumers of gas, whereas Naftohaz itself has been left with the barely solvent or insolvent "social market" for gas – that is, mainly municipal utilities and the residential consumers – where gas prices are regulated below the actual costs.

These arrangements have drastically cut Naftohaz's income while enriching Gazprom's proxies in Ukraine. Moreover, transit and storage service fees for Russian gas passing through Ukraine westward were fixed at deeply discounted levels by the 2006 agreements, thus cutting Naftohaz's income even further. Last year already, the company was no longer in a position to carry out necessary modernization work and went into debt – to Gazprom-friendly banks to be sure – in order to refinance its arrears to Gazprom. The \$1.3 billion now claimed by Gazprom comes on top of the 2006 debts, by Gazprom's reckoning.

At present, Gazprom is farcically turning to RosUkrEnergo to pay that amount; RosUkrEnergo equally farcically points a finger at UkrGazEnergo to pay; and UkrGazEnergo claims that Naftohaz Ukrainy is the ultimate debtor, which is actually the result that the Kremlin-driven 2006 arrangements were designed to achieve.

In the international debate that is now developing over this situation, Gazprom – and behind it the Kremlin – will undoubtedly portray their debt-collection claims as market-determined, and any dispute as purely commercial. The background to this situation should disprove that pretense, however.

The political link is also apparent between Gazprom's sudden announcement and the outcome of Ukraine's September 30 parliamentary elections. Russia's ambassador to Ukraine – and

former Gazprom chief – Viktor Chernomyrdin warned during a Kyiv conference on September 27 that talks were ongoing on the gas price and "everything will depend on who will come into the Ukrainian government" after the elections.

Alluding to debt settlement, Mr. Chernomyrdin served notice that joint control of Ukraine's gas transit system is more in Ukraine's than in Russia's interest; that it is "first of all a matter of state interest"; and that, should Ukraine decline to settle the debts by sharing control of transit pipelines, Russia would switch its gas export routes to seabed pipelines [i.e., Baltic and Black Sea], leaving Ukraine "with scrap metal: there will be the pipeline, but what will it carry?" (Channel 5 TV, UCIPP Ukraine Monitoring, Interfax-Ukraine, September 27).

While this latter part of the warning involves an element of bluff, the state-driven policy approach can hardly be clearer. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Naryshkin also unveiled a Kremlin-driven approach when discussing gas deliveries to Gazprom by Turkmenistan on October 3 in Ashgabat. Mr. Naryshkin "drew attention to the order given by the presidents of both countries, to Russian companies first of all, to carry out active work" on that issue (Interfax, October 3).

In light of Mr. Chernomyrdin's warning, it seems that Gazprom's sudden debt-collection demand represents an instant response to the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc's electoral success and the prospect of her playing a leading role in the Ukrainian government. During her two years in the opposition, Ms. Tymoshenko has vowed to clean up the gas business in Ukraine.

She is seen as a threat to Gazprom's and RosUkrEnergo's interests, and she is also as a major obstacle to any handover of control over Ukraine's gas transit system to Russia. Earlier this year Ms. Tymoshenko shepherded through Parliament legislation that bars such handovers but elements in the government such as Mr. Boiko make no secret of their search for ways to circumvent that legislation.

Negotiations over the price for gas supplies in 2008 are now starting in earnest and may complicate the situation even further.

Sources: Interfax-Ukraine, UNIAN, October 2-4.

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Sunday, November 4

NEW YORK: A benefit for the Ukrainian Catholic University, featuring Myroslav Marynovych and Bishop Dionisij Liakhovych, will be held at 2 p.m. at 140 Second Ave. Please RSVP to New York Self Reliance Association, 98 Second Ave., New York, NY 10003. For more information call Oksana Lopatynska, 212-777-1336.

Sunday, November 11

CHICAGO: A benefit for the Ukrainian Catholic University, featuring Myroslav Marynovych and Bishop Dionisij Liakhovych, will be held at 1 p.m. at the Ukrainian Cultural Center, 2247 W. Chicago Ave. For more information contact the Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, 773-235-8462.

Saturday, November 17

WHIPPANY, N.J.: A benefit for the Ukrainian Catholic University, featuring Father Borys Gudziak, will begin with a divine liturgy at 5 p.m., followed by a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Venue: Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 60 N. Jefferson Road. For more information contact Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, 773-235-8462.

Sunday, November 18

YONKERS, N.Y.: A celebration of St. Michael's Parish Feast Day and a benefit for the Ukrainian Catholic University, featuring Father Borys Gudziak, will begin with an 11 a.m. divine liturgy at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, 21 Shonnard Place. A benefit dinner follows at 1 p.m. at the Ukrainian Youth Center, 301 Palisade Ave. For more information contact Walter Kozicky, 914-220-4900.

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Chaplaincy...

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dozen students travelled together from one residence to another for the blessing of their apartments or rooms, and then stayed at the last home for a party.

- "Filipino Sunday" – The sacristan of the chaplaincy, Eumir Bautista, is a Filipino student at the Sheptytsky Institute who first learned of the Eastern Church in Manila by watching a broadcast of Pope John Paul's II's 2001 visit to Ukraine via EWTN. This past year he invited almost 20 of his Filipino friends for Eucharist at the chaplaincy. A Filipino Dominican, Father Deng, preached and spoke after the liturgy on the challenges facing Filipino society.

- Prayer service at the annual March for Life – In May chaplaincy members sang the moleben (intercessory) service for the unborn on Parliament Hill near the end of the annual protest against abortion. Almost 200 people stayed to pray with Bishop John Pzak, who presided at the service.

Capping off the 2006-2007 academic year, chaplaincy members Joshua Daly and Adrienne Jones spoke after one of the last Sunday liturgies about their work in New Orleans with Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Daly, Ms. Jones and other students from St. Paul University traveled to the ravaged Gulf Coast in the spring of 2007 to lend a hand to victims of Hurricane Katrina. They gutted damaged homes and prepared them for reconstruction.

Many people have been inspired by the enthusiasm and commitment of the chaplaincy members. The sentiment was best summed up by Olenka Hanushevsky Galadza, the "dobrodiyka" (priest's wife) of the chaplaincy: "Young people these days say that church isn't meaningful; or that it takes too much of their free time. Here we have a growing number of intelligent and successful students who can't seem to spend enough time in church because it is so meaningful. And it's meaningful, because they make the effort to make it so."

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October 15 Paterson, NJ	Beefsteak/Tricky Tray dinner, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, The Brownstone, 201-343-7600 or 973-777-4449	Whippany, NJ	Chorus, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-585-7175 or 917-559-8629
October 16-18 New York	Prairie Dance Music Workshop, Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 212-571-1555, ext. 35	October 24 Stanford, CA	Film screening, "The Battle of Chernobyl" by Thomas Johnson, Stanford University, www.unaff.org/2007/films.html
October 18 New York	Film screening showcasing never-before-seen films from Ukraine, Ukrainian Film Club, Columbia University, sy2165@columbia.edu	October 25 Hartford, CT	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, Theater of the Performing Arts, 860-757-6388
October 19 Detroit	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, Max M. Fischer Music Center, 313-576-5111	October 25-27 College Park, MD	Presentation of works by Yevgeny Yevtushenko and film screenings, University of Maryland, 301-405-9365
October 19 San Francisco	Book reading by Marusya Bociurkiw of "Children of Mary," Femina Potensin, 415-217-9340	October 26 Montreal	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, Ukrainian Youth Center, 514-727-9456
October 19 Philadelphia	Film screening "The Orange Chronicles" by Damian Kolodiy and Peter Zielyk, Ukrainian League of Philadelphia, 215-684-3548	October 27 Ottawa	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, Bronson Center, 613-726-1468 or 613-738-0849
October 19 New York	Concert, "Sounds of the Prairies: Music of the Ukrainian Settlers of Western Canada," New York Bandura Ensemble, The Ukrainian Museum, 212-228-0110	October 27 New York	Lecture by Mark Stech, "Mykola Kulish and the Devil: Demonic Motifs in His Early Comedies," Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130
October 20 New York	Lecture by Borys Mychalczak, "The Death of Alexander Litvinenko - Understanding the Health Effects of Polonium 210 Exposure," Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130	October 28 Stanford, CA	Film screening, "Holy Warriors" by Marianna Yavorskaya, Stanford University, www.unaff.org/2007/films.html or 650-723-3562
October 20 Whippany, NJ	Casino Night - Texas-Style, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-292-0187	October 28 Washington	25th anniversary of library at Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, 202-526-3737 or jdob@loc.gov
October 20 New York	"Western Canadian Village Dance Party," Ukrainian East Village Restaurant, 212-571-1555, ext. 35	October 29 Stanford, CA	Lecture by Larry Wolff, "Galicia in the Age of Metternich and Fredro," Stanford University, 650-723-3562
October 20 Cleveland	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, United Methodist Church of Berea, 440-826-2157	October 29 Washington	Book presentation with Efim Melamed, "Jewish Documentary Sources in Kyiv Archives," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 202-691-4000
October 20 Ottawa	Lecture by the Rev. Peter Galadza, "Our Church's Rich Musical Tradition," St. John the Baptist Shrine, 613-723-1673		
October 21 Alexandria, VA	Piano recital featuring Artem Kanke, The Lyceum, 301-229-2615		
October 21 Washington	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, Sandy Spring Friends School, 240-353-7364		
October 22 Jenkintown, PA	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 215-663-1166		
October 22 New York	Lecture by Brian Cherwick and Andriy Nahachewsky, "The History of Ukrainian Folk Dance and Music in Western Canada," Columbia University, 212-571-1555, ext. 35, or www.cmtd.org		
October 23	Bandura - the Soul of Ukraine, Ukrainian Bandurist		

Orange Revolution...

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than in 2006, it is the YTB's breakthrough that has given Mr. Yushchenko's presidency a new lease on life. OU-PSD placed first only in Zakarpattia (home base of Presidential Secretariat head Viktor Baloha), down from winning four regions in 2006. The Tymoshenko-Yushchenko alliance still could split ahead of the 2009 presidential ballot.

OU-PSD leaders have reconciled themselves to the YTB's undisputed dominance in the Orange camp, as seen by the visit of OU-PSD leader Yurii Lutsenko to the YTB election headquarters to publicly embrace Ms. Tymoshenko as the next prime minister. The Presidential Secretariat is finding it difficult to accept the new reality that President Yushchenko's fate rests in Ms. Tymoshenko's hands. As a Western ambassador in Kyiv told Eurasia Daily Monitor, even with Ms. Tymoshenko's support as

prime minister, Mr. Yushchenko will find it difficult to win a second term, as his ratings have long hovered below 15 percent.

However, Mr. Yushchenko will no longer have a trump card to use in his rivalry with Ms. Tymoshenko. In 2005 Mr. Yushchenko was constitutionally able to dismiss the prime minister, and he fired Ms. Tymoshenko in September 2005. But since 2006 the reformed Constitution allows only the parliamentary coalition - not the president - to remove the prime minister.

The holding of Ukraine's second free elections and the fourth victory in five years of pro-Western democratic forces gives the Orange Revolution and President Yushchenko a second chance. Whether the opportunity will be used this time remains an open question.

Sources: *Ukrayinska Pravda*, September 29-30, October 1-4, *Financial Times*, October 1-2, cvk.gov.ua.

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Massachusetts youngster wins Lego movie-making contest



Peter Iwasiwka

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. – Peter Iwasiwka, of North Adams, Mass., won first place in the age 12 and under category, in the LEGO® Star Wars Movie Making Contest. The contest was open to residents of the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The contest rules called for creating a movie, under three minutes long, using Lego® Star Wars sets. Peter's submission was first reviewed by jury and chosen as one of three semi-finalists in his age category. Thereafter, his movie was posted online for 30 days to be viewed and voted on by the general public. He will receive the following prizes: a \$500 Shop At Home.com Gift Certificate, a Lego® Star Wars Saga Video Game and a personal-

ized plaque signed by the president of Lego® Group and the President of Lucasfilms. Peter will also be featured in LEGO Magazine and online at www.LEGO.com. Peter created his movie using an iMac and software such as iMovie and Garageband. He clearly foresees his future in animation and cartooning. He would like to pursue a career in acting as well. When contacted by Lego to do an online interview, one of the questions asked was, if he had a chance to speak to George Lucas, what he would say. His response was: "Hire me! No, seriously, you are great inspiration for both young and old!" Peter lives at the Eclipse Mill in North Adams, where he is surrounded by a community of artists of various media (i.e., painters, graphic artists, video game designers, musicians, dancers, writers, photographers, booksellers, weavers, sculpters, video artists, retired punk rockers and one retired ballerina) that are very supportive of the young ones in their building. Peter, an eighth grader at Mount Greylock Regional School in Williamstown, Mass., is the son of Roman and Tita Iwasiwka. To see Peter's movie log on to legostarwarsmoviemakingcontest.com.

Plast's Supercampers embrace challenge



Petro Bokalo

EAST CHATHAM, N.Y. – The participants of what has come to be known as "Supercamp." are seen above performing their original and entertaining number during "Den Plastuna," or parents' visiting weekend, in mid-July at the "Vovcha Tropa" (Wolf's Trek) campground of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization. This year's camp was called "Tut i Teper" (Here and Now) and was held under the leadership of Stefan Stawnychy. Plast camps traditionally embrace the challenges of nature, with the oldest campers enjoying the most challenging experiences. Supercampers roughed it at Lake Saranac in the Adirondack region of upstate New York for four days by hiking, canoeing, portaging and mountain climbing, unfortunately during a rainy spell. This did nothing to dampen the eager participants' spirits, however.

Mishanyna

To solve this month's Mishanyna find the place names, or toponyms, on the list below hidden inside the Mishanyna grid. This month's installment concludes our series of toponyms from Ukraine with names of cities, towns and villages beginning with the letters V, Y and Z.

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OUR NEXT ISSUE

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Soyuzivka's Datebook

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 14

NEW YORK: Join us at 2 p.m. for the opening of the exhibition "The Ukrainian Insurgent Army: A History of Ukraine's Unvanquished Freedom Fighters." The exhibition is co-sponsored by the National Committee Honoring the 65th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Gen. Roman Shukhevych – Taras Chuprynka. The event takes place at 2 p.m. at The Ukrainian Museum, 222 E. Sixth St., New York, NY 10003; telephone, 212-228-0110. Refreshments will be served. For additional information about the exhibition visit www.ukrainianmuseum.org.

Thursday, October 18

NEW YORK: As its October 2007 event, the Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University will feature "New Films and New Names from Ukraine." The program begins at 7:30 p.m. in 702 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University, 1130 Amsterdam Ave. (take subway No. 1 to 116th Street) and will include films never before screened in the U.S. by the younger generation of cineastes: Anastasia Kharchenko, Oleksander Bezruchko, Valery Yambursky, Nadia Koshman and Maryna Horbach. The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session and discussion mediated by Dr. Yuri Shevchuk, the Ukrainian Film Club's director. The event is free and open to the public. All films will be shown in their original Ukrainian-language version with English subtitles. Details may be found at www.columbia.edu/cu/ufc.

Friday-Sunday, October 19-21

CHICAGO: The Symon Petliura Memorial Fund is sponsoring a series of benefits to help finance the technological upgrade of the Symon Petliura Library in Paris. An exhibit of photographs of Petliura's life, curated by Alexandra D. Kochman, will open Friday at 7 p.m., with a lecture by library director Dr. Jaroslava Yosypshyn at the Ukrainian National Museum. On Sunday, after the 12:30 p.m. memorial service at Ss. Volodymyr and Olha Church, a benefit banquet will be held in the adjacent Cultural Center, 2247 W. Chicago Ave. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 at Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union by calling 773-328-7500. For further information contact Halyna Hrushetsky, 708-344-7909.

Saturday, October 20

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society invites all to a lecture by Dr. Borys Mychalczak on the subject "The Death of Alexander Litvinenko; Understanding the Health Effects of Polonium 210 Exposure." Dr. Mychalczak is the chief of radiation oncology, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital in New York, and the president of the New York Metro Branch of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America. The lecture will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 5 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

Sunday, October 21

ALEXANDRIA, Va.: The Washington Group Cultural Fund Sunday Music Series, under the patronage of the Embassy of Ukraine, will showcase the

winners of the Horowitz Piano Competition, a major competition for young pianists launched in Ukraine in 1994. The concert will feature performances by Anastasia Rizikov, 8, of Canada; Wong Wai Yin, 14, of Hong Kong; and Artem Kanke, 24, of Ukraine, winner in the senior group. The concert will be held at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., at 3 p.m., with a reception immediately following the performance. There is a suggested donation of \$20; free admission for students. Seating is unreserved. For event information call 301-229-2615.

Monday, October 22

NEW YORK: The Center for Traditional Music and Dance and the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University present a joint lecture on the history of Ukrainian folk dance and music in western Canada: "Ukrainian Country Music on the Prairies and on the Steppes" (Dr. Brian Cherwick) and "Historical Phases for Ukrainian Dance in North America" (Dr. Andriy Nahachewsky). The presentations will take place at noon-2 p.m. in Room 1219, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, 420 W. 118th St. – 12th floor. Admission is free. For more information contact the Center for Traditional Music and Dance, 212-571-1555, ext. 35, or the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University, 212-854-4697.

Thursday, October 25

NEW YORK: A symposium titled "Yurii Lawrynenko: Path and Legacy" and sponsored by the Bakhmeteff Archive of Russian and East European History and Culture and the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University will take place at 2-6 p.m., Room 203, Butler Library, ground floor. Introductions will be by Larissa Lawrynenko and Katya Shraga; speakers: Dr. Mark Andryczyk ("Kharkiv-Paris-Kharkiv: Yurii Lawrynenko's Anthology 'Rozstriliane Vidrozhennia'"), Prof. Bohdan Rubchak ("Yurii Lawrynenko: A Displaced Heart") and Dr. Marko R. Stech ("Yurii Lawrynenko and his 'Executed Renaissance'"). Mr. Lawrynenko was a well-known Ukrainian literary critic, historian and writer whose personal papers are now open to researchers at the Bakhmeteff Archive. For more information contact the Ukrainian Studies Program at Columbia University, 212-854-4697.

Friday, October 26

WHIPPANY, N.J.: The Arts, Culture and Education Committee at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey presents "Prose and Music at the Cultural Center" with writer Alexander Motyl reading from his books "Who Killed Andrei Warhol" and "Whiskey Priest"; Vasyl Makhno and Orest Popovych, reading in Ukrainian and English, the poems of Mr. Makhno, known and published as "Cornelia Street Café: New and Selected Poems 1991-2006"; and Cheres, performing "full-tilt folk music from the Carpathian Mountains," encompassing music of the Ukrainian Hutsuls, Romania, Moldova, Hungary and the Balkans, and using traditional instruments. The event takes place at 8-10 p.m. at the UACCNJ, 60 N. Jefferson Road. Admission: \$25;

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