

## УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЄПАРХІЯ СВЯТОГО МИКОЛАЯ



## SAINT NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY

Building Our Faith Together in Unity and With Gratitude

Разом плекаймо нашу віру, у єдності і з вдячністю

### OUR NEWS

#### Meet Our New Priests

St. Nicholas Eparchy is truly grateful to God for blessing us with new parishioners and new priests.

We are happy to announce that a new mission of Sts. Peter and Paul has been recently established in Kalispell (Montana), thanks to the initiative and efforts of a young missionary priest. **Fr. Daniel Kirk** was ordained as an Orthodox priest but found himself gravitating toward the Church of Rome to the extent that he eventually joined St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy.

Congratulations to Fr. Daniel on joining our Eparchial family! We wish him and his parishioners spiritual prosperity for many years to come!



We are also pleased to apprise you of a new priest from Ukraine in our Eparchy - **Fr. Vasyl Miziuk**. He arrived last month and has been appointed to serve at the parish of St. Andrew in Sacramento, CA.

Fr. Vasyl has extensive missionary experience in Ukraine. He has established missions of Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kyiv and in Ternopil regions, and developed them into substantial parishes. Congratulations to Fr. Vasyl and welcome to the USA and our Eparchial family!



### OPENING OF THE DORMITION MONASTERY



Mother Superior Yefrosynia

In our previous newsletter we apprised you of the anticipated arrival of five nuns from Ukraine to serve at St. Nicholas Eparchy. In early July, **s. Yefrosynia, s. Makryna, s. Olympia, s. Varvara and s. Fevronia** arrived in Chicago safe and sound. They settled down in Richmond IL where our Eparchy purchased land with an existing church and an adjacent building that now serves as the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery of St. Nicholas Eparchy.

The mission of the Monastery is to revive Eastern-rite monasticism and the monastic tradition of the Kyivan Church here in the USA. The centerpiece of spiritual and liturgical life in this monastery is sustained prayer (the Jesus prayer and the order of the Theotokos), and reading of the Holy Scriptures and books by the Holy Fathers. The spiritual aspect of their life is complemented by work and craftsmanship. The sisters sew and embroider vestments for priests, make rosaries, prepare jams and marmelades, and beautifully sing liturgical songs and chants.

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### A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS!

Thanks to Fr. Roman Bobesiuk's leadership at the Mission Institute and the efforts of our wonderful pastors, Fr. Richard Janowicz in particular, our Eparchy is blessed to have a new priest and a new deacon.



Our seminarians from left to right: Ph. Gilbert, M. Nagy, Bishop Benedict, A. Oliinyk, J. Lemmens, M. Williams

Martin Nagy was ordained to the priesthood on August 31, and brother Andrii Oliinyk was ordained as a deacon on that same day.

Fr. Martin has been appointed the administrator of both St. Demetrius and St. John the Baptist parishes in North Dakota. Deacon Andrii will be conferred holy orders on October 10th and will soon start serving in our Eparchy. Congratulations Fr. Martin and Fr. Deacon Andrii!

Finally, we are thrilled to have another new seminarian in our eparchy. Julian Hayda has recently started pursuing his spiritual vocation at the Kyiv Trinitarian Seminary of the UGCC. Congratulations and best wishes to Julian!

To learn more about our seminarians, please visit the Eparchial Facebook page and/or the Eparchial website.



# EPARCHIAL ANNUAL APPEAL “SHARE-2021”

“Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them”  
*Matthew 18:20*

What is an Eparchy? The Eparchy is an ecclesiastical administrative territory, which is governed by a bishop. In the Latin-rite hierarchy, eparchies are referred to as dioceses. No parish can exist outside of an eparchy or diocese in Catholic churches.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) maintains eparchies in Ukraine, the USA, Brazil, Poland, France, Germany, Argentina, and Australia. St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, under the direction of Bishop Benedict, is one of four eparchies of the UGCC in the United States. Together, these four eparchies comprise the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan Archeparchy of Philadelphia led by Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak.

The St. Nicholas Eparchy, headquartered in Chicago, oversees 43 parishes, missions and monasteries in the Midwest and Western United States. It performs numerous important functions to effectively support parishes, and to manage the Eparchial administration. This includes: regular communication and information sharing with parishes, updating and archiving vital statistics, coordinating managerial efforts, managing finances (real estate, insurance and mortgages, medical insurance etc.), addressing legal and immigration issues, fundraising, grant-writing, as well as many other important tasks that often remain invisible to those outside of the Eparchial office.

To financially support these and other important functions, the Eparchy conducts its annual “Share” appeal twice a year, in Fall and Spring. The following is the Eparchy’s income and expense statement, and as you can see, there is a deficit of approximately \$200,000.

**1. WHAT IS THE “SHARE” PROGRAM?**  
 It is an annual eparchial fundraising program launched in 2003 to support the essential administrative operations of the Eparchy.

### INCOME 2020

Cathedral (parish dues)	\$176,000
Grants	\$170,000
Parish monthly collections	\$45,566
Other donations (Heritage Foundation, Selfreliance)	\$51,000
Share-2020	\$28,723
Collection for monastery renovation	\$59,000
Interest & investment earnings	\$5,562
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$535,851</b>

### EXPENSES 2020

Administrative (salaries, health and other benefits)	\$398,055
Buildings, grounds, utilities	\$26,600
Eparchial support of missions and parishes	\$53,720
Seminarian education	\$54,515
Legal and accounting services	\$23,100
Interest expense	\$83,945
Stewardship and Child Protection	\$1,000
Busines travel	\$31,600
Apostolic support services	\$12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$684,535</b>

### 2. HOW IS “SHARE” DIFFERENT FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

They differ in their goals. The Capital Campaign goals are to develop eparchial communication resources, to provide means to ensure support of our parishes in future, and to address the urgent need of St. Nicholas Cathedral restoration. The “Share” program is focused on the financial support of the Eparchy’s essential administrative operations, among which includes parish support, education for our seminarians, financial management and planning and more.

### 3. HOW WILL MY SUPPORT OF THE “SHARE” PROGRAM BENEFIT MY PARISH?

By supporting “Share” you are enabling our eparchy to provide ongoing support and care of all eparchial administrative functions which directly impact all parishes and missions within our 2.3 million sq. miles

### 4. WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL GOAL OF “SHARE-2021”?

**\$200,000**

This amount is the gap between our total income and expenses.

Today, we would like you to familiarize you with our St. Nicholas Eparchial office staff, namely, the people who handle the everyday functions and tasks mentioned above and administer the day-to-day operations of the Eparchy.



**Bishop Benedict** is not only the head of the Eparchy, but also a member of our office team, working closely with all of us and setting the tone and the pace for the office. Under Bishop Benedict's leadership, our Eparchy has made significant progress in just 4 years.



**Fr. Richard Janowicz** is Protosyncellus of St. Nicholas Eparchy. He is second in command after Bishop Benedict in our Eparchy. Fr. Richard oversees the Presbyteral Council and is the administrator of the four deaneries. Equally as important, he is Pastor of the Nativity of the Mother of God Parish in Springfield, Oregon.



**Fr. Serhiy Kovalchuk** is the Eparchial Chancellor and Administrator of St. Nicholas Cathedral. As Chancellor, Fr. Serhiy prepares the acts and instruments relating to decrees, dispositions and obligations of the Eparchy as required by the Code of Canon Law. He ensures that the documents of the curia are safeguarded in the archives and also serves as an ecclesiastical notary for the Eparchy.



**Anna Shaleva** is the Eparchial Financial Manager. In collaboration with **Fr. Volodymyr Kushnir**, the Syncellus for the Legal Affairs and Finances, they review eparchial agreements related to strategic financial planning and reporting, prepare the Eparchy's annual budget, and keep track of revenues and expenses. Additionally, Anna handles human resources matters including health insurance, administration and payroll.



**Nataliia Kozachuk** is a shared resource between the Chancellor's office and the Stewardship & Development office. In the Chancellor's office, Nataliia handles communications with priests and parishes and provides administrative support. In the S&D office, she maintains records of all donations, prepares thank you and tax letters to donors, updates the S&D database and prepares database reports.



**Chrystyna Kosacz** is the bookkeeper for the Capital Campaign, St. Nicholas Cathedral, St. Nicholas Cemetery and Solidarity Fund. The scope of her responsibilities includes timely payments of all invoices, financial record management, billing for eparchial health and property insurance and Cathedral. Chrystyna also makes travel arrangements for Bishop Benedict and handles immigration (visa) matters for the USCIS.



**Phyllis Muryn Zaparaniuk** is St. Nicholas Cemetery burial facilitator, which includes making funeral arrangements and working closely with grieving families. She is also involved with the Cathedral School and various eparchial projects.



**Anna Burton** is both the Eparchial and Cathedral receptionist. She also maintains the Cathedral database, issues certificates and records intentions for liturgies.



**Mariya Kokor** is director of the Stewardship & Development office, which manages fundraising, marketing for the Eparchy and facilitates communication with parishioners. Under the guidance of **Fr. Mykola Buryadnyk** and in collaboration with **Oleh Skubiak**, Senior Advisor to the office, the S&D office manages the Capital Campaign, the Share program and other fundraising projects as needed. Additionally, the S&D office prepares grants and organizes eparchial events.



We are also fortunate to have invaluable support from **Lucia Palcan**, a volunteer, and **Natalia Kovalchuk**, a part-time resource, who help us immensely with overflow tasks and various other projects.



**Thank you for your support of our Eparchy and in particular "Share-2021".**

**There are 4,500 families and individuals recorded as members of the eparchy in our database. If every household donated \$40 to the "Share-2021" program, we would be able to balance our budget and maybe even surpass it!**

***Please support "Share 2021" by making your donation today!***

### OUR NEWS

#### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TOTAL TO-DATE

**\$2,528,081**

#### SHARE-2021 TOTAL TO-DATE

**\$54,846**



#### Shop on AmazonSmile – Benefit Our Eparchy!

Our Eparchy is now on the AmazonSmile charities list! This means that 0.5% of any eligible purchases made by you on Amazon will be donated to St. Nicholas Eparchy with no additional costs to you.

How to register and shop via AmazonSmile?

1. Log in with your Amazon account credentials using this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. Click the "Supporting" tab at the top of the screen and a new window will pop up.
3. In the line "Select your own charitable foundation" type in "St. Nicholas Diocese in Chicago for Ukrainians" and click "search". (this moniker is the original name of the Eparchy that we are in the process of updating to "St. Nicholas Eparchy")
4. Once the official name of our Eparchy appears on the list, click "select".
5. That's it! You have registered with AmazonSmile!

#### Eparchial Internet Radio

We would like to remind you about our new Internet Eparchial radio program. It discusses a wide range of contemporary topics, including spiritual, personal and family life issues. The program is available daily from 7 pm to 8 pm (CST) at [www.chicagougcc.org](http://www.chicagougcc.org). Currently, the radio program are being conducted in Ukrainian only, but we are working on having the programs translated into English shortly. Please join us!



**Support**  
**St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy**  
by check or online  
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In spite of the obvious challenges of adjusting to a new life in a new world, they almost immediately won the hearts of not only Ukrainian families, but also of their neighbors in Richmond who have welcomed them with open arms.



On August 28th, St. Nicholas Eparchy celebrated the opening of the Dormition of the Mother of God Monastery in Richmond. More than 500 people from the Chicago-area as well as from Michigan, Minnesota and Indiana attended the event. Among those present were also representatives of other churches in Richmond.

Bishop Benedict co-celebrated the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with priests from various parishes of the Eparchy. The Liturgy was followed by a reception, prepared by the sisterhoods of St. Joseph, St. Nicholas, Sts. Volodymyr and Olha parishes. The guests enjoyed delicious food as well as a concert of spiritual music organized by the Youth Commission of the Eparchy.

To learn more about our sisters, please read their interview in the New Star/Nova Zorya, or visit our Eparchial website.



### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

As you may know, the Capital Campaign is being extended through May 2024. This will allow us sufficient time to ensure that all our Campaign goals are addressed and that the restoration of the Cathedral is completed. One new avenue for raising funds that we are pursuing is the following:



#### - Naming Opportunities Program for St. Nicholas Cathedral

We have recently applied for a matching grant program sponsored by the National Fund for Sacred Places. We will be notified as to whether we receive the grant by mid-October. If we are successful, we will be awarded \$250,000 for the Cathedral restoration, with the caveat that we raise an additional \$500,000 in matching funds by April 1st 2023.

To help raise the necessary matching funds, we have launched a Naming Opportunities Program for the Cathedral Domes and Crosses. If you would like to take the opportunity to honor or commemorate your loved ones, or if have questions about the Program, please contact Mariya Kokor ([mariya.kokor@esnuc.org](mailto:mariya.kokor@esnuc.org)).

#### - Eparchial Foundation

To address our other important goals of the Capital Campaign i.e., to provide support to parishes, missions and monasteries in need, and to develop administrative and educational resources of the Eparchy, we have applied to establish a 501c (3) charitable foundation. We are also working on the Foundation's articles of incorporation and the governing structure. This structure will include a Board of Directors headed by the Bishop and an Advisory Council, made up of priests, deacons and laity from throughout the Eparchy. More on this important initiative in the following Newsletter.