



**St Michael the Archangel Church, Gorbok,
Trans-Carpathia**



**The completed job! Thank you for
supporting the work of the Mission Society.**

Note from our Chaplain.

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We send this to you at the time of the second "Little Lent" in summer, as we prepare for the Dormition of Our Lady. On that day, the image of Our Lady on her deathbed with Jesus holding her soul, and coming for her body, is carried around the churches. Flowers and herbs are brought to church. In Eastern Europe, the herbs are blessed and used in cooking and medicine. The flowers of course are taken to the home icon corners or the many wayside crosses.

You have the opportunity to see our Church in all its richness this autumn. This pilgrimage is a terrific opportunity. You can see the holy bodies of our martyrs in Presov and Uzhorod and attend Liturgies sung in Slavonic by parish choirs and crowds of people. You can see the living devotion to the Holy Mother of God at Mariapocs, and experience the power of grace in that church where the icon of Mary has wept human tears twice. You can meet some of the priests, sisters, orphans, and lay people whom you have helped with your prayers and donations. You can pray before the bodies of our martyrs, and ask their intercession for your intentions and to strengthen our Byzantine Catholic Church in America and Europe alike. Above all, you will see the living Greek Catholic Church, and you will never be the same again.

Please call and reserve a spot on this pilgrimage.

S Bohom/ God be with you.
Fr Christopher.



Mission Society of the Mother of God of Boronyavo, Inc.

Bishop Milan Sasik, CR, of Mukachevo Eparchy Visits Phoenix

In December 2006, Bishop Milan Sasik, CM traveled to the United States. One of his stops included the Pastoral Center of the Eparchy of Van Nuys in Phoenix, Arizona to meet with Bishop William Skurla, Eparch of Van Nuys.

The Divine Liturgy was concelebrated on Wednesday evening, December 20 at Saint Stephen Pro-Cathedral, Phoenix. The two Bishops, Right Reverend Stephen G. Washko, Rector, of Saint Stephen and Right Reverend Wesley Izer, SDB, pastor of St. Thomas, Gilbert, AZ concelebrated with parishioners and faithful in attendance.

After the Divine Liturgy, the Mission Society, represented by Mrs. Cassandra Epstein and Mrs. Diane Rabiej, both of Phoenix, presented a check to Bishop Milan in the amount of \$4,635. This amount represented many individual donations from generous benefactors from the Mission Society.

Bishop William also presented Bishop Milan with a generous offering from the Van Nuys' Eparchy for the Eparchy of Mukachevo.

The Mission Society assists the Byzantine Catholic Church in the Trans-Carpathian Province of Ukraine helping orphans, the elderly poor, and re-establishing the spiritual life after many years of Communist persecution. The Society also helps seminarians in the Eparchy of Mukachevo (Ukraine), the Exarchate of Kosice, and Eparchy of Presov (Slovakia). Stipends with intentions for Divine Liturgies are sent to our priests in eastern Slovakia, northern Hungary, and Transcarpathia in the Ukraine. These intentions are of great assistance to village clergy. The Mission Society is devoted to Our Blessed Lady, the Theotokos, Mother of God, in fulfillment of the promises of Fatima, to bring about spiritual healing of the former Soviet Union and the strengthening of the Catholic Faith in America.



Bishop Milan Sasik, CM

All support of the Mission Society's work is in addition to members' and donors' existing support of their local parish, their eparchy, and the Metropolia of Pittsburgh. Renewal of our Mother Church in Central Europe cannot mean a diminishment of our financial and spiritual dedication to the church in America.

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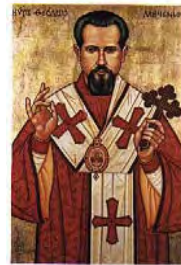
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Martyrdom of Blessed Theodore Romzha Pilgrimage

October 30 – November 9, 2007



On the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of the death and martyrdom of Blessed Theodore Romzha, you are invited to attend the Divine Liturgy to be celebrated by Bishop Milan Sasik, CM and our visiting Eastern Hierarchs at Uzhorod Cathedral on November 1, 2007.

Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore Romzha was a man of faith and prayer, a shepherd to his flock and to his priests. He was a Seminary professor, Spiritual Director, Spiritual Father and Guardian of the Faith. He was a great leader and Bishop for the Church. His uncommon courage, sufferings, and violent death gave a heroic witness to his unshakable faith and inspired believers to hold fast to their faith in a time of persecution. Bishop Theodore was declared Blessed by Pope John Paul II in August 2001.

- Visit the site of his Martyrdom near Ivanovci
- Attend Divine Liturgies at Uzhorod, Mukachevo, Presov and Kosice Cathedrals, and at the Blessed Theodore Romzha Seminary near Uzhorod and Saint Clement in Prague.
- Full day excursion to Maria Pocs in Hungary.
- Visit to Bardejov.
- Prague Sightseeing includes Our Lady Victorious (Infant of Prague) & Prague Castle

Come and be part of this special Pilgrimage and Spiritual Heritage Journey of 2007!

Price includes round-trip economy airfare from New York (JFK), hotel accommodations, breakfast/dinner daily, some lunches where indicated (lunch in Hungary, lunch at a Salas). Sarisian performance. English speaking guides. Luxury heated/air cond. bus. Baggage handling of one piece (not to exceed 50 lbs.) of luggage, entrance fees included. Not included: Tipping to local guides and bus drivers, liquors/wines.

Departure from JFK via CSA

Four nights Uzhorod ▪ Three nights Kosice ▪ Two nights Prague

\$2430.00 per person (based on double occupancy)

Taxes (may fluctuate): \$270.00 per person

Single supplement: \$275.00

For further information contact:

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Travel Arrangements by and for reservations or application contact:

Mary Vislocky at Rahway Travel 1-732 381-8800 or 1-800-526-2786

Final payment must be paid by September 14, 2007.

One – third of the 112 students cannot afford to pay \$10 a month for their studies?

Can you? Mark your donation Seminary and indicate if you will be contributing monthly. Or you can send one check in a particular amount for the support of a seminarian over the span of several months!

Father Vitalii travels back and forth over mountain roads to serve Saint Michael's church in Gorbok. \$100 would help to furnish a room decently for him. Or, give a donation for the completion of the parish house, which stands 80% completed with no outside help at all. Support these hard-working farmers in keeping our Church alive!

I wish I had more to give, but I can't afford much now. How else can I help?

- PRAY – for vocations in America, and for the building up of our Church in the nations of Eastern Europe.
- Organize a pancake breakfast at your parish after Divine Liturgy, with your pastor's permission, and round up volunteers for shopping, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. It doesn't take much work to raise enough to renovate a room or pay for a seminarian's tuition.
- Hold a garage sale at your home. Get other people to donate items. Post a sign that all the income goes to help seminarians in Uzhorod, Ukraine. Put notices about the sale in the regular newspaper notices, and in church bulletins around your area.

Please cut and insert into enclosed envelope with your donation(s).

I want to donate \$10 every month for the support of a poor seminarian. Please send me envelopes. Enclosed is my first donation of \$_____.

I am sending \$100 \$200 \$300 \$400 \$500 \$750 or other amount \$_____ for the construction of one of the 250 new churches to replace the ones that have not been restored to our use.

I want to donate for the new boys' orphanage in Korolevo and am enclosing \$_____ to help the Sisters of Saint Joseph in their work.

Please use this for the greatest need \$_____.

Liturgy Stipends (\$5 for each Divine Liturgy - please state your intention clearly). Please tell us how many Liturgy Intention cards with matching envelopes you need.

Thank you!