

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

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EPARCHY OF PRESOV REPORT

The Sisters of the St. Basil the Great Order administer the building of their Secondary School for Nurses (see photo, p 4), which is in immediate need of refurbishment. Last year the Eparchy of Presov accomplished the reconstruction of an old dwelling-house which was presented to the sisters. Today, the building is used as a campus for their students.

At the same time, Bishop Jan Babjak of the Presov Eparchy entrusted two priests with the pastoral care of the girls. The priests, with their families, live at the facility, which cares for about 70 students at the moment.

In 2005, the eparchy bought a building that was a former outdoor school at Juskova Vola, approximately 9 km from district town Vranov n/Toplou. In its place, the Eparchial Youth Pastoral Center and the Church Outdoor School was established. The center is used as a central place of eparchial committee meetings, for seminarian, priest and lay retreats, and for formation courses and spiritual schools. The eparchy hopes that this facility will be also frequently be visited by the faithful of the Apostolic Exarchate of Kosice, as it has been offered the possibility. This facility is a great place to relax, as well as place for various parish activities and altar boy trips, etc.

In the first stage, the eparchy finished the reconstruction of administrator apartment furnishings and is now reconstructing the building. It would like to carry out reconstruction of the attic and then tackle the windows and doors, room size reduction and new sanitary facilities, including the shower rooms. The accommodation capacity should be doubled by this reconstruction to 160 places, not including the cabins.

Accommodation costs: Costs per head, 1000 Sk. (\$36)

Seminarians pay the sum of 700Sk. (\$25)

The Greek Catholic Bishopric in Prešov pays 300 Sk (\$11)

The Košice Exarchate pays 300Sk for Košice seminarians (\$11)

It is rather difficult for the eparchy to cover all accommodation and food costs in seminary on our own. It needs help, as the parents of many seminarians are long-term unemployed due closing of industries or they are farmers whose incomes are too small to cover the mentioned costs.

As the eparchy wants its seminarians to get the best education possible, last year it turned a former monastery into a residence for the lecturers of the faculty. "My intention was," says Bishop Babjak, "to detail those priests-lecturers for teaching only in order to increase a quality of theological education of Greek Catholic seminarians and thus to create conditions for their own further education." This building provides at the moment accommodation for 5 lecturers with their families. (Continued)

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.



L'utina's location

The Church of Saint Nicholas in Lutina (below) commemorates an apparition of Saint Nicholas of Myra to a woman who had skipped Sunday Liturgy in order to go hunting for mushrooms. Dutifully repentant, she passed on the request of the saint for a church to be built here. Now this 200 year old church needs help renovating its roof and its kindergarten. Your donations will support the renovation of this Greek Catholic basilica and the work of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate in serving children of this region.



Roof work



Secondary School for Nurses, administered by the Sisters of the St. Basil the Great in the Eparchy of Presov



Give a gift to Saint Nicholas for his feast on December 6th!

Please send a donation to help the work of the Sisters with children in the pilgrimage parish, or help with the renovation of the church.



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Another of the planned projects of the eparchy is to build-up the liturgical area in the "Place of Prayers" in Litmanova, similar to the one in Medzugarje. The site would be the most visited place by pilgrims in Slovakia, where the Blessed Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to several children in the 1980s. The shrine needs an enclosed building for pilgrim meetings and the wooden church needs renovation.

HUNGARY

The Mission Society has received a request from Father Gabor Janka, pastor at St John the Evangelist in Kazincbarcika. This request is approved by Bishop of Hajdudorogh.

St. John's was built by the state in a "godless" town – the government builds new Roman and Greek Catholic and Reformed churches in towns that were built under the communist regime with no churches. But it takes a lot to overcome the problems of "socialist morality" – Saint John's needs a \$2,000 wall and fencing to protect it from vandalism. The church also needs a new heating system: any donations are welcome.



Litmanova outdoor chapel



Litmanova enclosed building under construction



Procession of Seminarians in central Presov, Slovakia

How can I help?

- PRAY – for vocations in America, and for the building up of our Church in the nations of Eastern Europe.
- The Eparchy of Mukachevo is in desperate need of building nearly 300 churches and chapels in the Carpathian Mountains to serve villages and towns where we do not own the original church or to serve new settlers. The foundation of a church usually costs around \$1,000. Anything you give to church building and renovation will be of great help to this poor eparchy and its struggling people.
- Hold a garage sale at your home. Get other people to donate items. Post a sign that all the income goes to help our Church in the Ukraine and Slovakia. 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 other amount \$_____ for the Eparchy of Presov.

I want to donate for the Girls and Boys Orphanages in Korolevo and am enclosing \$_____.

I want to donate for St. John's church in Hungary and am enclosing \$_____.

Please use this for church building and restoration \$_____.

Liturgy Stipends (\$5 for each Divine Liturgy - please state your intention clearly):

Liturgy Intentions – We now have Liturgy Intention cards, usable for living or deceased, with full color icon of Our Lady of Boronyavo on the cover. The requested stipend is \$5 for each Liturgy. Please write out your intentions clearly and state how many cards you need sent to you.