

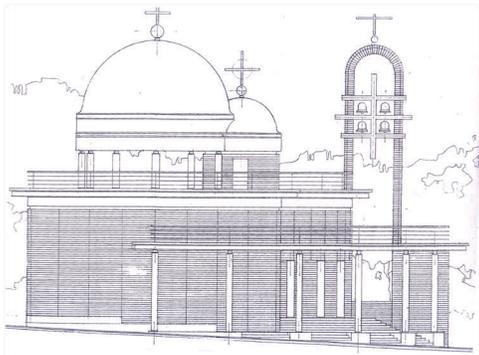


# Mission Society of the Mother of God of Boronyavo

*Pascha 2010*

## Parish House

This unusual Moorish-influenced church of SS Cyril and Methodius was built in 1930 during a time of new construction in the Uzhgorod region under Czechoslovak rule. Activists began to work for its return to Greek-Catholic use in 1991, and it was one of the first churches where Bishop Semedi could celebrate Liturgy, in 1992. The parish is now building a parish house, which will contain a residence for its hiermonk pastor, office, library, classrooms, and a meeting space. Please mark "Parish House" to support this project.



## Transfiguration Church

Outdoor services at the Tseholnaya church have taken place since the spring of 1991. The Orthodox parish refuses to share the church, or to honor the city decree and return it to Greek Catholic use. The parishioners have decided they will have to build a new church. With a new church, the parish will grow rapidly!

Projected new church of the Transfiguration in Uzhgorod, Tseholnaya district (see plan above). The congregation has had to worship outdoors in snow or heat since 1991 (see photo, right). Thank you for your assistance! Please mark "Construction of Churches" in order to support this and similar projects.



**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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*The Mission Society is an independent organization dedicated to the renewal and strengthening of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America and Central Europe.*

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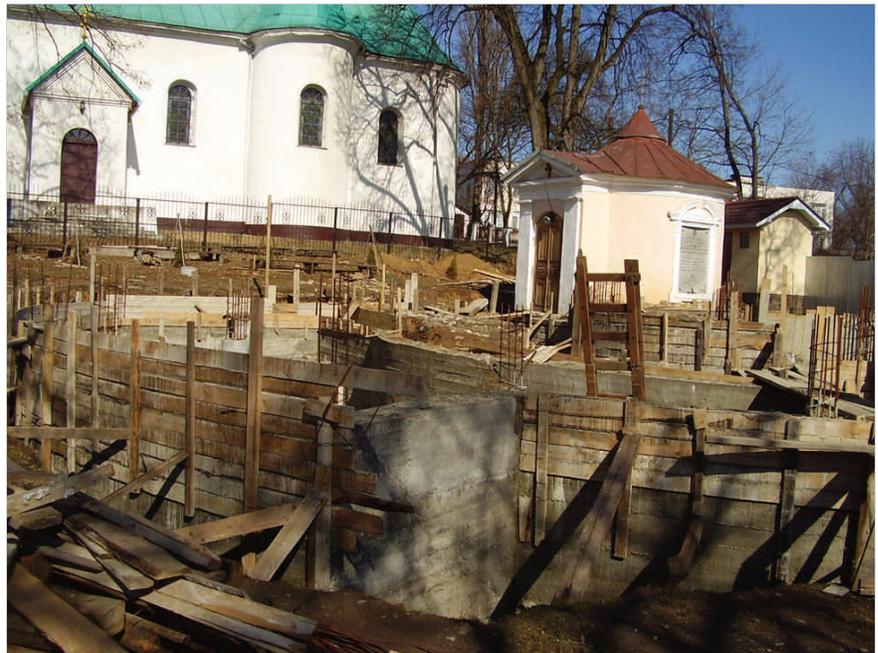
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## New Greek Catholic Churches

New Greek Catholic church under construction near former church. As is the case in over 200 towns and villages, the old church will never be returned or shared, and so the town or village council allots land - usually close to the old church - for the construction of a new Greek Catholic building. New construction is usually begun by ten or twenty families. Once the walls are up and a roof takes shape, then more locals who were wavering about their religious allegiance decide that yes, the Greek Catholic Church is going to stay permanently and then come forward to sign up for the parish. Communism ended in 1991, but the memory of suppression is still very alive.



***Safe, online donations can be made via Pay Pal on our website. Your donations will go directly into the bank. Send us an email if you want your donation to go to a particular cause. All email should now go to:***

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Construction in the Mukachevo Eparchy continues! The winter snows are melting in the lowlands, fields are being cleared for planting, and it is time to lay down bricks and put up wood scaffolding. There are 400 parishes, with three still worshipping in the open air this past winter, and 115 renting a room in a community building or celebrating in a house. Often people end up standing outside the windows so as to hear the sermon and sing along. Every penny will help with these projects:

16 parish houses\*, with at least \$10,000 needed for each building

17 village churches with at least \$45,000 needed for each church

3 city churches (two in Uzhgorod, one in Mukachevo) with at least \$50,000 needed for each one.

The American dollar is very strong in Ukraine. Ten dollars can buy groceries for a priest's family, gasoline for a car or tractor, or bricks for a wall. Sponsor a pancake breakfast by a children's group like the "Knights of St George" in Olympia, WA, and \$265 is raised for a church or parish house. Get friends together for a yard sale, put up a sign that the proceeds are going to build a church, and watch how people will support the cause! Ask your pastor for permission to hold a fund-raiser, and you will be amazed at how far your donations will go.

\* A parish house contains living space for the priest on an upper floor; library and religious education classrooms on lower floors; and often a chapel. The chapels are especially important if there is no full-time church available. The garden of the parish house is planted with fruit trees and vegetables to provide food for the priest or the poor, and it is bordered with lilac bushes, irises and roses to provide flowers for the altar. A concrete cross with Christ Crucified faces out to the roadway. Every centimeter of space is put to use!

**Consider donations for these specific intentions** (please indicate your intentions):

**Mukachevo Eparchy** (Transcarpathian Oblast, Ukraine)

\_\_\_ Construction of New Churches

\_\_\_ Construction of Parish Houses

\_\_\_ Korolevo Orphan Homes for Boys and Girls

\_\_\_ Seminarian Assistance

**Slovakia: Presov Archeparchy and Kosice and Bratislava Eparchies**

\_\_\_ Construction of New Church in Petrzalka

\_\_\_ Sisters of Saint Basil the Great Novitiate

\_\_\_ **Please Give My Donation to the Area of Greatest Need**

DIVINE LITURGY CARDS: full-color icon cover with an inside page to write out the intention, and information on the Mission Society on the back; matching envelope provided. Minimum offering of \$5 per Liturgy is requested. The Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist is surely the greatest gift anyone can give, or receive! Please let us know how many you would like: \_\_\_\_\_

*Pray for the full restoration of our Church in  
Transcarpathia and Slovakia!*

# Summer Pilgrimage 2010

The Land of Our Ancestral Ruthenian  
Byzantine Catholic Church: Ukraine and Slovakia  
July 30 – August 9, 2010  
Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Boronyavo and Litmanova  
Including Wooden Churches of Carpatho-Rus

**\$2799.00 per person double (plus taxes and fees)**

**Single Supplement: \$250.00**

*Price is based on minimum of 22 passengers travelling*

*Offered through the efforts of the Mission Society, Albuquerque, NM*

**July 30** Departure from JFK via Austrian Airlines to Vienna

**July 31** Arrival in Vienna, local host will meet and transfer by motorcoach to Uzhorod (late afternoon arrival)

**Aug 01** Early AM Divine Liturgy at Holy Cross Cathedral, Uzhorod; Visit to Cathedral Crypt; Lunch at Detsi U Notara; Afternoon sightseeing of Castle and Folk and Architecture Museums Board Motorcoach to Khust, Dinner and Overnight

**Aug 2** Khust to Boronyavo Otpust, Liturgy with the Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy of Mukachevo, Bishop Milan Sasik; Return to Khust for overnight

**Aug 3** Visit Wooden Churches at Sokyryntsy, Danylovo, Krajnykovo and Oleksandrivka. Return to Khust for overnight and Dinner

**Aug 4** Myzhhirya – Visit Churches in Repynne, Izky, Pylypets. Sashlik/"Picnic" and Overnight in Myzhhirya

**Aug 5** Myzhhirya – Mukachevo – Uzhorod; Enroute to Uzhorod, stop at Mukachevo Cathedral and Basilian Monastery; Continue to Uzhorod with stop in Ivanovtsi at the Blessed Theodore Romzha Memorial; Farewell Dinner at the Hotel

**Aug 6** Uzhorod – Presov; Afternoon excursion to Kosice for shopping, sightseeing; Enjoy local cuisine at hotel in the evening and entertainment provided by Sarisan Ensemble.

**Aug 7** Presov – Medzilaborce – Bardejov; Full day excursion with a stop at "Salas" for late lunch, typical Slovak meal.

**Aug 8** Presov – Litmanova; Early departure to Litmanova for Otpust and Liturgy with Archbishop Jan Babjak, Bishop Milan Sasik and other Hierarchs, Clergy and Faithful at the site where in 1990 the Mother of God appeared to two Byzantine girls. Return to Presov for dinner and accommodations.

**Aug 9** Kosice – JFK very early flight from Kosice to JFK (Via Vienna)

## New Parish

The Bratislava Eparchy has founded a new parish, named for our martyr Blessed Basil Hopko, in the communist-built new town of Petrzalka. The old town was founded back in 1225, but the parish is serving the people who were settled into a sea of plain pre-fabricated apartment towers which excluded churches. We have been using a Roman Catholic Church on Sunday afternoons, but the parish will only grow if it has its own church where it can schedule a full liturgical life and provide education. The people of these apartment towers need God, and we beg your assis-



**Pascha 2009, Bratislava parish**