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UCC Elects New Head of Church

On March 27, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk was enthroned in Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, as the new head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Patriarch Sviatoslav, among his roles, had been the vice-dean of the Theology Department of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) and the rector of Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv. Cardinal Lubomyr Husar, 78, previous head of the church, on February 10 announced that he was stepping down for health reasons.

Patriarch Sviatoslav, who turned 41 in May, is the youngest bishop in the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the fourth youngest in the Catholic world. But he has already done much. Born in the western Ukrainian town of Stryi, he was

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sent to study theology in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1991-1992.

He returned to Ukraine to continue his studies at the seminary in Lviv, and then studied at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, where he earned a doctorate summa cum laude in 1999 in theological anthropology and the foundations of the moral theology of the Byzantine tradition.

Taught at University

He was then at Holy Spirit Seminary from 1999 to 2009, first as prefect, then vice



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rector, then rector. During that time he also taught at UCU, served as personal secretary to Cardinal Husar from 2002 to 2005 and headed the Patriarchal Curia in

Lviv. In 2009, he was ordained a bishop and made auxiliary of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) of Buenos Aires.

Patriarch Sviatoslav treasured his ministry as a college professor. He said that, even as a bishop, "I was in Argentina, but every year I traveled to Ukraine and lectured for students at the Ukrainian Catholic University and seminary when I came for the synod."

And he noted that it is not so unusual for the Ukrainian Catholic Church to

have a young head, as the average age of the church's priests is about 35. And, he added, as patriarch "I will look for various ways to communicate with youth, for they will orient me to what the church needs and what youth need from the church."

Patriarch Sviatoslav now becomes the Grand Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic University. He is scheduled to visit North America in the fall of 2011. May God grant him many, happy years—mnohaya i blaya lita! ✠

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Executives Greet New Patriarch

Patriarch Sviatoslav, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, celebrated his 41st birthday on May 5, 2011. The UCEF sent its greetings.

*Christ is risen!
Your Beatitude:*

Please accept our heartfelt greetings on the occasion of your birthday. On this special day we pray that God's blessings and sanctifying grace be with you every day and that the Holy Spirit support you in faith, hope, and love, inspiring and guiding you in your patriarchal ministry among the Ukrainian people. We wish for you the peace and joy of the Risen Lord and many healthy and holy years!

With deep respect,



Alexander Kuzma
Executive Director



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Director of Programs & Communications



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Director of Development

Ukrainian Catholic University Works to Improve Jewish-Ukrainian Relations



◀ Israeli poet and professor Velvl Chernin lectures at UCU.

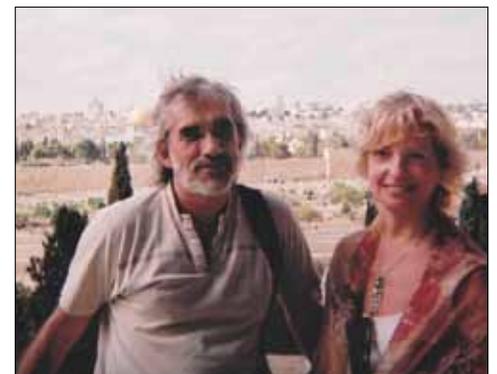
April's open lecture and mini-course by Israeli poet and professor Velvl Chernin was only the latest in ongoing efforts of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) to foster Jewish-Ukrainian relations. For two years now UCU has worked together with Hebrew University in Jerusalem to research Jewish history, culture, ethnography and literature.

"At UCU we plan to open master's and doctoral programs in the study of Judaism in Eastern Europe. Part of the programs will take place in Jerusalem," said Israel Bartal, professor of the Humanities Faculty at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

"This is not the first time we've opened such programs in Eastern Europe,"

explained Bartal. Similar programs already exist in Russia, Belarus, and Lithuania. "But this is the first such program in Ukraine." The

Hebrew University is one of Israel's oldest, its graduates include four prime ministers of Israel, and seven of its graduates have won Nobel prizes in the last ten years. ✠



▲ Yaroslav Hrytsak, a history professor at UCU, and his wife, Olena Dzhedzhora, director of UCU's International Academic Relations Department, are seen here with the Dome of the Rock in the background. In October 2010 they participated in a conference in Jerusalem.

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North American Pilgrims Visit Western Ukraine

Right after Easter, UCEF staff member Mary Gail Reding led a nine-day pilgrimage to western Ukraine. Stops included numerous religious shrines, the charming city of Lviv, including the Ukrainian Catholic University, and the breathtaking Carpathian Mountains. Reding hopes this will become an ongoing event.

“The university and the spirit of the personnel were impressive. There is so much excitement generated by the people we met. It was contagious and genuine.”

– Monsignor Donald Horak, 2011 pilgrim

“I want to thank the Ukrainian Catholic University for providing this pilgrimage and highly recommend it to those considering future trips. The tour is much more than the standard sightseeing fare. At the university, you will encounter the enthusiasm of the students and staff for creating an institution to rebuild Catholicism after years of persecution. In the countryside, you will see the churches, monasteries, and shrines that witness the strong enduring faith of the rural people. Finally, you will experience life in a charming Eastern European city,

exploring the many cafes, shops, historic churches, and museums.”

– Bob Parran, a parishioner of St. Mary of the Angels Roman Catholic Church in Chicago, 2011 pilgrim

Interested in Becoming a Pilgrim to Western Ukraine ?

Please call the UCEF’s Chicago office, 773-235-8462, or e-mail **Mary Gail Reding**, reding@ucef.org, if you are interested in taking a pilgrimage with us. We are considering going again in April 2012. ✠



▲ Monsignor Donald Horak (second from right), a military chaplain from South Carolina, is seen in Lviv’s Shevchenko Grove, an open air museum, with UCU students.



▲ Fr. Ivan Koltun, a graduate of the Ukrainian Catholic University (far right), shows Monsignor Donald Horak and Bob Parran the cave at Stradch, a long-standing pilgrimage site in western Ukraine.

Effective Ways You Can Help the Church in Ukraine!



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Calgary Professors Teach on ‘Vocation, Spirituality, Formation’



▲ Professors Carole Baldwin and Linda Dudar from Calgary (left and right, respectively) are seen with Sr. Luiza Ciupa, PhD, head of UCU’s Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute.

Two professors from St. Mary’s University College in Calgary led a seminar at the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) for teachers of Christian ethics, “The particulars of the Christian teacher: Vocation, spirituality, and formation” on April 27, 2011. UCU’s Catechetical-Pedagogical Institute is fortunate to have a number of international teachers who bring their expertise, and the institute then energetically brings its message throughout Ukraine, reaching many different groups.

The visiting professors spoke on themes like the experience of Catholic schools in Canada, and also the way a person’s understanding of God changes with age. “We perceive God in different ways, when we’re children, teenagers, and then as adults. These specifics should be taken into account in work with children,” said Carole Baldwin, a professor of education at St. Mary’s.

Another important practice that visiting teachers introduce is active methods of catechesis. A teacher and theologian from Poland earlier gave a lively three-day seminar on “The 10 Commandments, the deadly sins and their corresponding virtues.”

“During catechism and Christian ethics lessons,” said Sr. Luiza Ciupa, PhD,

director of the institute, “these active methods help pupils, in a simple and joyful way, to gain confidence in the rightness of virtuous acts, to make moral choices, and to find out what the word of God is saying to them today. This helps pupils uncover their gifts and talents and form communications skills... and Christ’s teachings really become Good News!”

The institute offers its students, many of whom already teach catechism in parishes throughout Ukraine or Christian ethics in public schools, seminars focusing on subjects like ministry to the developmentally disabled, and the use of music, dance, and drama.

In May 2010, the institute started a separate two-year program “Basics of the Christian faith and ministry in parishes.” The participants deepen their knowledge of the church’s liturgical life, develop habits for working in small groups, and learn how

locations. Sr. Luiza was particularly happy when in 2010 Ukraine’s Ministry of Education officially granted its approval to the institute’s Christian ethics program, which is taught in primary and secondary schools.

The institute is trying to get religion and morals to become a part of higher education in Ukraine, as well. In March UCU hosted a seminar as a result of which the participants sent recommendations to the government that college teachers be trained to teach on religion and morals.

In April, Sr. Luiza defended her doctoral dissertation at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. The theme was the Mother of God in the morning and evening prayer services of Marian feasts of the Byzantine liturgical year.

“Working through these texts,” recounted Sr. Luiza Ciupa, “I understood what a



▲ Bringing children to church is often part of the ministry of nuns who serve as catechists.

to lead Christian summer camps. A similar program started in September 2010 in Kyiv, Ukraine’s capital.

And good relations with Ukraine’s government have helped the institute bring the Christian message to even more

treasure, what a marvelous treasure, beautiful, wonderful, is our liturgical inheritance.” And Sr. Luiza strives to pass on the treasures of the faith to the institute’s 300 students, who will then pass it on throughout Ukraine, and beyond. ✠

Boston Friends Host Inaugural Event in Cambridge

On Sunday, May 1st, the Greater Boston Chapter of the Friends of UCU held its first fundraising event in support of the university. The elegant brunch at the acclaimed restaurant Henrietta's Table at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge drew supporters from many towns across Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Many of the attendees were long-time friends of Fr. Borys Gudziak, the rector of UCU, and remembered him fondly as a doctoral student at Harvard University.

UCEF Executive Director Alexander Kuzma urged the audience to think of UCU as the Harvard or Yale of Ukraine, a pioneering institution that is providing a strong liberal arts education and teaching a new generation of leaders to think critically and strategically: "We forget that these Ivy League giants started just as humbly as UCU. It took Harvard 130 years to transform itself from a small seminary to a full-fledged university. Fr. Borys and UCU have accomplished the same feat in under 10 years." UCU graduate Slavko Martysyniv shared his experiences attending UCU, where students are able to obtain a quality education regardless of their social status or their family's wealth.

UCEF supporter Alicia Szendiuch of Watertown, MA proposed a local campaign to raise \$100,000 to have



▲ UCU supporters gather at the Charles Hotel in Cambridge for the May 1st fundraiser in support of UCEF. From left to right: Alicia Szendiuch, Adrian Slywotzky, Alexander Komarynsky, Orysia Hanushevsky, and co-organizers Christina Balko-Slywotzky and Tania Vitvitsky.

a classroom named "The Boston Room" as a token of appreciation for Fr. Borys's contributions to Ukrainian community life in the Boston area.

UCEF is very grateful to Adrian and Christina Slywotzky, who underwrote the cost of the luncheon, and Tania Vitvitsky, who helped organize the May 1st event. ✠

Donors Dr. Bohdan and Joanne Celewycz Hold Open House



▲ Host Dr. Bohdan Celewycz is seen with Daniel R. Szymanski, Jr., UCEF's Director of Development.

Dr. Bohdan and Mrs. Joanne Celewycz of Chicago are exemplary donors and volunteers of the UCEF. Not only have they shared their material abundance with, most recently, a donation of \$11,500 for the benefit of the Ukrainian Catholic

University (UCU) in 2010. They also hosted an event at which representatives of local Catholic universities met with Fr. Borys Gudziak, PhD, rector of UCU, the evening of November 14, 2010. They even have volunteered at the UCEF office.

Presidents, professors, and department heads came from universities including Notre Dame, Loyola, Dominican, Benedictine, Lewis and Quincy, and Calumet College of St. Joseph. Also, very special thanks to Fr. Thomas Baima, provost of the University of St. Mary of the Lake/ Mundelein Seminary, for encouraging the universities' representatives to attend. They assembled on the top floor of The Clare at Water Tower, Chicago, the senior apartment

complex where the Celewyczs live, to meet Fr. Borys and learn about UCU. As a result, Loyola and Dominican will be taking delegations to visit UCU, and many of the universities talked about the possibility of an exchange of professors and students. ✠



▲ Hostess Mrs. Joanne Celewycz chats with the guest of honor, Fr. Borys Gudziak, PhD, rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University.

North Americans Study in Ukraine (& Rome) This Summer



▲ Participants always enjoy themselves at the Ukrainian-language Summer School of the Ukrainian Catholic University.

Continuing a tradition established for a number of years now, younger and also mature students from North America (and other countries) are taking summer courses at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine, and now in Rome, Italy, in 2011.

Students learn the Ukrainian language, from scratch, or simply improve their fluency. They learn how to paint icons, and the theological meaning of these holy images. And now they can study Ukrainian in Lviv or at the university's campus in Rome.

Other UCU summer school subjects are open to foreigners, as well: sacred music; philosophy; and theology. This year's deadline has now passed, but you can already start thinking about the summer of 2012! ✠

See the website of the summer schools for more information: www.ss.ucu.edu.ua/en



▲ Students can learn to paint icons, and explore the charming city of Lviv, at the Ukrainian Catholic University's summer school.

Lviv Business School (LvBS) Holds International Conference



▲ Karl Zaininger of Siemens and Lois Vitt Sale of Wight & Company participate in a conference of UCU's Business School.

UCU's Lviv Business School continues to be on the cutting edge. In May it hosted the conference "Intro 2011. Breakthrough Innovations: From Generating to Implementing." Nearly 100 leading experts, scholars, and representatives of Ukrainian (and not only Ukrainian) top management

convened in Lviv. Karl Zaininger, founder and CEO of Global Technology Management Consultants and executive vice president and research director at Siemens Corporate Research, was one of the featured speakers.

"Today innovation sounds like a mantra already, and I've got a feeling that this word is a panacea for all troubles," said Zaininger. "It is being used by everyone, from businessmen and politicians to presidents and even psychologists."

But Zaininger frankly admitted that today Siemens knows that as much as 75 percent of their expected profit in the next five years is to come from products not yet

developed. Thus, Ukrainian companies with ambitious goals should considerably reduce the terms for forecasts and business plans, and not be upset by crises, but consider them as a source of necessary change and opportunity.

In addition to hearing quality lecturers, participants of the conference also

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received a cd containing the e-book "Leadership, Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Eastern Europe and Beyond." This was a joint project of LvBS and Knowledge@Wharton, the online business journal of The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. ✠

Ten Days, Seven Cities: Fr. Borys Tours North America in April

With the invigorating scents of spring in the air, Father Borys Gudziak, the rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University, began an April tour, visiting seven cities in ten days to talk about the inspiring changes at the Ukrainian Catholic University, the election of a new leader for the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and to reflect upon topics of spiritual renewal, trauma and fear and the search for human dignity decimated by decades of Soviet rule.

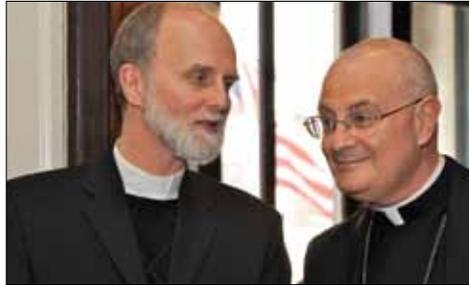
During the Lenten season, on the eve of the miracle of Easter, Father Borys talked about healing and prayer, patience and perseverance, hope and trust. He said that the 20th century Soviet experience left profound scars on the people of Ukraine, who suffered through two world wars, a famine and decades of terror and persecution. "Their fear is deeply ingrained and there is no 'Nescafe solution,'" he noted. "There is no instant remedy."

This message resounded among the different audiences in New York, North Saanich and Vancouver, British Columbia, Seattle, Los Angeles, Washington DC and Chicago, but it was also lined with the good news that the Ukrainian Catholic



▲ New York friend of UCU Natalie Sonevtsky admires a painting by Ivan Marchuk.

University in Lviv is working to heal the wounds of the past, to kindle hope for a brighter future, to preach an unwavering belief in the Almighty. To be sure, it faces many challenges, but it strives to be a new kind of university, a vibrant center for



▲ Fr. Borys and Maronite Bishop Gregory Mansour attend the NY Silent Art Auction.

inspired learning, groundbreaking research and academic freedom, a place that is free of corruption and open to all who strive toward academic excellence based on Christian ethics and morals.

Beginning with a silent art auction at New York's Ukrainian Institute of America on Sunday, April 3, Father Borys and Vice Rector Myroslav Marynovych had the opportunity to meet with friends and supporters on the East Coast. More than \$40,000 was raised for the university's operations, as 72 beautiful works of art by such well-known Ukrainian American and Ukrainian artists as Jacques Hnizdovsky, Lubomyr Kuzma, Danylo Dovboshynskyy, Petro Hanzha and Halyna Mazepa were on display.

Flying to British Columbia, the rector of UCU was graciously hosted by Bishop Ken Nowakowski of New Westminster, BC and visited with Fr. Yuriy Vyshnevskyy, a graduate of UCU who is currently pastor at Holy Eucharist Cathedral. He also met Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver Michael Miller.

Father Borys was also able to spend some time at the home of UCU's major donors, Anastasia Shkilnyk and Jim Kingham, who have endowed a moral leadership award, called Light of Justice, which is awarded to an individual who is able to "spark the light of justice in the dark crevices of the human soul and to illuminate the way

for a more spiritual society," noted Dr. Shkilnyk. She established the award in memory of her father, Mykhaylo Shkilnyk, a minister with the Ukrainian Central Rada in 1918, a judge, a protector of the Jewish minority in western Ukraine and later a community activist in the Ukrainian-Canadian diaspora.

After a wonderful Canadian visit, Father Borys traveled to Seattle, a first for the peripatetic traveler, where he was greeted by enthusiastic supporters from the growing Pacific Northwest Ukrainian community, where many learned about UCU for the first time.



▲ Fr. Borys Gudziak presents an icon from UCU to donors Anastasia Shkilnyk and Jim Kingham at their home on Vancouver Island, British Columbia on April 6. The couple have generously supported UCU for the last two years, establishing an endowment for an annual moral leadership award and a scholarship to a deserving student who shows leadership, academic excellence and social responsibility.

In Los Angeles, the next stop on this exhilarating journey, Father Borys was a guest at a reception hosted by the Keske family on April 9. Here he gave an interview to an international news team currently working on a documentary based on the life of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky and his role in saving Jewish families during the second world war. Father Borys also had the opportunity to serve Liturgy at Nativity of the BVM Parish in Los Angeles. After the service, the pastor, Fr. Myron Mykyta, invited his

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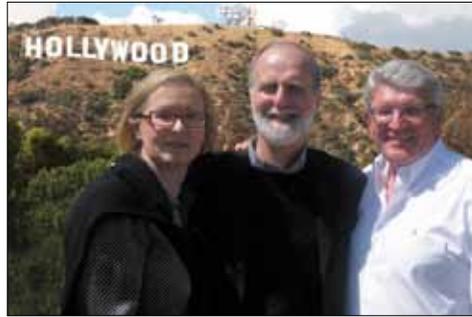
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▲ The Serpanok Choir of Greater Seattle performs at an evening lecture by Fr. Borys Gudziak at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on April 8. The event, which was attended by more than 120 guests, was organized by Prof. Eugene Lemcio, Valentina Drogomiretskiy, Anya Hnateyko and Marta Korduba. Father Borys encouraged the audience to visit his university in Lviv

guest to address the faithful in the church hall, where attendees asked about life in Ukraine and UCU's expansion and plans. From LA, Fr. Borys traveled cross-country to Washington, DC, where on April 11-12, he, along with UCU Senior Vice Rector

Taras Dobko, attended a symposium in celebration of the inauguration of John Garvey, the new president of the Catholic University of America. The symposium, titled "Intellect and Virtue: The Idea of a Catholic University," provided a number of fresh ideas and concepts for the academics to ponder. In the US capital, Father Borys was also interviewed by Fred Hiatt, the *Washington Post's* editorial page editor.



▲ Father Borys goes to Hollywood. A moment of rest during the spring tour. Father Borys Gudziak meets with childhood friend Andrew Serebnycky and his wife, Marusia.



▲ Myroslav Marynovych (right), UCU's vice rector of university mission, met with members of the Ukrainian community in Cleveland on March 25. He was the guest of honor at the home of Taras Szmagala, Jr. and his wife, Helen Jarem.

Before heading back to Ukraine for Palm Sunday celebrations, Father Gudziak stopped in Chicago to discuss architectural plans for the new church at the Stryiskyi Park campus. He also met with members of the Ukrainian community and spoke about the new leader of the UCC, Patriarch Sviatoslav. ✠



STUDENTS THEN & NOW

'Christian Values Are the Basis of a Good Life.'

UCU graduate
Orysya Hachko,
class of 2002

self-realization and making one's dreams come true. When young people decide to study at UCU, they are not simply choosing their future occupation.

'In today's world it is impossible to imagine a successful person without a quality education.'

"The priorities of their values are also important: students do not simply 'purchase' a profession as much as they affirm their position towards life. 'I want a quality education,' 'I want to live and work in a friendly and open world,' 'I believe that Christian values are the basis of a good life, and so I want to foster my own Christian identity.' This is what they say when they make this choice." ✠

Orysya Hachko graduated from the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in 2002. She then went on for graduate studies at Drew University, New Jersey, USA, with the Fulbright program, and later she was a research fellow at The University of Notre Dame's Nanovic Institute for European Studies. She is currently a professor of philosophy at UCU.

"In today's world it is impossible to imagine a successful person without a quality education," she said. "For this isn't simply an important instrument for securing one's living, but it's a method for

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Donors can also make a special gift by sponsoring a seminarian or other student at the Ukrainian Catholic University this year. Please contact the UCEF for further information.