

Dear Matt and Sylvia,

It was an honor and a pleasure to meet you a few weeks ago when I was in the Denver area. I'll always remember being recognized by Matt at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception! Thanks also for the delightful Italian dinner and for the generous donation.

I am so glad finally to make your acquaintance, having known and admired your work for the Ukrainian, Belorussian and Russian missions for so long. I know it is not necessary to encourage you more, since you are so dedicated already to this work, which is so important. But it never hurts to tell people how important and necessary their efforts are. I am so grateful to you for your many years of dedication and sacrifice for the rebirth of the Church in these tragic lands, and for doing so much to give people the opportunity to know and love the Lord after they have been the victims of so much hatred and evil. Your work is truly great. May God reward you for your generosity of spirit! I hope that our paths cross again soon!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Daniel Maurer
(a Canons Regular priest serving in Vladivostok, Russia)



Vladika Irynej & Ukrainian Greek Catholic priests following Divine Liturgy at Hoshiv Marian Shrine



Springtime Cherry blossoms in Trypillja gladden all hearts



Foreman's office at Lutsk monastery construction site



CONSECRATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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Virgin of Ulashkivtsi, Pray for Us!

On this feast of the Assumption we contemplate our spotless virginal mother Mary in heaven who looks down into our hearts with motherly love and concern. She sees the perils that surround us and she intercedes for our spiritual needs. When we go to her in prayer she will dispense the graces we need to avoid doing evil and to practice her heavenly virtues. Sweet Holy Mother of Virtues, Pray for us! Also please pray for our missionary priests and sisters working in the East. Lastly, intercede for the dear hearts of our beloved orphans!



With Bishop Irynej at Hoshiv Marian Shrine

In Lutsk Father Terenti is grateful that you are remembering him and his monastery with your donations. QAMA has been the main construction benefactor since we began helping him with financial support in the year 2000 A.D. You have so far given about \$60,000 for this project. They already have a beautiful crypt church seating two hundred parishioners. Construction on the main church proceeds slowly. They say it will be another decade before they can realistically finish the project, but their hearts are so pure, humble and joyous that we suffer no discouragement with the pace of the project.



Orphan Vera Kimak loves us very much

In Krehkiv not far from L'vov is a 400 year old Greek Catholic Basilian monastery that is home to 65 young men in formation for the priesthood. Fr. Afanazi, the Econom, took us there one day for a short spiritual retreat. He told us he'd be grateful for any assistance in completing construction of a new dormitory.

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Vyacheslav lights a fire to heat the pitch to seal the crypt church's outer walls from destructive moisture in Lutsk



With Fr. Afanazi & Deacon Irynej at Krehiv Monastery

In Berdyansk at the Sea of Azov Fr. Zdislaw gave hearty thanks for your help in purchasing, refurbishing and installing a pipe organ for his church. Presently the organ is in Poland undergoing repairs.

In Odessa Bishop Vasyl Ivasiuk conveyed his delight that you have been helping the Byzantine Sisters at their various Ukrainian missions for more than ten years now. There we also met Mother of the Tears (Lagrimas) who went there to see the bishop and get his approval for them to open a new House of Mercy nearby to shelter young pregnant and nursing mothers. Their house of Mercy in Ivano-Frankivsk has been a spectacular success, and now Bishop Vasyl wants them to do the same for his eparchy. Of course they could use our help.

In Hoshiv on a wooded hilltop sits a monastery on the eastern side of the Carpathian Mountains where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared centuries ago. Pilgrims flock there to request and receive miraculous healings of their ailments.

We drove there to see our beloved Vladika (bishop) Irynej Bilyk, and to pray the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom together with dozens of priests and

hundreds of pilgrims. The pious faithful intoned the transporting harmonious Byzantine prayers that rose to heaven through billowing clouds of incense.

Vladika Irynej was in residence at another hilltop Ukrainian Catholic monastery in rural Ulashkivtsi for some years before his transfer to Rome. There he obtained the rank of Minor Basilica for the Ulashkivtsi monastery with its miracle working icon of the Mother of God. Last year at a great ceremony Ulashkivtsi became a Minor Basilica. At Vladika Irynej's request we have just wired him funds to help with the construction of a new church at the site. He is very grateful and sends you his "bishop's blessings."

In Trypillja we spent many blessed weeks with the orphans when we weren't taking the train to cross the country for visits to the missions. In Trypillja we organized many field trips taking the orphans to nearby churches and monasteries where we invoked Mary's protection for their hearts and souls. At night they knelt reverently while we prayed Our Fathers and Hail Marias. Your ongoing support makes this mission possible. Thank you from the depths of Mary's Immaculate Heart.



Sasha, Maiya & Alina in Ochakiv



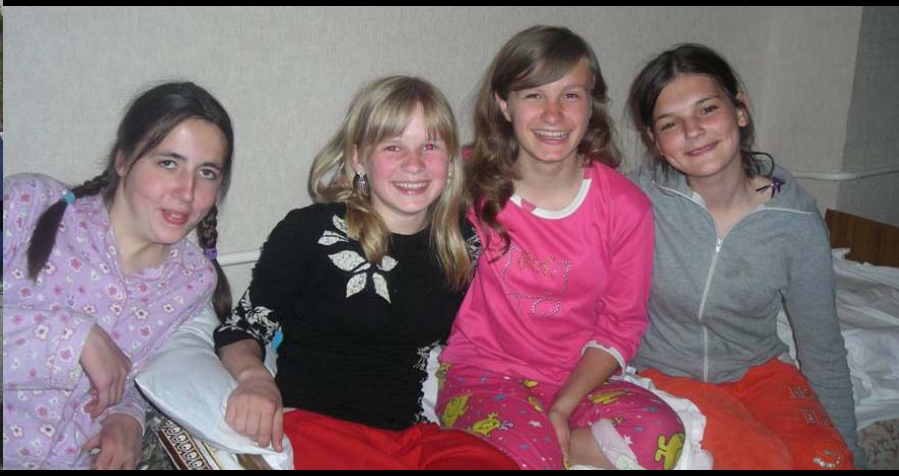
Fr. Ihor welcomes your Mass intentions



Orphan boys Sasha, Andrij, Vitya & Valyera



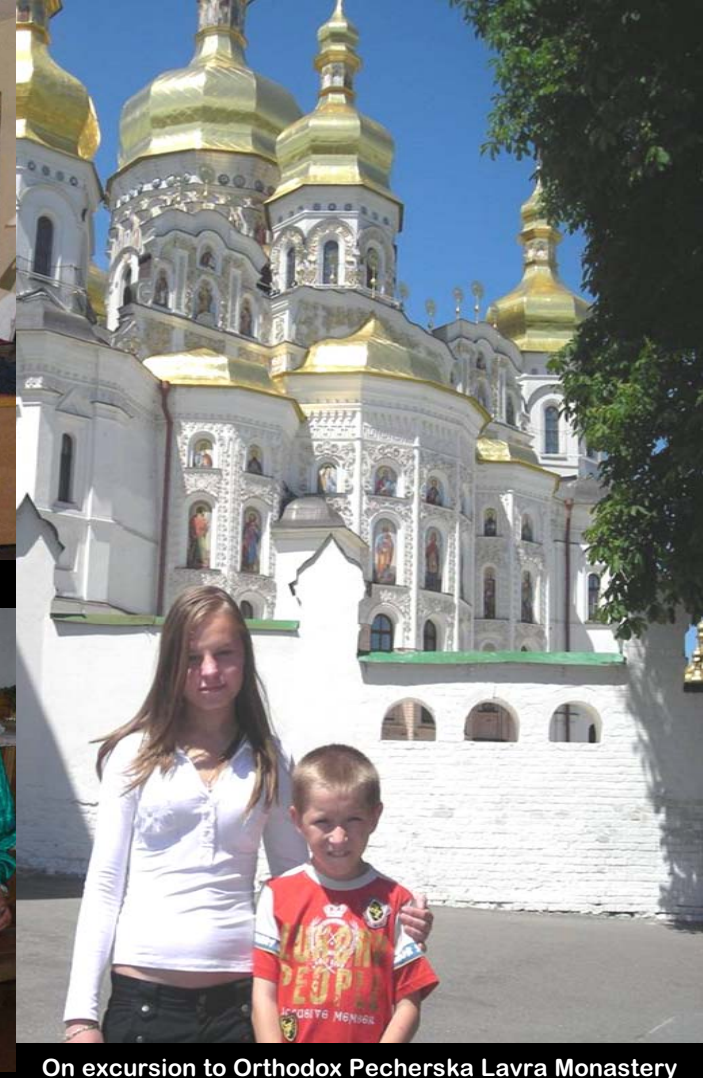
In Odessa with Institute of the Incarnate Word priests



Nastia, Natasha, Yaroslava & Nadja after bedtime prayers



Pious babushkas pray the Rosary in Poteeyivka



On excursion to Orthodox Pecherska Lavra Monastery in Kyiv with a busload of Trypillja orphans