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METROPOLITAN ARCHEPARCHY OF PITTSBURGH

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Thursday, June 10, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHANCERY

Our Beloved Metropolitan Archbishop
Basil Myron Schott, O.F.M.

Fell asleep in the Lord this morning
at UPMC Passavant Hospital in Pittsburgh

The arrangements are as follows:

Wednesday, June 16: 1:00 p.m. The reception of the Archbishop's body at
The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Munhall, PA

1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Archbishop to lie in state.
7:00 p.m. Funeral Service for a Priest - Part I

Thursday, June 17: 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Archbishop to lie in state.
7:00 p.m. Funeral Service for a Priest - Part II

Friday, June 18: 10:00 a.m. Funeral Divine Liturgy
The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, Munhall, PA

Interment: Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown, PA

*In blessed repose, grant, O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant,
the high priest Metropolitan Basil, and remember him forever.*

Eternal Memory!

METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP BASIL M. SCHOTT

His Eminence, Metropolitan Archbishop Basil Myron Schott, O.F.M. fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, June 10, 2010 at UPMC Passavant Hospital in suburban Pittsburgh after a valiant seven months battle with cancer. He was the Metropolitan of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Catholic Church in America, and the Archbishop of Pittsburgh.

Metropolitan Archbishop Basil M. Schott was born in Freeland, Pennsylvania on July 21, 1939, the youngest of the five children of the late Michael and Mary Krusko Schott. His early education was at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic School in Freeland and a St. Gabriel High School in Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

He entered the Byzantine Franciscans at Holy Dormition Monastery in Sybertsville, Pennsylvania on August 3, 1958, and he made the profession of his religious vows there a year later. On August 29, 1965 he was ordained to the holy priesthood by Bishop (later Archbishop) Stephen J. Kocisko at the Franciscan Monastery in New Canaan, Connecticut. He held bachelor's degrees in philosophy, theology, and a master's degree in theology and pastoral counseling.

Metropolitan Basil served in many areas of monastic, pastoral, parochial, and academic life. Within his Franciscan Community, he held the offices of superior, councilor, treasurer, and director of formation on every level. He was the Spiritual Assistant for the Secular Franciscans and he was also the chaplain to several communities of women religious. His experience in giving retreats, workshops and renewal programs for clergy, religious, seminarians, and laity was extensive. He worked in parishes throughout the Byzantine Catholic Metropolia and in the Ukrainian and Melkite Eparchies as well. He taught in the religious education departments of Byzantine Catholic High School in Parma, Ohio and of Bishop Hafey High School in Hazleton.

The Metropolitan was ordained a bishop and enthroned as the third bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma on July 11, 1996. On May 3, 2002, the Holy Father appointed him Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, and he was enthroned at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Munhall on July 9 of the same year.

The Metropolitan chose as his hierarchical logo, "In the name of the Lord," and in that Name he cited evangelization, ecumenism and renewal of the Gospel life as the hope and focus for his ministry of leadership.

During his eight years as Metropolitan Archbishop he instituted programs for Renewal and Revitalization on different levels throughout the Archeparchy, established an Office of Communications, and accomplished all of the components necessary for the ongoing Protection of Children and Youth in accord with the Charter published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also increased the number of members in the various boards, commissions and offices of the Archeparchy while expanding their responsibilities and involvement as well. Under his direction, significant improvements were made to the Byzantine Catholic World, the official newspaper of the Archeparchy. The accreditation of the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary by the Association of Theological Schools was completed during his tenure as President of the Board of Directors for the Seminary.

Recently the Holy Father appointed Metropolitan Basil a member of the Congregation for the Eastern Churches. He served as the President of the Eastern Christian Associates whose membership is comprised of all of the Eastern Catholic Bishops in the United States, and he was influential in the organization for the Eastern Bishops into the new Region XV of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Presently in the Conference he was serving on the committees for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations and for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs; the subcommittees on Marriage and Family Life and on Catholic Home Missions; and on the Task Force on Promotion of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

In the Pittsburgh area, the Metropolitan was an active member of the Christian Leaders of the Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, an ecumenical group comprised of the heads of the Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox judicatories.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Paul. Survivors include his brother Michael Schott of Pen Argyl, Pa.; his sisters Mary Ann Peterson of Pottstown, Pa. and Sister Helen Schott, O.S.B.M. of the Sisters of St. Basil, Uniontown, Pa.; and nieces and nephews and their families.

Metropolitan Basil's body will be received at his Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Greentree Road, Munhall, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, June 16, at 1:00 p.m. The visiting hours on both Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 are from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. with prayer services for a priest in the evenings at 7:00 p.m. The funeral Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 18 with interment to follow in Mt. Macrina Cemetery in Uniontown, Pa.

He will be long remembered as a kind pastoral father whose leadership qualities and capabilities were enhanced by his ability to touch and embrace people with his caring ways, and with the special gift of an extraordinary sense of humor.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh, The Sisters of St. Basil at Mt. St. Macrina, Uniontown, and the Franciscan Friary of the Holy Dormition in Sybertsville, Pa.

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Offerings in memory of
† ARCHBISHOP BASIL †
may be specified for:

Sts. Cyril and Methodius Seminary
+
The Sisters of St. Basil
+
Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary



HIS EMINENCE

THE MOST REVEREND BASIL M. SCHOTT, O.F.M.

Metropolitan of the Byzantine-Ruthenian

Catholic Church in America

Archbishop of Pittsburgh

BORN: JULY 21, 1939

ORDAINED PRIEST: AUGUST 29, 1965

ORDAINED BISHOP AND

ENTHRONED BISHOP OF PARMA: JULY 11, 1996

ENTHRONED METROPOLITAN

ARCHBISHOP OF PITTSBURGH: JULY 9, 2002

FELL ASLEEP IN THE LORD: JUNE 10, 2010

INTERMENT: JUNE 18, 2010

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA CEMETERY, UNIONTOWN, PA.

With the souls of the just brought to perfection,
give rest, O Savior, to the soul of Your servant,
keeping him for the blessed life with You
for You love us all.

In Your place of rest, O Lord,
where all Your saints repose,
give rest to the soul of Your servant,
for You alone love us all.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

You are the God Who descended into Hades
and loosed the bonds of those imprisoned there.
Now, O Savior, give rest to the soul of Your servant.

Now and ever and forever. Amen.

Virgin, uniquely pure and immaculate,
without seed you gave birth to God.
Intercede for the salvation of the soul of Your servant.

O Lord, You have declared this Your servant, the high
priest Metropolitan Basil, to be a steward of episcopal
grace, and You chose him to be an imitator of You,
the true Shepherd, Who gave His life for His sheep.

May he now stand without reproach before Your
judgement and receive the great reward which You
have prepared for those who contend valiantly for the
preaching of Your Holy Gospel.

(From the Byzantine Liturgy)