

Parma

Renovation has polished St. Josaphat's gold domes

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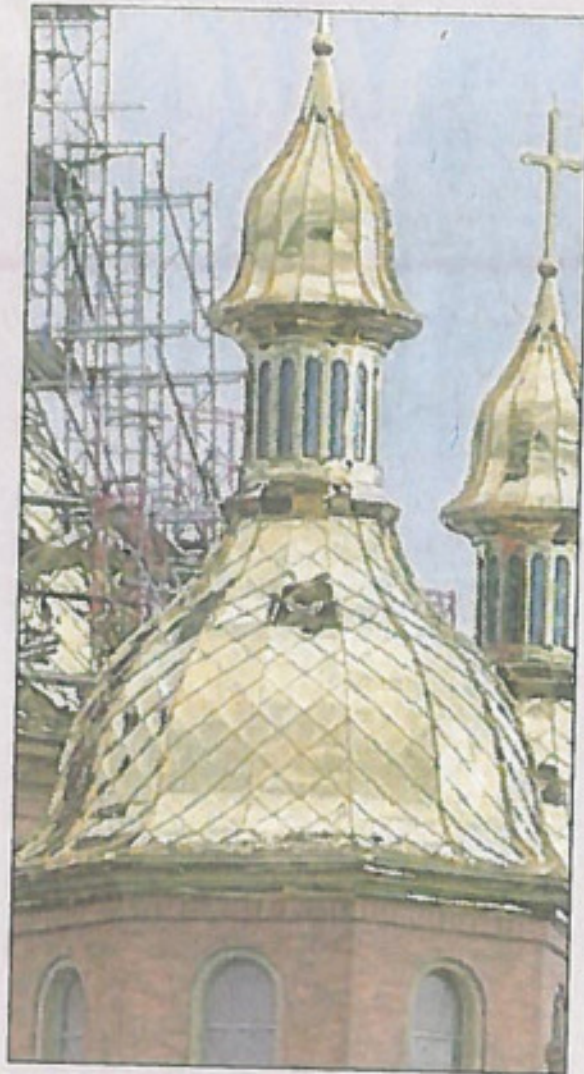
In about a month, a \$550,000 project to refurbish five domes on top of St. Josaphat Cathedral will be complete, making the Ukrainian Catholic church a glowing golden sight.

"They're breathtaking," said Parma City Council President Sean Brennan, who attended a blessing of the domes last Thursday with his wife and Mayor Tim DeGeeter.

More than 100 people and dozens of religious leaders attended the blessing led by Bohdan Danylo, bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Parma.

Part of the blessing, which was said in Ukrainian, included a procession around the State Road church. St. Josaphat's domes originally were made of aluminum, with gold paint added in the 1990s. Now the domes are made of titanium nitride over stainless steel, which will last 50 to 200 years. The refurbishment was paid for through donations by the church's parishioners.

Michael Holowaty, one of six parishioners leading the dome



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A \$550,000 project to refurbish the domes on top of St. Josaphat Cathedral in Parma will be complete soon.

renovations, said the project has been in the works for years. He said the project started last spring and the domes should be finished by winter.

"Churches in Parma are the rocks of our community," Brennan said.