



Fr. Jan Maturkanic was born on January 18, 1982 as the youngest of five siblings in the town of Humenne in northeastern Slovakia. He received the gift of faith and love for the Eastern Rite mainly thanks to his parents, Andrej and Marta. Later, in his spiritual growth, he was influenced by the spirituality of the Salesians of Don Bosco, an order of the Western Church, whom he began to visit as a child. Contact with the Salesians influ-

enced his vocational path. After studying at the Salesian Lyceum, he entered the Salesian Novitiate in 2000, and in 2001 he became a member of this order after making his religious profession. In 2007, he took perpetual vows and received lesser ordinations in his own Byzantine Rite. He was ordained a deacon in 2008 and became a priest in 2009. As a priest, he worked across various communities of both Catholic rites in Slovakia and Ukraine. For the past two years, he has been working in the Parma Eparchy for Byzantine Catholics and is currently a priest in the parish of St. Joseph in Brecksville, Ohio.