IN REMEMBRANCE

SERBIAN PATRIARCH PAVLE
1914-2009
The Path of Orthodoxy

Editorial

Patriarch Pavle – A True Servant of Christ and a True Father of His Flock

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23

The Serbian nation continues to mourn the falling aspape in the Lord of their beloved father, His Holiness Patriarch Pavle. With them stands the entire family of Orthodox Christians and many worldwide nations. The eyes of the world were on Serbia and the Serbian Orthodox Church as the earthly remains of His Holiness were laid to rest at the monastery Rukovica in Belgrade, Serbia.

It was on Sunday, November 15, 2009, that the news about the blessed repose of Patriarch Pavle reached the hearts of his children. They knew of his illness for the prior two years he was hospitalized. Yet even from his hospital bed he continued, as from the throne of St. Sava, to guide the Serbian Orthodox Church. The outpouring of his spiritual children at his burial on Thursday, November 19, and in the days before as they came to the Belgrade Cathedral to pay him tribute, was a testament to the enormous spiritual guidance and paternal love he had for his flock.

Hundreds of thousands of people drew together in Belgrade’s streets to express their love, respect and gratitude to the 44th Serbian Orthodox patriarch. Each one of them was given the cross of leading the church at a particular time, and each one of them served the Lord to the best of his ability. About them we can read in the Prologue or church historical books, while Patriarch Pavle for us, his contemporaries, was a living book. Moreover, he was not just any living book, he was a living Gospel, i.e., he lived according to the Gospel.

His Holiness Pavle was a true servant of Christ. He stood in a long line of Serbian patriarchs. Each one of them was given the cross of leading the church at a particular time, and each one of them served the Lord to the best of his ability. About them we can read in the Prologue or church historical books, while Patriarch Pavle for us, his contemporaries, was a living book. Moreover, he was not just any living book, he was a living Gospel, i.e., he lived according to the Gospel.

Patriarch’s 40-Day Parastos Dec. 24

Election of New Patriarch Begins Jan. 22

It is with profound regret that we learned today of the repose in the Lord of our brother Patriarch Pavle of Serbia. After holding a memorial service at the conclusion of this evening’s Vespers on the occasion of the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist, we entreated the Lord with all our heart and soul to grant rest to his blessed soul in the land of the living. Therefore, we convey our sincere condolences to the venerable Hierarchy, the pious clergy and faithful people of our sister Church in Serbia, where everyone is mourning the loss of their beloved Primate.

Only Patriarch Pavle is today rejecting for his heavenly journey.

We repeat the timely words of the Serbian poet M. Beckovic about the late Patriarch: “None in this noisy era spoke so softly and yet was heard so widely as he. None spoke less yet said more. None in our delusional age confronted truth with such calmness as he.”

May his memory be eternal!

May the Lord and Founder of the Church reveal a worthy successor to lead the most holy Church of Serbia and father to the glorious Serb People in order to continue his exemplary ministry and preserve the traditions and ideals of his people.

Archbishop of Constantinople-Neue Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

Eccumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Russian Patriarch’s Condolences

His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia expressed his condolences over the departure of His Holiness Patriarch Pavle of Serbia. Patriarch Kirill’s message to Metropolitan Trenov of the Patriarchal Throne of the Serbian Church, reads:

Your Eminence:

It was with great grief that I learned of the demise of His Holiness Patriarch Pavle of Serbia.

One of the oldest Primates of the worldwide Orthodox family passed away in the Lord. For millions of believers in the entire world he had been a symbol of unity of the Holy Serbian Orthodox Church and her steadfast stand against trials.

The late Primate was a man of prayer and a strict ascetic, a gracious father of the people of God humbly bearing their burdens. He has brought together the separated human hearts by his meekness and love and won profound respect of the entire nation through the feat of his sacrificial Patriarchal ministry. He enjoyed great authority with the Russian Orthodox Church, and his believers are offering up zealous prayers for the repose of the newly deceased God’s servant together with their Serbian brothers and sisters.

Your Eminence! While sharing the bitter and grievous loss of the orphaned sister Church, I join you in your prayers for the deceased. Memory eternal to him! Please convey my condolences to the members of the Holy Synod, archpastors and pastors of the Serbian Church, and to the entire Serbian people.

With love in the Lord,

†Kirill, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia
The people of Serbia, Serbian Orthodox Christians worldwide, and the entire Orthodox world were deeply saddened by the passing of His Holiness the Serbian Patriarch Pavle on Sunday, November 15. His passing came at 9:45 AM at the Military Medical Academy in Belgrade, where he had been under care for the past two years. He was 95 years old.

The news was announced following church services by a tearful Metropolitan Amphilohije, who was among those who had been with the Patriarch in his final moments. The service was led by Patriarch Bartholomew for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and Metropolitan Anastasios of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Russia, Georgia and the Churches of the Orthodox Church in America. Delegations represented all the other local Orthodox Churches and the Monastic Republic of Mount Athos. A message was read from Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia Kyril, who could not attend due to illness.

The Serbian government was represented by President Boris Tadic, Prime Minister Mirko Cvetkovic, scores of government ministers and members of Parliament from all political parties. Crown Prince Aleksandar Karadjordjevic led the mourners from the Serbian Royal House.

Following the Liturgy the funeral procession formed to go from St. Michael’s to the Sava Memorial Church on Vracar. The open casket was placed on a motorized vehicle accompanied by bishops, priests, and a military honor guard. Thousands of people had waited patiently outside the church to accompany their Patriarch to Vracar, and the procession moved slowly as it moved through the streets of Belgrade, until hundreds of thousands of people stopped to pay their respects.

The funeral service was held on the plaza in front of the Sava Memorial Church in beautiful weather for the time of year. Again leading services were Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Metropolitan Amphiloije together with the representatives of other local Orthodox Churches. Present also were Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano, representatives of the European Protestant churches, and of faith groups in Serbia including Roman Catholics and Protetants, Jews, Muslims and other groups.

Giving eulogies at the funeral were Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for world Orthodoxy, Metropolitan Amphiloije for the Serbian Orthodox Church, and Serbian President Boris Tadic.

Following the conclusion of the funeral services, the Patriarch’s body was taken to Rakovica Monastery in suburban Belgrade for burial. Patriarch Pavle had often expressed his wish to be buried in the monastery, alongside the first Patriarch of the new Serbia, and Serbian Patriarchate Dimitrije.

A Life of Service to God and His People

Serbian Patriarch Pavle (in Serbian, Pavle Sahac-Valjevo) was born on September 11, 1914 in the Slovenian village of Kucanci near Donji Miholjac, in what was then Austria-Hungary and is today Croatia. He was left an orphan at an early age. His father contracted tuberculosis in America and came home to die, and his mother died shortly thereafter. He continued on p. 5.
Met. Amphilohije's Funeral Sermon

Your All-Holiness Archibishop of Constantinople and Ecumenical Patriarch, Your Graces, the Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of Christ, Holy Assembly of the people of God,

“You are the light of the world. The lamp that is set on a hill cannot be hidden...” These words of Christ our Lord, dear brothers and sisters, are directed to His followers, as a calling and, at the same time, as a truth which over the two thousand year history of the Church of God has been proven numerous times.

One of the life-bearing witnesses to the truth that Christ is the light before us, His face turned towards eternity, towards the eternal Heavenly Kingdom, as the immeasurable measure of both his life and the lives of all people from all nations throughout the world.

All of you gathered here today around him are witnesses that this truly humble, quiet man, who through no coincidence was given the name of the Apostle, the people, Pavle, was transfigured into a light for the world and has become that lamp which shone into the darkness. They all testifying to this were the tens and hundreds of thousands of people who rushed these past days towards his spirit, who might only touch him and see that heavenly rest and peace shining from his reposed body.

The words that Patriarch Pavle of blessed repose spoke himself are clearly fulfilled: “When a man is born, the whole world revolves around him. When a man dies, why should people live their lives in such a way that when they die all the world will cry, but they will not take part? And truly, had not this man of God Pavle lived a life worthy of his human and Christian calling, how could it be that the people of his city fills this city of over a million residents and even throughout the world? All the more strange is it that this all-encompassing sadness is not simple mourning at the loss of someone whom we loved, but it came here and remained as a sad truth that this sadness which brings us joy. Sadness because we are parted, but joy because we know and understand that the one who is lost and who is leaving us, remains with us and among us, remaining, through the Holy Spirit, much more present to us than he was before, when he was alive, when he dwelt and walked among us.

This is and always has been the paradox of the life of true and righteous people: with their departure they not only remain with us, but they become all the more present in our lives, becoming the measure and the criteria of our time and the event of our lives.

How can we explain it? How shall we explain the life of Patriarch Pavle? The first and foremost expression of young historian Stojevic, a monk, a priest, Bishop Pavle, was, like all other truly righteous men and women before him – one who always did that which he had bargained for. And all this, the man who departed before us was a man of deep and firm faith in the Living God present in His Church, that is, of the kind of faith which acts because “faith without works is dead.” In a God-like way, he, by his words and turned them into his deeds, giving an eternal and permanent meaning to his life.

Speaking and preaching the Gospel, Patriarch Pavle incarnated the Good news, the good news of life eternal in his own life; he became a walking Gospel, becoming the good news to all people. With his faith in his life and according to his faith, he showed the truth of the words of Theophilos of Alexandria, “Blessing be upon me that I may show you my God.” The heavens preach the glory of God but nothing and no one is in the state to witness the true existence of God and the truth about God, as much as is a true [and righteous] man. In the continuous procession of those who approached the Patriarch these past days, I heard an answer to a question posed by a Christian of why this is happening: “Because he was a man of high morals and great respect.

The words of Patriarch Pavle were gentle while his testimony was strong; what’s more the most powerful proof of the truthfulness of his words was his life. For, according to the words of one of his holy predecessors: “Every word has its antithesis; it is only to true life that nothing and no one can be opposed.”

Patriarch Pavle is a man of active, work-producing faith and spiritual struggle (podvig) and, under, a man of faith in the true God – to his death. In his person, according to the words of the holy prophet, mercy and truth met, righteousness and love embraced together. He knew that the evil in man cannot be healed by our own evil, and he lived his life accordingly. “The righteousness of God” of the mother of Jevrosima was the measure he used in his relations with his own people and with others with no discrimination. With that same love, he loved both the people entrusted to him by God and all other people, and in each person he saw as an image of God and God’s creation. Patriarch Pavle judged no one, he only reasoned with them, respecting everyone’s freedom. A sober-minded knower of human nature, he never yielded either to his own, or to the vices, delusions or self-love of others. His life entire was spent trying not to be a burden on anyone. Everything he was faced with, he endured, he experienced and kissed his Holy Patriarch Pavle, or rather the words of the Holy Patriarch Pavle in Dan Hag in which they expressed sorrow at the death of Patriarch Pavle: I was deeply and profoundly moved by the passing away of His Holiness Patriarch Pavle, spiritual father and lighthouse of our people, with prayers and tears, we beseech you to accept our heartfelt and most sincere sympathy. His warmly eyes will watch us from Heaven, encourage us in difficult times, scold us for our sins, and teach us that in any circumstances it is the most important to be a good man.

The Serbian Orthodox Church got a saint who walked at the side of the people and for the total disintegration of the country, at the times of wars, misfortunes, civil wars, divisions, armed violence, and foreign wars and divisions occurring in the Church. At the time of total dishonest, we got a man at the side of the Church whose death was entered into collective memory,” wrote the Serbian National Academy and Science. He was blesses by the Church that was done. Researchers - one of them is indeed Patriarch Pavle. He was a Patriarch who blended three key things: he was a man of faith, of the throne: that of the father, of the priest, and of the prophet.

When the Serbs in Diaspora, owe the greatest gratitude to His Holiness Patriarch Pavle for bringing us together and unity of the Serbian people; one man and one heart glorify the Lord our God.

May the Eternal God grant peace to the righteous soul of the Blessed Memory Patriarch Pavle, Amen.
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and his brother were cared for by his aunt. He was sickly as a child and he nearly died himself.

He completed high school in Tuzla and Belgrade. He then continued his education at the seminary in Sarajevo and later at the Theological Faculty in Belgrade. During World War II he taught religion for a time at a school for refugee children from Bosnia. After saving a child from drowning in the Drina River, he contracted tuberculosis and was told by his doctors he had only three months to live. He was cared for by the monks and his brother was cared for by his aunt. He continued from p...

Bishop Pavle was chosen as Serbian Patriarch to succeed Patriarch German in December 1990. His name was chosen by lot from the three names put forward in nomination by vote of the Holy Assembly of Bishops. Sava of Sumadija, Stefan of Zica and Pavle. Following the selection and the service of thanksgiving that followed it, Bishop Stefan of Zica told the Assembly of Bishops, “For the first time in the history of the Serbian Orthodox Church we have used the apostolic method for the election of the patriarch. As you can see, it was very beneficial. I am crying with joy, because the most holy, the best and the most prayerful...

Bishop Pavle served as Serbian Patriarch for 19 years until his last breath. He was the published author or editor of a number of theological books and articles that have had considerable influence throughout the Church. In recognition of his work in the field of theological education, the Theological Faculty at the University of Belgrade awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1988. He was similarly honored by St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York in 1992. He was the author or editor of a number of theological books and articles that have had considerable influence throughout the Church.

Protopresbyter Bratoš Krišć

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at all to long as we love God and live as His children. "Badimo [let us live as people of God]," he is known to have repeated many times. During these trying times of the last two decades his message has been one of hope, the need for our own consistence, to ensure that perhaps tribulations are not suffered upon us because of our own sinfulness, and that we are found in a pure conscience before God. His call to prayer and fasting was the call to rootedness in the soil of our Orthodoxy, a father of his flock. He knew that he was to present to God the people entrusted to him so he wanted to gain, in the only true way – according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Nothing else mattered to him, not the wisdom of this world nor the gimmicks of politicians. His answer to the late U.S. Ambassador Warren Zirsermann in 1991, when the Ambassador asked the Patriarch what America can do to help him and the Church attests to that: "Your Excellency, the most you can do to help us is not to do anything to harm us!"

The throne of S. Sava indeed had in him set another great spiritual gift. Patriarch Pavle was a true leader of his flock. He was a true father to his flock. Faithfully and without blemish he presented his flock to the Master and Lord whom he so devoutly served until his last breath. We thank God for blessing us with His Holiness Patriarch Pavle. We are grateful for his ability to capture, encourage and edify his listeners and beyond. May we also do everything heartfelt as to the Lord and to his service: "We that from the Lord you (we) will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you (we) serve the Lord Christ."
Helping Our Children Accept Themselves as Worthy Persons

What do you think of yourself? Physicists tell us that this is one of the most important questions in life. Almost everything we do starts from the kind of concept we have of ourselves. The man who sees himself as a "failure type person" will find some way to fail no matter how many opportunities he has. The man who considers himself a "success type" will succeed no matter how many obstacles he has to face.

Dr. Carl Rogers, an eminent psychologist, writes, "I have dealt with maladjusted and troubled individuals...And if I were to search for the central core of difficulty in people as I have to come to know them, it is that in the great majority of cases they despise themselves, regard themselves as worthless and unlovable." This is true of delinquents; it is true of the emotionally ill; it is true of many criminals. They consider themselves worthless and they act it out in the type of life they live. In many cases a change in their self-image has changed their whole way of life.

How does one acquire a healthy self image? How can we help our children accept themselves as worthy, capable persons?

One of the greatest destroyers of a healthy self image is sin. After one sins, the self image suffers terribly. One begins to be tortured with feelings or unworthiness. One begins to hate oneself. This is why it is so important to come to Christ with our sins every day, to repent and seek His forgiveness in prayer and through the Sacrament of Confession. Only the love of Christ can give us a self we can live with.

Success and Failure

Part of our self image is formed from our experiences of success and failure in the past. We have a tendency, however, to forget our experiences of success and to concentrate on our failures. Instead of saying, for example, "I failed that test," we say, "I am a failure." Instead of saying, "I flunked that subject" we say, "I am a flunk-out." This, of course, is self-defeating. We have a tendency, however, to forget our experiences of success and failure in the past. We have a tendency, however, to forget our experiences of success and to concentrate on our failures. Instead of saying, for example, "I failed that test," we say, "I am a failure." Instead of saying, "I flunked that subject" we say, "I am a flunk-out." This, of course, is self-defeating.

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If what others think of us affects our self-image, much more so does God’s attitude toward us. When Christ died for us, He drove the nail into the coffin of human worthlessness. If we can judge a painting by the price that is paid for it, we can judge the value of man by the price God paid to redeem him: the blood of His only Son, Jesus Christ. If God gave His only Son for us, it shows how much we count in the eyes of God. It shows that each one of us is someone whom God loves dearly, someone for whom God cares greatly, someone whom God created the world, someone for whom He has prepared heaven. Man is superior even to the angels, for no angel was ever created in the image and likeness of God as man was. And God Who is so great that the entire universe cannot contain Him comes to dwell mystically in the heart of man. So great is His love for man! One of the great contemporary saints of the Greek Orthodox Church, St. Cosmas Aitolos, used to say in preaching to Greek villagers: “Each one of you is more precious to God than the whole world.”

God does not consider us so unimportant. If we only knew how much we matter to Him, how important we are to Him, how much He loves us, how eager He is to hear our prayers; we would never hesitate to bring our petitions and requests to Him.

The apostle John said: “Behold what love the Father has given us that we should be called children of God.” What do you think of yourself? The Christian will answer, “I think of myself as a child of God, loved by Him, redeemed with His precious blood, destined to live with Him to all eternity. Because of this I will love myself. I will not act like a worthless nobody, but like a precious somebody, the child of a King...He loves me. And this is what counts...”

From Making God Real in the Orthodox Christian Home by Anthony M. Coniaris

Getting Familiar with Orthodox Terminology

Patriarch: (Gr. “in charge of the family”). The highest prelate in the Orthodox Church. Today there are eight Orthodox prelates called patriarchs (see Patriarchate).

Patriarchate: An ecclesiastical jurisdiction governed by a patriarch. There are eight such jurisdic- tions today in the Orthodox Church, the four ancient Patriarchates of the East, and the four Slavic patriarchates.

Patristics: The theological field that studies the lives and the writings of the Fathers of the Church.

How much do you know about our beloved Patriarch Pavle?

   a. True
   b. False

2. Before his repose His Holiness Patriarch Pavle
   a. Served the Liturgy.
   b. Received the Holy Communion.
   c. Wrote Patriarchal Encyclical.
   d. All of the above

3. What was the Baptismal name of His Holiness Patriarch Pavle?
   a. Pavle
   b. Mark
   c. Gojko
   d. Patriarch

4. His Holiness Patriarch Pavle was born on
   b. September 27, 1918.
   d. September 11, 1914.

5. His Holiness Patriarch Pavle was elected Patriarch on

6. His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Pavle was
   a. Forty fourth Patriarch on the throne of St. Sava.
   b. Fifty second Patriarch on the throne of St. Sava.
   c. Wrote Patriarchal Encyclical.
   d. Served the Liturgy.

7. The Burial of His Holiness Patriarch Pavle was on
   a. Wednesday, November 18, 2009.
   c. Friday, November 20, 2009.
   d. None of the above

8. His Holiness Patriarch Pavle was born in what town?
   a. Kucanci
   b. Sremski Karlovi
   c. Zemun
   d. None of the above

9. Where is the burial place of Patriarch Pavle
   a. Monastery Zica, Serbia
   b. Monastery St. Sava, Libertyville, IL
   c. Monastery Rakovica, Serbia
   d. Monastery Krka, Krajina

10. Prior to his election as the Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church His Holiness was?
    a. Bishop of Dalmatia
    b. Bishop of Canada
    c. Bishop of Raska and Prizren
    d. Bishop of Valjevo
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How to Address Orthodox Clergy

The following is a guide for properly addressing Orthodox clergy. Most of the titles do not exactly correspond to the terms used in Greek, Russian, Serbian, or the other native languages of the national Orthodox Churches, but they have been broadly adapted as standard English.

Greeting Clergy in Person. When we address Deacons or Priests, we should use the title “Father.” Bishops and Patriarchs are addressed as “His Eminence,” though all Archbishops (including Patriarchs) are equal in the Orthodox Church, they do have different administrative duties and honors that accrue to their rank in this sense. Thus, “Your Eminence” is the proper title for Bishops with Metropolitan and most Archbishops (among the exceptions to this rule is the Archbish of Athens, who is addressed as “Your Beatitude”). “Your Beatitude” is the proper title for Patriarchs (except for the Ecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople, who is addressed as “Your All-Holiness”). When we approach an Orthodox Presbyter or Bishop (but not a Deacon), we make a bow by reaching down and touching the floor with our right hand, place our right hand over the left (palms upward), and say: “Bless, Father!” or “Bless, Your Grace,” or “Bless, Your Eminence,” etc. The Priest or Bishop then answers, “May the Lord bless you,” blesses us with the Sign of the Cross, and places his right hand in our hands. We kiss then his hand.

We should understand that when the Priest or Bishop blesses us, he forms his fingers to represent the Christogram “ICXC” a traditional abbreviation of the Greek words “IHS” and “XCHRISTOC”). Thus, the Priest’s blessing holds the honor of Archdeacon or Protodeacon, he is addressed as “The Very Reverend Archdeacon” or “The Very Reverend Protodeacon.” Deacons. If they are Deacons who are also monks, they are addressed as “The Reverend Hierodeacon.” If a Deacon holds the honor of Archdeacon or Protodeacon, he is addressed as “The Right Reverend Archdeacon” or “The Right Reverend Protodeacon.” Deacons hold a rank in the Priesthood and are, therefore, not laymen. They are an important point to remember, for they are the only monastics who have come to think of the Deacon as a kind of “quasi—Priest.”

Formal Address. Deacons in the Orthodox Church are addressed as “The Reverend Deacon,” if they are married Deacons. If they are Deacons who are also monks, they are addressed as “The Very Reverend Hierodeacon.” If a Deacon holds the honor of Archdeacon or Protodeacon, he is addressed as “The Right Reverend Archdeacon” or “The Right Reverend Protodeacon.” Deacons hold a rank in the Priesthood and are, therefore, not laymen. They are an important point to remember, for they are the only monastics who have come to think of the Deacon as a kind of “quasi—Priest.” This is the result of Latin influence and poor teaching. As members of the Priesthood, Deacons must be addressed, as we noted above, as “Father” or “Deacon Father.”

Orthodox Priests are addressed as “The Reverend Father” if they are married Priests. If they are Hieromonks (who are also Priests), they are addressed as “The Reverend Hieromonk.” Priests with special honors are addressed in this manner: an Archimandrite (the highest monastic rank below that of Bishop), “The Very Reverend Archimandrite” (or, in the Slavic jurisdictions, “The Right Reverend Archimandrite”) and Proto-deacons, “The Very Reverend Proto-deacon.” In personal address, as we noted above, all Priests are called “Father,” usually followed by their first names (e.g., “Father John”).

Bishops in the Orthodox Church are addressed as “The Right Reverend Bishop,” followed by their first names (e.g., “The Right Reverend Bishop John”), Archbishops, Metropolitans, and Patriarchs are addressed as “Most Reverend Archbishop” (“Metropolitan”) or “Patriarch.” Because they are also monastics, all ranks of Archbishops, Bishops, Archbishops, Metropolitans, or Patriarchs are addressed by their first names or first names and family names, even in Orthodox countries like Russia and Greece, this is absolutely improper and a violation of an ancient Church custom.

All male monastics in the Orthodox Church are called “Father,” whether they hold the Priesthood or not, and are formally addressed as “Monk.” Though they may not be a Priestly rank, if they are formally addressed as “Hieromonk” or “Hierodeacon” (see above). The titles which we have used for our male monastics also apply to female monastics. In fact, a community of female monastics is often called a “monastery” rather than a convent (though there is nothing improper, as some wrongly claim, in calling a monastery for women a “convent”), just as the word “convent,” in its strictest meaning, can apply to a monastic community of males, too. Women monastics are formally addressed as “Nun” (name) or “Rasophorée—nun (name),” etc., and the Abbess of a convent is addressed as “The Very Reverend Abbess.” Through traditions for informal address vary, in most places, Rasophorée nun are called “Sister,” while any monastic above the rank of Rasophorée is called “Mother.” Novices are addressed as “Sister.”

From Father David Cowmine and Presbytera Juliana Cowmine, A Guide to Orthodox

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Youth Conference 2009 Participants’ Remarks

Brittany Rodgers
Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church
Steubenville, OH

“This year’s youth conference taught me so much more about my Orthodox faith. The presentations helped me teach how to know and trust the Lord in any circumstances, as many did: “May God bless you.” Not only does this show a certain spiritual arrogance before the image of the cleric, but laymen do not have the Grace of the Priesthood and the prerogative to bless in their stead. Even a Priest properly introduces his letters with the words, “The blessing of the Lord” or “May the Lord bless you,” rather than offering his own blessing. Though he can do the latter, humility prevails in his behavior, too. Needless to say, when a clergyman writes to his ecumenical superior, he should ask for a blessing and not bestow one.

Natalija Vignjevic
St. George Serbian Orthodox Church
Hermleigh, PA

“This year’s conference was very enlightening. This being my first year I was blown away about how many valuable things I’ve learned about my faith. I encourage any high school teenager to attend because nothing is more important than learning about the Orthodox faith and creating wonderful lifelong memories.”

Djuro Baich
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church
Phoenix, AZ

“I felt a little nervous if I was going to have a good time. I learned much about being Orthodox. The number one thing I will remember is all the friends I have made. If other youth are considering coming to this conference, I would strongly recommend it. I will remember my first youth conference forever. It’s a great way to meet other Serbian youth.”

The editors of “Our View” are looking for volunteers to assist in contributing and editing articles and other materials for publication. Are you interested in assisting in our efforts? Please send an email with your name, address, telephone number, and email address to youth-ministry@earthlink.net. A member of the staff will contact you with more information. Help us continue to offer this very important service to the youth of the Serbian Orthodox Church!
A Peacemaker has departed from us

Seventeen years ago His Holiness Patriarch Pavle of the Serbian Orthodox Church on the North American continent. In front of the Serbian Cultural Center in Lansing, Illinois, which had been recently set up, the most beloved guest was organized by all our parishes from the Chicago land area, the Patriarch was greeted first by children who held up a banner that read: OUR FATHER HAS COME TO US! When we received the news of the repose of Patriarch Pavle on November one, thought was almost tangible and perceptible among all of us, as if it had been deeply carved into our soul and MAKER HAS DEPARTED FROM US!

With every step of his monastic, episcopal, and patriarchal ministry, Patriarch Pavle came to visit the Serbian Orthodox people in the homeland and the diaspora is the fruit first and foremost of his many years that he spent in the long-suffering Diocese of Kosovo and Metohija, where he was crowned with the meekness of Christ. Even though it appears we have become hardened and ready for this undertaking. Fruits of this repentance is the ability to strengthen their faith at this year's retreat.

The Nashville Assembly shows that the Serbian people. Many delegates are aware of the importance of this situation and are ready to contribute in the promotion of this noble undertaking. Sadly, this assembly did not dedicate an agenda priority at the next assembly. The measure by which we will be judged, both in this world and the world to come, is that of our sober-mindedness, and readiness for this undertaking. Fruits of this repentance is the ability to strengthen their faith at this year's retreat.

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Упокојио се у Господу
Патријарх српс. Г. Павле

Данас, 15. новембра 2009. године, у 10,45 часова, на Војномедицинској академији у Београду, после примања Свете тајне Причешћа, упокојио се у Господу Архиепископ пећки, Митрополит београдско-карловачки, Свете тајне Причешћа, упокојио се у Господу, по упокојењу Патријарха српског Г. Г. Павла Његовој Светости су да се поклоне стрпљењем чекале и са великим неколико километара било су дуге колоне народа. Колоне присуству великих јединства, теолошком мисли и понашањем оличавао јединство. Ово је Патријарх Павле био она личност у нашем народу која је својим "Грађани Србије су суочени с једним великим губитком, али управо начин и да ће пружити сваку подршку СПЦ у свим данима. "Његово Светости" Патријарх Павле сав свој живот посветио служби Богу и своме роду и себе уградио у живот наше Цркве и нашег народа. "Његово Светости" Патријарх Павле "часно и достојанствено изнео тешки крст Бога, чистотом савести, љубављу и добротом."

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Више од 600.000 људи, старих, младих становника пристигло је да прослави поглавара Српске цркве, студенти Војне академије, црквени великодостојници, припадници Војне гарде и посмртним остацима Патријарха српског ходали су до манастира Светог архангела Михаила у Раковици. Поред манастира, кренула је централним београдским улицама за чувара Патријарашког трона до избора новог седника Светог архијерејског синода СПЦ именованог Власног Патријарха Васељенског, митрополит Амфилохије, уз саслужење тројице поглавара других православних цркава, које су дошли на сахрану поглавара СПЦ, рекавши: "Верујем да су дошли на сахрану поглавара Васељенског, митрополит Амфилохије, уз саслужење тројице поглавара других православних цркава, као и представници првих струја и државних власти, али и народ Србије који је на судову сахране поглавара Васељенског, митрополит Амфилохије, уз саслужење тројице поглавара других православних цркава, казали све своју любов својим верним и верујућим вернима на положај посвећен задовољну искреним и слободним премислима."""
Нека значајнија саучешћа Српског црквена и српском народу поводом упокојења Патријарха Павла

Руски Патријарх Кирил: Патријарха молимо и све Руске Кирил поручује да је цео православни свет саобазао са Српском православним црквама због свеће Патријарха Павла. "Иако у тешкој здравственој ситуацији Патријарх Павле преноставља у своју душе, он искрен је и мудри." о њему је казао Кирил.

Патријарх Кирил: Патријарха Павла уочи похорна сећања на њега, навео је Кирил, "Патријарх Павле је пре пола века најтежих дана за народе бивше Југославије изабран за патријарха цркве." Покушао је да откривеју његов пример како да се бори против демографског преласка и како да бори против преласка културних и националних граница.

Патријарх Кирил: "Патријарх Павле је био тренутак додатне снаге, на добробит народа и РС'', изјавио је Медведев.

"Примио сам жалосну вест да је Господ дозвао к себи блаженоупокојеног Патријарха Павла, Српској Светости Павла и свим Христовым ученицима. Не могу обрћићући без гласа и оповећања његовог примера. Иако у тешкој здравственој ситуацији Патријарх Павле преноставља у своју душе, он искрен је и мудри." о њему је казао Кирил.

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С благодарношћу се сећам великодушне и срдачне величанства његовог духовног оца, монаха, свештеника, епископа Павла, патријарха Светог Српског Царства. Чланови Месне жртве са сећања на њега, навео је Кирил. "Патријарх Павле је пре пола века најтежих дана за народе бивше Југославије изабран за патријарха цркве." Покушао је да откривеју његов пример како да се бори против демографског преласка и како да бори против преласка културних и националних граница.
Патријарх Павле, некада је успоставио једну од његових највећих цивилних утврђења. На унутрашњем простору Патријарштва је основано Патријарштељско подрумно гробље, где је смештен неколико парохија из уједињених Србије.

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Патријарх Павле је био један од највећих друштвених и културних борција за одбацивање комунализма и учије у Србији. Он је био активан у области социјалне и религијске активности, које су биле од великог значаја за изградњу српског националног државства.

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Матија Бећковић у једној својој песми речи Његове отаца Стевана живео је једно време у овој рашко-призренској Г. Артемије. Ни мањега човека недавно рече његов наследник на трону епископа Десанке Максимовић речи одређује смисао, а не гласовитост. Његовото говорио човек који је доследно веровао да снагу телом, ни веће духовне снаге. Ни блажега гласа, најубедљивија личност нашег времена. Која каже смрт патријарха Павла изазвати највећи потрес паираташку службу, а то су речи - будимо људи. Изазвили су две дивне речи које карактеришу храм или који манастир Његова Светост држати у једним светим човеком кога ћемо, ако Бог да, ако одлуку да се заседање изборног Сабора СПЦ.

Што са задужбина немањићких пева, по звону, на Врачару. 24. децембра у храму Св. Саве Заупокојена Литургија и је заказао заседање Сабора.

Општа утврђена је, у карактеру поневоли, да је Небески Миротворач." — уснућа Патријарха Павла па све до дана дошао до таквог закључка. Али зато, с друге стране, ја сам смера Патријарха Павла изгубио цело своје мучеништво, као што је то био Патријарх Иван, кроз два дуга и жестока деценије, у самој групацији занима и уз дуга времена. Зато је и сви који су га познавали, уз сам пазак, или уз општу мисао, смо га извинили." — Михаило Подгорнић.

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Српска Црква остала је умрла. Сви ми, бискупи и епископи, назнали смо један и други, да је доследним мучеништвом и својим страдањем, у чијем је духу и у чијем је слову, да је догодило врло мало, али већ много у нас Срба, уновку и мучеништво и да је добило целокупно страдање у црквеној и светој свети." — Михаило Подгорнић.

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