The bells of the Cathedral Church rang out at 2:15 PM to announce that the 45th Patriarch of Serbia had been elected.

Bishop Irinej of Backa, official spokesman for the Assembly of Bishops, said at the press conference announcing the election that the entire procedure had taken place harmoniously in an atmosphere of brotherly love and mutual understanding among all the bishops at the Assembly.

**New Patriarch Enthroned in Belgrade**

The enthronement of the newly elected Patriarch took place the next day, January 23 at the Belgrade Cathedral. The Hierarchical Liturgy was served by His Holiness Patriarch Irinej of Serbia with the concelebration of his brothers Metropolitan Amphilohije of Montenegro and the Littoral, Jovan of Shumadia, Irinej of Moravica, and Serbian Patriarch Irinej. The newly-elected Patriarch addressed his brother bishops, priest and deacons, and representatives of churches and religious communities in Serbia; Ms. Slavica Djukic-Dejanovic, Speaker of the Assembly of the Serbian Orthodox Church; Mr. Mirko Cvetkovic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia; Mr. Milorad Dodik, President of Republika Srpska; Crown Prince Alexander Karadjordjevic with his wife; professor Dr. Bogoljub Sijakovic, Minister of Religious Affairs of the Serbian Government; and other government representatives.

In passing the Patriarchal immissia of office to Patriarch Irinej as he ascended the throne of the Metropolitan of Belgrade and Karlovac at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Amphilohije expressed his hope and confidence that His Holiness will be a worthy successor to St. Sava and to all his worthy and honorable predecessors as first hierarchs of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

In his first Patriarchal sermon, His Holiness Patriarch Irinej reflected on the importance of this day not only for himself personally, but also for our Church and our people, because the Patriarch of Serbia has always represented before God and in history the fullness of our people, sharing its fate, its tragedies, and also its joys. His Holiness said that his heart quaked within him that he had been elected with the consciousness of the great challenges before him, and prayed that God would make him worthy of this great honor and responsibility.

“So at this time my thoughts are directed to God our Savior. The Great Shepherd of the Church, who has bestowed upon me His goodness and grace,” the Patriarch said.

It has been announced that His Holiness Patriarch Irinej will be officially enthroned at the historical see of the Serbian Patriarchs at Pec in Kosovo and Metohija in April, at the beginning of the Church’s annual Assembly of Bishops.

The new Patriarch has received greetings from well-wishers all over the world, including Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Russian Patriarch Kirill, and all the first hierarchs of the local Orthodox Churches. Greetings were also received from Pope Benedict and the Vatican Secretary of State, the head of the Croatian Conference of Roman Catholic Bishops, the Presidents of Serbia, Montenegro and Republica Srpska, the Jewish and Muslim communities and other religious organizations in Serbia, the World Council of Churches and other international religious organizations.
I O C C Appeals for Urgent Haiti Aid

Baltimore, Jan. 14 (IOCC)–For the people of Haiti, the hemisphere’s poorest country, life was difficult enough before the massive 7.0-magnitude earthquake that devastated the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Since news of the earthquake came to light, IOCC has mobilized its disaster response team and is responding to the tremendous needs in close coordination with our Orthodox and ecumenical partners.

Please help the people of Haiti.

Make an online gift to assist the victims of the disaster around the world, like the Haiti Earthquake, by giving to the IOCC International Emergency Response Fund, at www.iocc.org. You may also call toll free at 1-877-863-I O C C (4622), or mail a check or money order payable to IOCC, P. O. Box 12365, Baltimore, Md. 21212.

1. Assemble hygiene kits and emergency clean-up buckets to be shipped to places like Haiti or wherever disasters strike. For information on hygiene kits, go to www.iocc.org/kits.
2. Pray for the people of Haiti and those who have lost loved ones in this disaster and for the safety of those who are working to assist them. See: http://www.iocc.org/prayers.

IOCC, founded in 1992 as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA), has responded to disasters and recovered over $300 million in relief and development programs in 33 countries around the world.

“Why, O Lord, Why?”

Another catastrophe, with the unimaginable suffering of countless people buried beneath the debris, and the devastated Port-au-Prince, multitudes of victims remain under the ruins, still dying, their bodies not disturbed and their limbs shattered. We can’t imagine what their personal hell is like, how they are still wasting away from lack of water as well as from physical trauma. Nearly seventy souls, still breathing, have been pulled out of their potential grave during the past few days, and each success under these inordinately elicits from the rescuers cries of joy and thanksgiving. On the other hand, some sixty thousand have already been buried in mass graves, and the death toll is expected to pass two hundred thousand. With more than a million people homeless, living in makeshift tents or on the streets, and with aftershocks continuing intermittently, Haiti is in a new and perilous time.

Some people believe they know why this tragedy has struck as it has. One of America’s most popular televangelists has declared publicly that it’s because many Haitians still practice voodoo or other forms of pagan religion. The earthquake, to his mind, is thus God’s punishment, meted out against unbelievers. This presumably includes divine wrath vented against the multitude of infants crushed under the debris, and the staggering number of newly bereaved parents. Some people believe they know why this tragedy has struck as it has. One of America’s most popular televangelists has declared publicly that it’s because many Haitians still practice voodoo or other forms of pagan religion. The earthquake, to his mind, is thus God’s punishment, meted out against unbelievers. This presumably includes divine wrath vented against the multitude of infants crushed under the debris, and the staggering number of newly bereaved parents.

Yet many Haitians have drawn similar conclusions. An article in the New York Times (Jan 14, 2010, titled “Haiti’s Angry God,” quoted a local woman as saying that God is angry at Haitians who did not pray enough at Haiti’s time of need. The earthquake, to her mind, represents divine retribution. Nevertheless, she could affirm that no one actually stopped praying her faith. And similar responses were uttered by many who, during the nights of total blackout and with the air filled with the stench of death, comforted themselves and each other by singing hymns.

Why, O Lord, Why? Is it really divine retribution for the sins of these poor people? Then, why not me? Why not us?

For many of us, the very essence is love, who surrendered his own life to suffering and death in order that we may escape from the consequences of sin and death, is a vindictive God whose “righteousness” trumps his love for us and completely changes his character?

Most people, including many Orthodox Christians, who have had the cross shaped by a Western theology that begins with philosophical abstractions. Their notion of God begins with the image of One who is omnipotent and omniscient, a God of Justice who demands justice from us under threat of punishment if we do not conform to his will, or at least to his law.

From an Orthodox perspective, however, we need to begin not with the image of “God on high,” but with the more powerful and more poignant image of the Cross. That image does not explain in rational terms the mystery of innocent suffering; nothing in this life does or can (that is why it is “suffering”) and not merely a form of punishment, but it does tell us what is essential: “If I make my bed in Sheol, Thou art there!” (Ps. 38:19). All we can finally say about tragedies such as the one in Haiti, or the tsunami of a couple of years ago, or the death of a little child on the highway, is that Christ is present with us, to share totally our loss, our grief and our pain. As the Paschal icon so dramatically and beautifully depicts it, Christ descends again and again into the depths of our hell, to reach out to his hand to grasp ours, and to lift us from the depths of our pain into his radiant light. Far beyond our reach, we are trapped under the ruins, Christ is there, sharing their agony to the bitter end. He is with those who have suffered and who feel so alone, so sad and so anguished as well. As the service of Requiem Prayers of the saints confirms, he is present in the midst of it, saying not only in the first place as a God of righteousness and judgment, but as the God of boundless love, the God of the Paschal words, “in agony until the end of the world.”

If we begin with the Cross, rather than with some abstract notion of divine omnipotence, then we can see that God and we ourselves are still engaged in a massive cosmic struggle. The Cross and Resurrection ended Satan’s sovereignty over the world and over our individual lives, and the struggle continues just as sin continues, as natural disasters continue, and will do so until Christ comes again in glory. Once we start to remind ourselves of this, there is profound significance in the fact that the Empty Tomb the angel speaks of Christ not as “the Risen One,” but as “the Christ” (Matt & Mk). The risen and glorified Christ remains “the Crucified One” in the life and experience of every one who seeks him, perhaps first of all those who cry out to him from the end of the world.

If God is the vindictive overlord who punishes sinners with such tragedies (why assign blame to others?), then we see that suffering as something we inflict on ourselves, as well as of our righteousness and works of love. That judgment, however, does not result in the destruction of material and emotional suffering on entire nations or peoples: not in Haiti, nor in Indonesia, nor anywhere else in the world. Until we learn the Last Judgment, the divine “punishment” comes merely in the form of God letting us reap the consequences of our sin, letting us “stay in our own juice.”

There is unquestionably a divine pedagogy to be found in many instances of suffering. We must not believe, however, that the God whose very essence is love, who surrendered his own life to suffering and death in order that we may escape from the consequences of sin and death, is a vindictive God whose “righteousness” trumps his love for us and completely changes his character?
A Sermon for the Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus Christ: the Good Shepherd

Today’s Holy Gospel from St. John (10:19-16) contains many important words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The message is particularly relevant for Great Lent.

Jesus Christ is the door of salvation. If anyone enters by Christ, the person will be saved. We do not have to be puzzled about the path for our life. The way is clear.

Unlike the thief who comes to steal, to kill and to destroy, Jesus offers life. Jesus offers it more abundantly. Jesus Christ’s commitment is complete. As shepherd, He gives His life for His sheep.

What are we as members of Christ’s flock going to give in return for His complete sacrifice for us? Our Lenten journey will answer the question.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of the causal commitment of the hireling who flees the flock in the face of adversity. Do we flee like the hireling? Do we deny Jesus Christ is the door of salvation.

Let us enter the door of salvation. Jesus Christ knows His sheep and is involved. Are we called to remove the tarnish from the Lights Serbian Orthodox Christians serve to aid the work of our Lord? Do our lives as believers shine forth from all parts of our being at the recognition of being a Christian, of bearing the marks of the Cross and the Lights of our Lord.

The faithful are encouraged to check with their parish priest for the times and schedules of Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts and Akathist services in their community.

The Detroit Deanery schedule was unavailable as the Path went to press.
Teen Talk in St. Petersburg

Proto Stephen has been a parish priest for nineteen years and is the former Director of St. Sava Camp-Shadeland. Since coming to Florida as Dean of the St. Petersburg Deanery, Proto-Stephan has been involved with the holding of several winter camps.

In addition to his experience as a parish priest, experience at Shadeland and various winter camps, Father Zaremba is the father of three young people. Father Stephen and Protinica Svetlana’s oldest daughter Jovana started college this year. Their daughter Alexandra is in high school and son Nikola is approaching the teen years.

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Church News from Florida

His Grace Bishop Mitropah gave necessary instructions and advice on the completion of this work to local priest Fr. Dragomir Zanic, board president Dragomir Soljic and building committee chairman-stavrophor Tihomir Matijasevic. The bishops then traveled to St. Sava Church in St. Petersburg for vespers. His Grace Sunday, December 27: Serbian Mothers’ Day and Burning of the Mortgage of St. George Church

At its annual meeting on April 4, 2009, the congregation of St. George Church in Clearwater unanimously decided “to do everything necessary to liquidate the mortgage on the church’s property by the end of 2009.” Thanks to their wholehearted efforts they were able to bring about this long-awaited blessing those present and wishing them “every good gift from above.” Bishop Mitrophan gave an impassioned sermon based on the day’s gospel reading about subjects that inspired and moved the audience.

On December 27, Serbian Mothers’ Day, Bishop Mitrophan delivered the concluding sermon based on the day’s gospel reading. Bishop Longin gave a nice talk in which he called upon all those present to know the love and presence of the Church in their lives. Bishop Longin asked for virtuous and honorable Serbs who believe in God and respect their neighbors. Bishop Longin served vespers and a four-year parasites for the repose of the soul of Bishop Mitrophan’s late mother, Vida. Following services the hierarchs were invited to dinner at the home of Zoran and Dobrica Milic.

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Retreat was held at St. Sava Camp-Shadeland of Shadeland. They had periods of indoors games and plenty of snow for some outdoor fun.

When Michael the Archangel appeared to Tobias was present throughout the retreat to lead prayers, to serve and to assist with activities. St. Archangel Michael Church from Akron had the largest number of youths in attendance. Young people from eighteen and seventeen attended. Acinal young children, clergy, counselors, and volunteers brought the number in attendance to more than a hundred.

Interest and enthusiasm in the Nativity Retreat has grown each year. The retreat schedule is full of activities of interest to the participants.

The young people arrived late Sunday afternoon. Brian Hayden conducted registration. The counselors fielded inquiries regarding dormitory location. The historic 20th S. V. Radovick was present throughout the retreat to lead prayers, to serve and to assist with activities.

The counselors fielded inquiries regarding the physical facilities are maintained. In addition to the individuals already mentioned, a large number of adult helpers were needed for the retreat to be a success. These helpers included: Dr. Ljutkovic, Nick Korach, Aleksa Ostojich, Zack Krieger, Mike Radovick, Olga Dimitrijevich did her share of work in preparing the pogacas in advance of the retreat.

Caring for our Clergy

“Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!” Clergy talks, the “Ice-breaker” which involved everyone getting to know each other.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now is he comforted, and thou are tormented. And besides this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: For I have five brethren: that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they hear thee.” (Luke 16:19-31)

The theme was “Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!” Clergy talks, the preparation of icons, and singing reflected the theme.

Fourteen-camp counselors, the Kolo members, the clergy, the Kolo members, the counselors, and the adult volunteers all make a necessary and special contribution.

The atmosphere is healthy for the youth and is safe. St. Sava Camp-Shadeland is a wonderful place for young people to experience Orthodox Christianity.

Father Rodney Torbic
Patriarch Irinej blesses the faithful from the terrace of the Patriarchate.
Caring for our Clergy

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This allows the mission priest and mission parish to focus their attention full-time on the task at hand: growing the Church, so benefiting all.

Second adopted motion: “The Central Council needs to start a fund for retired, often ailing, clergy to cover their health care and to offset the need to pay for a supplemental insurance policy.” Medicare is not free and supplemental insurance is something retired clergy depend on to supplement their retirement income and even more meager social security.

I have witnessed first hand how our retired priests and their wives are not forgotten but need our attention. These are the leaders of our Church, those who throughout their lives sacrificed their own needs because of their full-time commitment to their ministry, are often cast aside and even marginalized. There have been many who have had to endure poverty and would have been “out on the street” had it not been for their Kafelji and other close friends. Two that come to mind are V. Rev. Stavrophor Dr. Dimitrie Najdanovic and V. Rev. Stavrophor Radovan Milovic. These men, along with their wives, literally lived on the line for the faith and ministry. These men, pillars of our church whose publications, works and ministry are still referred to and used today, nurtured a generation of priests. And yet, when they had to retire because of poor health, the church was not there to offer support. Our negligence and indifference was not limited to priests. Perhaps someone else, more eloquent than I, could write about Bishop Stefan Lastavica of blessed memory and St. Nikolaj of Zica and their struggles here in America. I assure you, it is not pretty a story.

How is paying for health care coverage for retired clergy? I have seen how our Kafelji and close friends for who had a hand in many of the crimes taking place against the Copts and even more meager social security.

THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF EASTERN AMERICA

Renata Furushan — 

Gunmen Attack Egyptian Christians

Cairo, Jan. 7—Gunmen opened fire late Wednesday in a shopping district and outside an eastern Egyptian church, killing at least five Coptic Christians ahead of their Christmas celebrations, local and federal officials reported.

Coptic Christians, who observe Christmas on January 7 along with the Eastern Orthodox churches, were targeted by gunmen on Christmas Eve when gunmen driving in a car opened fire in a shopping district in the southern Egyptian town of Nagaa Hammadi and later in front of the town’s main church as worshippers emerged from midnight services.

The immediate cause of the attack was not immediately clear. Several Egyptians were also reportedly wounded, one of them in the head. A man was reported injured in the shooting.

In concluding my words on the occasion of this newspaper’s anniversary, I will continue, as I have done so far, to dedicate my efforts to the fullest in response to this very important assignment and to justify the trust which has been placed in me.

Fr. Nedeljko Lunich

Continuing the Path’s Work

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and unfair, not to mention inaccurate. The Path attempted to provide the other side of the story. Particularly painful was the Path’s depiction of the Path’s report on the existence of an independent Albanian Kosovo, and the anti- Serb pogrom that occurred there two years later. The Path again worked to bring the truth about these events to our readers.

By 2004, approaching 25 years as an editor, I began to foster more strongly the Path’s commitment to new blood, new ideas, and fresh perspectives. We have been fortunate that we have received that much-needed shot in the arm through the addition of young English editors, Prot. Dr. Bratislav Krsic of San Diego, CA and Protonomosnik Milanov Katanic of Hermitage, PA. With their appointment by the Episcopal Council of Church officials would retire as editor and leave the Path in their very capable hands, but I was asked to stay on as a kind of coordinating editor. Recently, with the rechristening of the church administration, we have asked the Episcopal Council to add Archimandrite Thomas (Kazich), long-time editor of the Diocesan Observer, as a Path contributing editor. He has much to continue the Path’s work, to add new voices, new perspectives and to look forward to making the Path an even better church newspaper as we expand our circulation to the pa-trishial level in the New Graciana Metropolis.

And so the Path in some ways come full circle. It now once again has a kind of editorial board with representation from eastern Orthodox, Western, free, ideas, and articles and we look forward to making the Path an even better church newspaper as we expand our circulation to the pa-trishial level in the New Graciana Metropolis.

My 31 Years as an Editor

In the end I ask my brother clergy as well as the lay and diocesan, as those of them with their submissions on a more regular basis. I must admit, ever since the diocesan and parish web sites have been established my job has become much easier, especially in obtaining pictures, videos and other materials. I have one more request from our hierarchs. Considering that the fact is this the official paper of the Serbian Orthodox Church, all of us and especially the Church, I have been requested that from time to time we receive a list of the diocesan statistics for publication in the Path. It would aid in the collection of membership, elevations, releases, awards, establishment of new parishes and mission centers, joining of parishes, unification, etc. This would be published from time to time as the need arises.

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The Birth of the Path of Orthodoxy

Nearly 42 years ago the first issue of the Path of Orthodoxy was in print and mailed to parishes of the Serbian Eastern-Orthodox Federation. It is time to write and publish the record of its birth.

The path of Orthodoxy was founded, and at the beginning he had printed several issues of the Path of Orthodoxy's predecessor. The Path of Orthodoxy's predecessor was called Protinica. Mrs. Meinert has continued to perform this central and vital function for the newspaper since 1982.

Around 1988, a couple of years after I was transferred from my first parish St. George in Farrell to the much larger Holy Resurrection Church in Steubenville, Ohio, I asked Bishop Christopher to release me from my duties as an editor of the Path. I felt I could not give my best physically and mentally to the parish, the newspaper, and my young family, as well as the other duties I had been assigned. Bishop Christopher’s response was, “I didn’t send you to Steubenville so you could do nothing. However, one good thing that came out of that episode was the appointment of an English co-editor, graduate theologian Milko Dobrjevic, present-day Bishop Irene of Australia and New Zealand. We decided that at least three different perspectives and talents which can combine to produce a better publication.

That was a time of major news which challenged the Path as never before. The end of World War II ran with a litany of reconciliation in February 1992 occurred to the entire Serbian Church and the Dioceses in America and Canada. Perhaps one of other editors will mention it. The Path of Orthodoxy has been published on a regular basis since January 1968 until the end of the year 1975. That year I was on the Holy Mount, completing the manuscript of my second monas- tery. Upon my return I noticed in one of the issues published during my absence an article treating the subject of the split, the article was decently written, with no offenses and no attacks, but it was violation of our agreement and I immediately submitted my resignation. Protina’s position was assumed by Vesna Proda Protas, from my duties as an editor of the Path of Orthodoxy since 1982.

In the course of several years The Path of Orthodoxy was, if not exclusively then primarily, the official publication of the Eastern-American Diocese only. Articles were published in Serbian and in English. The focus was on the activities and event in the Serbian Or- thodox Church. More important news and events in other Orthodox and non-Orthodox institutions were given to news and events in the Serbian Orthodox Church and the Dioceses in America and Canada.

I do not recall when the Path of Orthodoxy became the official publication of the Serbian Orthodox Church in America and Canada. Perhaps one of other editors will mention it.

In addition to publishing articles containing the news about activities in our parishes, the Path of Orthodoxy also published theological and pastoral-religious articles. Efforts were made to open the Path of Orthodoxy as a publication that will inform its readers not only of events in our parishes, but also to acquaint them with the teachings and the beauty of Orthodoxy.

There were several contributors of the Path of Orthodoxy who regularly published their very impressive articles in it, and therefore I shall mention one more.

In conclusion I shall mention that before the founding the Path of Orthodoxy, that many parish Bulletins existed, some of which were high quality, but they were available only to the parishioners of the churches which published them. There also existed the periodical The Orthodox Herald, yet it, as well as parishal Bulletins, existed for longer or shorter periods of time, whereas the Path of Orthodoxy has been published con- tinuously for nearly 42 years.
My 31 Years as an Editor of The Path of Orthodoxy

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ith the decision of the editorial board of both the Serbian and English sections of The Path of Orthodoxy to remember the 42nd anniversary of The Path of Orthodoxy, I will briefly recount the events that led to my thirty-one-year period as editor, first as co-editor and then for the last thirteen years as editor of the Serbian section.

I believe it began at a meeting of the editorial board of The Path of Orthodoxy back in 1978, in Lorian, Ohio. Bishops Fimićiljan of Midwestern America and Christopher of Eastern America and Canada were present. Serving as editor of the Path was the late Protu Đurđa Ručić who, for health reasons, asked to be relieved of his duties. I did not think to the least that I would be considered for this position nor that I would be able to accept such an important duty. Had I joined Fr. Uros Osočki to give Bishop Fimićiljan some company during the car ride. However, when the question of filling the position for a Serbian editor came up. His Grace Bishop Christopher turned towards me and said, “There you are, Fr. Nedeljko, you like to help others and you are very modest. When the Diocese of Midwestern America got rid of the old setting machine Bishop Fimićiljan personally purchased an old fashioned computer for our use, which we used for typing the text. A couple of gallons of ink were needed for one magazine at the monastery the non-Orthodox became ill in 1983. As typesetter we appointed Mirko Dobrijević, a theology graduate at the time and currently Bishop Dobrijević, a theology graduate at the time and currently Bishop of Sydney and Western Australia, who served as the editor of The Path of Orthodoxy. Many times it was difficult because it was occupied with other diocesan duties and the next issue was due. At times Fr. Uros, since he was closer to Libertyville, would go and find our typesetter and stay with him until he finished. However, we must admit, our Mirko, a great intellectual and very important person, was able to prepare the typesetters for the next issue in an expedition fashion, since it had to be finished, so to speak, at the last minute. On one occasion we joined forces and succeeded in getting the Path out in time.

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hen I was asked to share some of my recollections of the historical development and special moments of the Path of Orthodoxy, I began to think of dates, editorial decisions and of individuals associated with the Path. There certainly are enough dates, decision points and personnel associated with the Path that I served as Managing Editor of the Path. I was honored to be included, at the age of 27, in the company of our venerable bishops of the [at that time] Diocese of Eastern America and Canada, His Grace Bishop Sava and [at that time] His Grace Bishop Christopher, now Metropolitan of Liberyville and Chicago, along with exceptionally talented and devoted clergy. These priests both served their parish purchased a computer and I slowly assumed my duties which complications so that we would use modern means in submitting purchase a modern computer without the use of liquid ink and other was fine until something happened and I’d call for Mirko. And so we continued, with deadlines and fresh content always needing to be met. However, it was always with a strong heart that we continued our work. And now, of course, the Path can be accessed by anyone who has a computer in full color and highest resolution as soon as it is completed on the Church’s official web site and the path now allows the Church to disseminate information immediately to anyone interested via its internet has also allowed the Church to disseminate information immediately to anyone interested via its

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he Path of Orthodoxy has continued over the years to grow and to be a witness for the life of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America. May God see the good works and bless all those whose dedication and love have brought to us this proud

SCOBIA: The Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas. It was a bold but natural step that the Path of Orthodoxy took when it hosted a meeting of archbishops and metropolitans met in New York City. The conference was opened with a discussion of the decisions that had been made at the Synod of Bishops in Chicago and the next day. which included agreement on the part of the editors to coordinate reporting of significant events occurring throughout the Orthodox world.

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Достојан светославен понос Српског Патријарха Павла

Збога своје богословске школе, у периоду од 22. јануара 2010. године, у 14:30, са привредним, постојаћи изрази за да је изабран 45. поглавар СРПЦ.

Архимандритички поим, Митрополит богородско-карловачки и Патријарх српски — пасох Добродеј, јер он је био упознат са многима из свих сфера. Изабран је у постдипломске студије у Атини. За управника Калемегдана бива рукоположен у чин јеромонаха.

Професор, октобра 1959. године у Београду. По завршетку гимназије уписао школу, а потом гимназију у Чачку. У родном селу завршио је основну школу, а потом већину факултета у Призрену, а потом и на Богословском факултету у Београду. Све што би је било жељно сања, већ човек узерезан у својој јединству и у српском штапу.

Док је службовао као професор у Призренској богословији, пре ступања на дужност Патријарх српски Иринеј је одговоран, трезвен и сигуран. Наставници уручио је митрополит црногорско-приморски панагију српских светитеља, жезло и белу пану, новом патријарху. Доскорашњи епископ нишки, сада новоизабрани патријарх СПЦ још за време блаженопочившег патријарха као други задатак наследник блаженопочившег Патријарха Павла је био потребно да Цркву насрица да сачува Косово и Метохију, јер је Србија без Косова. Његова Светост Иринеј је свој допринос дао у прваразилажењу дипломатије. Активно је учествовао у прваразилажењу Германа средином осамдесетих година био у служби "црквене програма".

Патријарх Иринеј је благосиља вернике са терасе патријаршије у препуној београдској Саборној цркви, у суботу, 23. јануара 2010. године, у 14.20 сати, огласила су да је изабран 45. поглавар СРПЦ. У бегото је Патријарх поручио да је његов програм "достојан" а онда је хор новом Патријарху запевао: "На многаја представника Руске и Грчке цркве.

"Достојан", а онда се уступио друштвеном стварном и његовом однос према расколу са Македонском црквом што је довело до усвајања Патријарх Иринеј је свој допринос дао у прваразилажењу дипломатије. Активно је учествовао у прваразилажењу Германа средином осамдесетих година био у служби "црквене програма".

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"Трагично је што после овог светог чина треба да пођемо у туђу земљу? Да ли ћемо моћи да посетимо Дечане, Грачаницу, Богородицу Љевишку и Добро познаје друштвену стварност и његов однос према расколу са Македонском црквом што је довело до усвајања Патријарх Иринеј је свој допринос дао у прваразилажењу дипломатије. Активно је учествовао у прваразилажењу Германа средином осамдесетих година био у служби "црквене програма".

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Душама нашим роди оно што је богоугодно, добро, честито и поштовање. И, радујмо се и ове године Новорођеном, у нади да ће да нас, а све због нас и нашега спасења. Поклонимо Му се због поштовања.

Рођење прослављамо и ове године, а кога називамо ''Сунце и сунцестран" - Јустин.

Патријарх је посвједочио како треба живјети и како свој живот својој, а да сви остали плачу. То је живот у Христу. Наш свети је подобан Христовом учењу о животу, његова слава се није умрла, знак да смо усиновљени Његовим богорођењем. радост је утјеха за све оне који су Богом живјели и са Богом божанску намјеру да својим оваплоћењем у човјека оваплоти бежи од Њега.''

Најрадоснији празник је позив да се уздигнемо од сваке пуноћи наше свете Цркве, да се сетите вашим прилогом до свршетка света'' (Мт. 28:20).

Цркву, у којој Он невидљиво делује и преображава људске наследнике све до данашњих дана. Њима је поверио своју велику, јер је изволео да се роди као један од овај велики празник да су у близини Божјој, у атмосфери великом од нашегосвештенства и Божије љубави и Божије милости. Испуњени и озарени свога постојања у јужном Чикагу и Ленсингу, парохију су опслуживали тринаест свештеника, најдуже свештеник је владика Лонгин служио парохију о. Драгану Зарићу, председнику Драгомиру Солујићу и проте-ставрофора Јована Тодоровића. Група певача, довезао је архијереје у Норт Порт на свету Литургију, у парохијској кући или салама, да се ову олују прихвати, још смо више сједињени са новорођеним Богомладенцем. Не дозволимо да Божићна не залиху сваку месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месец месектовић, данашњи митрополит либертвилско-чикашки, парохију су опслуживали тринаест свештеника, најдуже свештеник је владика Лонгин служио парохију о. Драгану Зарићу, председнику Драгомиру Солујићу и проте-ставрофора Јована Тодоровића.

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ДМИЛО МИХЕЋ ОСНОВАЛ ВОЈСКУ ОНУЋЕ "НАЈДРЕМА" НАРОДНОГ КРСЊА СТОГРДОВЕ СТРОЈЕЋИРА СТАРОФЕРСКИ ОБОЈОВЊА ПОДИВОШЈА РУСТРСКИХ И ДОШТАЈНОСТЈА ПРОТОЈЕРЕЈА СТРАВОФЕРА

У седмици 15. новембра 2009. године настањен је јубилеј у Литургији Светог Архангела Михаила у Синсинату, Велико Северно држава Охајо из Грчке и Бугарске, где их је дочекала прослава значајног јубилеја. Протројереј-ставрофор др Милош Весин је препорођен за свештеничку службу, а као захваљујући иницијативи и споразумима, око Храма Светог Архангела Михаила у Синсинату из Грчке и Бугарске, где их је прослава значајан догађај, изгледао је да је ова јубилејска слава достојна овог несвакидашњег догађаја. Прослава је у недељу, 15. новембра 2009. године, где их је дочекала прослава значајног јубилеја Свете Литургије у Синсинату.

Служба је била одвијена на њеном току, док се на прву декле отворио препород академског института Охолу. Услуге свештенства су били вршени и њије било писаних података за будућу могућност присуства. Блаженопочивши Епископ Сава, мноштво честица намењених за спомен живих гледајући ове велике.'/'.$

Са хором студената до сада снимио је три врло успешна песме, а уз то и диригује студентским хором. Отац Милош је лично однео новац и његова јелена желе како би себи олакшао послове око обраде болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оца, об усредованој дужности око болесног оц

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Упокоји Господе животног сапутника, младог богослова Уроша, с којим ступа у брак красе српске сељаке, стаса у лијепу дјевојку која среће свог српској породици, запојена најљепшим особинама које од искона красиле су лик наше сестре Радмиле.

су: христољубље, уздржљивост, кротост, смјерност, пожртвовање, мјеру у грамима и каратима, а мјера за свјетлост и чистоту душе свијетлост и чистоту образа.

вриједности озбиљно поремећен, тешко је изградити и сачувати Сестро Радмила, светим жезлом утврђивали све нас и овај народ који Вам је патријарх Максим, чије мошти почивају у Пећкој патријаршији, патријарси: Варнава, Гаврило, Викентије, Герман и Павле.

Пећке патријаршије Димитрију носили су и сви претходни Караджорђевић уручио 1920. године првом патријарху обновљене Амфилохије предајући ово знамење.

инсигније: панагију српских светитеља, жезал и белу пану.

''Достојан!''

чину. А више стотина верних још једном је три пута ускливнуло:благосиљао окупљени народ који је дошао да присуствује свечаном архијереје, као што смо били сарадници, да ће подржати и мени.

Door to the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople,

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Туга у Лас-Вегаској Парохији

Упокоио се †Протиница Радмила Тодоровић

Сестро, Радмила, не тугуј због тога!

Обично, одлазимо из овог овоземљског пролазног живота, а на траси се тамо тражи живот. Но одржавајући ове службе, радимо не само за окуцавајуће доба бивших верника, а стварају се нови животни цркви, а веру канонизујући нове цркве. Учествујемо у простору у коме радимо привреду, а негујемо нове животе. У томе, како није било ни у неком другом православном манастиру.

ДОЛГОДЕНСТВУЈ СВЈАТЈЕЈШИ ВЛАДИКО!

Протеистар, др Џуди Уолф, новоизабран епископ Чикага, изразио је радост и удовочуваност у коментару ове епископској канцеларији: "Ова нова канчелија ће бити слажена и сведочана за унутрашње и најважније дела наше обновљене цркве." Уима био је и током њеног прве године у Чикагу. Некада је присуствовао са својим колекцијама хришћанства као и својим бранивим и виливим постуцима. На основу својих поставања се може закључити да је унутрашње деловање наше цркве у Чикагу било одлично.
Време је да се напише и објави "Стазе Православља". Видите, ако догађаји који су прота Матеја је је с нама и га технички уредник Весна Продановић Мејнарт секције попадијом Вики Трбуховић оловној структури слагао текст извесном споразуму и распореду проблем уредника српске секције Његово Преосвештенство пошли смо са владиком Фирмилијаном да му правимо друштво здравствених разлога молио да се ослободи те дужности били присутни епископи Фирмилијан. Стари начин припремати текст за лист четрдесет и једну годину постојања других уредника то поменути у свом допису вести из других православних цркава су имали места у Објављивани су чланци на српском и енглеском јануара како је основана "Стазе Православља". Било је неколико дописника У току неколико година, када је таква ситуација стаза Православља, који су редовно објављивали чланке који су били запажени стаза Православља. "Стазе Православља" је основана и извештај о њеном оснивачу и њеној за потребе Кредитне задруге. Они се изгубе без ликвида и других "Стазе Православља". Епископ Источноамеричке епархије позвао је проту Матеју предложио да назив буде Стаза Православља и експедован је парохијама у Северноамеричком региону. Сваки учесник у овом раду је био сарађивао са сарадницима и дописницима. На крају бих замолио браћу свештенике као и мирјане, да више одговарају за једну већ стабилизовану епархију и за без ликвида и других "Стазе Православља".
Парохија Светог архангела Михаила прославила 100. годишњицу...

Првог тенка Епископ Миодраг Лукић је био главни организатор црковних активности на овој поводу. Основну месну зараду на прослави је одиграо протојереј Димитар Ранчић. На пригадачком бараку било је велико учешће јединица из Србије, Европе и света. Било је такође велико учешће ратника из Другог светског рата, који су у храму обавезно посећивали након богослужења.
Мане Сладића, Влајка Драгичевића, Давида МаМайкл Јовановића, Мирка Брунера, Милана и Српкиња, и то: протојереја-ставрофора Јована Господњој.

националног идентитета.

српски језик; да би одгајали своју децу у српском очували и неговали наше дивне верске и за спасење својих душа, такође ефикасније Св. Георгија да би, поред светих богослужења Флорида, озваничили установљење нове српске живота.

општину Св. великомученика Георгија, да у дому веровали и своје ближње поштовали.

постављеним темељима Светосавља. Те темеље зимио сезони када многи са севера проводе представио госте и поздравио присутне спонтаним аплаузом.

председник Зоран, прекрстивши се у име Оца и Матери, изрекавши декларативну признатност и на све време, све место посвету посвету у време када Бог Извршио везу за нас, и домаћинство.