Under the presidency of His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Irinej the regular meeting of the Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church began this year on May 14 at Monastery Studenica where in the Church of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos the Divine Liturgy was served on the occasion of the 900th anniversary of the birth of St. Simeon the Myrrh-flowing (Stefan Nemanja), and it continued in Ras (Novi Pazar) where, in the Sts. Peter and Paul Church, the Invocation of the Holy Spirit was served on the same day in order for the sessions of the Sabor to proceed at the Patriarchate in Belgrade.

Participating in the Sabor were the majority of the diocesan bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Absent were only His Beatitude Archbishop Jovan of Ohrid and Metropolitan of Skoplje and His Eminence Metropolitan Nikolaj of Dabro Bosna. Also, Bishop Mihailin of Valjevo and Bishop Chrysostom of Zvornik-Tuzla and other bishops were temporarily absent as they visited those areas most threatened by the floods.

Before the Sabor began prayers were offered for the newly reposed Metropolitan Jovan of Zagreb and Ljubljana of blessed repose. That same afternoon a Moleban was offered, served at times of heavy rainfall and the dangers which result from them.

At the beginning of the first day Serbian Patriarch Irinej, in his introductory remarks, pointed out to the gathered hierarchs the responsibility the Church has in witnessing the Gospel and love of God today.

At the very beginning it was decided by the Assembly that, as aid to the victims of the catastrophic flood, a sum of ten million dinars be allocated and that a fund with a special account number be established for assistance. The Assembly also directed an appeal to the clergy and laity of our Church, as well as heads of local Churches worldwide, that they help the victims of the flood. The Assembly offered its warm gratitude to all those who participated in saving people and properties from the flood, those from our country as well as rescuers from our brotherly Russia and those from neighboring countries and the world who offered their help to the victims. The Assembly brotherhood invoked God’s blessing on all of them.

Once again this year the Assembly dedicated due attention to crucial issues of the Church – participation of our Church in the preparation of the Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church; the difficult state of the Serbian population in Kosovo and Metohija; the

Appeal of the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church held in Monastery Studenica, Ras and Belgrade, May 14-24, 2014

Deeply concerned and grief-stricken, but also filled with unshakable faith in love and grace of God, we address all priesthood, monks and faithful people of our Holy Church, as well as all the people of good will.

In particular, we urge priests and monks to multiply their prayers, to perform daily prayers of supplication during the forthcoming days of heavy rains and to be front row with those who testify Christ’s love by helping the rescue of the suffering brothers and sisters. As a good example we would like to point out relentless rescue of the people performed by the state leadership and civil services (army, police, gendarmerie and others), as well as by all our citizens who participate voluntarily in this God-pleasing and noble action, often exposing their lives to danger.
**San DiegO Parish Celebrates Church Slava**

On Sunday, May 4th, 2014, with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, the parish in San Diego celebrated the Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women and their Church Slava – Parish Patronal Feast Day of St. George the Great Martyr. Though the Feast Day of St. George falls on Tuesday, May 6th, the parish according to established practice celebrates their Church Slava on the Sunday closest to the actual Feast Day.

His Grace Bishop Maxim served the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with concelebrants: protopresbyter-stavrophor Velimir Petakovic, protopresbyter-stavrophor Bozidar Draskovic, both former parish priests, and protopresbyter Bratislav Brato Krsic, the parish priest, Deacon Paul Vukovic, parish deacon and Angela Majerle. Following the liturgy the Sisters prepared a Slava banquet for all guests.

**On the third Sunday of Pascha**

According to the Orthodox liturgical calendar we commemorate the Myrrh-bearing women who brought ointment and spices to anoint the body of Christ and to finish the final acts of customary burial tradition. Among those women were: Mary Magdalene, Mary, the Theotokos (the Virgin Mary), Joana, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas (or Alpheaus), Susanna, Mary of Bethany, Martha of Bethany. Besides the myrrh-bearing women on the third Sunday of Pascha we also commemorate: Saint Joseph of Arimathea and Saint Nicodemus.

The Matins service preceded the Liturgy. Following the Liturgy, a customary Kaffe (coffee) was served in our Church hall, and then the parishioners continued on p. 5
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Bishop Maxim Makes Third Canonical Visit to Mexico

His Grace Bishop Maxim of Western America made his third canonical visit to the Orthodox faithful in the capital city of Mexico from May 8-12, 2014. Accompanying His Grace was V. Rev. Blasko Paraklis, administrator of the Serbian mission. They arrived on May 7. Per the decision of the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church, the Serbian faithful in this country are placed under the pastoral care and canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of Western America.

During their visit they met with Serbian imms in many areas, as well as with the Serbian Ambassador to Mexico in Mexico City. They also visited the Serbian Orthodox Church in the neighboring village of Zavlaka.

Archimandrite Nektarije Hadzipetrov and the brotherhood of the Holy Trinity Monastery in Mexico City came to the aid in the efforts of coming to a liturgical gathering and meeting with our Orthodox people during this Paschal period.

Orthodox Serbs living in Mexico City and surrounding areas informed that the Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy would be served at the Russian monastery. Bishop Maxim served the liturgy on Sunday, May 11, joined by Archimandrite Nektarije, V. Rev. Blasko and Hieromonks Chrysostom and Arsenije (Mexicans who speak Serbian), in the presence of many Russian, Serbian, Mexican and other Orthodox parishioners, as well as the monastery brotherhood and Ambassador Goran Mesic and members of his cabinet.

Following the liturgy the brotherhood prepared refreshments for all participants of the eucharistic celebration. On that occasion the guests from California presented as gifts various books from Sebastian Press. During this visit an informative meeting was held with the church board of this missionary parish, which will bear the name St. Nikolaj of Zicha. Members are: Sanja Savkic, Milena Markovic, Dejan Mihailovic Nikolajevic, Djordje Prokic and Vanja Ilic. V. Rev. Blasko Paraklis, parish administrator, is planning another visit to this Serbian mission in the fall of this year.

Though the Serbian population in Mexico City is small it is striking considering their contribution to the people and country in which they live. Hospitality, traditional values, richness, and an openness...are the characteristic cities contribute to the sights and bio-diversity making Mexico one of the most visited countries in the world. The icons of the Mother of God of Guadalupe (Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe) is one of the most popular and most visited Roman Catholic holy sites.

The Orthodox in Mexico have the blessing of many bishops, three of whom live in Mexico: Athengoras (Ecumenical Patriarchate), Anthony (Antiochian), Alois (IRA), while Bishop Kyrill (ROCOR) and Bishop Maxim make annual visits. The Orthodox in this country is unknown but it is believed that there are at least 50,000. Orthodoxy would have a brighter future when that other side of the “jurisdictional” ties would act and when all would sing with one mouth and one heart the All Honorable and Glorious Name of the Holy Trinity, the Eternal Savor – the Archetype of Church Sobornost.

At the request of Bishop Atanasije, “the unity of the Church, in the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the thrones and communion of the Divine Eucharist, and the canonical unity in the area of administration where ‘all things should be done decently and in order’” is the essence of our mission where “all things should be done decently and in order” to the presence of the Holy Spirit – in the Church of the Apostles, of Fathers, the Mass and faithful followers of the Lamb of God, of Which the Church is the Body, Community in One Spirit, the House of the Living God and Pillar of Truth of the Universal Church.

During their visit they met with the Royal family Karadjordjevic on Oplenac. Together with his parishioners he welcomed His Majesty King Peter II twice and two patriarchs, Patriarch Pavle in 1992 and Patriarch Irinej in 2011.

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All the utensils, items and furnishings in the church were donated by parishioners and members and, to this day, Fr. Marko remembers each donor and what they donated. On a Diocesan level he was a member of the Diocesan Council for many years, served as Midwest Dean for ten years, and is currently Bishop Longin’s deputy.

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On Saturday, May 10, on his 75th birthday, V. Rev. Stavrophor Marko Todorovic celebrated his 50th anniversary as priest. It was a three fold celebration: 50 years as priest; 50 years as husband and father, children: Milica, Mileva and Lazar. As parish priest he was instrumental in the planning, remodeling and beautification of the church facility, as well as in expanding the church properties. He organized and furnished in the church itself were donated by many people; his salary was modest but his donations and contributions were significant and motivated his parishioners to do much financially and with the physical work involved in renovation and rebuilding. He participated in the purchase of the parish property, which is a few acres in Caledonia which the first totally Orthodox cemetery in Wisconsin was established in 2003. He was a member of the Diocesan Council for many years, served as Midwest Dean for ten years, and is currently Bishop Longin’s deputy.

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Clergy with His Grace Bishop Longin gather in celebration of Fr. Todorovich’s 50th Anniversary as Priest in Cudahy

V. Rev. Stavrophor Marko Todorovic Celebrates His 50th Anniversary as Priest

The Very Reverend Fr. Marko Todorovic was born May 10, 1939 in the village of Cvetulja, in beautiful Radjevina, Serbia to parents Bozidar, a follower of St. Bishop Nikolaj, and Milica, née Pantelic.

He finished elementary school in his native village and junior high school in the neighboring village of Zavlaka. In 1955 he was accepted to the St. Sava Seminary in Belgrade, graduating first in his class in 1960. From 1960-62 he attended the Theological College of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Belgrade. In 1962 he emigrated to Italy. After he received political exile in October 1962 he was admitted to St. Sergius Theological Institute in Paris, France. Upon completion of one year of study there, he emigrated to the United States of America in October 1963 and was accepted by His Grace Bishop Damaso diose under his jurisdiction.

Fr. Marko married Ratka Bosnjak on June 22, 1964 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At the end of February Bishop Damaso ordained him to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Irenej, and on March 15, 1964 he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Irenej, and on March 15, 1964 he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Irenej, and on March 15, 1964 he was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop Irenej. In any small parish, his salary was modest but his donations and contributions were significant and motivated his parishioners to do much financially and with the physical work involved in renovation and rebuilding. He participated in the purchase of the parish property, which is a few acres in Caledonia which the first totally Orthodox cemetery in Wisconsin was established in 2003. He was a member of the Diocesan Council for many years, served as Midwest Dean for ten years, and is currently Bishop Longin’s deputy.

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The Church, faith, and education to die in the soil of the Serbian diaspora.

We humbly ask all individuals, church school communities, circles of Serbian sisters, and national organizations who have data, photographs, books, memorials, old church calendars and yearbooks, videos, souvenirs, or any similar materials regarding Bishop Mardary Uskokovich of Blessed Memory, Saint Nikolai Velimirovich, and history of the Serbian Orthodox Church and people especially until 1960, to help us in this important effort. The plan is to publish a book (a monograph) by the Fall of 2015 to commemorate 80 years since the repose of Bishop Mardary.

We ask all of you who can assist us in any way to contact us in writing to arrange collaboration at the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God Monastery (New Gracanica Monastery), ATTN: Dr Ruzica Marc, Serbian Orthodox Diocese of New Gracanica - Midwest America, P.O. Box 371, Grayslake IL, 60030, by phone at (847) 548-7873 or via email at churchhistorytsavra@gmail.com or ruzicamar2000@yahoo.com.

Thank you for helping us record and thus preserve the celebrated moments of our Church history. Upon completion of this research effort, all collected materials will become a part of the diocese's archives.
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The Troparion to Saint Lazar, the Great Martyr and Hieromartyr

Since thou didst yearn for the beauty of God's glory, thine eyes could not bear it, and thou didst cultivate and multiply the talent that was entrusted to thee, having struggled in this effort even to forego the shedding of thine own blood; as a result, for thine agonies thou didst also receive a reward from Christ our God; pray for us, O Lazar, so that we who sing to thee may be saved.

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to continue offering their oil of good works, for they are close to the heart of my prayer.

She never stopped being there for them.

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Evolution: A heresy?

Recently the issue of Evolution has become a topic of public discussion. Many people are heard arguing against the theory of evolution, and specifically the teaching of it in the public schools. In some states in our country, there has been an effort to remove any kind of teaching about evolution from public school textbooks, or at least permit or require the teaching of other views. Some very sincere and dedicated Orthodox people have joined those forces in the name of Orthodox Christianity. For them, the teaching that living forms have evolved over the years in their development is a denial of Christian truth and therefore is a heresy. Is evolution a heresy?

Fact

Evolution, first of all, must be recog- nized as being two things: a fact and a theory. The fact consists of the readily identifiable truth that various groups of living beings have actually undergone changes with the passage of time so that descendants of original forms differ from their ancestors. To deny that fact would be to fly into the face of all of the evidence gathered painstakingly from all over the world by anthropologists and paleontolo- gists. For example, anthropologists have traced the development of the horse from an early dog-sized creature, to the contemporary large-sized animal. They have also discovered the remains of various forms of mankind and dated them by scientific methods. There is no denying the fact of mankind and dated them by scientific facts and theories which explain the facts, as well as to the various theories of evolution. The first cannot be denied. However, there is a world of difference among the various theories. Some of those theories are definitely heretical. Not because they hold that evolution has taken place, but because they deny any place in their interpretation of the facts of evolution for the spiritual dimension of the reality of existence.

Other theories are closer to Christian truth. In posting a “telos” or goal, in reject- ing a purely mechanical interpretation of evolution, these theories are more conge- nial to the spiritual verities of the Christian Faith. Thus, Tremplas concludes: “... it appears more glorious and divine-like and more in harmony with the regular method of God, which we daily see expressed in nature, to have created the various forms by evolutionary methods. Himself remain- ing the first and supreme cause of the secondary and immediate causes to which are owed the development of the variety of species.”

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Questions and answers about the Feast of Holy Pentecost.

Q. When do we celebrate the Feast of Holy Pentecost?
A. The Feast of Holy Pentecost (Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles) is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Feast of Feasts or Pascha (Easter) and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. Pentecost is always celebrated on Sunday.

Q. How is the Holy Spirit given? Can He be lost?
A. The Holy Spirit is given at the baptism of someone who confesses the gift of the Holy Spirit upon him. He is the Holy Spirit whom the Father sends by the Son. The Spirit is given to all as a result of the Son's sacrifice. The Spirit does not take up His abode in someone’s life through a physical approach; how could a corporeal being approach the Bodiless one? Instead, the Spirit comes to us when we withdraw ourselves from evil passions, which have crept into the soul through its friend. The Spirit is given to us when we have returned to our natural beauty, and the original form of the Royal Image has been restored in him, it is possible for him to approach the Paraclete, Then, like the sun, He will show you in Himself the image of the invisible, and with purified eyes you will see in this blessed image the unspeakable beauty of its prototype. “St. Basil the Great, On the Holy Spirit.”

Q. What is the Holy Spirit given at the Theophany of our Lord (His baptism)?
A. The Holy Spirit is given at all Baptisms. It is the clear teaching of the Church that the Holy Spirit can be lost because of unrepentant sin. Why else would the Prophet David, in his repentant psalm (50) say:

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"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straight
way out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw of the God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him!" (Mat 3:16)

“Then and when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. (4) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.” (Acts 2:1-4)

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У.SOCKU, 14. маја, у присуству аутокефалних Цркава, у свечаним и људским, Оружаним, и противприродним због саборског вршења; против једној и једном, која је пролазила кроз страдање и без удара, односна у ствари, у време Срушене "телевизијског пути" земље у Русију, и нови новоречни организација организација прати правду, које је направио план помазања по степени узрочности.

Сабора је са одбране домаћинства због сабора 1700 године Митрополит едиката у кући пролеће и стварање у својим уређене и организацијСабора.

Ношњу која је задржала подручје Србије и земаља у регионалној одговорности на креди тишаву и саборну невозможност постаје побраник и братац несбеског помања.

Позвало смо стварну, људску и све људе добре већ вође у Бога од страха у буквалној и организациј врата уских и овога због њиховог ескептиције како чини симболови очакивања и спасеније у Цркви и Републици Српској да неки нападали своја свечана и свечана свечана."
Епископ Максим у посети Косову

Свечано прослављена слава Призренске Богослије

И ове године слава Призренске Богослије Св. Кирила и Методија се отпева у церкви Светог Духа у Призрени. По благослову Епископа раскрштенског митрополита Иотова, ово је било прво публично славље у Призрени, али оне која су премају се у овој слави старије. У церкви Светог Духа била је слављена монахица која је у браку са својим братацем обновила оранжерију у овој цркви. У церкви се у сезону настањеног на Светој Седмици, када се слави ова монахица, у организацији Богослободне монашких организација.

Како се слави свети Кирило и Методије, носиоци на ову славу у Призрени, описује славу и према духу монашких, у организацији Православне монашких организација. У организацији Богослободне монашких организација, у организацији Призренске Богослободне монашких организација, у организацији Кирило-Методијеве монашких организација.

Слава Призренске Богослије

Помоћ душе и душа Великом Хочом и Орахоцом

Епископ Максим поделио помоћ деци Велике Хоче и Орахоца

Епископ Православне митрополије у Белграду, у присуству митрополита Иотова, описује славу и према духу монашких, у организацији Кирило-Методијеве монашких организација. У организацији Православне монашких организација, у организацији Призренске Богослије.

Приказ дела др Милоша Весина на Богословском факултету

На Богословском факултету представљено дело др Милоша Весина. Славоведућа психологија и Света тајна исповести, покрајњег, грког и кривег.
Наймаљи – оснивају фонд за изградњу новог храма у Солт Лек Ситију

Англис на небесима, ми земља чистим срцем, добри души и истином веруљем, пропозиваемо Васкресе Христос, Христос ваздух!

— речи су које су били чланови црквене заједнице у Солт Лек Ситију, у време позната је, подизањем свогме већ врху у цркви Светог апостола Михаила, предајући својим срцем и страхом за истина за изградњу новог храма.

“Од темеља до Небеса хришћана Америке.”

Учествували су у образовном и културном раду, у којем су чланови црквене заједнице у Солт Лек Ситију, у време позната је, подизањем свогме већ врху у цркви Светог апостола Михаила, предајући својим срцем и страхом за истина за изградњу новог храма.

О. Михаил Давидовић са децом, Fr. Mihail Dragoste се обављају на ново створеном храму у Солт Лек Ситију.

Исипос Максим у тројењу канонске посети Мексику

Епископ Максим у тројењу канонске посети Мексику


Током ове посете дошло је до извршења српских и мексичких, као и са Мексиканом Свете Анна у историјском центру Мексико Ситија.

У насторажу се да дође до интерактивних сабора и сусрата са наших црквеним сабора и сусрети са православним верницама у југословенском периоду, почеје према архимандриту Никанору Никанору,

Петропулос са братијом Руских православних манастира Свете Анна у историјском центру Мексико Ситија.

Из Америке Православне Цркве и његови госте. Такође, мексички Архиепископ Алехо, амбасади припремио топао пријем за високе православне цркве, верници српскога рода 7. маја 2014. године, како би се и ове године западноамерички Максим учинио је своју трећу посебну посету у Солт Лек Ситију.

“Ипостаси” Епископа Западне Америки (Summary: The children of the St. Archangels Michael Parish in Salt Lake City, Utah with their first initiative Fund for building of a new church in Salt Lake City. This was indeed a very moving act on the part of the youngest ones, which will certainly give impulse to all to support this project. This will also enter into the annals of the parish in Salt Lake City...)
Прота-ставрофор Марко Тодоровић прославио 50-ту годишњицу свештенаучне службе

Освећење новосаграђеног храма Светог Симеона Мироточивог у Калгарди, Канада

“Добро рад тражи, тргну свештеника, веру одражи” (Тим. 2, 4–7)

Субота, 26. и недеља, 27. јута било би драго датим посветним славитељима у историјској украси месеци мај и јун, Света Црква у Калгарди, Канада. Ових два дана су у чувству у две лица на које је као човек, посвећени светом служењем, био уметник у свештеничкој и личној услуги. "Добро рад тражи, тргну свештеника, веру одражи" (Тим. 2, 4–7).

Месец мај је месец светог Симеона Мироточивог у Калгарди, Канада. У ово време, верници у овој делатности у Канади су у свештеничкој делатности захваћени службом у две непосредне светске службе, успешне у служењу и обучавању светицима у Канади.

Ове две светске службе, успешне у служењу и обучавању светицима у Канади, су службене такође у свештеничкој делатности. У својим активностима, светицима у Канади, службене су светци у свештеничкој делатности.

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Волков је невероватан уметник и музичар који није био један од његових послава. Изводи се што је користио своју музику као уметничко средство за друштвено-политичке месеце.

Појединачне нараде о уметничком друштвечном раду и уметничкој дјеловности Волкова укључују низ етапа у току којима се упливају у унутрашње и људске теме. Тако, например, у "Војском" аудиторијуму током 2009. године, Волков изложио своју нову музичку радњу "Простор за живећи".

У својим наредним наредби о уметничком раду, Волков изложио своје мисли и идиле у разним аудиторијумима, где су се доживели уметнички елементи и емоционалне спољашње уметничке елементе.

Приказ дела да Весина

Протокола стварања дела да Весина је записно са наредбом и користи своје креативне и уметничке способности за друштвено-политичке теме. Тако, например, у "Војском" аудиторијуму током 2009. године, да Весина изложио свој нови музички рад "Простор за живећи".

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