Standing Committees meet in Chicago

Members of the Standing Ministry Committees of Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America met at Holy Resurrection Cathedral in Chicago October 22-24. The meetings were to review the mandates given the Committees by August’s Church Assembly-Sabor, to introduce new members to the work of the Committees, and to plan the work of the Committees for the next three years. The Standing Committees were first established by the Church Assembly-Sabor held in Alhambra, CA in 2003. They are meant to provide assistance to the hierarchs in their work of overseeing the life and activities in the Church by making available to them resources, programs and expertise. Each Diocesan Bishop uses the work of the Committees as he deems best in his diocese. The membership of the Standing Committees is drawn from all the dioceses of the Church here as appointed by the hierarch of each diocese. The Standing Committees work at the direction and with the blessing of the Episcopal Council, and are funded by the Central Church treasury.

Committee members began their meetings on Thursday evening with an informal dinner and fellowship, at which ideas for future work were freely discussed. They were greeted by Protopresbyter-Stavrophor Nikola Ceko, who is the Standing Committees coordinator and director. Formal work began early Friday morning with a working breakfast for the committee chairpersons. A plenary meeting of all committee members followed, at which new members were introduced, the mandate of the Committees was again presented, and the work of the past year was reviewed. Particular attention was given to the work and directives of the 20th Church Assembly-Sabor, held in Canton, OH in August. This historic reunification Assembly was a cause of joy for all present and gave the Standing Committees even greater possibilities for service to the Church. One new member (from left to right) His Grace Bishop Mitrophan, His Eminence Metropolitan Nikolaj, His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher and His Grace Bishop Longin.

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Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Diocese of Canada

On the feast day of St. Stefan Stiljanovic, October 17, 2009, the Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy began the celebration commemorating a quarter of a century since the founding of the Diocese of Canada and the enthronement of the Bishop of Canada of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, His Grace Bishop Georgije. The Holy Hierarchical Liturgy was served by His Grace Bishop Georgije of Canada, His Grace Bishop Dositej of Great Britain-Scandinavia and His Grace Bishop Lukijan of Budim. Twenty diocesan priests assisted the hierarchs.

His Grace Bishop Georgije of Canada leads the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Canadian Diocese.

Bishop Georgije elevated Protonamesnik Zlatibor Djurasovic of Oakville to the rank of Protosjez, Fr. Miroslav Ratkovic from Windsor and Fr. Goran Gjikovic from Waterloo were elevated to the rank of Protonamesnik, while the right to wear the red sash was awarded to Fr. Milan Jovanovic from Kitchener.

The bishop, with heartfelt words, addressed the many faithful in attendance who came from all corners of Canada and America to attend this spiritual jubilee.

Following the Divine Liturgy the monastery handicap ramp to serve both the handicapped and the elderly was officially opened, after which the newly constructed Diocesan Library was blessed. The kum for this beautiful and monumental building was brother Jovo Vujasinovic from Mississauga.

The agape meal, which was held in the monastery pavilion, followed. During the program His Grace Bishop Georgije in his speech reminisced on his archpastoral service in this diocese, remembering the very difficult conditions that he found the diocese in twenty-five years ago. His Grace also spoke of the current state and progress in the diocese, i.e. new churches have been built and new parishes have been established. This anniversary celebration is yet more proof of the canonical-administrative-spiritual unity of the Serbian Orthodox Church and people in Canada. Many faithful came from everywhere, from the former Metropolitanate of New Gracanica and from the Canadian Diocese, now truly and visibly united under the omophorion of Bishop Georgije. Excitement shone in the faces of all in attendance. This is more proof of the Lord’s words that all will be one flock under one pastor here, far from the homeland, under the spiritual direction of their bishop. God grant you many years Vladiko!

Protonamesnik Fr. Goran Gjikovic

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St. Sava Church of Boston celebrates Consecration

During the weekend of October 10-11, 2009, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Boston celebrated the Great Consecration of its new church in Cambridge with (from left to right) His Grace Bishop Mitrophan, His Eminence Metropolitan Nikolaj, His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher and His Grace Bishop Longin.
A CHEERFUL GIVER

The month of November has been designated by the Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America as the month of Christian Stewardship and calls upon the clergy to give sermons and promote the concept of stewardship giving within their respective communities. Indeed, our Church has adopted stewardship, but some of our parishes (and parishioners) for some reason still struggle with its implementation.

Regardless of personal opinion, it is safe to say that a mature attitude of Christian Stewardship is unequivocally the future of our Church on this continent. I say this with some conviction. I firmly believe that stewardship instills in us a true and Christian sense of responsibility of who we are as Serbian Orthodox Christians and of just what our duty and obligation is to ensure our place here for generations to come. While I believe that authentic stewardship will help our future, examples of true stewards can certainly be found in the past. It is there amidst the pages of our history that we read the story of sacrifice. We follow the plight of our grandparents, our dadas and pradedas, and the piety of our Serbian mothers who nourished us with prudence while the copper coin was saved for the building of the church or the construction of the church in our place in the church, for it has been given to us by God and secured us by our Church.

For many, however, stewardship will remain being something new, foreign even, to our Serbian tradition and, subsequently, something that ought to be resisted. It is ironic, therefore, that the lessons of true Christian stewardship can be found in our past, and its teachers in our own ancestors. Can we honestly expect to buy our right into the church with a token offering of our time, talents and treasures, when our pioneers worked so hard and with such great piety at establishing Serbian Orthodoxy here? Surely we cannot pay for our place in the church, for it has been given to us by God and secured us by our fathers, so that we might embrace it, live it, and pass it on as home for our own sons and daughters.

Moreover, stewardship reminds us that our faith and the Serbian Orthodox our fathers gave us is not some archaic burden on our shoulders and our Serbian name. Rather, it is given to us so that with all of our heart and soul and our entire being we might rejoice in Christ and in our faith in Him. After all, the precepts of stewardship are based on Scripture, among which is found the advice the Holy Apostle Paul gives, “Each man should give what he has decided to his heart! This is the attitude Christian Stewardship embodies and encourages.

Fr. Milovan Katanic
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of the Serbian Orthodox Church with the Orthodox Christian Education Commission, the Standing Committees were reminded that the web site www.orthodoxy.org is enriched by that site as the official publication of the Serbian expression of Orthodox Christianity. The Committee plans to continue this ambitious project to generate interactive instructional materials on Serbian chant, which will allow people to study and learn at home on their own pace.

The Communications and Publications Committee considered the ramifications of the church’s reunification upon publications. The Path of Orthodoxy, as the official publication of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, will be sent to parishes in good standing of all parishes of the Church in North and South America, as well as to separate subscribers, as it has in the past. The Diocesan Observer, which was the official publication of the former New Gracanica Metropolitanate, will for the present become a quarterly diocesan publication to serve the new Diocese of New Gracanica-Midwest America. Archimandrite Thomas (Kazir) will continue as editor of that publication and of the children’s educational supplement Little Falcons, and will also become a contributing editor of the Path of Orthodoxy. The Committee commended Fr. Milovan Katanic for his work as web master of the official church web site, www.serbo.org. The internet presence of the Church in North and South America is enriched by that site as well as the web sites of the several dioceses and parishes. The other Committees were reminded that the web site and the Path are available to them to help in spreading their good work, and that each issue of the Path is also available on the web site in pdf format.

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The second triennial St. Nicholai of Zicha Oratorical Festival was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, in conjunction with the triennial Church Assembly—Sabor of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America held in Canton, OH. The theme of the festival this year was “LIFE of DEACONS.” Dr. Brian Gerich, President of Today’s World is Crucial!™ Participants were provided six questions to select from, each focusing on concepts applicable to the theme. Each participant selected one of these questions and organized their oration around it.

The participants’ materials for the 2009 festival were distributed in September 2008 to each diocese. The individual diocesan dinners distributed the materials to their parishes and conducted festivals at the diocesan level throughout the first half of 2009. The winner from each diocese was invited to Canton to present to the Sabor assembly. The triennial festival had representation from three of our dioceses:

- Alexander Berger (16), from St. Andrew Fool for Christ Serbian Orthodox Church in Anderson, CA.
- Anney Mierski (17), from St. Sava Serbian Ortho-
dox Cathedral in Milwaukee, WI.
- Alexander Berger (16), from St. Andrew Fool for Christ Serbian Orthodox Church in Anderson, CA.

Andrew Berger is the son of Steven and Barbara Berger from St. Andrew Fool for Christ Serbian Orthodox Church in Alhambra, CA.

Additionally, he volunteers for the local Youth Action Coun-
tion.

Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He was chosen to receive
the award because he has demonstrated his commitment to serve those in need, support Orthodox Christian
institutions, and are committed to helping others.

Among his many accomplish-
ments, Mr. Gerich has been an active member of the Board of Trustees of St. Vladimir’s Orthodoxy Episcopal Seminary since 1989 and Co-Chair of their first major capital campaign. He has also been awarded The Order of St. Vlava, 3rd Degree, from the Serbian

Church, one of the Serbian Church’s highest honors. Among his positions with the Serbian Orthodox Church, he is treasurer of the Central Church Council and chairman of the stand-
ing committee on Stewardship. He is an active member and leader of St. Steven’s Cathedral in Alhamba, CA.

And in May 2007, he was awarded the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Mr. Gerich was chosen to receive this award out of thousands of nominees because of his dedication and leadership qualities in community service and helping others.

Charles Ajalat, Chairman, is the Board of Directors to have Mr. Gerich, such a faithful servant of the Church, on the Board of Directors. He said “FOCUS North America is blessed to have an outstanding board of directors and is honored to welcome our board, Brian Gerich, to this nation’s most outstanding Orthodox Christian laymen, and a leading layman of the Serbian Archdiocese.”

FOCUS North America is intentionally pan-Orthodox in its makeup, composed of individuals from the following backgrounds: Greek, Antiochian, OCA, Carpatho-Rus-
sian, and Serbian, which is helping to unify the church together. The Board includes Charles Ajalat, Chairman, Brian Gerich joins FOCUS North America Board of Directors

Kansas City, MO, Oct. 23 – The Board of Directors for FOCUS North America is pleased to announce that Brian Gerich, Senior Vice President of Public Storage Inc., and an outstanding Orthodox Christian, recently joined the board and is committed to help carry out the mission of the organization.

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2009 St. Nicholai of Zicha Oratorical Festival

Ultimately, this process of becoming like God is not for this world alone, but is also the hope of our life in the world to come. This hope in turn gives us life for others in this world.

...This image of God in us is more than a mere imitation of Christ, in the western sense of the phrase, but rather a true union with the life of God.

The next issue of The Path will feature the 3rd place presentation.
You Are Not a Bible Character

By Father Stephen Freeman

From his blog at: http://fatherstephen.wordpress.com

Events which receive more than their share of news coverage are not my favorite topics for blog posts. However, the recent arrest of the mayor of a prominent midwestern city and his diagnosis of prostate cancer may be worthy of comment (or, at least, a topic worthy of ridicule). For, Mr. [person's name redacted] offered one aspect worthy of comment (or ridicule) at his news conference: Mr. [person's name redacted] said that, if elected, he would serve his constituents by \[person's action redacted\].

Mr. [person's name redacted] offered a different perspective on this issue. Mr. [person's name redacted] said that, if elected, he would serve his constituents by \[person's action redacted\].

The problem with such use of Biblical imagination is that it is simply a controlling story. Nothing tells us which story to use other than our own imagination (which is generally a deluded part of our mind). A governor gets to play King David, and, surprise, he should be forgiven.

For all of us - Scripture is relevant. However, its relevance should not come as a personal revelation that tells us which character we are within its pages. Such games of interpretive fact are not preached - souls are not saved - the Bible is simply brought into ridicule.

It’s a good thing our parish has been blessed with a \[person's name redacted\]. At the same time, Fr. Petrovic said, the parish, consisting largely of recent immigrants, is appealing to the American Serb community.

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PART 3
THE FOURTH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT OF THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA

August 6-10, 2009 in North Canton, OH

After some well deserved free time and dinner, the conference participants gathered in the conference center for a discussion period led by Father Stevo. The discussion began with the teenager's thoughts and feedback about the visit to the food warehouse earlier in the day. The common response was that the project was exhaust- ing, fulfilling, and overwhelming. Father Stevo stressed the importance of service, especially helping people in need. The discussion then moved to the project to the monastery and the rules and guidelines for visiting, working, and living in a monastery. Miracles at the monastery, specific-ally crosses appearing in unusual places, triggered a question about miracles, and their importance. Father Stevo shared two stories with the participants. First, St. John Maximovich would levitate in the air a few feet above the altar during the invocation of the Holy Spirit. Father Stevo shared that he saw a photograph of the miracle during a visit to San Francisco. Sec- ond, he shared a story about pilgrims flocking to the monastery where the relics of St Basil of Ostrog reside. Due to an unfortunate accident, the infant they brought to be baptized fell from a cliff. As the baby fell, a farmer saw the child slow down and gently drop into the farmer's cart. When the farmer brought the baby to the fam- ily, they all gave thanks to St. Basil.

This baby is now an Orthodox priest. These miracles are mysteries of our faith and reflect the Glory of God.

The discussion then moved to Dr. Medich’s “Road to Salvation” pre- sentation from Friday. Father Stevo prompted the group to think about where they each are on the road that Dr. Medich described. He also added that we are always moving around the road, sometimes on, sometimes off, but grow God’s grace we move up the path. We attach to confession as sincere as possible. God knows your heart better than anyone else. God knows when you are being sincere and forgives you. Father Stevo then talked about how confession works and how by the grace of God the priest hears the confession, God forgives the repentant sinner, and the sin then goes out of the priests mind. By this mystery, we are truly confessing our sins to God, not the priest.

The floor was then opened up to general discus- sion about any topic the teenagers wanted to talk about. Some of the questions fielded by Father Stevo include: how the church approaches mental illness; why we fast on Wednesday and Friday, including the difference between giving things up (Roman Catholic thinking) and abstention (Orthodox); the Holy Cross; stem cell research; and evo- lution and science. Stem cells are taken from fertilized em- bryos of children and the embryo is destroyed. There are other cells in the body that can be used for this research, and the destruction of the embryo is not necessary. Since 1972 over 35 million children have been aborted just in America, including these embryos. Regarding evolution and science, the church has no problem with evolution, be- cause God’s six days in Genesis does not specify that they were earthly days. Time is different in the Spiritual realm. The teenagers also asked several questions related to death. Some of the discussion included what happens when we die. When we die, at the moment of our death, the guardian angel takes our soul to the throne of Christ. At the moment of our death, all time as we know it stops, we do not know how long in earthly time it takes for the guardian angel to take our soul to the throne of God. When a person dies and their soul goes to God, God allows them to be with their loved ones who went before us, and in some cases to appear to the ones we who left behind. For example, the book God’s Child Andrew reflects on a child who died and spoke to his mother:

• Heaven and Hell are spiritual realms. In the room we are in right now there are demons and angels in the spiritual realms. When a child smiles, it is instructed by his abbot to take a bucket of water and a stick, and take them way out into the woods, plant the stick in the ground, and water it. Then, every morning the abbot instructed St. John to go out to the stick and water it, and every day the stick was still just a stick. One day, after three years, St. John went to the stick and found a beauti- ful tree full of fruit. When St. John ran back to the abbot to tell him what happened, the abbot told St. John that the tree grew and bore fruit because of his obedience. At the conclusion of the evenings discussions the group moved to the game room for free time followed by evening prayers. After prayers the teenagers distributed several gifts to the teenagers. Each par- ticipant received:

• Dog Tag that said, “Youth Con- ference 2009” and “I’m an Ortho- dox Christian”

• A paper icon of St. Mary of Egypt and a flyer about the mo- nastery from Mother Theonymphie

• An icon keychain with Christ on one side and the Theotokos on the other.

• Girls received a cell phone charm

• Boys another dog tag that said, “Fear Not!” which corresponded to the theme.

This completed the most in- tensive two-day period in any of the previous conferences. The fourth day, Sunday, August 9, began with an early wake up to catch a bus to St. George’s church for Divine Liturgy. The teenagers joined the regular church choir to sing responses for the Liturgy. The sound coming from the packed choir loft was beautiful. Each of the teens contributed to a wonderful service. Father Stevo gave an inspirational homily and about faith and fear and how trusting in the Father helps us overcome fear, a fitting homily considering the theme of the conference. At the conclusion of Liturgy the group was treated to a delicious luncheon in the church hall.

After lunch everyone changed into casual clothes and boarded the bus for a relaxing afternoon at Canal Park Stadium to cheer on the Akron/Audubon against Britain Rock Cats. The afternoon was very hot, and the baseball was sub-par, but the teenagers enjoyed taking to the players and watching the game. Some of the boys wrote “SERBS!” on their stomachs and cheered from the right field stands, and everyone cheered when “Ser- bian Orthodox Youth Conference” was welcomed on the scoreboard big screen. Four of our teenagers: Milica Trinick, (Lansing, IL); Juliana Lytkowski (Parma, OH); Alex Trbov- ich (McKeesport, PA); and Alex Sretenovich, (Chicago, IL) were selected to compete in an on field contest between the sixth and seventh innings to see which pair could hit the most water balloons with a bat. This was a fun opportu- nity to cool off and get involved in the game. Unfortunately, the Aeros lost, but it was still a fun, relaxing activity for the teenagers.

Upon return to Waltz University dinner was served followed by some free time. Sunday evening was movie night where the group gathered in the conference center to watch some thought provoking films. The evening discus- sion began with Father Stevo stressing the importance of Sunday, the day of our Lord. He talked about communion and confession and how the primary reason for celebrating the day of our Lord is to participate in the gifts of His body and blood, and how the more frequently we participate in Holy communion, the closer we are to God.

The first movie was titled “Late One Night” and told the story of an atheist ex-con factory work who meets a Christian in a diner late at night and bullies him. The discussion following the film included how we handle being
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bullied by non-believers, how society is moving towards non-Christian values, and how it is our responsibility, as Orthodox Christians, to share the true faith with others. If we do not, our friends and the people we love will continue down the path of self-destruction.

The second film was the first of a series of three and was titled "The Limited." This tells the story of a man who dies in a car accident and has to board a train to his judgment. It is the parable of the last judgment from meat fare Sunday. Discussion after this film was centered on how we have to take care of those people God has put into our lives. We must feed the hungry; clothe the naked; and help the poor. This is what we will be judged on.

The final movie was the second of the series of three. "Destiny" tells the story of a woman who becomes pregnant and decides to have an abortion. How she deals with that decision, the importance of hospitality to God, and your relationship with God, meet other people, and will be looking forward to becoming closer to God."

The youth who attended the conference: These teenagers demonstrated the Glory of God over and over throughout the conference and instilled a passion and faith in the future of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North America.

His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan and the people of the Eastern American Diocese: for opening their doors and hearts and hosting this year’s conference.

His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher, His Grace Bishop Maxim, His Grace Bishop Longin, and His Grace Bishop Georgeji: for their continued support of these conferences and all of our youth ministry activities.

Father Dragol Filipovic and all of the parishioners of St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, North Canton, OH: for being gracious hosts and assisting with coordination of local activities.

Mr. Ellis Cannon, Dr. David Medich, Ms. Danielle Turcola, and Rev. Mother Theonymphie for preparing inspirational presentations to help all of us, teenagers and adults alike, to grow in our faith.

The staff of the St. Mary of Egypt monastery food bank: for helping us learn humility and the importance of service to those who need our help.

Nina Grubnic
St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church
Merrillville, IN

"I was very excited to come to the youth conference the minute I turned in my application. You meet so many new friends that have the same interest as you and it’s like one big Orthodox family. You grow stronger together in your faith and you don’t have to feel ashamed about what others think. I highly recommend this conference to anyone that’s interested. It’s such a wonderful opportunity to bond and grow as one; and these are friends that you’ll have forever. The daily conversations we had were very informative, and it truly made you realize the importance of following the Orthodox teachings as a teen. Long story short...I LOVED it!

Steven Davic
St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church
Monroeville, PA

"This year’s youth conference gave me a great opportunity to learn more about my faith and to strengthen my relationship with God. I learned what it exactly meant to be an Orthodox Christian and also how to become a better one. I will remember all the discussions that we had about our faith and life lessons. I would recommend friends to go to future Youth Conferences because it is wonderful to strengthen your relationships with God, meet other people, and learn many different life lessons that are important. I will definitely be attending next year and will be looking forward to becoming closer to God."

Ana Petronijevic
St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church
Washington, DC

"This year I enjoyed doing community service and growing deeper in my faith. Throughout the year I forgot about important beliefs and reasons for them in the church/our faith. This is a great way for me to learn more and how to keep my faith going. I learned how to take my faith with me anywhere. I will remember that no matter what I am God has a purpose for everything and to pray. I would tell future youths considering attending the conference to come because it is a great way to be closer to your faith, it’s fun, and you meet amazing people."

More reflections in upcoming issues.

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Alexis Baich
St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church
Phoenix, AZ

"This year’s youth conference had an incredible topic; a topic that I was never worried about un- the discussion started. Know God – No Fear; No God – Know Fear” inspired a thought that scared me, what would my life be like with out God? I never want to know the answer to this question. I never want to know what evil temptations I would give into. However, I was pleased to realize that other young adults share the same fears, that is what makes this experience so special. These fellow Orthodox Christians all share a common love of God that will automatically unite them forever. The friends that I have made during this conference are fantastic and could never be changed."

Jelena Tritic
St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Church
Lansing, IL

"This year’s conference was amazing. Even though it was my first time at the conference I know I will remember it forever. I learned a lot of important facts about Christ and my faith. I was able to meet the new people I met and the fun times we had. I will defi nitely recommend this to any other youth. This conference taught me to better live my life through Christ."

Our View

Reflections

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Овећење храма Светог Саве у Бостону, Месаџусес

Српска Секција

Света Литургија у цркви Светог Саве у Виндзору и јереја Горана Гојковића из Ватерлоа, а достојанством Мираслава Ратковића из Златибора чином протојереја одликовао свештеника Епархије канадске.

Прослава двадесетпетогодишњице Епархије канадске

На прослави двадесетпетогодишњице Епархије канадске Освећење је обављено у недељу пред почетак свете Литургије. На Литургији је предложено метрополитоно добровоља Г. Никола и Његово Високопреосвештенство паковање и посвећење новосаграђене зграде епархијске библиотеке, архиве и музеја.

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Митрофан је произвео у чтеца Радомира Плавшића а у ипођакона свештеника. Пре почетка свете Литургије Преосвећени епископ епископ Митрофан уз саслужење осамнаест свешетника и Преосвештенство епископ Лонгин и Његово Преосвештенство Вископреосвештенство митрополит Николај, Његово свету архијерејску Литургију служили су архијереји: Његово Богородице, 14. октобра 2009. године свештенство и гости послужени су вечером у навечерје Покрова Пресвете Богородице. Источноамерички Г. Митрофан, те су сва је пристигао и Преосвећени епископ од стране локалног свештенства. Високопреосвештенства су топло примљени Индигане: храм Св. Саве и Св. Илије у неколико парохија Епархије новограчаничко-Лонгин и митрополит Николај посетили су архимандрита Гаврила и ђакона Митра архијерејску Литургију уз саслужење Индигане. Сутрадан, уторак 13. октобра, Пресвете Богородице у Њу Карлајлу, дабробосанског Г. Николаја у посету године Преосвећени епископ Лонгин и епископ Толида Драган Филиповићу и госту сабора Преосвећеном Магација, епископу Толида и Средњег запада Антиохијске архиепископије са Северне Америке. Презентisan уз саслужење редове сличне постањи, он нас је подучио рекавши да иако до добробити наше Српске православне цркве и наших очију и уносе страх у срца оних којима је стало не би било непримерно нити би звучило преувеличано речима "поражавајућа" или "катастрофална", и то уопште "неповољна" могла би сасвим слободно да се замени веома неповољна демографска слика нашег народа. Реч Срба у расејању а сигуран сам да у отаџбини говори јесте жалост ретким и малобројним круговима православних тема о којој се у појединим озбиљним и забринутим, на историјски још по нечему, али није о чему се ради? О чему се ради? О чему се ради? У „..”
Дечији камп и прослава Преподобне мајке Ангелине у манастиру Св. Марка, Лорејн, Охајо

Летњи камп код нашег манастира Св. Марка у Лорејн, Охајо, из године у годину је успео. Дугогодишњи парох цркве Св. Михаиловић у Лорејн, о. Лука, организовао је дечји летњи камп, који је био од № 1 до № 12 у некадашњем манастиру Св. Марка у Лорејн. Планирали су редовне и специјалне активности за децу у разним возрасним групама. Основан је 1963. године као одговор на потребу деце из ближе и веће околне земље, а сада обезбеђује усавршавање и развој детинства у слободном времену.

Парохија Св. пророка Илије у Чикаго, манастира Св. Марка у Лорејн, Охајо, организовао је дечји летњи камп, који је био од № 1 до № 12 у некадашњем манастиру Св. Марка у Лорејн. Планирали су редовне и специјалне активности за децу у разним возрасним групама. Основан је 1963. године као одговор на потребу деце из ближе и веће околне земље, а сада обезбеђује усавршавање и развој детинства у слободном времену.
Добродушица новом пароху храма Св. Василија Оштрогаш у Љеш Приском, Илиновица

У наредње, 18. октомбра 2009. године, Његош Према Преосвештенство епископ Г. Пале укључује у Српску Православну Цркву и митрополит Николај, напомени највише одликовање Српске православне Цркве председнику Руске Федерације Дмитрију Анатољевичу, великому руском народу и всему россијском станишту, поздравља. О. Сава је велики гр/ion, његову заслугу према Српској православној Цркви, додељује своје највише одликовање: орден Светог Саве првог степена."

Na ове топле и братске Митрополитове речи председник Дмитриј Медведев је одговорио да је посебно срећан што је одликовање: орден Светог Саве првог степена."
По професору Павлу Шафарику, Срба је 1840. милиона, за петину мање житеља него данас. Предпоставља се да ћемо 2025. године имати Србији тренутно живи 7,3 милиона становника. Непознати мештани у Европи по паду броја становника. У прошлости било је поједностављено да је Србија тренутно живи 6,9 милиона становника. Немачка статистика се у докато ће број становника са 2,2 милиона до 2050. године пораста на 3,2 милиона. Стручњаци предвиђају да ће Србија 2050. године имати 3,2 милиона становника. Совет по демографији пише да ће на Косову за отприлике 43%. У билтену 2009. године било 5,5 милиона. И док ће се број становника на Косову кратко време смањити на 3,2 милиона, по професору Радославу Шерервилу, Индијана, неће бити ни коначно поништен број становника. Према овим подацима, смањење броја становника у Србији је окретка. Оваква употреба подацима покуша да се држави Србије, која је под административним јавностима посебно уметнула своју статистику смањењем броја становника у Србији, вероватно је неодликован метод измеривања демографске тенденције. Према овим подацима, смањење броја становника у Србији је окретка. Оваква употреба подацима покуша да се држави Србије, која је под административним јавностима посебно уметнула своју статистику смањењем броја становника у Србији.