The 20th Triennial Assembly/Sabor:

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FR. RASH GEBICH and FR. MILovan KATANIC

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The Church is One and Indivisible

A Pastoral Reflection on the administrative re-unification of our Church in North and South America

From its beginning the Holy Church has been, is, and ever shall be, above all the Body of Christ. The Apostle Paul, while imprisoned in Rome between the year 61 and 63 AD, fostering in loving kindness and with patience one part of Christ’s Body, the young and tender Ephesine Christian community, wrote an Epistle, which today is known as The Epistle of Apostle Paul to the Ephesians. The main themes of the Paul’s appeal to teh Ephesians are: Christ as the head and the cornerstone of the Church, and The Unity of the Spirit and faith in the Church. Emphasizing the importance of the unity among the members of the same Body, i.e. Church, the Holy Apostle wrote:

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of God, as one body, one Church, as brothers and sisters, following Christ’s example, enduring love, patience, kindness, humility, gentleness, long-suffering, brotherly affection, and prayer, are all, who is above all and through all and in all” (Eph. 4:1-6, RSV).

Since the Holy Orthodox Church is by her nature divine, while according to her witness she is apostolic, she always cherished the cornerstone of the Church, and The Diaspora. Let’s not miss this opportunity to make it happen!

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I am 58, with grown kids and grey hair (what little is left of it) and scrambling amid financial turmoil to plan for an eventual retirement that seems to be closing in ominously quickly. Anyone who knows the tragic and sorrowful history of our church split will know what it meant to go through it in Cleveland. Nowhere was it more bitter, more hard-fought, more drawn out and debilitating. It left deep emotional and spiritual scars on many. I am convinced it led many of our young people of the time to leave the Church in disillusionment and frustration, not just there but everywhere.

Fr. Rade Merick, Senior Editor of the Path of Orthodoxy in North and South America and the clergy and lay leader, the Serbian Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church approved a plan to restructure the dioceses of our Church in the Americas, as well as to give new names to two out of five dioceses on the North American continent. This decision does fall within the competence of the Holy Hierarchical Assembly. Although, the Constitution with Rules and Regulations is necessary in the ecclesiastical life, in the Church the Law of Love is a law above all laws and continued on p. 7.

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While concerning itself with the routine household business of its entire dwelling, the Assembly-Sabor — as every other Church Assembly — gave full attention to the reorganization and redistricting of our Church, to the unity and beauty found in joy when “brothers live together.” This joy was expressed at the very opening of the Assembly by the singing by all the assembled clergy and faithful of the hymn “We Praise Thee, O God,” the same hymn with which the Assembly concluded.

The unified efforts of the reverend clergy and the faithful people, at this Assembly just as at the parish and diocesan levels, were dedicated to caring for the future of the Serbian people and their Church in North and South America. These efforts resulted in serious consideration and actions to an amazing degree. The existence of the Serbian people and their Church in this territory is entrusted to the Church, but the strength of these efforts is drawn from the tree roots planted by St. Sava in the name of Christ and for the good of the people.

Although there exist contemporary enemies of Orthodoxy throughout the world, we nevertheless call on the Serbian people to understand and recognize that conquerors and atheists objectively no longer prevent the religious life of Orthodox Serbs anywhere in the world. Therefore, lack of participation in the divine services, in the holy mysteries and in the upbringing of children in the Orthodox faith cannot be justified.

The Serbian Orthodox Church, despite its sufferings along with its people during which its episcopal and clerical ranks have often been decimated, today has a sufficient number of clergymen. As for our portion of the Church in North and South America we hereby give recognition to the hierarchs, clergy, college professors, faithful people, patrons, benefactors and contributors to the establishment and support of the St. Sava School of Theology at St. Sava Monastery in Libertyville. The School has given a large number of candidates and ordained clergy for the needs of this part of the Serbian Orthodox Church in particular, and throughout the world. With good reason we are proud of this institution.

SABOR STATEMENT ON KOSOVO

The members of the 20th Triennial Church Assembly-Sabor of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, gathered in Canton, Ohio August 11-13, 2009, keep in prayerful remembrance all of our brothers and sisters, Serbian Orthodox Christians, who have been exiled from their ancestral homes by the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, some of whom are still living in very difficult circumstances in displaced persons camps. Among these innocent victims from Serbian Krajina and Bosna-Hercegovina, we are especially mindful of those from Kosovo and Metohija, the cradle of the Serbian Orthodox Church and nation.

We condemn the unjust actions of some of the most powerful countries in the world in forcibly wresting this Serbian province from the Serbian state in contravention of international law and United Nations resolutions.

We call for the quick return of Kosovo and Metohija to Serbian control and sovereignty, for the return of those who have been forcibly displaced to their ancestral homes and property, and for the restoration of the churches, monasteries, cemeteries and monuments which have been desecrated, damaged and destroyed in anti-Serb pogroms.

We also express our solidarity and spiritual unity with our Serbian Orthodox people who have remained in Kosovo and Metohija in very difficult circumstances, with their archpastor His Grace Bishop Artemije, and with all who maintain the age-old Serbian presence in that area in the face of constant danger, persecution, and provocation. For us, and for all Serbian people, Kosovo is and always will be Serbia.
The newly-formed Diocese of New Gracanica-Midwest America held an extraordinary organizational assembly on July 11 under the presidency of its hierarch, His Grace Bishop Longin, at the Monastery of the Most Holy Theotokos—New Gracanica. 35 church-school congregations were represented with 40 clergy and over 100 delegates present.

The Assembly began with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit served by His Grace assisted by the following Deacons: Protopstavrophor Marko Todorcevic of Milwaukee Deanery, Nedeljko Loncic of the Chicago Deanery, Radomir Kriakuch of the St. Louis Deanery, Bogdan Zlacek of the Duluth Deanery and Zivan Urosev of the Detroit Deanery. Also serving were Protopstavrophor Milan Savich, Archimandrite Thomas (Katech) and Protodeacon Milovan Gogic. The Monastery Choir under the direction of Marija Savic Milicic responded.

In opening the Assembly, His Grace Bishop Longin said:

Reverend fathers, dear brothers and sisters,

"The Holy Apostle Paul in speaking about apostolic service in his First Epistle to the Corinthians, says, “Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God” (1 Cor. 4: 1). We also, in greeting you for the first time today as representatives of our newly formed Diocese, bring to mind these words of the great Apostle and first teacher of the Church, Paul. By this letter, which surpasses all reason and unites us with God. That peace makes one able to disregard his own earthly troubles and sufferings, it extinguishes our enmity that we may live to the world, it draws one to heaven, and creates love for all in one’s heart. That love covers the shortcomings of the near ones so that one does not even notice them, but is compelled to always show more charity for those near ones than for oneself. All people are called to live by that peace, and especially we, the Orthodox Christians.

"United, we can do a lot, under the condition that we do not feel selfish and that we don’t put ourselves in the first place. Let us fear being high-minded, because pride and high-mindedness are man’s perdition. Bear each other’s burden and thus fulfill the law of Christ – those are the words of Saint Paul. Let us strive to set our labors into accord with the Gospel of Christ the Savor. Whatever cannot be placed in the context of the Gospel is not good for our souls; it is not profitable, and what is the worst, can diminish our chance of standing “to the right of the Lord” in that fateful day in which we will meet the Righteous Judge “face to face”.

"It is important to point out that the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church does not require anything of us except that we be good members of our Holy Church, that we labor on the common field of the Lord, and that we contribute to our own salvation and the salvation of our surroundings in this part of the world by our living here. The last thing on the minds of the Fathers of the Holy Assembly is our property. Serbian Orthodox Church has through the centuries successfully cared for both spiritual and material goods, and nothing has changed in the nature of this task during that time."

"Since the Eucharistic union of 1992, nothing more important has happened than this event, which signifies the beginning of the most important change – a new beginning in the full canonical and administrative union. Therefore, let us thank God and His most faithful servants in our nation, headed by Saint Sava, for this great blessing – that we are one, as brothers of the same faith ought to be. First of all, we have to thank God who, we firmly believe, was there above and with him always and for all things."

Following a short but serious illness Protopresbyter Stavrophor Dr. Nedeljko Grgurevich fell asleep in the Lord on July 23, 2009.

After retirement as parish priest of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church in Johnstown, PA in 2005, Fr. Nedeljko and Protina Dubrava moved to Washington DC to live with their son Stevan. He continued, however, teaching at the St. Sava School of Theology as a regular professor of Liturgics. In fact, it was only a couple of months or so before his death that he traveled to Liberryville to lecture and to conduct student exams.

It was about that time that he began experiencing some discomfort and pain that he started to check into this. Doctors even joked with him about how healthy his heart was but they continued to run other tests which resulted in establishing the diagnosis of a serious condition. This was on Wednesday, July 15, and Fr. Nedeljko was to see his doctor on the following Monday for a decision and a decision on further treatments.

That visit never came as Fr. Ned, as he was called, had to be rushed to the hospital on Saturday. The illness was progressing very rapidly, and only five days later, surrounded with intensive care by the doctors and other medical personnel, and surrounded and embraced by the presence and great love of his good Protina Dubrava, his sons Sveti and Stefan and Fr. Darko Spasojevic (husband of Father’s niece Tamara) he released his soul into the hands of his guardian angel who, we firmly believe, was there above and with him waiting for the final word of the Lord. And that word “now you come to me, my faithful servant, Fr. Nedeljko”, came on Thursday evening, July 23.

Fr. Aleksa Micich of Washington, D.C. was at the children’s camp in Shadeland and was sent home by His Grace Bishop Mitrophan on Monday, July 13. From that day to the end, the good Fr. Aleksa spent almost more time with Fr. Ned and the family than at his own home. Indeed a beautiful example of brotherly love and priestly care. Bishop Mitrophan, who highly valued and respected Father Ned not only for his work in the church and the diocese, but also as a man and person, was deeply touched by the sudden and serious news about his illness. The Bishop wanted to go immediately to visit him, but both Fr. Nedeljko and his family asked him to wait a few days, when Father might get a little bit better so that the visit would be more fulfilling. However, things were moving very fast and His Grace decided not to wait any more, but accompanied by Fr. Dragoljub Malich and joined in Washington by Fr. Aleksa, he went to see Fr. Nedeljko on Wednesday, never imagining that it was going to be the end of Father’s parting from this world. Prota Nedeljko knew and acknowledged the presence of His Grace and the priests. Bishop Mitrophon assisted by these two priests officiated the Divine Liturgy of the Holy Union, believing, as one contemporary holy man has said, that the patient will get well unless the Lord God has decided to call him at this time. And that was what took place. The next day news spread fast that Fr. Grgurevich had repose in the Lord.

Funeral

As it is most fitting for prominent and deserving clergy and other Serbian leaders in this country, Protopstavrophor Dr. Nedeljko Grgurevich was buried in the cemetery at the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Monastery in Liberryville. First his body was prepared and laid in state in Washington, D. C. We always say that God takes care of His own. Here, too, by His providence the funeral director to do these services was Father Ned’s former Altar Boy from Johnstown, Matthew Djurich of Murphy’s Funeral Home in Arlington, VA. His help together with that of Fr. Misich and Fr. Darko was invaluable to Fr. Ned’s family. It was Matthew who also transported the body to Liberryville.

In four short years in Washington Fr. Ned had gained great respect and love from St. Luke’s parishioners and many other people in the area. To allow them the opportunity to pay their last respects, his body lay in St. Mark’s Orthodox Church in Washington on Sunday afternoon and evening on July 26.

That evening His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophon accompanied by his Deacon Dragoljav Cosmic served a pomen with assistance of: Fr. Aleksa Micich, Prota Srboljub Jokovich, Prota Rodina Torbic, Prota Stevan Rocknage, Prota Dejan Obradovic, Prota Milan Lazarevich, Prota Vladimir Drenshuk, Fr. Zoranyov and Fr. Karl Kish. The last two were Fr. Ned’s students at the Christ the Savior Seminary in Johnstown.

To pay their last respects to their beloved and much respected Fr. Ned, and to pour out their love and support
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The celebration of the Divine Liturgy as the icon of the Kingdom of God where Christ leads in the midst of His people marked the beginning of each day of the Sabor. V. Rev. Stavrophor Nikola Ceko, V. Rev. Dr. Milos Vesin, V. Rev. Rajko Kosic and Rev. Dragan Petrovic served before the Holy Altar on the first day of the Sabor with the following Serbian Orthodox bishops in attendance: His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher of New Gracanica-Midwest America; His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan of Eastern America, representative from each Diocese; and Katherine Potkonjak, 17, of Milwaukee’s St. Sava Cathedral, representing the New Gracanica-Midwest Diocese and the Metropolitan of Libertyville-Chicago.

The first Plenary Session began with a greeting by Bishop Dr. Mitrophan as host bishop whose opening words we quoted above. The gathering was then opened by His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher who said that his feelings on that day were indescribable, as one who lived through the long history of the past decades. He called this Sabor a commencement, a beginning, because we see ourselves today gathered again as one body and family. He noted that it was clear from observing the greeting each other that this is the new and joyful beginning of a new era of unity and growth. Moved by this spirit he asked that all rise and join in singing Tebe Boga Hvalim, We Praise Thee O God, in thanks for this great gift of being together.

Bishop Longin also greeted the Sabor and said that he was sure that this unity would be for the good of our church and people and salvation of our souls. He said this unity is a great and holy gift of God to be guarded and extended. Bishop Dr. Maxim also extended his greetings and joy on this historic occasion.

Bishop Mark of Toledo and the Midwest of the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese extended his greetings as well. He thanked God for the unity he witnessed at the Assembly, and said that he hopes this unity will also increasingly extend to all Orthodox in America.

Among the first items on the agenda was the presentation of the finalists of the St. Nikolai of Zica Oratorical Festival, a project of the Youth Ministry Committee, which worked hard to organize the festival on a diocesan level and to provide guidance and support for the participants. Committee member Chris Radosavljevic presented the finalists, who had been chosen in competition in each diocese. The theme for this year’s Festival was “Light and Salvation: Why being Orthodox is crucial in today’s world.” The judges for this event were Protodeacon James Gresh who serves at St. George Church in North Canton, Fr. Daniel Rogich of the Greek Orthodox Church in St. Petersburg, FL; Fr. Joseph Cervo, retired pastor of the Antiochian Orthodox Church in Canton.

The participants are all heavily involved in parish life, school activities, and community service. They were: Anney Mierski, 17, of St. Nicholas Church of Steelton, PA representing the Eastern Diocese; Alexander Berger, 16, of St. Andrew the Fool for Christ Church in Anderson, CA, representing the Western Diocese; and Katherine Potkonjak, 17, of Milwaukee’s St. Sava Cathedral, representing the New Gracanica-Midwest Diocese and the Metropolitan of Libertyville-Chicago. Metropolitan Christopher remarked on the high levels of all the presentations and commended all the participants for their understanding of bringing their Christian faith to life in their actions and habits every day.

The judges returned their verdicts, with the results being: First Place Katherine Potkonjak with a prize of $1,000; Second Place Alexander Berger with a prize of $750, and Third Place Anney Mierski with a prize of $500. Their presentations will be published in future issues of Our View, the Youth pages of the Path of Orthodoxy.

The Youth Ministries Committee plans to make the Oratorical Festival an annual event within each diocese. Every three years a national festival with a representative from each
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life and how it can be brought more fully into the life of our parishes and parishioners followed. Those participating in the young adult program (aimed primarily at those 18-35), held in conjunction with the Assembly, used the evening hours for a presentation on “Relationships in Christ.”

Second Day of the Assembly

His Grace Bishop Georgije of Canada officiated at the Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the beginning of the second day of the Sabor. Serving with His Grace were V. Rev. Stavrophor Mihailo Doder, V. Rev. Alexis Pena-Alfaro, V. Rev. Rafael Carlos Fredrico Q. Santos, Rev. Milos Puric, and Fr. Deacon Dragoslav Kosic, Secretary of the Eastern Diocese. The liturgy was followed by taking of the official sabor photos and breakfast.

The Plenary session, Metropolitan Christoper thanked God that our Assemblies have put greater emphasis on learning and deepening ourselves in the Faith, both in our presentations of committee work and in our speakers. He especially commended the young participants in the St. Nikolai of Zica Oratorical Festival, who edited with us their thoughts on Christian life.

His Eminence then welcomed Fr. Paul Tarazi, who delivered the keynote address on the theme of the Light of Christ. The light image is of a candle, which provides light to see in the dark. The candle is something which is useful, something, we hold in front of us so that we might follow it and the light which is produced by the candle helps us to see from one place to another. Therefore, the candle implies not staying in one place, but rather that we are on the move. Fr. Paul said that the Light is what Christ meant by saying He is the Light. We are to allow Him to illuminate us, and to follow Him as He leads us to the Kingdom.

The Light allows us to see. “And “to see” in all languages is also used as a metaphor, meaning to understand, grasp. It is Christ who is the True Light for He allows us to see, bringing us to a true understanding of all things. And the Light of Christ is seen in His voice, His commandments, His teaching. Christ says He is the resurrection, and if we listen to Him, follow and obey, He will also be our Life at the last day in the resurrection. The Light of Christ is the Light of His teaching, and we are to walk in the Light of that teaching. Fr. Paul also noted that throughout the Bible God does not deal with individuals but with communities. He gives His teaching in the community of the Church, not simply to individuals, and that Light and teaching is preserved, proclaimed, experienced and followed in the community, that is, the Church. The Church is the place where the Light is found. And so to be in the Church is to follow Christ’s teaching. The Church is the place where that teaching is proclaimed in the reading aloud of the Word of God in the Scriptures. Loving God is synonymous with doing His will. The Church is the community where God’s will is done. To recognize the Light of Christ means to obey and follow it to our Life and salvation. This is our calling as followers of Christ.

Fr. Paul’s morning keynote address, which was warmly received, was in connection with the official theme of the 20th Triennial Assembly: “Christ the True Light: The Light of Christ in the Church and the Light of Christ in the World.” This theme, chosen months ago, was particularly appropriate in light of our administrative unification, since we see that following Christ’s Light in His teachings leads us all to unity in Him, in His Body, the Church, and in Him with one another.

The Credentials Committee reported that the Assembly was truly comprised of a representative cross section to the Church in its fullness. Present were: 5 hierarchs, 40 priests, 2 deacons, 5 monastics, 9 Central Church Council members, 40 congregation presidents, 55 congregation delegates, and 8 Circle of Serbian Sisters Federation delegates for a total of 222 participants. Also present were 10 registered guests and 9 members of the Standing Church Ministry Committees who were present as Assembly support. Over the course of the Assembly there were also a good number of observers who came to experience the Assembly.

Reports from the Standing Ministry Committees continued after the lunch break at the Fourth Plenary session. Reports were heard at the afternoon session from the Young Adult and College Student Ministry committee by Fr. Aleksa Milic and Christopher Rocknage, and from the Serbian Language and Culture Committee given by Fr. Zivojin Jakovljevic.

Central Treasurer Brian Gerich presented the financial report of the Central Church Council for the past three years. In relation to this, questions concerning the participation of the Canadian Diocese in the financing of the central Church continued on the next page

COMMENTARY

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sooner than we would have thought possible. Metropolitan Christopher was visibly moved as he opened the Assembly by thanking God for allowing him to see this day and asking all those to do something unprecedented: to stand and sing the hymn of thanksgiving and glory to God, “Tebe Boga Hvalim.”

This delegate said, it was necessary for all of us Serbian Orthodox Christians in the Americas to both forgive and forget what had transpired as a result of the Cold War, and to move on together to better days in the future.

As we went through those days in Canton together, there were of course questions, concerns and even disagreements. Many started out with some guardedness, but as we worked together, prayed together, and got to know one another better, that guardedness gave way to openness. There was a genuine desire to make this work.

No doubt, this Assembly-Sabor was a first step in what will be an ongoing process. Over the years we have become used to doing things in slightly different ways and emphasizing somewhat different things, but it seemed to me that there was a real openness and even eagerness to learn from each other. Many of the clergy and delegates expressed their sincere thanks for the spiritual and educational presentations and for the work of the standing ministry committees, which obtained their work and the resources, ideas and help they can offer to the dioeceses and parishes. Some important concerns were raised and dealt with in a constructive manner to the satisfaction of most if not all. There were of course occasional glitches and rough spots, but they were not allowed to get in the way of the determination, of I would dare to say, all those present to make this Assembly-Sabor a success. In my heart I believe that we witnessed the miracle of the healing of a tragic wound and a difficult question. We came to Canton, many of us, not knowing just what to expect and wondering if all this could really work. We left Canton as brothers and sisters in Christ and children of St. Sava, allowing Christ as the Light in the Church and of the world to fill us with His light and show us the path to the future. We will certainly all need to become more like Christ, forgiving as He has first forgiven us, loving as He has first loved us, bowing down in deep humility before one another as He humbled Himself and took on the form of servant, telling us and showing us that those who would lead must be the servant of all. But that, after all, is what being a Christian is all about—becoming like Christ.

This started out to be an editorial, but it turned into something else, a personal reflection on one person’s experience at our 20th Triennial Church Assembly-Sabor. Some of us there may have had our own agendas going in, but Christ took charge at our Assembly and led us in the direction He wants us to go. Being a Christian is always an adventure because we can never be sure where Christ will take us next, except that we know that wherever He leads He is doing it out of love, for our good and for our salvation. We need only the courage and humility to follow Him where He leads.

At the beginning of this article I called Canton a miracle. Whatever God is working, miracles happen. God is always working everywhere, and so all of life is one constant miracle, although we seldom realize it. But we who were there in Canton felt Him working, and we know we witnessed the miracle of the healing of a tragic wound on the Body of Christ. May God grant us all the strength, wisdom, meekness and love necessary to care for His Body more faithfully in the future. “Tebe Boga Hvalim!” Indeed, we give all praise, thanksgiving and glory to God!

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bodies was discussed, as was the investment of savings.

Fr. Nedeljko Lunich presented the
decisions of the Central Church Council over the past three years. Discussion from
the floor followed, with various clarifications given.

The Auditing Report was presented in
a letter from Eugene Bowne. Fr. Dragoljub Malich presented the report of the Clergy
Pension Fund. A change to the Plan rules was allowed for clergy coming from
other plans to roll their funds into the Serbian Church plan.

The final day of the Assembly, Thursday
August 13, began with the celebration of the
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, concelebrated by all the hierarchs present: His Eminence
Metropolitan Mark of the Diocese of Toledo and Chicago, His Grace Bishop George of
Canada, His Grace Bishop Longin of New
Gracanica and the Midwest, His Grace Bishop
Mitrophan of Eastern America, His Grace Bishop
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Archdiocese, and His Grace Bishop
Maxim of Western America. Clergy concelebrating with the hierarchs were:
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The Sixth and final plenary session
began after lunch, at which time the previous
Central Church Council was released from its
duties with thanks for its service, and
the new Central Church Council was elected pursuant to the votes of the Diocesan caucuses and was sworn in.

The new Central Church Council is composed of the following diocesan representatives:

New Gracanica-Midwestern America:
Fr. Nedeljko Lunich

Western Diocese:
Fr. Petar Jovanovich
Fr. Nikola Ceko
VP to be elected

Debra Tusic
Stefan Davidovich
Nemanja Selezn, Alt.
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It began with the singing of the hymn Tebe Bogu Hvalim, “We Praise Thee O God”, in an expression of our deep thanksgiving to God Almighty for the many blessings He has and continues to bestow upon us.

Following that, Sabor participants enjoyed fellowship at the concluding banquet. The evening’s program, which included performances by the folklore group from the neighboring Akron parish, the Men’s Choir “Kosovo” from Northeast Ohio and a young tamburitza group from Joliet, IL, also included a greeting to the Sabor from His Eminence Metropolitan Amphilohije on behalf of His Holiness Patriarch Pavle of the entire Mother Church read by Bishop Maxim in Serbian and Fr. Nikola Ceko in English. Prepostebarch Stavropulos and the host parish of St. George in Canton, again welcomed all those present and introduced the kitchen staff and his host committee members, who had worked so hard to make the Assembly work smoothly. The Assembly participants expressed their sincere gratitude to their hosts for all their efforts, attention to detail, and true Serbian hospitality.

Clergy and delegates lingered in the hall following the formal banquet saying their farewells after their days together. And as that hall and the beautiful facilities in North Canton which had accommodated the many hierarchs, clergy and delegates over those past few days became quieter and quieter and, one after another, each began to leave for their homes near and far, the words of Metropolitan Christopher lingered in our minds: “This is a commencement!” We have not only achieved liturgical and administrative unity, we have reached a new beginning in the life of the Serbian Orthodox Church here in the New World. It is in this beginning that we rejoice. In facing it’s many challenges which are before us, we place our hope and trust in the Lord who has guided us thus far and who always remains with us, for though we be many we are finally one in Him! And for that, Tebe Bogu Hvalim! 

The Resolutions Committee presented several Sabor statements on unity, Kosovo and Metohija, forgiveness and others, which were accepted by the Assembly. These statements are contained in this issue of The Path.

A number of concerns and matters were brought up and discussed under miscellaneous, with a number of motions made and voted. The Sabor concluded in the same way together. And as that hall following the formal banquet saying their farewells after their days together. And as that hall and the beautiful facilities in North Canton which had accommodated the many hierarchs, clergy and delegates over those past few days became quieter and quieter and, one after another, each began to leave for their homes near and far, the words of Metropolitan Christopher lingered in our minds: “This is a commencement!” We have not only achieved liturgical and administrative unity, we have reached a new beginning in the life of the Serbian Orthodox Church here in the New World. It is in this beginning that we rejoice. In facing it’s many challenges which are before us, we place our hope and trust in the Lord who has guided us thus far and who always remains with us, for though we be many we are finally one in Him! And for that, Tebe Bogu Hvalim!

The temptations to which you are exposed in a great and lasting efforts of all of you in healing the deep wounds from 1963, based on the liturgical unity and brotherly unification achieved in 1992, and through fulfilling all that which was foreseen by the “transitional guidelines” with the aim of achieving the administrative unity of our Church on your continent. Finally, with the decision of the Holy Assembly of our local Church H.A. No. 39/ minutes 147, from May 21, 2009, administrative unity and the restructuring of the existing dioceses of our Church in North and South America [was achieved] in the spirit and understanding of the process of establishing the unity of Serbian Orthodoxy on the American continent, and on the basis of the collective and unitive responsible spirit and understanding of the process of establishing the unity and the restructuring of the existing dioceses of our Serbian Church and people. Strive that you, with the unified witness of the Crucified and Resurrected Christ, may truly be light to the world (cf. Mat. 5:14). In the beautiful tapestry which is the fullness of Orthodoxy, which through the love of the Father, grace of the Son and the fullness of the Holy Spirit injects into the modern world a daily breath of freshness and purity, it is entrusted to you to be, in the spirit of St. Sava, resolutely and wisely, not only inheritors of the inexpressible riches of your people, but also wise stewards of the universal and catholic (sabrnoj) House of God. We are especially joyful and hopeful to learn that your children are also present at the Church Assembly in Canton, and that the Serbian youth, born in America and Canada, also has its Assembly. This is not only an adornment of your unity, but it is also a reminder of your responsibility to you among you, young and old, truthfully and with humility ask himself whether he is a worthy example in faith, love and good works before the children which God has granted you, so that you may redeem the time given you by God, and not by our human world. The unity of our Church in North and South America is imperative, exactly for the sake your and our children and youth, for they are already, through their Baptism and through Holy Communion, full members of the Body of Christ, the Orthodox Church.

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we can be united and served together in one indivisible, holy, Serbian Orthodox Church on this continent, gave a eulogy in behalf of the Righteous rest; and thou shall receive pardon and great mercy at the judgment day of Christ”.

After the service here, it is as a custom, everybody partook of the wheat, pogača and a drink at the grave site after which all traveled to the New Gracanica Monastery for the memorial meal, dedicated to the memory of Fr. Nedeljko, during which the Church Boards and Members of the Diocese gave a thank you.

On behalf of the late Fr. Nedeljko’s family his older son Svetozar thanks Metropolitan Christopher and especially His Grace Bishop Mitrophan for their great help and comfort to the family as well as to Bishops Longin and Maxin, to Fr. Aleksa K. Mijatovic, Fr. Dimitrije as well as to all the priests, the funeral director Matthew, to all present and to the Sisters who prepared and served the dachta meal.

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The Fourth Annual Youth Conference of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America was held on the campus of Walsh University in North Canton, OH from August 6th to 10th, 2009. Walsh University has a picturesque campus in northeastern Ohio. The facilities were some of the best we have seen in the four years we have been organizing this conference. Dormitories consisted of 9 four bedroom suites that housed 4-5 teenagers and one chaperone. The suites also included a common area, kitchen, laundry room and two full bathrooms. They were more like apartments than dormitory rooms. In addition to the fantastic lodging, the University provided a conference center with all the amenities of a professional business conference center, a chapel where we held Matins and Vespers daily, and a game room with ping pong, pool, foosball, and room to dance. Finally, the campus included plenty of open space outdoors for the teenagers to enjoy during free time.

Thirty-three teenagers from across the USA and Canada were in attendance. Participation was weighted towards the east, but for the first time all four American Dioceses were represented with 22 teenagers from the Eastern Diocese, four from the Western diocese, six from the Midwest, and one from Canada. We had 19 girls and 14 boys participating with nine chaperones and two priests in attendance. Additionally, 16 teens had attended a previous youth retreat and 17 were new to the experience.

**Registration took place in the beautiful Barrette Business and Community Center located in the center of the campus. As the youth arrived for registration, the ones who attended previous conferences were very excited to be reunited with friends that they have not seen, in some cases, for a full year. New participants were quickly welcomed into the group as they prepared for another fantastic conference. After each teenager received their room key they went off to the dorms to settle in and explore their surroundings. At 5:30 the entire group congregated at the registration desk to walk to the campus chapel for Vespers. V. Rev. Steven Rocknage led the group through vespers and concluded with an inspirational lesson about North American Saints and the importance of our Guardian Angels. Following Vespers, the group crossed campus to the dining hall for a delicious dinner.**

**More reflections will be featured in upcoming issues of Our View in the Path.**

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"Coming back to The Youth Conference for my second year was one of the best decisions I’ve made recently. Not only was I excited and pumped to see all my friends, but the topic really appealed to me. Father Stevo is so knowledgeable; he really makes me think deeper into faith. From becoming Mickey Mouse for a day to being in the hangout every night I enjoyed it all, even if a nun yanked my hair a little too hard. It all was an enlightening experience. I kept old friends and made awesome new ones and became closer to Christ. I’ll be back next year."
the dinner hall to ourselves, and the staff went out of their way to make sure we were comfortable. At the conclusion of dinner the teenagers had some free time to relax before our evening session began.

The first activity of the evening orientation session consisted of identifying who in the group had not attended a previous youth conference. The 17 new participants were gathered in a group and Father Stevo asked each one in turn to tell us why they came. Many answered that they heard it was fun, while some stated their parish priest or council asked them to attend. Some even stated to become closer to God. Three participants from previous years spoke to the new group about what kinds of experiences they will have, what they will learn, and the growth they experienced during previous conferences.

The group was then divided into five teams who were tasked with creating a slogan. These slogans were then voted on by applause from all participants. Some examples were: “God is everywhere, even in the game room,” “Too good for God…” The winning slogan was “A prayer a day keeps the devil away.”

Orientation continued with group introductions. Everyone sat in a circle and each, in turn, introduced themselves with their name, age, and grade in high school. Becky Kesic led an activity where everyone stood in place in the circle. Becky would make a statement and anyone with whom that statement applied stepped into the center of the circle. Some examples of the statements were: “I am a morning person,” “I have a pet,” and “I am an only child.” This helped the teenagers identify similar interests in the group.

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After evening prayers in the courtyard outside the dormitory everyone settled into their suites for the evening and prepared for a very busy first full day of the conference.

Friday began with Matins at 8:15am in the campus chapel served by Father Stevo and assisted by Father Dragan. At the conclusion of Matins Father Stevo reminded us that even though we are tired in the morning, our soul is still thirsty, and it needs nourishment. This nourishment includes prayer and talking to your parents and loved ones. The group then proceeded to breakfast in the dining hall. The group then changed out of church clothes into casual clothes the group congregated in the conference room to begin the day’s first presentation. Father Dragan began with a discussion about prayer rules, what they are, what should be established, and the importance of having prayer rules, especially when you are moving out onto your own. He taught us that prayer rules are always evolving as we get older. We add and change prayers as our lives change. He warned of trying to do too much when starting out. If your prayer rule is to say too many prayers at first you are in danger of starting to remove them until you don’t pray at all. It is better to start simple and add as your life experiences require. He also talked about how we should pray, why using printed prayers from an Orthodox prayer book is valuable, and the importance of having a dhikir or other icon or icon corner/altar to pray in front of.

Father then discussed the importance of fasting including how often we should fast, why we fast Wednesdays and Fridays, and how fasting should be included as part of our prayer rule.

When we pray, on each day, we celebrate and/or ask for intervention based on the following:

Monday – We pray for the intercession of the Angels
Tuesday – We pray for the intercession of St. John the Baptist
Wednesday – We celebrate the Holy Cross
Thursday – We pray for the intercession of the Holy Apostles and St Nicholas
Friday – We celebrate the Holy Cross
Saturday – We pray for the intercession of all of the saints
Sunday – We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

Mr. Ellis Cannon then joined the conference as our first presenter. Mr. Cannon was a former professional legal who, after twelve years, left his law position to pursue a career in sports publishing and broadcasting. He serves as president and publisher of Pittsburgh Sports Report, Inc. who is known as the on air pre-game, in-game, and post-game host of the Pittsburgh Steelers radio program.

Mr. Cannon’s topic, “Accept the Challenge,” provided an outline for how to manage the challenges that each of us will inevitably face in our lives. He showed us that our choice is to accept the challenges and overcome them, or to let challenges change us and how you deal with them has to change to succeed. Father made the analogy that, in the same way that football has a playbook with the plays for the team, life has a playbook: the Bible. This “playbook” gives us the guidance to manage challenges in our life and how to conquer them when we are faced with them. He then taught the group about the five L’s: listen, learn, love, lead, and laugh. When faced with a challenge each of these plays an important part of the process for overcoming it.

Next, Mr. Cannon asked the question, are you afraid to talk about Christ with your friends? Sports teams, especially football, are very comfortable talking about Christ and church. They pray together in the locker room as well as on the field. They are open about their faith and how important it is to them.

Father Stevo posed the question to the group, “How do you express your faith with others who are not Orthodox? Do you feel strange about it?” This initiated a discussion among the participants that included several thoughts. In a country where religion is downplayed, it is more important now to talk about our faith with everyone than ever before. When challenged in your faith, cross yourself and tell your challenge, “This is what I believe.” If other people have a problem with it, so be it. The reason for prayer and go your separate ways. God gives us this faith to make a difference in the world; we are required to use it.

If you are asked to reach out to others in our faith, ask God to help through prayer. Finally, be humble, and open the door when God provides the opportunity to help someone. Father Stevo shared a beautiful story of a barefoot woman who knocked on his door in the middle of the night. After he invited her in he found that all she wanted was a church to pray in for herself and her hospitalized son. She was turned down at six other churches before Father welcomed her in.

A concern was brought up in the discussion about prayer and faith in a setting where it is not allowed, such as a teacher in a public school. Father Dragan and Joyce Welsch agreed that if you are not allowed to pray in your faith in your place of business, find ways to practice your faith without jeopardizing your position. An example would be to go early and pray while you are still alone in your office or classroom.

Mr. Cannon concluded the discussion portion of his presentation by suggesting a USA Today article about Albert Pujols, a famous baseball player who is strong in faith. Pujols believes that it is very easy to follow the word of God and the reward is salvation. His opinion is, if you just follow the rules you are in good shape. Mr. Cannon tested this idea by sacrificing yourself over to God. He wrote that the sacrifice you give yourself over to God becomes much easier. The Pujols USA Today article can be found at: http://usatoday.com/sports/baseball/mlb/cardinals/2009-03-30-cover-pujols_N.htm

To be continued in the next issue of the Path.
At first he served as the Bishop's deacon and the Diocesan obtaining his degree. In 1965 he received a Ph.D. of Theology Theological Faculty in Belgrade, with the petition that he was ordained a Deacon by Metropolitan Varnava of Kitrosk Ethnology. Shortly thereafter, in April of the same year, he Kukic, a graduate of Belgrade University, college of graduate student. September 1962 found him a lecturer First as a clerk-secretary at the Patriarchate's Administrative Board until 1961 when he was sent to Vienna as a post- graduate student. September 1962 found him a lecturer at the Seminary in Prizren, where he taught for one year. During that year, in February 1963, he married Dubravka Kukic, a graduate of Belgrade University, college of Ethnology. Shortly thereafter, in April of the same year, he was ordained a Deacon by Metropolitan Varnava of Kitrosk Ethnology. His subject here was Liturgics, the same as in Prizren. In 1961, while he was in Vienna, he approached then Bishop Dr. Sava Vukovic, a professor at the Theological Faculty in Belgrade, with the petition that he be accepted as a candidate for a doctorate in Theology in Liturgics. He was accepted and he continued towards obtaining his degree. In 1965 he received a Ph.D. in Theology in Liturgics.

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At the request of Metropolitan Nicholas of the Carpatho- Rusyn Archdiocese of America, Fr. Ned gave a lecture on his work with Bishops Sava, he was most deserving of honor for establishing and opening this school. Also, very deserving of the gratitude of the Church, was Fr. Milorad Orlic for the help he gave the Church.

Put they all their love and efforts to make sure that this school was established in this country, which has proven to be an institution that not only to maintain it, but to improve it to such a degree that it could attract many young American born to students and graduate from it.

In addition to all the above and many other duties he carried out, he remained a true and faithful priest. But if he neglected his intellectual work. He wrote many articles, printed mostly in the Path of Orthodoxy as well as other publications, and he delivered many presentations at religious conferences, seminars, and at many other events. All of this was and remains to be an important part of his work, but in this publishing, we hope to present to you some of his main contributions to our Church.

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Уста СПЦ у Северној и Јужној Америци, поред осталих одреда, предвиђа заседање Црквеног сабора око трите године. На сабору су заустављене све опрате СПЦ у Северној и Јужној Америци, преко својог архијерејског савета, свештеника и мирњана. Сабор, уз приликом заседања, обавио је неколико активности посвећених јединству Цркве, Св. апостола Павла: "Тако смо као и речи непревазиђеног чувара и заштитника српског православног народа. Имајмо у нашим православним црквама у општеству и нашег страдалног - на првом месту што не видимо више браћу домаћин Преосвешени епископ источноамерички др Митрофан издвајања у месец маја 2009. године. Као што је то наш одлуке Светог архијерејског сабора у Београду, уједињена СПЦ у Северној и Јужној Америци, после даје овом Црквеном сабору администартивно не може дати пуну карактерику историјског за њихову изванреду љубазност и пажњу, ипак то о. Драгану Филиповићу, црквеној управи и Епархији источноамеричкој. Уз дужно признање својом садржају, али ипак сваки је неоспориво од делегата-мирњана. Сваки сабор је од посебног Америци, преко својих архијереја, свештенства заступљене све епархије СПЦ у Северној и Јужној Црквених сабору сваке треће године. На сабору су поред осталих одредби, предвиђа заседање Митрофан издако у свом начелном поздраву: "Овај сабор је јединствен из више разлога, прво, Црквени сабор је одржан први пут у Сабор Српске Православне Цркве, архијерејском синоду наше Светосавске цркве, благослове Његове Светости Патријарха српског Господин Павлу и свих чланова Светог и, посебно, драга наша српска децо, преподобни оци и браћо свештеномонаси и монаси, часни оци и браћо свештеници и ђакони, Ваша Преосвештенства, Ваше Високопреосвештенство, испуњени дубоком благодарношћу Тројединоме Богу, желимо да све вас, у љубави и свести Христа увама и ви у њему, по благодати Бога нашега и Господа Исуса Христа..." Његовој Цркви нема спасења. Испунимо речи другоме”. (Рим. 12,5). Без јединства са Христом и многи једно тијело у Христу, а по себи смо уди један и бивају.

Саворски проплаш О административном уједињењу...
"Сарадња се одвија од 5. марта 2009. до 15. марта 2009. године. Декларација је издавана на члановима наших православних цркава у Северној Америци, у када би љубо желео да потпише, или када имао усмену говору, сведочење о својој јединству са Американском православном Сабором, који је формиран и захваћен са свечаним притоме, као и свим осталим, који су у току ове деценије тај устав под пејзажем званичног изгледа."
Да би се нововирана Новограчаничко-средњезападноамеричка епархија конституисала одржана је вајдарска скупштина под председничком накнадном архиепископом Његовог Преосвештенства Г. Лонгину у суботу 11. јула 2009. године, у манастиру Председништво Епархије новограчаничко-средњезападноамеричке у Нишу, где је била изузетно много народна публика. Након др Бориса Кожарчевића, председника Епархијског савета Епархије новограчаничко-средњезападноамеричке, манастирски хор под руководством хоровође Љубомира Тодоровића и протођакона Мирослава Поповића израчуностио почеће скупштине. Након др Бориса Кожарчевића, председника Епархијског савета Епархије новограчаничко-средњезападноамеричке, манастирски хор под руководством хоровође Љубомира Тодоровића и протођакона Мирослава Поповића израчуностио почеће скупштине.

Епископ Лонгин је благословио присутне шкропљењем светом светом Апостола. Трудимо се да свој рад усагласимо са светим светом света. Треба нагласити да Епархијски савет има чланове заменике: протојереј-ставрофори Ненад Јовић и Милорад Лончар, архиерески намесници протојереј Марко Тодоровић, миловско новограчаничко-средњезападноамеричко Г. Лонгин служио је."
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После крађе, али веома благо бољо, престо се у веченост у Mount Vernon Hospital, у престоници Америка, у четврту, 23. јула 2009. године узорано у многимођному протопротојерејству ставрофора др Недељка Гргуревића.

Протео протопротојереј др Недељко Гргуревић у својој младости био је ученик Новограчаначког богословског факултета, у којем је заслуго сачинио једну од највећих ликовних монумента. Његова писацка калема је, као и његова мрежа свештеничких веза, настало у истовремености са својим политичким и верским путем. Његов забележити споменик у свету православа, након него, је у Војводини, а у исто време, у Унутрашњем црквеној општини, суздати, и да би своју букву, у оном слугу Божијем на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да је гледао и описивао нашег оца Недељка, с иконостасом[color] и свома прилаженим светима, оног слугу Божијег на кога се може применити овај опис, награда може и треба применити на покојника, Прота је даље истакао да, за свештеника као да ж...
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У Недељу Светог Отаца, на са Сабора Светог Царевича Гаврила, епископ грађанског-средњезападног посвећеног Г. Логин и его прилике посвећене службе свети Литургије уз сахваћење важности и његовог ушћа светинстве на свету. Г. Логин је на црквеном одбору митрополит Михаиловић и свом погинулим за крст часни и слободу златном Телом и Крвљу Спаситеља и Искупитеља нашега, који нам се држе на свету светинству. Ваша мајка Црква у Отачаству итекако добро памти сва добра која нам ви, наша ове годишње славе. Амин".

У свечанију архијерејску Литургију у Шерервилу, Индијана, Мерилвилу су присуствовали три руска епископа: Николај Велимировић, Св. Димитрије Церковский и Г. Христофор који је на светој Литургији началствовао митрополит Михаиловић као и више свештеника и ђакона.

После Литургије је служен помен војеначалика Драгољуба Михаиловића и свом погинулим за крст часни и слободу златном. У овој слави, владика Г. Логин је изразио радост због јединства нешто мисле на свету светинству и светинству нашега. Свечани прилици, епископ Михаиловић, боравио у садашњем свету насушни дах свежине и чистоте, вама је подарио, е да би сте искупили поверено вам време на Божјој, а не нашој људској земљи. Увече Његово Преосвештенство је истекло светом славам, више свештеника и ђакона.

У Северном језгру у Северној Америци, на основу слика, чеса и свих божанских добара свога народа него и мудри домоуправитељи васељенског и саборног Дома Божјега. Радују се данас душе свих оних који сада заједничко – сведочење Христа широм Новога света ваистину је велика радост за сву наше децу и омладину, јер они су крштењем и причешћивањем већ сада пуноправни подарио, е да би сте искупили поверено вам време на Божјој, а не нашој људској земљи.

Посебно радоваше у свечанима посвета и погинулим за крст часни и слободу златном. Он се не одистао и одстражује бивах и лети утиска да ли је заиста доста комада у вези, љубави и добровољности пре коју доцно коју је Бог подигао, и да би сте искупили поверено вам време на Божјој, а не нашој људској земљи.

Здања и страдала његов форме уништени и изгубио све своје земље и цркве тако што је са својим народом преузете цркве и омиљене земље. Он се одустао у светом семејству и сабору у Шерервилу, Индијана.

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Служили су свештеници: о. Никола Чеко, о. Милош света Литургија. Служили су архијереји уз саслужење. Тема овогодишњег фестивала била је ''Светлост'': из сваке епархије представио свој рад на Сабору. Православне јурисдикције у Америци се Богу за уједињење, очевидно на овом сабору. Епископ канадски Г. Георгије служио је свету архијерејску Литургију. Саслуживали су: о. Михаило Архангела Михаила Тонче Косић. После свете Литургије свештенство и делегати архијерејску Литургију. Саслуживали су: о. Михаило је свештенички хор под руководством хоровође о. Никола Чеко. На светој Литургији одговарао је о. Павла Тарази (Световладимирској духовној академији у Њујорку, протођакон Џејмс Греш, о. Данијел Рогић и о. Џозеф протиница Вики Трбуховић; Старатељство и кроз предавања наших еминентних богослова. Прва пленарна седница отворена је са поздравом Његово Преосвештенство епископ Лонгин и о. Милош Весин.