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Particular attention was given to the application of the Constitution as the further steps to be taken by the Episcopal Council. An official Act has been sent to all parishes and clergy that the Constitution is in force, along with all pertinent information. In the course of this session a meeting with representatives of the legislative committee was also held.
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The rate it takes things to get accomplished in the Church is not an accurate reflection of the efficiency of its leaders. In the world of business where the colloquial expression “Time is money” is considered, time in the eyes of the Church is viewed as something much more precious. After all, the consequences of wasted time, spiritually speaking, are immensely graver than the loss of any material gain. Or, as Shakespeare would say, “I wasted time, and now doth time waste me.”

What the Church has as its goal to achieve requires not so much a sense of organizational productivity as much as its sole focus and concern is on that eternal result of the salvation of our souls. For this reason our Lord, when He sent His Apostles into the world to preach the good news, sought not from them a managerial efficiency of quick results. Rather, He sends them with His grace, as Bishop Atanasije (Jevtic) has noted, that through the grace of the Holy Spirit, are made witnesses of in the life of His Church. In the end, the simple lessons of life teach us that there are certain things which, quite simply, “take time.” However, I’m certain that we all agree that the blessings which are sent to us through the Church, no matter when they come, are most certainly worth the wait.

Burnaby, Canada - On Sunday, June 21 His Grace Bishop Georgije of Canada officiated at the Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church in Burnaby, assisted by all the clergy of the Western Canadian Deanery. This was the first canonical visit of Bishop Georgije to a church of the former New Gracanica Diocese of America and Canada. With the installation of new antimens bearing the signature of Bishop Georgije in the overfilled church and with the partaking of the Holy Mysteries the will of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Hierarchical Assembly of the Serbian Orthodox Church was fulfilled, which decided at this year’s Assembly held in May (No. 49/147) that “all current parishes of the Metropolitante of New Gracanica in Canada fall under the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of Canada and the Diocese of Canada of the Serbian Orthodox Church.”

This glorious excitement was on the faces of the faithful who came that day on this historical gathering of administrative unity and the final healing of the wounds of the Serbian schism. Some even had tears of joy.

After the Divine Liturgy, a meal was served, prepared by the hard working Kolo Sestara. Dr. Goran Popovic, Vice President of the Canadian Diocesan Council, spoke on the significance of this event.

Everyone was given a chance at the end to take part in the promotion of a new book published by the Canadian Diocese’s publishing house Istocnik. Thoughts of the Venerable Justin of Celije about which the author Dragun Lakicicve from Belgrade gave an inspired talk.

That evening the delegation of the Canadian Diocese, headed by Bishop Georgije, took part in a formal banquet prepared in honor of this historic event in the Consul of the Serbian Republic by invitation of consul Predrag Vladičić.

Fr. Miloš Paric

Prof. Dr. Predrag Samardžić ordained to Diaconate

Libertyville, IL - The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord was solemnly celebrated at St. Sava Monastery in Libertyville, Illinois. The Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy was served by His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher of Midwestern America and His Grace Bishop Maximin of Western America. The hierarchs were assisted by the clergy. V. Rev. Stavrophor Dennis Pavichevich, Hieromonk Seraphim (Miljokovich), Rev. Darko Spajsovic, Rev. Petar Sailović, Deacon Pavle Starcevic and Deacon Danjan S. Bozic.

His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher ordained Predrag Samardžić, long time professor at the St. Sava School of Theology in Libertyville.

Professor Dr. Predrag Samardžić is one of the best-known Biblical scholars in the Serbian Orthodox Church and has been teaching Old Testament, Greek and Hebrew languages at the St. Sava School of Theology since 1990. His wide range of knowledge of Holy Scripture and biblical languages he attained during his doctoral studies at the St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute in Paris and afterward during his work at source texts in the Biblical research center in “École Biblique et Archéologique Française” in Jerusalem, Israel as well as the University of Jerusalem. Recently, Professor Samardžić defended his doctoral thesis on the theme, “The Messianic and Soteriological Character of Christ’s Baptism”, at the Spiritual Academy of St. Vasilije of Ostrog in Srbinje, Republika Srpska. Professor Samardžić has authored many books and countless theological articles.

Final administrative unity sealed in Vancouver

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Fourth Serbian Orthodox Youth Conference scheduled for Aug. 6-10 in Canton

With the Blessing of the Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in North and South America, the Youth Ministry Committee is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Youth Retreat to be held in Canton, OH from Thursday, August 6 through Monday, August 10, 2009. The theme of this year’s retreat is “Know God – No Fear; No God – Know Fear”. The retreat is open to all high school students. Students are eligible from the summer prior to 9th grade through the summer following 12th grade.

Continuing our effort to provide a variety of experiences for our youth, the facility we have selected for this year’s retreat is Walsh University in North Canton, OH. The university is an excellent location that has all the amenities that we need to provide a successful retreat full of spiritual and social activities.

This youth retreat is an excellent opportunity for parishes in North and South America to send teenagers for spiritual fulfillment and fellowship with like-minded youth. The retreat will include presentations and discussions related to important topics that our youth face every day. Recreational and fellowship events will enable our youth to interact with other high school students from throughout North and South America.

We hope that each parish will provide the financial means necessary to send representatives to the youth retreat. Each teenager will be required to provide a $125 registration fee as well as transportation to Canton, OH. All board and food costs will be paid by the Central Church Council.

Full information on the Conference, as well as registration materials may be accessed through www.serborth.org. All registrations must be received no later than July 15, 2009.

We look forward to seeing many of our young people in Canton August 6-10.

Youth Ministry Committee

Histoiric Liturgy in San Francisco

On Sunday, June 21, 2009 with the Holy Hierarchical Divine Liturgy officiated by His Grace Bishop Maxim of Western America, a historic visit took place at St. John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church in San Francisco, California. This parish, according to the decision made by the Holy Hierarchical Assembly of the Serbian Orthodox Church in Belgrade, falls within the jurisdiction of the Western American Diocese of the Holy Apostles of God, is apostrophed by Bishop Maxim. Assisting His Grace at the Liturgy were the host priest Fr. Djuric Gordic and V. Rev. Stavrophor Budimir Andjelic.

Bishop Maxim, following the reading of the gospel, preached on the call to apostleship which the Lord directed not only to His disciples but to all Christians by waking them in the call to witness, that they attract others not to that small boat of the fishermen but to the large Ark of Salvation, His Church. He reminded the faithful that it is always pertinent to an apostolic call, to an voice of God’s calling in the voice of Christ, to answer His call first of all in one’s heart, in one’s soul, those inner, spiritual senses with which the Apostles recognized the source of life and salvation in the voice of that unfamiliar and seemingly inconspicuous Man who called them to follow Him. In this way, therefore, answering the call means do everything that is necessary from our part, while that which should follow afterwards would make it possible for us, as much as is our ability, to work the time of His presence, His love and grace, His salvific, transforming dwelling in us and among us. Later He, as the Struggle-bearer, as our Savor, will complete our shortcomings, our weaknesses will be healed, our inabilities will become servants to His almighty power...

The parishioners of St. John did not conceal their great joy caused by the administrative unity of the entire Serbian Orthodox jurisdiction in America, and the fellowship continued with a luncheon in the church hall.

and secular music. After the concert the program resumed with a dance accompanied by the local orchestra of Simo Petkovic.

The next day on Sunday June 14th, Divine Liturgy was served by His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher, Bishop Dr. Mitrophan, Bishop Longin, and Bishop Dr. Maxim with the assistance of the local clergy, V. Rev. Vasilije Sokolovic, from Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, Oh, V. Rev. Peter Burafkov from Saint Sergius Russian Orthodox Church in Cleveland, Oh, V. Rev. Petar Selenos, also from Saint Sergius Russian Orthodox Church in Cleveland, Oh, V. Rev. Rade Merick from the Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church in Steubenville, Oh, Rev. Vlaslav Radujkovic, from Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in New York City, NY, Rev. Isak Kecin from the Serbian Orthodox Church of Saint Steven of Dechani, Columbus, OH, Deacon Dragoslav Kosic from Mars, Pa, and Protodeacon Pavle Starcevic, from Third Lake, Il. For his pastoral work, as well as for the diligence that he showed as the Director of Shadeland Camp, during the Divine Liturgy, His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan elevated Rev. Zivojin Jakovljevic of Saint Sava Cathedral of Cleveland, to the rank of protosebyter.

The service was well attended by the faithful from Cleveland and vicinity. The Liturgy was beautifully conducted by voices of Njegos Choir members and the very talented director Milan Damjanovic. In his sermon, His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher addressed the faithful, in which he emphasized the importance of following the footsteps of the holy ancestors. In addition, His Eminence called the faithful of Cleveland to always maintain unity and love each other. He praised the work and the effort that was invested in establishing and sustaining the parish, in spite of many difficulties and hardships.

After the Divine Liturgy a Banquet was served. After the lunch Congressman Dennis Kucinich greeted the faithful and thank the congregation for the invitation. In his adress, he congratulated the parish on the celebration of the 100th anniversary, and recognized the importance that Saint Sava parish has for the city of Cleveland. His proclamation was read at and inserted into the record of the US House of Representatives. In turn His Eminence Metropolitan Christopher expressed his gratefulness to the Congressman for his diligence in defending the truth, for which the Serbs have always stood. Bishop Longin in his address expressed his joy to see so many faithful present and emphasized the importance of mutual love and understanding.

Bishop Mitrophan bestowed a number of Bishop’s recognitions (gramata) to the most deserving parishioners, who have distinguished themselves in faith and devotion to our Holy Orthodox Church. Among the guests at the banquet were the President of the Serbian National Federation Peter Borkovich, and the President of the Serbian Singing Society Mary Pajich, who congratulated the parish of Saint Sava on its centennial celebration.

In conclusion, it is necessary to express thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who guided and lead our people in the times of difficulty and tribulations. Who helped them to start a new life and build a splendid house of prayer for God’s glory here in Cleveland. May He grant repose to the deceased donors and benefactors of our Holy Church, and may He grant that our younger generations emulate their holy example, by keeping the faith and the Lord’s teaching. For indeed, as Holy Nikola Velimirovic proclaims, if we guard and preserve the faith, the same faith will in turn, guard and preserve us.

V. Rev. Zivojin Jakovljevic

St. Sava Cathedral of Cleveland celebrates 100th Anniversary

Cleveland, OH - By the grace of God, on June 13th and 14th 2009, Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of Cleveland, Ohio, celebrated its 100th anniversary. It was an exceptional honor for the Cleveland parish to have all four Bishops from the United States present at the celebration; His Eminence, Metropolitan of Libertyville and Chicago, Chris- topher, His Grace, Bishop of Eastern America Dr. Mitrophan, His Grace, Bishop of New Ca Rica and Midwest America Longin, and His Grace Bishop of Western America Dr. Maxim.

The celebration began on Saturday, June 13th, with a Vespers service. Present at the service were His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan and the local clergy, V. Rev. Vasilije Sokolovic, retired priest from the Saint Sava Cathedral, V. Rev. Steven Callos from the Greek Orthodox Church, Cleveland Heights, V. Rev. Rade Merick, from the Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church in Steubenville, Oh (a- nastic see of the parish), Rev. Alex Pavicic from the Serbian Orthodox Church in Lorain, Oh, V. Rev. Ilja Merev from the Russian Orthodox Church in Cleveland, Oh, Fr. Vladimir Demjak from the Serbian Orthodox Church in Clairton, Pa, and Rev. Zivojin Jakovljevic, from Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, Oh. The Cathedral’s Njegos Choir did the responses under the direction of Milan Damjanovic.

Following the dinner, the Church folklore groups “Srbija”, lead by coordinators Malle Ptasaric, Zlata Koral, Kristina Obrenic, Bozo Lemajic, and Danjela Ortabovic performed a number of Serbian dances, followed by a Serbian folk song accompanied by gusle by Vukasin Mrkajic.

The choirs Kosovo, lead by Dr. Stefan Zivic, and the Choir Ngjos, lead by Milan Damjanovic, gave a concert of church
Youngwood Celebrates 97th Slava

Holy Ascension Serbian Orthodox Church celebrated its 97th Slava Anniversary on May 31, 2009. Rev. Miladin Blagojevich, assisted by Deacon Josef Jakubich, celebrated the Divine Liturgy, the blessing of the slavski kolac and koljivo, and the Slava Litija. His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan, Protopresbyter, presided over the service. His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan, Protopresbyter, presided over the service. The talented and hardworking ladies of the Kolo Sestara Vavidenje and their loyal helpers prepared a sumptuous feast of roast lamb, steak, and fried chicken. All the parishioners and guests who packed our social hall greatly enjoyed this wonderful and festive meal.

Visiting clergy included V. Rev. Dragoljub Malić of Monroeville and V. Rev. Dr. Rodney Torbic of Masontown. Executive Board President Angie Babich warmly welcomed and thanked our parishioners and all our family and friends who attended, and Mistress of Ceremonies Shan Stanozak introduced Kumovi Gary and Melony Musgrave.

Since this year’s Slava also marked the end of our Church School year, Fr. Miladin honored each of our wonderful Church School students with a beautiful certificate prepared by teachers Kim Kabaci and Mary Colins. He also presented each student in our junior class with a stained-glass guardian angel night light and each senior class member with a pewter crucifix necklace. We are very proud of our church school students for their interest in learning about their Holy Orthodox Faith and for representing the future of our Church. Junior class members honored at our Slava included Katarina and Mijaillo Blagojevich, Kristen Collins, Scarlett Davidovich, Elizabeth and George Dietz, and Adam Kerber. Senior Class members included of Milena Kalp, Lauren and Zachary Musgrave, Marijana Raulic, Larisa Verstivschi, and Ionuts Vlad.

Father Blagojevich concluded the Slava festivities by presenting the Slava Kumovi Gary and Melony Musgrave.

Ortodox Church Prison Ministry

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM), the official prison ministry of the Standing Conference of the Canonical Orthodox Bishops in North and South America (SCOCNA) announces its 2009 Convocation, which will take place July 28-30 in Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the convocation is to bring together the many Orthodox clergy and laity from throughout North America who are practicing prison ministry or are interested in practicing prison ministry for fellowship, education, encouragement, communal worship and the free exchange of ideas.

The convocation will be held at the Crowne Plaza Denver Airport, located at 15500 East 40th Avenue, Denver, CO, 80239. Hotel room reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at 303-371-0000. A special room rate of $79.00 per night has been reserved for the convocation. Reservations should be made through OCPM or with the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry. The special room rate is only available until July 17, 2009.

Registration forms for the convocation itself may be downloaded at www.ocpm-scoba.org. Participants may register at www.ocpm-scoba.org or by mailing their form and registration fee to:
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry PO Box 22905 Richfield, OH

Participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible in order to secure a room.

Convocation fee:
$150 (includes all meals and activities)
$100 (includes all meals and activities except dinner on Saturday)
$75 (includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday)
$50 (includes breakfast on Saturday)
$25 (includes breakfast on Sunday)

Sunday: Morning Feast, Assembly / Plenary / Family Worship Fellowship - All Assembly participants are planned over the three days of meetings. The opening plenary session will also be the setting for the finals of St. Nichola of Zica Youth Oratorical Festival. Winners of the Youth Oratorical Festival from each diocese will present their talks to the Assembly Plenary session, and judges will name a Festival champion. The closing plenary session will include the election of the new Central Council and the transaction of final business.

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Education, Stewardship, Youth Ministry, Liturgical Music, Serbian Culture and Heritage, and Communications and Publications. Each of these committees will present a report on its work to the entire Assembly. Following the reports, Assembly participants will have the opportunity to take part in smaller hands-on workshops presented by the committees. Delegates will be given materials and ideas which they can then take back to their parishes for use as they see fit. These workshops are scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

Worship, Plenaries, Fellowship

The word “liturgy” means “the work of the people of God,” and as befits every gathering of the Church worship will be central to the work of the Assembly. The Assembly will begin with the Saturday morning Liturgy and Invocation of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday morning, and each day will include morning Liturgy and evening vespers. Assembly participants are encouraged to receive the Holy Eucharist at the liturgies as it brings the Light of Christ to each delegate personally and is the foundation of our unity as the Body of Christ, the Church.

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Parastos served for repose of Bishop SAVA

Richfield, OH – Divine Liturgy was served on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, the feastday of St. Mitropohan of Constantineople, the Hieromartyr George (Bogic) and the Holy Myrrhbearing Women Mary and Martha, at Monastery Marcha in Richfield, Ohio. Serving at the Holy Table were Archimandite Leontije (Alavanja), the Abbot of the neighboring Monastery of St. Mark in Lorain, Ohio, V. Rev. Rev. John Jakubich and Protomonaster Nik. Milovan Katanic. A Parastos was served following the liturgy in memory of Bishop Sava of blessed repose who passed away on June 17, 2001. In his homily, V. Rev. Zivovin Jaksocjvic thanked Nikola Korota, parishioner of the neighboring St. Sava Cathedral and long time friend of Bishop Sava, for initiating this gathering in memory of the once Bishop of Eastern America. It was on July 16, 1967 that Bishop Sava was enthroned as Bishop of Eastern America, where he remained until May 1977 (he continued as administrator of the Diocese for another year). During his ten-year tenure he founded new ten parishes and church-school congregations, regrouped three more, consecrated five new churches and founded the women’s monastery Marcha in Richfield, Ohio. He also credited to Bishop Sava, for initiating this gathering in memory of Bishop Sava of blessed repose who passed away on June 17, 2001.

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Orthodox Christians unite in new Mission Center

$3 million facility will train missionaries for global assignments

From the Jacksonville (Fl) Times-Union
By Jeff Brumley

St. Augustine FL, May 24—About 300 Orthodox Christians gathered in a steady rain in St. Augustine last week to celebrate the opening of a facility designed to train missionaries for their far-flung assignments around the world.

Clutching cameras and umbrellas, they beams as archbishops, metropolitans and other spiritual leaders from across the Orthodox spectrum - Greek, Antiochian, Serbian, CarpathoRussian, Bulgarian, Ukrainian, Romanian, Albanian and American - participated Thursday in a ritual opening and blessing of the new facility.

But organizers said the event was also a celebration of an emerging unity among various Orthodox Christian traditions in the United States.

This is the first permanent facility of the combined Orthodox churches in America," said Clifford Argue, a Seattle resident and president of the board of the Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF). Here's a look at the facility, its mission and its importance to American Orthodoxy.

What is it?

The Archbishop Anastasios and Archbishop Demetrios Mission and Training Administration Building is a 12,000-square-foot, $3 million facility located on a 20-acre site just off Interstate 95 and Florida 207 in St. Augustine. It includes dorm and training rooms, dining facilities, information technology and communications centers. It is operated by the Orthodox Christian Mission Center.

What is the center and its mission?

“Our main mission is to go out across the globe, to send our missionaries ... to dig wells, build churches, catechize people, give medical assistance - to spread the gospel and also to nurture physical needs," said Helen Nicozisis, a 25-year member of the center’s board and the chairwoman of the fundraising campaign to finance the facility’s construction and operation.

How will the building help in that effort?

The facility will provide on-site training that was previously unavailable for missionaries, Nicozisis said. "Being able to have them come together in the dorms to sleep together, to eat together and to worship together will help prepare them to go out into the world." Why is the center located in Northeast Florida?

The center was originally a Greek Orthodox center founded in the early 1960s. It is significant or unusual that the different Orthodox jurisdictions are cooperating in the center?

"It’s unusual because the history of Orthodox Christianity in America is a divided one," Veronis said. As the Russian, Greek, Serbian and other Orthodox came to the United States during the past 150 years, they brought their own priests and bishops with them. "It developed with some scattered authority here and there until SCOBA was formed" in the early 1960s.

What is SCOBA?

The Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas. And as Argue put it, "It’s evolution- ary because people cling to their traditions and their languages."

But Argue said the new mission center facility represents a major step in the direction of Orthodox unity in the United States. "It's a symbol of the progress being made in that goal," Argue said. "It shows that we are united in this facility and in the mission of doing mission work in the world as a combined agency."
All-Orthodox Conference addresses ‘Diaspora’ Question

Representatives from most of the local Orthodox Churches met at the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chambesy (Geneva) Switzerland June 6-12 to discuss one of the most pressing issues facing the Orthodox Church: the need to form a structure of governance of the Orthodox living in the so-called ‘diaspora’, outside of traditionally Orthodox countries. This meeting was styled the “Fourth Pre-Conciliar All-Orthodox Conference” because it is one in a series intended to help lay the groundwork for a future Great and Holy Council of the Orthodox Church. This Council would authoritatively address a number of issues facing Orthodoxy in the modern world.

The most important decision of this conference was the call for the establishment of regional or national conferences of Orthodox bishops to promote cooperation and unified witness in traditionally non-Orthodox areas. These councils would remain members of their own national autocephalous churches, but would also work together on a formal level in their own territories. The United States has had a similar conference in place for several decades in the form of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCORA). The full text of the conference communiqué follows:

COMMUNIQUE

The Fourth Pre-Conciliar All-Orthodox Conference, which was organized by the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with the blessing of Their Graces Heads of local Orthodox Churches, expressed their support for the meeting of November 10-12, 2008, that was held at the Orthodox Center of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Chambesy (Geneva) from June 6-12, 2009. The conference began with the All-Orthodox Holy Liturgy on the Feast of Pentecost, and was presided over by His Eminence Metropolitan John of Pergamum, the representative of the Ecumenical Patriarch with the help of the secretary for the preparation of Holy and Great Council meetings. The Conference decided that autocephalous Orthodox Churches took part in the work of the Conference, upon the invitation of Their Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. [The Orthodox Church in America, whose autocephalous status is in dispute, was not invited to participate.]

A content of the work of the 4th Pre-Conciliar All-Orthodox Conference was a discussion on the issue of the canonical organization of the Orthodox diaspora. The appropriate decision was brought at the beginning of the Conference.

The Conference considered documents which the Inter-Orthodox Preparatory Commission prepared at its sessions in Chambesy, held from November 10-17, 1990 and from November 7-13, 1993, as well as the conclusions of the Congress of Orthodox Canons which was held in Chambesy from 9-14, 1995. In these documents were suggestions, revisions and additions and they were all approved.

The Conference expressed the joint desire of all Orthodox Churches to be the issue of the canonical organization of the Orthodox Diaspora be resolved in accordance with the ecclesiastical and the canonical tradition and praxis and the Orthodox Diaspora Churches were decided that new episcopal councils in certain regions of the world be established in order to adjust to the conditions in diaspora, i.e. in Orthodox Churches outside of canonically, jurisdictional limits of the local Orthodox Churches. Presidents of these councils will be bishops who have honorary precedence among bishops of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the actual region, and on occasions of their absence, the next bishops, by order of the dyptichs of Churches. Members of those councils are all bishops recognized by all Orthodox Churches and any bishop who serve pastoral service and have the competent authority over existing communities in each region. A mission of these episcopal councils is to manifest and advance the unity of the Orthodox Churches to serve mutually pastoral service among the Orthodox faith-ful of regions and to witness together to Orthodoxy before the world.

The Conference also approved a draft of the Rules on the work of the Pre-Conciliar All-Orthodox Councils, whose suggestions will be proposed to the next Pre-Conciliar All-Orthodox Councils for approval.

Chambesy (Geneva) June 12, 2009
President of the Conference
† Metropolitan John of Pergamum

UN to Solve Serbian Refugee Crisis

Belgrade, June 19—The UNHCR has identified Serbia as one of the top five countries with a recurring refugee crisis. At a UNHCR meeting held in Vienna today, Serbia’s UNHCR representative Lennart Kotsalainen stated that fourteen years after the war in the Balkans, “a great number of refugees continue to live in Serbia.” Serbia has not submitted any official request to the UNHCR to decide on the country’s list of five that we need to pay special attention to.”

That problem needs to be addressed now,” underlined Kotsalainen, identifying the economic crisis as a possible deterrent to Serbia committing resources to help these displaced people.

On a more positive note he claimed that Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina have resolved most major disputes over refugees in the last years. Serbia has not submitted any official request to the UNHCR to decide on the country’s list of five that we need to pay special attention to.”

That “more’s, more than is very high on the list of priorities of the current Serbian government, more so than was the case in the past.” he stressed.

The UNHCR statistics are alarming. Serbia houses 100,000 refugees from Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. Although numbers have come down from 500,000, the rate is still too high.

In the interim period of assessment, 200,000 received Serbian citizenship, and some have been returned to their homes.

The refugees that cannot or do not wish to return home, are ones that the UNHCR is struggling with. The Serbian state lacks resources to fully integrate them into society.

Many refugees have not pursued Serbian citizenship, afraid that they may lose their pension or rights in the country. Kotsalainen is pushing to have these problems resolved sooner than later.

His first priority is to sort out assistance to the 1,300 refugees who still live in collective centers.

“They’re the most vulnerable, and a solution for them must be found as soon as possible,” he emphasized.

Risky business in the Balkans

[From the Edmonton [Alberta Canada] Sun, June 6, 2009]

By Peter Worthington

Since Barack Obama became U.S. President, both Vice-President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have separately visited Europe and made disquieting observations about the Balkans. In Brussels, where the Obama administration was “determined to listen, advise and influence European Union countries” and through agreement arrive at a united policy to counter “common challenges.” Among the “common challenges” was that the “Balkans is in danger of becoming part of the forgotten past.” Biden added that the Serbian state lacks resources to fully integrated refugees, baby killers, butchers and rapists.”

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The “unfinished business” mentioned by Clinton is that Yugoslavia, which the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) pro- voked Serbian reaction, and fabricated massacres.

According to the RCMI panelists, European countries are uneasy about what seems a renewed American push for a centralized, unitary Bosnian state, and the RCMI panel was in agreement that previous U.S. Interference has contributed to Balkan violence and unrest. Bosnia and Kosovo are potential problems that will provoke “sacrilegious,” says Patriarch Bartholomeos said in a statement issued by the Patriarchate of Athens.

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curiosity is a natural response, but we need to keep in mind that the story isn't over yet.

Moses and Elijah appeared alongside Jesus on a mountain. They talked about the future, about how the kingdom of God would be established, and about the transfiguration of Jesus. It was a powerful moment that highlighted the sacred nature of the event and the importance of the economic and philosophical issues that had been raised in the earlier discussion. The story of Jesus' transfiguration is a beautiful reminder of the power of faith and the importance of living a life that is dedicated to the service of others. It is a story that continues to inspire people of all backgrounds and beliefs to this day. It is a story that reminds us that the power of love and compassion can overcome any obstacle, and that the love of God is a force that can change the world for the better.
You are special to God

God created us to interact with each other; to communicate; to look at each other’s face, etc. We have a double headed eagle as if inside each of us is a child who desperately needs to lean on someone. Who is this special someone for you? Perhaps your parents, siblings, komovi, friends, they are the ones who support us in our life, but there is someone else. He is always there for us. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. He always reaches out to us. Why? Because we are special to Him. So, who is this special someone? Is it our Heavenly Father. He has two outstretched arms reaching out to us, His Only Begotten Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Life Giving Spirit. He is constantly reaching out to us; he is inviting us to talk to him. Sometimes with our strong sense of independence we are reluctant to call upon God for help. But when we get alone and are honest, there is a strong urge to speak the deep things of our heart. And when we do, we feel good inside; for inside every human being there is a small voice which whispers, telling us despite what the world says, God loves us and we are special to Him.

Getting Familiar with Orthodox Terminology

Deacon. (Gr. “assistant, servant”). The third of the three orders of priesthood. A deacon is not permitted to perform the sacraments, but assists the presbyter in the Eucharist and other services or ministries of the church.

Diocese. (Gr. Episkopi). A town or fully organized church district under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction and pastoral direction of a bishop.

Dipychy. (Gr. “folding boards”). 1) Lists of names for the Double-headed eagle; 2) The church where the liturgy is celebrated; 3) The Church as the Body of Christ.

Eagle. (Gr. Dikephalos aitos; Sl. Orletz). Small circular rug or permanent design on the church’s floor, presenting a double headed eagle with outstretched wings soaring over a city. It signifies the watchfulness and authority of the bishop over his diocese. The double-headed eagle was also the symbol of the Byzantine Empire.

Easter. (Gr. Pascha). The feast day of the resurrection of Christ, known also as “The Feast of Feasts.” It is the greatest Orthodox festival, celebrated the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox. It is a movable feast and the dates of the other movable feasts of the Orthodox Church are calculated from it.

Ecumenical Councils. Councils of the Church which are recognized by all Orthodox Churches.

Ecclesia. (Gr. “the gathering of the people”). 1) The gathering of the faithful at the church for worship and fellowship; 2) The church where the Liturgy is celebrated; 3) The Church as the Body of Christ.

Eucharist. (Gr. “folding boards”). 1) Lists of names for the church where the liturgy is celebrated; 2) The church where the liturgy is celebrated; 3) The Church as the Body of Christ.

KNOW GOD - NO FEAR

No God - Know Fear

Calling all Serbian Orthodox teens to share how God can influence how we live our lives now and for the future. We will explore the many ways in which our faith shapes the decisions we make. God leads us to paths that offer both opportunities and challenges; however, the direction we take is ours to choose. Come to this retreat and talk about these choices and how others have succeeded and failed in living the good life.

Join teens from across the USA and Canada in Canton, Ohio at the

Fourth Annual Youth Retreat
August 6 through August 10, 2009

This year’s retreat will be held at Walsh College (www.walsh.edu) which provides the perfect setting for discussion, reflection, and recreation. See the article elsewhere in this issue of the Path for more information, or obtain complete registration materials from www.serborth.org. Registration deadline is July 15!

Child Saints - Throughout Christianity

The Orthodox Church is filled with accounts of courageous Christians who, throughout the ages, have witnessed their faith—not only in word but, most memorably, in deed. For it was they who outwardly expressed their faith and, in some cases, joyfully accepted the fatal consequences of their Christian faith. Despite the fact that these missionaries were peace-loving people, the Chinese revolutionaries were among the most severe torturers and murderers who condemned the True Christian Faith and sought to erase it from the face of the earth.

Saint John the New Martyr of China

In the year 1900 there lived throughout China, several groups of Orthodox missionaries who, with great dedication, worked hard to preach the teachings of Christianity among the diverse population of Taoists, Buddhists, and Confucians. They stayed focused on their mission and never allowed themselves to get involved in the worldly cares around them, amidst the Boxer Rebellion of that time.

During the persecutions of Christians began in the city of Beijing and spread throughout all of China. They destroyed nearly all of the Orthodox churches and demolished years of labor, right down to their libraries. But this was not enough to bring satisfaction.

They went on to kill all of the Orthodox people. The first to be martyred was the family of the first Chinese Orthodox priest, Metrophanes Chi-Sung. His wife, Tatiana, and his son Isaiah (age twenty-three) were killed right in front of him. Then they killed Fr. Metrophanes himself, being stabbed in the chest by a crowd of rebels. Next was Maria, age nineteen, Isaiah’s fiancée, who was trying to help other Christians escape.

Lastly, they showed no mercy as they inflicted the most severe tortures upon Fr. Metrophanes’ son, John, who was eight years old. They cut him to pieces, starting with his nose, ears and toes. He remained calm and quiet, looking like an angel in the flesh.

Some of the witnesses pitied him and tried to comfort him. Gazing upon his dying, mutilated body, they asked if he was in great pain. Smiling and looking even more radiant, his sweet lips uttered, “It is not difficult to suffer for Christ.” Shortly thereafter, Christ, welcomed John into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hundreds of other Chinese Orthodox Christians also met their martyrdom. These were among the first Chinese martyrs to confess and die for Jesus Christ.

The church remembers them on June 11th.

Scriptural Quotations for this month

“Trust in God with all your heart, and do not exalt your own wisdom. In all your ways know wisdom that she may cut a straight path for you; and your foot will not stumble.”

Proverbs 3:2

“Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. In the nights, lift up your hands to the holy of holies and bless the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth.”

Psalm 133 (134)
Challenge Questions on Orthodoxy A to Z for Students by Gayle E. Woloschak
Little Falcons, Office of Diocesan Education, Serbian Orthodox New Gracanica Metropolitanate
Orthodox Christian Information Center (http://www.orthodoxinfo.com)
Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Website http://ent.goarch.org/
sunday_of_orthodoxy/

Answers: 1-d; 2-c; 3-d; 4-b; 5-c.
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First Orthodox military edition of the New Testament and Psalms published

NEW YORK, June 1 (GOARCH) – His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America and Chairman of the Standing Conference of Bishops of the Orthodox Churches in America (SCOBA) announced the immediate availability of the first-ever English edition of the New Testament and Psalms for Orthodox Christians serving in the Armed Forces. This edition is a joint effort between the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the American Bible Society, and SCOBA.

“My heartfelt prayer that these sacred words of Scripture, icons, and the accompanying daily prayers will serve as a source of strength and encouragement for our armed service men and women in the Armed Forces”, the Archbishop remarked. “Wherever the tour of duty calls them, may this edition of the New Testament and Psalms serve as a constant reminder of the fervent intercessions that are offered to God by those whom they protect, for their health, safety and well-being.”

The Orthodox Military New Testament and Psalms features a camouflage cover and conforms to military specifications so that it can easily be carried in a uniform or backpack. This unique edition is significant for Orthodox Christians in the military since they were permitted to carry the “Orthodox” designation of their Bibles, but not their text, in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War.

The Military Edition of the New Testament and Psalms is being formally launched on Memorial Day. It will be distributed to service men and women in active duty as well as to service men and women in reserve who are stationed stateside beginning May 31 and will be given to civilians at military installations.

“Today’s military edition of the New Testament and Psalms is being formally launched as a joint effort between the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the American Bible Society and the Standing Conference of Bishops of the Orthodox Churches in America,” the Archbishop noted.

For information on how to acquire a copy of this edition of the New Testament and Psalms, please visit www.goarch.org or call 1-212-223-2300.

Orthodox Church attacked in Israel

MIGDAL HA-EMEQ, Israel, June 22 (Compass Direct News) – While the congressionally-sponsored Israel Defense Forces (IDF) combats Hamas in the Gaza Strip, hundreds of Palestinians and Jewish settlers have been subjecting the St. Peter and Paul Church in Migdal Ha-Emeq, Afula, Haifa, Nazareth and other Israeli cities still remember how their building was vandalized in June 2006 under cover of darkness, unidentified men broke in and broke icons and modest decorations, smashed windows and stole crosses. The identity of those responsible remains unknown.

Established in 2003, the church building has been repeatedly attacked. The church’s representatives who do not belong to the Arab Christian minority, mostly Russians who came from the former Soviet Union in the 1990s. Most of the Russian and Russian-Israeli Christians in Israel belong to the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and the Orthodox Church in America.

Another member of the congregation identified only as Nina, born in Moscow and now living in Nazaret Ell, said that she didn’t understand where all the hatred was coming from. “They are heading to the yeshiva or going back home after praying at the synagogue,” Protinica said. “The war is very far away from us.”

The Russian Orthodox worshippers, including many women, children and the elderly, had filled the small building to overflowing with several out of town worshippers who were inspired to attack them by their prayers?” she said. “I hope not. We are all Israeli citizens, we pay taxes, serve in the army, and we have a right of decision of choice when it comes to religion.”

She and other members of the congregation fear hostilities could escalate quickly if financial measures are not taken soon. Members of the congregation, a few hundred Christians from Migdal ha Emek, Afula, Haifa, Nazareth and other Israeli cities still remember how their building was vandalized in June 2006.

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The Feast of the Transfiguration

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Over half of Americans say they would visit a church if they received a personal invitation from a family member, friend or neighbor, a new study shows.

A new LifeWay Research survey found that people are most willing to hear about a local congregation through a family member (63 percent) and through a friend or neighbor (the church (56 percent). Less than half are open to receive information about a church any other way, such as through an advertisement.

“We want to help Christians discover what churches work best in today’s culture,” said Ken Weathersby, senior strategist in the Evangelism division at LifeWay. “We believe, in the church that this is a place of worship, a holy place,” said Weathersby, in the church. “Here we can answer their needs. We get that this is a question that is not important to us purpose. into an earlier narrative sequence, because it does, in fact, directly address the question of the return of Elijah. Indeed, this is exactly what Mark says with respect to the Transfiguration story is very different from the Transfiguration story is very different from the Transfiguration story is very different from the Transfiguration story is very different from the Transfiguration story is very different from the Transfiguration story is very different from
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Духови у цркви Свете Тројице у Бјут-у, Монтана

"Благословени се Христе Боже наш, који се званично показао као први вођа људи, носитељ самог Духа Светога, крајем са њим узети васлозну: Човекољубче, слава Ти!"

Парохија Свете Тројице у Бјуту, Монтана, присуство је своју историју створила. Постојала је од 1928. године. Епископ Митрополит пергамски је служио Свету Литургију у славу славних свештеника Радослава Љубића и Љубивана Тодоровића. После Литургије су читаны подпредседничке вечери молитве, после чега је углавном ручан.

У понедељак, 8. јун, на Западном Универзитету у Монтани, епископ Митрополит пергамски је одржао предавање о православној теологији.

Свештеници из Ванкувера, Канада

Конечно административно уједињење парохија и ЦДО у Ванкуверу, након 46 година

У недељу, 21. јуна у Бриџебу, у храму Св. Архангела Михаила Епископским каноном Г. Георгије служе је свету Литургију у цркви Свете Тројице у Ванкуверу, у славу славних свештеника Митрополиту пергамском Г. Јовану, а огледију је у Београду господин Предраг Владиковић.

Све свештеници све до целога времена служе у извршном односу као канонске свештеници православних Цркава.

Света архијерејска Литургија у храму Светог Михаила у Ванкуверу (Брнаби)

Након Литургије, присуствовала је свечано банкету, у којем су били припремљени велики број хорова. Чланови делегацije Српске православне цркве, чланови конференције у Шамбези и други особљеновани стеђинци приузежали су своје дужности.

Примену Светог и Великог Сабора Православне Цркве, Високопреосвећен митрополит пергамски Г. Јован, представник Васељенског Патријархата, представници православних Цркава, из Србије, Босне и Херцеговине, Косова и.Meta, становништво из Северне Ирланда, представници канонских диптиakışа, представници митрополита пергамског у Ванкуверу, представници православних Цркава у Северној Америци, представници православних Цркава у Канади, представници православних Цркава у Канади и други представници, учествовали су на овој свечаној датици.

Делегација Српске православне цркве у Шамбези, 6-12. јун 2009.

Свештеници и други представници православних Цркава из Србије учествовали су на овој свечаној датици.

Свечано припремање и одржавање датице је била од великог значаја за уједињење парохија у Ванкуверу и узети васлозну за сећање на свештенике који су служили у овој парохији у након 46 година.
Спасовдан - слава српске престонице
Спасовданска Липица грађани ухваћени

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Истиоријска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији

Историјска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији, основаноје на основу досада изложена у овој теми, представља важан извор информации о подацима и детаљима о функционисању и делу ове службе.

Историјска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији је основана 1985. године, аОснивач и прве руководитеље службе били су владики Јован Николај и Ђорђе Кироћовић.

Служба је посвећена наметању и документовању историјских догађаја и података, који су важни за понуђање деталније и убедљиве историје Српско-Босанске Цркве на Косову и Метохији.

Историјска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији је унаташа за ревност и делимичну заслугу на подизању истине о српској историји и култури на Косову и Метохији.

У првим годинама рада службе, највећи акцент био је на документовању догађаја и података са почетка основања Цркве на Косову и Метохији до данашњих дана.

Историјска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији је била активна у раду и раду наоружана значајним податцима и документима.

Историјска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији је прешла кроз већи број акција и догађаја који су утицали на њен рад и развој.

Историјска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији је најактивнија служба у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији, обично на основу досада изложена у овој теми, представља важан извор информации о подацима и детаљима о функционисању и делу ове службе.

Историјска служба у парохији Св. Јована Крститеља у Српско-Босанској Цркви на Косову и Метохији је основаноа на основу досада изложена у овој теми, представља важан извор информации о подацима и детаљима о функционисању и делу ове службе.
Сабор православне омладине у манастиру Гомирје
(Епархија горњокарловачка)

Програм у ком су учествовали гости из Велике Моравица, приређен је културно-уметнички из Гомирја и музичке селекције из Српских горњокарловачких. у сарадњи са СКД ''Просвјета'' београдско-карловачке и Епархија далматинске и Герасима, свештенства и монаштва Митрополије Преосвештенства епископа горњокарловачког Г. Фотије уз саслужење Његовог далматинских.

Гомирје традиционални ''Сабор православне епископа горњокарловачког Г. Герасима су били на дневном

условима за заједнички смерницама и формалним односима, дискутовали су о академији Prof. John Barnett, од Васиљевић, од Теолошког факултета у Београду, и еклизијалистичке бенефиције, представници године. Имајући у виду заједничке академске у Крествуду, држава Њујорк, 2. и 3. јуна 2009. седишту Духовне академије Светог Владимира, Београдског универзитета, Србија, вођена је у између Духовне академије Светог Владимира западноамеричке.)

Следећи програми Школе планирају ближу академску сарадњу

а) Програм за размиву студената

б) Предавања професора посетиоца из обе школе

в) Заједничка издавачка делатност

г) Зачетна издавачка делатност

Ове две у потпуности спојених програма ће се реализовати до јесени 2010. године (Summary: The Saint Vladimir Academy and the Theological Faculty of the University of Beograd are planning for closer academic relationship. Conference was held in Crestwood, NY... The programs consider at the Conference:

- student exchange program
- lectures of visiting professors for both schools
- joint conferences and
- joint publications

These fully accredited educational institutions plan to begin the implementation of this project as soon as the Fall 2010.)
Митрополит Николај служио у манастиру Светог великомученика Георгија на Равној Равни

Николај, бројним плацама'' нагласио је митрополит Николај. ""Истражите у себи и око себе скривене тајне вере у које и анђели Божији желе да Доброг Исуса Христа''."" Они су својим богонадахнутим речима да нама."" Он је молод, понире у све нас."

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""Рату, од којих су једном мањем броју имена исписана на овим важнији од материјалних преокупација и уситњених овоземаљских и неискрених комшијских односа у миру."

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