Another successful annual IOCC event in Los Angeles

On Sunday, November 23 Saint Steven’s Serbian Orthodox Cathedral was host to the annual Los Angeles IOCC charity benefit.

The host bishop, His Grace Maxim, welcomed several hundred faithful from throughout Southern California, and extended his warm welcome to the Serbian Orthodox bishop of Australia and New Zealand, His Grace Irinej.

From 1992 to this day, the IOCC has implemented over $275 million in relief and development programs in 33 countries around the world. The IOCC was founded sixteen years ago as the official humanitarian aid agency of the Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCORIA).

His Grace Irinej is a great supporter and well-known advocate of the IOCC. “I’m letting people know the daily reality for children in Kosovo is to go to school under armed escort,” said the Serbian American bishop who is originally from Ohio and was once an IOCC employee. “We must be that ray of hope for those children even in the simplest provision of school books and school kits,” he said.

Since 1993, the IOCC has provided more than $75 million in emergency relief and development programs to the former Yugoslavia, and is currently hosting a special speaking tour featuring Bishop Irinej. The IOCC announced recently that every gift made to Kosovo would be matched up to $100,000 through the generosity of Bishop Irinej and the faithful of his diocese and the John G. Rangos Sr. Family Charitable Foundation.

All gifts earmarked for Kosovo will go toward IOCC’s broader goal of providing $500,000 in assistance to Kosovo and for aid to some of the approximately 225,000 people who remain displaced from the region. IOCC aims to expand efforts to provide educational programs, sustainable agricultural training, and other projects that provide employment and stimulate wider regional cooperation in Kosovo.

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The Hymn of St. Paul

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By your sermons you enlightened the nations and to the Athenians you revealed the unknown God.

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His Grace Bishop Irinej of Australia and New Zealand speaking at the annual Los Angeles IOCC event held in Alhambra, CA, on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2008.

Jasmina Boulanger led the Sunday night event at St. Steven’s Cathedral. She eloquently introduced evening performers and speakers: Lisa Xanthos, IOCC Los Angeles Metropolitan Committee Chair, pianist Oksana Germain, violinist Kaiya Germain, Branimir Radakovic, a renowned

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Paul and His Letters

Paul was a latecomer to the movement within first-century-A.D. Judaism that espoused a belief in Jesus as the long awaited Messiah of God; and this fact was destined to hang over his head as a sword of Damocles throughout his life. It is for this reason that a great deal of his writings are devoted to defending the stature of his apostleship as being equal

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I OCC Pittsburgh event January 17 in Weirton

The Pittsburgh Committee of International Orthodox Christian Charities is pleased to announce its fourth annual Theophany Charity Ball, to be held on Saturday, January 17 at the Scottish American Cultural Center in Weirton, WV, just 35 minutes from downtown Pittsburgh. Co-sponsoring the event is Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Church of Steu- ben, OH.

The event will begin after the hour, with a full course dinner served at 5:00 pm. Guest speaker for the program will be Alex Machasek, I OCC Chair- man and retired publisher of the Cleveland Plain Dealer newspaper. Mr. Machasek is well-known in Orthodox Christian and Ser- bian ethnic circles for his leadership in many worthy causes. Live music for listening and dancing will follow. There will also be many valuable items available for bidding through silent and live auction sales.

Tickets are available for $35 through the I OCC website at www.iocc.org/pittsburgh, or by mail from I OCC, 110 West Road, Suite 360, Baltimore, Maryland 21204, and must be purchased by January 14. Tickets are also available from several Orthodox parishes in the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio area, including Holy Resurrection Church in Steubenville, OH (740-264-4809). Sponsor- ships in the program book are available for the event at three levels by contacting I OCC Pittsburgh chairman Nick Terrezis at mrezizzes@msn.com.

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Fr. Milos Vesin returned to California to lead the fourth annual Cantors’ Workshop in Serbian Chant, held October 17-18 at St. Sava Church in Jackson, California. Based on suggestions offered at the 2007 workshop, and in response to our own concerns over the past the three years of the Vespers Tones 1-8, this year we moved into the Hymns of the Festal Cycle as far as the Sunday, for the Wedding, Slava, and Funeral/Parastos services. Participants included four monks from St. Herman Mon- astery and the choir of St. Sava Church.

After leading us in an opening prayer Friday morning, Fr. Milos devoted the first afternoon to a lecture on the “Meaning and Symbolism of Church Hymns,” providing the definition and origin of such terms as antiphon, byzakope, kanon, iornos, troparion, kontakion, and oikos. The first practicum focused on the Hymns of the Festal Cycle, Tones 1-4. Each participant had a packet of materials which included at least one representative troparion and kontakion for each tone, as well as the Odhe IX of the Canon from Matins. [The music was compiled from Dr. Nikola Resanovic’s website (www.nikolaresanovic.com), specifi cally the Anthology of Serbian Chant and the Odozglazic.] Fr. Milos not only gave musical instruction but also elucidated the meaning of the texts. For example, when we sang the Troparion to St. Basil (Tone 1), Fr. Milos provided details on the life, work, and teachings of the saint.

This year, to broaden our knowledge of the tradition of Serbian Chant, our mu- sic packets contained two textbooks. Slavonic: Elevation of the Cross (Tone 1) and the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (Tone 4). These settings were taken from the Festal Liturgical Handbook published by St. Luke’s Orthodoxy Mission. Fr. Milos used these texts to that they are very dear and close to my heart,” said Mr. Machasek as he proceeded to reiterate the fact that the I OCC acronym has come to mean for so many people love and life.

Today I OCC is one of the top five chari- table organizations in the world. Events such as the Los Angeles one make this possible. It is through the generosity and faith in action that the lives of many stricken by poverty and desperate circumstances are changed for better. The I OCC helps people move from desperate conditions to hope and economic self-sufficiency. It is through advocates such as his Grace Bishop Irinej and those gathered on Sunday evening at St. Steven’s Cathedral that the work and mission of I OCC continues.

To become an I OCC advocate and to help in providing assistance to families in Kosovo and the Balkans, visit www.iocc.org. I OCC toll-free number is 1-877-830-2700, or mail a check or money order payable to “I OCC” and write “Kosovo” in the memo line to: I OCC, P.O. Box 630225, Baltimore, Md. 21262-0225.
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Below) Fr. Paul N. Tarazi guest speaker at the pan-Orthodox celebration.

St. Paul on ‘The Greatest Gift’

I may speak in different languages of people or even angels. But if I do not have love, I am only a noisy bell or a crashing cymbal. I may have the gift of prophecy, on which the whole church cannot exist of itself, I may have the gift of knowledge and my ability to understand all things, I may have the gift of prophecy on which the whole church cannot exist of itself, I may have the gift of knowledge and my ability to understand all things, I may have the gift of knowledge and my ability to understand all things, but I will have no effect, I will have no effect, I will have no effect, I will have no effect, I will have no effect, I will have no effect. Love never ends. There are gifts of speaking in different languages, but those gifts will stop. There is the gift of knowledge, but it will come to an end. The reason is that our knowledge and our ability to prophesy are not perfect.

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The teaching of Saint Paul on the Church

The following brief excerpt is taken from the book ‘The Teaching of Saint Apostle Paul on the Church’ by His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan of Eastern America, translation into English by Protopresbyter Stefan Zervean, Seattle, St. Mary’s, 2001. This book is available from the Eastern Diocese Bookstore and is highly recommended.

Among the many mysteries which were revealed to the Holy Apostle Paul (Gal. 1:12) by the Lord Jesus Christ is the mystery of the Church, the ‘mystery of mysteries’. He encountered in his life all the mysteries which the Savior revealed to him, including this one. He only says that it is the ‘Body of Christ’, but does not go further into the essence of the Church (Eph. 4:12). Just as Christ is a mystery, His Church is also a mystery.

As no one before him, he was elevated as a celestial eagle in the heights of heaven, to the heights of divine learning. The Holy Apostle Paul breeces this mystery of Christ in many places in his Epistles, especially in his Epistle to the Ephesians. Of the places in the New Testament in which the word Ekklesia is mentioned, 61 are to be found in his Epistles.

In the theological terminology of the Holy Apostle Paul, it is the word church, Ekklesia, which we will address. The very word church, Ekklesia, kltsis, comes from the word Ekkalei: to call outside, to call one’s self. Thus the idea of invocation is evident to the members of the Church as called by grace, the power of God. But by this word in the Old Testament the unity of the Chosen People as a whole is emphasized. This unity is especially realized in the New Testament through the Lord Jesus Christ.

This word has the following three meanings to Saint Apostle Paul:

1. It means the house where the Christians gather, the Holy Mysteries and Holy Rites, in a word, the Divine Services. Thus for example, the house in Rome of the work-loving and God-loving spouses Aquila and Priscilla (Rom. 16: 5; 1 Cor.16:19), Nymphia’s house in Colossae (Col. 4:15), as well as Philippen’s (Phil. 1:2) all were put at the disposal of the Christian community for worship.

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Main speaker Fr. Paul N. Tarazi, Professor of Old Testament at three Orthodox seminaries, is seen making his presentation on St. Paul the Apostle and his New Testament Epistles at the pan-Orthodox celebration in honor of the 2000 year celebration of the birth of St. Paul held at St. Steven’s Cathedral in Alhambra, CA October 28.

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to that of the other apostles. Undoubtedly, both his apostleship and his teaching about Jesus Christ, he questioned and constantly had to defend the truth of his “gospel,” which he referred to as “the gospel.”

While pursuing his goal at Damascus he was struck down, blinded by the light and was sent to Damascus, where he was instructed by the Lord Jesus Christ. The experience of conversion that turned him into a new man is highly recommended.

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A small fragment of St. Paul’s original letter to the Romans

The New Testament:

It is a great I can move mountains. But even with these things, if I do not have love, then I am nothing. I may give everything I have, and I may even give my body as an offering to be burned. But I gain nothing if I do not have love.

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not get upset with others. Love does not count wrongs that have been done. Love takes no pleasure in evil but rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always endures.

Love never ends. There are gifts of prophecy, but they will be ended. There are gifts of speaking in different languages, but those gifts will stop. There is the gift of knowledge, but it will come to an end. The reason is that our knowledge and our ability to prophesy are not perfect. But when perfection comes, the things that are not perfect will end.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, thought like a child, reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I stopped those childish ways. It is the same with us. Now we see a dim reflection, as if we were looking into a mirror, but then we shall see clearly. Now I know only partly, but I will know fully, as God has known me.

So these things continue forever: faith, hope, and love. And the greatest of these is love.

St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13
The basic problem with our youth today is that they do not care about their future and try to prepare our youth. "The future of the world and the salvation of humankind depend on our youth. If they are not prepared and do not want to prepare and sing the evening's Vespers for the Divine Liturgy, then we will not have a fresh stream of life." It is important that our youth know how many years they have spent in the Church, not only in terms of age but also in terms of spiritual and religious life. We burn through our lives in the Church and enjoy and appreciate his dynamic teaching and his great sense of humor.

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Archangel Michael-Akron celebrates Slava

Akron, OH - For some years now the annual Slava celebration at St. Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church in Akron, Ohio has been known to be a joyous weekend for parishioners and guests alike. In 2008, the parish priest Protonamesnik Dragomir Tuba who had decided eleven years ago to bring this tradition to his parish-

to a two-day event which now begins on Saturday evening and brings visiting guests to the annual Folklore Festival. It has become a much-anticipated tradition among Akron Serbs, one that continued this year with one of the largest festivals to date, including a total of nine folklore groups. Groups came from Toronto, Niagara Falls, Kitchener, Hamilton, Windsor, Cleveland, Akron (St. Demetrios), Warren, and St. Petersburg. The young dancers left a great impression on the guests with their talented artistry and provided everyone with a rich cultural program of music and dance.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on the following day was officiated by His Grace Bishop Mitrophan, the Metropolitan of Skoplje Jovan, and to Archbishop Protopresbyter Bratislav Jankovic, their children and the entire Tuba family. The Ritual of the Slava Kolach followed the Divine Liturgy. In the social hall, during the festive banquet, Prota Dragomir introduced the honored Kumovi Dan and Kathi Kunin as well as the distinguished guests on the dias.

On this occasion Bishop Mitrophan
St. Paul and the Book of Romans

By Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon

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St. Paul on the New Life in Christ

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then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, slander, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with the deeds of darkness, and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all, and in all.

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave you, so also you must also do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfecteness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you were called in one body. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

St. Paul on the New Life in Christ

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od, with his mercy, gave us this work to do, so we don’t give up. We have turned away from secret and shameful ways. We use no trickery, and we do not change the teaching of God. We teach the truth plainly, showing everyone- one who we are. Then they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are in God’s sight.

If the Good News that we preach is hidden, it is hidden only to those who are lost. The devil who rules this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. They cannot see the light of the Good News— the Good News about the Christ, who is exactly like God. We do not preach about ourselves, but we preach that Jesus Christ is Lord and that we are your servants for Jesus. God once said, “Why do you persecute Me?” Until that question is answered, we will have turned away from secret and shameful ways. We use no trickery, and we will stand before him. These were your experiences, and so the grace of God that is being given to more and more people will bring increasing thanks to God for all ages.

We do not give up. Our physical body is becoming older and weaker, but our spirit inside is made new every day. We have small troubles for a while now, but they are helping us gain an eternal glory that is much greater than the troubles. We set our eyes not on what we see but on what we cannot see. What we will see will last only a short time, but what we cannot see will last forever.

Eastern Diocese Nativity Fast Youth Retreat

Dec. 28-30

His Grace Bishop Dr. Mitrophan of the Eastern American Diocese has scheduled the Third Annual Nativity Fast Youth Retreat to be held at St. Sava Camp-Shadeland beginning Sunday evening December 28 and concluding on Tuesday December 30, 2008. The theme of the retreat is “Born to Serve,” a look at our Lord’s life as servant, and of the call to service of every Christian.

Children and young people between the ages of seven and seventeen are encouraged to attend. Registration is required by December 23, 2008. Questions regarding attending can be directed to Father Rodney Torbic at 724-966-7428.

Each of the past two winter retreats provided a full schedule of healthy and enriching experiences. This year’s program will include:

- Cost is $60.00 per youth, payable at registration. It includes lodging at the new dormitories, the program, and all meals.

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be: trestora Gramata on Dragan’s behalf. Dragan’s wife Marina humbly accepted the award.

Prota Dragomir warmly thanked Koso Kolo Sestara President Anita Ondreyka, the拖, choirs for their beautiful responses, and, for their dedication, the novic for his selfless efforts and dedication to the church. The awards were presented to Father Rodney Torbic and Kolo Sestara President Anita Ondreyka.

This is one of Fr. Patrick Henry Reardon’s pastoral letters. Visit www.alloutorthodox.org/resources/epistles.php for information on subscribing to his pastoral letters email list.
When I was growing up, my best friends were Roman Catholics and a Lutheran escorted me to the pomo. My high school was bursting with evangelical Christians who made gallant attempts to “save me” from a different version of their own faith. Some of my Protestant friends even per-suaded me to attend a contemporary worship service, an event that seemed more like a rock concert than a church service. We were in a church, yet we were watching four guys head-bang and scream about Jesus. Needless to say, I felt a bit confused.

Eventually, I attended a Presbyterian college full of Protestants who attended chapel, Bible study and outreach meetings together. As for me, well, I was thrilled to find one other Orthodox Christian on campus. We used to have lunch to-gether on fasting days so that we could munch on carrots and hummus without having to explain why we were forgoing pizza and cookies.

As an Orthodox Christian in the US, I became content with my minority-status. Short of moving in with my family on the village in Serbia (for some-one who does not consider milking cows a good practice), I had accepted my fate as an Orthodox Christian in the Catholic and Protestant West. After all, I was living among fellow Christians and the differences only made my friendships richer and more diverse.

Then something crazy happened: I moved to Jerusalem. Suddenly, I found myself struggling to come to terms with a new minority-status, that of the Christian minority. In Israel and the West Bank, there are two main groups of people and they are not Catholics and Protestants, but rather Muslims and Jews. For the Muslims, Jesus Christ was just another prophet and, for the Jews, He was a crazy man. These versions of our Lord and Savior are a far cry from the Gospels. Yet, making up less than two percent of the entire population, Christians here are accustomed to the presence of such drastically different belief systems.

Reflections from youth participants at the 2008 LA Youth Conference

Andreana Ceko, St. Steven’s, Alhambra, CA

The youth conference was very fun and enriching. It was full of learning activities and lectures, but also fun field trips. We went to Universal Studios and we had a pool party. Everyone learned how to accept one another, and enjoy a great time during our short time in Los Angeles, CA.

Kyran Alexander, St. Sava, Phoenix, CA

This youth retreat was amazing! Through the weekend we learned so much from our hilarious priests and hung out with fantastic Orthodox youth from around the US. I really enjoyed the activities and can’t wait for next year. Not to mention, after this weekend I’m that much prouder to be part of the Orthodox faith, and to be a Serb!

Evon Gumno, St. Sava, McKeesport, PA

The 3rd conference was a great success. I learned a great deal of information which helped me to better understand my faith. We visited Universal Studios too, making the conference even more enjoyable. Having as much fun as I did the past two years, I am so excited for next year.

Charlie Stepick, St. Stevens, Alhambra, CA

I had a lot of fun here. In addition, I made many friends. I like my roommate, he is really cool. Many of the dorms are cool. One more thing, the food was really good.

Alexandra Trifunovic, St. George, San Diego, CA

During this week, I found that putting myself out there worked in befriending many new and great people. I will remember everyone and come back next year.

Ana Petronijevic, St. Luke, Potomac, MD

My experience was wonderful. The presenters were great, they really engaged us into their presentations and we were always busy, with just enough down time. I really loved USC, except we could have been closer to the cafeteria. I loved going to Universal Studios and the football practice! The pool party was really fun too. I had a great time and wished it lasted longer. I can’t wait until next year.

Alex Trobich, McKeesport, PA

The 3rd sabor youth conference was the best so far. USC was amaz-ing. The presentations were very educational and well put together. I always enjoy them, and can’t wait for next year’s conference.

Nick Cara, Joliet, IL

Through these past four days, this retreat has shown me how to get closer to God in this technological world. It was shown to me that it is harder to stay connected with God, even though it’s easy to stay connected with everyone else. I feel I am closer to God now from what I learned here.

Alexis Baich, St. Sava, Phoenix, AZ

This year’s youth retreat was very beneficial. It being my first year, I wasn’t really sure what to expect. However, I learned a lot and met many new people that I will probably know for a long time. Through the different prayers and seminars, I have definitely learned new ways to keep in touch with my faith. It was also very refreshing to know that other youths share the same interest to learn about their faith. I hope next year is just as good.
Scriptural Quotations for This Month

"Hear me, my son, and receive my words, and the years of your life shall be increased, that many ways of life may be yours; for I teach you the ways of wisdom and set you on upright paths. For if you walk, your steps shall not be confined; and if you run, you will not grow weary. Lay hold of my instruction; do not let go, but guard it for yourself as your life. Do not go in the ways of the ungodly, neither be zealous for the ways of the lawless; in whatever place they encamp, do not go there, but turn aside from them and pass by." (Proverbs 7:1-4)

From the Saints

God left us the relics of the Saints wishing to guide us in the same zeal they had.

-St. John Chrysostom

The saints, during their earthly life, are filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit. After their departure the same grace remains in their souls as in their bodies. The very same grace is present and active in their sacred images and icons.

-St. John of Damascus

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Joseph

An Example of Faithfulness and Trust in God

(Genesis 37:1-17)

Joseph is one of my favorite characters in the Bible. I mention him often because there’s so much to learn from this successful young man. In fact, his youth is an important lesson in and of itself, and the passage in Genesis 37:1-17 reveals two of his character traits that we should emulate.

1. Joseph demonstrated a servant spirit early in his life. Whether you are 17 or 77, the lessons of Joseph’s life are valuable. It is never too late to learn the art of service or to recognize God’s perfect plan. Even better, it’s never too late to help someone else discover these things.

First, Joseph demonstrated a servant spirit early in life. In every exchange between Joseph and his father or masters, he embodies the very picture of respect and discipline. The young man never acts out against those in authority over him; on the contrary, he continually goes out of his way to serve others.

It is worth noting that Joseph is about 17 years of age in Genesis 37. The teen years are a time when the youth of any era are prone to retaliation and selfishness. However, this boy clearly taught from an early age that a real man is a servant to others.

Second, Joseph realized at a young age that God was controlling his life. How else can you explain his relentless pursuit of excellence throughout his various trials? No matter what happened to him, Joseph always remembered the divine visions that the Lord had laid on his heart in his ten years (Genesis 37:1-6). He was convinced that there was a plan for his life and that somehow, sometime, God would reveal what it was.

Put Your Thinking Caps On!

1. St. Paul was blinded as he was traveling from Jerusalem to which city?
   a. Damascus
   b. Belgrade
   c. Antioch
   d. Corinth

2. Why was the Bible compiled by the Church?
   a. For enlightenment and guidance of the Church community
   b. To record for historical reasons the life of Church
   c. To bring all the prophecies about Christ into one book
   d. All of the above

3. Which saint was the sister of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory of Nazianzus?
   a. St. Macrina
   b. St. Elizabeth
   c. St. Maria
   d. St. Monica

4. The major center for Orthodox Christian monasticism in the world is located at
   a. Mt. Olympus
   b. Mt. Athos
   c. Jerusalem
   d. Moscow

5. Who was the first Archbishop of the Serbian Orthodox Church?
   a. St. Herman of Alaska
   b. St. Sava
   c. St. Nahum
   d. St. Simeon

Answers: 1-a; 2-a; 3-a; 4-b; 5-b.
Света Литургија и српски фестивал у Финиксу, 1-2. новембар 2008

Саслање за вагност Светог Архијерејског Саборца СПЦ

Семинар свештенства Епархије источноамеричког

Нарочито из Вашингтонског намесништва. У среду је падао и снег.

Намесништво: Килвеландско (8), Питсбуршко (10), Вашингтонско (11) и зажелео добродошлицу свима. Захвалио се свештеницима и материјалном унапређењу поверену му мисију у Српској православној цркви.

Светога писма. Прота Ђокан Мајсторовић, Председник Свештеничког Савета, одржао је пердавање из праксе своје свештеничке службе. После предавања прота је одговарао на питања. Филиповић одржао је пердавање из праксе своје свештеничке службе. После предавања прота је одговарао на питања.

Презентисано је маникетско одржавање у Светој архијерејској Литургији у Акрону, Охајо.

Својим дивном игром и музичким изразом учинио је незабораван утисак на присутне. Епископ Митрофан произвео је протонамесника (Фалс, Кичинер, Хамилтон, Виндзор, Долезал, Сэнгер, Дубову). Учествовало је девет фолклорних група из околине, а и из удаљених црквених заједница. Прослава се очекује са многим бројем участника у већ непознатим манастирима.

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Поводом децембрефеделтцима из упоља ПАТРИЈАРХА СРПСКОГ БИЈАТЕЊА (1950-1958)
Његово Блаженство Господин Јона преморски Архиепископ српског брат и саслужитељ се Вашим светим Цркве Христове Божијег, који Вам Патријарха српског Павла, Светог архијерејског синода Српске православне цркве, благочестивог пророка Илије у Аликвипи источноамеричког и канадског Господ је међу нама обилажења око храма – служи први пут у епископском освећења кољива осврћући се на ово свето богослужење био је и тадашњи ђакон а данашњи прота службу отслужио новоизабрани Епископ источноамерички и Божији који сам данас примио и не ожалостим Духа Светога Христу који ми моћ даје Духом Светим истога дана када славимо силазак Светога Духа на апостоле то певало Прво београдско певачко друштво Христофора који је владике Христофора епископа средњезападноамеричког Г

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**Честита новог поглавља Православне Цркве у Америци**

Његово Блаженство Господин Јона, Архиепископ Вашег манастира и Наружног, Митрополит све Америке и Канаде Драги у Христу брате,

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Проприкумање са Вашим светим молитвама и остањем у Христу брат и саслужитељ.

За Патријарша српског Архиепископа цеоцрквени и Митрополит целокупно помоћник Г.ХРИСТОФОРИ.

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Кипарш, преморски епископ, је служио у Америци од 1976. до 2006. године. Увећавањем занимања на томе пољу, је оснивао и организовао богослужбене установе, катедрале, манастире и друге, стимулисајући усавршавање и укупио је велики број монаха и саслужитеља. У својој радњи је често применио научне и теологијске концепте, тако што је стварале у Америци своје подручје, али и већа монашке и саслужитељске установе, неке се у његов период брзо развијале и распајале. Изабран је за Митрополита око две године пред председницима Епархије северне Америке и канадске Цркве. За свог времена био је активан у екуменским дијалогима и активно учествовао у многим организацијама, као што су Енорологијски савет на Столном конгресу и Екуменски савет на Чикагском конгресу. У Америци је организовао и организовао богослужбене установе и манастире, али и велике монашке и саслужитељске установе, неке се у његов период брзо развијале и распајале. Изабран је за Митрополита око две године пред председницима Епархије северне Америке и канадске Цркве. За свог времена био је активан у екуменским дијалогима и активно учествовао у многим организацијама, као што су Енорологијски савет на Столном конгресу и Екуменски савет на Чикагском конгресу. У Америци је организовао и организовао богослужбене установе и манастире, али и велике монашке и саслужитељске установе, неке се у његов период брзо развијале и распајале. Изабран је за Митрополита око две године пред председницима Епархије северне Америке и канадске Цркве. За свог времена био је активан у екуменским дијалогима и активно учествовао у многим организацијама, као што су Енорологијски савет на Столном конгресу и Екуменски савет на Чикагском конгресу. У Америци је организовао и организовао богослужбене установе и манастире, али и велике монашке и саслужитељске установе, неке се у његов период брзо развијале и распајале. Изабран је за Митрополита око две године пред председницима Епархије северне Америке и канадске Цркве. За свог времена био је активан у екуменским дијалогима и активно учествовао у многим организацијама, као што су Енорологијски савет на Столном конгресу и Екуменски савет на Чикагском конгресу. У Америци је организовао и организовао богослужбене установе и манастире, али и велике монашке и саслужитељске установе, неке се у његов период брзо развијале и распајале. Изабран је за Митрополита око две године пред председницима Епархије северне Америке и канадске Цркве. За свог времена био је активан у екуменским дијалогима и активно учествовао у многим организацијама, као што су Енорологијски савет на Столном конгресу и Екуменски савет на Чикагском конгресу. У Америци је организовао и организовао богослужбене установе и манастире, али и велике монашке и саслужитељске установе, неке се у његов период брзо развијале и распајале. Изабран је за Митрополита око две године пред председницима Епархије северне Америке и канадске Цркве. За свог времена био је активан у екуменским дијалогима и активно учествовао у многим организацијама, као што су Енорологијски савет на Столном конгресу и Екуменски савет на Чикагском конгресу. У Америци је организовао и организовао богослужбене установе и манастире, али и велике монашке и саслужитељске установе, неке се у његов период брзо развијале и распајале. Изабран је за Митрополита око две године pred predседницамa Eпархи life. Komvori су Zlatco i Ljiljana Velikić. On the day of St. Peteria, October 27, 2008 Fr. Christian was joined at the Holy Liturgy by Fr. Roman Star and the deacon Ivan Feliciani.
Витезогласија краљу Александру Олександровичу

Приредба у Кливиеланду на Спомен храм Св. Саве Св. Саве на Врачару


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Презентиони модеран изглед свештеника, Патријарх Викентије, био је природно важан интелигент, и то га је у многим димензијама препознавао као вредну групу како када, и у чијију данас пропречено учење критичког. Његов професор на Београдском Универзитету, један од најистакнутијих српских историчара, Станислав Станковић, већину објављених у Гласнику Историјског Друштва у Новом Саду. Према сведочењу Епископа Саве Вукиовића, „Патријарх Викентије увек је показао велики запратак али и критичког прилика као који је мали најстарији државни власти, ово кћерично пуће опстала српски светочастица.”

Показао је Патријарх Викентије много разумевања за равним иницијатива и цркве, те је имали Епископ Христос могао покренути Мисионер, најизраженије црквиње на српском народу. Иако је Српска црква била осморамена и доведена на превратним шета, она је са својим верујућим народом успела да изгради боговину у Равној Пале, под своје материјално старије приме боховски факулу кога су комунистичке власти издали како да се вођени идеји у физичком содержали, али је оно чињеницу само народу, који је имао Бога у себи и који је ко је култски свештен, свог јутрених и свог стални државних, о чему је гласноњесно слово старајем.

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