

## **Report to the Archdiocesan Assembly 2013 on the new Archdiocesan Website**

The website ARCHDIOCESE.CA is the official organ of the Archdiocese of Canada, OCA.

The new version of Archdiocesan Website has been launched in Lent 2013. Those already not aware of this are invited to examine all the newly revised sections. Using Drupal 7 technology, the website has become more "user friendly". It has an innovative, tri-lingual parallel structure in English, French and Russian, designed to serve the different language populations of the Archdiocese of Canada. As such, it is hoped that as the official online organ of the Archdiocese of Canada, it will help to unite our vast archdiocese and foster the sense of a closely-knit Canadian Orthodox family.

It is important to be aware that the new website publishes all the official Archdiocesan archpastoral messages and visits, memoranda and announcements from His Grace, Bishop Irénée, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Canada.

Important events, parish and international news with photos and videos keep us all abreast of interior and exterior developments in our Archdiocese and in the Orthodox world.

At the same time, anyone anywhere in the world can easily find us online. The website is included in worldwide web indexes and search engines. Almost all Orthodox web resources have published links to our website.

Besides the four main sections ("Home", "Announcements", "Archpastoral Messages" and "Orthodox News") there are the newly reorganized sections: "Administration", "Communities" and "Clergy", containing our up-to-date administrative information. Using the new search functions, one can easily find information about our parishes, clergy, council members and officials.

Other sections also have been revised (and are presently being revised) and contain information about Canadian Orthodox legislation, history, "ministries" (see the sections titled "Ministries", "History" and "Resources"). Please look over these sections to find the help you may need with setting up your parish constitution or by-laws, searching for liturgical music or texts, finding a Canadian iconographer, or reading the Canadian Orthodox Messenger online (present or past issues).

The section "Our Faith" contains an explanation of our faith, invaluable to catechumens and also to Orthodox faithful. If you are looking to taking courses to become a reader, subdeacon, deacon or simply to increase your knowledge about a particular topic of Orthodox Christianity, you can consult the article on "The Saint Arseny Institute" ([www.saintarseny.ca](http://www.saintarseny.ca)) and the "Canadian Journal of Orthodox Christianity" ([www.cjoc.ca](http://www.cjoc.ca)). Past Archdiocesan Council Minutes are published as well as the most recent awards and advancement of our clergy in "Pastoral Acts". Recent developments and information about the St. Tikhon's Archdiocesan Stewards (STAS) can be found in the section "Ministries".

A special section this year covers all aspects of the Archdiocesan Assembly 2013. All necessary information is available there concerning events, programs, registration forms, etc.

Another newly-added section is called "Fundraising". If your parish needs to publicize an important fundraising event, please send your article about this to the Webmaster.

Feedback from users: Any person may use the convenient online forms at the bottom of each webpage to submit corrections, additions or new articles. Also, if you are interested in helping out with the new website, please contact the Webmaster directly.

Note: We welcome your suggestions and your contributions. All incoming information is analysed by the Website Editor's team, and could be updated before publishing.

**Editors Committee**