

## QUÉBEC AND MARITIMES DEANERY Report 2013, summer, to Archdiocesan Assembly

### MONTREAL

The Sobor of St. Peter and St. Paul served by Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk and deacon Dimitry Belyakov. On regular base we have two retired clergy to be concelebrants: Archpriest Alexander Janovski and Hieromonk Basil (Paradis).

This year one student from our parish has joined the St. Arseny Institute – potential deacon. He has over thirty years of age, married and has no children.

We had the joy of the a few official visits of Vladyka Irénée of Quebec City for Vigil, Divine Liturgy and Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete.

Before last Easter parish acquired 12 Feast icons on the walls of our Sobor. They decorated and transformed the temple.

And also we have built two of bilateral floor icon cases (kiots), which settled in the Sanctuary.

A church school also takes care of the spiritual needs of the younger members of the parish. A summer camp is also held during the summer vacations. Our parish has a beautiful choir under the direction Mrs. Elena Ilvakina.

The Sobor is on the old calendar.

Our primary social activities are the Coffee Hour every Sunday after Liturgy, concerts, dinners from the parish and Charitable Society, Theological conversation and orthodox movies.

### The Sign of the Theotokos Church

*(from the Rector, John Tkachuk)*

Regular and festal liturgical services *year-round*, Adult Christian Education (*Sep-Jun, monthly*) and Church School sessions (*Sep-Jun, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays*), Parish Council (*Sep-Jun, monthly*) and Parish meetings, and social activities were all held as scheduled at The Sign of the Theotokos Church.

Vespers served *every Saturday year-round* (except on the one weekend when Orthodox Christian Women, organized by my wife Masha, hold their annual conference at the start of Great Lent, and the Vespers closing that replaces ours). Divine Liturgy celebrated *every Sunday* without fail. Attendance on Saturdays is minimal (@25); most Sundays see more than 85+ persons.

Adult Christian Education (“ACE”) sessions are held on the *third Sunday monthly* on a common theme *September thru May*.

Church School classes are held *second and fourth Sundays monthly* (unless “pre-empted” by a post-Liturgy service, e.g. Theophany Water Blessing, Forgiveness Sunday Vespers, etc. -- where these take the place of a lesson and are then discussed on subsequent Sundays).

The Parish Council meets usually on *the third Monday* evening monthly, and we try to maintain a 7:30-9:00 PM schedule.

Our “*constant & weekly*” social activity is the Coffee Hour *every Sunday after Liturgy*, prepared by volunteers (either singly, or else in a team with others; organizers are “credited” with a \$65 income-tax receipt without presenting documentation - more if more cash is actually spent, but then purchase-receipts must be presented for the income-tax credit). These weekly events give people an opportunity to interact and get to know one another better, so building community.

Choir rehearsals are held occasionally, as needed and announced, by the Choir Director.

The parish also maintains a small Bookstore (located at church-level, behind the Candle Desk) and a Library (in the upper-level choir-loft).

An updated announcement of weekly-services is recorded on The Sign’s telephone 514-934-0539 in English, French, Russian and Greek; and messages may be left/recorded if necessary.

"*After 40 YEARS IN CANADA*\* ~ and serving at Ss. Peter and Paul Sobor (1973-1978) and The Sign of the Theotokos Church (1978-2013); as Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer and Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Canada; and a Chaplain Major in the US Air Force (1983-2003) ~ Archpriest John and Matushka-Presbytera Mary-Masha Tkachuk will retire from active duty in the OCA on August 31, 2013.

The couple will continue living in Montreal next door to Mrs. Juliana Schmemann as long as necessary ~ and, the Lord God willing, they may retire in San Francisco CA (which they've visited a number of times, and where Fr. John grew up).

Many Years to them!

\*like the Israelites in Egypt?"

Спасибо за все.

With love in Christ Jesus,

John Tkachuk

**St. Benoit-de-Nursie church** is located in downtown Montreal. Our chapel is situated in The basement of the Anglican Church of St. John the Evangelist (easily located by its red roof) at the corner of St. Urbain Stand President Kennedy Ave, right behind Place-des-Arts.

Regular festal liturgical services are celebrated.

Parish Council and Parish meetings were all hat St. Benoit de Nursie Orthodox Church. The Divine Liturgy is mainly celebrated in French (95%) with some English and Slavonic.

Attendance @ 25-35 most Sundays.

Confessions are heard Sunday mornings immediately before the commencement of the Divine Liturgy, or by appointment.

Our primary social activity is the Coffee Hour every Sunday after Liturgy.

Choir rehearsals are held occasionally, as needed and announced, by the Choir Director.

The parish also maintains a Library. You are welcome to come and worship with us.

This year the parish acquired some new icons and relics, including Saint Herman, Saint (Patriarch) Tikhon, Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr, Saint John of Shanghai and San Francisco, and Saint Seraphim of Sarov. The parish also acquired an icon of Saint Joseph the Betrothed.

Clergy serving the parish: V. Rev. Gregory Nimijean Rector;  
Igumen Marc (Pierre) Attached; Rev. Jude Lepin Attached;  
Rev. Dragos Guilea, Attached; Hierodeacon Amvrosi (Mlodzik)

## **QUÉBEC CITY**

### **Paroisse de la Sainte-Trinité à Québec**

- Depuis le 14 avril, nous avons emménagé dans la chapelle Notre-Dame du Sacré-Cœur des frères missionnaires du Sacré-Cœur, 71 rue Sainte-Ursule à Québec. Nous pouvons disposer de ces lieux le dimanche aux heures habituelles de liturgie. Nous avons donc maintenant des liturgies normales, dimanche et fêtes selon notre tradition.

Toutefois, notre but n'est pas encore atteint et nous continuons de chercher un lieu permanent

- Les liturgies sont bilingues, en ce qui concerne la chorale, les lectures, le Credo, le Notre-Père, et la prière avant la communion. L'homélie, dite en français est traduite simultanément en russe.

- Nous avons :

o fait une bénédiction de maison

o et 1 baptême

Objectifs :

- Augmenter la participation de la paroisse, toutefois nous pensons que cela se fera difficilement tant que nous n'aurons pas un lieu à nous.

*Père Nectaire Féménias*

## **RAWDON**

The past time have been active in church of *SAINTE SERAPHIM OF SAROV*.

As in the past couple of years we had a bi-monthly Sunday liturgy as well as all the great feasts.

Vladyka Irene also served some liturgies during the week. We are grateful to Fr. Alexander for serving as well as Vladyka. We average 20 people for service during the spring months. Fr. Deacon Nicholas Svetlovsky is now serving in our church. As he is trilingual we have services in Slavonic, French and English. We are grateful to Fr. Deacon for his service.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 we received a CHARITABLE organisation "status" and recently were also REGISTERED with province of Quebec.

## **HALIFAX , NS**

### **St. Vladimir Prince Of Kiev Church**

The past six months at St Vladimir's have been relatively quiet. Attendance at Liturgy has been quite stable, and even perhaps a bit improved, although there is room for more improvement.

There has, however, been one major event – a new temple. We had to vacate the (less than satisfactory) space we were renting. The search for something new was not easy and for a long while yielded no results. Then at virtually the last minute, we found a new home in a very nice building belonging to the Anglican church. The building itself was no longer being used, and we were able to get it at a reasonable financial arrangement. We are not actually buying it, but this may be a possibility in the future.

The worship space is ideal for our congregation, and will be able to accommodate quite a few more people. We have an area in the basement which can be used as a synaxis room, but that will require a fair amount of work. However, hopefully the necessary improvements can be gradually done. In the meantime, we have a very suitable and attractive space in which to worship.

We have received the lease document for the building we're occupying from the Anglican Diocese, and we require parish approval to accept it. The lease will be posted on the parish bulletin board for review, and fundraising will be discussed as well.

We're also looking for some baked goods and plants to sell. There's a lot of work to do to accomplish our goal of purchasing our own building.

Parish fundraiser - our flea-market will also serve as our introduction to the neighbourhood.

Parking at church is severely limited. We encourage people to park on Fergusons Cove Rd and leave parking at the church for the elderly, mobility impaired and families with young children.

There are many who've yet to make an appointment for confession.

On Sunday, April 21, 2013, His Grace Irénée presided over the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Church in Halifax, NS. Concelebrating with His Grace were the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Canada, Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk; the Rector of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church, Igumen Vladimir (Tobin); the Secretary of the Archdiocese of Canada, Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko, and Deacon John Palmer. After the Great Entrance, Bishop Irénée ordained Deacon John to the Holy Priesthood. His Grace gave an inspiring sermon to the faithful. Following the service, there was a reception.

## **WATFORD, NS**

### **Hermitage of the Holy Annunciation**

The Hermitage of the Annunciation is an Orthodox monastery of the Brotherhood of St. Seraphim of Sarov (Archdiocese of Canada, The Orthodox Church in America). The brotherhood of the hermitage follows the rules and practices of all monastic communities. All visitors are warmly welcome. A monastery is a place of peace where one can find peace from the stress and commotion of the world. As a visitor you are like a pilgrim seeking that spirit of peace. Even for a few hours, you can share the life of the brotherhood. This way of life helps us in the spiritual struggle of the purification of the heart, which leads to the Kingdom of God.

During the week of April 21, His Grace, Bishop IRÉNÉE, accompanied by Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Canada, and Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko visited the Hermitage of the Annunciation near New Germany, NS, where he was introduced to the life, worship and work of the monks.

## **NEW FOUNDLAND**

### **The Holy Lady of Vladimir Mission in St. John's**

All has been going very well at the Holy Lady of Vladimir Mission in St. John's, especially with the recent visit of Fr. John and Matushka Constantina Palmer for Holy Week and Pascha and their plans for moving to St. John's by September.

The Palmers arrived on the Saturday of Lazarus (April 27, 2013), with Fr. John serving his first service here on Palm Sunday. They left after two weeks on the Monday (May 13, 2013) after the Sunday of Thomas. During that time, Fr. John served eight liturgies and over 20 services in all. It was a spiritually rich time.

The Palmers were well received by the community, and despite the full service schedule, Fr. John and Matushka were invited by parishioners to their homes on six occasions, by my count. On Thursday May 9, the Palmers met with the Council and as the last item during the meeting, Fr. John addressed Council. Briefly, he stated that they were impressed with the community and see it as a positive example of Orthodoxy in a multicultural setting with much potential. Council unanimously expressed its support for Fr. John and Matushka.

In terms of the people of the Mission, the young family of Nic and Jennifer Hartmann and their daughter Marieve moved away.

Also, sadly, one of our parishioners, Marina Brewer, reposed in the Lord after struggling with cancer. In Christ,

Ivan Saika-Voivod

**The Abitibi region, Amos.** north of the Province of Quebec, Igumen Georges Leroy continues his prayerful witness and presence. He serves the church of **Sainte-Marie-Madeleine**. This church is on the new calendar.

**Lac Labelle.** Finally Archpriest Alexis Vinogradov continues to serve the chapel of **Saint Sergius** during the summer months.

St.Sergius Chapel stands on the private property of the Troubetzkoy family in Lac Labelle. Through their generosity, it is open for Orthodox Services and its altar falls under the omophorion of the Bishop of Ottawa. Father Alexis Vinogradov, a priest of the diocese of New York / New Jersey (under Bishop Michael) is also the appointed Rector of St.Sergius chapel community in the summer season.