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## Quebec and Maritime Provinces Report

Most Reverend Master, Very Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Christ is Risen!

### NEWFOUNDLAND

Thanks to funds given at the Fall meeting in Montréal, the parish in **St. John's** Newfoundland had services after Christmas. I was able to spend 4 days there in January and served the community. Despite the rare visits of clergy, the faithful gather each Saturday evenings for Vespers and Sunday for reader services led by the two sub-deacons Arthur Anastasiadis and David Bell. I was also able to drive to Marystown to visit a Russian family and to give them the Holy Mysteries. Greek clergy also visit a few times a year the Hellenic community there, so that permits our parishioners to have access to the Mysteries with them. Here services are in Slavonic and English, and use the Julian calendar.

### NOVA SCOTIA

The province of Nova Scotia has been blessed with the establishment of a monastery which radiates upon the local parishes and as far as Prince Edward Island. Hieromonk Roman and Monk Cassian established their hermitage on a wooded farm near the town of **New Germany**. The large house is very well suited for monastic quarters and some guest facilities. A new chapel has been built and daily cycle of monastic services are held as well as Divine Liturgy.

Hieromonk Vladimir Tobin, rector of the Saint Vladimir Parish in Halifax lives near by and commutes to **Halifax** for service to the parish. Saint Vladimir Parish is vibrant and growing. Many young families have moved to Halifax and joined the parish. Services are in English, Slavonic and some French, and they use the Julian calendar. Services are held in a rented hall at an Anglican parish downtown Halifax.

### QUÉBEC

**In Québec City**, services are scheduled on a monthly basis serviced by clergy from Montréal and Rawdon. Attendance is good. The average number who attend Liturgy at this time is 30-35 faithful. Services are held in Slavonic and French and use the Julian calendar. Here services are held at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. The Greek priest is very cooperative and encourages his own members to attend our Liturgies.

**In Rawdon**, liturgical life continues thanks to its resident clergy and devoted laity. Daily services are held in the small chapel of the Transfiguration and on Sundays and feast days in Saint Seraphim's church. The community is very aware of the need to help the less fortunate and so each year donations are made from the income from our activities to help local charities and also in the Ukraine and Russia.

**In Montréal, at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Sobor**, the Liturgical life of the parish is thriving through the labours of Archpriest Anatoly Melnik. Saint Peter and Paul parish serves the spiritual needs of the Russian community of Montréal. Saint Peter and Paul Sobor is celebrating its centennial this fall. On July 12, the patronal feast, a new altar was consecrated by His Eminence Archbishop Seraphim. The festivities of the centennial will be held in October. At the Sobor we find a Russian Library, lay brotherhoods and sisterhoods involved in charitable work for the less fortunate here and in Russia.

**At The Sign of the Theotokos Church in Montréal**, the life of the parish is led by its long time pastor Archpriest John Tkachuk. The parish of the Sign of the Theotokos has always been vibrant and continues to be an example for its community life. The language used is English, some French and uses the Revised Julian Calendar.

In **Amos**, Father Georges Leroy now has a web page with pictures and historical about Orthodoxy in Abitibi-Témiskamigue.

<http://www.cableamos.com/orthodoxe/>

**In Montréal, at Saint-Benoît-de-Nursie parish**, services are assured by the devotion of Igumen Marc and Hierodeacon Amvrosi, and services are well attended by a multi-cultural community. Sunday averages 35-40 faithful. Services are held in French and use the Revised Julian calendar. The parish is still housed in the crypt chapel of Saint John the Evangelist Anglican church in downtown Montréal.

Our Montréal clergy help in other parishes such as Antiochian and Greek parishes as the need and possibility arises.

In Christ,  
Igumen Irénée (Rochon)