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THE S.T.A.S. STEWARD

Newsletter of the St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards



Some years ago, Fr. Dennis Pihach, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Canada, received an interesting phone call at St. Herman's parish in Edmonton that went something like this:

"Is Bishop TIKHON there?"
"No, I'm sorry he's not."

"Can you tell me when he will be back?"
"What is this regarding?"
"It is regarding some natural gas wells located on Church property. They will likely generate some revenue for the Church. Bishop TIKHON is listed on the property title as the official owner."
"Well, Bishop TIKHON is very much "with us," but I don't think he will be coming to the phone any time soon."

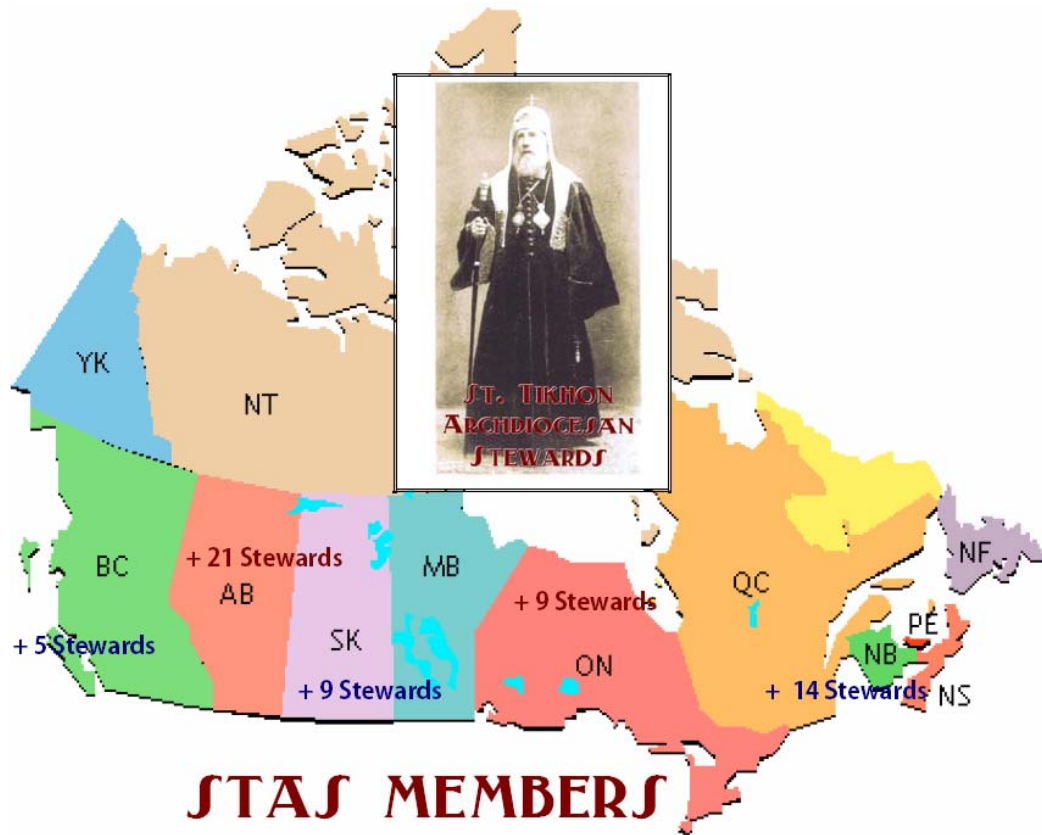
St. Tikhon served as Bishop and Archbishop for the Orthodox Church in North America from 1898 until 1907, when he returned to Russia to take on further episcopal responsibilities for Christ's Church – ultimately serving as the first Patriarch of Moscow in over 200 years, and as a Confessor of the Orthodox Faith.

Nevertheless, his ministry in Canada is well-remembered, and his provisions and prayers for his flock (as Fr. Dennis' phone conversation illustrates) continue even now.

There are still a few older members of our parishes whose parents knew St. Tikhon as their Archpastor.

May we as St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards keep alive his ever-blessed memory through faithful service in Canada!

STAS GOES COAST TO COAST!



STAS MEMBERS SUMMER 2008

One of the most exciting things about getting involved in STAS is that it is truly an endeavour which binds our Church together from Coast to Coast. From the Deanery of British Columbia, with its parishes on Beautiful Vancouver Island in the West, all the way out to the Mission in Newfoundland in the Deanery of Quebec and Atlantic Canada – in each region of the Archdiocese, faithful Christians have committed themselves to giving a small, regular gift as St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards.



STAS has a mission – its #1 priority is funding an Episcopal Secretary position to assist His Eminence, Archbishop SERAPHIM.

To meet this goal, the Archdiocesan Council has given the STAS Vision Committee the challenging task of raising 30 St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards in each Deanery, by **December 31, 2008!**

***You are making this goal a reality!
Thank you for your generous giving.
Why not encourage a fellow parishioner to join you as a St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Steward?***

THE ROLE OF THE VISION COMMITTEE

As a member of the St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards, you might be wondering: What are the funds going to be used for? How are decisions made about the use of the funds I give? Who determines how funds are allocated for use by the Church? What is the process they apply to make these decisions?

The Church has developed a policy to guide the STAS program, to ensure its fidelity to its goals, and to maximize its effectiveness.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

To ensure financial accountability, all funds given through the STAS program are deposited into the Western account of the Archdiocese, and are to be audited annually by the Audit Committee of the Archdiocese, elected by the Assembly every three years.

THE VISION COMMITTEE

The Vision Committee is the “working group” that keeps STAS moving, and mobilizes the Church to participate. The Vision Committee is made up of:

- 1) The Chancellor of the Archdiocese;
- 2) The Archdiocesan Dean;
- 3) A lay representative chosen by the Archdiocesan Assembly;
- 4) Other members as needed appointed by the Archdiocesan Council, with the Blessing of His Eminence.

At the Fall 2007 meeting of the Archdiocesan Council in Winnipeg, Manitoba, **Fr. Deacon Gregory Scratch** of Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa was chosen to serve as the Chair of the Vision Committee. The Chair provides overall direction and leadership for the STAS program.



**Fr. Deacon Gregory Scratch,
Chair, Vision Committee**

At the Spring Meeting of the Council, other members took up their various roles to carry out the mission of STAS.

Sava Duran – Secretary
St. Herman’s, Langley, BC
Mark Petasky – Treasurer,
St. Herman’s, Edmonton
Archpriest Dennis Pihach,
St. Herman’s, Edmonton
Archpriest Cyprian Hutcheon,
Holy Resurrection, Saskatoon
Jeremy Scratch,
Annunciation Cathedral, Ottawa
Matthew Francis,
St. Herman’s, Edmonton
Justin Grimmond,
All Saints of North America, Hamilton

We will introduce each member of the Vision Committee in future issues of the

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Breaking News!

EPISCOPAL SECRETARY TO JOIN ARCHDIOCESAN STAFF SEPT. 1, 2008



Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko

**YOUR STAS
CONTRIBUTIONS
ARE MAKING A
DIFFERENCE!
THANK YOU
FOR GIVING!**

The **S.T.A.S. STEWARD** is pleased to announce the appointment of Fr. Protodeacon Nazari Polataiko as Episcopal Secretary to His Eminence, Archbishop SERAPHIM.

Fr. Protodeacon Nazari has many years of ministry experience serving the Church, and comes to us through transfer from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. His administrative and pastoral skills will greatly assist Archbishop SERAPHIM in the carrying out of His Eminence's day-to-day duties as our Archpastor.

Protodeacon Nazari was born in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, and is married to Matushka Tatiana. They both graduated with B.F.A degrees - Fr. Nazari from Kosiv and Matuska from Vyznytcia Art College in Ukraine. He is also a graduate of St. Andrew's College, Winnipeg, and is a candidate for an advanced degree in Theology from the Kyiv Theological Academy.

In addition to his liturgical ministry, Protodeacon Nazari is an accomplished iconographer, with almost 20 years of practice in this sacred task.

He looks forward to relocating his wife and children to Ottawa late this Summer to take up his work in the Archdiocese of Canada.

***Welcome to the Archdiocese of Canada,
Protodeacon Nazari & the Polataiko
family! God grant you many years!***

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