

## **Agreement Signed Between the St. Arseny Institute and The University of Winnipeg Library October 5, 2006**



On October 5, the day after the commemoration of the repose of St. Arseny, an agreement was signed between the St. Arseny Institute and the University of Winnipeg Library. This agreement is a complement to the Affiliation Agreement signed on August 31st with the Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg. We are very pleased with these tandem agreements and the wonderful welcome which St.

Arseny Institute has received from the Faculty of Theology and the Library at the University of Winnipeg. The library agreement provides for the cataloguing, housing, administration, circulation and distance loan of the St. Arseny library collection by the University Library. Other privileges and services are made possible for St. Arseny students through this agreement.

Though combined on the shelves with the University's theological collection, the Institute Collection remains the property of St. Arseny Institute. Each item is identified as part of the St. Arseny Collection by a name plate inside the cover and the collection will be accessible as a collection via computer. Due to a generous donation from supporters of the St. Arseny Institute, along with other significant funding provided through the Faculty of Theology at the University, there was no expenditure required on the part of the Institute, for the cataloguing of our current library collection. Future acquisitions will be catalogued without any cost to the Institute. Donations of books to our library from various sources and a gift for our library from the Fellowship of Orthodox Christians of America of \$5800.00, along with access to the theological library of the University of Winnipeg, will provide our students and faculty with significant research materials for our courses in Orthodox theology.

We thank God and all of those who have so generously helped in one way or another to establish our library. This step is very significant for the development of full training for Orthodox clergy in Canada. These amazing developments within the course of three years of existence, we are convinced, have only been possible because of the intercessions of St. Arseny and the work of Christ in the hearts of many.