

**Minutes of the Archdiocesan Council Meeting
Archdiocese of Canada, Orthodox Church in America
held at The Sign of the Theotokos Church, Montréal, Québec
March 8 - 9, 2002**

Council members in attendance at this meeting were:

Ruling Bishop of the Archdiocese, His Grace SERAPHIM
Chancellor of the Archdiocese, Archpriest Dennis Pihach
Eastern Secretary, Olga Jurgens
Dean of British Columbia, Archpriest Lawrence Farley
Dean of Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Priest Robert S Kennaugh
Dean of Québec, Archpriest John Tkachuk
Assistant Dean of Manitoba/Saskatchewan, Priest Rodion Luciuk
Higoumène Irénée (Rochon)
Priest Larry Reinheimer
Priest James Griggs
John Hadjinicolaou
Geoff Korz
Denis Lessard
Richard Schneider
Nun Sophia (Zion)

Council members absent with regret and with a blessing from the Bishop were:

Treasurer of the Archdiocese Nikita Lopoukhine,
Western Secretary Deacon Andrew Piasta,
David Grier,
David Rystephanuk
Rodion Tkachuk.

Observers at various times over the two days of sessions were:

Euthymios Katsikas,
Dianne Kennaugh,
Paul Ladouceur,
Perry Pawliuk,
Pau Ruiz-Gomar
Michael Zurowski

Session I, held on Friday evening, March 8

The spring 2002 meeting of the Archdiocesan Council began with a Moleben served at 7 p.m. in the temple of The Sign of the Theotokos Church, Montréal. The Chancellor called the meeting to order in the parish hall at 7:40 p.m., with opening prayer, roll call, and regrets (1.0). There followed a brief discussion and approval of the agenda (2.0).

3.0 Minutes of the previous meeting

In the interest of accountability, the Chancellor went over all the “Action” items listed in the minutes of the October 26 - 27, 2001 meeting. The following points were made:

- Mother Sophia reported that a new cell phone and a new plan with Bell Mobility for the Bishop have been obtained since the last meeting. The plan should prove to be much less expensive.
- Bishop Seraphim said that he has not been able to write the letter to Spencer Estabrooks yet, giving him formally the blessing to begin work on the “Archbishop Arseny Theological Institute” project.
- Fr Robert Kennaugh said that his Programming Unit is continuing to look at the problem of the IOCC’s not being registered in Canada for tax purposes.
- Fr Lawrence Farley reported that he is regularly in contact with our seminarians.
- The Bishop said that he has not sent the books donated from St Vladimir’s to St Andrew’s Seminary in Winnipeg yet, but he is working on this task (weeding out, etc.).
- Fr Dennis Pihach reported that he has sent the Mission Guidelines revision to all the Archdiocesan Council members.
- The Bishop announced that both the Missions Director (Fr Larry Reinheimer) and the Youth Director (Fr Stacy Richter) have been formally appointed. He also said that he has officially asked Richard Schneider to continue on as our lay representative to the Metropolitan Council and as our representative on the Canadian Council of Churches.
- Fr Dennis Pihach stated that he has now done a good deal of investigation regarding the pension/insurance plans of both the Greek Archdiocese and the Ukrainian Church in Canada. More details, he said, would follow at this meeting.
- Dennis Lessard reported that he hopes to publish the first North American saint’s life in

French this year. He has drafted a letter seeking permission from the English authors which he would like for the Bishop to amend and send when he has his first translation ready.

- Mother Sophia said that she has not yet received from Fr John Tkachuk the CD of the English translation of the scriptographic Finish booklet on Orthodox customs. [Note: at this session Fr John made arrangements to bring the CD to the meeting the next day. He had not realized that Mother Sophia could “burn” a copy so that the two could work together on this project in different locations.]
- Olga Jurgens and Denis Lessard reported that Paul Ladouceur is busy with the project of translating the Bishop’s book on Holy Communion into French, and that Paul would speak to the Council about this the next day.
- Mother Sophia stated that Paul Ladouceur has nearly finished translating the *Rencontre* into English, and would talk about that also the next day.
- Olga Jurgens said that the Russian translation of the stewardship pamphlet has been created, but processing of the publication has not been done yet.
- Olga also said that it has been decided that Evan Lowig not be contacted about the *Chronology* .
- Mother Sophia noted that with the winter 2001/2002 issue of the *Messenger*, and those issues which follow it, the note about Archbishop Arseny as founder has been and will continue to be included in the banner.
- Olga Jurgens stated that the “dedicated communicators” line will be eliminated from the parish entries in the next issue of the Parish Directory.
- Bishop Seraphim reported that Bob Czech at the OCA chancery will work on a web-page for our diocese after he has completed the one he is doing for Alaska.
- Vladyka also said that his handling of e-mail seems to be now a bit better than previously.
- The Communications Unit reiterated its request for a line item in the 2002 budget for publications other than the *Messenger*, as well as re-stating the need for a \$500 grant for the beginning of the publication of the English translation of *Rencontre*.
- The Bishop reported that because we have now officially received the icons which Dr John Foreman chose for us out of his collection, and John has given the others to a museum, we have now dropped the insurance on the icons, which we had been paying month by month since the last meeting of Council.

- Fr Rodion Luciuk said that he has had some conversations with Fr Philip Eriksson about the investments of the Archdiocese.
- Geoff Korz announced that he had created a report of his findings regarding an assistant for the Bishop which would be given the next day.
- Mother Sophia said that in the Summer issue of the *Messenger* (the next one to be published after this meeting) a boxed notice will be printed regarding the fact that all general appeals collections should be sent to the Archdiocesan Treasurer rather than to Syosset.

At the end of this reporting, the Minutes of the last Council meeting were approved in principle, with the proofed text by Dennis Lessard given to the Bishop for typographical corrections.

4.0 Meetings of the Administrative, Programming, and Communications Units

The units met separately, with reports on their findings to be given the next day to the whole Council.

Session I was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with the singing of “It is truly meet.”

Session II, held on Saturday morning, March 9

The second session of the meeting was called to order at 9: 10 a.m. with the singing of “O Heavenly King.” The Chancellor was in the chair.

5.0 Report of the Ruling Bishop [Attached#5]

In addition to his written report, the Bishop said several other things. He noted that life in the diocese is progressing fairly well, despite no apparent short-term or long-term plans. The Mission of St Gregory of Nyssa in Kingston will soon move into an actual church building, although at first in the basement of it. St Hennan of Alaska’s Church in Surrey, BC, will soon have a new building. Both St Peter the Aleut’s Church in Calgary, and St Herman of Alaska’s Church in Edmonton are growing, the latter almost having reached full capacity of its new temple. Annunciation - St Nicholas’ Cathedral in Ottawa is “bursting at the seams”, and must soon have a new building. Interesting things are happening in Toronto, including the fact that the Russian Mission of St Seraphim of Sarov is reaching out to the University of Toronto with weekly Akathist Services (Russian immigrants are reaching out to the English-speaking!). Also a group of Russians wants to start a mission in Mississauga.

A priest in Chicago— Elijah Mueller—would like to come back to Canada. There may be a possibility of his being able to serve the Hamilton/Toronto/Orillia people. This is still in the discussion process.

A lot has happened in the last fifteen years, Vladyka said, and he thanked Fr John Tkachuk again for all the work he did in holding things together until a Bishop could be installed.

Fr John and the Metropolitan, he noted, laid the foundation for what has happened during the past decade and a half.

As he went over his written report, His Grace added that one reason why he sometimes takes so long to make a decision is that he often does not get the whole story in a balanced way. He asked especially that people on Council always be frank and honest with him, no matter how he reacts. He said that if someone thinks the Bishop is leaning towards folly, they should tell him so, in no uncertain terms. He promised that he would not hold this frankness against anyone.

Continuing, he said that although he has a sense that the diocese needs a clearer sense of direction than it has right now, nevertheless by God’s grace we are very different from what we were fifteen years ago, since we are now in open communion and communication with all the other canonical bishops of Canada.

In closing, he asked that everyone use the diocesan intercessory list, and that any corrections that it might need be sent to him. There is much fruit from this prayer, he said. He asked also that members pray for vocations in the diocese.

6.0 Report of the Chancellor *[Attached # 6]*

This written report is by Archpriest Dennis Pihach.

7.0 Reports of the Deans

7.1 Alberta Deanery Report *[Attached # 6, reverse side]*

Fr Dennis Pihach gave this written report.

7.2 British Columbia Deanery Report *[Attached# 7.2]*

Fr Lawrence Farley gave this written report.

7.3 Manitoba/Saskatchewan Deanery Reports

7.3.a Manitoba *[Attached # 7.3.a]*

Fr Robert Kennaugh gave this written report.

7.3.b Saskatchewan *[Attached# 7.3.b]*

Fr Rodion Luciuk gave this written report.

7.3 Ontario and Québec Deanery Reports

In the absence of a written report, His Grace talked about Ontario and Québec. The Bishop said that there will not be a Dean in Ontario until the Toronto situation settles down. The cathedral in Ottawa must have a larger temple, and work on that is in progress. With regard to Windsor, Fr Maxim Baranovski has returned to Moscow where he is teaching at St Tikhon's Institute. There is the possibility that Paul Andreassen may be able after his official conversion to supply Windsor from Detroit. But, eventually, the priest must live in Windsor, or the parish will never grow. Vladyka said also that he is being "pestered" for the permission to demolish the Kirkland Lake church, but the fact is that the Archdiocese does not own it.

Upon query, His Grace clarified the situation with regard to the Dean of Québec. As of this meeting, Archpriest John Tkachuk remains the Dean, but once Vladyka has the opportunity to write the official letter, Higoumène Irénée (Rochon) will be the new Dean.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM

At the Bishop's request, Fr John Tkachuk talked a bit about the Québec deanery. He said that Sts Peter and Paul, Montréal, now one hundred years old, has seen an upsurge in recently-arrived Russians who shuttle back and forth between ROCOR and the OCA. This church owns the chapel and skete in Rawdon. The Sign of the Theotokos in Montréal will be 25 years old this year. Many events related to this are in the planning process. Fr Lambros Kamperides, formerly a deacon and then a priest at The Sign, has now been released to the Greek Metropolia. It was a very amicable transition. The Orthodox Clergy Association of the area is discussing many possible projects, one of which is to have the priest and choir of two different churches trade places on a given Sunday. This will probably happen first between the parishes of The Sign and Evangelismos (Annunciation). There is also the possibility of having the four canonical bishops received at Montréal City Hall next autumn, and there is talk of blessing Montréal's reservoir next January 2003- this would get municipal involvement to support environmentalism, etc. Fr Irénée was asked about the French parish in Montréal. He said that the members of St Benoît-de-Nursie parish are now questioning themselves. They feel that something has to happen, but they have to find out what. They have 25 voting members and a lot of growing pains. He said that Fr Marc (Pierre) has moved to Montréal, so that helps with servicing the parish. In Rawdon, Fr Daniel (Baeyens) is the priest mostly present there, so now there are regular services, weekly liturgies, 80% Slavonic and 20% French. The Winter Church in the "skete" is too small, but Sts Peter and Paul Sobor's Council do not appear to want to fix up the bigger church for the winter (the Church, Hermitage and Cemetery all belong to Sts Peter and Paul Sobor, so there is the desire not to create difficulties. Also, there are new Russian immigrants in Rawdon, and there are some Slavonic/French/English language problems, as a part of the "growing pains."

Bishop Seraphim was asked how Halifax is doing, and he reported that St Vladimir's Mission is coming along slowly and steadily. Fr Irénée noted that the members of the Communauté Monastique de St-Séraphim are scattered all over the country— Halifax, Rawdon, Montréal, Abitibi, Westport—and all doing missionary work. In answer to the question, "What is happening in Newfoundland?" the Bishop said "Who knows?" He added that Metropolitan Sotirios has had a Russian priest in Halifax ask for the blessing to start something in Newfoundland, but that nothing further is known.

8.0 Report of the Treasurer [Attached # 8]

Because of Nikta Loupkhine's absence, Fr Rodion Luciuk went over the Treasurer's written report with the Council. Fr Rodion began by drawing attention to the fact that income exceeded expenses for 2001. Clearly income from parishes has gone up. He also noted that budget for travel last year was \$19,000 and we spent \$26,000, but the latter sum included car payments.

Bishop Seraphim said, in answer to the letter which Nikita sent out with his report, that he would prefer an increase in the allowance for Fair Haven rather than an augmenting of his remuneration. He noted, additionally, that he does not intend to retire and therefore an increase in remuneration for future retirement gain is not important to him. Council agreed that whatever His Grace wants in this matter should be done.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Fr Dennis said that a line item should be in the budget for publications other than the *Messenger*. Fr Rodion said that he would give a note about this to the Treasurer.

ACTION FR RODION LUCIUK

The Treasurer's proposed budget was passed unanimously.

The Bishop announced that the Holy Synod wants a text spelling out exactly what the Canadian government's limits are for the transfer of monies from Canada to the US, i.e., explaining exactly what are the restrictions on our export of money. Such a document would be useful both to them and to us for future reference. The Bishop suggested that, once it is compiled, it should be sent a couple of times a year to Syosset to help them remember. It was decided that Fr Rodion would prepare these materials and give to Richard Schneider prior to the Metropolitan Council meeting on April 15. If the document can be prepared before March 28, the Bishop could also take it to the Holy Synod.

ACTION: FR RODION LUCIUK, RICHARD SCHNEIDER, BISHOP SERAPHIM

The second session of the meeting was adjourned at 11 :45 a.m. so that members could make their way to St Nicholas' Antiochan Church, on Rue Jean Talon, for lunch with the participants in the Orthodox Christian Women of Montréal retreat.

Session III, held on Saturday afternoon, March 9

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m., with Fr Dennis Pihach in the chair.

9.0 Report of the Units

9.1 Administrative Unit *[see notes # 9.1, attached]*

Fr Rodion Luciuk gave the report for this unit.

He said that in discussing Dr John Hadjinicolaou's "Archdiocesan Properties Report" *[see attached, # 9. 1.a. 1-5]*, the committee concluded that the Treasurer should give Dr Foreman a letter of receipt of the collection, dated December 2001. John Hadjinicolaou plans to negotiate with Dr Foreman for partial reimbursement of the insurance cost for the whole collection which had to be insured by the diocese since it was located for a year in the Bishop's home. John Hajinicolaou also emphasized that we should give Dr Foreman a receipt for 2001, and then negotiate an insurance reimbursement, perhaps 3/5 cost for him and 2/5 cost for us, in line with the percentage of the original collection which remained at the end to each party.

The Council directed the Treasurer to give a receipt for 2001 to Dr Foreman, along with an official letter of thanks from the Bishop.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE AND BISHOP SERAPHIM

It was noted by Council that as a result of the gift of the icon collection, the assets of the diocese have now increased by \$101,050.00 which should be reflected in future in financial reporting.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

The next item under properties which the Administrative Committee examined was Ms Kathy Szalasznyj's report about a potential Archdiocesan archives *[see attached #9.1.b.2]*. Because of some of the comments in Ms Szalasznyj's report, there was discussion on the Council of the possible purchase of the second house across the street from the diocesan centre. The owner has offered it to Bishop Seraphim for next Summer, asking \$87,000.

John Hadjinicolaou also said that he is waiting for an updated "Wish List" from His Grace and Nun Sophia so that a new Metamorphosis appeal can be launched soon. He said that he assumed that this appeal would concentrate on the renovation of the house across the street which was purchased in the Summer of 2000.

Some members queried John as to whether perhaps a goal of the purchase of the second house could be used as emphasis for the next appeal. John replied that we have to be very clear what the house would be used for: a home for the Bishop while the other buildings would be Diocesan Centre? A repository for archives? A guesthouse for visitors? We need clarification about this, he continued. Especially the Bishop should confirm with the owner of the second house that he definitely is going to sell by this Summer.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM

During this discussion by the Council, the possibility of selling the big barn to someone in the United States was brought up. (There is currently a large market for such sales, judging by offers recently on e-Bay.) It was agreed that Ms Szalasznyj be asked to investigate this possibility since she is one who discovered it. The Bishop would need to ask her to do so, supplying her with details (picture, measurement, estimate of age, etc.)

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM AND MOTHER SOPHIA

At this point, Council unanimously agreed that it is very favorable to the possibility of purchasing the second house across the street if finances can be managed somehow.

John Hadjinicolaou asked whether or not a Metamorphosis appeal can be launched for May of this year. We would need, he said, a nice package explaining the need for the second house, etc.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM AND MOTHER SOPHIA

With regard to Ms Szalasznyj, it was generally agreed that there is a lot she can do in laying the groundwork for a government grant for the archives even before we have a specific property to house them.

The next thing under the Administrative Committee's umbrella which Council considered was Geoff Korz's "Report on Assistance for Bishop" [see attached # 9. I. b. 3]. Geoff went over his report and then emphasized recommendation # 1: that a committee made up of the Chancellor, John Hadjinicolaou, and him proceed/continue with the search for an appropriate candidate. Council agreed that this committee should indeed start working on this.

ACTION:

FR DENNIS PIHACH, JOHN HADJINICOLAOU, GEOFF KORZ

It was also suggested that Bishop Seraphim and Mother Sophia consider the possibility of publishing some of Geoff's report in the *Messenger*.

ACTION: BISHOP SERAPHIM AND NUN SOPHIA

Fr Rodion said that the Administrative Committee also looked at the diocese's investments, which were down in 2000. He said that there were a few conferences and e-mails back and forth concerning this since the last meeting of Council. The question was asked: what are the purposes of the investments? The following was decided:

1. The Bishop's endowment, approx. \$66K, needs long-term growth.
2. The money for missions, approx. \$11K, needs fast growth.
3. The money for seminary education needs both growth and income.

It was recommended by the Administrative Unit that Fr Philip Eriksson steer the monies in the directions as above, always in keeping as much as possible with Orthodox ethical values, and with quarterly reports to be sent to the Treasurer.

The Council was in agreement about this.

ACTION: FR RODION LUCIUK AND NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Some concern was expressed for an item in the budget concerning Labelle (a deficit of \$3,500). Fr Rodion will ask Nikita about this. He was also requested to ask Nikita Lopoukhine about the deficit in missions—was this caused by immigration fees?

ACTION: FR RODION LUCIUK

The Administrative Unit had nothing to present regarding the Central Administration of the ODCA, except that our diocese put forward a resolution at the AAC this summer to ask the IOCC to register in Canada for tax purposes.

ACTION: NIKITA LOPOUKHINE

Also, with respect to the AAC, Dr Hadjinicolaou volunteered to have any material which the diocese wanted presented available at one of his book tables.

ACTION: JOHN HADJINICOLAOU

9.2 Programming Unit *[see notes # 9.2, attached]*

Fr Lawrence Farley gave the report for this unit.

With regard to Seminarians/Education, Fr Lawrence said that he had received requests for monies from two seminarians: from Subdeacon Richard Rene, 1st year, who has incurred car accident costs, \$750 US, on top of a current educational debt of \$50K; and from Priest John Hainsworth, 3rd year, who will incur additional moving costs to return to Canada. The Unit recommended that

Council approve a grant of \$1,000 to Richard René and \$800 to Fr John Hainsworth. This was unanimously approved.

ACTION: NIKIT A LOPOUKHINE

The unit discussed Missions, but it was decided that Council should discuss this under 10.6 later in the meeting.

Regarding YOUTH, a note [*see # 9.2.a, attached*] has been received from Becky Machnee of Edmonton, requesting a Youth Council for the year 2005 and a full-time paid Youth Director, funded by parish assessments. The unit recommended that her input be gratefully received; that a 2005 youth gathering (in Edmonton?) be blessed; that, in principle, a Youth Director be funded when feasible; that as first steps to that, have Fr Anastasy Richter, as Youth Director, co-write with Becky a letter to parishes, encouraging them to make support of the youth a budget line item. Council unanimously agreed to this proposal, and asked Fr Dennis to let Fr Anastasy and Becky know. It was agreed that Bishop Seraphim send an e-mail to Fr Anastasy Richter, with regard to the possibility of using Sophia Lopoukhine, should she return from France, as assistant for Eastern Canada.

ACTION: FR DENNIS PIHACH

With regard to Clergy Pension Insurance, Fr Lawrence and Fr Dennis said that the Ukrainian Orthodox Church is willing to accept OCA clergy as a distinct unit in their plan-package to include long-term disability, insurance, RRSP, health benefits-cost \$250/month from both clergy and parish. It is recommended by the Programming Unit that the Dean/Diocese take responsibility to negotiate total clergy compensation with parishes, with this as one component possibility; that parish status (e.g., whether parish or mission) should be defined by its ability to support clergy; that Dean/Diocese steer missions/parishes towards working for long-term implementation of adequate clergy compensation, beginning with the parishes able to pay.

ACTION: FR DENNIS PIHACH

The Chancellor also said that by the next Archdiocesan Council meeting in the fall, he should have a report from the UOC's insurance company to present.

ACTION: FR DENNIS PIHACH

9.3 Communications Unit [see notes # 9.3, attached]

Denis Lessard gave the report for this unit.

Denis said that with regard to the project of the translation into French of the lives of North American saints, he has gotten as far as drafting a letter [*see # 9.3.a, attached*] asking for permission from the original English authors in Seattle/Portland. He gave the draft to Mother Sophia and asked her to consult with

Vladyka about it, and perhaps His Grace could send the request for permission with Denis' French translation of the life of St Herman which he hopes to have ready in the Spring.

ACTION: DENIS LESSARD, NUN SOPHIA, BISHOP SERAPHIM

Fr John Tkachuk explained to the unit that the scriptographic book on Orthodox customs had been "paralysed" for some time. He said that he and Sr Stephanie had prepared it, but so far as he knew, she had not put in the final corrections on the CD, which she can do because she has a "CD burner." Unfortunately she has now been in Florida for some time to care for her parents. Mother Sophia said that she has a CD copier and, she thinks, also the notes on the final changes made during conference calls. As a result, Fr John agreed to bring her the CD the next day. She will take it home, copy it, and then send the original back to Fr John. That way the two can complete the project in different locations, using telephone contact. After the editing is complete, she will attempt to contact Novalis after talking with Eileen Sculley.

ACTION: NUN SOPHIA

Denis said that Paul Ladouceur has completed the French translation of the Bishop's book on Holy Communion, having revised the translation of Evelyn Dumas. He is also thinking of including the prayers before and after communion in French. It is almost "ready to go," but will probably have a more limited distribution than the English version. Denis Lessard said that he thinks that Nikita Lopoukhine does not recall that Ms Kathy Szalasznyj about two or three years ago gave money to be set aside for the publication of this translation. Denis offered to contact Nikita about this.

ACTION: DENIS LESSARD

Paul Ladouceur presented his report on his translation of the *Rencontre avec l'Orthodoxie* into English [see # 9.3.b, attached]. As a result, Council recommended three things:

1. The title of the translation should be *Living Orthodoxy*.
2. Proof-readers should be Fr Pierre (Vachon), Geoff Korz, and Nun Sophia.
3. Since Council has already set aside \$500 for the purpose, as soon as the publication is print-ready John Hadjinicolaou and Paul Ladouceur should go ahead with the printing.

ACTION: JOHN HADJINICOLAOU AND DENIS LESSARD

Olga Jurgens reported that the stewardship brochure translation into Russian has been done by Mother Dorofea (Mirochnitchenko) in two versions, one literal and the other culturally sensitive. She has given copies of the versions to Fr John Tkachuk and Fr Irénée (Rochon) to check for linguistic and theological correctness. She also plans to have someone re-design the cover cartoons for cultural sensitivity.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

Olga Jurgens also reported that the Bishop has asked for a leaflet-size text in Russian explaining what the OCA is. As a result, Mother Dorofea has written one. Olga has given this text to Frs John Tkachuk and Irénée (Rochon) for comments linguistic and theological. Once their critiques have been factored in, there will be a new leaflet in Russian available in the diocese. Olga will report on the progress of this by the next meeting of Council.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

Ms Jurgens also reported that she and the Bishop have decided that Evan Lowig will not be contacted for help with the revised *Chronology*. The Bishop does have an idea about someone who might be able to help, Mr Kyrill Holden in Edmonton, to whom she will write concerning this.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

Upon query, Mother Sophia reported that the lines in the banner of the *Messenger* about Archbishop Arseny's being the founder were placed in the Winter 2001/2002 issue, and will continue.

Olga Jurgens reported that the "dedicated communicator" line will be left out of the Parish Directory for the time being. She also said that the deadline for the next issue of the Parish Directory is March 15, 2002. She hopes it will be in print by mid-April.

ACTION: OLGA JURGENS

The unit asked Bishop Seraphim about the progress of the web-page. He said that Bob Czech in the Syosset office would create it after he has finished Alaska's site.

There was some discussion by the unit of work for Frs Irénée (Rochon) and James Griggs. It was noted that Fr Irénée is now helping to vet the Russian translations, and that Fr James has offered to do any writing needed, as well as to help out in any way he can with the *Chronology*.

On the topic of Pilgrimages, the unit again requested that this be moved to the Programming Unit.

ACTION: FR DENIS PIHACH

10.1 Archbishop Arseny Glorification

There was nothing to report, except that an icon has been done in the sobor in Winnipeg. Fr Bob Kennaugh offered to make a digital photograph of it and send to the diocesan office.

ACTION: FR ROBERT KENNAUGH

Mother Sophia was requested to send copies of the *Messenger's* "Canadian Chrysostom" article to both Fr James and Denis Lessard.

ACTION: NUN SOPHIA

10.2 Metropolitan Council [*see item # 10.2, attached*]

Professor Richard Schneider said that he feels that everything is always planned in advanced for the Metropolitan Council meetings. He said that the next meeting will be on April 15 and he had as yet received nothing concerning the agenda, etc. He asked members of Council to look at the "Diocesan Information and Projections for 2000 - 2001" which he had passed around and make suggestions as to what he should say. He said he believes there are no "burning issues" on the table this time.

10.3 Canadian Conference of Churches

Richard Schneider explained that because resources are limited, the CCC have decided to concentrate on a couple of areas-biotech/ethical problems and youth (a national youth forum is being formed by the CCC, to which the Archdiocese will be sending Sofia Lopoukhine, Anastasy Gallager, and hopefully someone from the West). Also, he noted that the CCC has had to move, and they are looking for permanent space, and that the position of General Secretary will be open soon.

10.4 13th All American Council

The Chancellor noted again, that most of our parishes simply cannot afford the assessments. For those who can manage to do so, the money will be sent in Canadian dollars.

10.6 University of Sherbrooke [*see item # 10.6, attached*]

In addition to his written report, announcing the new Master's degree in Orthodox theology, to begin in September, and the second conference by the Orthodox Theology Programme to be held in May, John Hadjinicolaou said that Bishop Kallistos (Ware), sponsored by the John Main Seminar, will be speaking in Cornwall, Ontario from August 22 to August 25 on "The Kingdom of the Heart: The Jesus Prayer in Our Daily Life." Contact person for this is Joy Gordon (416) 485-9718. E-mail: joyg@sympatico.ca.

John Hadjinicolaou also said that SYNDESMOS has sent a letter to Sherbrooke asking for a Canadian representative. The programme itself would be the member, if Metropolitan Sotirios and Bishop Seraphim will sign. His Grace said that he would indeed be happy to sign.

10.7 Mission Guidelines [*see item #10.7, attached*]

In discussing the revised Mission Guidelines document, Fr Dennis said that all new missions must have these guidelines, the by-laws, the Statute of the OCA, etc. There should be available a whole packet for any new start-up. He said that the Missions Director should be the one to put these packets together. Geoff Korz

suggested that the packet also contain some advice and fatherly cautions from the Missions Director.

ACTION: FR LARRY REINHEIMER

11.0 Date of next meeting

It was decided that the Archdiocesan Council will next meet in Calgary, Alberta, October 25-27, 2002. (Note: Daylight Savings Time ends that weekend.)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. with the singing of "It is truly meet," followed by Vespers. at the Sign of the Theotokos Church, and a reception at the home of John and Evangelia Hadjinicolaou.

Respectfully submitted, Nun Sophia (Zion)