

Dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank you for your continued devotion and care for our beloved Archdiocese. As we set our course for this new year, we are faced with difficult, but not unsurmountable tasks. As you know, our veteran Treasurer, Nikita Lopoukhine is retiring after over 30 years of loyal services to the Archdiocese of Canada. I have never known the Archdiocese without him. But fortunately Deacon Justin Mitchell has accepted to replace him in this important position. May God grant him the strength and perseverance that Nikita has shown in the past.

Our need for an Auxiliary Bishop is once more being brought to you. The fact that there was an Auxiliary bishop 4 years ago prevented a lot of problems, when Vladyka Seraphim was taken from us. We will have once more to make a decision concerning this.

As you have seen in the preceding schedule, most of the Archdiocese has been visited once more. These pastoral visits are a consolation to me as I see these Communities grow and become more mature. New missions were founded and others were revived. Such as St. Aidan's parish in Cranbrook, BC which now has a full time priest, in Fr. Andrew Applegate, and the new Mission of the Holy Apostles in Chiiliwack, BC with Fr. Mathew Francis. Here in Sherbrooke, Qc., Fr. Octavian Blaga is beginning a Mission in French. In Kaslo, BC, Faithful living there are in the process of organizing a Mission Station. All our parishes and Missions have clergy caring for them, most on a full time basis.

Within our Canadian reality, inter-Orthodox relations between our Archdiocese and the other Jurisdictions residing here are progressing in a positive manner. Con-celebrations with other Hierarchs are normal and constant. The meetings of the Canadian Assembly of Orthodox Bishops will continue and the next meeting is scheduled for April 30th.

The Holy Synod meeting is scheduled for next week. On May 1st, Fr. John Jillions, Chancellor of the OCA and the Treasurer of the OCA Mrs Melanie Ringa will be visiting us in Montreal to speak of the resolution at the Metropolitan Council aimed at increasing our financial contributions to the OCA. Will participate at this meeting, H.B. Metropolitan Tikhon, Fr. Anatoly Melnik, Fr. Nazari Polataiko, Deacon Justin Mitchell and myself.

We will be celebrating three important anniversaries this year, Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Montréal, will celebrate the 90 th anniversary of their church building on July 12, with the visit of H.B. Metropolitan Tikhon. On September 26, Saint John the Divine Parish will celebrate its centennial and on September 27, Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Toronto will celebrate its centennial with the Primatial visit of H.B. Metropolitan Tikhon.

The Parish of St Peter the Aleut in Calgary is moving to a new church building in a few months. I congratulate the Dean and Rector Fr. Phillip Eriksson for bringing this project to its fulfilment.

I thank the Archdiocesan Administration and the Cathedral clergy and Parish Council for the beautiful Intronisation Liturgy last November 29th. I pray that with your help I may continue to grow in wisdom and become worthy of your love and trust.

In Christ,

+Irénée

Bishop of Ottawa and the Archdiocese of Canada

October 2014

- 1 - Archdiocesan Council meeting in Ottawa, ON
- 2 - Special Archdiocesan Assembly in Gatineau, QC
- 3 - Clergy Synaxis in Gatineau, QC
- 5- St. Seraphim in Rawdon - Annual General Parish Meeting
- 11-12 - St. Sabbas Monastery, Detroit, Michigan
- 14 - Liturgy at Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral in Montréal, Ordination to the diaconate of Hlib Melnik
- 18-19 - St. Luke's Orthodox Church in Chicago, Illinois
- 21-24 - Holy Synod meeting in Syosset, NY
- 26 - Liturgy at St. Gregory of Nyssa Parish in Kingston, ON
- 28 - Liturgy at St. Seraphim's Parish in Rawdon, QC

November 2014

- 2 - Liturgy at St. Seraphim's Parish in Rawdon, QC
- 7-8 - Holy Archangels Church in St. Laurent (Montréal) Greek Metropolis, with Metropolitan Sotirios
- 9 - Liturgy at St. Benoît Parish in Montréal, QC
- 10 - Ottawa
- 14-16 - Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Toronto, ON
- 21-23 - Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Montréal, QC
- 29 - Intronisation Liturgy in Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa
- 30 - Sign of the Theotokos Church parish feast in Montréal, QC

December 2014

- 5-6 - St. Nicholas Parish feast in Narrol, Ma. Ordination of Deacon Matthew Beynon
- 7 - Holy Trinity Cathedral in Winnipeg, MB
- 8 - Liturgy at St Aidan of Lindisfarn Mission Parish in Cranbrook, BC
- 9 - Liturgy at Antiochian Parish in Idaho, USA
- 12-13 - St. Herman of Alaska Parish Feast in Edmonton, AB
Concelebration with Bishop Job of Kashira MP

14 - Liturgy at St. Peter the Aleut, Parish in Calgary, AB
15-17 - Visit to Orthodox Community in Kaslo, BC
21 - Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Montréal, QC
24 - Christmas Vigil at St. Benoît Parish in Montréal, QC
25 - Nativity Liturgy at Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa, ON
26-27 - Services for the Episcopal consecration of Bishop Paul in
Chicago, IL
27-28 - Vigil and Liturgy at ROCOR Cathedral in Chicago, IL

2015

January 2015

3-4 - Saint Seraphim's parish in Toronto, ON
5 - Visit to University of Toronto
6-7 - Nativity Feast at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, in Montréal,
QC
11 - Liturgy at St. Seraphim's Parish in Rawdon, QC
16-17 - Visit and services at Holy Lady of Vladimir Mission in
St. John's, Newfoundland
18 - Liturgy at St. Vladimir's Parish in Halifax, NS
19-21 - Hermitage of the Annunciation, New Germany, NS
24-25 - Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa, ON

February 2015

1 - Liturgy at St. Benoît Parish in Montréal, QC
2 - Liturgy at Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa, ON
5-12 - Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral in Los Angeles, CA
14-15 - Liturgies at St. Seraphim's Parish in Rawdon, QC
18 - Meeting in Rawdon, QC
Meeting with Archbishop Gabriel of ROCOR in Montréal
22 - Liturgy at Holy Trinity Parish in Québec City, QC
23-25 - Great Canon at St. Seraphim's Church in Rawdon, QC

- 26 - Great Canon at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Montréal, QC
- 27 - Presanctified Liturgy at the Sign of the Theotokos Church in Montréal, QC

March 2015

- 1 - Liturgy at Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa
Vespers of Orthodoxy Sunday at St. Elias Cathedral in Ottawa, ON
- 4 - Presanctified Liturgy at St. Seraphim's Parish in Rawdon, QC
- 8 - Liturgy at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral in Montréal, QC

**Chancellor's address
to the Archdiocesan Council**

Ottawa, 11 March 2015

Your Graces and the members of the Archdiocesan Council,
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

We have entered a new era in our archdiocese. For many years we did not have any changes. But as the time goes on our life changes. Changes come to our archdiocese. Today we have a new bishop, both the spiritual and administrative leader of Canada. We pray that his ruling will be long and blessed, and we, as the Archdiocesan Council, will try our best to show the great support to our Leader. So, we all work together for the glory and good standing of our Church.

The Lord says: Do not be afraid, little flock. Fear always generates uncertainty as humanly possible. Let's not be afraid! The Lord will reward us with the strength to carry on our obedience.

My words are going to all of you, members of Archdiocesan Council and I'm asking God to send you all His Wisdom and spiritual power to be on this position of our Church.

Asking your blessing and prayers,

Yours in Christ,

Mitered Archpriest Anatoliy,
Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Canada,
Orthodox Church in America

**Report of the Episcopal Secretary and
Secretary of the Archdiocese of Canada to the
Archdiocesan Council of the Archdiocese of Canada (OCA)
Ottawa, Ontario
March 12-13, 2015**

Your Grace, Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is my honour to present to you the report of my activities as the Episcopal Secretary and the Secretary of the Archdiocese of Canada for the period from October of 2014 to March 2015.

Archdiocesan Office

Regular office hours have been dedicated mainly to the completion of the archival files for 2014, the Annual Parish reports and the organization of the parish files. The regular working hours of the Archdiocesan Office were kept as usual, with the exception of some adjustments due to unforeseen travel plans. Various assignments and responsibilities were fulfilled as they arose outside of the Archdiocesan Centre, across Canada and abroad.

I am still working on the large task of finishing the organization of the documents in the parish files. I have not been able to complete all the files because the requested documents have not been provided by all of the parishes and other types of communities.

All office documentation is properly filed and organized, and Vladyka's correspondence is properly filed and organized and answered in a timely fashion.

Mail, E-Mail and Correspondence

All correspondence is replied to, recorded in catalogues, and properly filed as usual. All the 2014 correspondence is catalogued and moved to the archives. The confirmation letters for archpastoral visits are sent to the parishes as soon as dates of the visits have been confirmed.

Website

I am in contact with Father Geoffrey and Matushka Jolan Ready on a regular basis with regard to the Archdiocesan website. We have seen a small improvement in parish activity on the website – lately some parishes have been providing material for publication directly on their own initiative, which is encouraging.

A large task recently accomplished at the Archdiocesan Office was the preparation and publication of the 2014 Archpastoral Acts published on the website, along with all the related information changes.

Again and again, we strongly request that every deanery, local parish, clergy and parish members submit news items to be shared with other parishes as soon as possible after an event. Please remember to look at the website regularly for news and announcements, and to keep our Website Team in your prayers.

Organizing Bishop Irénée's Travel, and Travelling with Vladyka

Since my ordination to the priesthood and the Archdiocesan Council Meeting last October, my travelling with Vladyka has been minimal. However, I was blessed by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, upon request from the Office of External Church Relations of the OCA, to participate at the fall session of the Holy Synod of Bishops, and also to accompany His Beatitude on his official visit to the Patriarchate of Moscow in December, 2014.

October 14, 2014:	Montreal, QC (Parish Feast)
October 21-23, 2014:	New York, NY (Holy Synod of Bishops)
November 14-19, 2014:	Toronto, ON (Accompanying Wonderworking Icon of the Theotokos, "Abbess of the Holy Mount Athos")
November 20-23, 2014:	Montreal, QC (Accompanying Wonderworking Icon)
December 1-10, 2014:	Moscow, St. Petersburg, Russia (Accompanying His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon to the Patriarchate of Moscow)
January 14, 2015:	Rawdon, QC (Meeting with His Grace Irénée)

Fair Haven

As was reported before, the Spencerville property is functioning as a 100% incorporated monastery, with the name "Monastery of St. Silouan the Athonite." I visited Fair Haven the last time at the end October to check on the property, and to talk with the monastic community. The copies of the documentation requested by the Monastery in order to change the tax status of the property were provided to them before the New Year. Also a letter was written to the Monastery informing the community that they will receive copies of all other necessary assistance with this task.

Parish Reports, Property & Liability Insurance

As I reported before, the matter of utmost importance for the coming year is to make sure that all our parishes and archdiocesan entities carry public liability insurance. All parishes are obliged to obtain insurance coverage and to submit a record of their insurance policy to the Archdiocesan Office. This request was underlined in the Parish Report Forms.

Unfortunately, some of our communities, after much explanation of the importance of insuring their place of worship, have not yet forwarded an insurance policy to us or even to have an insurance coverage at all. Therefore, they expose the entire Archdiocese to possible legal liability. The Archdiocese is responsible for the pastoral care of approximately 58 ecclesiastical entities, including parishes, monasteries, missions, and mission stations. Thirty-nine (39) assigned rectors or priests-in-charge were given Annual Parish Report Forms and Parish Compliance Forms for Sexual Misconduct Guidelines, and 90% responded. Out of this 90% who responded, only 80% of the parish councils adopted the PSP documents in their minutes. 71% implemented a parish screening program for people who have more than incidental contact with minors. 74% of parishes have asked their Church School personal and Parish Council members to read and to certify in writing their commitment to comply with the PSP guidelines. Now I would like to challenge this council with several questions:

1. Why do we not have a 100% compliance with regard to insurance coverage and to the Sexual Misconduct Guidelines as expected of us by the OCA and by our insurance carrier?
2. What are the consequences of noncompliance?
3. What are we to do to resolve this issue?

Please formulate a mandate based on the answers to these questions. This mandate will be our ongoing Action Point that the Archdiocesan Council will try to fulfill.

Clergy Extended Health Plan Insurance

There is no news concerning this plan other than we have one new participant in the program.

Liturgical Celebrations

From October 2014 until now, I was blessed to concelebrate in and to officiate the following services (numbers approximate): 30 Divine Liturgies, 25 Vigils, 5 Vespers services, 20 Molebens, Akathists and other Divine Services.

Theological Education Committee and Diaconal Training

We have not yet had a chance to meet with the committee.

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The Archdiocesan Vocation Assessment Committee has had no meetings since the last Archdiocesan Council Meeting. Several interviews will be scheduled with the blessing of His Grace in the near future.

Other Archdiocesan Matters

The Archdiocesan Office is also dealing with the following matters at the present time:

1. Extraordinary Assembly 2014

As most of you know first hand, the Extraordinary Assembly 2014 was a success in all respects regarding its location, terms for the contract, its operation and, of course, its outcome. Following the Assembly, there was the nomination of His Grace Irénée as a candidate before the Holy Synod of Bishops, and the official election of His Grace to the See of Ottawa and The Archdiocese of Canada. Then the official Enthronement was planned and took place on November 29, 2014 at the Cathedral of the Annunciation/St. Nicholas.

With limited time and resources, the Archdiocese of Canada and the Cathedral of the Annunciation/St. Nicholas were able to organize a very memorable event for His Grace. Almost all the Canadian Orthodox jurisdictions were represented either by their hierarchs or their honourable representatives. The OCA delegation headed by His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon included five hierarchs. It was an extraordinary event. We all proclaim "Axios" to our dear Vladyka.

2. The Wonder-working icon of Most Holy Theotokos, "The Abbess of The Holy Mount Athos"

To make Vladyka's Enthronement even more blessed and joyous, upon request of His Grace, Bishop Irénée, and with the blessing of the Most Blessed Onyfry, Metropolitan of Kyiv and all Ukraine, the Archdiocese of Canada was blessed to have the visit of yet another wonderworking icon of the Most Holy Theotokos. The Icon of the Mother of God, "Abbess of the Holy Mountain", arrived in Toronto on November 14 and stayed in Canada visiting several parishes until

November 30. The holy icon made visits to Christ the Saviour Sobor in Toronto, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Toronto, the St. John Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Oshawa, the Sobor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Montreal and the Annunciation/St. Nicholas Cathedral in Ottawa. Several thousand people were able to venerate the holy icon. Thanks be to God for such a great blessing.

3. Official Visit of His Beatitude Tikhon, Archbishop of Washington, Metropolitan of All America and Canada to the Patriarchate of Moscow

One of the highlights of this last six-month period was my participation in the official delegation of the Orthodox Church in America to the Patriarchate of Moscow.

On **December 1, 2014**, the day following the Enthronement of His Grace Irénée as Bishop of Ottawa and All Canada, I departed from Ottawa to New York.

There I joined Protopresbyter Leonid Kishkovsky, the Director of the Office of the External Church Relations of the Orthodox Church in America, on the first official visit of Metropolitan Tikhon to the Russian Orthodox Church.

On **Tuesday, December 2**, we arrived at the Sheremetievo airport before the rest of the delegation and were able to meet with the representatives of the Department of External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate, prior to the arrival of Metropolitan Tikhon and the rest of the delegation.

On **Wednesday, December 3**, we visited the Pokrov Monastery, and were present at the official meeting of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill and His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon. Afterwards, there was a reception hosted by John F. Tefft, the US Ambassador to Russia.

On **Thursday, December 4 (Feast of the Entrance of the Mother of God, o.c.)**, there was the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the Holy Dormition Cathedral in the Kremlin, and a Molieben in the presence of the Relics of St. Tikhon at Donskoy Monastery.

Friday, December 5: Visit to Holy Trinity Lavra

Saturday, December 6 (St Nicholas the Wonderworker): All Night Vigil at the OCA's Representation Church of St. Catherine the Great Martyr.

Sunday, December 7: Divine Liturgy at St. Catherine's, dinner (with special guest, John Kur, Canadian Ambassador to Russia), and departure for St. Petersburg.

Monday, December 8: Visits to St. Isaac Cathedral, the Church of the Resurrection ("The Saviour in Blood"), Holy Trinity St. Alexander Nevsky Lavra, Nikolaev Naval Cathedral in Kronstadt, Memorial Apartment of Righteous John of Kronstadt.

Tuesday, December 9: Visit to Kazan Cathedral followed by a dinner hosted by the Metropolitan of St. Petersburg and Ladoga, Varsonofy; visit to Sts. Peter and Paul Fortress, and visits to the Stavropegic Monastery of St. John in Karpovka, and to the Chapel of the Blessed Xenia of Petersburg at Smolensk. There was a

Memorial service at the original burial site of the Ukrainian national poet, Taras Shevchenko at Smolensk commentary.

Wednesday, December 10: Departure to Canada.

4. What the Future holds

From the bottom of my heart I would like to thank all of you, who have taken and are taking the time to do this work for the growth and development of the Archdiocese of Canada. Our Archdiocesan committees have now started their work, and I hope that this is the beginning of a new period of growth in the history of the Archdiocese of Canada. And I trust that the fruits of these labors will be bountiful.

Many of you asked me about my future. Therefore, I felt obliged to provide an answer. With the blessing of His Grace bishop Irénée, I was offered a pastoral assignment outside of the Archdiocese of Canada. First of all, I would like you to know that I did not seek it out, nor did I seek a better place for myself. I am happy to be the Secretary of Archdiocese of Canada and the Episcopal Secretary to His Grace Irénée serving in the Archdiocese of Canada. The initial offer that was made to me came as a complete surprise. But the rumors that followed the offer were painful. After much praying and asking for advice from my spiritual father, I was blessed to separate the two issues: my ordination to the priesthood and the relocation to a different diocese. That is how I presented my answer to Vladyka Irénée last May. I subsequently received his blessing, with the understanding that I would be ordained by my spiritual father for service in the Archdiocese of Canada. If things were to work out for me to relocate to the United States, I would be granted a blessing for that later on. However, if things do not work out regarding a relocation to the USA, I will continue my work and service in the Archdiocese of Canada.

Currently, my family and I are waiting for the US Immigration Services to determine our fate. The initial application was approved and an interview at the United States Consulate is our next step. After the interview process, we will have to undergo a medical examination. If both procedures are successful, and the requested documents are accepted, we will be granted Green Cards and the permission to live and work in the USA.

When will all of this occur? Or will it happen at all? I have no idea. Therefore until that point in time, I continue my duties both as the Episcopal Secretary and the Secretary of the Archdiocese of Canada. There is much work to be done, as many important projects have been begun but need to be brought to fruition.

Whether or not I move away, I sincerely thank you all for your love and support over the past years. I not only worked together with you but also I got to know

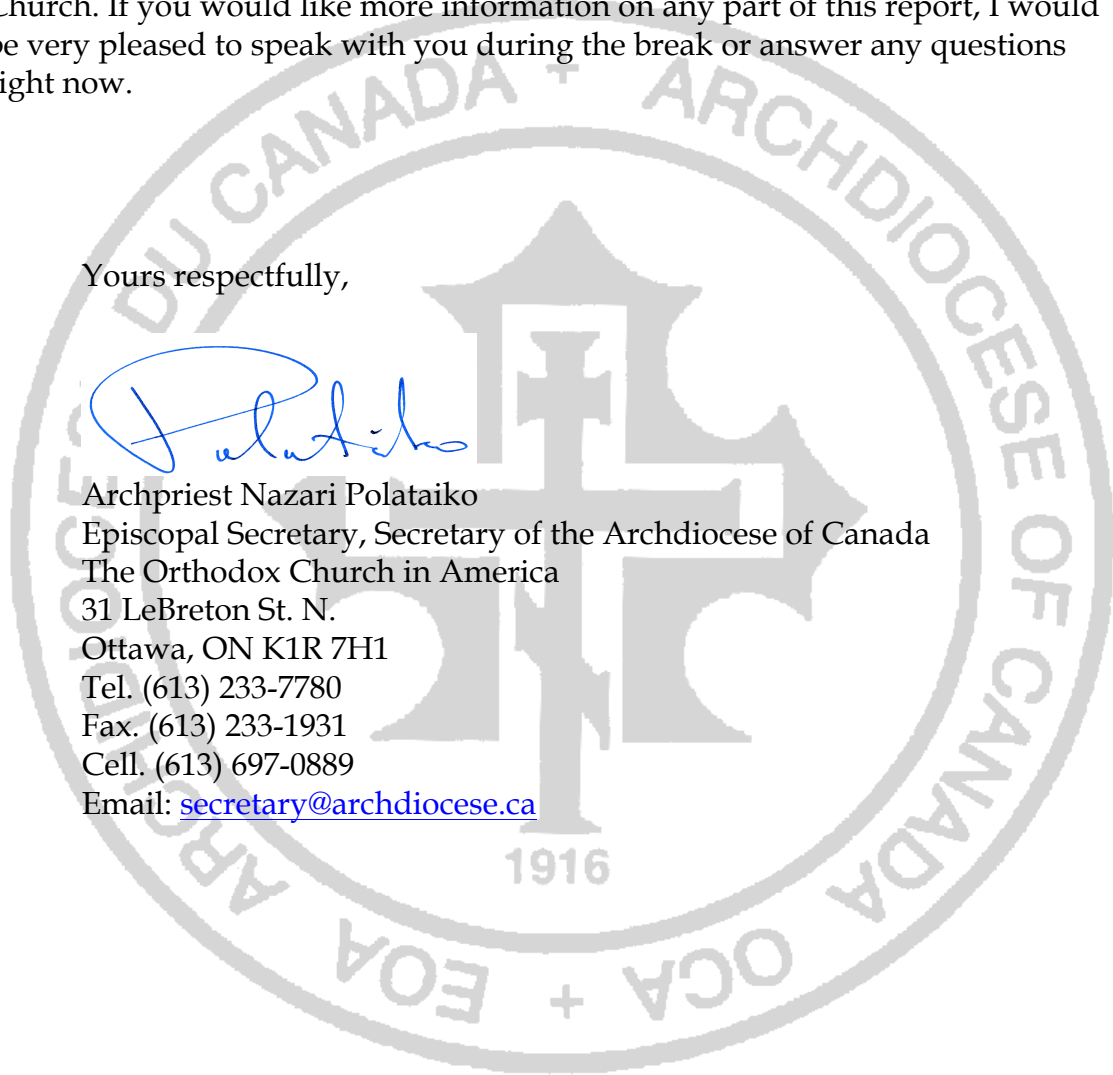
most of you personally. It is a great honor to be in your midst. Under the wise guidance of His Grace Irénée, we managed not only to survive probably the most difficult four years in the history of this Archdiocese, but also to learn how to persevere in the struggles of this changing world. We are learning to become more spiritually mature and to be more transparent and efficient in our Archdiocesan Administration.

May God grant you many blessed years in the service of His Holy Orthodox Church. If you would like more information on any part of this report, I would be very pleased to speak with you during the break or answer any questions right now.

Yours respectfully,



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Archdiocese of Canada

Audit Committee Report to Archdiocesan Council

March 11, 2015

Dear Vladyka, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As mentioned in the previous report, given the scope of work remaining to be done, it is proving to be difficult, as our experience has shown, to proceed without additional qualified help available locally on a continuous basis. Again, the Treasurer and Treasurer's Assistant are doing a good job and are trying very hard to achieve their goals. However, it is critical that a resource with knowledge and experience in financial reporting and non-profit accounting is in place to help prepare books for audit, monitor internal controls, and prepare financial statements. Without this resource it is difficult to achieve our mandate, and it is critical that the resource is introduced as soon as possible.

Since no such resource was secured at the time, the Committee activities would have to be put on hold. Once the resource is secure, next steps are going to be:

1. Finalize 2012 and prepare 2013 financial statements under Notice to Reader
2. Work with the bank to resolve any possible issues and misunderstandings
3. Carry out 2012 and 2013 books review engagement

In the past the audit committee has been working towards achieving its mandate of preparing the Archdiocese books for external audit. This is a requirement from financial institutions as well as CRA. Besides, sound financial reporting is critical for internal decision making. Although significant steps have been made to achieve this goal, the committee has not performed much activity over the summer and is waiting for the outcome of the Assembly to resume its function.

In Christ,

German (Herman) Ovodov
Audit Committee Chair

February-27-2015

Dear Vladyka, Chancellor, Episcopal Secretary and members of the Archdiocesan Council,

Master Bless!

This letter is a follow up to my declaration at the last Council meeting.

As of June 30th 2015 I will be stepping down as Treasurer.

My last act as Treasurer will consist of filing the Archdiocesan requirements with the Revenue Canada Charities Division towards the end of June. At that time, I will hand over the responsibilities of the position along with pertinent files and records to whoever will be appointed. Parishes, Syosset, Banks, Revenue Canada and others will need to be notified of the changes in this position.

My decision has been taken over time. I am also withdrawing from most of my other obligations Board memberships and advisory function as I foresee a need to have much more time available for personal reasons as well as a desire to be absent for extended periods from Ottawa during summer and winter months. I cannot continue to have day to day responsibilities.

I look forward to being able to advise the next Treasurer on the responsibilities of the position. Hopefully a new Treasurer can be appointed before the end of June to assure a smooth transition.

Thank you for letting me serve God in this position over the past nearly 30 years.

In Christ,

Nikita Lopoukhine

Treasurer, Archdiocese of Canada

Parish contributions 2014

DATE PRINTED 08-Mar-15		TOTAL RECEIVED	CAA SYOSSET	ARCHDIO. CONTRIB.	MISSIONS	EDUCATION	CHARITY	BISHOP and other purp.	CAR	BISHOP Exec Episc.	Aux Bishop	St. Arseny I	ADOC House
Deanery	PARISH												
B C & Y T	Comox:Holy Apostle Barnabas	\$0.00											
	Dewdney:All Saints	\$1,500.00	\$100.00	\$900.00				\$500.00					
	Gibsons:Holy Transfiguration	\$1,300.00	\$130.00	\$1,170.00									
	Langley:St. Herman	\$9,953.73	\$995.37	\$8,958.36									
	Vancouver- Holy Resurrection	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$13,500.00									
	Vancouver: St. John Shanghai	\$9,802.36	\$980.24	\$8,822.12									
A I b e r t a	Victoria:All Saints of Alaska	\$8,970.00	\$897.00	\$8,073.00									
	Whitehorse: St. Nicholas	\$3,175.00	\$317.50	\$2,857.50	(2013 and 2014 tithe)								
	Andrew/Kysylew - Nativity of th	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$270.00									
	Andrew/Sachava - St. Michael	\$0.00											
	Andrew/Sunland - Holy Trinity	\$1,050.00	\$105.00	\$945.00									
	Andrew/Wostok/Buk.:St. Nicko	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$270.00									
	Calgary: St. Peter the Aleut	\$17,931.61	\$1,695.21	\$15,286.40				\$100.00	\$450.00	\$400.00			
	Cranbrook: St. Aidan	\$3,956.39	\$365.65	\$3,290.74					\$300.00				
	Chahor - Sts Peter and Paul	\$0.00											
	Desjarlais - St. Nicholas	\$300.00	\$30.00	\$270.00									
	Dickie Bush - Sts Peter and Pa	\$200.00	\$20.00	\$180.00									
	Edmonton - St. Herman of Ala	\$18,550.00	\$1,835.00	\$16,515.00				\$200.00					
	Edmonton - Holy Trinity	\$2,845.75	\$265.00	\$2,385.00				\$195.75					
	North Bank:Holy Transfiguratio	\$0.00											
	Pakan (Sm. Lake)- St. Elias	\$600.00	\$60.00	\$540.00									
S K & M B	Shandro:Holy Assumption	\$350.00	\$35.00	\$315.00									
	Smoky Lake - Holy Trinity	\$200.00						\$200.00					
	St. Tikhon C. O. Parishes	\$200.00						\$200.00					
	Star/Lamont- Holy Transfigurati	\$1,200.00	\$120.00	\$1,080.00									
	Wasel - Holy Ascencion	\$0.00											
	Canora - St. Andrew	\$1,140.75	\$114.07	\$1,026.68									
	Kayville - Holy Trinity	\$0.00											
	Meadow Lake:	\$1,885.42	\$188.54	\$1,696.88									
	Moose Jaw - Holy Trinity	\$5,705.00	\$570.50	\$5,134.50									
	Narol - St. Nicholas	\$2,995.00	\$220.50	\$1,984.50	\$290.00						\$500.00		
U N T A R I	Sandy Lake - St Nicholas	\$0.00											
	Saskatoon - Holy Resurrection	\$12,702.70	\$1,165.54	\$10,489.86	\$1,047.30								
	Stenen - Holy Assumption	\$0.00											
	St. Wallburg:Sts. Peter and Pa	\$0.00											
	Winnipeg - Holy Trinity	\$0.00											
	Winnipeg - Spring of Theot.	\$1,520.00	\$152.00	\$1,368.00									
	Yorkton - St. Mark	\$5,857.26	\$585.72	\$5,271.54									
	Hamilton:All Saints	\$10,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$9,450.00									
	Kingston - St. Gregory of Nyssa	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$900.00									
	Ottawa - Annunciation Cathedr	\$6,115.82	\$611.58	\$5,504.24									
Q C & A t I .	Toronto - Christ the Saviour	\$9,600.00	\$960.00	\$8,640.00									
	Toronto:St. Seraphim	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$450.00									
	Windsor - St. John	\$4,970.19	\$448.23	\$4034.50	\$187.46			\$300.00					
	Halifax:St. Vladimir	\$3,351.30	\$335.13	\$3,016.17									
	Labelle - St. Sergius Chapel	\$250.00	\$25.00	\$225.00									
	Montreal - Sign Theotokos	\$8,000.00	\$800.00	\$7,200.00									
	Montreal - Ss Peter and Paul	\$10,000.00	\$900.00	\$8,100.00	\$1,000.00								
	Montreal - St. Benoit de Nursie	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$900.00									
	New Germany:Annunc. Herm.	\$0.00											
	Quebec City: H. Trinity	\$941.00	\$94.10	\$846.90									
	Rawdon - St. Seraphim	\$1,200.00	\$120.00	\$1,080.00									
	St. John's - H.L. of Vladimir	\$1,816.72	\$125.00	\$1,125.00				\$566.72					
		\$188,736.00	\$18,226.88	\$164,071.89	\$2,524.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,262.47	\$750.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00

The Sobor of St. Peter and St. Paul

A children's summer camp was held in August. Father Deacon Gleb Melnyk was ordained by His Grace Bishop Irénée in October. The Abbess of Mount Athos Icon of the Most Holy Mother of God and the Holy Relics of St. Gabriel of Mount Athos were at the Cathedral in November. A Sunday school for adults was started in March. Ninety anniversary of services in the Cathedral.

The Sign of the Theotokos

Fr. Antoine Emmanuel head of the Monastic community of Jerusalem spoke at the first ACE session of the 2014-2015 series, Fr. Gregory made a reciprocal visit to the monks and nuns where he was well received. We continue to address some maintenance issues on our building – we have replaced the icon above the front door, installed new handrails at the Church's entrance, and refreshed/renovated the women's bathroom. We continue to beautify the church through the acquisition of commissioned icons.

Paroisse Orthodoxe Saint Benoit-de-Nursie

Liturgical life: liturgy and vespers Education: Adult Catechesis and Seminar. One of the highlights of the past year was the visit and conference of His Grace Alexander of Toledo, OH. We have joined a charitable activity of the Sign of the Theotokos Parish. The major challenge facing the parish: the small number of parishioners. A conference on icons is being organized by our parish, April 19th, 2015.

Holy Lady of Vladimir Mission Station

Inquirers lectures are offered. A Mission trip to Cornerbrook/Clareville was held. The mission has lost the full-time use of the chapel at Queen's College (MUN). Planning a possible parish trip to the Holy Monastery of Panaghia Parigoritissa (Brownsburg). Questions raised during the recent visit of Bishop Irénée: What is the Archdiocese doing to support Missions and Missionary priests i.e. Financial Support? How is the priest to take a Vacation? Support for attending a deanery meeting? Having a senior priest sent to the mission to check-in with the priest on his health?

St. Vladimir Prince Of Kiev Church

Discussing whether to purchase the church. \$100,000.

Holy Annunciation Monastery

The monks have edited a Psalter of the Seventy for Antiphonal usage. The monastery is supported by the Sisterhood of Sts. Martha & Mary. The monastery may be a good place to offer training to new clergy and a good place for clergy spiritual refreshment.

Respectfully submitted by,
Archpriest Gregory Nimijean
Dean of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces



ONTARIO DEANERY REPORT March 2015

Your Grace, Fathers & Brethren:

Please find below the report of the Deanery of Ontario for March 2015, outlining both parish and Deanery-related news and initiatives.

All Saints of North America in Hamilton has experienced both spiritual and financial success with their parish bookstore and book tables at events hosted by other parishes. The parish also hosted a successful series of conferences (dinner/service/talk) called the **‘Orthodox Institute on the Family’** on issues of everyday life: Education for the Soul, Finding and Keeping Your Spouse, More Than a Village: It Takes a Family, and Balancing Family Life in a Fast-Paced World. The conferences were well attended and the parish plans to run more like this in the coming year. The community will also be hosting two events in 2015, a Lenten **Orthodox Spirituality Series** featuring Hieromonk James Corazza of Joy of All Who Sorrow Cathedral in San Francisco, and a June 2015 **Iconography Course** by Hieromonk Vladimir of Saskatchewan.

Annunciation Cathedral in Ottawa has in the last few years become formally a part of the Deanery of Ontario. The existence of the Archdiocesan Centre and Administrative offices adjacent to the Ottawa Cathedral sees extensive activity in its own right, and the life of the community continues to overlap in certain ways with the work of the Bishop and his administration.

Saint Gregory of Nyssa Orthodox Church in Kingston saw in the last year the baptism of a few families and the mission is growing, now numbering 37 adults and 25 children. The growth has enabled the mission to increase its insurance budget to meet diocesan requirements. A Sunday school has been started on a monthly basis. Fr Matthew (ROCOR) is a regular visitor and has initiated a **campus ministry at Queen’s University**. Fr Nicholas Young and his family, stationed at the military base in Kingston for the past year, have been attending around once or twice a month.

Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Toronto continue with their renovations including new windows and doors, and the complete replacement of the brickwork around the front of the church (costing around \$200,000). Some progress has been made on fixing the leaky basement, but there are plumbing issues yet to resolve (drainage from the toilets and kitchen). The cathedral recently welcomed a visit from a wonderworking icon of the Mother of God, the Abbess of Mount Athos, which saw many people and clergy visit from other parishes. In 2014, there were about 150 baptisms at the cathedral, and the parish has welcomed two attached priests from Ukraine, Father Anatoli and Father Evgeni.

Saint Innocent Orthodox Mission, the renewed English language mission within Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Toronto, has grown significantly, with as many as 40 or more people at some Liturgies. Since fall 2014, a **combined English-Slavonic Vigil service** has been sung each Saturday night, in concert with the faithful of Christ the Saviour, demonstrating a blessedly successful cooperation between the mission and the parish who hosts it.

Saint Seraphim of Sarov Church in Richmond Hill continues to draw from the large Russian emigree community in the area north of Steeles Avenue, in Thornhill, Richmond Hill, and Vaughan. The weekly attendance was around 50 to 70, so they have been growing visibly, including financially, but they are hampered in their growth and activities by the lack of a building. The parish has tried to add more services, including feast days, and the Sunday school program has grown.

Saint John the Divine parish in Windsor experienced the sad loss of their subdeacon in 2014, who had been working on preparing himself for diaconal ordination. This was a significant setback for the parish, since the reposed subdeacon took on a significant share of the burden, now the responsibility of the part-time priest. Thankfully, nearly a dozen faithful have registered in **the Readers Program through the Saint Arseny Institute**, offering some long-range respite for the rector. The parish runs a food bank, and also participated in the Doors Open Windsor project. Other activities include a ladies' social, a book club, and Divorce Care/Grief Share which have been well received. Church renovations included a new carpet in the church, and the commissioning of an iconographer to improve the iconography on the iconostasis. The parish plans to plant a centennial anniversary tree in September 2015.

Within the Deanery of Ontario, the following initiatives were also undertaken in 2014:

- Regularizing the **Service Ontario listing of Archdiocesan clergy** who can serve a marriage officiants in the province;
- Discussion of **Mission Needs** including Oakville/Mississauga, London, Kitchener-Waterloo (with attention to Russian emigree hubs and areas currently lacking English-language parishes), and university campuses;
- Exploration and pilot trials in two parishes (Hamilton and Windsor) of the **Enrich Canada Marriage Training** program;
- Offering of a December 2014 **Clergy Workshop by Father Andrew Anderson entitled Missionary Lessons from Africa**, based on his work on that continent. The presentation provided an ideal context for the clergy brotherhood to discuss missions in a Canadian context. In keeping with the plans set by the Ontario Deanery two years ago, the course fulfilled requirements for one OCA clergy course credit.
- Establishment of an **Orthodox MDiv Programme (Seminary) at Trinity College, Toronto**. The pan-Orthodox MDiv programme would not only benefit from full Associated of Theological Schools (ATS) accreditation, the administration and other infrastructure of Trinity College and the Toronto School of Theology, **but also full bursary support, meaning that the tuition would be free**. The program is an outgrowth of the Orthodox and Eastern Christian Studies programme at Trinity College, University of Toronto. His Grace Bishop Irénée has blessed this endeavour, and it is hoped to gain the backing of the Canadian Assembly of Orthodox Bishops at their April 2015 meeting.

– *Father Geoffrey Korz, Dean of Ontario*

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Deanery Report
Archdiocesan council meetings Spring 2015

Your Grace, Fathers, brothers and sisters.

Communication.

This past term I endeavored to further develop the communication between myself as the dean and our parish clergy, through deanery meetings, emails and telephone communication.

The goal of these actions was to further enhance the relationship between the Archdiocese and the parishes of this vast deanery. For the most part these communications were positive at helping clergy work through various parish issues, and getting a pulse of the health and status of our clergy and their communities.

Part of this was asking that parishes to consider their diocesan responsibility of offering 10% of their non dedicated parish income to the Archdiocese, and to communicate with the Archdiocesan treasurer what they would be offering, and if unable to meet the 10% offering, to develop a time frame to meet this. To the best of my knowledge no such communication took place, as well, I was not made privy to what was offered, or any such time frames to meet the 10% offering.

I also encouraged our clergy to insure that their parishes were compliant with required insurance coverage, and that all measures were taken to comply with the OCA Policy, Standards and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct (PSP). Again I am unaware of the actual status of compliance and coverage of the deanery parishes.

Following through and checking up with these inquiries is a task that I will endeavor to follow through on for the rest of my term.

Walking Wounded.

One of the issues in our deanery is the number of sick clergy and issues related to sickness in their families.

The Archpriest Robert Stephen Kennaugh, the Archpriest Andrew Piasta continue with issues related to mental illness. Finding lasting and stable health for both priests has been problematic. The Archpriest Rodion Luciuk (who suffered a small stroke last spring) just last week had one knee replaced (he still has to do the other), and is recovering well, although will be unable to serve for the next few months. Protodeacon Taras Papish is now on disability insurance as a result of cardio-vascular disease, and is unable to regularly serve. The Priest Roman Pavlov had a very scary incident this past year when complications arose from some surgery he underwent in the late fall. It is nothing short of a miracle that he was able to start serving after his

hospitalization. And although his is well, the effects from this still take a toll on his energy and ongoing health.

Both the Priests Lennard Herrem and Anthony (Spencer) Esterbrooks have had issues with members of their family struggling with mental illness. Although both priests are dedicated to their respective pastoral duties, these heartaches had provided unwanted burdens that have taxed their time and energy.

I make note of these issues, only to ask that you remember them in your prayers, asking that the Lord in His mercy provide healing and peace, strengthening them in their ministry of building up the Body of Christ in this deanery.

New ways of serving our rural parishes.

Much like Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba have a rich Orthodox rural history. But given the challenges facing rural communities (changing demographics etc.) applying the same pastoral care model that was used 30-10 years ago make no sense. It is of note that many rural parishes in the UOCC are facing the same issues.

This year I was approached by a parishioner of the UOCC Roblin district (who himself a member of St. Nicholas Narol) about the possibility of serving a number of Archdiocesan families in a UOCC temple. What started with a one off liturgy and house blessings, now presents a opportunity to redesign a model that serves a greater number of faithful regardless of what churches they attend, or what jurisdiction they belong to.

I have proposed the creation of a rural district that would encompass about 4 churches serving upwards of 15-20 families. The idea is that a floating parish of these members would be created with a financial commitment that would cover semi regular services throughout the district, both at Archdiocesan parishes, and UOCC parishes.

From every service and the financial commitment made, 10% would be dedicated to the Archdiocese, 10% to the UOCC, 25% to the host parish. the remaining 55% would be divided between the serving clergy (Archdiocesan clergy at this point) and a district fund. This model would allow parish members at any particular parish to still be connected to their home community, as well would demonstrate to the UOCC that the Archdiocese is not looking to “take over” any parishes under their care.

This is still a proposal and is in need of Episcopal approval from both the UOCC Consistory and the Archdiocesan Executive. Not to mention it need the willing financial commitment of those families wanting such pastoral care.

I will be meeting with a number of members from both jurisdictions to further develop this proposal; even determine if it would work. None the less it demonstrates that the pastoral care of

those who wish to continue living an authentic Orthodox life in rural Manitoba is priority for this deanery. May the Lord continue to bless!

Parish Life.

At the last Archdiocesan council meetings I talked about the possibility of a merger between the Theotokos of the Life Giving Springs Mission, and Holy Trinity Sobor in Winnipeg MB, using the model of St. Innocent's Mission and Christ the Savior in Toronto ON. I had floated the possibility to both parish councils, and after some consideration Holy Trinity balked at the proposal. It is of note that the TLGS Mission was enthusiastic about the possibility, even if it were "temporary". It is my opinion that this proposal still has much merit, although the timing might not quite be right.

This past December the Matthew Beynon was ordained to the Diaconate to serve at the Mission. After a two months "training" with myself at St. Nicholas, Father Deacon Matthew is a regular and welcomed addition to the life of the TLGS Mission.

Holy Trinity Sobor has slowly been growing under the pastoral care of Father Roman Pavlov. Many of the "Christmas and Easter basket" people are coming more regularly to weekly services. Holy Trinity has in many respects become a much closer community in reaction to the issues of being "Russian" in a very "Ukrainian city", given the regrettable issues being played out in Ukraine. This has been a delicate issue that underlines (even undermines) many aspects of Holy Trinity's parish life. In it all we continue to ask the Lord to bring peace and stability to Ukraine and to all those affected by its conflict regardless if they be Ukrainian, Russian or Canadian.

Holy Trinity in Moose Jaw SK has experienced some steady growth of inquirers and new immigrants (mainly from Africa) giving added life to this century old community. This also has been the case in Saskatoon SK at Holy Resurrection with the Priest Pau Ruiz-Gomar, where services for Old Calendar feasts have been served to meet the needs of new Canadians from Eastern Europe (although to mixed results).

The parishes of St. Andrew the first called in Canora SK and the parish of All Saints in Meadow Lake SK, continue with a semi regular liturgical life. I have asked both parishes to establish a plan to grow into a "full time" parish within 5-7 years. There still is a question about the status of St. Andrews, as it uses a ROEA church (Sts. Peter and Paul), this is an issue that Vladika Irene is working on with Archbishop Nathaniel.

St. Mark's parish in Yorkton SK, has had to deal with much this past term, with the stroke suffered by Father Rodion, and his subsequent knee surgery. The parish has also been considering the possibility of purchasing land and moving a historic Ukrainian Church to it. The Hieromonk Vladimir (Lysak) has helped insure a regular life while at the same time working on a large Icon writing commission for St. Hermans Sobor in Edmonton AB, and fulfilling other Icon

commissions. His willingness to help as best as he can, despite being as busy as he is, is a blessing for our deanery.

St. Nicholas Narol, has been growing with inquirers, and last year developed a adult education program aimed at understanding Orthodoxy. Last fall St. Nicholas submitted a grant proposal (New Horizons) aimed at encouraging intergenerational and community interaction. To our surprise this proposal (for \$22,000) was accepted. It is our hope to develop a bees wax candle making program, directed at community involvement, and income revenue. Much has to be done to accommodate this given our space and relatively small size.

The work of the Saint Arseny Institute continues (see report) with a number of new students and ever developing online course catalogue. The SAI continues to actively meet the current and future needs of those wanting to either serve the Archdiocese, or deepen their knowledge of the Orthodox faith.

Archbishop Seraphim.

With the rejection of Vladika Seraphim's appeal this winter, Vladika was incarcerated at the Headingly correctional facility, in a separated unit for sex offenders. It is a safe and segregated unit that provides "rehabilitation and education" for offenders. After some frustrating searches for information about pastoral visits, and or care, I was able to contact their chaplain (James Hatherly, and Greg Dunwoodie). They were able to get Vladika a bible, and arrange a visit for myself to bring communion on the Saturday before Great Lent.

Although it is not a preferred situation for Vladika, he none the less is of good heart and spirit. He understand the environment, and acts accordingly both out of self preservation, but more importantly out of care and concern for those who he lives with. His humility and love in this broken (and "evil") environment is truly inspirational. His only request was that he would be brought communion "some time in Pascha". Although I have only seen him once, he is in communication via phone with a number of people in Winnipeg (and his sister in Edmonton). It is far to say that the institution has not broken down his spirit or character. My conversation with him was as if we were in a church hall or even in a living room.

Father, Roman, Father Anthony and myself are working at being registered as "official visiting agencies". This provides a more flexible visiting schedule then just visitors have. We continue to pray for him and for those in care of him.

Hundredth Anniversary.

As I have noted in previous meetings, 2016 marks the 100th anniversary of Canada's first resident bishop (Metropolitan Alexander Nemolosky). Commemorating this historic event in our deanery, is of great importance. Initial conversations have started, although nothing formal has been arranged, especially with Holy Trinity Sobor. It is my hope that throughout the next few

months a number of events, and or exhibits might be suggested, and a small committee set up to better formalize any actions.

Respectful summitted.

Pr. Gregory Scratch.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Dean.



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Report of the Dean of Alberta & the Northwest Territories Archdiocesan Council Meeting – March 12th & 13th, 2015

The Deanery of Alberta & Northwest Territories has had a very full calendar since the last Archdiocesan Council Meeting. Our newly confirmed ruling Bishop spent several weeks in the Deanery travelling over 2200 km by car to visit 5 communities accompanied by the Dean of deanery. Vladyka Irénée's presence was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the communities. This travel included a courtesy visit to the parish in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. In the course of his visit, there was an opportunity to move forward a number of important initiatives in the deanery.

- Fr. Andrew Applegate and Sonia agreed to move to Cranbrook BC to focus more intensively on the mission of St. Aidan. Their move was completed at the end of February of this year. Please pray for them as this mission is not able to provide for the income needs of a priest at this point in time. Fr. Andrew and Sonia will be seeking other methods of helping to maintain a stable financial situation. The work that Fr. Andrew & Sonia have been doing over the last almost 2 years has provided an optimistic and hopeful outlook for the future of this community. Please keep them in prayer.
- Fr. Nicolai Nikolaev and his rural communities (the St. Tikhon group of parishes) in northeastern Alberta have nothing new to report
- Holy Trinity in Edmonton has nothing new to report. Fr. Philip Speranza is having some health issues and from time to time getting some assistance from one of the supply priests in the deanery. I ask for prayers for him and for his community.
- St. Herman of Alaska in Edmonton has received a number of new members through baptism and continues to see new faces in its community. The icon project for the dome is still a work in process. They still await the completion of the icons by Fr. Vladimir for installation. The community is also needing to replace the roofing of the church.
- Fr. Matthew Francis and his family have moved to Chilliwack BC where Fr. Matthew has taken up duties as the Director of the Chilliwack Museum which is a full-time job. In addition, a new mission has been implemented and which has roughly 50 people attending at this point in time. There will be more on this from the Dean of BC I would expect.

- Under the pastoral care of Fr. Gerasim, the Century group of parishes is blossoming. The cooperation amongst them is wonderful to see and the willingness to support their Rector and the Archdiocese of Canada in a joyous and generous spirit is setting an example that is well worth studying.
- Fr. Daniel's pastorate at Dickie Bush has brought peace to this community and allowed some very positive spiritual growth to occur. Father Daniel is another one whose ministry is subsidized in a major way by his secular employment.
- Holy Martyr Peter the Aleut in Calgary Alberta is in the final stages of signing a lease with option to purchase of the Anglican parish of St. Mark & St. Philip. The current plan is that the move will be occurring on June 1 of 2015. This has been an exciting, time-consuming and complicated process and would not have been possible without some very serious goodwill on the part of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary and the parish community of St. Mark & St. Philip. The process is complex and will involve a time in which the Anglican parish and St. Peter the Aleut will share the building. A transition committee is meeting every 2 weeks between now and the beginning of June to sort out all of the matters that need to be addressed. The process has been done in a very cooperative manner. It is not clear why, but parish has been inundated with visitors of late. Many of these are indicating a serious interest in becoming Orthodox. Four adults are currently slated for baptism and we have more requesting a new round of catechetical classes. Fr. Phillip has given lectures at Ambrose College, Mount Royal University and had a class of 20 students from Prairie Bible in Central Alberta attend a Vespers Service and Divine Liturgy and have a 1 ½ hour lecture in the last 2 months. It is hoped that this is not just a situation of idle curiosity but that there is a serious desire to connect with the Orthodox Christian faith.
- Sunday of Orthodoxy was well attended at St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church in Edmonton. The faithful and clergy of the various jurisdictions interact very well at these locations. In Calgary, the Sunday of Orthodoxy again was well attended at the Serbian Orthodox Church. The Orthodox clergy of the city of Calgary have a very healthy and friendly relationship. The spouses and clergy get along well and enjoy getting together. Throughout Lent, the Orthodox communities of Calgary take turns hosting a Vespers on Sunday nights followed by supper. The Sunday of Orthodoxy service was attended by close to 300 people and the service at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Church on March 8th had around 200 people. Perhaps it is because the nearest Orthodox communities to Calgary are up in Edmonton, which is 250 km away, and because there may be some sense of isolation, the clergy and spouses find some need for mutual support. Something that does help is the annual Women's Retreat held in Calgary each year which gives the wives of the clergy an opportunity to spend a weekend together. In addition, there is an Orthodox men's retreat held after Pascha each year which provides a bridge between the Orthodox communities in Alberta in particular. This event is sold out each year.

Of course, for all of us, it is a deep felt desire that Christ's prayer that "they all be one", see some manifestation "in the flesh" here in the country of Canada.

In Christ,



Archpriest Phillip Eriksson,
Dean of Alberta & Northwest Territories

BC Deanery Report

to the Archdiocese Council Meeting MARCH 12-13, 2015

HOLY RESURRECTION SOBOR, VANCOUVER, BC

The following events took place since September 2014:

Parish life. All our services on Saturdays, Sundays and Feast days were well attended by our parishioners. Glory to God. I was glad to see a lot of people for General Panikhidas, Confession, Molebens. We continue to have Akathist to the Holy Theotokos every first Saturday of the month. Every Friday during Great Lent we serve Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. On September 21 2014 our Parish celebrated 90 the Anniversary since the foundation. We appreciate the presence of His Grace Irene, Bishop of Ottawa and Canada, as well as Bishop Lazar and Bishop Varlaam of All Saints of North America Monastery in Dewdney, BC. The celebration services went with great inspiration. A special booklet was published in commemoration of the event, with stories and pictures about the life of the church community. Some renovations were made, which included painting of the walls, mostly interior and partially exterior. The Outside Church sign was rebuilt. Since November 2014, our parishioners made a decision to help the needy every weekend, by distributing sandwiches, water, hot dogs and fruit to the homeless. A schedule was made and every Sunday, parishioners taking turns prepare food for the downtown people. Elderly parishioners are visited on twice a month. I continue serving every two months in St Archangel Michael mission in Kelowna, in the church building of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Montessori School in our Church hall.

Parish continues to rent the Church Hall for Montessori School.

Bible study and Sunday School. Bible study also continues to be held following the Divine Liturgy every Sunday. Thanks to our teachers: G. Povorozniuk, sub-deacon and reader J.A. Morley, Alexander Grountsev, Natalia Sudakova and helpers Ksenia Hallonquist and Oksana Petrova-McKenzie. All children are divided into age groups, with a big group of Pre-school children. Sunday school teachers are doing an excellent job. All teachers went through a Police check. A lot of work and efforts are put into preparation of the Christmas and Paschal Concerts. During Christmas holidays a big group of children and parents went to a Theatre to watch a play.

Making prosphoras for the Church. We continue to get together 4 times a year, 8-10 people, and each time we make about 2,400 prosphoras which last approximately 3-4 months. A. Morley, sub-deacon and the secretary of the Parish, bakes big prosphoras for the Altar (for Lamb), for Holy Communion.

Church choir. We have a very dedicated group of singers and Choir director who get together every Friday for 2 hours of practice. The Church singing has improved incredibly. Most of the singers attend all church services.

Church Audit Committee (Chairman - Herman Ovodov). The committee (three people)spent many hours auditing Church financial books and records.

Web-master. All our parishioners thank Alexander Ovodov- for his tremendous job as web-master of our Church website.

Notary Public, Galina Kovalev -- our parishioner provides free consultations every first Sunday of the month.

Psychologist-Consultant, our parishioner , Svetlana Usanina helps parishioners with psychological matters.

In addition to the regular services conducted during 2014 in accordance with the schedule the following services were also performed: 12 Baptisms, 3 Weddings, 9 Private Soborovanie (Holy Unction) and 6 Funerals.

Archpriest Michael Fourik, the Rector

St. Nikolai of Zhitsa Orthodox Mission March 2015

Whitehorse, Yukon

Saint Nikolai of Zhitsa Orthodox Mission continues to meet in rented facilities at the Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church. Though we appreciate the hospitality shown to us by the parish, it has been less than ideal with the added time and work required to set up and take down for Orthodox services, the continued presence of clearly Roman Catholic environment (statues, pews, posters, pictures, etc.) and restriction on incense and availability for some services.

For the second half of 2014, Priest John and Mat. Sharon Gryba returned from studies at Saint Tikhon's Seminary in Pennsylvania to take up responsibility for providing the community weekly Great Vespers, Divine Liturgy and Festal services. It has proven to be a significant spiritual struggle for many in the community to take advantage of the new availability of Holy Communion. A Wednesday evening study has also been made available, with little response. With Great Lent, the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts has also been scheduled for Wednesday evenings.

The availability of weekly and festal services has become a decisive challenge to people's time and priorities. The upcoming discussion about finding dedicated rental or possibly purchase of property will be a challenge to financial dedication. We continue to rely on God's grace and wisdom.

St. Nikolai, Bishop of Zhitsa Mission Registry of Services/Activities

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Date Activity Officiating # Attending Sacraments

2014-01-04 Great Vespers Fr. M. Francis 7 5 confessing
Hours and Divine Liturgy Fr. M. Francis 15 14 communed
3 for children's school

Blessing of Waters of the Yukon River Fr. M. Francis 9 n/a
2014-01-05

Home Blessings Fr. M. Francis 4 homes blessed 1 room blessed @ Copper Ridge Care Home
1 business blessed

2014-01-12 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 7 n/a

2014-01-19 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 5 n/a

2014-02-02 Reader Hours and Obednitsa T. Yurkiv 10

2014-02-09 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 17

2014-02-16 Reader Hours and Obednitsa T. Yurkiv 12

2014-02-23 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 10

2014-03-02 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 10

2014-03-09 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 5

2014-03-15 Great Vespers Fr. M. Francis 7 5 confessing

2014-03-16 Divine Liturgy Fr. M. Francis 14 10 communed

2014-03-23 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 12

2014-03-30 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 12

2014-04-06 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 15

2014-04-13 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 15

2014-04-18 Matins of Holy Friday Fr. M. Francis 10 5 confessing

2014-04-19 Holy Saturday Liturgy of St. Basil Fr. M. Francis 14 12 communed

Paschal Liturgy (midnight) Fr. M. Francis 2014-04-20 14 12 communed Vespers of Pascha Fr. M. Francis 10

2014-04-27 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 7

2014-05-04 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 6

2014-05-11 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 3

2014-05-18 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 4

2014-05-25 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 10

2014-06-01 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 7

2014-06-07 Great Vespers Fr. M. Francis 5 4 confessing

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2014-06-08 Divine Liturgy (Pentecost) Fr. M. Francis 11 11 communed

2014-06-15 Reader Hours and Obednitsa T. Yurkiv 5

2014-06-22 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 4

2014-06-28 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 7
 2014-06-29 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 10 7 communed
 2014-07-05 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2014-07-06 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 8 4 communed
 2014-07-12 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 7
 2014-07-13 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 9 4 communed
 2014-07-19 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5
 2014-07-20 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 12 8 communed
 2014-07-26 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 2
 2014-07-27 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 9 3 communed
 2014-08-02 Great Vespers Litiya (Departed) Fr. J. Gryba 5
 2014-08-03 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 9 5 communed
 2014-08-05 Great Vespers (Transfiguration) Fr. J. Gryba 6
 2014-08-06 Divine Liturgy (Transfiguration) Fr. J. Gryba 5 3 communed
 2014-08-09 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5
 2014-08-10 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 8 2 communed 1 for children's school
 2014-08-14 Great Vespers (Dormition) Presentation of Relic of St. Nikolai of Zhitsa & talk on "Relics" given by Fr. M. Francis Fr. J. Gryba Fr. M. Francis 10 1 confessing
 2014-08-15 Divine Liturgy (Dormition) Fr. J. Gryba Fr. M. Francis 4 4 communed
 2014-08-16 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5
 2014-08-17 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 10 4 communed 1 for children's school
 2014-08-23 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 3
 2014-08-24 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 3 3 communed
 2014-08-30 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 2
 2014-08-31 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 4 4 communed
 2014-09-06 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2014-09-07 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 10 7 communed
 2014-09-07 Festal Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 3
 2014-09-08 Festal Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 2 2 communed
 2014-09-13 Reader Vespers L. Purdy 1
 2014-09-14 Reader Hours and Obednitsa L. Purdy 4
 2014-09-20 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 3 1 confessing
 2014-09-21 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 10 7 communed
 2014-09-24 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 4 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-09-27 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2014-09-28 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 9 7 communed
 2014-10-05 Reader Hours and Obednitsa T. Yurkiv 4
 2014-10-08 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 4 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-10-11 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 3 1 confessing
 2014-10-12 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 6 6 communed

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2014-10-15 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 3 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-10-18 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2014-10-19 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 7 6 communed
 2014-10-22 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 3 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-10-23 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 2 2 communed
 2014-10-24 Vespers and Memorial Service Fr. J. Gryba 9
 2014-10-25 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 2
 2014-10-26 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 6 3 communed
 2014-10-29 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 3 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-11-01 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2014-11-02 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 7 4 communed
 2014-11-05 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 4 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-11-06 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 2 2 communed
 2014-11-08 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5 1 confessing
 2014-11-09 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 8 7 communed
 2014-11-12 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 3 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-11-13 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 2 1 communed
 2014-11-14 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 1 1 anointed
 2014-11-15 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 1 1 anointed
 2014-11-15 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5
 2014-11-16 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 7 7 communed
 2014-11-16 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 1 1 anointed
 2014-11-17 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 1 1 anointed
 2014-11-19 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 3 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"

2014-11-20 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 1 1 communed
 2014-11-20 Heritage North Funeral Home Fr. J. Gryba 2 attended Litya for the Departed
 2014-11-20 Vespers & Litya Fr. J. Gryba 3
 2014-11-21 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 3 3 communed
 2014-11-22 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 3
 2014-11-23 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 7 6 communed
 2014-11-25 Graveside Burial Service Fr. J. Gryba 6
 2014-11-26 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 4 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-11-27 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 1 1 communed
 2014-11-29 Great Vespers and Memorial Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2014-11-30 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 7 7 communed
 2014-12-03 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 3 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-12-04 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 2 2 communed
 2014-12-06 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5 1 confessing
 2014-12-07 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 6 5 communed
 2014-12-10 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 4 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2014-12-11 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 2 2 communed
 2014-12-13 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5 1 confessed
 2014-12-14 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 10 6 communed
 2014-12-20 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 3
 2014-12-21 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 9 9 communed
 2014-12-23 Home Blessing Fr. J. Gryba 1 home blessed
 2014-12-25 Nativity Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 13 9 communed
 2014-12-27 Great Vespers and Memorial Fr. J. Gryba 4

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2015-01-03 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 3
 2015-01-04 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 6 5 communed
 2015-01-06 Marsh Lake Community Speaking Engagement
 Fr. J. Gryba 130+ Sviatyi Vechir Community Supper invitation to speak
 2015-01-07 Copper Ridge Care Home Fr. J. Gryba 4 2 communed
 2015-01-10 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 6 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. 2015-01-11 Gryba 9 8 communed Blessing of Waters of
 the Yukon River Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2015-01-13 Counseling session Fr. J. Gryba 1
 2015-01-16 Counseling session Fr. J. Gryba 1
 2015-01-17 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 6
 2015-01-18 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 13 9 communed
 2015-01-20 Home Blessing Copper Ridge Care Home 1 home blessed 2 communed 1 room blessed
 @Copper Ridge Care Home
 2015-01-21 Home Blessing Study Group Fr. J. Gryba
 1 home blessed "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2015-01-24 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5
 2015-01-25 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 7 6 communed
 2015-01-28 Study Group Fr. J. Gryba 5 "Worship in Spirit & Truth"
 2015-01-31 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 7 1 confessed
 2015-02-01 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 9 8 communed
 2015-02-01 Vespers with Litya & Memorial Fr. J. Gryba 5 No services or study group Feb 3 to 16 due to Fr. John and
 Mat. Sharon travels
 2015-02-08 Fr. John served with priests at Cathedral, Ottawa Fr. J. Gryba
 2015-02-15 Fr. John served with Fr. Matthew at Holy Apostles Mission, Chilliwack BC Fr. J. Gryba
 2015-02-21 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba 5
 2015-02-22 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 8 6 communed
 2015-02-25 Presanctified Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 2 (Fr. & Mat.) 2 communed
 2015-02-28 Great Vespers & Memorial Fr. J. Gryba 4
 2015-03-01 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba 6 6 communed
 2015-03-04 Presanctified Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba
 2015-03-07 Great Vespers Fr. J. Gryba
 2015-03-08 Divine Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba
 2015-03-11 Presanctified Liturgy Fr. J. Gryba
 2015-03-14 Great Vespers & Memorial Fr. J. Gryba

March 3, 2015 – Martyr Eutropius of Amasea and his Companions

Orthodox Mission Station 2015 -- Spring

**Report of Priest Matthew Francis to Archpriest Father Michael Fourik
Dean of British Columbia and the Yukon**

Dear Father Michael,

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Please accept this first report on behalf of the **Holy Apostles Mission Station**, which was established by His Grace, Bishop Irénée, November 27, 2014. I am grateful to Almighty God, to His Grace, our Archpastor Vladyka Irénée, and to yourself, for this assignment to serve the people of Chilliwack, B.C. I am thankful for your prayers, instruction, and encouragement.

We were blessed to begin our missionary work in Chilliwack with regular Orthodox services beginning the weekend of Feb. 7-8, 2015. ***The clergy and faithful following the first Divine Liturgy of the Holy Apostles Mission Station, Sunday February 8, 2015*** March 3, 2015 – *Martyr Eutropius of Amasea and his Companions*

Background

I grew up in the City of Chilliwack, BC, which during that time had no regular Orthodox presence. I left Chilliwack in 1996 to begin University, and have not lived there since that time. There was (and still is) a small parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (St. Demetrius), which at that time had services only a few times a year. There was a need for a more normal presence of a parish community in the Chilliwack region, one of the major cities in the eastern part of the Fraser Valley. In addition, while Chilliwack has historically been home to many Protestant and Evangelical churches, the Orthodox faith is not well-known there.

There is a need and an opportunity to raise high the Holy Cross of Jesus Christ - proclaiming and bearing witness to He Who Is the truth.

More recently, I had been made aware that a number of Orthodox believers were relocating to the Chilliwack area, primarily from the City of Vancouver. This included a number of young families settling in the eastern Fraser Valley since it was so much more affordable than in Vancouver. I was beginning to be contacted on a regular basis by many of these faithful believers, asking me if I would consider coming to carry out missionary work there in the Valley. I sought the counsel of the Bishop, and, with His Grace's blessing, began to explore the potential and viability for Mission work there in my hometown. I began to explore the potential for employment in the Chilliwack area, and when a job opportunity became available, I asked for the Bishop's blessing to apply, which was given.

At that time, in October 2014, I met with the local faithful – 35 people in total, including 15 children – serving Daily Vespers in a home. I circulated "Indication of Support for a Potential Mission" forms to the people, and received a very positive response. Missionary work would clearly be viable. I was offered the position of Executive Director of the Chilliwack Museum and Archives, and asked the Bishop's blessing to accept, which I did. I received His Grace's formal blessing with the establishment of the Holy Apostles Mission Station in late November, the same weekend as Vladyka Irénée's Enthronement as Bishop of Ottawa and Canada.

A local Mission Council was appointed, the Mission Station was officially incorporated as a Society in BC, and the process of obtaining CRA status as a registered Canadian charity was initiated (this will be completed in late Spring 2015). A website (www.orthodoxchilliwack.org) was set up, as well as appropriate social media to carry out our Mission work.

Temporary premises were obtained for Orthodox liturgical services at Charis Camp and Conference Center, at a reasonable rate. We have adorned the venue to make it suitable for Orthodox services.

March 3, 2015 – Martyr Eutropius of Amasea and his Companions

I visited the Dean of BC and the Yukon, having the blessing to serve the Divine Liturgy with Father Michael Fourik at Holy Resurrection Sobor on Sunday Feb. 1, 2015. I am grateful for Father Michael's encouragement, counsel, and prayerful support.

Church Music

As Priest in Charge, I am providing leadership to the liturgical and general life of the Holy Apostles Mission Station. We are blessed with experienced Church singers, and our Church music is currently being led by Presvytera Jaime Rene, Reader Gregory Gascoigne, Dan Steenburgh, and Matushka Krista Francis. They provide leadership for our regular services of Great Vespers, Sunday Matins and Divine Liturgy, and (to date), the Lenten services as well. I am grateful for their talents, and willingness to joyfully share their gifts. *March 3, 2015 – Martyr Eutropius of Amasea and his Companions*

Record of Services to Date

February Date	Service	Presiding	Other Clergy	Attendance
Feb. 1, 2015	Great Vespers	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Subdeacon B. Neufeld	29, 9 confessing
Feb. 2, 2015	Matins & Divine Liturgy	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Deacon P. Choi, Subdeacon B. Neufeld	49 in attendance, 41 communicants
Feb. 14, 2015	Great Vespers	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Rev. J. Gryba Subdeacon B. Neufeld	22, 4 confessing
Feb. 15, 2015	Matins & Divine Liturgy	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. J. Gryba Subdeacon B. Neufeld	42 in attendance, 39 communicants
Feb. 21, 2015	Great Vespers	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Subdeacon B. Neufeld	18
Feb. 22, 2015	Matins & Divine Liturgy	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Subdeacon B. Neufeld	38 in attendance, 37 communicants
Feb. 22, 2015	Forgiveness Vespers	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Subdeacon B. Neufeld	30
Feb. 25, 2015	Great Compline with the Canon	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Subdeacon B. Neufeld	22
Feb. 27, 2015	Presanctified Liturgy	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene	18
Feb. 28, 2015	Great Vespers	Rev. M. Francis	Rev. R. Rene, Subdeacon B. Neufeld	14, 1 confessing

Report for St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church, Langley, B.C. (Spring 2015)

submitted on behalf of Fr. Lawrence and Deacon Gregory

The Church presently served by its Rector, Fr. Lawrence Farley, and the Deacon Gregory Wright.) There are 3 subdeacons and 3 tonsured readers. Priest Richard Rene and his family have left the parish along with some other families, including our choir director, to join the new mission in Chilliwack. This has affected our budget.

There are about 90 or so on a Sunday, including visitors. Liturgy is held each Sunday, preceded by a Matins (in Byzantine music).

Vespers is served every Wednesday and Saturday evening. A full pot-luck meal is served after Liturgy every Sunday, followed by an hour of catechumenal instruction by Fr. Lawrence. Weekday feasts are served by Vespers Liturgies. Twice a month a pot-luck meal followed by a Bible Study is held in one of the homes of a parishioner in Abbotsford. This outreach to Abbotsford has been continuing off and on for about ten years.

Fr. Lawrence gives a lecture at Regent College every fall, as well as doing a podcast 5 days a week for Ancient Faith Radio, the so-called "Coffee Cup Commentaries". His writing ministry also continues, with *Following Egeria*, about his recent trip to the Holy Land, recently printed and now available from Ancient Faith Publishing.

The parish's *Diakonia* programme provides for the local food bank, as well as doing other projects.

Over the last six months we have had 6 baptisms, 1 chrismation, and 2 weddings. Deacon Gregory Wright of course has assisted liturgically at these services.

Yours respectfully in the Lord,

Archpriest Lawrence Farley, Rector St. Herman of Alaska Church, Langley, B.C.

PRISON CHAPLAIN MINISTRY REPORT, FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Vladyka Irene:

Master, bless. Glory to Jesus Christ!

Over the past several months, I have continued to undertake my ministry as a Chaplain at Kent Institution in Agassiz, British Columbia. A few highlights for your information and interest:

1. On a monthly basis, I have approximately 500-600 opportunities to contact and interact with inmates. While many of these contacts are "mundane," they are always opportunities to preach the Gospel in all its fullness, even if words are not used.
2. St. Herman of Alaska Church in Langley undertook a Christmas card drive to provide inmates with cards that they could send to inmates. I am grateful for the generosity of that community.
3. Prior to Christmas, I was able to bring communion to a Greek Orthodox inmate, along with his brother, during a family visit. He expressed his gratitude for being able to partake of the Holy Gifts.
4. A newly-arrived Russian inmate requested a Russian Bible and I was able to contact Fr. Michael Fourik to help in this regard. Fr. Michael also expressed an interest in visiting the inmate in the future. This will be arranged in due course.
5. I have continued to explore how to appoint an Orthodox representative to the Interfaith Committee (IFC) so that the needs of Orthodox Christians can be formally included as part of the Religious and Spiritual Needs document for Corrections Canada. I am grateful to Your Grace for sending the necessary letter to CSC to get this process going.

Finally, it is my hope that Your Grace would bless me with a visit to the institution when Your Grace comes to visit our Deanery in 2015. The hope would be that in coming to visit the Dewdney Monastery, you would stop by first at Kent, where I could give you a tour, before you continue on your way. No doubt Fr. Michael will make the necessary traveling and scheduling arrangements, but I will be asking Your Grace to fill out a clearance form so that you can enter the institution.

Respectfully submitted by, **Fr. Richard Rene**

Report to Dean of British Columbia of **All Saints of Alaska Orthodox Church**, Victoria, B.C.

February 28, 2015

Archpriest Michael Fourik, Dean of British Columbia, Archdiocese of Canada

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The parish continues to face financial challenges. Our monthly income is not enough to meet our expenses. Last year we managed by cashing in some GIC's and transferring some funds and closing out an account that had accumulated some funds from the sale of a Prayer Book published some years ago. Despite setting our budget as low as we could last year we still did not meet it and ended the year in a deficit and with some of the support to the clergy not being fulfilled. Our budget that has been set for this year also predicts a deficit.

Despite these difficulties we continue to serve as much as we are able and without overtaxing our also limited number of readers, singers, etc.

We had one marriage in early February.

We have been able to make some small improvements in our temple. Some new analogia covers have been sewn by a couple of ladies and more is planned. As well, two classroom spaces are in the process of being constructed to help our small church school function more effectively.

There is great blessing in having a place to worship and the opportunity to serve and for this we are grateful to God!

Respectfully submitted by,

Archpriest Larry Reinheimer

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Biannual Report July - December 2014

Presbyter - Alexis Nikkel

Holy Apostle Barnabas Mission is a small parish with services held in the presbyters home.

Great Vespers are served every Saturday night and Divine Liturgy every Sunday morning. Vespers Liturgies are served on the eve of Feast Days in order to facilitate attendance by the parishioners.

The mission uses the revised Julian calendar and all services are conducted in English.

There were no Baptisms, Chrismations, Births, Weddings or Deaths during the last six months of 2014.

End of biannual report.

Fr. Alexis Nikkel

DEANERY REPORT For September 2014 to February 2015 (inclusive)
MONASTERY OF ALL SAINTS OF NORTH AMERICA

Baptisms - 13
Marriages - 1
Deaths - 1
House Blessings - 14
New Titles Published - 3
Titles Reprinted - 6
Electronic Books 9
Youtube Broadcasts - 32
Skype Seminars - 3
Translations - 2

EVENTS:

Bishop Irene's visit in September.
Outdoor Theophany water blessing.
Feeding needy people in Abbotsford.
Two children's concerts.
Maslenitsa concert.
B.C. Department of Wildlife, together with volunteers planted more trees and shrubs in the designated reserve area on the monastery property.

Human Resources Committee Report to the Archdiocesan Council

For the period October 2014 to March 2015

Prepared by Barbara North, Committee Chair

Current Membership

Barbara North, Chair

Fr. Geoffrey Korz

Fr. Nazari Polataiko

Two Projects Identified To-date

1. Bursary Fund – Guidelines and Application Form

After minor changes made on the advice of Council, the final draft of this document was approved and ready to be posted on the Archdiocesan website.

2. Archdiocesan Members' Handbook

The previous draft of this document has been moderately revised. Barbara received helpful input from Fr. Geoffrey. The committee determined that we would wait for input from Council before proceeding further on this project.

Lay Delegate's Report

I am not very well informed about the whole western area that I represent, but let me give a couple of highlights from St. Herman's that have meaning beyond our parish.

- We hosted the Sunday of Orthodoxy, which was attended by approximately 239 people. It was a joyous occasion with representation from all 13 Orthodox churches in Edmonton.
- We hosted a heartfelt farewell to Fr. Matthew Francis, Matushka Krista, and young Basil as they left for Chilliwack to begin a new chapter in their lives and service to the Church in the new mission of the Holy Apostles.
- We are fundraising for the IOCC to assist refugees and persecuted Christians in the Middle East. We are doing this through a pin drive that has its provenance at St. Catherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Naples, Florida.

Submitted with love in Christ,

Barbara North, Lay Representative for Alberta and the Northwest Territories

Handbook of the Archdiocesan Council

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The Archdiocesan Council of the Archdiocese of Canada

By virtue of the design of its composition, the Archdiocesan Council is representative of the Archdiocese of Canada. Each member needs to understand that it is an honour to serve on the Council, and it carries with it responsibilities and expectations.

- To faithfully attend all meetings.
- To prepare for the meetings.
- To give committee responsibilities a high priority.
- To become familiar with the By-laws of the Archdiocese of Canada and the Statute of the OCA.
- To grow in the faith and to live in accordance with the Gospel.

Information on the Council Sessions

Typically, Council meets twice a year – once in the spring and again in the fall. The meetings take place over two full, consecutive days, and they are normally held in Ottawa at the Archdiocesan Centre.

Officers can be reimbursed by the Archdiocese for their travel expenses incurred in attending the meetings. During the meetings, some light meals are provided by the Archdiocese. Other meals and hotel accommodation are the personal responsibility of the directors.

Composition of the Council

The Bishop is the head of the Archdiocesan Council. He is both an officer and the President of the Corporation. The remaining members of the Council fall into two categories: Officers and Directors.

I. OFFICERS

The Archdiocesan Bishop, on the advice of the Archdiocesan Council, shall appoint candidates to the following positions: Chancellor, Auxiliary Bishop (if any), the Archdiocesan Treasurer, and the Archdiocesan Secretary. These positions comprise the Officers of the Corporation. The appointments may come with an honorarium. The secretary, by virtue of his numerous duties, will be paid a salary.

These appointments shall be reviewed every three years by the Archdiocesan Bishop. Each officer reports to the Bishop. In addition to the duties listed specifically for each officer, the officers will also fully participate in the duties listed under “Duties/Competencies of the Directors.”

A. Chancellor

The Chancellor is Vice-President of the Corporation. The appointment may come with an honorarium commensurate with the duties of the position.

Requirements for the Position

1. The person is a priest in good standing in the Archdiocese of Canada for a minimum of ten years.
2. He has excellent pastoral skills and administrative experience.
3. He is well respected by clergy and laity.
4. He is familiar with canon law and the traditions of the Church.

Duties of the Position

1. The Chancellor acts on behalf of the Bishop.
2. He represents the Bishop and communicates regularly with him, and he receives his assignments from the Bishop.
3. In the absence of the Bishop, the Chancellor acts in his stead.
4. He has signing authority and holds the corporate seal. He is charged with the certification of all documents issued by the Archdiocese and Corporation.
5. He may chair meetings and committees.

B. Treasurer

The Treasurer serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Archdiocese and holds the corporate seal.

Requirements for the Position

1. The treasurer is a regular communicant in a parish of the Archdiocese.
2. He or she has sound knowledge of financial and business practices, including compliance with federal and provincial government regulations.
3. The treasurer understands the financial structure of the Archdiocese.

4. The treasurer needs strong personal skills as he or she works with a number of different persons on behalf of the Archdiocese.

Duties of the Position

1. He prepares the financial statements and budget for the Archdiocese.
2. He oversees all aspects of income development such as parish assessments and special financial appeals.
3. He prepares financial status reports for the Archdiocesan Council.
4. He is responsible for generating charitable donation receipts for STAS and for other Archdiocesan donations.

C. Secretary

The duties of this position are extensive. Hence, this position is salaried. The secretary serves as both executive administrator to the Bishop and as the Secretary of the Archdiocese.

Requirements for the Position

1. The secretary must be a regular communicant in a parish in the Archdiocese of Canada.
2. The secretary must have proven executive and management skills. He should have extensive knowledge of a wide variety of non-profit management principles and practices.
3. He must have thorough knowledge of the structure and traditions of the Church.
4. He must be able to work effectively as a team member.
5. He must be able to work confidentially as an executive secretary.
6. He must have strong written and oral communication skills.

Duties of the Position

1. He prepares pastoral letters for major feast days and events.
2. He prepares and sends follow-up communications after parish visits and meetings at which the Bishop is in attendance.
3. He performs an array of clerical and administrative tasks, including typing of correspondence and other material and filing correspondence and other documents.
4. He prepares or assists in the preparation of articles, such as ones on parish visits for the Archdiocesan website.
5. He collects official records and materials of the Archdiocese and directs the activities of the archives.

II. Directors of the Archdiocesan Council

In addition to the Archdiocesan Bishop and the three ex-officio positions listed above, there are clergy directors and lay directors.

Clergy Directors

There are six Clergy Directors, including Deans who are ex officio members of the Council. The three remaining clergy directors are elected by the Archdiocesan Assembly. Every effort will be made to ensure that all deaneries are represented on the Council.

Lay Directors

There are six lay directors, all of whom are elected to Council at an Archdiocesan Assembly. In this context, deacons of the church are considered to be lay members. The Assembly will make every effort to elect one lay member from each deanery.

Duties (Competencies) of the Directors

Together with the Officers, the Directors will

1. Implement the decisions of the Archdiocesan Assembly, which include supervising the collection of the assessments fixed by the Archdiocesan Assembly.
2. Approve the Archdiocesan budget and other relevant financial matters. This may include determining the disbursement of Archdiocesan funds.
3. Initiate fundraising projects.
4. Make preparations for the upcoming Archdiocesan Assembly.
5. Serve on committees of the Council.
6. Delineate the boundaries of parishes and deaneries.
7. Provide for the maintenance of Archdiocesan administrative bodies and the allocation of general Archdiocesan funds.

In addition, lay and/or regional representatives will:

- Bring to Council's attention any important information and developments in their region.
- Report back to their local constituents any pertinent decisions and undertakings of the Council.

III. Archdiocesan Committees

Listed below are the standing committees of Archdiocesan Council:

1. Business Development and Investment Committee
2. Bylaws Committee
3. Christian Education and Youth Committee
4. Communications Committee
5. Fund-raising Committee
6. Human Resource Committee
7. Legal Committee
8. Mission and Missions Development Committee
9. Theological Education Committee
10. Property Management Committee

(Please note that much of this material is borrowed from our own by-laws and from the Handbook of the Metropolitan Council of the OCA.)

From: "Phillip Eriksson" <phillip@eriksson-home.net>
To: "'Rev. Fr. Nazari Polataiko'" <secretary@archdiocese.ca>
Subject: Clergy Pension Plan
Date: March 9, 2015 at 11:27:30 AM EDT

Hello Fr. Nazari,

Attached is the information that I have received from the group that is looking after the UOCC clergy pension plan.

There is a 50 slide PowerPoint Presentation as well as some sample illustrations. The challenge with this is that a Pension Presentation will require at least 1½ hours to examine and to digest. I don't know how this will fit into the time constraints of the council meeting.

I am also attaching the comments provide by Bob Challis in the cover letter. At the very least, we need to get this introduced to the council so that we can effectively move this process ahead.

Sorry this took so long – I had to keep reminding Bob to move the process forward. I finally received this material on Friday and the weekend was extremely full.

With kind regards in Christ,
Fr. Phillip



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Hello Fr. Philip

As indicated earlier today, I attach sample illustrations which demonstrate the profound differences in financial results possible with a very simple change in strategy. When one invests for retirement, the rate of Investment Management Fees paid annually during the accumulation (savings) stage can be critical. Regardless of ones stage of life, or current asset accumulation level, understanding the impact of this seemingly insignificant detail can have is crucial.

There are 4 simulations to review.

The first, "OCA FEE Comparison Tool" contrasts the ACTUAL costs of Investment Management typical in Retail style (individual) investment accounts with those ACTUAL costs within the UOCC Group plan on ACTUAL Investment funds now in place. Please note, there is an ACTUAL report within the PowerPoint file sent to you earlier today which illustrates the true rates of return on each of the investment funds. Various time frames are referenced of each fund and values shown are accurate to Feb 28, 2015.

This comparison tool assumes a total of \$100,000 is

invested in each of 25 investment funds. My purpose was to illustrate differences in 'cost' on a per \$100,000 basis in various kinds of funds – some being more expensive to operate than others.

The MER columns show actual annual percentages charged on those funds within both retail and Group style contracts. This information IS available for all Retail products but is normally buried deep within the 'fine print' of a bulky Summary Information Folder. In my day-to day practice, I am continually amazed at how many people are simply never informed just how much any given holding actually 'costs' them each year!

Studying the data presented reveals the 'cost' of a Retail product is roughly 60% HIGHER than the negotiated 'Bulk Buy' for the same services through the UOCC plan. This means simply that in the Group plan, much more of the GROSS investment earnings remain in the participant's account after management fees – every year.

This benefit is the PRINCIPAL economic value available to each member of the OCA community if a decision is reached to form a 'piggy-back' contract associated with the existing UOCC plan. Should the OCA decide to proceed with a stand-alone contract, discounts from retail would be less significant until total OCA plan assets reached the same level as the now 25 year old UOCC plan.

The three illustrations titled 'Sample Saver' attempt to quantify ACTUAL amounts by which Savings

Accounts may be increased through the reduced management fees. As your potential OCA participants are at different life stages, we randomly selected 3 typical situations to illustrate. In each of these scenarios, we kept it simple by ignoring inflation, indexing, pay rate changes and other variables. The rate of return used, net of fees is 4% on the retail product (Scenario 1) and increased that to 5.06% on the Group Product (Scenario 2). The increase of 1.06% is the current difference determined in the OCA Comparison Tool.

Sample Saver 1 is a 25 year old with no RRSP assets as yet. We've illustrated what happens by age 65 using retail product (Scenario 1) and with Group Product (Scenario 2). In both scenarios the saving rate is \$400 per month until age 65. Note that by year 40 (age 65) a total of \$192,000 will have been contributed. The Retail product has grown to ~\$466,000 in value while the Group product has grown to ~\$605,000. The deposited amount, risk level, and time frame were all identical. The ONLY difference is the Net rate of return and the Group product provided about \$139,000 MORE retirement savings for that person. Net Advantage? 29.8%!

Sample Saver 2 is a 40 year old and has accumulated RRSPs of \$100,000 to date. With higher income, we assumed go-forward contributions of \$500 per month until age 65. By age 65, Sample Saver 2 will contribute a further \$150,000 to RRSP bringing his total to \$250,000. The Retail product RRSP has grown to \$521,873 by age 65 while the Group plan value achieved \$640,427. In this case

the dollar benefit is \$118,554, an increase of 22.7%!

Sample Saver 3 is 55 years old and has accumulated \$250,000 in RRSP savings thus far. Highly motivated to focus on Retirement savings, we assumed monthly contributions of \$1000 until age 65. By age 65, Sample Saver 3 will add \$120,000 new contributions to the existing \$250,000, bringing the total to \$350,000. The Retail product RRSP grows to \$517,251 by age 65 while the Group plan value becomes \$565,155. In this case the dollar benefit is \$47,904, an increase of 9.3%.

The preceding examples are of course just examples. That said, each and every Group Plan member has access to on-line calculators that may be used to determine their own specific 'what-if' scenarios. Whether we assume a 4 % yield or an 8% yield, the discounted Management fee structure provides real and tangible results at ALL stages of life.

Fr. Philip, I trust this information is useful to your purposes. Please keep in mind we are available to answer any and all questions that may arise during your deliberations. If and when a decision is made to implement a Group RRSP structure on behalf of the OCA community, we are at your service and will endeavor to assist in plan design, Roll-out, Member enrollment questions and so on. Do feel free to let me have your thoughts or instructions at any time.

Sincerely,

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Illustration Contrasting Annual Impact of Retail Management Fee (MER) VS Negotiated Group Plan Investment Management Fees

	RETAIL Contract			UOCC GrRRSP Contract			Annual SAVINGS	
Fund	Assumed Value	MER %	Annual MER \$\$	Assumed Value	MER %	Annual MER \$\$	%	\$
Money Market (Portico)	100,000	1.14	\$ 1,140	100,000	1.35	\$ 1,350	-0.21	\$ (210)
Continuum - Conservative	100,000	2.61	\$ 2,610	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	0.96	\$ 960
Continuum - Moderate	100,000	2.77	\$ 2,770	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	1.12	\$ 1,120
Continuum - Balanced	100,000	2.92	\$ 2,920	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	1.27	\$ 1,270
Continuum - Advanced	100,000	2.96	\$ 2,960	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	1.31	\$ 1,310
Continuum - Aggressive	100,000	3.02	\$ 3,020	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	1.37	\$ 1,370
Canadian Bond (Portico)	100,000	2.01	\$ 2,010	100,000	1.40	\$ 1,400	0.61	\$ 610
Commercial Mortgage (Portico)	100,000	2.44	\$ 2,440	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	0.79	\$ 790
Canadian Real Estate (GWLIM)	100,000	3.06	\$ 3,060	100,000	1.80	\$ 1,800	1.26	\$ 1,260
Balanced Fund (Buetel Goodman)	100,000	2.83	\$ 2,830	100,000	1.55	\$ 1,550	1.28	\$ 1,280
Equity Bond Fund (GWLIM)	100,000	2.64	\$ 2,640	100,000	1.55	\$ 1,550	1.09	\$ 1,090
Growth & Income (AGF)	100,000	2.82	\$ 2,820	100,000	1.70	\$ 1,700	1.12	\$ 1,120
Diversified Growth Fund (GWLIM)	100,000	2.65	\$ 2,650	100,000	1.55	\$ 1,550	1.10	\$ 1,100
Canadian Dividends (GWLIM)	100,000	2.61	\$ 2,610	100,000	1.50	\$ 1,500	1.11	\$ 1,110
Canadian Equity (GWLIM)	100,000	2.70	\$ 2,700	100,000	1.50	\$ 1,500	1.20	\$ 1,200
Canadian Equity Value (Buetel Goodman)	100,000	2.88	\$ 2,880	100,000	1.55	\$ 1,550	1.33	\$ 1,330
US Equity Index (TDAM)	100,000	2.85	\$ 2,850	100,000	1.40	\$ 1,400	1.45	\$ 1,450
Global Equity (MFS)	100,000	3.21	\$ 3,210	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	1.56	\$ 1,560
International Equity (Putnam)	100,000	3.02	\$ 3,020	100,000	1.70	\$ 1,700	1.32	\$ 1,320
International Equity Index (TDAM)	100,000	2.43	\$ 2,430	100,000	1.40	\$ 1,400	1.03	\$ 1,030
Lifecycle 2015	100,000	2.55	\$ 2,550	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	0.90	\$ 900
Lifecycle 2020	100,000	2.55	\$ 2,550	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	0.90	\$ 900
Lifecycle 2030	100,000	2.55	\$ 2,550	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	0.90	\$ 900
Lifecycle 2040	100,000	2.55	\$ 2,550	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	0.90	\$ 900
Lifecycle 2050	100,000	2.55	\$ 2,550	100,000	1.65	\$ 1,650	0.90	\$ 900
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TOTAL	\$ 2,500,000		\$ 66,320	\$ 2,500,000		\$ 39,750		\$ 26,570
			2.653%			1.590%		1.063%

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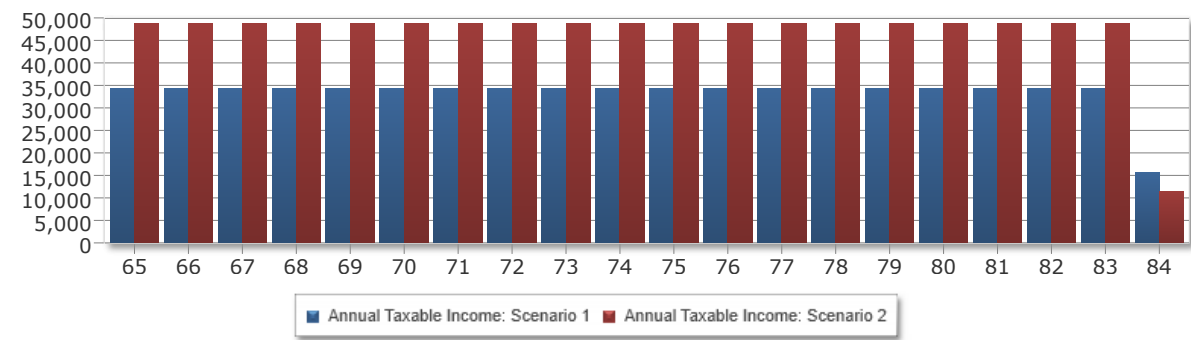
Retail product fees average 1.063% HIGHER than the negotiated UOCC Group plan fees.

Retail cost @ 2.653% is roughly 60% higher than the Group cost - all in.

On a group with just \$2,500,000 total assets, the Group style plan delivers \$26,570 MORE Return on investment to participants - EVERY Year

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Current RRSP Balance \$1.00

RRSP Scenario 1

Monthly contribution: \$400.00
Timing of deposit: Monthly/Beginning
Investment rate of return: 4.00 %

RRSP Scenario 2

Monthly contribution: \$400.00
Timing of deposit: Monthly/Beginning
Investment rate of return: 5.06 %

RRSP Investment Scenario #1

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
1	25	4,800	103	4,904	0	0
2	26	4,800	300	10,004	0	0
3	27	4,800	504	15,308	0	0
4	28	4,800	716	20,823	0	0
5	29	4,800	936	26,560	0	0
6	30	4,800	1,166	32,526	0	0
7	31	4,800	1,405	38,730	0	0
8	32	4,800	1,653	45,183	0	0
9	33	4,800	1,911	51,894	0	0
10	34	4,800	2,179	58,873	0	0
11	35	4,800	2,459	66,131	0	0
12	36	4,800	2,749	73,680	0	0
13	37	4,800	3,051	81,531	0	0
14	38	4,800	3,365	89,696	0	0
15	39	4,800	3,692	98,188	0	0
16	40	4,800	4,031	107,019	0	0
17	41	4,800	4,384	116,203	0	0
18	42	4,800	4,752	125,755	0	0
19	43	4,800	5,134	135,689	0	0
20	44	4,800	5,531	146,021	0	0
21	45	4,800	5,945	156,765	0	0
22	46	4,800	6,375	167,940	0	0
23	47	4,800	6,822	179,561	0	0
24	48	4,800	7,286	191,648	0	0
25	49	4,800	7,770	204,218	0	0
26	50	4,800	8,273	217,290	0	0

RRSP Investment Scenario #2

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
1	25	4,800	131	4,932	0	0
2	26	4,800	380	10,112	0	0
3	27	4,800	643	15,555	0	0
4	28	4,800	918	21,273	0	0
5	29	4,800	1,208	27,280	0	0
6	30	4,800	1,512	33,592	0	0
7	31	4,800	1,831	40,223	0	0
8	32	4,800	2,167	47,190	0	0
9	33	4,800	2,520	54,510	0	0
10	34	4,800	2,890	62,200	0	0
11	35	4,800	3,280	70,280	0	0
12	36	4,800	3,689	78,768	0	0
13	37	4,800	4,118	87,687	0	0
14	38	4,800	4,570	97,057	0	0
15	39	4,800	5,044	106,901	0	0
16	40	4,800	5,543	117,243	0	0
17	41	4,800	6,066	128,110	0	0
18	42	4,800	6,616	139,526	0	0
19	43	4,800	7,194	151,520	0	0
20	44	4,800	7,802	164,122	0	0
21	45	4,800	8,439	177,361	0	0
22	46	4,800	9,110	191,271	0	0
23	47	4,800	9,814	205,885	0	0
24	48	4,800	10,554	221,238	0	0
25	49	4,800	11,331	237,370	0	0
26	50	4,800	12,148	254,317	0	0

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		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal	Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
27	51	4,800	8,796	230,886	0	0	4,800	13,006	272,123	0	0
28	52	4,800	9,340	245,026	0	0	4,800	13,907	290,830	0	0
29	53	4,800	9,905	259,731	0	0	4,800	14,854	310,484	0	0
30	54	4,800	10,493	275,024	0	0	4,800	15,849	331,134	0	0
31	55	4,800	11,105	290,930	0	0	4,800	16,895	352,828	0	0
32	56	4,800	11,742	307,471	0	0	4,800	17,993	375,621	0	0
33	57	4,800	12,403	324,674	0	0	4,800	19,147	399,568	0	0
34	58	4,800	13,091	342,566	0	0	4,800	20,359	424,727	0	0
35	59	4,800	13,807	361,173	0	0	4,800	21,633	451,160	0	0
36	60	4,800	14,551	380,524	0	0	4,800	22,971	478,931	0	0
37	61	4,800	15,326	400,650	0	0	4,800	24,377	508,108	0	0
38	62	4,800	16,131	421,581	0	0	4,800	25,854	538,762	0	0
39	63	4,800	16,968	443,349	0	0	4,800	27,406	570,968	0	0
40	64	4,800	17,839	465,988	0	0	4,800	29,037	604,805	0	0
41	65	0	18,017	449,716	18,640	34,288	0	29,497	585,511	24,192	48,791
42	66	0	17,366	432,794	18,753	34,288	0	28,520	565,240	24,416	48,791
43	67	0	16,689	415,195	18,827	34,288	0	27,494	543,944	24,588	48,791
44	68	0	15,985	396,891	18,891	34,288	0	26,416	521,569	24,749	48,791
45	69	0	15,253	377,856	18,892	34,288	0	25,283	498,061	24,827	48,791
46	70	0	14,491	358,059	18,893	34,288	0	24,093	473,363	24,903	48,791
47	71	0	13,699	337,470	26,425	34,288	0	22,842	447,415	34,934	48,791
48	72	0	12,876	316,057	25,243	34,288	0	21,529	420,153	33,467	48,791
49	73	0	12,019	293,788	23,989	34,288	0	20,149	391,511	31,890	48,791
50	74	0	11,128	270,628	22,651	34,288	0	18,699	361,419	30,185	48,791
51	75	0	10,202	246,542	21,244	34,288	0	17,175	329,803	28,371	48,791
52	76	0	9,238	221,492	19,699	34,288	0	15,575	296,587	26,351	48,791
53	77	0	8,236	195,440	18,052	34,288	0	13,893	261,690	24,172	48,791
54	78	0	7,194	168,346	16,280	34,288	0	12,126	225,025	21,799	48,791
55	79	0	6,110	140,168	14,360	34,288	0	10,270	186,505	19,195	48,791
56	80	0	4,983	110,862	12,265	34,288	0	8,320	146,034	16,319	48,791
57	81	0	3,811	80,385	9,967	34,288	0	6,271	103,514	13,128	48,791
58	82	0	2,591	48,688	7,452	34,288	0	4,119	58,842	9,596	48,791
59	83	0	1,323	15,723	4,664	34,288	0	1,857	11,909	5,637	48,791
60	84	0	5	0	1,561	15,728	0	0	0	1,183	11,389

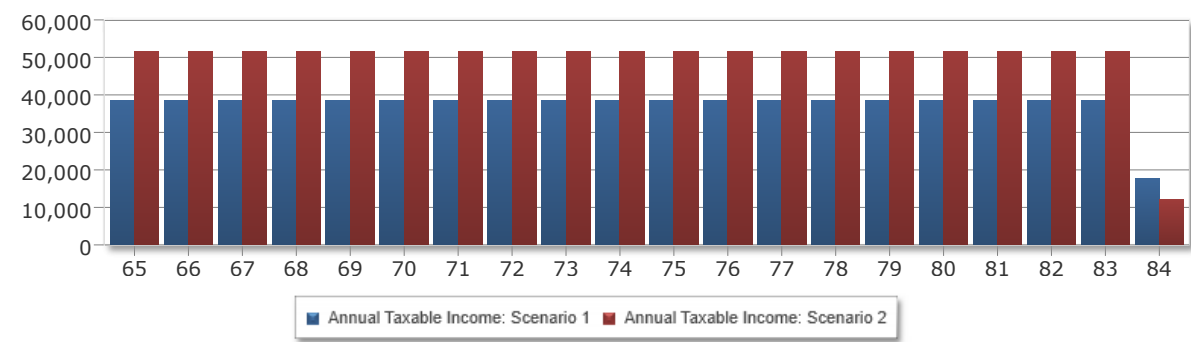
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Current RRSP Balance \$100,000.00

RRSP Scenario 1

Monthly contribution: \$500.00
Timing of deposit: Monthly/Beginning
Investment rate of return: 4.00 %

RRSP Scenario 2

Monthly contribution: \$500.00
Timing of deposit: Monthly/Beginning
Investment rate of return: 5.06 %

RRSP Investment Scenario #1

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
1	40	6,000	4,130	110,130	0	0
2	41	6,000	4,535	120,664	0	0
3	42	6,000	4,956	131,621	0	0
4	43	6,000	5,394	143,015	0	0
5	44	6,000	5,850	154,865	0	0
6	45	6,000	6,324	167,190	0	0
7	46	6,000	6,817	180,007	0	0
8	47	6,000	7,330	193,337	0	0
9	48	6,000	7,863	207,200	0	0
10	49	6,000	8,418	221,618	0	0
11	50	6,000	8,995	236,613	0	0
12	51	6,000	9,595	252,208	0	0
13	52	6,000	10,218	268,426	0	0
14	53	6,000	10,867	285,293	0	0
15	54	6,000	11,542	302,835	0	0
16	55	6,000	12,244	321,078	0	0
17	56	6,000	12,973	340,052	0	0
18	57	6,000	13,732	359,784	0	0
19	58	6,000	14,522	380,306	0	0
20	59	6,000	15,343	401,649	0	0
21	60	6,000	16,196	423,845	0	0
22	61	6,000	17,084	446,930	0	0
23	62	6,000	18,008	470,938	0	0
24	63	6,000	18,968	495,906	0	0
25	64	6,000	19,967	521,873	0	0
26	65	0	20,177	503,650	20,875	38,400

RRSP Investment Scenario #2

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
1		6,000	5,226	111,226	0	0
2		6,000	5,794	123,020	0	0
3		6,000	6,391	135,411	0	0
4		6,000	7,019	148,430	0	0
5		6,000	7,678	162,108	0	0
6		6,000	8,370	176,478	0	0
7		6,000	9,098	191,576	0	0
8		6,000	9,862	207,438	0	0
9		6,000	10,665	224,103	0	0
10		6,000	11,509	241,611	0	0
11		6,000	12,395	260,007	0	0
12		6,000	13,326	279,333	0	0
13		6,000	14,305	299,638	0	0
14		6,000	15,333	320,971	0	0
15		6,000	16,413	343,383	0	0
16		6,000	17,547	366,931	0	0
17		6,000	18,740	391,670	0	0
18		6,000	19,992	417,662	0	0
19		6,000	21,308	444,970	0	0
20		6,000	22,690	473,661	0	0
21		6,000	24,143	503,803	0	0
22		6,000	25,669	535,472	0	0
23		6,000	27,272	568,744	0	0
24		6,000	28,957	603,701	0	0
25		6,000	30,726	640,427	0	0
26		0	31,234	619,997	25,617	51,664

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal	Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
27	66	0	19,449	484,698	21,002	38,400	0	30,200	598,533	25,854	51,664
28	67	0	18,690	464,988	21,084	38,400	0	29,113	575,981	26,036	51,664
29	68	0	17,902	444,490	21,157	38,400	0	27,972	552,288	26,207	51,664
30	69	0	17,082	423,172	21,158	38,400	0	26,772	527,396	26,289	51,664
31	70	0	16,229	401,000	21,159	38,400	0	25,512	501,243	26,370	51,664
32	71	0	15,342	377,942	29,594	38,400	0	24,188	473,767	36,992	51,664
33	72	0	14,420	353,962	28,270	38,400	0	22,797	444,899	35,438	51,664
34	73	0	13,460	329,022	26,866	38,400	0	21,335	414,570	33,768	51,664
35	74	0	12,463	303,084	25,368	38,400	0	19,800	382,706	31,963	51,664
36	75	0	11,425	276,109	23,792	38,400	0	18,187	349,228	30,042	51,664
37	76	0	10,346	248,055	22,061	38,400	0	16,492	314,056	27,903	51,664
38	77	0	9,224	218,879	20,216	38,400	0	14,711	277,102	25,596	51,664
39	78	0	8,057	188,535	18,233	38,400	0	12,840	238,278	23,083	51,664
40	79	0	6,843	156,978	16,082	38,400	0	10,875	197,489	20,325	51,664
41	80	0	5,580	124,158	13,736	38,400	0	8,810	154,635	17,280	51,664
42	81	0	4,268	90,025	11,162	38,400	0	6,640	109,611	13,902	51,664
43	82	0	2,902	54,527	8,345	38,400	0	4,361	62,307	10,161	51,664
44	83	0	1,482	17,609	5,224	38,400	0	1,966	12,609	5,969	51,664
45	84	0	5	0	1,749	17,614	0	0	0	1,252	12,059

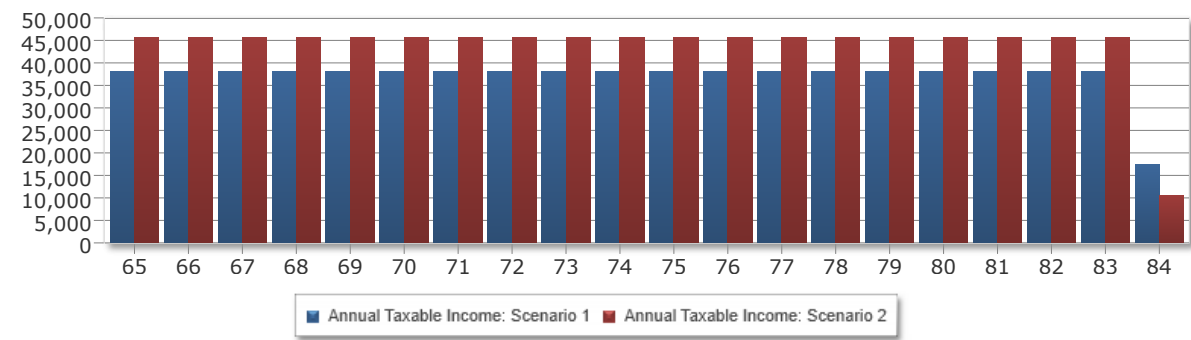
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Investment rate of return: 5.06 %

RRSP Investment Scenario #1

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
1	55	12,000	10,259	272,259	0	0
2	56	12,000	11,150	295,409	0	0
3	57	12,000	12,076	319,485	0	0
4	58	12,000	13,039	344,524	0	0
5	59	12,000	14,041	370,564	0	0
6	60	12,000	15,082	397,646	0	0
7	61	12,000	16,166	425,812	0	0
8	62	12,000	17,292	455,104	0	0
9	63	12,000	18,464	485,568	0	0
10	64	12,000	19,683	517,251	0	0
11	65	0	19,999	499,190	20,690	38,060
12	66	0	19,276	480,406	20,816	38,060
13	67	0	18,525	460,870	20,898	38,060
14	68	0	17,743	440,554	20,970	38,060
15	69	0	16,931	419,424	20,970	38,060
16	70	0	16,085	397,449	20,971	38,060
17	71	0	15,206	374,595	29,332	38,060
18	72	0	14,292	350,827	28,020	38,060
19	73	0	13,341	326,108	26,628	38,060
20	74	0	12,352	300,400	25,143	38,060
21	75	0	11,324	273,664	23,581	38,060
22	76	0	10,255	245,858	21,866	38,060
23	77	0	9,142	216,940	20,037	38,060
24	78	0	7,985	186,865	18,071	38,060
25	79	0	6,782	155,588	15,940	38,060
26	80	0	5,531	123,058	13,614	38,060

RRSP Investment Scenario #2

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
1	55	12,000	12,983	274,983	0	0
2	56	12,000	14,248	301,231	0	0
3	57	12,000	15,577	328,808	0	0
4	58	12,000	16,973	357,781	0	0
5	59	12,000	18,440	388,220	0	0
6	60	12,000	19,981	420,201	0	0
7	61	12,000	21,600	453,801	0	0
8	62	12,000	23,301	489,101	0	0
9	63	12,000	25,088	526,189	0	0
10	64	12,000	26,965	565,155	0	0
11	65	0	27,563	547,126	22,606	45,592
12	66	0	26,650	528,184	22,815	45,592
13	67	0	25,691	508,283	22,976	45,592
14	68	0	24,684	487,375	23,127	45,592
15	69	0	23,625	465,408	23,199	45,592
16	70	0	22,513	442,330	23,270	45,592
17	71	0	21,345	418,082	32,644	45,592
18	72	0	20,117	392,608	31,273	45,592
19	73	0	18,828	365,843	29,799	45,592
20	74	0	17,473	337,724	28,207	45,592
21	75	0	16,049	308,181	26,511	45,592
22	76	0	14,553	277,143	24,624	45,592
23	77	0	12,982	244,533	22,587	45,592
24	78	0	11,331	210,272	20,370	45,592
25	79	0	9,597	174,276	17,936	45,592
26	80	0	7,774	136,459	15,249	45,592

		Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal	Annual Deposit	Investment Growth	Investment Balance	Minimum Income	Annual Withdrawal
27	81	0	4,230	89,228	11,063	38,060	0	5,860	96,727	12,268	45,592
28	82	0	2,876	54,044	8,271	38,060	0	3,848	54,983	8,967	45,592
29	83	0	1,469	17,453	5,177	38,060	0	1,735	11,126	5,267	45,592
30	84	0	5	0	1,733	17,458	0	0	0	1,105	10,641

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Property Management Committee Report

By Gregory Rychlo – January, 2015

Your Grace, Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Glory to Jesus Christ! To say that I have been struggling with how to approach the issue of property within the Archdiocese would indeed be an understatement. This has not been from a lack of trying to collect information through various means. Approaches such as soliciting priests, church elders, searching archival documentation have shown limited success. I sincerely understand if Your Grace and honored members of the council are becoming impatient with the progress being made. If it is the wish of council to select another chair of this committee I humbly would accept your decision. However, I do feel that although progress is slow, I do have some new approaches with the advice from someone who has been involved with a similar process in the past.

What Has Happened to Date

Initially, I had believed that a good way to collect information on various properties throughout the Archdiocese would be to simply ask Fathers of the various deanery's to identify them in their respective areas and submit the information to me. As a result, I received a fairly comprehensive list from Fr. Phillip Erickson of the Alberta Deanery. From my understanding this list was compiled by now Igmuen Alexander a number of years back. In speaking to him on a recent visit to my home parish, he didn't feel confident that the list was totally complete. With that, on the advice Fr. Phillip, I contacted Fr. Mathew Francis who indicated he would assist with the committee by reviewing the list supplied and confirming its accuracy. Since then Fr. Mathew has been given a new assignment and is no doubt preoccupied with his move to British Columbia. God Bless him and his family for taking the challenge God has assigned to them. As a result I haven't been able to confirm the accuracy of the list from the Alberta Deanery. I will still endeavor to do so once Fr. Mathew and family have become settled.

As well I received an adhoc list of properties from Fr. Rodian Luciuk of Yorkton. This consisted mainly of properties within the areas of Yorkton and western Manitoba. Although the list was helpful, there was some concern from Fr. Rod as to its accuracy and status of the properties listed.

Fr. Gregory Scratch has been very supportive and a dear close advisor to this process. He is collecting information on properties such as Sifton and others he is aware of. As with my experience, no doubt the process is slow and onerous.

Probably the most encouraging experience I had, was my discussion with Fr. Andrew Piasta in late September of 2014. Fr. Andrew indicated he had obtained much insight into how to approach collection of data on properties since he conducted a similar exercise some years back. He indicated he currently has a lot of information on properties within the Manitoba Deanery and other areas of the Archdiocese. He indicated that I could have access to what information he has, however most of the information is in hard copy form. It would require me to physically go through it all and glean the required information. However he also indicated that the records are somewhat dated. He advised that the most efficient approach would be to spend time at the Archdiocese to go through the archival records. This would have the most current information and would allow me to access records of properties where

confirmation is need regarding status. As well he suggest a proper data base be purchased in order to record information in a central concise manner. He stated that none of this can or should be done without some funding.

Pending Plans

As mentioned previously, I consider the information given to me be Fr. Andrew very helpful. I believe his advice on this issue to be the most effective and efficient direction to proceed. With that I am asking for the blessing of His Grace and the approval of council for funding for travel and lodging in order that I may spend time in Ottawa to study the archival information contained within the Archdiocesan files. As well I need the assistance of someone with the expertise in appropriate data bases in order to purchase one that would suit the needs of the Archdiocese. Funding would be required for this as well.

With Love in Christ

Reader Gregory Rychlo

Metropolitan Council Report

Submitted by:

V. Rev. Anatoliy Melnyk

Dn. Justin Mitchell

February 10, 2015

1. Metropolitan Report

A. His Beatitude is Excited about Statute Revision.

Taking experience gained over 45 years.

Will provide a foundation for Missionary effort in North America

B. All American Council. If Canada wishes to present any motions at the AAC, they are due by April 17, 2015. Send to resolutions.18aac@oca.org

The Canada report at AAC is presented Tuesday, July 21, afternoon.

Mission School scheduled for April 24 in Detroit. Canadian representative will be attending.

There will be an upcoming Symposium consisting of representative clergy from each diocese to focus on Pastoral Life committee and how it can help improve Clergy Health.

C. Reflection

What is the Mission of the OCA in North America?

Why is the OCA qualified to take on this task?

Who does it, and how to go about it?

D. We need Common understanding of educational needs and approach throughout OCA.

E. Administrative Unity.

The Metropolitan visited Constantinople, Moscow, and the Church of Antioch in New York. Discussed the happenings at the Assembly of Bishops in USA, and the Response by OCA.

2. Archives Presentation

Discussed building and architectural costs, possibly waterproofing the Chancery basement, humidity control, etc at the Chancery. Or should the archives just be moved to St. Vladimir Seminary, for instance.

Or, Why not just do something cooperatively with the Antiochians and the Greeks and have them help pay for it?

3. Strategic Planning

- New Financial reporting tools for use by local parish Treasurers. To be published soon on website.

- Discussed Continuing Education options. The OCA is still lacking a distance BA or MA Theology degree.

Clergy required to have 20 hours a year of Continuing Education

Link to self-reporting

<https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=wYer1BZiqm59KMgKpigGzg#>

CLERGY Manual being developed (“What Seminary didn’t tell you”). Submissions welcome. <https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=OLYV1aRAyF5AolLMcHzKg#>

4. Chancellor Report

Presented report. Suggests a need to develop a Forum to discuss issues in the Church.

5. ORMSA/SMPAC-CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

Darkness to Light website has informational materials. www.d2l.org

Still not mandatory that ALL Parish Council members undergo a background check, but OCA is moving in this direction. SMPAC has recommended to the Holy Synod to do this.

It was suggested, if our Archdiocesan Council wished, to send a Letter to Bishop Irénée that His Grace can bring to the Holy Synod, which would outline any recommendations or concerns regarding Archbishop Seraphim after his prison term has finished. This could include:

- the parish assignment
- the willingness or unwillingness, and length of time, the Archdiocese wishes to continue providing a residence
- any guidance or restrictions on interaction with minors at Spencerville
- the communication policy at Spencerville regarding the presence of a convicted sex offender.
- the amount of money the Archdiocese has approved for monthly payments to the Archbishop during the prison term, and thereafter.

6. **Secretary report:**

Website/ IT review: Ryan Platte. Planning an OCA website refresh and update. More friendly towards people exploring Orthodoxy.

<http://oca.org/questions>. Anyone can write in any Orthodox question. Quick responses by retired Priest Fr. John Matusiak.

Secretary presented Overview of the AAC. Looks pretty good, and we suggested the following:

We suggested an increase Focus on Monasticism. For example:

- OCA financial Support for our Monastics to attend the AAC
- Diocesan financial Support for our Monastics to attend the AAC
- Free booth staffed by Monastics to answer questions about Monasticism
- Move the Monastic presentation from late Friday morning to earlier in the agenda.
- Suggested the topic for Monastics to present about “How to approach members of your parish, and assist them in discerning a monastic vocation.”
- Priority of the Metropolitan to keep a vibrant monastic presence.

7. Legal

OCA is joining a lawsuit to help support workplace rights, i.e. for religious expression.

Motion to Approve transfer of the St. Tikhon's Orphanage property as described in a written motion. (APPROVED Wednesday morning).

Wednesday, February 11, 2015

1. Legal

Approval of St. Tikhon's property motion.

2. Statute Revision update by Fr. Alexander Rentel.

A. Will require that Archdiocesan bylaws be updated, possibly also Parish bylaws.

To be posted on the AAC website. <http://18aac.oca.org/>

Public Comments Welcomed and Accepted. Final Deadline April 20, 2015.

Is it necessary for Vladyka and Archdiocesan Council to issue a statement supporting the new document?

Do we need to schedule local "town hall" style meetings in the Archdiocese to review and comment?

3. Reorganization Committee

4. Charity Report.

Chairman is changing. Not a very active committee because not much money to work with.

5. Ethics: No issues.

6. Internal Governance. Changed the auditor.

7. Reorganization Committee: Moved from Tuesday.

The Chancery is evaluating suggestions for reorganizing personnel and departments.

8. Treasurer Report.

Discussion of funding of the Central Administration. Moving away from the head-tax and moving towards an annual percentage sent to Syosset.

Canadian Charities are severely restricted by law in their ability to transfer money to foreign charitable organizations.

MOTION – DRESKO/HATFIELD – The Metropolitan Council recommends the following resolution for adoption by the 18th All-American Council: “In order to facilitate the transition of the dioceses to a proportional funding model, while supporting the work of the national church, for the budget years 2016, 2017 and 2018, each diocese of the Orthodox Church in America shall annually remit its diocesan financial obligation for the work of the central administration in an amount no less than the greater of 1) the 2015 assessment, with a 4% decrease permissible in cases of diocesan need as determined by the Metropolitan Council with the approval of the Holy Synod of Bishops; or 2) 33% of total annual diocesan revenue.” CARRIED with 1 vote opposed (Mitchell) and 1 abstention (Myers).

See following for more information:

1. <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/chrts-gvng/chrts/plcy/cgd/tsd-cnd-eng.html#N10969>
2. http://www.millerthomson.com/assets/files/article_attachments/Robert%20Hayhoe%20and%20Susan%20Manwaring%20-%20Miller%20Thomson%20LLP%20-%20Breaking%20Down%20the%20Borders.pdf

9. Pension Board update

2014 performance was 5.6%. Fund is currently 85% equities, 15% fixed income.

10. Free Discussion

- A. Response by Metropolitan to the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in US.
- B. Fr. Arida article & Editorial policy of OCA
- C. Theological Education

Thursday, February 12, 2015

1. External Affairs

Discussed the OCA involvement with the Assembly Orthodox Bishops USA.

Judge Lanier commented that the Legal committee of the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops USA was in conflict because they were asked to provide a list of all properties owned by all jurisdictions in the US. The “Russians” refused to provide the list, and “Greeks” generally supported developing such a list.

Continued discussions with a more conservative group of Anglicans. They may be changing their Creed to drop the Filioque. <http://anglicanchurch.net/>

Recommends an official visit to Church of Bulgaria.

2. FOCA: Update. They have donated to help the Library for St. Arseny Institute. Host some large events for Orthodox youth, such as the Annual Basketball tournament. Mostly for Orthodox in Northeastern US. There used to be a Montreal chapter. Events to coincide with AAC 18.
<http://www.orthodoxfellowship.org/>

Business Committee Report Commemorative Coin Project

Begin issuing a series of Commemorative coins. Each year is different North American Saint. Proposal is pay \$7 per coin & sell for \$30. Profit of \$23 per coin, times 100 coins a year, times 5 years, equals \$11,500 profit to Archdiocese.

Decisions:

1. Size of Coin 1.5 or 2 inches.
2. Colors or plain metal. Color of metal
3. Edging
4. Content. Saint & the Flipside.

Costs:

100 Coins, 1.5"

SPECS: 1.5" (38.1mm) diam, 3mm thick, brass or copper base metal

\$265.95 for 100 coins with soft enamel colors, 1 side

Free colors up to 7 colors

polished gold finish - free

\$110.00 for 3-D round die front

\$65.00 for 2-D round die back

\$79.00 for shipping

\$519.95 Total for 100 coins (\$5.20 per coin)

(\$13.30) 5.00% discount (set up fees & shipping not discounted)

\$506.65 Total with discount (\$5.07 per coin)

100 Coins, 2"

SPECS: 2" (50.8mm) diam, 3.5mm thick, brass or copper base metal

\$358.75 for 100 coins with soft enamel colors, 1 side

Free colors up to 7 colors

polished gold finish - free

\$150.00 for 3-D round die front

\$85.00 for 2-D round die back

\$116.00 for shipping

\$709.75 Total for 100 coins (\$7.10 per coin)

(\$17.94) 5.00% discount (set up fees & shipping not discounted)

\$691.81 Total with discount (\$6.92 per coin)

Proposed Artwork for Year One

Front: Close up of Patriarch Tikhon.

Back: Archdiocese Logo



Samples:





0279CoinsAndPins.com



0323CoinsAndPins.com



0189CoinsAndPins.com



0230CoinsAndPins.com



0156CoinsAndPins.com



0108CoinsAndPins.com

St. Tikhon Archdiocesan Stewards (STAS) Report for March 2015 Archdiocese Council Meeting

The move of the Archdiocesan council to appoint the Priest Andrew Applegate to work with me as co-chair of the STAS committee, as well as integrate the work of STAS with the fundraising committee, has reinvigorated this program, providing fresh perspectives and energy in finding vital financial support for the administration for the Archdiocese of Canada.

Fr. Andrew has been able to sew up many of the loose ends that developed over the past year or so, with help from Nikita Lopoukhine, Dr. John Hadjinicolaou, and myself.

This has got STAS to a point in which we can now solidify our current membership through communication of news and insight into the Archdiocese, as well as start building up our membership.

Whereas Fr. Andrew has been focusing on the creation of a membership database/ email list, I have taken to produce a new issue of the STAS Steward, reflecting upon the seventy-fifth anniversary of our diocese's territorial establishment, as well as one of our more important diocesan bishops (Archbishop Joasaph Skorodumov), and our newest mission (Holy Apostles mission in Chilliwack BC).

As the STAS website has been redesigned, making it more responsive to current technology (ie: smart phones and tablets) as well as reflecting our present governance.

As STAS is back to a level of stability, there are a number of actions we would like to pursue, aimed at solidifying our current and faithful membership, reaching out to potential members, and making inroads in a number of communities that are not represented well enough in our membership (Fr. Andrew has presented that list in his report). There are a number of ways these action items can be addressed, and the hope is that we can throughout 2015 start to implement them.

These things take time, but between Fr. Andrew and myself, working alongside the Archdiocesan Executive Committee, and council the work of STAS will continue to provide solutions to the current needs of our Archdiocese.

As always I am thankful to the Lord for his mercy and love of this unique diocese, and His mercy that has brought many blessed men and women to care and lead us: namely St. Tikhon and the Blessed Archbishop Arseny. Every time I think that we as a committee have run out of ideas, resources and energy, in keeping STAS alive and viable, The Lord has delivered and provided answers, and solutions. Glory to God!

By your prayers.
Pr. Gregory Scratch
STAS co-chair

STAS Report for March 2015 Archdiocese Council Meeting

The Scotia Bank auto transfer books have now been transferred over from Subdeacon Jeremy to Fr. Andrew and Matushka Sonia's address. Thanks to Subdeacon Jeremy for his many years of faithful service! Matushka Sonia takes care of the transfers which occur on the 15th and 30th of each month. We are also working on creating a complete contact list with all present and past members of STAS listed with up to date contact information etc. Whenever active contributors show up in default on the bank list, they can then be contacted. This need became apparent when one of the donors showed up as inactive and it took quite a bit of tracking, finally through tracking him to Fr. Vasile's parish and Fr. Vasile being able to get us current contact information. It is our goal for the next 6 months to complete the current contact information for all active STAS members and then to list as many of the past STAS supporters as possible and add their contact information to the list and contact them. Presently we are attempting to find the whereabouts of the following 5 people so Nikita can send them tax receipts. If any of you know any of the following people, please let Nikita and myself know how we might contact them.

Janneta Aronova (Montreal, QC)
Brent Boblinsky (Winnipeg, MB)
Olena Chemukhina (Toronto, ON)
Sergiy Dudiy and Yana Poveitysa (Montreal, QC)
Ioulia Linevitch, (Toronto, ON.)

There are presently **85** active STAS members donating a total of **\$4325/mo. (\$52,000/year)**. We have added 7 new STAS members since the last meeting for a total new monthly contribution addition of **\$453/mo.** We also received one time contributions totalling **\$1,800.** All new STAS members are from St. Peter the Aleut in Calgary which shows that a concentrated effort on an individual parish should yield some good results.

Assuming a concentrated effort at each of the major sized parishes and then including the smaller parishes as an addition unit it should be realistic to add an additional \$4000/mo. from this campaign. (10 x \$400/mo.) which would see the incoming donation level rise to a total of around \$100,000/year.

In order to achieve this we need to set up the STAS parish leadership network especially in the targeted major parishes. Some preliminary work has been done in regards to this with 4 parishes having people who have agreed to be STAS leaders, but as of yet no training or development has started. The parishes that will be approached would be:

Holy Resurrection– Vancouver
St. Herman's – Langley
St. Peter's – Calgary
Holy Resurrection – Saskatoon
St. Nicholas / Holy Trinity – Winnipeg
Christ the Saviour – Toronto
Annunciation – Ottawa
Sts. Peter and Paul - Montreal
Theotokos of the Sign – Montreal
Other smaller parishes across Canada

Fr. Gregory has been making a major effort to update the existing web page and has just published a new addition of the STAS newsletter "The Steward" which is now out! This will be the start of a new push to promote the mission of STAS. Once we have celebrated the great Paschal feast, we are intending to get to work on the next stages needed to grow STAS.

Submitted by STAS co-chair Fr. Andrew

SAINT ARSENY INSTITUTE REPORT
TO BISHOP AND ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL
MARCH, 2015

You Grace Irene
Bless Master

Rev. Clergy and Members of the Archdiocesan Council

We felt that a more detailed explanation of the work of the St. Arseny Institute might be appropriate at this time, as our programs begin to expand, and as we continue to receive applications also from below the border (and sometimes further a-field), some people being referred to us by OCA bishops.

The St. Arseny Institute Administration consists of myself, Priest Anthony Estabrooks as Director (TOLGS Mission), Manitoba Dean - Archpriest Gregory Scratch (St. Nicholas Parish), Protopresbyter Mirone Klysh as Secretary/Registrar (St. George Parish - Rom. Episcopate) and Subdeacon Roger Prince as Treasurer (St. Nicholas Parish). Retired Archpriest Robert Kennaugh is kept informed, but is unable at this time, to participate in meetings.

In addition, Archpriest Anatoliy Melnyk (Montreal) teaches 3 liturgics courses and oversees a practicum course; Dcn (Dr) Lasha Tchantouridze (Vermont - teaching and overseeing on-line courses at Norwich University) teaches three church history courses and is the managing editor for the Institute's on-line "Canadian Journal of Orthodox Christianity" and oversees our on-line courses; Protopresbyter Mirone Klysh, Secretary and Registrar, teaches and oversees the Reader's Program; Perry Pawliuk (Windsor) co-ordinates setting up on-line courses and is developing the delivery of courses locally (e.g. reader's course, catechesis possibilities). George Gaprindashvili (Minneapolis) provides server space and technical assistance for the online program, Priest Petr Boitchuk continues to provide the SAI website; priest Anthony Estabrooks teaches 3 Scripture, 2 Church Fathers and 3 Doctrine courses and some others as needed.

Dcn Lasha Tchantouridze and Priest Petr Boitchuk were a couple of the first students to complete studies when the Institute began in 2003 at Holy Trinity

Sobor in Winnipeg when the present Archdiocesan Chancellor was priest there. Those who began the Institute continue to be very committed to its mission and convinced of its importance in our current situation.

1. CJOC

The most recent issue of the on-line Journal www.cjoc.ca features an article by Fr. Andrew Applegate (St. Aidans, Cranbrook), who is taking courses from the SAI. Fr. Andrew's article is about the process of recognition of sanctity in the Orthodox Church, specifically in relation to North America and to Archbishop Arseny of Winnipeg. Much detailed research was presented in this essay and a very high grade given for this research for credit in the Church History course offered by Deacon Lasha on Orthodoxy in North America. We would ask that members of Council and priests read and promote the reading of this article and encourage everyone to consider writing for the Journal and to check out its resources. In a future issue we plan to publish extensive interviews which Fr. Andrew conducted with a good number of people regarding Archbishop Arseny and his contributions to the life of the Orthodox Church in Canada and beyond. We hope soon to have an index to make it possible to find articles on specific subjects more easily, as well as providing an introductory page on the purposes and foci of the Journal, one of which is to foster the growth of the Orthodox Church in Canada.

2. Finances

We have been working on getting charitable status (currently we are working under the Archdiocesan charitable status).

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor for a number of years, a few other donors, and the sacrificial labours of those staffing the Institute, it continues to be able to exist with no cost to the Archdiocese, with low cost to students, and in the black. Glory be to Jesus Christ!

3. [Student registration](#), without promotion, is always steady and stretches our capacity. A couple of days ago I received correspondence from a very eager young man who was received into the Orthodox Church within the past year. Here is a condensed summary of his questions:

"Through the correspondence program, would I be able to take all the courses offered in the lay theological program while living and working full time at a distance? would I be able to take the courses one at a time? The follow up to this question would then be that if this was a possibility, would it be possible to pay for each course as it's being taken? would it be a possibility to take the courses on my own time, at my own pace? making use of the time I do have, and complete them at a rate that my time permits me. Could I choose the order of the courses and when I would want to take them?

Our unanimous response from the Administration to all of the questions was "Yes, you can! You have provided a perfect description of why the Institute was formed and exists."

4. On-line Program - Church history courses are now being offered regularly in rotation by Dcn (Dr) Lasha Tchantouridze on-line as well as by correspondence. Semester start dates are December, March, June, September. The start date for the first offering of the Orthodox Ethics and Spirituality course has been moved to March 16, 2015. We hope to offer Doctrine 1 for the first time in the June, 2015 semester.

5. Reader's Program - besides the available correspondence course for readers, a new local project for reader education and laity has been initiated in Windsor, organized there locally by Perry Pawliuk, who has moved to that city. With local oversight by the parish priest, and overall oversight from the SAI by Protopresbyter Mirone Klysh, the course combines access to resources on-line, work by students on their own, and regular classroom sessions. Some 10 to a dozen, people in the parish are taking the program with combined class sessions and access to resources on-line. People are very happy to be gaining a better understanding of worship and the faith. Protopresbyter Mirone Klysh is continuing to work with Perry Pawliuk to make available on-line the resources for all the other sections of the Reader's Program, which he has put together over the years.

6. Catechetical Program - Perry Pawliuk in Windsor, who has set up the experiment in the Readers program in Windsor is now beginning to work on the possibility of a similar set-up for local catechetical programs, and other possible short-term educational programs which can combine local and on-line resources with co-ordination or helps from the SAI.

7. Teaching - formats and much resource material and some lectures for a good number of courses, prepared by Priest Anthony Estabrooks, have now

been entered onto a Moodle site, and can be made available to those whom we are soon going to be seeking out, to teach a number of the subjects which Priest Anthony has pioneered and of which he would like to be relieved. We would like to find qualified local teachers, laity or clergy, with background and teaching gifts to provide local teaching, and also some to take over some of the courses provided on-line and by correspondence. Very brief descriptions of the courses are provided on our website at www.saintarseny.ca

8. Our vision and belief continues that in Canada for the large part, we need to consider a full spectrum of means, dictated by our unique circumstances in this unique country, and in each of its unique regions, with few resources and numbers, and to find ways which work to nurture the faith and witness of those who have entered the Church by God's call and mercy, entrusted to the care of our Beloved Bishop and all of us with responsibilities of service in the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Priest Anthony Estabrooks,
Director of the St. Arseny Institute.
on behalf of its Administration team

Webmaster Report – March 2015

Here is a brief update for the Archdiocesan Council on the www.archdiocese.ca website since the last report in October.

Amendments have been made right across the clergy and communities records online (in both English and French) to ensure they are up to date and correspond to archdiocesan records. Corrections and new information submitted by communities are made right away upon receipt.

Further sections of the website have been translated into French, especially under Resources where the previous French content was fairly limited. Furthermore, with the assistance of Mother Séraphima, most of the new content articles including news are translated into French within a day or two of their first posting.

More backend restructuring has also been undertaken to prepare for the planned design (website front end) overhaul. The additional translation work mentioned above has set that project back a few months because during the redesign phase the website will need to exist in two versions — the online “production” site and a development site — which will mean twice the work to update it. The redesign will therefore ideally need to take place in a period of relative content “stability” (summer 2015?) to keep this double work to a minimum.

Here are the statistics for site traffic over the past year from the website server:

[illegible]

The most significant statistic in this table is the “visits” which represents unique visitors per day (based on IP address — so multiple visitors from one network address will show up only once, meaning it’s a slight underestimate). We are fairly consistently getting between 500-600 visitors every day with each visit looking at an average of 6-7 separate pages of the site. As we head forward into a site redesign with the aim of creating a more engaging site (and one that works properly on mobile devices), it will be good to track whether the number of visits increases.

In XC

Priest Geoffrey Ready