



MACEDONO-BULGARIAN EASTERN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL "STS. CYRIL & METHODY"

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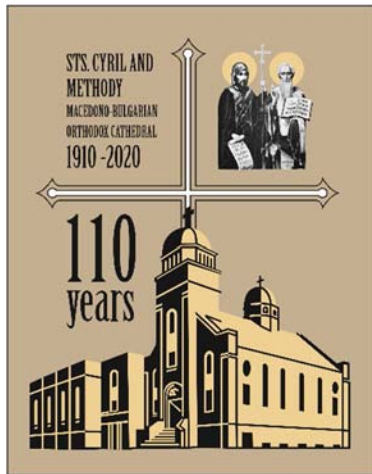
1910 - 2020

110 YEARS OF PRESERVED FAITH, TRADITIONS AND CULTURE

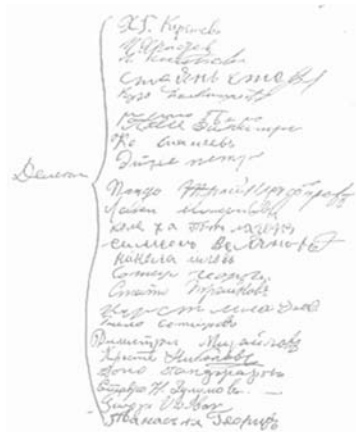


Founded September 1910

PROUD OF THE 110 YEARS HISTORY OF STS. CYRIL & METHODY CATHEDRAL



Archimandrite Theofilact



Signatures of the founders in the first Protocol

It is with a great pleasure to announce that the year 2020, marks a great milestone in the life of "Sts. Cyril & Methody" Cathedral –110 years since the establishment of our parish, the oldest Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Parish in Canada.

It is a time to recognize again the great work of past and present members of our congregation for their devotion, support and faith and give thanks to God for all His goodness over the past 110 years.

It is also a time to remember the people, who founded the church, as well as the most memorable moments of the church's history.

Deep bow to all, who founded the church in the distant 1910.

Bow to the great work of Archimandrite Theofilact, a missionary of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church and a founder of our parish, a noble and wise counselor and a man of very good heart. He served as a parish priest from 1911 to 1921.

Practicing as a doctor after 1921, his kindness and humanity will be remembered for a long time. In our hearts, he will always remain as a Saint!

Bow to all those, who in September 1910 organized a historical meeting in the bakery of Simo Vellanoff and Dimitar Stoyanov to put the beginning of Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Parish "Sts. Cyril and Methody", and later in March and April 1911, signed the first official protocols of this organization:

Archimandrite Theophylact, Kuzo Temelkoff, Hadji Dimitar Peroff, Simo Velyanoff, Zografoff, Apostol Kalavazoff, George Arsoff, Hristo Krastoff, Tome Vuchkoff, Grigor Stoyanoff, Stavro Nicoloff, Lak Makrieff, Stato Traikoff, Done Panjaroff, Nicola Velkoff, Dimitar Hadjieff, Mitse Michailoff, Nikola Pop Lazaroff, Dine Nanchoff, Krusto Mladenoff, Stavro Zolumoff, Kiro Naumoff, Nikola Ilieff, Konstantin Stanchoff, Georgi Evanoff, Anastas Stoycheff, Georgi Dineff, Hristo Kiroff, Stoyan Steffoff, Kuzo Dimitrieff, Risto Peroff, Kole Stoycheff, Dine Petre; Pando Trendafiloff, Sotir Georgi, Georgi Yovan, Elo Sotiroff, Tanas Hadji Georgieff, Evan Hristoff, Nikola Yovan, Bogoya Christoff, Apostol Georgieff, Pando Delov, Dine Petroff and Dimitar Hadji Pavloff.

Bow to all, who served as clergymen, presidents, church board members, teachers, staff, donors, members of women's auxiliaries, cultural clubs and youth organizations, who have worked throughout the years with passion and outstanding devotion in creating the 110 years history of Sts. Cyril and Methody Parish.

Today we proudly call Sts. Cyril and Methody Cathedral a home of our faith, traditions and culture, taking on the great responsibility of preserving what our ancestors left us and passing it on to the generations to come.

Let the deed of our ancestors last forever!



CHURCH HISTORY (1910 – 2020)



The Consecration of the Church on Trinity St. - May 24, 1911



With Archimandrite Theophilact & Bulgarian Consul of USA - 1915



Patron's Day with Russian Metropolitan Platon - May 25, 1925



25 Years Anniversary - May 24, 1935



Laying of the corner stone of New Church on Sackville St. - May 24, 1948



Turning of the Sod for New Parish Hall on Sackville St. - 1953



Patron's Day - May 24, 1957 with Metropolitan Andrey



September 28, 1910 – Foundation of Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church “Sts. Cyril and Methody, following the arrival of Hieromonak Theophilact as a missionary of BOC.

November 24, 1910 – A building at Trinity St. and Eastern Ave. was purchased for \$5,000. The ground floor was used for church, the second one – for meetings and Sunday School.

January, 1911 – Hieromonak Theophilact become the first parish priest of the Cathedral.

May 24, 1911 – Consecration of the church by Metropolitan Platon & Hieromonak Theophilact.

Year 1914 – Bulgarian Language School was founded with a teacher – Kuzo Temelkov.

Year 1916 – House, adjacent to the church was purchased for \$4, 200 to be used as living quarters for the priest and for executive meetings (church office).

Year 1917 – The Society “Balkanski Unak” started to perform literary & musical programs, plays and other cultural activities. Bulgarian Language School for adults was founded.

Year 1927 – Church choir with over 30 chanters, founded by B. Benev – first choir master.

April, 1944 – Property at the corner of Sackville & Dundas Street was purchased to build a new church.

Jan. 1948 – 8 houses, adjacent to the church on north side were purchased to build a new parish hall.

March 12, 1948 – Agreement for building a new church was signed between the Church Committee and the Contractor (Akroyd Construction Company).

April 11, 1948 – “Moleben Service” and “Blessing of Water” was performed at the new property by V. Rev. Haralampi Elieff. The President Dimitar Kostov did a “turning of the sod”.

May 24, 1948 – “Moleben – Vodovet” and laying of the corner stone of the new church by Metropolitan Andrey, V. Rev. Haralampi Elieff and city officials.

April 30, 1949 – Dr. Demetrius Mallin, Honorary President and Founder of our Parish passed away. Born in the village of Vratchesh, Bulgaria, he served as missionary from 1907 to 1921 for the Bulgarian Church in the United States and Canada.

June 19, 1949 – Consecration of the new church by Metropolitan Andrey and V. Rev. Haralampi Elieff.

April 1953 – “Turning of the Sod” for the New Parish Hall by the Centenarian Spiro Tomev.

November 14, 1954 – Blessing of the New Parish Hall by Metropolitan Andrey, V. Rev. Haralampi Elieff, Hieromonak Kiril Yontcheff and Rev. Jordan Dimoff.

Year 1958 – The mortgage of 38,000 for building the new church and parish hall was paid off.

December 14, 1959 – Ratification of the new church By-Laws by Metropolitan Andrey.

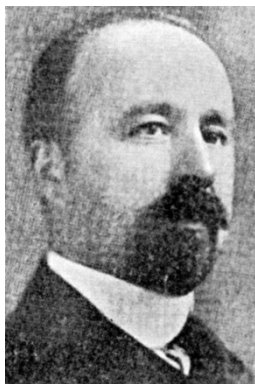
Year 1960 – The Cathedral celebrated 50th Year Anniversary.

Year 1985 – The Cathedral celebrated 75th Year Anniversary.

Year 2010 – The Cathedral celebrated 100th Year Anniversary.

Year 2020 – 110 years, since the foundation of Sts. Cyril and Methody Cathedral.

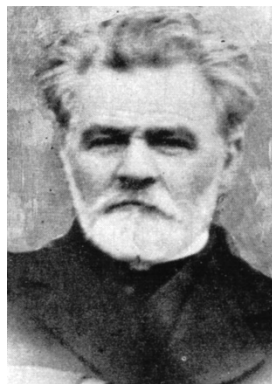
PARISH PRIESTS FROM 1910 TO 2020



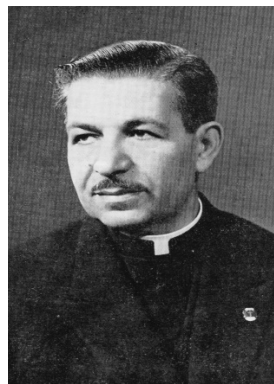
V. Rev. David Nakoff
1921 - 1923



V. Rev. Velik Karadjoff
1923 - 1925



Rev. Sotir Nicoloff
1927 - 1931



V. Rev. Haralampi Elieff
1931-1937 / 1941-1964



V. Rev. Vasil Mihailoff
1938 - 1940



V. Rev. Simeon Dimitrov
1965 - 1973



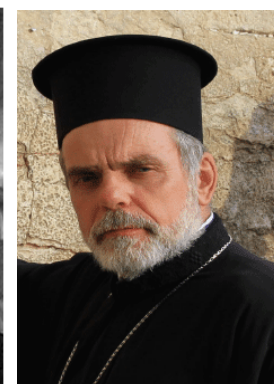
V. Rev. Dimiter Popov
1974 - 1986



V. Rev. Ivan Minchev
1986 - 1999



V. Rev. Valeri Choumarov
1999 - 2017



V. Rev. Veselin Arnaudov
2017 - 2020



St. Cyril & Methody, corner of Trinity and Eastern Avenue

Picture from year 1929



Immigrants from early years



Picture from picnic in 1924

The establishment of Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Parish "Sts. Cyril & Methody", perpetuated the great and immortal deeds of our ancestors, who with hardship, fortitude, patriotism, financial sacrifice and a strong self-confidence erected that sacred hearth. The feelings, which embraced the hearts of those founding fathers, are shown in the message, which was placed by Dr. Mallin in the cornerstone, commemorating the establishment of the church hall at 93 Trinity Street in 1927.

„Въ името на Отца и Сина и Светаго Духа“

Ние, македоно-българите живущи въ Торонто, Онтарио, оставили бащин край по неволя отъ робство и несгоди, и които сме обаче верни на своето племе, език, църква и обичаи, сдружени въ едно около нашата Родна Църква „Св. Кирил и Методий“, дойдохме до споразумение да построим тоя народенъ домъ, за да ни служи като свърталище, дето да черпим поука и морално развлечение, дето нашите деца да се запознават едно съ друго и макаръ да са разпръснати изъ различните краища на тоя голям град, да се събират отъ време на време на това свое място и да знаятъ, че са отъ едно племе и че имат общи народни идеали, които макаръ и въ Канада, те не трябва да забравят.

Един македонски българин може да е достоен гражданинъ на Канада, но въ същото време може да бъде и верен син на своето Родно Отечество, за чиято свобода, напредъкъ и благополучие може да направи много нещо, стига да има желание въ своето сърдце.

Ние, които правимъ тоя домъ, отделяме, така да се каже отъ своя залькъ, за да купим мястото и построим зданието. Ние жертвуваме, обаче съ драго сърдце, защото знаемъ и вярваме, че бъдещето наше поколение ще се използва отъ тоя домъ и че тоя домъ ще му помогне, да се закрепи и заякне въ народните си идеали.

Нашата радост ще бъде велика, ако отъ младото наше поколение израстнатъ достойни македонски синове и дъщери, които като се използват отъ свободата и културата на Канада, да постигнатъ високо положение и така да са за утеха на своите родители, гордост на своя народъ и въ полза на своето Отечество.

Нека, прочее, тоя домъ остане на веки като един паметник на нашето народно единство въ Канада. Като свидетелъ на Македоно-Българската предприемчивостъ въ новия святъ.

Като един фаръ – осветляващъ пътя на новото поколение – да знае и върви къмъ народните си идеали.

Амин!

Октомври 23, 1927

“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”

We, the Macedono-Bulgarians, residing in Toronto, Ontario, having involuntarily left our fatherland, due to oppression and persecution, but, who are however true to our race, language, church and traditions, united around our national church “Sts. Cyril & Methody”, have decided to build this parish hall to serve as a meeting place from which we can derive learning and moral benefit, and wherein our children will acquainted with one another in order to curtail their dispersion into the various ends of this large city, and to get together from time to time in their own place and to know that they are from one race, and that they have one common national ideal, even though in Canada, and which they should not forget.

A Macedono-Bulgarian can be a worthy citizen of Canada and at the same time may be a true son of his fatherland and his freedom, prosperity and good fortune may do great things so long as this wish is entertained in his heart.

We, who construct this parish hall, set aside from our daily bread in order to purchase this place upon which this building is constructed. We sacrifice however, with generous hearts because we know and believe that our future generation will benefit from this parish hall, and that this parish hall will strengthen and solidify them in their national ideals.

Our joy will be great, if our young generation will grow up as worthy Macedonian sons and daughters as they benefit from liberty and culture of Canada to arrive at that high position and thus fulfill their parent's wishes. They will be the pride of their people and useful to their fatherland.

Let therefore this parish hall remain in the ages as a memorial unto our national unity in Canada.

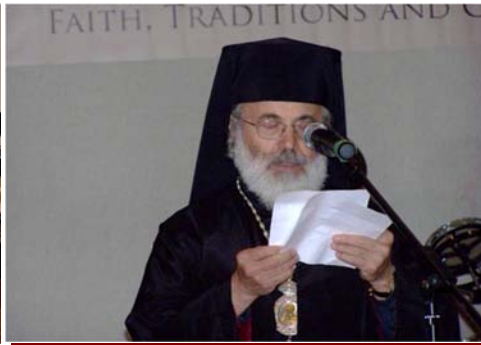
As a witness of the Macedonian-Bulgarian inherent foresight in this new world.

As a light enlightening the ideals of the young generation to know and to advance towards their national ideals.

Amin!

October 23, 1927

PICTURES FROM CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (September 25th and September 26th 2010)



The jubilee anniversaries of the church are remarkable, as they celebrate the history and gratitude to the creators of this history - in the past and now. If we go back in time and trace all that our ancestors did for this temple and what we continue to do now, to preserve it and pass it on to generations to come, we can say with a sense of responsibility and pride that we have fulfilled the covenants of our ancestors: *"... because we know and believe that our future generation will use this home and that this home will help them to consolidate and strengthen in their national ideals ..."*

PICTURES FROM RECENT YEARS



PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR ANOTHER GREAT ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH!
LET THE NAME OF STS. CYRIL & METHODY MACEDONO-BULGARIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL LIVE ON FOR CENTURIES!