

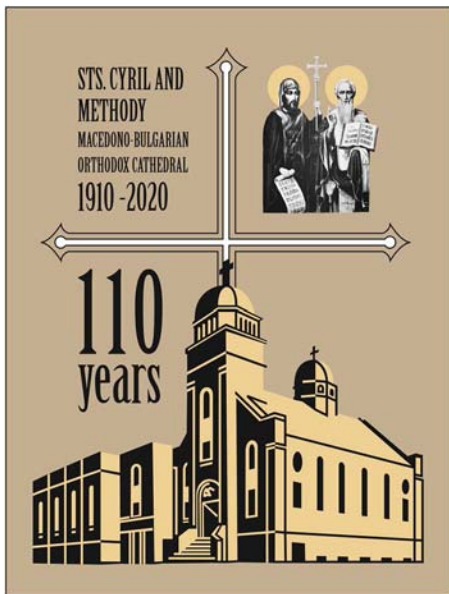
CELEBRATING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF STS. CYRIL & METHODY CATHEDRAL

September 28th, 2020 marked the 110th Anniversary of the establishment of Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral Sts. Cyril and Methody in Toronto.

Thanks to the dedicated work, unwavering faith, patriotism and financial sacrifices of our ancestors, as well as to the great work of their followers, today, Sts. Cyril & Methody Cathedral stands majestically in downtown Toronto to commemorate their immortal work.

On Saturday, September 26th, 2020, in the conditions of a global pandemic of Covid-19 and strict measures, imposed by the government and health authorities of Ontario, the 110th Anniversary was appropriately celebrated with Moleben and Blessed Water, performed by Father Valeri Choumarov.

The church was festively decorated with flowers and big posters, reflecting the great holiday, which created a good, festive mood for all present.



The church's Banquet Hall was also festively arranged, including an exposition of photos from the church archives, showing mass events from the distant and recent past, as well as portraits of church's presidents, minute book from 1939, membership book and some small archival items.



In the presence of more than 20 people, Father Valeri Choumarov performed a festive service Moleben, blessed those present with Holy Water and sang along with all faithful "Na Mnogaya Leta", wishing health and many years for the Cathedral, for the people, who care for it and all believers, who come to the church to worship and pray.



At the end of the service, Mr. Vangel Angelov, president of the church since 2015, spoke about the dedication of all those 700 people from the distant 1910, who donated money and time to build and bequeath to us this Holy Place. Today, we all take the big responsibility to preserve it and pass it on to the generations to come. Mr. Angelov also greeted all, who came to mark the great anniversary of the church and thanked them for their presence.



After the church service, all present gathered in the Banquet Hall, where Father Valeri Choumarov blessed the small treat of coffee, soft drinks and packaged snacks, prepared for the celebration.

The exposition of archival photos was viewed by the people with a big interest. More or less, the photos gave an idea of the church's life from the distant and recent past.



After the official part, people happily celebrated the Anniversary with a cup of coffee and sweets, following the imposed safety measures and remembering the time, when unlimited number of people could gather in the church and Banquet Hall, without worrying about the consequences of this.



The Church Executive Committee would like to thank all those, who in this dangerous time of pandemic, showed courage and took the time to come and honor the feast of the church, celebrating its 110-year history.

Let us pray to God and Patrons of our Cathedral, the Holy Brothers Cyril and Methody to keep and protect this Holy Place of God for the next 110 years.

May the name of Sts. Cyril and Methody Cathedral and its founders and followers live forever!

Grant, Oh Lord, Many Years!

MORE PICTURES FROM THE CELEBRATION

