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## CHURCH BULLETIN – JULY / AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2016

### ACCENTS FROM PATRON'S DAY CELEBRATION / АКЦЕНТИ ОТ ПАТРОНИЯ ПРАЗНИК

This year our Church celebrated the Feast of its Patrons – the Holy Brothers Cyril and Methody on three dates:

- May 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, as required by the church calendar,
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Vesper Service with Metropolitan Joseph and the priests from other churches,
- May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – Pontifical Divine Liturgy and Traditional Banquet, officiated by His Eminence Bishop Joseph.

Below you will find pictures and brief description of the events, associated with these celebrations.

*Тази година нашата църква отпразнува празника на своите патрони – Светите братя Кирил и Методий на три дати: на 11 май 2016, както е по църкоен календар; на 21 май 2016 - Велика Вечерня с Владиката Йосифи свещениците от другите църкви и на 22 май, 2016 – Епархийска Света Литургия и банкет с официалното участие на Негово Високо Преосвещенство Владиката Йосиф от Ню Йорк.*

*По-долу ще намерите снимки и кратко описание на събитията, свързани с тези тържества.*

#### May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Divine Liturgy and Official Lunch / Света Литургия и официален обяд



Father Valeri conducting the Divine Liturgy.  
 Отец Валери отслужва Света Литургия.



Father Valeri, Father Velichko & Father Milan blessing the roasted lamb.  
 Отец Валери, отец Величко и отец Милан благославят печеното агне.



Lina & Keranka presenting the delicious roasted lamb.  
 Лина и Керанка представят вкусното печено агне.



The Sweet & Coffee Table / Масата за сладкиши и кафе.



May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 – Vesper Service with His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph / Велика Вечерня с Владиката Йосиф



Vesper Service officiated by Bishop Joseph.  
Велика Вечерня с Владиката Йосиф.



Metropolitan Joseph and Father Valeri.  
Митрополит Йосиф и отец Валери.



Blessing the Dinner after Vesper Service.  
Благославяне на вечерята след Вечернята.

May 22, 2016 – Pontifical Liturgy and Traditional Banquet / Епархийска служба и традиционен празничен банкет



Bishop Joseph, Father Valeri & Father Boris  
Владиката, отец Валери и отец Борис



People attending the Church / Хората в църквата



Rewarding of Mr. George Stasoff  
Награждаване на г-н Джордж Стасоф



Mr. Stasoff with his daughters & sister Helen  
Г-н Стасоф с неговите дъщери и сестра



Guests from Head Table / Гостите от главната маса



Dancing Group "Igranka" / Група „Игранка“



Sunday School / Неделното училище



Religious Group / Групата по вероучение



General Consulate with "Igranka"  
Генералният консул с група „Игранка“

## George Stasoff – faith, loyalty and dedication / Джордж Стасоф – вяра, поялност и всеотдайност

As a tradition on Patron's Day Celebration, the Church honors with special appreciation and recognition our longstanding members, who deserve to be called "the living legends of the church."

This year on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 we had the privilege to honor Mr. George Stasoff on behalf of the Church and the Diocese.



George was born March 7, 1930 in Toronto, first child of Milka and Chris Stasoff. They lived in a house at 667 Dundas Street, a couple of blocks away from the church, in a community of Macedonians, new to the country.

As a youth George and his sisters Helen and Virginia joined other young people at the church, organizing regular dances with the Macedonian orchestra, bowling leagues and other social events.

Good, long time, life friends were made in those years. It was easy to find and keep friends and family close, as the church played an important role as a place where people gathered.

In 1960, George and Gloria were married at St. Cyril & Methody. They baptized their 3 children and raised them in the church, attending Sunday school, language and dance classes.

Two of his 3 children were married here and two of his six grandchildren were baptized here, all at Sts. Cyril & Methody Cathedral.

The church has also been a great source of strength for George during those hard times we all face - saying goodbye to loved ones, when Gloria passed away in 1992 and then his parents and many friends.

George has had a successful career as a car salesman and has brought his keen business knowledge to his work with the church, always willing to help out, wherever he can.

Because of his good personal and organizational qualities, George was repeatedly elected as a President and a member of the Church Executive Committee.

Over the years and to this day, George remains dedicated to St. Cyril and Methody Cathedral.

The church plays a strong role for George, as a place of belonging, a place to renew his spirits, a place to gather and meet friends, old and new, a place to be of service.

His faith, loyalty and commitment throughout his life are good example to follow.

**Thank you, George! May God grand you health and many more years to come!**

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*По традиция в деня на патронния празник, църквата удостоява със специално внимание наши дългогодишни членове, които заслужават да бъдат наречени "живи легенди на църквата."  
Тази година на 22 май 2016 имахме привилегията да почетем господин Джордж Стасоф от името на Църквата и от името на Епархията.*

***Благодарим ти Джордж! Нека Господ те дари със здраве и още много години напред!***



[Back to the church's history / Назад към историята на църквата](#)

Since this Bulletin is dedicated to Patron's Day Celebration, let's look at some photos from the history of the church, which captured moments from the celebrations, organized by our predecessors in honor of the Holy Brothers Cyril and Methody.



May 22, 2016 – with Metropolitan Joseph, Father Valeri & Father Boris

Тъй като този бюлетин е посветен на нашия патронен празник, нека да погледнем някои снимки от историята на църквата, които са запечатали моменти от тържествата, организирани от нашите предшественици в чест на патроните на църквата – Светите братя Кирил и Методий.



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2016

ЦЪРКОВЕН КАЛЕНДАР ЗА ЈУЛИ, АВГУСТ и СЕПТЕМВРИ 2016



JULY 2016

Divine Liturgy begins

3	SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – of all Bulgarian Saints.....	10:30 a.m.
10	SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.
17	SUNDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.
20	WEDNESDAY	<b>St. Glorious Prophet Elia (Ilinden)</b> .....	10:00 a.m.
24	SUNDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.
31	SUNDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost..... <b>Beginning of Dormition Fast / Начало на Богородичния пост</b>	10:30 a.m.

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6	SATURDAY	<b>Transfiguration of Christ</b> .....	10:00 a.m.
7	SUNDAY	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.
14	SUNDAY	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.
15	MONDAY	<b>Dormition of the Holy Theotocos</b> .....	10:00 a.m.
21	SUNDAY	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.
28	SUNDAY	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.

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4	SUNDAY	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 a.m.
8	THURSDAY	<b>Nativity of the Holy Theotocos</b> .....	10:00 a.m.
11	SUNDAY	Sunday before Exaltation of the Holy Cross.....	10:30 a.m.
14	WEDNESDAY	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Krustovden (Fast)</b> ..... <i>V. Rev. Valeri Choumarov starts blessing the homes with holy water</i>	10:00 a.m.
18	SUNDAY	Sunday after Exaltation of the Holy Cross.....	10:30 a.m.
25	SUNDAY	1st Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation.....	10:30 a.m.



41st Annual Diocesan Convention / 41-ва Епархийска годишна конференция

This year the Annual Diocesan Convention will be held at St. Sophia Church in Des Plaines, IL from July 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.

As every year the Program includes Popadia's Conference and a General Convention, with the participation of the delegations from the churches, included in the composition of the Diocese.

We wish all delegates a successful and beneficial Convention!

*Тази година Епархийската годишна конференция ще се проведе от 15-ти до 17-ти юли в църквата Света София в Des Plaines, IL.*

*Както всяка година в програмата е включена конференция на попадите и основна конференция, в която ще вземат участие делегациите на църквите, включени в състава на Епархията.*

*Пожелаваме на всички делегати, успешна и ползотворна конференция!*



St. Sophia Church

New Programs for the children of Regent Park Community / Нови програми за децата от Regent Park



We are happy to announce that the church has rented out its 3 basement halls, to the following organizations, offering new programs for the children from Regent Park:

- **Seeds of Life – After School Homework Club, operated by Yonge Street Mission.**

The Program offers healthy snacks, field trips, friendship, leadership and mentorship training, as well as homework help.

- **New Regent Park Preschool Program, operated by Performance Montessori.**

This is a new linguistics pre-school (2.5 to 6 year-olds), that immerses children in 5 different languages to help create “citizens of the world”.

Children will be also taught sports, music and dance skills, by using the very effective Montessori Method of child-centered learning.



*Ние сме щастливи да съобщим, че църквата даде под наем своите 3 сутеренни зали, на следните организации, предлагащи нови програми за децата от Regent Park:*

- **Семена на живота – след училищна програма, водена от Yonge Street Mission.**

*Програмата предлага здравословни закуски, екскурзии, обучение за приятелство, лидерство и менторство, както и помощ при подготовката на домашни задания.*

- **Нова предучилищна програма, водена от Performance Montessori.**

*Това е нова лингвистична предучилищна програма (2.5 до 6 години), която обучава децата на 5 различни езици, за да им помогне да станат "граждани на света".*

*Те ще изучават също и спорт, музика и танци, с помощта на много ефективния Монтесори метод за обучение на деца.*

We wish good luck to both Programs! / *Пожелаваме успех на двете програми!*

Handicap washroom / Тоалетна за инвалиди

Our church began building a toilet for disabled people, which is a part of the big project “Llift & Toilet for disabled people”. Tthis will make the church and the banquet hall accessible to all disabled people from our parish, community and general public. The washroom will be completed in the middle of July this year.

*Нашата църква започна изграждането на тоалетна за инвалиди, която е част от големия проект "асансьор и тоалетна за инвалиди". Това ще направи църквата и банкетната зала достъпна за всички инвалиди от нашата енори и общност, както и за масовия потребител.*

*Тоалетната ще бъде завършена в средата на месец юли тази година.*

