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## **CHURCH CENTENNIAL BULLETIN (1910 – 2010)**



**Archimandrite Theofilact** 

## DEEP BOW BEFORE THE DISTINGUISHED DEED OF THE CHURCH'S FOUNDERS

The year 2010 is memorable for our church. 100 years were turned on of the establishment of this holy place, which preserved the faith, traditions and culture of our ancestors, who dedicated their life time, labour and financial support to build it and endow it to us, their heirs.

Now, we all bow before their deed!

Bow to the great work of Archimandrite Theofilact, a missionary of the BOC and a founder of our parish, a noble and wise counselor and a man of very good heart. Practiced as a doctor in the years after 1921, his kindness and humanity will be long remembered.

In our hearts, he will always remain as a saint!



Signatures of the founders In the first protocol

Bow to all those, who in August 1910 organized an historical meeting in the bakery of Simo Vellanoff and Dimitar Stoiyanov 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 Stefoff, 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, church board members, teachers, staff, donors, members of women's auxiliaries, cultural clubs and youth organizations, who have worked all these years with passion and outstanding devotion to create the 100 years history of our church parish.

Today we proudly call the Cathedral a home of our faith, traditions and culture, as we take a deep and responsible task to continue what our ancestors bequeathed to us in order to hand it down with dignity to the generations after us.

Let the deed of our ancestors last forever!

Peace and prosperity to all from Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Parish "Sts. Cyril and Methody" for the next 100 years and many more to come!

The founding 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 отъробство и несгоди, и които сме обаче верни на своето племе, език, църква и обичаи, сдружени въедно 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 изъразличните краища на тоя голям град, да се събират отъвреме 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 залък, за да купим мястото и построим зданието. Ние жертвуваме, обаче съ драго сърдце, защото знаемъ и вярваме, че бъдещето наше поколение ще се използува 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 използуват 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

#### **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS**

## Centennial Gala Dinner at Prince Hotel Ball Room – Saturday, September 25, 2010



Over 400 people gathered in The Westin Prince Hotel Ball Room to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the oldest Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Parish in Canada. Among them were long-standing church members, descendants of the founders and past presidents, many friends and guests. Also present were the grandchildren of Dr. Mallin – Franceska and James Mallin with their families.

His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph came especially from New York to bless this remarkable event. Official guests at the ceremony were also the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria Nikolay Mladenov, the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration of Canada, Jason Kenney and a Mayoral nominee of Toronto, Rob Ford, who gave speeches and official greetings to the President of Church Committee, Emil Georgiev.

The dinner was followed by a rich musical program with performances by Vocal Trio "Singing Notes", a famous Bulgarian singer Desi Dobreva, Macedonian Dance Group "Seliani", Bulgarian Dance Group "Igranka" and the Orchestra of Macedonian Songs & Dances "Biser".

## Centennial Holy Liturgy - Sunday, September 26, 2010



The Anniversary Celebrations continued the next day with an Official Holy Liturgy led by His Eminence Metropolitan Joseph, featuring Professor Blagoi Chiflianov, Father Boris Drangov, Father Valeri Choumarov, Father Nikolay Georgiev, Father Velichko Mihailov and Father Bozidar from Chicago. The church was not enough to accommodate all, who came to take part in this holy prayer and thus become a part of this historical event of our church.

Chants of the church choir, led by Elitza Yordanova supplemented the impact of the Divine Liturgy.

The Holy Service ended with a heartfelt speech by Bishop Joseph, filled with reverence and respect for all, who founded and served this church community through the years and a wish that God continues to bless this church to last for ever. After the service, the celebration continued in the banquet hall with a blessing by all present clergy and words of greeting by Minister Nikolay Mladenov and the President of Church Committee, Emil Georgiev. Minister Mladenov presented the church with an icon of Virgin Mary for its centennial celebration.

Present in the hall were more than 500 people, who came to express their appreciation and respect to the oldest Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Parish in Canada. All were served a rich lunch and for their good spirit, the program included performances by Vocal Trio "Singing Notes", Daniela Manolova, Folk Singing Group led by Irina Markova and Bulgarian Dance Group "Igranka"

The Celebration ended with a lot of dances and will certainly be long-remembered by all, who attended.

### LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS SENT FOR THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FROM:

The Governor General - Her Excellency Michaelle Jean
The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario - David C. Onley
Minister of Citizenship & Immigration Canada - Jason Kenney
His Highness Prince Hermann Leiningen
Ken Boshcoff, Canada first MP of Bulgarian Heritage
United Macedonian Diaspora – Washington, DC
Association of Bulgarian Engineers in Canada
Canadian Slav Committee
Canadian Bulgarian Association
President of the Republic of Bulgaria – Georgi Purvanov
National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria – T. Tzacheva
Bulgarian Prime Minister – Boyko Borisov
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Bulgaria – N. Mladenov
State Agency for Bulgarians Abroad
Sofia University "St. Clement of Ochrid"

His Holiness Patriarch Maxim of Bulgaria His Eminence Bishop Joseph - Bulgarian EO Diocese St. Herman of Alaska Eastern Orthodox Church Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church in Allston, MA St. Innocent's Academy in Alaska St. Theophan Church – Father Philip Tolbert Skete of St. Maximos the Confessor – Palmyra, VI St. Sophia Church - Des Plains, III Holy Dormition Orthodox Church - Santa Rosa, CA St. George Bulgarian Orthodox Church - Florida Joy of All Who Sorrow Church - Indianapolis, IN St. Stephen Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church Sisterhood of Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Diocese Rev. Father Deacon Jerome Nietubicz Jr. Prezvitera Lili Mincheva – wife of late Father Ivan Minchev Stella Evanoff

The Church Executive Committee would like to extend its gratitude to all, who sent congratulation letters for the Church Centennial Celebration. May God continue to bless our church in the years to come!

## DONATIONS FOR THE CHURCH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION (SEPTEMBER 25 – 26, 2010)

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Helen Martin	\$100.00	Methody Velianoff	\$100.00
Evanov Radio Group	\$1,100.00	Francesca Mallin	\$100.00
Stefka Chicules	\$100.00	Emilia Rouskov	\$50.00
Father Valeri Choumarov & fam.	\$250.00	Lennie Vassil	\$40.00
Krasimir Tabakov - Karlovo Inc. (kebapcheta)	\$1,000.00	Parishioner	\$50.00
Prezvitera Zlatka Popov	\$100.00	Dimitre Tcharaktchiev	\$50.00
Betty & Valcho Valtchev	\$200.00	Dr. Kristi Karambolova	\$1,000.00
Emil & Mira Georgiev	\$2,000.00	Jean Geleff	\$100.00
Association of Bulgarian Engineers in Canada	\$200.00	Fred Spiroff	\$30.00
Nada & Lilian Bozinoff	\$500.00	Fam. Dr. Danny Spiroff	\$100.00
Stella Evanoff	\$100.00	Jenifer Pontsa	\$50.00
Heritage Funeral Centre	\$1,500.00	Rose Welsh	\$20.00
Dr. Konstantin & Kina Valtchev	\$300.00	Olga Mihailov	\$50.00
Steve & Sally Stavro Family Foundation	\$1,000.00	Thomas Dimitroff (Corning, New York)	\$100.00
Vangel & Mira Angelov	\$100.00	Dragoslava Tzvetkova	\$50.00
George & Tania Persinov	\$100.00	Dorothy Yoreff	\$25.00
Milka Genoff	\$100.00	Ruth Klekos	\$25.00
Helen & Hope Chicules	\$100.00	Dimitrina Nickolova	\$60.00
Boris & Sylvia Ivanov	\$1,000.00	Dennis Goushleff	\$100.00
Dr. Velizar & Yonka Harizanov	\$100.00	Chris & Leta Massin	\$50.00
Fam. Ivanka Tchekovski	\$100.00	Marina Tingarova	\$100.00
Paul Nanoff	\$100.00	Zlatka Kiriakov	\$20.00
Donata & Jelesko Angelov	\$100.00	Parishioner	\$60.00
V. Rev. D. Angelov – St. Stephen Church IN, USA	\$100.00	Iris Deanie Joseph – sisterhood BEO Diocese	
Family Patrizia & Mladen Alexiev	\$200.00		\$25.00

#### **CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR - NOVEMBER 7, 2010**



This year the traditional church bazaar was held under the motto of the big celebration – 100 years since the founding of our parish. At this occasion, thanks were given to all, who marked the beginning of this tradition, to those who maintained it over the years and to all, who still work voluntarily with a big enthusiasm to preserve it. Keeping the tradition, the bazaar offered homemade banitzi, zelnitzi, kozunatzi, baklava, different kinds of homemade cakes and delicious dishes of traditional Macedonian and Bulgarian cuisine.

Many women volunteered their time and great love this year to maintain the diversity of this traditional festival of culinary art.

Offered also were cosmetics, jewellery, lingerie and souvenirs.

Lucky Draw was played with great prizes and Macedonian and Bulgarian folk music was sounded during the whole celebration.

The Church Board would like to extend its gratitude to all those, who volunteered their time and efforts to the organization, preparation and conduct of this great church event.

Special thanks to all, who donated lucky draw prizes and different things for sale, as well as to those who attended the bazaar and showed their respect for the traditions and support of the church.



## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2010



NOVEMBER, 2010		Divine Service Begins
6	SATURDAY	<b>Memorial Saturday (Задушница)</b> 10:00 am
7	SUNDAY	7th Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation. Church Annual Bazaar10:30 am
8	MONDAY	St. Archangel Michael10:00 am
14	SUNDAY	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation
21	SUNDAY	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation10:30 am
28	SUNDAY	13th Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation10:30 am
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5	SUNDAY	10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation10:30 am
6	MONDAY	St. Nicholas, The Wonderworker10:00 am
12	SUNDAY	11th Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation10:30 am
19	SUNDAY	Sunday before Nativity10:30 am
25	SATURDAY	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
26	SUNDAY	Synaxis of The Holy Theotokos
27	MONDAY	Sunday after Nativity. St. Protomartyr Stephen10:30 am
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Every Sunday there is a morning service (matins), which starts at 9:30 am



## THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD BE UPON YOU (PSALM 129:8)

May you rejoice in the blessings of His Love this Christmas and always!

Father Valeri Choumarov Church Executive Committee, 2010

#### **CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS**





## **CHILDREN CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH'2010

## Big Banquet Hall, after Sunday Service

- Sunday School Program
- Children Group "Bulgarche"
- Santa Claus with presents
- Lucky Draw
- Lunch, Banitzi, Baked Goods
- Coffee, Soft Drinks
- Christmas Music

### **ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME!**

To register your child, please call 416 368 2828 (from December 1st to December 15th'2010)

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# NEW YEARS EVE 2011 CELEBRATION

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2010 IN CHURCH BANQUET HALL

The Church Executive Committee of Macedono-Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral "Sts. Cyril & Metody" invites each and everyone to come and celebrate with us the coming of the new year 2011.

- Delicious and plentiful food
- Live entertainment
- New Years Lottery
- Amusements for children
- Discotheque after midnight
- and lots more...

For the latest information about this event, please visit our web page: www.scmcathedral.com, or call the office at 416 368 2828

## **NEW YEAR 2011 - NEW HOPES**