



MACEDONIAN-BULGARIAN EASTERN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL  
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## CHURCH BULLETIN – SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2010

1910 - 2010

### Church Centennial Celebrations

Come and join us to celebrate 100 years of preserved faith, traditions and culture

#### Centennial Gala Dinner Saturday, September 25, 2010

Official Guests from Bulgarian & Canadian  
 Government



#### The Westin Prince Hotel Ball Room

900 York Mills Rd., Toronto, M3B, 3H2

Reception: 6:30 pm  
 Dinner: 7:30 pm

#### In the Program:

Biser Orchestra, Macedonian Dancing Group  
 "Seliani", Bulgarian Dancing Group "Igranka"  
 and other performers

**Tickets: 100.00**

For tickets, please call: 416 368 2828,  
 or write to: [info@scmcathedral.com](mailto:info@scmcathedral.com)

**The deadline for buying tickets is Sept. 15, 2010**

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

Officiated by Metropolitan Joseph and  
 all present clergy



#### Sts. Cyril & Methody Cathedral

237 Sackville St., Toronto, M5A 3G1

The Liturgy will start at 10:00 am

Lunch & a musical program will follow after  
 the Liturgy in the church banquet hall

#### Admission: Donations

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 or visit [www.scmcathedral.com](http://www.scmcathedral.com)

We gather to celebrate the founders of the  
 church and those, who cherished and devoted  
 their efforts to preserve our orthodox belief,  
 language and traditions.



### ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS – SEPTEMBER 14, 2010

The Elevation of the Holy Cross is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on September 14 each year.

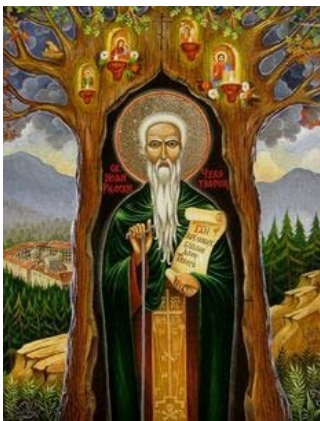
It is one of the two feast days which is held as a strict fast.

According to Orthodox Church teachings, Saint Helen, the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, discovered the Holy Cross on 14 September 325 AD in the vicinity of Golgotha, where it lay buried in the dust of the centuries. On the spot where the Cross was discovered, there was also found a hitherto unknown flower of rare beauty and fragrance, which has been named Vasiliko (Basil), meaning the flower of royalty, out of respect for the Dowager Queen who led the expedition. For the next three hundred years, the Cross stayed in the possession of the Christians in Jerusalem, but the city was captured by the Persians in 614 AD and the Cross fell into their hands. It was later recovered by the forces of the Eastern Roman Empire (or Byzantine Empire).

**Blessing of homes** is a central sign of God's sanctification of all things through Christ's baptism in the river Jordan and his epiphany to the world. It takes place with prayer and the sprinkling of holy water. The priest, asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. Everyone of the house prays together for the living and the dead of the family, and all who live and have lived in the house. They all sing the hymn of salvation and process from room to room while the priest blesses the house.

*Father Valeri will start blessing the homes with holy water after the service on September 14, 2010.  
For arrangements, please call the office at 416 368 2828 or the priest at 647 886 4444.*

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### ST. JOHN OF RILA, THE WONDERWORKER - SEPTEMBER 19, 2010

Saint John of Rila (876 – 946) was revered as a saint while he was still alive.

According to the legend, he was known to have performed a multitude of miracles in order to help the people. These miracles brought him undesired fame as he tried to live the life of a hermit and avoid contact with others.

Many young believers and supporters set up camps around his cave, seeking a blessing from him. This led the way to the creation of Rila Monastery, which is considered to be the foremost Monastery in Bulgaria.

St. John of Rila is a patron saint of the Bulgarian people and one of the most important saints in the Bulgarian Orthodox Church.

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### ST. DEMETRIUS FROM SALONIKA - OCTOBER 26, 2010

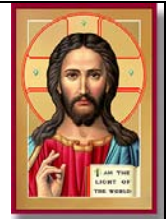
Saint Demetrius (270 – 306) was a Christian martyr.

The biographies have Demetrius as a young man of senatorial family, who was run through with spears in around 306 AD in Thessaloniki, during the Christian persecutions of the Emperor Diocletian.

After the growth of his veneration as saint, the city of Thessaloniki suffered repeated attacks and sieges from the Slavic peoples who moved into the Balkans, and Demetrius was credited with many miraculous interventions to defend the city. Hence later traditions about Demetrius regard him as a soldier in the Roman army, and he came to be regarded as an important military martyr.



## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER, 2010



### SEPTEMBER'2010

### Divine Service Begins

1 <sup>st</sup>	WEDNESDAY	<b>Church New Year – Ecclesiastical Moleben</b> .....	10:00 am
5 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.....	10:30 am
8 <sup>th</sup>	WEDNESDAY	<b>Nativity of the Holy Theotocos</b> .....	10:00 am
12 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	Sunday before Exaltation of the Holy Cross.....	10:30 am
14 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Krustovden (Fast)</b> ..... <i>V. Rev. Valeri Choumarov starts blessing the homes with holy water</i>	10:00 am
19 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	Sunday after Exaltation of the Holy Cross.....	10:30 am
26 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation.....	10:30 am

### OCTOBER'2010

3 <sup>rd</sup>	SUNDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation.....	10:30 am
10 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation....	10:30 am
17 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation.....	10:30 am
19 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	<b>St. John of Rila – The Wonderworker</b> .....	10:00 am
24 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation.....	10:30 am
26 <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	<b>St. Demetrius from Salonika, Great Martyr</b> ..... <i>(service by all priest at St. Dimitar Church – Brampton)</i>	10:00 am
31 <sup>st</sup>	SUNDAY	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Sunday after Exaltation.....	10:30 am

EVERY SUNDAY THERE IS A MORNING SERVICE (MATINS), WHICH STARTS AT 9:30 AM

### A NOTE OF THANKS

The Church Executive Committee wants to extend its gratitude to our member, Mr. Stanko Stankov, who put all his efforts, abilities and knowledge to sand and polish the church entrance door for its 100 years Anniversary.

May God bless him with health and prosperity for many years ahead!



*Thank You*

## CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BAPTISMS

During the months of June, July & August'2010, Father Valeri Choumarov performed the following baptismal services:

#### VALERI, HRISTIAN & DANIEL

**Baptized:** June 27, 2010  
**Parents:** Pavlin & Alexandrina Kolevi  
**Godparents:** Ivailo Raytchev & Anita Melezanska

#### EVAN & DANIEL

**Baptized:** July 31, 2010  
**Parents:** Iordan & Borislava Marinovi  
**Godparents:** Boris & Iliana Borisovi

#### ALEXANDER

**Baptized:** August 14, 2010  
**Parents:** Lubomir & Ianita Patevi  
**Godparents:** Daniel & Maria Belkolevi

#### KRISTOFER

**Baptized:** August 16, 2010  
**Mother:** Desislava Koleva  
**Godparents:** Antoaneta & Alexander Trendafilovi

#### SIMONA & YVONA

**Baptized:** August 21, 2010  
**Parents:** Martin Dimitrov & Katerina Andreeva  
**Godparents:** Danail Terziev & Raya Ivanova

#### DANIEL

**Baptized:** August 22, 2010  
**Parents:** Borislav & Silvia Asenovi  
**Godparents:** Romyana & Krasimir Krumov



**MAY GOD BLESS THE NEWLY BAPTIZED IN CHRIST!**

### WEDDINGS



**AUGUST 21, 2010**

**Bride:** Enriquez Rios Amaranta  
**Groom:** Reichestein Nicholas Albert  
**Witnesses:** Noemi Rios & Raquel Reyes

On August 12, 2010 Father Valeri Choumarov performed a baptismal service for the Bride and the Groom in order to accept Eastern Orthodox Religion.

**BEST WISHES TO THE NEW COUPLE!**

**RECENT DEATHS**



**NIKOLAY PANAYOTOV**

72

Born – Aitos, Bulgaria  
Passed away – June 2, 2010  
Heritage Funeral Centre  
Cremation at St. James Crematorium

**SOPHIE GEORGIEFF**

80

Born – Toronto, Ontario  
Passed away – July 19, 2010  
Heritage Funeral Centre

Sophie was a church member of longstanding. She has always helped the church in organizing all kind of events, specially the bazaars.  
Her noble character and kindness, will be remembered forever.

**MAY GOD REST THEIR SOULS! WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THEIR RELATIVES!**

**PATRON SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION  
MAY 23, 2010**

Honorary Members in good standing for Church's Patron Saints Day, 2010: Mrs. Olga Saleff and Mr. Asen Stanoev.  
Sponsor of the year 2009: Dr. Luben Beron.



Patron Saints Panel



The Banquet



The Head Table



The Honorary Members



Members of long standing



Members of long standing



Sunday School Performance

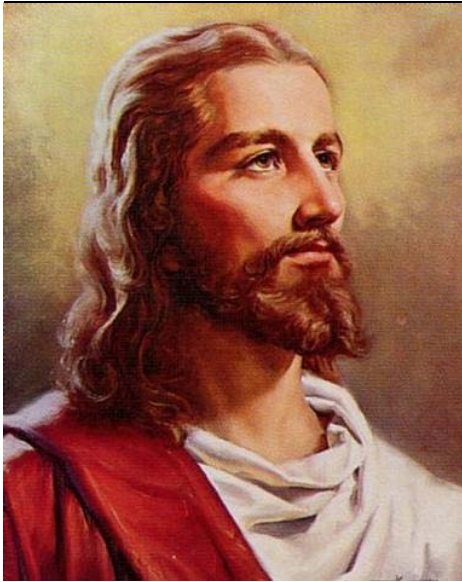


People enjoyed the program



Traditional Horos

We extend our thanks to all, who organized, participated and attended this holy and memorable day of our church.



### CENTENNIAL PRAYER

Loving God, we praise and thank you  
for Your many blessings over the years.  
May our Centennial Celebrations be a time of  
gathering, remembering and honoring.  
Give us peace and joy, and let our parish last forever.

Holy Spirit, guide us by your wisdom  
and through the intercession of our mother Mary.  
Help us continue being a welcoming community,  
witnessing Christ's love, through the sharing of our gifts.

Lord, may this Jubilee Year be a time to reflect  
on the spirit of our pioneers and the hopes of the youth.  
May we always be faithful to Your way  
through Your most sacred hearth.

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### REGULAR GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2010

The Church Executive Committee cordially invites all church members to attend a Regular General Meeting, which will be held on **Sunday, October 24, 2010** after the Church Service in the main parish hall.

#### **AGENDA**

1. Minutes from the Regular General Meeting held on April 25, 2010
2. Financial Report for the 9 months of the year 2010
3. Miscellaneous

In compliance with the provisions of section 66 of the by-law, the meeting will not be postponed and will take place regardless of how many members are presented.

The presence of every member however is important.  
Please, plan to attend!



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### CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

(IN THE BIG BANQUET HALL AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE)

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**TRADITIONAL BAKE-SALE**

**LUNCH**

**SALE OF OTHER MERCHANDISES**

**MUSIC & DANCES**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

**COME AND SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISING EVENT!**

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