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Founded 1910

### **CHURCH BULLETIN – JULY / AUGUST 2010**



Archimandrite Theofilact
Founder of the Church
served as a priest from 1911 to 1921

### **CELEBRATING 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY WITH PRIDE & DIGNITY**

It is with great pleasure to announce that this year, 2010, marks a great milestone in the life of "Sts. Cyril & Methody" Cathedral – the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of our parish, the oldest Macedono-Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Parish in Canada.

For this great occasion, the Church Board has organized Centennial Gala Dinner to be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Westin Prince Hotel Ball Room and a Holy Liturgy on next day – Sunday, September 26, 2010, followed by a lunch and a musical program in the church banquet hall (details about the events on the last page of this bulletin).

Please, join us at these remarkable events, as we recognize 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 100 years.

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

### PARISH PRIESTS FROM 1910 TO 2010:



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



Rev. Jordan Dimoff 1956 - 1963



V. Rev. Simeon Dimitrov 1965 - 1973



V. Rev. Dimiter Popov 1974 - 1986



V. Rev. Ivan Minchev 1986 - 1999



V. Rev. Valeri Choumarov from 1999

# 2010

### **CHURCH HISTORY (1910 – 2010)**

**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 on Trinity St. and Eastern Ave. was purchased for 5,000.00. The ground floor was used for a church, the second one – for meetings and a Sunday School.

January, 1911 – Hieromonak Theophilact accepted to become the first church priest.

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

**Year 1914** – a Bulgarian Language School was established. First teacher – Kuzo Temelkov.

**Year 1916** – a house adjacent to the church was purchased for 4, 200.00 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 – the first choir master.

**April**, **1944** – a property at the corner of Sackville & Dundas Streets was purchased for building a new church.

**January**, **1948** – 8 houses adjacent to the church on north side were purchased for building a new parish hall.

March 12, 1948 – an 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 Rev. Haralampi Elieff. The President Dimitar Kostov did "turning of the sod".

**May 24, 1948** – "Moleben – Vodosvet" and laying of the corner stone of the new church by Metropolitan Andrey, 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 Rev. H. 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 38,000.00 for building a 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 50 years Anniversary.

**Year 1985** – The Cathedral celebrated 75 years Anniversary.

**Year 2010** – The Cathedral celebrates 100 years Anniversary.



### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST, 2010



JULY'2010			<b>Divine Service Begins</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
11 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
18 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
<b>20</b> <sup>th</sup>	TUESDAY	St. Glorious Prophet Elia (Ilinden)	10:00 am
25 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	10:30 am
Dormition Fast (Bogorodichni Zagovezni) – from July 31st to August 15th, 2009			
AUGUST'2010			
1ST	SUNDAY		
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6 <sup>th</sup>	FRIDAY	10th Sunday after Pentecost  Transfiguration of Christ	
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6 <sup>th</sup>	FRIDAY	Transfiguration of Christ	10:00 am 10:30 am
6 <sup>th</sup>	FRIDAY SUNDAY	Transfiguration of Christ	10:00 am 10:30 am 10:30 am
6 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup>	FRIDAY SUNDAY SUNDAY	Transfiguration of Christ	10:00 am10:30 am10:30 am10:30 am

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

### **RECENT DEATHS:**



Dobrinka Slavova
92
Born: Plovdiv, Bulgaria
Passed away: June 5, 2010

Heritage Funeral Centre

**Cremation at St. James Crematorium** 

Peter Petroff
80

Born: Toronto, Ontario
Passed away: June 30, 2010

Elgin Mills Visitation Chapel

May God rest their souls. With deepest sympathy to their families.

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# Centennial Celebrations

Centenníal Gala Dinner - Saturday, September 25, 2010

The Westin Prince Hotel Ball Room 900 York Mills Rd, Toronto, M3B 3H2

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

Live entertainment with Biser Orchestra

Tickets: 100.00

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

Officiated by Metropolitan Joseph and all present clergy
Lunch and a musical concert will follow after the Liturgy in the banquet hall

Sts. Cyril & Methody Cathedral 237 Sackville Street, Toronto, M5A 3G1 The Liturgy will start at 10:00 am

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.

For tickets & reservations: 416 368 2828 / info@scmcathedral.com

For more information, please visit: www.scmcathedral.com

If you wish to stay at the Westin Prince Hotel, there is a special rate of 129.00 /night. For reservations, please call Toll Free at 1-888-627-8550 and specify: "St. Cyril & Methody".