



EPARCHIAL NEWSLETTER

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Van Nuys

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Faithful Ones,

After many seasons of waiting and using liturgical books long past their time, the newly approved and revised books of the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Basil the Great have arrived. The new Divine Liturgy books will be used by all our Byzantine Catholic Arch/Eparchies of the United States. The books include music notation not only for the Divine Liturgy, but also for the feasts which eliminates the need for the continual printing and distribution of additional music.

We thank the Metropolitan Liturgical and Music Commissions for their years of research, debate, and editing of the text and music since 1995. The translations were presented and approved unanimously by the Council of Hierarchs and recognized by the Holy See in Rome.

Naturally, we will miss some parts of the old books. They served our church well since 1964 which, for some, is more than a life time. Even though any change is difficult, as Byzantine Catholics we must be open to the Holy Spirit working in the life of the Church. Through the use of common translation and rubrics, you will feel at home whether you are participating in the Divine Liturgy in Alaska or in Florida.

The clergy and religious of the Eparchy of Van Nuys attended two workshops. In 2005, the clergy attended a conference on the translation and rubrics in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In 2006, a workshop was held in Sherman Oaks on music. Now, in 2007, it is

your turn as the faithful to give careful attention to the instructions you are given within your parishes. Classes and musical practices are appropriate before making the changes.

During this is time of transition for the parishes while the priest, cantors, and congregations learn the melodies and adjust to the new books, there is help available. The theological explanation found in *Time for the Lord to Act*, by Very Reverend David M. Petras, CD's of the music and instructional guide for the parish are available from the Byzantine Seminary Press in Pittsburgh: (412)-322-8307; e-mail: byzantinepress@aol.com).

A two-DVD set of Professor J. Michael Thompson's Workshop on Plain Chant is available for \$15 plus shipping from the Pastoral Center in Phoenix. The set includes the history of Chant as well as an explanation of the music found in the new Pew Books. Contact Sr. Joanne at evtreasurer@qwest.net or (602) 861-9778. Please make checks payable to the Eparchy.

As we continue our Lenten journey toward Pascha, we realize we are constantly changing. As we mature individually, we also mature as a community of Believers who can joyfully raise their hearts and minds to the Lord. On Pascha, may we proclaim with one voice the great proclamation of our Faith, **Christ is Risen!**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ William C Skurka

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF VAN NUYS
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2006

ASSETS

Cash and Liquid Investments	\$242,261
Development Account	\$464,698
Contingency Savings	\$222,280
Notes Receivable	\$310,275
Investment- Stocks	\$104,465
Property, Furn & Equip, Net of Dep.	\$313,716
Subtotal - unrestricted	\$1,657,695

Restricted Accounts:

Medical Insurance	\$74,781
Pension Account	\$805,592
Savings - Missions Assistance	\$177,567
Seminary	\$109,051
Investment-Parish Assistance	\$546,768
Subtotal - restricted	\$1,713,759

TOTAL ASSETS \$3,371,454

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$11,146
Begining Proprietary Interest	\$3,146,664
Prior Period Adjustment	
Increase in Fund Balance	\$213,644
Ending Proprietary Interest	\$3,360,308
Total Liab. & Prop. Interest	\$3,371,454

REVENUE

ABCM	\$90,000
Bishop's Appeal	\$246,388
Cathedraticum	\$207,292
Anniversary Donations	\$42,354
Gifts-Donations - Unrestricted	\$13,500
Matrimonial Tribunal	\$3,650
Publications & Liturgical Supplies	\$7,106
Residence -Real Estate	\$9,470
Conferences	\$11,221
Bequests	\$127,697
Intinc - investment interest	\$31,135

Restricted Income

Unrizd Gain/Loss	(\$17,050)
Investment Income	\$83,393
Gifts-Donations - Restricted Accts.	\$238
Seminary - Reimbursement	\$19,501
Medical Insurance	\$139,075
Pension	\$27,300
Special Collections	\$19,757
Total Revenues	\$1,062,027

EXPENSES

Mission Assistance	\$0
Assessments	\$18,155
Bishop's Appeal Distribution	\$86,391
Diocesan Salaries, Compensation	\$96,789
Meeting: Eparchial	\$13,620
Liturgical	\$9,403
El Camino Property	\$425
Residence-Macrina Manor	\$75,987
Residence-Bishop	\$5,236
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	\$24,341
Supplies, Postage, etc	\$18,793
Religious Education	\$59
Safe Environment Program	\$10,838
Taxes	\$0
Travel: Diocesan	\$2,524
Travel: Mission	\$19,649
Travel - car & ins	\$1,279
Utilities,	\$6,485
Donations	\$114,566
Anniversary	\$2,701
Maintenance-Renovation, etc	\$2,726
Pastoral Center Rent	\$12,000
EVN Tribunal	\$9,010
Legal	\$11,921
Furniture- PC	
Payroll taxes	\$1,934

Restricted Expenses

Cash in/out	\$0
Medical Insurance	\$181,273
Insurances, property	\$2,381
Retirement Benefits	\$28,800
Seminary	\$12,047
Rome Studies	\$62,036
Special Collections	\$17,013

TOTAL EXPENSES \$848,383

Revenue over Expenses \$213,644

O God,
 You alone are good and compassionate,
 You dwell on high yet look upon the humble.
 Look with mercy upon all Your people and protect them.
 Make us worthy to partake without condemnation
 of these, Your life-giving mysteries,
 for we have bowed our heads to You
 in the hope of your abundant mercy.

-Presanctified Liturgy



EPARCHIAL CALENDAR

January 1	Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord Feast of Saint Basil the Great
January 6	Theophany of Our Lord Beginning of Bishop's Appeal 2007
February 2	Encounter of our Lord with Simeon and Anna
February 19	First Day of the Great Fast
March 11	Veneration of the Cross
March 12	Intereparchial Youth and Young Adult Committee, Mundelein, IL
March 14-15	Eastern Catholic Hierarchs Meeting, St. Louis, MO
March 19-20	USCCB Laity and Youth and Child Protection, Washington, D.C.
March 25	Annunciation of the Theotokos
April	Child Abuse Prevention Month
April 8	PASCHA - Resurrection of Our Lord
April 17-20	Eparchy of Van Nuys Clergy Days/ 25th Anniversary/Convocation, Phoenix, AZ
April 22	Vocations Awareness Sunday
April 29	Catholic Home Missions Appeal

HOLY WEEK FAST

Holy Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Holy Saturday, April 7, 2007

Days of Abstinence from Meat

Great and Good Friday, April 6, 2007

Day of Strict Abstinence from all Meat and Dairy
Products

All of the faithful of the Eparchy of Van Nuys are bound
to observe these days of abstinence and strict
abstinence.

Expectant and nursing mothers, infants and those who
are in poor health are exempt from the requirements of
strict abstinence.

Pascha, April 8-Sunday of All Saints, June 3, 2007

There is no fasting or abstinence during this season even
on Fridays.



Bishop's Appeal 2007

Church	City	Pastor/Administrator	Families	Goal
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Albuquerque, NM	Father Zuger	92	\$18,400
Church of the Annunciation	Anaheim, CA	Monsignor Vida	100	\$20,000
St. Nicholas of Myra	Anchorage, AK	Father Hornick	30	\$6,000
Holy Protection	Denver, CO	Father O'Loughlin	37	\$7,400
St. Nicholas of Myra	Fontana, CA	Father Hutsko	34	\$6,800
St. Thomas the Apostle	Gilbert, AZ	Father Acquaro	45	\$9,000
Our Lady of Wisdom	Las Vegas, NV	Father Vivona	50	\$10,000
St. Gabriel the Archangel	Las Vegas, NV	Father Thompson	90	\$18,000
St. Basil the Great	Las Gatos, CA	Father Hernandez	25	\$5,000
St. George	Olympia, WA	Father Perry	27	\$5,400
St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral	Phoenix, AZ	Father Washko	135	\$27,000
St. Irene	Portland, OR	Father Knusel	23	\$4,600
St. Philip the Apostle	Sacramento, CA	Father Ackley	28	\$5,600
Holy Angels	San Diego, CA	Father Pipta	59	\$11,800
St. Anne	San Luis Obispo, CA	Father Idranyi	35	\$7,000
St. John Chrysostom	Seattle, WA	Father Stanichar	82	\$16,400
Cathedral of St. Mary	Sherman Oaks, CA	Father Rybarczyk	75	\$15,000
SS Cyril & Methodius	Spokane, WA	Father O'Brien	31	\$6,200
St. Melany	Tucson, AZ	Father Rankin	62	\$12,400
Bl. Theodore Rhomza	Wasilla AK	Father Hornick	14	\$2,800
TOTAL			1074	\$214,800

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25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BYZANTINE RUTHENIAN CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF VAN NUYS 25th ANNIVERSARY SCHEDULE

April 18th **Crowne Plaza Hotel**
*7:00 PM Memorial Service for Deceased Hierarchs, Clergy and Monastics

April 19th **Crowne Plaza Hotel**
9:00 AM Welcome
*The Founding of the Byzantine Catholic Church
in the Western States*
Rev. Christopher Zuger
Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The Greek Catholic Union of the U.S.A.
Mr. George Juba, President

The Future of Our Church
Most Reverend Basil Schott, OFM
Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh

*5:00 PM **St. Helen Church—Glendale, Arizona**
Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
7:00 PM Banquet

*Open to the Public.

It's not too late to get a reservation for the Eparchial Convocation. Contact Sister Jean Marie, OSBM at the Pastoral Center, 602-861-9778 by Wed., April 11, 2007.

Package A: Includes Dinner Wednesday evening, all Meals and Presentations on Thursday including Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Banquet plus a Commemorative Book.
Adults: \$150.00 Children: \$50.00

Package B: Includes all Meals and Presentations on Thursday including Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Banquet plus a Commemorative Book.
Adults: \$100.00 Children: \$25.00

Package C: Includes Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and Banquet plus a Commemorative Book.
Adults: \$50.00 Children: \$12.00