

New Exarchate Parish

WITH THE APPROVAL of the Standing Synod of Bishops, on January 12, 2008 (Old Style), on the Feast of the Holy Martyr Tatiana, Archbishop Chrysostomos received into the American Exarchate of the Church of Greece, Holy Synod in Resistance, the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Martyrs Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene (see photographs below) in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Archimandrite Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, will travel to the beautiful little parish on the weekend of January 20 and 21 (Old Style), to formalize, on behalf of the Exarchate, the acceptance of the parish into our Church.



In Toronto, Father Akakios will concelebrate Liturgy with the Priest who has been assigned to the parish, Father John Younan, a Greek-speaking clergyman of Egyptian nationality who had been serving one of our Synod's parishes in Australia for the past year. The Toronto parish has, at present, some seventy members, mostly of Greek heritage.

The parish, after examining the ecclesiological and canonical status of the various Old Calendarist groups, decided to petition our Synod of Bishops for acceptance, seeking stability and a consistent, canonical, and firm, though moderate, confession of the traditions of the Orthodox Church.



His Eminence, Archbishop Chrysostomos and His Grace, Bishop Auxentios are personal friends of several of the active members of the Church. They were, therefore, particularly pleased with this decision and will visit the parish later this year.

