



*The Holy Archangel Michael Church and Parish Hall, Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

## **AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY ARCHBISHOP CHRYSOSTOMOS CONCERNING A NEW EXARCHATE PARISH IN CANADA**

Great and Holy Monday  
St. Alexios the Man of God

Dear Exarchate Clergy and Faithful:

*Εὐλογία Κυρίου.*

I am pleased to announce that, after a period of deliberations and discussions, and with the blessing of the Standing Synod, the American Exarchate of our Church has accepted the petition of the Holy Archangel Michael Orthodox Church in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to be received into our jurisdiction.

The parish, concerned about the course of the Serbian Patriarchate in many areas, and especially with regard to its participation in the ecumenical movement, expressed its interest in our moderate, quiet resistance and, together with its Priest, decided to join us in our witness to Orthodox tradition. This flowering of the pan-Orthodox witness of our Holy Synod, embracing a small flock of faithful from all national backgrounds, binds us firmly to Holy Tradition.

His Grace, Bishop Auxentios and our monastery Abbot, Archimandrite Akakios, will travel to Toronto on Bright Monday to celebrate the Feast Day of our other parish in the city, that of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene, which falls on Bright Tuesday.

On the following day, God willing, they hope to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, which falls on Bright Wednesday, at the Church of the Holy Archangel Michael, thereby sealing the parish's entry into the Exarchate with a liturgical celebration.

On their return to the U.S., Bishop Auxentios and Father Akakios will visit our parish of the Ascension in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, as well.

I ask that all of you pray for our new parish, that it might be protected by the intercessions of the Holy Theotokos, the Archangel Michael, and the most holy prayers of our ailing spiritual Father, Metropolitan Cyprian. May we be strengthened by the encouragement given to us by our new brothers and sisters in Christ at the Holy Archangel Michael Church, celebrating the Holy Pascha with an invigorating new hope for the brotherly union of all Orthodox resisters and traditionalists, that we might bring all who abide in Christ to Orthodoxy.

Least Among Monks,

† Archbishop Chrysostomos