

## Feast Day of the Parish of the Holy Archangel Michael in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

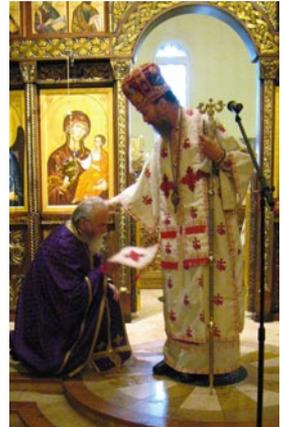
On the weekend of November 7 and 8, 2010 (Old Style), His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike and Archimandrite Akakios, Abbot of the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery, travelled by air to Toronto, Ontario, Canada,



to celebrate the Feast Day of the Church of the Holy Archangel Michael (*see at left*), a Serbian community that earlier this year entered into the American Exarchate of our Church, owing to its strong opposition to the ecumenical stance of the Serbian Othodox Patriarchate.

His Grace and Archimandrite Father Akakios celebrated the Di-

vine Liturgy with the pastor of the parish, the Very Rev. Protopresbyter Andreja Dimitrijević, and Father Demetrios Sarlakes, who was visiting from our Exarchate parish of the Ascension in Winnipeg, Manitoba. At the end of the Liturgy, Bishop Auxentios bestowed on Father Andreja (*at right*) a beautiful gold Cross on behalf of the parish, which presented it as a token of appreciation for his many decades of dedicated, exem-



plary service to the Orthodox Church and the parish of the Holy Archangel Michael. His Grace also presented to Mr. Milan Malobabić, an officer of the Church council (*at left*), a hand-painted Icon of St. Justin (Popović) of Ćelije, a gift to the parish from Archbishop Chrysostomos, His Grace, and the St. Gregory Palamas Monastery.

After the Hierarchical Liturgy, attended by more than two hundred worshippers, an *Agape* meal was served in the Church's beautiful social hall. Later in the afternoon, His Grace and Father Akakios also vis-

ited our Greek parish in the city, dedicated to Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene, where they celebrated Vespers on Sunday afternoon.

In both of our Toronto parishes, Bishop Auxentios and Archimandrite Akakios were shown the most gracious of hospitality by the respective congregations, the Church council members of each parish, and a pious family that opened their beautiful home to them and gave them lodging during their visit. (*See immediately below, in the Nave of the Church, some of the parishioners, following the Divine Liturgy, and, at bottom, the Agape meal in the Church hall.*)

