

Pastoral Visit to Canada

On the weekend of July 31 and August 1, 2011 (Old Style), the Feasts of St. Evdokimos the Righteous and the Seven Holy Maccabee Youths, respectively, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios of Photike, accompanied by Hierodeacon Father Photii, travelled from Etna, CA, to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where they were the guests of Mr. Philip Nicol, who asked Bishop Auxentios to bless the monument newly placed over the grave of his late wife, Dimana, and the collective burial plot for the extended Nicol family, as well as to celebrate a memorial service in the Slavic tradition—a *Pannikhida* (Παννυχίδα, in Greek)—on the first anniversary of her repose. During the visit, His Grace and Father Photii also served, of course, at our two Exarchate parishes in Toronto. On Saturday morning and afternoon, they served at the Greek Church of Sts. Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene with Hegumen Sofronije, a clergyman from Serbia and a graduate of the theological faculty of the University of Bel-



grade, who was recently received into the Holy Synod in Resistance. He will assist in both parish communities. (*4UιΧα group of the faithful at the Greek parish, pictured with Bishop Auxentios, Father Sofronije, at His Grace's right, and Deacon Father Photii, at his left.*)

On Sunday, His Grace and Father Photii served at the Serbian Church of the Holy Archangel Michael, with its Rector, Father Andreja Dimitrijević, and Father Sofronije (*See the gathered faithful after Liturgy, below.*)



On Sunday afternoon, after Vespers, the memorial service for Dimana Nicol was conducted at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, in Toronto. His Grace and Father Photii were joined by Father Georgiy Sachevskiy, from the Holy Resurrection Church in Toronto, a parish of our Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad. There followed a light Lenten memorial dinner (*Μακαρία, makaria*). (*See photographs Ukhj . Reception photograph by Johann Kwan stu Wb`a Cbebag*). At the memorial dinner, His Grace, Bishop Auxentios delivered a moving sermon honoring the late servant of God Dimana. This sermon can be found on the English version of the official website of the Holy Synod in Resistance at <http://hsir.info/p/k5>.



