

Feast Day of the Convent of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God in Bluffton, Alberta, Canada

On October 1, 2013 (Old Style), the Convent of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God celebrated its annual Feast Day. With the blessing of its revered Abbess, Mother Ambrosia, the sisterhood of eight nuns and two recent novices was joined by the Very Reverend Archpriest Wsewolod Dutikow and his wife, Matushka Irene, from our Sister Church, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad, under Metropolitan Agafangel. Father Wsewolod concelebrated the festal services together with the convent's serving Priest, the Very Reverend Protosindjel Dionisije. A number of pilgrims from surrounding communities attended the festivities (*see below*), enjoying the hospitality of the sisterhood during the several days of services and fellowship. On the Feast Day itself, the numerous visitors and pilgrims were treated to a festal meal by the sisterhood in the convent refectory.

