



# EPARCHIAL NEWSLETTER

## Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Van Nuys

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***Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!***

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*Christ is Risen!  
Indeed He is Risen!*

This is the day of Resurrection,  
O people, let us be enlightened by it.  
The Passover is the Lord's Passover, since Christ, our God, has  
brought us from death to life and from earth to heaven.  
Therefore, we sing the hymn of victory.

Easter Matins

Dear Beloved Faithful,

We celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord that has transformed the world. It has opened the gates of heaven and conquered the power of death. We pray for those who await the spring. From Alaska to Albuquerque, the world is awakening and coming back to life. Likewise, we are arising from the Lenten fast to the joy of the celebration of the Resurrection.

Some have experienced the Lenten season as a time of letting go of the past and striving for spiritual renewal. For them, John's Gospel of Bright Thursday reminds us of Nicodemus coming to Jesus in the darkness to hear the news of being reborn of water and of the spirit. Through our fasting and prayer, we begin to learn how to emerge from the darkness of sin and enter the life of the spirit.

We celebrate with our new members who have become Byzantine Catholic during the last year. Also, we continue to pray for our candidates to the diaconate, priesthood and consecrated life. We pray that they will be a source of spiritual renewal for the church.

To all, we extend the prayers of the Byzantine Catholic Church during this Easter Season.

*+ William C Skurla*

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, D.D.  
*Bishop of the Eparchy of Van Nuys*



*Sunday of the  
Ointment Bearers*

**April 25, 2004**

*Although you descended into the  
Grave, O Immortal One,  
You destroyed the power of Death.*

*You arose again as a victor,  
O Christ God.*

*You announced to the women  
Bearing ointment: "Rejoice!"*

*You gave peace to Your Apostles  
And resurrection to the Fallen.*

**-- Kontakion**





# Bishop's Appeal

## 2004

**Help your Eparchy by contributing!**

**A minimum pledge of \$200. per household is our goal**

PARISH		PASTOR	FAMILIES	\$ GOAL	\$ AMOUNT (REC'D BY 4/01/04)
Albuquerque, NM	Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Rev. Zuger	84	\$ 16,800	\$ 9,370
Anaheim, CA	Church of the Annunciation	Rev. Msgr. Vida	100	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,800
Anchorage, AK	St. Nicholas of Myra	Rt. Rev. Izer	50	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,730
Denver, CO	Holy Protection	Rt. Rev. Izzo	43	\$ 8,600	\$ 0
Fontana, CA	St. Nicholas of Myra	Rev. Hutsko	35	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,800
Gilbert, AZ	St. Thomas the Apostle	Rev. Acquaro	52	\$ 10,400	\$ 800
Las Vegas, NV	Our Lady of Wisdom	Rt. Rev. Vivona	47	\$ 9,400	\$ 6,220
Las Vegas, NV	St. Gabriel the Archangel	Rev. Daigle	91	\$ 18,200	\$ 6,565
Los Gatos, CA	St. Basil the Great	Rev. Hernandez	23	\$ 4,600	\$ 0
Olympia, WA	St. George	Rev. Perry	32	\$ 6,400	\$ 0
Phoenix, AZ	St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral	Rt. Rev. Washko	133	\$ 26,600	\$ 16,980
Portland, OR	St. Irene	Rev. Burnette	24	\$ 4,800	\$ 0
Sacramento, CA	St. Phillip the Apostle	Rev. Hernandez	14	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,050
San Diego, CA	Holy Angels	Rev. Pipta	69	\$ 13,800	\$ 7,725
San Luis Obispo, CA	St. Anne	Rev. Idranyi	36	\$ 7,200	\$ 4,720
Seattle, WA	St. John Chrysostom	Rt. Rev. Stanichar	82	\$ 16,400	\$ 7,600
Sherman Oaks, CA	St. Mary Cathedral	Very Rev. Rybarczyk	107	\$ 21,400	\$ 6,500
Spokane, WA	SS. Cyril & Methodius	Rev. O'Brien	30	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,300
Tucson, AZ	St. Melany	Rev. Rankin	51	\$ 10,200	\$ 3,050
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>19 Parishes</b>		<b>1103</b>	<b>\$220,600</b>	<b>\$ 86,210</b>

### Ecumenical Conference Planned in Constantinople

FAIRFAX, VA - Similar to conferences held over the last seven years in Washington, D.C., Birmingham, England, and Melbourne and Sydney, Australia, Eastern Christian Publications is working with the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome to jointly hold the Orientale Lumen EuroEast Conference in Constantinople (Istanbul) on May 10-13, 2004. The conference will include speakers and participants from the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Eastern Catholic Churches. According to the conference chairman, Mr. Jack Figel, publisher of Eastern Churches Journal and the Eastern Christian Bulletin Service, the theme will be "Liturgy as a Foundation for Dialogue."

The annual conference in Washington, called Orientale Lumen VIII, will be held on June 21-24, 2004 with a different theme and different speakers.

The Orientale Lumen Conferences are "grass roots" informal gatherings of lay persons as well as clergy, theologians and Church leaders.

The OL EuroEast I conference agenda will include plenary sessions by top Church leaders, a mixture of ecumenical and liturgical services in Greek, Church Slavonic and English, and opportunities for participants to learn from each other about the variety of traditions represented in the Orthodox and Catholic Churches.

Right Reverend Joseph Stanichar from St. John Chrysostom of Seattle, WA will be attending the Constantinople conference.



Christ is Risen!  
iCristo ha Resucitado!  
Christos Voskrese!



**Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Van Nuys  
Unaudited Financial Statement December 31, 2003**

**ASSETS** **Dec. 31, 2003**

Cash and Liquid Investments	\$42,033
Development Account	\$81,027
Contingency Savings	\$215,988
Notes Receivable	\$331,877
Investment- Stocks	\$113,421
Property, Furn & Equip, Net of Dep.	\$411,080
Subtotal - unrestricted	\$1,195,426

**Restricted Accounts:**

Medical Insurance	\$114,463
Pension Account	\$704,589
Savings - Missions Assistance	\$167,517
Seminary	\$98,733
Investment-Parish Assistance	\$461,563
Subtotal - restricted	\$1,546,865

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$2,742,291**

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable	0
Beginning Proprietary Interest	\$2,463,221
Prior Period Adjustment	\$414
Increase in Fund Balance	\$278,656
Ending Proprietary Interest	\$2,742,291

**Total Liab. & Prop. Interest** **\$2,742,291**

**REVENUE**

Cash In/out -Misc	\$2,853
ABCM	\$100,000
Bishop's Appeal	\$245,545
Cathedraticum	\$193,189
Gifts-Donations - Unrestricted	\$566
Matrimonial Tribunal	\$3,000
Publications & Liturgical Supplies	\$1,645
Residence -Real Estate	\$7,400
Conferences	\$15,515
Intinc -CD income/investment interest	\$11,924

**Restricted Income**

Unrized Gain/Loss	\$58,646
Investment Income	\$18,255
Gifts-Donations - Restricted Accts.	\$498
Seminary - Reimbursement	\$8,905
Medical Insurance	\$104,287
Pension	\$35,800
Special Collections	\$18,928

**Total Revenues** **\$826,956**

**EXPENSES**

Mission Assistance	\$18,750
Assessments	\$8,257
Bishop's Appeal Distribution	\$65,600
Diocesan Salaries, Compensation	\$89,800
Meeting: Eparchial	\$2,253
Liturgical	\$880
El Camino Property	\$1,132
Residence-Macrina Manor	\$61,357
Residence-Bishop	\$8,245
Depreciation of Fixed Assets	
Supplies, Postage, etc	\$7,326
Religious Education	\$596
Taxes	\$3,872
Travel: Diocesan	\$4,677
Travel: Mission	\$17,977
Travel - car & ins	\$1,626
Utilities,	\$1,477
Donations	\$595
Telephone	\$3,362
Maintenance-Renovation, etc	\$229
Pastoral Center Rent	\$13,800
EVN Tribunal	\$7,868
Legal	\$2,420
Furniture- PC	\$3,458
Payroll taxes	\$237

**Restricted Expenses**

Cash in/out	
Medical Insurance	\$147,725
Insurances, property	\$2,450
Retirement Benefits	\$23,400
Seminary	\$30,293
Special Collections	\$18,638

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$548,300**

**Revenue over Expenses** **\$278,656**

## Reverend Idranyi Celebrates 50th Anniversary



**Reverend Edmund Idranyi**, pastor of St. Anne Church of San Luis Obispo, CA was born March 11, 1928 in Brooklyn, NY. His father, Michael, was Byzantine Catholic and his mother, Mary, was Roman Catholic. As a youth he attended both churches and the catholic school.

After high school, Father Edmund attended the Franciscan Minor Seminary of St. Joseph in New York, and entered the Franciscan Novitiate in Paterson, NJ. He earned an MA degree from St. Bonaventure University in Olean, NY and a STB degree from Catholic University in Washington DC.

Fr. Edmund was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Apostolic delegate Most Reverend Ameleto Cicognani on May 5, 1954 in the Holy Land Shrine in Washington DC.

After ordination, Father served Roman rite churches. During 1963 he began celebrating the Byzantine Liturgy in the Pittsburgh area and was a featured writer for the Byzantine Catholic World newspaper.

Arriving in California in 1966, Father Edmund assisted in the Byzantine parishes on the West Coast. He served as Secretary to Bishop Dolinay and was the editor of the Eparchial Newsletter. Father Edmund became administrator of St. Anne Church in San Luis Obispo, CA in 1986. Under his leadership, Saint Anne grew from a Mission to a Parish.

In celebration of his 50th Anniversary, a dinner is planned in San Luis Obispo on May 5, 2004 to honor him for his many years of service to the Church.



*Blessed Mother of Mariapoch, Pray for us!  
With grateful hearts, we ask your blessings  
and the blessing of your Son, Our Lord and Savior on your  
priest-servant, Edmund!*

### EPARCHIAL CALENDAR

**April 23:** *Happy Second Anniversary of Episcopal ordination, Bishop William! Many happy years!*

**May 5: 50th Anniversary of Ordination:** Father Edmund Idranyi, St. Anne, San Luis Obispo, CA

**May 16: Ordination of Michael O'Louglin** to the Diaconate, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Albuquerque, NM

**May 20: Ascension of Our Lord**

**May 24-26: Clergy Days Conference, St. Stephen Pro-Cathedral, Phoenix, AZ**

**June 3-6: Alive in Christ, Gallup NM**

**June 24-27: Metropolia ByzanTEEN Youth Rally, Frazier Park, CA**

### OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS

**Reverend Peter Romeo, JCL** of the Diocese of Las Vegas is appointed Promoter of Justice for the Eparchy of Van Nuys effective April 26, 2004.

### Father Burnette Receives Doctorate

Rev. Kurt Burnette of Saint Irene in Portland, OR is now a Doctor of Juris Law. He earned his degree in Aug., 2003 from Newport University, Newport Beach, CA. His other degrees include a PhD from University of Utah and a BA from Rice University. Father attended SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. "An agency for accrediting graduate schools asked me to assist them in inspecting schools. On one inspection, I learned that it was possible to acquire a law degree from correspondence school," explains Father Kurt. Thus began his study leading to his recent degree. He enrolled in his first law course in 1994. The California approved degree is a four-year degree. "By the grace of God, I finally wrapped up the fourth year after starting nine years earlier." adds Father. Reverend Burnette reports that he never intended to use his law degree directly. However, he learned that God's plans may be different. Bishop William Skurla has asked Father Kurt to study canon law in Rome, Italy. In the fall of 2004 Father Kurt will enter Pontifical North American College to begin work toward a Licentiate degree.